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Prestonsburg gearing up for cleanup

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Despite a recent return of cooler weather, spring is not far away and officials in Prestonsburg are now gearing up for annual PRIDE cleanup efforts, efforts that have resulted in better results each year for the past several years.

The city's PRIDE program has set dates and times for the spring

cleanup with April 5 as the date for the roadside cleanup while the annual Free HardTrash Pickup will start the day before, on April 4, and run until April 11.

For the hard trash pickup, the city economic development director, Brent Graden, said the trash must be curbside starting on April 4 and that it will be picked up on a "call-first basis."

This curbside pickup does not include items such as tires, oil or

oil cans, paint cans or any house demolition debris, added Graden.

"The event will start at 8:30 a.m. and we are encouraging all volunteers to come out and help keep our streets clean and neat," Graden said. "All volunteers will receive the necessary materials for the cleanup including bags, gloves, t-shirts, and even a free lunch. So be a hero and come out and participate. Volunteers, groups, and church or school groups are espe-

cially welcome."

Last year, the city, along with a host of volunteers, collected around 40 tons of trash during the PRIDE cleanup. Graden said much of this amount was due to the curbside pickup.

And much of the trash is taken to the city's recycling center, part of efforts that started 16 years ago within the city, which city leaders

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by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A.W. Stanley, who was originally charged with two counts of first-degree rape, two counts of sexual abuse and one count of first-degree sodomy from incidents that occurred from 1997 through 2002, and November 2008, is scheduled to be sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday.

Stanley entered into a plea agreement with the commonwealth earlier this year.

According to the plea agreement, Stanley will receive two years in prison, must register as a sex offender and complete sex offender treatment, and is subject to a five-year period of conditional discharge, as required by law for sex offenders. The two charges of sexual abuse were dropped as part of the plea.

When the plea agreement was first reached, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said that the five-year period of conditional discharge is a prison sentence that is held over the head of the inmate for five years, and if they have any violations or don't comply with sex offender laws, they can be returned to prison for five more years.

CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Jerry Abramson, candidate for lieutenant governor on the ticket with Gov. Steve Beshear, stopped in Floyd County on Tuesday and spoke with county officials including Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and County Attorney Keith Bartley. Abramson is also the former mayor of Louisville.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Deputy on jury sinks abuse trial

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — When Circuit Judge John David Caudill asked potential jurors in the sex abuse trial of Tony J. Hall if they had any knowledge of the case, Roger Collins had no choice but to answer in the affirmative.

Collins, a deputy with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, was the arresting officer who apprehended Hall for a charge of bribing a witness in 2010.

Hall was set to go to trial on Monday. According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Collins stood up and told Caudill, "I know something about it. I arrested

(See **MISTRIAL**, page 3)

UNITE medical advisory panel nears startup

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — More than a dozen providers of medical services are one step closer to formalizing an advisory council to the Operation UNITE Board of Directors, the organization's officials say.

The group, representing a broad range of health professions, met late last week to begin finalizing a short-term, action-oriented physician education plan focused on fight-

ing prescription drug abuse throughout southern and Eastern Kentucky.

In addition, participants discussed expectations for formal council membership, along with fine-tuning the group's statement of purpose.

Last month, the group heard from John Eadie, director for the national Prescription Monitoring Program Center of Excellence at Brandeis University, and representatives from the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic

Reporting (KASPER) system. Final actions on these measures could come as early as the group's next meeting on Thursday, April 14.

"Any medical professional interested in lending their expertise to the Medical Advisory Council is welcome to attend," said Karen Kelly, director of UNITE. "We are seeking concerned individuals to be ambassadors for their medical fields and take active ownership in crafting both

(See **UNITE**, page 3)

Armed robber hits Weeksby grocery store

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

WEEKSBY — Police are still searching for suspects in the robbery of a small grocery store in Weeksby this past weekend.

State police say that a man entered Compton's Quick Stop on Sunday, brandishing a weapon and demanding money.

Attempts to reach owners or workers at the store were unsuccessful, and there are no further details at this time as to what happened during the robbery or how much the suspect

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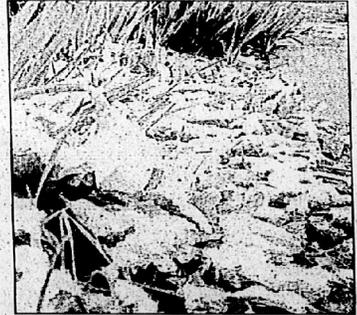
by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, of Drift, amended House Bill 427 last week to include school calendar language that will assist school districts that have missed an excessive number of instructional days, due to inclement weather and illness.

The bill has been sent to Gov. Steve Beshear to be signed into law.

"With only a few legislative days remaining, I thought it was imperative that we address this issue," Turner said. "We had a bad winter and some of our school districts were out a lot for safety reasons. We do not want to endanger our students by having them on unsafe roads. While it is very important that students be in school, most educators will agree that the students also need a break in the summer. Districts also need

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Mother Nature displayed an odd sense of humor over the weekend, dumping a light snowfall over the area and producing odd juxtapositions between winter snow and flowers getting a head start on spring.

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Obituaries

James Junior Blackburn

James Junior Blackburn, age 84, resident of Willard, passed away on March 5, 2011, at the St. Vincent Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio. He was born on Feb. 26, 1927, in Endicott, to the late James and Alice (Derossi) Blackburn. James loved all types of nature, music, the outdoors, gardening, and everything he collected held a special memory.

James is survived by three sons, Kenneth (Joyce) Blackburn, of Pippa Passes, Dallas (Delia) Blackburn, of Monroeville, Ohio, and Donald (Ellen) Blackburn, of Willard, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond Blackburn, of Allen.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mable Blackburn, whom he wed on July 17, 1948. She passed away on Feb. 27, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents, James H. (Buddie) and Alice Blackburn, and six sisters, Bertha Sellards and Emma Jane Roark; and seven brothers, Cecil Blackburn, Aderon Blackburn, Clyde Blackburn, Lewis Amos Blackburn, Emeral Blackburn and Russell Blackburn.

The funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at Secor Funeral Home in Willard, Ohio, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Ricky Branham officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Willard, Ohio. Memorials can be made to the Ripley Chapel Church. Online condolences can be left at www.secorfuneralhomes.com.

Gordon Russell Blair

Gordon Russell Blair, 65, of Cecilia, died March 7, 2011, at his residence.

He was born in Richmond, Virginia, and a charter member of Westside Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and was member of the American Legion Post 0094 Valparaiso, Indiana, and Blair Society for Genealogical Research. He also loved to fish, hunt and enjoyed the outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell Marion Blair and Hazel Mae Osborne Blair, and three children.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mildred Little Blair; a son, Robert Dale Blair, and a daughter, Robin Renee Blair, all of Cecilia; two brothers: Rolla Blair of Huntington, Indiana, and Richard Blair of Flatwoods, Kentucky; and two sisters: Velma Daniel of Ashland and Barbara Harris of Huntington, Indiana.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Freewill Baptist Church in Wheelwright. Burial will follow at Little Cemetery in Melvin.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.brownfuneral.com.

Robert E. Bowling

Robert E. Bowling, 78, of Mansfield, passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Hospice House of North Central Ohio in Ashland.

Robert was born on June 29, 1932, to Eliza and June (Wilburn) Bowling. He grew up in Prestonsburg and went to school there. He served his country in the United States Army when he was 16-years old and served four years during the Korean Conflict. He married Ruth (Arlene) Bowling on February 14, 1953. He formerly attended Diamond Hill Cathedral. Robert Retired in 1988 after over

30 years of drilling and construction.

He is survived by three children, Robert Michael (Zondra) Bowling of Morrow, Ohio, Randy (Pamela) Bowling of Lucas, and Renea Stevens of Mansfield; four grandchildren, R. Erick (Jennifer) Bowling, Casey Stevens, Taylor Stevens, and Amber Bowling; two sisters, Betty Spinaul of Vanlue, Ohio, and Dorothy Blevins of Toledo; two stepbrothers, Barry and Larry of Kentucky; and three step-sisters, Brenda, Verna, and Annie, all of Kentucky.

Bob adored his grandchildren and will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, his parents, June and Elzie Bowling, and his grandparents, Nannie (Herald) and Alvin (Doc) Bowling and Lilly (Tackett) and George Wilburn.

Family will have private memorial services at a later date. Werner-Gompf Funeral Services, LTD was privileged to handle the arrangements.

Condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.wernerfuneral.com>.

Travis B. Cook

Travis B. Cook, 74, of Drift, died on March 6, 2011, at his residence. Born June 22, 1936, in Beaver, he was the son of the late Sam and Ocie Hall Cook. He was a retired coal miner and member of the Trinity Pentecostal Church, in Martin.

Survivors include two sons: Travis F. (Leah) Cook and Andrew (Renee) Cook, both of Drift, brother and sisters: Eddie D. Cook, of Norwalk, Ohio, Ruby Sparkman, of Shilo, Ohio and Velma Meade of Lexington, five grandchildren: Katie, Cody, Austin, Gina and Jade, three great-grandchildren: Travis Braydon Michael, Kiley Michelle and Sylvan Kerel. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating. Burial will follow at Hall Cemetery, in Banner.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Williams Curry

Barbara Williams Curry, 62, died March 2, 2011, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Born June 8, 1948, at Logan, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Bishop Glen Williams and Polly "Bob" Brewer Williams. She was a homemaker and a former financial advisor Prestonsburg Community College.

Survivors include four daughters: Danyel C.

Nunnery (B.D.) and Becky Hall (Scott), both of Prestonsburg, Misti Peak (Jason) of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Amy Rick (Jason) of Stanton; six grandchildren: Madison Nunnery, Morgan Nunnery, Drake Nunnery, Savanne Campbell, Jett Rice and Stevi Peak.

Visitation with friends and family will be held March 5, 2011, at Carter Funeral Home. A memorial service was scheduled for a later date with entombment to follow at Gethsemane Gardens.

The family has requested memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

The family has also entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Okie Hall

Okie Hall, 59, of Galveston, died on March 5, 2011, at his residence. Born May 25, 1951, in Galveston, he was the son of Arthur Hall and the late Ollie Adkins Hall and the husband of Rita Isaacs Hall. He was a landscaper.

Survivors include son and daughter: Okie Craig Hall, Jamie Hall (Bubba) Thornton and Amanda Hall (Joshua) Clippard, all of South Carolina, seven grandchildren: Brooke, Taylor, Jean, Archie, Alexis, Hannah and Payton, two brothers: Bobby Joe (Sandra) Hall & Eddie Gene (Nora) Hall, both of South Carolina, and one sister, Auline Hall, of Pikeville.

He was preceded in death by his mother, and brothers and sisters: Dennis Hall, Dayton Hall, Rudolph Hall, Tommy Hall, Virgene Howell and Arlene Hall.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church in Galveston. Burial followed at Hall Cemetery, in Galveston.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Edwin Curtis Miller

Edwin Curtis Miller, age 64, of Van Lear, husband of Verdean Hathaway Miller, passed away Monday, March 7, 2011, at his residence.

He was born Feb. 7, 1947 in Dunbar, Va., a son of the late Curtis Miller. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at Wintonsville, and retired from BP as a Terminal Operator.

In addition to his wife, Verdean, he is survived by his mother, Lenora, Coy Miller, of West Van Lear; his daughter, Kimberly Lynn Bauldry, of Stronsville, Ohio; two sons, Thomas Eugene DesJardin, of Royal Oak, Mich., and Matthew John DesJardin, Milan, Mich.; daughters, Heather Ann Owen, of Belleville, Mich., Glenda Jean DesJardin, Milan,

Mich., and Suzette DesJardin, Belleville, Mich.; two sisters, Edith Miller Belcher, of Van Lear, and Sharon Miller of Prestonsburg; and one granddaughter, Jessica Marie Owen.

