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## Former coroner, funeral home founder dies

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Nelson served the better part of four terms as coroner...

ner, before retiring in 2009. He was also the founding owner of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, was a former president of the Kentucky Coroners Association, and served on the board of directors of the Left Beaver Rescue Squad.

able person, and said the fact that he was always the top vote-getter on the ballot was evidence that the sentiment was widely held.



Roger