He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Floyd Andrew Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 11 a.m., with Elders of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Roy Lee Mitchell

Roy Lee Mitchell, 68, of Longs, S.C., formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., passed away peacefully March 2, 2011, with his daughter, and son-in-law by his side. Roy, an avid golfer, fell ill the previous day on the 18th hole while finishing a round of golf with friends.

He was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Ligon, to the late Hillard and Dacie Mitchell. Roy was an Army veteran and proud supporter of the POW-MIA effort. In 2004 he retired from the Ford Motor Company, where he worked as the UAW Health and Safety Representative for the Milan, Mich., plant.

Roy is survived by his daughter, Jennifer (Craig) Rasmuson, of Greeley, Colo., and grandchildren, Ella and Mitchell Rasmuson, whom he loved dearly. Also surviving are brothers Forrest Mitchell, of Cumberland, Philma Mitchell, of Hi Hat, James Mitchell, of Columbus, Ohio, and Jack Mitchell, of Prestonsburg; along with sisters, Alberta Hamilton, of Hi Hat, and Ida Mitchell, of Dearborn, Mich.; and many loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hillard and Dacie Mitchell, along with three brothers, Charles, Jerry and Smitty.

Cremation has taken place. A golf outing in his honor will be scheduled for early September in Little River, S.C. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Forrest Ray Moore

Forrest Ray Moore, age 63, of Langley, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2011, at the Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He was born Feb. 18, 1948, in Martin, a son of the late Julius and Inez Tackett Moore. He was formerly employed by Kentucky Hydrocarbon.

He is survived by his companion, Naomi Cantrell; two daughters, Leigh (Chris) Prater, of Hueysville, and Karen (Stuart) McCarty, of Verona; one brother, Glenn Moore, of Beaver, Ohio; a

sister, Rosemary Tackett, of Waverly, Ohio; and two grandchildren, Samantha Webb and Chris Caudill.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil "Punk" Moore.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Ted Shannon officiating. Burial will follow in the Moore Family Cemetery, at Langley.

Charlene Gibson Sexton

Charlene Gibson Sexton, age 70, of Langley, wife of Birchell Sexton, passed away Friday, March 4, 2011, in Bardstown. She was born July 20, 1940, in Darna, a daughter of the late Ishmael and Viola Huff Gibson. She was a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church and a Retired School Teacher.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Stacia (William Michael) Hall, of Bardstown, Stephanie (William Joseph) Hall, of Langley, and Angela Sexton Flint, of Sturgis, Mich.; one brother, Gerald (Barbara) Gibson, of Duluth, Ga.; one sister, Carol (Jack) Lovley, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren: William Clay, Michael Clark, Jessica Marie and Kristin Nicole.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 8, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Randy Osborne and Larry Adams officiating. Interment followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Garrett First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 100, Garrett, KY. 41630

Elder Bufford Stone

Elder Bufford Stone, 73, of Wayland, died March 5, 2011, at his home.

Born May 1, 1937, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Dan and Vina Hall Stone and the husband of Linda Muter Stone. He was a disabled coal miner and minister at Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, at Langley, Kentucky.

He is survived by two sons: Buford Lee (Artie) Stone of Wayland, Kentucky and Seth Anthony (Sandra) Stone of New York; two daughters: Twyla (Burt) Stephens Smith of Martin, Kentucky and Deanna Jane (Billy) Boyd of Wayland, Kentucky; brothers and sisters: Emil Stone of Virginia, Paul Stone of Wayland, Kentucky, Danny Stone of Richmond, Kentucky, Olive Conley of Richmond, Kentucky, Peggy Prater of Garrett,

Kentucky and Joy Patton of Hueysville, Kentucky; 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son: John David Stone; one daughter: Cynthia Ann Stone; brothers and sisters: James Stone, Donnie Gene Stone, Bennie James Stone, Janice Vanhose and Anna B. Stone.

Funeral services were held March 8, 2011, at the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church at Langley with various Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed at Slone Thacker Cemetery at Garner, Kentucky. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Timothy Dean Wallen

Timothy Dean Wallen, age 41, of Blue River, passed away Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Honaker. He was born Dec. 25, 1969, in Prestonsburg, a son of Carol Jean Webb Woods and the late Herman Wallen. He was a cable worker.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his step-father, Blake Woods, of Blue River; a son, Ethan Riley Blake Wallen, of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Krissy Cook, of Martin; a brother, James Roger Wallen; a granddaughter, Healey Cook; companion, Heather Halcomb; and step-son, Jacob Halcomb, of Blue River.

He was preceded in death by his father; one son, Adam Blackburn; and a brother, Michael Dale Wallen.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 8, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Will Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in the Grace Allen Webb Cemetery, in Allen.

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The Family of Wade Morgan "Toddie" Boyd would like to sincerely say "Thank You" to all our friends and family who helped to comfort us during this very difficult time. Those who sent flowers, cards, food, or just came by to share our loss we say "Thank You" because you will never know how much it was appreciated.

A Special Thanks go to the Regular Baptist Ministers who took part, also, Bro. Jimmy Hall and all the other brothers, your words of comfort and kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to sincerely "Thank" the men who dug the grave and the men that closed it. Also, thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept for their assistance with traffic control. We would also like to "Thank" each and every one who helped with dinner after the funeral. And to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, we would like to especially Thank You for your kind and professional service. All your kindness, love, and support will always be remembered. We would also like to "Thank" Bro. Jeremiah for the beautiful song "Go Rest High on That Mountain" that he sang for us at the gravesite. It was so special.

Katie (wife), Adam & Amanda (children) Hannah (Granddaughter), & Sisters Rita Faye, Anna Jean, & Wyona

Unemployment rate falls slightly in Kentucky

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's annual unemployment rate declined to 10.5 percent in 2010 from 10.7 percent in 2009, while nonfarm employment gained jobs for the first time in three years, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The U.S. annual unemployment rate climbed to 9.6 percent in 2010 from 9.3 percent in 2009, making it the highest annual U.S. unemployment rate since 1983 when it was 9.6 percent. The U.S. annual unemployment rate was .9 percentage point below Kentucky's annual jobless rate in 2010.

"Kentucky's economy

stabilized in 2010; the unemployment rate dropped to 10.5 percent, while the state eked out an employment gain of 500. However, the economic recovery and job growth have been painstakingly slow. In the last decade, Kentucky has suffered 57,300 job losses. The manufacturing, construction, and information sectors each endured employment losses of more than 20 percent. This illustrates the impact of the manufacturing and housing slumps, and the shift away from mainstream media and news publications," said Dr. Justine Detzel, chief labor market analyst in OET.

Kentucky had the ninth highest annual unemployment rate among all states and the District of

Columbia in 2010. Kentucky was one of 16 states plus the District of Columbia that reported annual unemployment rates above the U.S. annual rate in 2010, while 32 states were lower than the national average and two states tied with the U.S. annual rate.

Annual unemployment rates declined in 18 states, rose in 31 states and the District of Columbia and remained unchanged in one state from 2009 to 2010. North Dakota posted the lowest 2010 annual jobless rate in the country at 3.9 percent while Nevada had the highest annual rate at 14.9 percent.

In 2010, Kentucky's nonfarm payroll (agriculture and self-employed jobs

excluded) increased by 500 to 1,769,800 employees making it the highest number of nonfarm jobs in Kentucky since 2008 when Kentucky's nonfarm employment stood at 1,851,700.

"This is the first time in three years Kentucky has gained jobs. However, a net total of 57,300 nonfarm jobs have been lost over the past 10 years," Detzel said.

Four of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm job sectors listed in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) showed employment growth in 2010, while seven reported losses.

According to the annual employment data, Kentucky's professional and business services, a sector that includes professional, scientific and technical services, management of companies, and administrative and support management, surged by 8,600 jobs in 2010. This category also includes temporary help agencies that provide workers to other businesses on a contractual basis. In the last 10 years, the sector has ballooned by 19,300 jobs.

"The job gains in the last year are attributed to administrative and support

and waste management businesses. The employment services industry mushroomed by 8,500 professionals between 2009 and 2010, indicating the start of a recovery in the Kentucky economy. Since the temporary help industry supplies labor to a wide variety of industries, it is a good barometer of what is

occurring across the labor market," Detzel said.

The government sector, which includes federal, state and local employment in public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, increased by 6,900 jobs in 2010. In the last 10 years, the sector has grown by 23,800 positions.

Cleanup

say have really peaked over the past several years.

"We have received grants the past three years to purchase new bailers and new recycling trucks and containers," said Ronnie Rice, director of public works. "We accept plastic in the form of plastic bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles. We also accept cardboard, newspaper and aluminum cans. Cardboard continues to be our biggest recycling category."

The public works department collects about 20,000 pounds of cardboard each week, Rice said, adding that there's room for more.

"This is a great event," said Amadou Barry, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center

intern for the city. "It is important because you help out your community. It is good to set an example."

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Board discusses spring break

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — Students in the Floyd County School System could lose spring break in order to gain three more instructional days, under a proposal before the board of education during a special meeting last night at May Valley Elementary School.

According to the suggested calendar change made by Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel, "Currently, the last day of instruction is scheduled for

Friday, May 27, and the district is scheduled to be out of school the week of March 21-25 for spring break. We are asking the board to consider amending the calendar to have school on March 21, 22 and 23. This would change the last day of school for students to Tuesday, May 24, and would give the district three more instructional days before the spring testing window."

Despite the additional instruction time needed before the test, Supt. Henry Webb isn't sure the board will vote to approve the

change to the calendar.

"Since becoming superintendent, I've learned two things," Webb said. "One is that you can't predict how long a meeting will last, and the other is you can't predict what the board will do. I think it's the right thing but I wouldn't be surprised if it doesn't get approved."

According to Webb, one more missed day of classes would cause the cancellation of spring break any way.

"We'll see what happens one way or another," Webb said.

Mistrial

him."

"The defense said that the jurors heard that comment and it would influence their view on the case," Turner said. "They asked for a mistrial and the judge granted it. We have to set another trial date. It could take five or six months to get another jury."

Hall, 42, of Hi Hat, was indicted in 2008 on a charge of first-degree sexual abuse. In 2011, he was indicted on a charge of bribing a witness. According to the indictment, Hall offered to give the alleged victim gifts if she would change her testimony.

A new trial date has not

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been set in the case against Hall.

Calendar

that time to do maintenance to the school buildings and buses."

Turner said the school calendar issue is particularly important in Eastern Kentucky.

"In the mountains, a little bit of white stuff goes a long way toward making roads impassable for school buses," Turner said. "The mountain school districts are already starting school at the beginning of August and use any days that were scheduled off as makeup days." Because of the inclement weather this past winter. Many of the schools were looking at not re-opening well into June. School attendance is very important, but at the same time, it does not benefit these children to have them in class in July. They need some time off, as does staff."

According to information provided by Turner's office, the legislation requires an average daily attendance to be calculated in compliance with the Kentucky Board of Education regulations. In addition, it requires that if the days in the approved calendar designated as makeup days are used, the

commissioner of education shall grant a request made by a local board of education to waive the makeup of all remaining instructional days scheduled to occur on or after June 21. It also permits a local board of education to amend its 2010-11

school calendar by adding not less than 30 minutes to any remaining instructional day to make up time missed due to weather or illness.

The last day of school for students in Floyd County is currently set for May 27.

Robbery

left the store.

The suspect fled from the scene on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash all remaining instructional days scheduled to occur on or after June 21. It also permits a local board of education to amend its 2010-11

that at the time of the robbery, the suspect was wearing blue pants, white shoes and a camouflage shirt. His name was also said to have been wearing a blue mask over his face.

Anyone who might have information about this robbery is encouraged to call the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville at (606) 433-7711.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Floyd Circuit Court
Case 11-CI-209
Division I

Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC Plaintiff
v.
Unknown Heirs of Sharlene Woods, et al. Defendants

The public will please be advised that I, Ashley Tackett Laferty, a duly licensed and practicing attorney, have been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court as warning order attorney to advise the Defendant, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF LEFT FORK OF WOODS BRANCH, MAP ID NUMBER 076-00-00-022.01, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653, with a last known location at Left Fork of Woods Branch, Map ID Number 076-00-00-022.01, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, of the Complaint presently filed against them in Floyd Circuit Court, being civil action number 11-CI-209, styled Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC v. Unknown Heirs of Sharlene Woods a/k/a Sharlene Woods and a/k/a Sharlene Woods Craft, Robbie Lee Woods, Unknown Spouse of Robbie Lee Woods, Betty Marie Woods, Unknown Spouse of Betty Marie Woods, Vanessa Woods Spears a/k/a Vanessa Riddle, Unknown Spouse of Vanessa Woods Spears a/k/a Vanessa Riddle, Linda Woods Endicott, Unknown Spouse of Linda Woods Endicott, Wesley Woods, Unknown Spouse of Wesley Woods, Gladys Woods Miller, Unknown Spouse of Gladys Woods Miller, Marshall Woods, Unknown Spouse of Marshall Woods, Unknown Occupant of Left Fork of Woods Branch, Map ID Number 076-00-00-022.01, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 and Floyd County, Kentucky.

A copy of this Complaint is available at the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk's Office located in the Floyd County Justice Center, 127 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY.

The Defendant, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF LEFT FORK OF WOODS BRANCH, MAP ID NUMBER 076-00-00-022.01, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653, has a limited time in which to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the action. Failure to file a responsive pleading may lead to judgment being entered against the Defendants.

The Defendant, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF LEFT FORK OF WOODS BRANCH, MAP ID NUMBER 076-00-00-022.01, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653, is advised to contact me at (606) 886-9494 or at Kirk Law Firm, 128 Shopper's Path, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653.

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Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on March 15, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. at Wheelwright City Hall, sponsored by the City of Wheelwright. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss the application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for funds to construct and new playground at the Pool Park and improve the existing park amenities. For additional information about this meeting or the proposed project, you may contact Regina Hall McClure, Project Developer at the Big Sandy Area Development District at 606-886-2374 or at regina.hall@big sandy.org. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; Governor's Office, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting.

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short-term and long-term strategies related to this area's substance abuse problem.

The council meeting will be held in the conference room of the Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the business meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

There is no charge for dinner, but an RSVP is requested to Sarah Flynn, UNITE director for Research and Community Outreach at 1-866-678-6483 or sflynn@centertech.com.

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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

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— Abraham Lincoln

Guest View

Investigating Muslims, or coming together as Americans?

by TALAT HAMDANI

As a proud New Yorker and the mother of a first responder who lost his life on September 11, 2001, I am saddened to learn that Rep. Peter King (R-NY) is planning on holding congressional hearings on March 10 on the "radicalization of American Muslims."

My son Mohammed Salman Hamdani was a 23-year-old paramedic, a New York City police cadet and a Muslim American. He was one of those brave 2,976 people who tragically lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks almost a decade ago. As The New York Times eulogized, "He wanted to be seen as an all-American kid. He wore No. 79 on the high school football team in Bayside, Queens, where he lived, and he was called Sal by his friends... He became a research assistant at Rockefeller University and drove an ambulance part-time. One Christmas, he sang in Handel's Messiah in Queens. He saw all the Star Wars movies, and it was well known that his new Honda was the one with 'Yung Jedi' license plates."

Even though my son bravely sacrificed his life to try and help others on that fateful day, after the tragedy there were still some people who smeared his character solely because of his Islamic faith. False rumors were spread that he was in league with the attackers and that he had secretly fled. It was only when his remains were identified that this ugliness finally came to a close.

By explicitly investigating Muslim Americans, the result of Representative King's hearings, whether intentionally or unintentionally, will be to unjustly cast suspicion upon millions of good Americans. And the sad truth is that there are many who will follow the lead of these hearings and capitalize on the opportunity to act upon this prejudice. The implicit message of Rep. King's hearings will be that you should be suspicious of your Muslim neighbors, co-workers or classmates — solely on the basis of their faith.

Rep. King initially promised these hearings on the false claim that the American Muslim community has failed to cooperate with law enforcement officials in our efforts to disrupt terrorism plots here in the United States. But that claim has been directly refuted by law enforcement professionals such as Los Angeles Sheriff County Sheriff Lee Baca, whose jurisdiction includes a large and diverse Muslim community. Baca who serves as a Chair of the Major City Chiefs Association has directly challenged King's unsubstantiated claim. "If he has evidence of non-cooperation, he should bring it forward," said Baca, "I don't know what Mr. King is hearing or who he's hearing it from."

I have no problem with investigating criminal behavior or watching for patterns of action that indicate that criminal activity is underway, but it is altogether a different thing to divide Americans on the basis of their faith.

In the past, Rep. King has also claimed while providing no evidence whatsoever, that 85% of American mosques have "extremist leadership" and that American Muslims have shown "no moral outrage or condemnation" of terrorist acts. Mr. King seems to conveniently forget that the first person to report the foiled Times Square bomb plot was a Senegalese Muslim named Aloune Niass. He seems to have forgotten that the young man who plotted to bomb a Christmas tree lighting in Oregon was turned in to the authorities by his own Muslim father. The fact of the matter is that like all Americans, American Muslims are committed to the safety of their families, their communities and their nation.

The United States Congress honored the legacy of my son when it wrote in Title I of the USA PATRIOT Act: "Many Arab Americans and Muslim Americans have acted heroically during the attacks on the United States, including Mohammed Salman Hamdani, a 23-year-old New Yorker of Pakistani descent, who is believed to have gone to the World Trade Center to offer rescue assistance and is now missing." If my son were alive today, he would be very concerned by the broad assault on American Muslims that these hearings represent.

As we near the 10th anniversary of the tragic September 11 attacks, I will be thinking of my son and the 2,976 other innocent souls who per-

(See GUEST VIEW, page 5)



photo provided by Denise Collins

Letters

Roads being neglected

My name is Denise Collins. I live in Melvin, up a road called Mill Branch. I have lived here for almost two years now and I have two children enrolled in the Floyd county schools.

The bus garage and I have been trying all year this school year to get the county to work on the road on which I live. They will not work on the road or make a turning spot for the bus to turn. You have to have a four-wheel drive vehicle to get in and out, so that the children can catch the bus at the mouth of the hollow, so you have to get up at 5:30 in the morning and get them ready to take them to catch the bus so they won't miss it. It is so frustrating to have to get up that early to take your kids to catch the bus, when we all pay school taxes and county and state taxes and know that our money is not being used for what it is supposed to be used for.

Take a look at the picture and you will see that the county will not work on the roads in Weeksbury and Melvin. We are on the back list for the county road department and they just simply will not work on the roads.

What is our tax money being used for? It sure isn't the roads. The county needs to work on the roads, like they are supposed to, or show us what our tax money is being used for.

Denise Collins
Melvin

Support Faithrunners

This Saturday, the 3rd annual "Moon a Doctor" race will take place on March 12 at 8 a.m. at the

Johnson County Health Department (next to the Ramada) in Paintsville, Kentucky. For more information, call (606) 226-9353.

The outstanding group that sponsors this and many other athletic events each year is called FAITHRUNNERS. Started by Lynn Salyers, its mission is to spread awareness about colon cancer. This deadly disease is the second leading cause of death in the United States and takes more lives in the United States than breast cancer and AIDS combined. They take their motto of "healthy, Christian minds, healthy, Christian bodies" very seriously by offering events geared towards exercise, education and awareness. Each year they raise money to help the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. Sadly, Lynn Salyer passed away from colon cancer before she could see the full benefit of her actions and involvement. Her passion has inspired others to carry the torch of awareness, most notably her daughter, Jamison Salyer.

The "Moon a Doctor" race will feature a half marathon and a 10K walk and run. A crowd of over 120 runners is expected. The finish line will also feature a "30-foot colon" that runners and walkers may pass through at the end of their race. There will be plenty of music, food and fun into what is quickly becoming one of the premier races in Eastern Kentucky. You may quickly sign up on [www.active.com] (type in Paintsville) or you may sign up on race day no later than 30 minutes prior to start. Walkers and runners of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to attend and to enjoy the celebration of life.

That is the way Lynn would've wanted it.

Brent Graden
Director of Economic Development
City of Prestonsburg

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COMMENTARY

Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The General Assembly wrapped up an especially busy week on Friday, putting the final touches on a number of prominent bills.

None were more far-reaching than the one that became law on Thursday. It represents a major step forward in trying to slow the growth of a prison population that is nearly 50 percent larger than it was a decade ago. We now spend well over \$400 million a year to house about 21,000 prisoners, and that is taking money from other such programs as education.

House Bill 463 drew almost unanimous support in the House and Senate, and it has the backing of every group with ties to the judicial system: prosecutors, pub-

lic defenders, jailers, local officials, judges and victims' advocates.

The legislation was written with the help of the Pew Center on the States, a well-respected non-profit organization that has worked on similar laws in such states as Texas and Kansas. That experience helped us avoid pitfalls that could have limited the bill's chances.

In short, the law will do two things: Help those low-level substance abusers overcome their addiction while strengthening probation and parole, in an effort to keep those being supervised from returning to prison for technical violations. I'm especially pleased that the law also increases the use of such things as electronic monitoring — which I have pushed for both as Attorney General and as House Speaker — and that it also helps victims be better aware of the progress of the sentences of those who harmed them.

We expect the savings to total about \$40 million a year, or roughly 10 percent of the cost to run the prisons annually. About half of that will go back into the system to implement the new or expanded programs.

While that legislation may have been the week's highpoint, there were many other bills to make it through the House and Senate that certainly deserve mention as well.

That especially includes one of the House's top priorities this year, House Bill 1, which I sponsored with state Rep. Leslie Combs of Pikeville and dozens of our fellow House members, will give voters the opportunity to include hunting and fishing rights within the state's Constitution, something more than a dozen other states have done. Voters in Tennessee, Arkansas and South Carolina added their amendments in November.

If approved in November 2012, when it goes on the ballot, it

will ensure that these basic rights cannot be barred by the legislature, a state judge or a local government. It will also emphasize that these sporting activities remain the preferred method for keeping wild game in check. It will not change otherwise normal regulations, such as hunting seasons, licenses or trespassing laws.

Another priority for our region — building on the state's reputation as a leader in clean-coal technology — was greatly helped last week when the legislature finalized two closely related bills. One will make it easier for companies to ship carbon dioxide from coal-burning plants to storage sites, while the other will further research when it comes to storing carbon dioxide deep underground.

Two other bills with statewide appeal also made it to the Governor's desk last week. One makes it possible to buy the type of fireworks that have long been available in other states, ending a long drive for many around the

Fourth of July.

The other outlaws a synthetic drug that goes by several names, including red dove, and that is often intentionally mislabeled as bath salts or insecticide to hide its true intent. Kentucky has unfortunately become a leader in its use, but hopefully we will now see that trend disappear.

If all goes according to the schedule, the General Assembly will only be in session on Monday this week before taking a 10-day recess. We will then come back for one or two days to consider any vetoes, if they occur, and other legislation that the House and Senate can support.

With our work largely done, I want to say how much I appreciate those who contacted me with their views and concerns this legislative session. You can always reach me year-round, however, by calling 800-372-7181. For the deaf or hard of hearing, the number is 800-896-0305.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Carbon capture was far from a household word when a landmark 2007 state law created tax incentives for energy facilities that are "carbon-capture ready" — meaning the facility anticipates catching, or capturing, carbon dioxide emissions before they can be released into the air.

Carbon capture still may not be a household word. But it is word that members of the Kentucky House, Senate and energy companies planning to build pipelines to transport captured CO2 know well.

Last Tuesday, just weeks after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began requiring industries to report their carbon dioxide emissions, Kentucky lawmakers approved a bill that would offer state tax incentives to build pipelines that transport CO2. Whether the gas is stored, used for enhanced oil recovery, or for another use, it has to be moved to its destination via pipeline. And that is what Senate Bill 50, which received final passage by an 80-17 House vote, would make possible.

SB 50 would not only allow eminent domain — the seizure of private land for public use — to build carbon dioxide pipelines (as is done to build natural gas pipelines and oil pipelines) but would also provide state tax incentives for CO2 pipeline projects with a minimum investment of \$50 million.

By helping to hurry pipeline construction along, lawmakers supporting SB 50 say Kentucky can help energy companies meet the carbon-capture ready requirements under the

2007 law. Supporters also believe the incentives and eminent-domain rights spelled out in the bill will help the Commonwealth achieve a level of energy independence and economic growth that Kentucky lawmakers have sought for years from new energy technologies. SB 50 now goes to the governor for his signature.

Economics is fundamental to everything we do, both privately and publicly. Government agencies have worked especially hard during these recessionary years to ensure there is a maximum benefit in relation to their costs. When there is not — as has been the case for several years in state Corrections — lawmakers must step in to find a solution.

Lawmakers agreed on a new approach to the state's half-billion dollar annual Corrections spending last week when they sent the governor a penal code overhaul bill expected to save Kentucky taxpayers as much as \$147 million over the next decade. HB 463, passed unanimously by the state Senate and given final passage by a House vote of 96-1 last Monday, is designed to preserve public safety while reducing costly time behind bars for low-level nonviolent drug crimes like second and third-degree drug possession. The bill now awaits the governor's signature.

The 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution drew the attention of the Kentucky House on Feb. 25 as lawmakers there voted 90-3 to allow firearms or other concealed deadly weapons to be stored in any compartment original to the vehicle — not just the glove box in the dashboard.

HB 313, now before the Senate for consideration, addresses a 2006 Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that

disqualified a vehicle's console or other compartments other than the glove box as legal places to store a concealed deadly weapon. The bill would also allow state Fish and Wildlife Department conservation officers and specific Fish and Wildlife administrators to carry concealed deadly weapons on the job.

The House also addressed concerns with utility rates and the makeup of the state's utility ratemaking body — the Public Service Commission — last week when we amended and passed SB 151 by a narrow margin of 48-46 last Wednesday.

SB 151, as amended by the House, would create a legislative task force to study alternative ways to select members of the PSC factors involved in utility rate increases, how to increase citizen input into the rate-setting process protections for vulnerable ratepayers and whether municipal utilities should be regulated by the PSC. The measure now returns to the Senate for approval of the bill as amended by the

House. Other issues acted upon on the House floor last week include:

Sale of display fireworks. HB 333, which cleared the House by a 92-6 vote last Monday and is now before the Senate, would legalize the sale of display fireworks in Kentucky. Display fireworks include roman candles and bottle rockets that are currently outlawed in Kentucky but are legal for sale in the surrounding states of Indiana, Tennessee and Missouri and several other states. The bill would also create uniform standards for sale and storage of fireworks in the state, and create a fee for seasonal and year-round retailers of fireworks.

Diabetes education. The House voted 86-12 last Tuesday to pass SB 71,

which would require state licensure for diabetes educators, with exemptions for certain health care professionals. A state board would be created in the Public Protection Cabinet to oversee licensing and licensing fees. The measure, which now goes to the governor for his signature, would also recognize Nov. 14 as World Diabetes Day in the Commonwealth.

The General Assembly was expected at this writing to take a break from March 8-18 for the "veto recess" — a 10-day period in which lawmakers do not meet in session in order to give the governor time to consider vetoes to legislation passed in the preceding weeks. We are scheduled as of now to return to the Capitol for two days on March 21 and 22 to wrap up and adjourn the 2011 Regular Session "sine

die" — the Latin phrase for "without a day".

Remember, you can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. For committee meeting schedules, please call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650. Or, to comment on a bill, please call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181.

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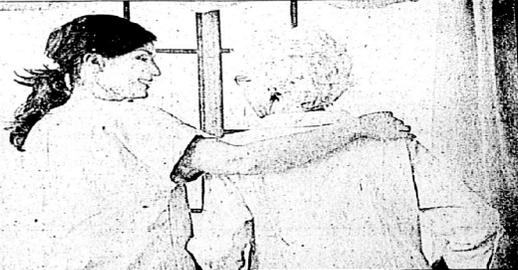
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ished on that terrible day. As a nation, we should use this tenth anniversary of 9/11 to help move our nation towards a healing process. Sadly, these hearings will only divide our country at a time when Americans of all religions and races need to help bridge the divide and come together.

Handani is the mother of 9/11 first responder Salma Handani, a 23-year-old paramedic, a New York City police cadet and a American Muslim first responder who lost his life in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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Funds announced for PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month

SOMERSET — PRIDE has granted Floyd County and its cities up to \$12,500 to pick up roadside litter, offer free trash drop-off events and remove dumps during PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in April. Floyd County is eligible for \$10,000, and \$500 each is available to the cities of Prestonsburg, Allen, Martin, Wayland and Wheelwright. The funding levels are based on the number of road miles in the county and cities. PRIDE also will give the county and cities T-shirts and cleanup supplies to distribute to Spring Cleanup volunteers. "Local governments rally volunteers and target trash problems during the Spring Cleanup, and we are glad to support their efforts

to create a clean, healthy environment for their citizens and visitors," said Tammy Wilson of PRIDE, the nonprofit organization that sponsors the annual Spring Cleanup campaign in southern and eastern Kentucky. "I encourage volunteers to partner with their local governments during Spring Cleanup Month," Wilson said. "To meet our 2011 'Get Five for PRIDE' challenge, each city and county is trying to increase its volunteer numbers by five percent over last year. For citizens, we're asking everyone to bring at least five friends to volunteer with you. By working together, you can have fun and more quickly make a big difference in your community." "Volunteers work for

free, but disposing of the trash costs money, and that's where the Spring Cleanup Funds come in," Wilson added. "When a dump cleanup is too big or dangerous for volunteers, Spring Cleanup Funds will help local governments pay a contractor to tackle the problem." All local governments in PRIDE's 38-county service area are eligible for Spring Cleanup funds, thanks to a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. To qualify for its available funding, the local government must comply with funding guidelines. A match of 10 percent of the award must be met through volunteer hours. Hinkle Contracting and Outdoor Venture

Corporation are the Gold-Level Sponsors of the region-wide PRIDE Spring Cleanup. The Silver-Level Sponsors are SouthEast Telephone, Blackboard

Student Services and Walmart. To volunteer to pick up litter during PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month, please call your local PRIDE

Coordinator. PRIDE Coordinators' names and phone numbers are available by calling PRIDE, toll free, at 888-577-4339 or by visiting www.kypride.org.

Elder abuse, synthetic drug bills clear Senate

FRANKFORT — Bills to crack down on abuse of the elderly and other vulnerable adults and to ban a new wave of synthetic drugs were among those that passed the Senate last week. House Bill 52, sponsored by Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively, would ban people convicted of abusing, neglecting, or exploiting vulnerable adults from being granted guardianship, power of attorney, or similar positions for others. Those convicted could also

not inherit from their victims. HB 52 also contains provisions tripling damages for those convicted of stealing from vulnerable adults if timely restitution is not made. House Bill 121, sponsored by Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, is aimed at new street drugs marketed as bath salts or other common household items. In fact, the drugs are commonly snorted or smoked, leading to hallucinations that

result in horror stories of self-mutilation and other dangerous results. The Senate made changes to the bill to bring it into conformity with the penal code reform plan signed into law earlier in the week. Both bills passed unanimously as part of the Senate consent calendar. Because changes were made to each, they now return to the House for its consideration of the Senate versions.



On March 3, Kentucky State Police Tpr. Jimmy Nolte received recognition from the Eastern Kentucky Branch of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). Tpr. Nolte was recognized for an incident that he was involved with in August 2007. Maranda May, Eastern Branch chair, presented the award at the March meeting. May noted Tpr. Nolte was being recognized as being a supporter of social work collaboration. "In this particular incident a life was saved as a result of the collaboration of law enforcement and social services," May said. "Tpr. Nolte is to be commended for the actions that he took and for going beyond what was required." Tpr. Jimmy Nolte is currently assigned to Post 9 in Pikeville. He is an 11-year veteran of the KSP.

Pikeville College to hold Honors Convocation March 31

PIKEVILLE — The community is cordially invited to attend Pikeville College's annual Honors Day Convocation, Thursday, March 31, at 7 p.m., in Booth Auditorium, located in Record Memorial Building. The celebration honors students who stand out in their respective fields of study, including education, humanities, math and

science, nursing, social science and business. Students who hold membership in honor societies and have been named to the Dean's List are also recognized for their academic achievements. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at Pikeville College at (606) 218-5270.

One-stop online business center ready for governor's signature

FRANKFORT — A new one-stop online government center to help navigate the paperwork and other regulations they face under a bill headed to the governor's desk. Senate Bill 8, sponsored by Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, creates a One-

Stop Business Portal Advisory Committee, which would in turn develop the core of an online business portal. By the end of the year, the committee would present state officials with cost estimates and recommendations for the full rollout of the web portal.

Certain functions are required to be online by the end of 2012.

The Senate signed off on House changes to the original bill by a 37-0 count, giving the bill final passage and sending it to the governor.

Ten die on Kentucky roadways

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 10 people died in 10 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Feb. 28, through Sunday. All of the fatalities involve motor vehicles and five of the victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Harlan, Jackson, Jefferson, Kenton, Lee, Logan, Mason, Owen, Spencer and Warren counties. Through Mar. 6, preliminary statistics indicate that 98 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2011. This is 10 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2010. There were eighty-three motor vehicle fatalities and 52 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Fourteen of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Two crashes involved and motorcycles and the victims were not wearing helmets. One crash involved an ATV and the victim was not

wearing a helmet. Twelve crashes involved pedestrians. A total of 14 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol. Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting errand drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle,

location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas. Crash data for this report is generated from the Kentucky Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

9:00 A.M., March 18, 2011
at Southern Water & Sewer District

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that Southern Water & Sewer District will be filing an application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development to fund the Harold Sewer/ Pride on the River WWTP /Sewer project. A general public meeting will be held on March 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Southern Water & Sewer District, located at McDowell, Kentucky, to further discuss the proposed project. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

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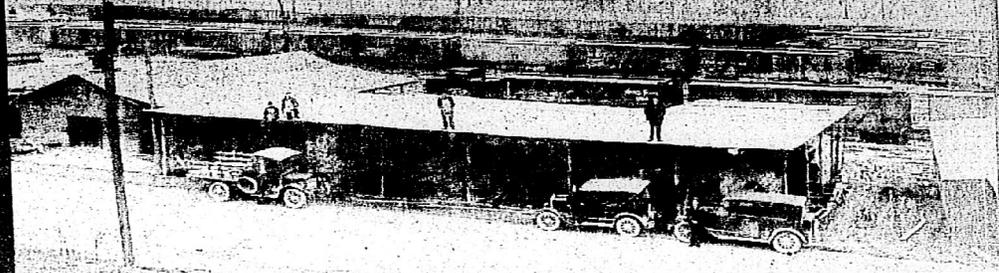
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By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

Yesterday at the **Ramada**, hundreds lined up to cash in antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Paintsville** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old

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Fender guitar his father had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them: Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an

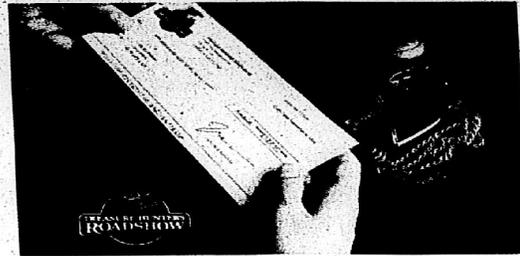
old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

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

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- No appointment is necessary.
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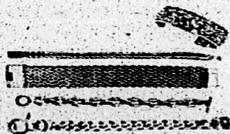
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Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes bear season

Deer zone changes recommended for two counties
TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is considering meeting March 4 proposed bear season occur one week earlier

than in past years and recommended deer zone changes for two counties. The Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

In wildlife-related business the Commission proposed to the General Assembly that bear season be one week sooner on Dec. 10 and 11, 2011. Winter weather plagued the first two seasons. Moving the season forward one week could improve hunter opportunity. The Commission also recommended making it illegal to take bears from dens. For the 2011 deer season, the Commission recommends

changing Rowan County from Zone 2 to Zone 3 and Lee County from Zone 3 to Zone 4. In fisheries-related business, the Commission recommended adopting Tennessee's trout regulations on Dale Hollow Lake. Anglers may keep seven rainbow or brown trout per day, singly or combined. The Commission also removed the special fishing regulations on the Taylorsville Lake

Wildlife Management Area (WMA) ponds, effective March 1, 2012. Lastly, Camp Ernst Lake in Boone County, Millennium Park Pond in Boyle County, Whitehall Park Lake in Madison County and Lake Carlson and Lake Dickerson in Ft. Knox were added to the Fishing in Neighborhoods Program (FINs). The next Kentucky Fish and

Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2011 at No. 1 Sportsman's Lane of U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda.

ACMS VB team sweeps Martin Co. in season-opener
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team opened the 2011 season in dominating fashion Monday night, sweeping Martin County in A-, B- and C-Team matches. The Allen Central A-Team won 2-0, prevailing 21-7, 21-2. The Allen Central B-Team compiled a 2-0 victory, winning 19-17 and 18-0. In the C-Team ranks, Allen Central defeated Martin County 15-9 and 15-1 for another convincing 2-0 win.

Seventh-grader Chelsea Austin paced the Rebel A-Team with one kill and 16 aces. Eighth grader Heather Burdilauskas delivered one kill and four aces for the Rebels. Sixth grader Kelsie Jackson set up two kills and dropped in four aces. Eighth grader Lanah Gibson landed two aces while Katie Kendrick and Gibson, defensively, tuned in one dig each.

It was a serving affair for the Allen Central B-Team as Chelsea Austin landed 22 aces and seventh-grader Katie Kendrick dropped in five. For the Allen Central C-Team, Kelsie Jackson landed a match-high 20 aces.

Allen Central was host Allen Tuesday evening in Floyd County Conference competition.

Lady Bears fall in conference tournament
TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — It was one of those nights for the Pikeville College Bears, who couldn't buy one from the field and were eliminated from the 2011 Mid-South Conference tournament by Shawnee State University 63-40 Thursday evening. Pikeville, seeded seventh in the tournament, saw its season end at 19-12. Shawnee State, the two-seed, will advance to Saturday afternoon's 4 p.m. semifinal where it will meet the winner of Thursday's finale between No. 3 Lindsey Wilson and No. 6 Georgetown.

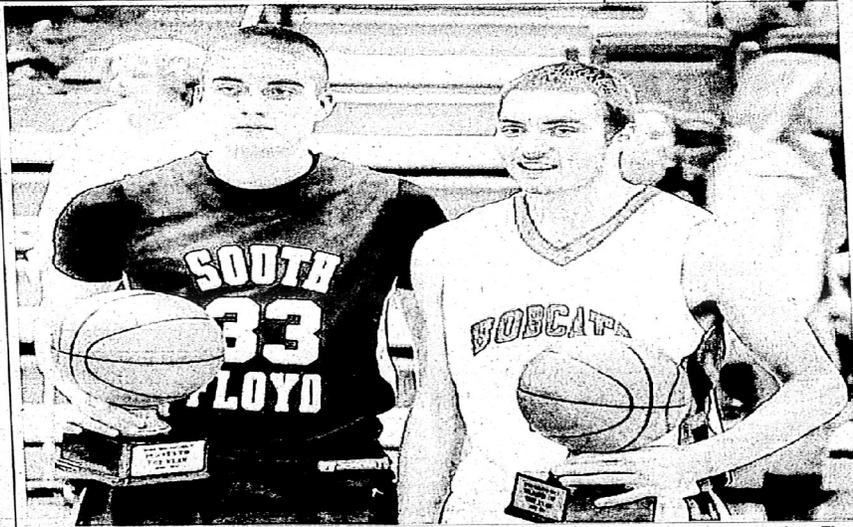
The Bears hit only 22 percent from the field for the game, and finished the first half only 5-of-35 from the floor. Of those, senior Lauren Potts had made 4-of-7, leaving the rest of the team only 1-of-28.

Surprisingly, it trailed only 26-21. But Shawnee State settled down at the break. After committing 10 turnovers the first 20 minutes, it had only six after halftime. It shot 41.9 percent in the second half and sank 5-of-9 from the arc to pull away.

Pikeville, meanwhile, shot only marginally better, hitting 8-of-24 (33 percent) and one of its six three-point tries. Those shooting numbers, combined with 12 second-half turnovers, kept the Bears from seriously challenging Shawnee.

Pikeville had only one player in double figures in

(See BEARS, page two)



FLOYD COUNTY'S BEST: South Floyd's Shannon Turner and Betsy Layne's Nathan Martin, ranked as Floyd County's top boys' basketball players throughout the 2010-11 season. Both teams advanced to the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. South Floyd fell to Pike County Central in the opening round last week while reigning All-A Classic state champion Betsy Layne was defeated by Pikeville Monday night in the semifinals.

PNC/Sweet 16 scholarship award winners announced
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Following are the 2011 winners of the PNC Sweet 16 scholarships. As part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16, PNC will present each with a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Winners will be recognized during the first round of the tournament in which they represent. Region 1 — Jason Straub (Heath), Sarah Hendley (St. Mary); Region 2 — Taylor Chapman (University Heights), Natalie Green (Webster County); Region 3 — Cade Snodgrass (Butler County), Anna Taylor (Apollo); Region 4 — Lovie Pollock (Bowling Green), Mary Catherine Kirkwood (Bowling Green); Region 5 — Daniel Mudd (Nelson County), Valerie Whitlock (LaRue County); Region 6 — Jacob Reed (Bullitt East), Shelby Ritchie (Presentation); Region 7 — Ross Micciche (Trinity (Louisville)), Uadani Butto (Eastern); Region 8 — Michael Banta (South Oldham), Madison Theis (Oldham County); Region 9 — Parker Kyle (Conner), Rebecca Knauss (Lloyd Memorial); Region 10 — Shane Fowler (Harrison County), Tara Harris (Mason County); Region 11 — Luke Ambrose (Berea), Chienyenye Nnoromole (Model); Region 12 — Colby Hall (Somerset), Nicole Coffman (Cassy County); Region 13 — Brandon Halcomb (Red Bird), Eria Burchett (South Laurel); Region 14 — James Morgan Reed (Powell County), Candace McQueen (Owsley County); Region 15 — Anthony Strother (Belfry), Courtney Moll (Johnson Central); Region 16 — Cody Nickell (Ellitt County), Jaime Chapman (Boyd County).

15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament
at East Kentucky Expo Center
Opening Round
March 2
Pike County Central 63, South Floyd 58
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Pikeville 66, Sheldon Clark 50
Betsy Layne 59, Belfry 30
Semifinals
March 7
Shelby Valley 58, Pike County Central 53
Pikeville 45, Betsy Layne 44
Championship Game
March 8
Shelby Valley-Pikeville, N/A

15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament
at East Kentucky Expo Center
Semifinals
March 4
Betsy Layne 42, Magoffin County 41
Sheldon Clark 50, Shelby Valley 37
March 8
Championship Game
Sheldon Clark 39, Betsy Layne 34

Sheldon Clark holds off Betsy Layne, wins region
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Senior guard Carla Booth had 21 points, seven steals and four assists as Sheldon Clark defeated Betsy Layne Saturday night in the 15th Region championship game at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Booth was named the regional tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Betsy Layne, following a thrilling 42-41 win over Magoffin County in the semifinals, fell victim to a cold-shooting stretch in the second quarter after being knotted 7-7 with 57th District champion Sheldon Clark at the conclusion of the opening quarter.

The Lady Cats faced an eight-point deficit at intermission as Sheldon Clark carried a 19-11 lead into halftime.

The Lady Cardinals led 29-23 at the end of the third quarter, forcing Betsy Layne to continue to play from behind in the title tilt.

Sheldon Clark excelled from the foul line, connecting on 12-of-14 free throws. Kandice Porter pushed in nine points for the Lady Cardinals, who improved to 24-8. Katelyn Newsome added eight points for Sheldon Clark in the championship contest.

Hannah Spurlock, a freshman, scored on a free throw for the Lady Cardinals. She is the daughter of Sheldon Clark's boys' basketball coach Kevin Spurlock, a Floyd County native.

Sheldon Clark mentor Darrin Bickett claimed his first regional title as a head coach.

Taylor Hott paced Betsy Layne with 15 points. Taylor Watkins accompanied Hott in double figures, adding 10 points for the Ladycats. T.J. Tackett tossed in five points and Paige Watkins added two for Betsy Layne in the runner-up finish.

Betsy Layne was six-of-10 from the foul line in the season-ending loss.

Sheldon Clark will face 16th Region champion Boyd County at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena during the opening round of the Houchens Industries Girls' Sweet Sixteen.

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Booth leads all-tourney team

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Eastern Kentucky University signee Carla Booth added another honor to her already long list of accolades over the weekend when she led the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals to the 15th Region championship. The Booth-led Lady Cardinals defeated 58th District champion Betsy Layne 39-34 on Saturday in the regional title game at the

East Kentucky Expo Center. Booth paced Sheldon Clark, supplying 21 points, seven steals and four assists for the Lady Cards.

Teammates Kandice Porter and Katelyn Newsome joined Booth in the all-tournament team. Betsy Layne was also well-represented with three of its players touted as all-tournament performers.

The All-15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament shaped up as follows: Carla Booth

(MVP), Sheldon Clark; Kandice Porter, Sheldon Clark; Katelyn Newsome, Sheldon Clark; Taylor Watkins, Betsy Layne; T.J. Tackett, Betsy Layne; Taylor Hott, Betsy Layne; Jasmine Howard, Magoffin County; Jaime Castle, Magoffin County; Brooke Coleman, Shelby Valley; Chelsea Handshoe, Pike County Central; Breanna Frasley, East Ridge; J.J. Bevins, Belfry; Katie Burchett, Prestonsburg.

KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 set to tip off in Bowling Green

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Diddle Arena in Bowling Green will be the center of girls' basketball in the commonwealth as the 50th Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 gets underway Wednesday. Four games will be played on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with game times scheduled for noon and 1:30 for the afternoon sessions and 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. for the evening sessions. The semifinals are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, with the championship game slated for 8 p.m. the same night.

Mercy is the defending champion while a total of three

(See GIRLS, page two)

Bears fall in MSC semis

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — No. 18 St. Catharine College advanced to the championship game of the 2011 Mid-South Conference tournament with a 79-73 win over No. 24 Pikeville College on Saturday.

The loss leaves Pikeville, 25-7, relying on the season's final poll for its chances to get into the 2011 NAIA Div. I National Tournament, which will be released on Wednesday. It was the third time the Bears have lost to the Patriots this season and the fifth straight loss, including the last two conference tournaments.

The loss spoiled a phenomenal night for all-conference guard Vance Cooksey, who had a career high 34 points thanks to hitting 17-of-22 from the free throw line. The senior had 25 of his points by halftime.

Cold shooting eliminated the Bears. They hit only 32.4 percent overall and was 5-of-19 (26.3 percent) from the arc. St. Catharine also had a 48-41 rebounding advantage to help it overcome 22 turnovers.

St. Catharine scored seven of the game's last nine points to win a battle that featured eight ties and eight lead changes.

Four different times during the back-and-forth affair the two teams produced double digit runs to seemingly take control of the game. Each time, the deficit was erased with a comeback would swing the momentum.

St. Catharine scored a 12-1 run in the early stages of the first half only to have the third-seeded Bears respond with a 13-4 to close the half and tie the game at 43-43 at the break.

Pikeville grabbed its largest lead of the game at 62-52 with 12:28 left. But this time it was the Patriots who responded with a 20-7 run over the next eight minutes to take a 72-59 lead with four minutes left in the game.

Pikeville's Vance Cooksey ended the Patriot run with his final basket of the night to cut St. Catharine's lead to 72-71 with 3:11 left.

But four straight St. Catharine points — a basket from Kashiiff Carr and two free throws from Marquis Lee — stretched the lead to

76-71 with less than a minute remaining.

Pikeville's Justin Hicks — who scored his 1,500th point in the game — scored on the subsequent Bear possession with an acrobatic move in the lane to cut the St. Catharine lead to 76-73.

Following a pair of misses from Lee at the free throw line, Pikeville's Trevor Setty missed a chance to tie the game with 11.8 seconds left as his three-pointer closed off the rim.

The Patriots closed the game-making a pair of free throws to advance into the championship game.

Senior Quincy Hankins-Cole recorded his second double-double of the tournament, finishing with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore Trevor Setty flipped in 11 points and grabbed five rebounds.

St. Catharine (22-7) had four players reach double figures in the scoring column, led by junior Kashiiff Carr's 25 points. Junior Marquis Lee, who was 11-of-14 from the line, came off the bench for 19 points.

St. Catharine senior Xavier Keeling had 12 points and 10 rebounds. Junior Antoine Watson added 10 for the Patriots.

Pikeville survives Campbellsville in MSC opener

Senior Quincy Hankins-Cole, felt slighted when the all-conference team was announced on Thursday night, and on Friday afternoon, he sent his message.

The 6-8 senior from Roosevelt, N.Y., scored 23 points and pulled down 18 rebounds to help No. 3 Pikeville College survive sixth-seeded Campbellsville University 85-78 in overtime.

The win sent the Bears into the semifinals of the 2011 Mid-South Conference tournament, where it will play the winner of St. Catharine and WVU Tech in Saturday's 6 p.m. semifinal. It was also the 100th win for Coach Kelly Wells in his five seasons at Pikeville.

Hankins-Cole, a transfer from Nebraska, was a force on Friday afternoon, hitting 9-of-13 from the field and sinking all five of his free

throws. He also blocked two shots.

But he had plenty of help, most importantly from senior Chris Donald. The Boston native, who averaged 5.8 points per game, came off the bench for 17 points and two steals.

First-team all-conference pick Vance Cooksey fired in 19 points while grabbing six rebounds and handing out five assists, while senior Justin Hicks hit 8-of-9 from the line to finish with 17 to go with five assists.

Hicks, the 11th-leading scorer in school history, is three points away from 1,500 in his career.

Campbellsville (16-15), however, gave the Bears fits. Senior guard Caleb Harris hit his first 13 free throws en route to 32 points and five rebounds, while senior Ja Vaughn Espirit, a first-team all-conference selection, nearly answered Hankins-Cole with 21 points and 15 rebounds.

Pikeville led by one, 75-74, after Harris hit a free throw with 2:32 left in overtime. The Bears then won the game with eight unanswered points, getting four from Donald, and when Hicks sank two free throws with 20 seconds left, the lead was 83-74.

The game was tight throughout the first half, and a three-point basket by senior Adrian Whelan drew the Tigers within four, 39-35, with 1:03 left.

But Pikeville scored the last basket of the half when Cooksey hit a jumper, and that began an 11-3 run that when Hankins-Cole scored with 18:13 left to give the Bears what would prove to be their biggest lead of the game at 50-38.

Campbellsville answered quickly, however, scoring the next 11 points. The Tigers were 6-of-6 from the line, with Harris hitting four straight free throws in one trip to the line. Those came with 13:50 to play and made it 50-49.

The teams traded baskets, with Pikeville leading by as many as six (63-57) before Campbellsville charged back and took a 71-69 lead on a three-point play by Espirit with 1:36 left.

But Pikeville got a bucket from Hankins Cole with 1:36 left, and neither team scored for the rest of regulation.

Bears

scoring. Senior Lauren Potts came off the bench to double her scoring average by tossing in 10 points. Junior Megan Mosley followed with eight points and five rebounds.

Shawnee State had three players in double figures, led by junior all-conference pick Abby Ballman's 16 points. The Cincinnati native also

had five rebounds, five assists and five steals.

Freshman Alannah Sheets flipped in 15 points while senior Jill Cropper netted 11.

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Union sweeps twinbill from host Pikeville

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Union College stretched its win streak to five games on the softball diamond Monday with a doubleheader sweep of host Pikeville College. The Bulldogs won 5-1 and 5-2 in the doubleheader.

With the sweep, Union improved to 8-8. The Lady Bears fell to 0-3.

In the opener, Union pitcher Falon Catalano fanned seven batters en route to a 5-1 victory. She gave up one run on two hits.

The Lady Bulldogs scored three in the first inning, three in the fourth and another in the fifth. At the plate, Catalano had a RBI, while Bethany Rogers went 2-for-3 with a run scored and two RBIs. Hillary Leftrick scored twice and drove in another run, and Autumn greenwell picked up a RBI.

Kayla Cantrell, Hannah

Shawnee State had three players in double figures, led by junior all-conference pick Abby Ballman's 16 points. The Cincinnati native also

Union pitcher Katie Perkins went the distance in the 5-2 win in the second game, allowing two runs on a six hits while striking out five.

Union seized control of the game with a four-run first and capped things off with a run in the seventh.

Rachel Cogdill went just 1-for-4 but had a two-run single in the first inning. Ashley Tatman finished 2-for-3 with a run scored and two RBIs, while Abby Sears was 3-for-4 with a double and a RBI. Leftrick scored twice, and Catalano crossed the plate one time.

Cantrell, Maynard, Brittany Branham and Emily Walker each had one hit for the Lady

Bears in the second half. Supplying one RBI apiece for Pikeville were Cantrell and Alexandra Svingos.

Cantrell and Kayla Morgan pitched for the Lady Bears in the second game. Morgan allowed four runs, all of which were earned.

Bowling: Youlos represents Bears and country

PIKEVILLE — When the Pikeville College women's bowling team begins play in the sectional tournament this weekend, among the many things it will have going for it is a member of the prestigious Team USA.

Kim Youlos, a junior on the squad, made the 12-member team at a tryout in January. The Rochester, N.Y., native

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Region

Sheldon Clark 39, Betsy Layne 34
 Betsy Layne (34) — Taylor Watkins 10, Taylor Hott 15, T. Tackett 5, Paige Watkins 1, 3-Point: Hott 3, Taylor Watkins 1.
 Sheldon Clark (39): Carla Booth 21, Katelyn Newsome 3, Kandice Porter 9, Hannah Spurlock 1.
 BL.....7 4 12 11-34
 SC.....7 12 10 10-39

National Wild Turkey Federation Banquet Postponed til Friday May 13

The NWTF banquet that was scheduled for this Friday night, March 4 is postponed til Friday May 13. The banquet will be held at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center starting at 6 p.m. The banquet comes with dinner and there will be a silent auction, live auction, and much more. For more information email Trinity Shepherd at tlicourtletters@yahoo.com.

There will be a chapter meeting at the Ranger Station located at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Tuesday March 22.

Girls

teams (Crittenden County, Walton-Vernon and Madison Central) will be making their first appearance in the Sweet Sixteen.

Basketball tickets: Tickets to the 2011 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament are now on sale only through www.wkusports.com and the Diddle Arena Box Office. Both all sessions and single session tickets are available.

Tickets to the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament are now on sale only through www.ticketmaster.com and the Rupp Arena Box Office. Both all sessions and single session tickets are available. The price for all-session tickets are the same for both the boys' and girls' tournaments — lower arena seats are \$120 each and upper arena seats are \$70 each.

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UPCOMING KHSAA EVENTS
 March 9-12: Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, EA, Diddle Arena, Bowling Green.
 March 16-19: PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament, Rupp Arena, Lexington.

Do you have problems with the IRS? Do you want to avoid mistakes when you file your return?

A tax attorney will be answering questions at the Floyd County Public Library from 1pm to 4pm on March 11th. This opportunity is ENTIRELY FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE!

An attorney from The Low Income Taxpayer Clinic of AppalReD Legal Aid will be at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg, KY. The attorney will be giving a short presentation on common mistakes people make when filing their tax returns. The presentation will begin at 1:15 pm and last about 20 minutes. Following the presentation, the attorney will stick around for a few hours to answer your individual questions. If you have a letter from the IRS that you don't know what to do with, bring it and he'll help explain what's going on. He will be answering questions until 4pm. Please note that we will not be preparing returns that day.

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If you are having tax issues but cannot make it to the clinic, please call the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic of AppalReD Legal Aid at

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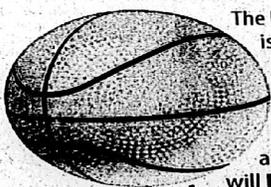
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Pipe(line) dreams

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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Just between us—do you ever dream of "running away from it all"? And if you did, where would you run to?

Today's dreams seem to center around sailing away to exotic ports (by the way, sailing is a lot of work, and I've had the sore muscles to prove it) or perhaps having a vineyard somewhere (which I imagine is also extremely hard work).

But it's intriguing how often Americans' dreams of "getting away from it all" turn to doing something with the land. Remember chinchilla farming in the '50s? Or Lucy and Desi's chicken business in Connecticut?

Incidentally, for those of you who are into TV trivia, reportedly one of the longest laughs ever recorded from a studio audience—Bianca astonishing 67 seconds—occurred on an "I Love Lucy" episode dealing with those chickens.

In an attempt to keep Desi interested in pouring more money into their failing egg business in Connecticut, Lucy and Ethel had been smuggling store-bought eggs into the henhouse by hiding the eggs under their clothes. As luck would have it, Desi decided the moment was ripe to practice their tango for an upcoming PTA show—while Lucy, unbeknown to Desi, had three dozen eggs hidden in her blouse. Everything was hunky-dory, until the flashy end, when Desi twirled her into his arms and ... well, you can imagine the results.

If your "getting away from it all" dreams have a back-to-the-land component, here's a thought: Imagine growing fuel!

No, I haven't been standing too close to the fumes when I fill my gas tank; it turns out there are quite a few crops that have wonderful promise as sources of bio-based (in other words, plant-based) fuel, and the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are adding to that list all the time.

For example, out in Washington State where they grow a lot of high-value irrigated vegetable crops, a couple of ARS scientists have been looking at safflower, camelina, soybeans, mustard, canola, wheat, corn and switchgrass for their biofuel potential.

Canola is a relatively new crop to growers in Washington, because there aren't that many canola varieties that have been specifically developed for environments with cool winters and hot summers.

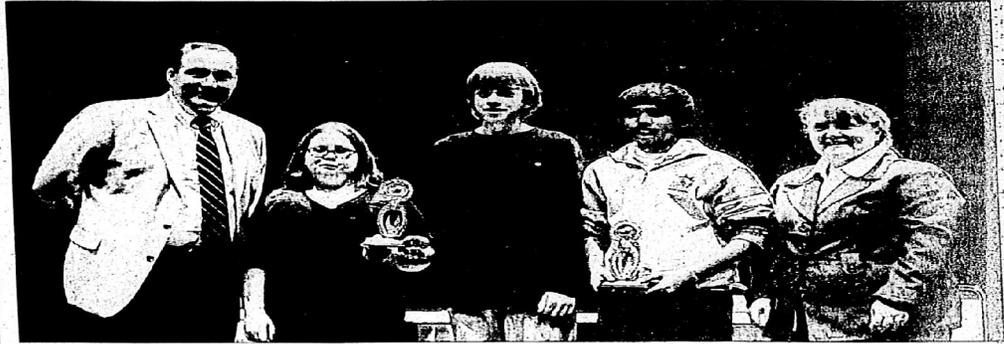
But canola has lots of attributes to recommend it: It's not bothered by the Russian wheat aphid, the Hessian fly, or wheat diseases such as the one called "take-all" or the even more picturesquely named "eyespot." That means that when wheat is planted in fields where canola previously grew, the incidence of those pathogens is down because there's been nothing handy for them to attack.

Winter canola also protects the soil against erosion in hilly regions, and the plant has a deep root system that can reach down as far as 8 feet into the soil, breaking through hard soil layers beneath the surface. This lets the plant grab and use nutrients that otherwise would be out of reach—and keeps those nutrients from leaching down to contaminate groundwater, plus those roots also add organic matter to the soil.

But is canola just a pretty face? Hardly! The ARS scientists say that in their study of four different varieties grown at three different sites, average seed yield was around 3,000 pounds per acre. That equates to about 1,200 pounds of seed oil per acre, enough raw oil to make 160 gallons of biodiesel.

Bottom line: If a farmer had a 1,000-acre farm and the ability to crush and process canola seeds, he could grow enough canola on as little

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Subhash Gutti (third from left) won the Floyd County District Spelling Bee for the second year in a row earlier this month. Gutti is a student at Piarist Middle School. Also pictured are runner-ups Emily Swafford, of Betsy Layne Elementary, and Jordan Pack, of Allen Central Middle School.

TOP SPELLER

Gutti wins county spelling bee for second time

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Subhash Gutti, a student at Piarist Middle School, has once again bested the county's top spellers and claimed the district prize for the second year in a row at the Floyd County School District Spelling Bee held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College earlier this month.

In the finals, Gutti competed against Jordan Pack, of Allen Central Middle School, and

Emily Swafford, of Betsy Layne Elementary, for 21 rounds before emerging as the top speller in the district.

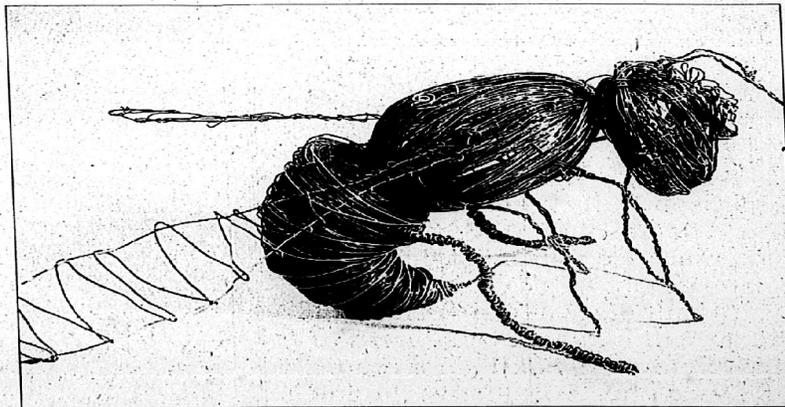
The students that competed in the spelling bee were the school champions from grades 4-8 across the district. The school winners were: Victoria Johnson, from Adams Middle; Jordan Pack, from Allen Central Middle; Emily Swafford, from Betsy Layne Elementary; Phillip Harvey, from Duff; Collin Ousley, from May Valley Elementary; Faith Dye, from

McDowell Elementary; Breanne Little, from Osborne Elementary; Subhash Gutti, from Piarist Middle; Kaitlyn Johnson, from Prestonsburg Elementary; Audrey Caudill, from South Floyd Middle; and Brook Hamilton from Stumbo Elementary.

"These students represented their individual schools well," said Supt. Henry Webb. "It was a wonderful experience for me to see these students exhibit their knowledge and their

enthusiasm impressed me. I was honored to be there."

Gutti will travel to Louisville to compete in the Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee on March 19. The event, sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau, features a \$5,000 savings bond and a Webster's International Dictionary for the overall champion. The second-place winner will receive a \$2,500 savings bond, the third-place winner will receive \$1,000, and the fourth-place winner will take home \$500 savings bond.



Student art featured at Weber Art Gallery

PIKEVILLE — The Weber Art Gallery at Pikeville College is currently featuring the works of graduating senior Brittany Moore.

The senior art show meets part of the exit requirement for a graduating art major and is a reflection of the students' development and interests. Moore's show features a variety of media including sculptures, paintings

and ink drawings. "I love to create art from my imagination rather than looking at a subject and reproducing it," said Moore. "I listen to music when I work because it triggers a mood that influences the line, form and color that I create."

Moore is a member of the women's soccer team, cheerleading squad Pink Ladies, Art Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes

and the Zeta Omega Chi sorority. She is the daughter of Angela and Ricky Thornsby of Belfry.

The art show will run through March 22. Moore will discuss her artwork during a reception on Tuesday, March 8, at 11 a.m. The community is cordially invited to view the art show and attend the reception.

The Weber Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the

Record Memorial Building at Pikeville College. Gallery hours are: Monday 10-11 a.m., noon-5 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.; Wednesday 10-11 a.m., noon-1 p.m., 2-5 p.m.; Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m., 3-5 p.m.; and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information contact Patricia Kowalok at 218-5758 or Petra Carroll at 218-5759.

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 360, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Take back the night

On March 10 at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College gazebo, (near the walking track) there will be a "Take back the night" candle light vigil to promote March as Sexual Assault and Prevention Month. The program starts at 5 p.m. with poetry readings, testimonials, songs or artwork about sexual assault. For more information, please call the Victim Services Program at 886-4397 or 886-4323.

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

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

Artistic Children Support Group meets monthly

Support group for Guardians of Artistic 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. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

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Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to

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FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

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

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Free Bible Lessons

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Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van

Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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Science

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white mustard, after you've crushed the seeds for oil, the leftover seed meal can be used as an organic fertilizer or as a fumigant to suppress weeds and pests. From farm machines to jets: I'd say that where oilseed crops-turned-biofuels are concerned, the sky's definitely the limit! 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 www.ars.usda.gov/news.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FLOYD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 10, A NO. 11-CI-185, TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENT

PLAIN TIFVS-HEIRS AT LAW OF ROGER WHITAKER, ET AL, DEFENDANTS, vs. OFFICE OF PENDING ACTION - BE IT KNOWN that Mitchell D. Kinner, a practicing attorney in the Floyd Circuit Court, has been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. 10, to act as a Warning Order Attorney to notify the Heirs-at-law of Roger Whitaker, that a civil action has been filed in Floyd Circuit Court, Civil Action No. 11-CI-185, Division No. 1, by Tax Ease Lien Investment, LLC. The civil action concerns enforcement of tax bills for the years 2008 and 2009 on certain real property located in David, Kentucky and being the same property conveyed to Roger Whitaker and Marlene Whitaker, by Deed dated May 11, 1984, recorded in Deed Book 284, page 171, Office of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Any Heirs-at-law of Roger Whitaker should take note that the purpose of the lawsuit is to enforce delinquent tax liens that have been purchased by Tax Ease Lien Investment, LLC for the purpose of obtaining possession of the property described above. Any Heirs-at-law of Roger Whitaker should take note that they have 30 days from and after February 22, 2011 in which to file an answer or other responsive pleading in the Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. 10, so may result in the relief requested in the Writings of Tax Ease Lien Investment, LLC. Further inquiries should be directed to the above Warning Order Attorney at Kinner & Patton, 239 College Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. SIGNED: MITCHELL D. KINNER, Warning Order Attorney, neykiner & patton239 College Street, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240(606) 789-6161

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5567, notice is hereby given that MATCO, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located approximately 0.8 miles west of Tram in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.74 surface acres and will underlie 541.01 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 549.75 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.7 miles north from Camp Branch County Road and US 23 and located 0.1 miles south of Any Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Hudson U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sidney Justice. The operation will underlie land owned by Sidney Justice, Bee Rickman Estate, Appalachian Land Company, Green Kid Estate, Ruth Boyd, Kate Cade Estate, Nora Louise Watkins, Frank Justice Estate, Floyd Rickman, Jamesette and Pate Wilson Jr. and George Lackey. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 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. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-9024, CHANGE

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5567, REVISION

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FDCO Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining operation located 3.0 miles south of Langley in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.40 surface acres and will underlie 397.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 404.10 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.80 miles north from KY Route 775's junction with KY Route 680 and located adjacent to Turkey Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Wayland USGS 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, Franklin Scott, Appalachian Land Company, Carl Dudley, Randy Martin, James Akers, Mary Tackett, Gaylord Martin, Ronnie Newsome and Staley Francis Dwayne Moore, Thomas Martin Clarence Brown, and Willie Duff. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake 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 Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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By virtue of a Final Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 7th day of February, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$58,342.51 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse, Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 24th day of March, 2011, at 9:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, of the described property, to-wit: Property Address: KY Route 1086, Wayland, Kentucky 41986, certain of land in the community of Wayland, Kentucky lying on the Steeles Creek of Right Beaver Creek and being a tract that is part of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation's Surface Tract No. EC-30, the deed for which is recorded in Deed Book 52, Page 593 and dated April 10, 1913, and more particularly described as follows: Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to herein as a pipe with cap is a set 3/4 inch diameter aluminum pipe, 18 inches in length, with an orange cap stamped "J.W. Wickler L.S. 2861. All bearings stated herein are established under a survey property survey conducted by Larry W. Fitch on August 3, 1937. Beginning at a pipe with a cap, set 12.27 feet from centerline of KY Route 1086, and having Elk Horn coordinates of South 131.863° East 182.271 feet. Thence South 18-16-53 West to the center of Steeles Creek to a pipe with cap, set; thence North 77-30-13 West following the center of Steeles Creek to a pipe with cap, set; thence South 70-00-05 West following the center of Steeles Creek to a pipe with cap, set; thence North 49-05-45 West following the center of Steeles Creek to a pipe with cap, set; thence North 35-05-19 West following the center of Steeles Creek to a pipe with cap, set; thence North 11-58-34 East to a pipe with cap, set, 16.66 feet from centerline of KY Route 1086; thence south 64-21-34 East 407.87 feet to the beginning and containing 0.77 acres more or less, as surveyed by someone under the direct supervision of Jerry W. Wickler, L.S. Number 2861, on August 28, 1938. BEING the same property conveyed to the S. RONNIE COMBS, his wife, by deed dated November 18, 2005 and recorded November 21, 2006, in Deed Book 518, Page 10, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office. There is included on the property to be sold, a 1995 Fleetwood single wide manufactured home, Serial No. FNFLS26A41673 DL 12, Title No. 053250360036. A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional security. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States or America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. For: William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

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Pursuant to Application Number 936-5463, Renewal in accordance with KRS 350.055, we hereby give notice that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41953 has applied for a permit for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation located approximately 0.25 miles northwest of Burdon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 13.2 surface acres and will underlie 480.0 acres, and the total acres within the permit boundary will be 493.2 acres. The proposed operation is located 0.65 miles northwest from KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.26 miles west of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7' and 12' minute quadrangle and underlies surface area owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will be owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6. Written comments for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Holloway U.S. 227 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Up and coming fishing opportunities for 2011

by LEE McLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

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Kentucky fishing licenses expired this past Monday, Feb. 28. If you go fishing now, you'll need a new Kentucky fishing license.

Buying your new fishing license invariably leads to hopeful thoughts about fishing trips you would love to try this coming year and dreams of catching the biggest fish of your life in 2011.

You may want to include a trip to the Kentucky River in your 2011 fishing plans. Anglers in the past referred to the river in less than glowing terms; its often muddy state reinforced the negative feelings.

However, improving water quality, lower flows that made for better spring spawning and survival of fry along with a stocking effort by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources remade

the Kentucky River into a top destination for muskellunge, sauger, crappie, hybrid striped and white bass.

Pool 6 in Mercer and Woodford counties upstream to Pool 14 in Lee County comprise the best muskellunge water in Kentucky River. The river is full of suckers, so large gold and black minnow imitators, big bass-sized crankbaits with yellow or golden hues and spinnerbaits with gold blades make good lure choices.

"There is some good opportunity for some quality muskellunge fishing," said Jeff Crosby, central fishery district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The upper river is best, but a lot of the tributaries from Boonesboro to Frankfort should hold some nice muskellunge."

While sampling muskellunge populations in the river over the past couple of years, Crosby and crew

found a good number of muskellunge from 40 to 50 inches long.

White bass, sauger and hybrid striped bass roam the Kentucky River tailraces below the locks and dams. Sauger are still biting in these tailraces on white, chartreuse or lime green curly-tailed grubs, small silver spoons or crappie minnows.

A white bass stocking program begun in 2006 is now paying dividends on the Kentucky River. In spring, throw white in-line spinners and white curly-tailed grubs below locks and dams and in the lower mile or so of major tributaries in spring.

Target laydown trees and brush in the mouth of tributary creeks with white curly-tailed or boot-tailed grubs for Kentucky River crappie. An expansion of the Fishing in Neighborhoods program (FINs) will bring good fishing for those living in northern and central Kentucky. Providing a qual-

ity fishing experience for Kentuckians living in or near urban areas is one of the main goals of the FINs program.

Camp Ernst Lake in northern Kentucky will receive 3,750 rainbow trout this spring and 8,750 channel catfish this spring and summer. Millennium Park Lake in Danville gets 500 rainbow trout this spring and 1,600 channel catfish spread out from March, through August.

The fisheries division will stock Whitehall Park Lake a few minutes south of Lexington just off the KY 627 exit on I-75 with 3,750 rainbow trout this spring along with 4,200 channel catfish.

Two lakes in the Ft. Knox Military Reservation, Lake Carlsson and Lake Dickerson, will open to public fishing this year. Anglers using these lakes no longer need a Ft. Knox fishing permit. Lake Dickerson opened 500 rainbow trout

this past spring along with 1,600 channel catfish outside Lake Carlsson received 4,900 channel catfish.

White bass stockings over the past decade in the upper reaches of Lake Cumberland are now paying off for anglers. The population of white bass continues to improve and anglers should target the headwaters of the lake this spring with silver spoons, small shaded-colored topwaters and white curly-tailed grubs.

Dewey Lake in Floyd County is an up and comer for catfish and redear sunfish, commonly referred to as shellcrackers.

"Catfish and shellcrackers are doing well at Dewey," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "It's a pretty recent development."

Try some of these fishing destinations this spring and remember to renew your fishing license. It is well worth it.



Cooksey named First Team All-MSA, Hankins-Cole, Hicks Honorable Mention

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Senior guard Vance Cooksey was selected first-team All-Mid-South Conference on Thursday night in his only season in the league.

Cooksey was the only Pikeville player named to the 10-player all-league team, announced at the men's basketball banquet on the eve of the quarterfinals of the conference tournament at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Seniors Quincy Hankins-Cole and Justin Hicks were named to the honorable-mention list, while teammates Andre Thornton and Kyan Hines were announced as academic all-conference selections.

Cooksey led the Mid-South Conference in scoring, averaging 18.4 points per game. He finished second in the league

in both assists, averaging 4.77, and steals, with 2.13. His 50.9 percent shooting from the floor was fourth in the league.

The Chicago native is in the national Top 50 in seven different statistical categories. Georgetown College junior forward Vic Moses was announced as the MSA Men's Basketball Player of the Year. It was the second time in three seasons Moses has been player of the year in the league.

Joining Cooksey and Moses on the all-conference team is Georgetown's Eddie Gray; Campbellsville University's JaVaughn Espirit and Shawn Savage; University of the Cumberlands' Jared Cunningham and Matt Daniel; St. Catharine College's Keshon Carr and Ervin Williams; and West Virginia University Tech's Josh Proctor.

Hankins-Cole, a 6-8 senior from Roosevelt, N.Y., is averaging 12.4 points and 6.9

rebounds per game for the Bears this season. He has hit 55 percent of his shots from the floor for the year. Hicks, a 5-11 senior from Hazard, is second on the team in both scoring, 12.6 points per game, and assists, averaging 2.43. Entering play in the tournament, Hicks has scored 1,480 points in his career, which is 11th on the school's all-time scoring list.

Nine other players earned honorable mention all-conference for their play during the season. Campbellsville's Caleb Harris; Georgetown's Tyrone Shelley; Lindsey Wilson College's Kalen Kimberland and Chase Spreen; Shawnee State's Keelyyn Franklin, St. Catharine's Antoine Watson; Cumberlands' Tanner Jacobson and West Virginia University Tech's Josh Arnold and Donald Robinson were selected as honorable mention all-

conference.

Thornton is a senior from Memphis, while Hines is a junior from Green Brook, N.J. Both are majoring in business administration emphasizing management.

Campbellsville's Brett Crittenden; Cumberlands' Daniel Jacobs and Clark Sepp; Georgetown's Dillon Boggs; Lindsey Wilson's Darren Ballou and Chase Spreen; Shawnee State's Tyler Boyles, Alex Burns and Tyler Morgan; St. Catharine's Clay Johnson, Xavier Keeling, Troy Lambert and Marquis Lee; and UVA-Wise's Josh Jordan and Mark Phillips also earned academic all-conference.

Cumberlands Coach Don Butcher was named Coach of the Year. UVA-Wise product Laurus Smith was named Freshman of the Year, while the Champion of Character Award went to Shawnee State's Alex Burns.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

KIM YIOULOS is poised to compete for Team USA.

Yioulos is a Rochester, N.Y., native. She leads the Lady Bears' bowling team.

This weekend, Pikeville College bowlers will compete in sectional competition.

Pikeville College is home to one of the nation's top college bowling programs.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Sheldon Clark	24-8
Magoffin County	22-6
Shelby Vailley	21-7
Betsy Layne	20-9
Belfry	18-7
East Ridge	17-11
Pikeville	16-9
Paintsville	13-10
Prestonsburg	13-17
South Floyd	11-12
Johnson Central	11-14
Pike Central	10-19
Phelps	7-15
Allan Central	6-22
Laverne County	6-22
Plarist School	3-24

• Region Champion
• Region Runner-up

Bowling

was one of five players who made the team at that event.

"I'm excited about this because it's an opportunity to represent my country and that means a lot to me," she said. "It'll also give me more knowledge of the game and help me improve, and hopefully I'll be able to pass that along to my teammates here at Pikeville."

Yioulos, who made the Junior Gold team in consecutive years as a youth, will begin her experience with Team USA at a camp in May to be held in Arlington, Texas. If selected, she could be on the team that goes to one of four international competitions throughout the course of the summer.

"Kim is one of the top bowlers in the country," said her coach, Ron Dameron. "But I'm more proud of the person she is away from the lanes. Kim is providing that level of leadership any team needs, particularly as we head into the postea-

son."

Team USA is made up of adult, college and high school bowlers throughout the country.

Yioulos is currently one of two collegiate bowlers on the squad. "It's not something that has happened overnight for the 2010 First-Team All-American. I started bowling in leagues when I was four," she said. "My older brother Steve was always bowling, so I wanted to be like him."

It was years later that Yioulos realized the potential that bowling could bring her. "I was in high school, maybe a sophomore or junior, when I started thinking about going to college to bowl and using it to help me get an education."

She knew about Pikeville through another Rochester native, Sarah Germano, was on the 2008 national championship team. "I talked to her about Pikeville and set my mind to come here," she said.

"It's nice being away from

home and learning from a new environment," said Yioulos, who majors in elementary education. "I love Pikeville and haven't really missed being home that much at all."

Yioulos expects to stay busy this summer — "Summers are usually filled with bowling," she said — including competing in the Women's U.S. Open in June.

But for now, the focus is on this week's USBC Sectional Qualifier, where the Bears will compete in Allentown, Penn., for one of the top four spots and a berth in next month's national championships in Columbus, Ga.

"I think we have a shot to come back with a win from here," she said with understated confidence. "Then we'll come back here, work really hard and try to bring back another national championship."

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Cinema 5 — Held Over
UNKNOWN (PG-13), Mon-Fri, 9:20; Sat-Sun, (2:00) 9:20

Cinema 6 — Starts Fri., March 11
ADJUSTMENT BUREAU (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 7:00-9:20; Fri. (6:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat-Sun, (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20

Cinema 7 — Starts Fri., March 11
RED RIDING HOOD (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:10) 6:50-9:20; Sat-Sun, (1:50-4:10) 6:50-9:20

Cinema 8 — Starts Fri., March 11
MARS NEEDS MOMS 3D (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:15-9:15; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun, (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:15

Cinema 9 — Starts Fri., March 11
BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:10) 6:50-9:20; Sat-Sun, (1:50-4:10) 6:50-9:20

Cinema 10 — Held Over
RANGO (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:15-9:15; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun, (2:20-4:30) 7:15-9:15

Cinema 10 — Held Over
TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R), Mon-Thurs, 7:15-9:30

GNOME AND JULIET (G), Fri. (4:30); Sat-Sun, (2:20-4:30)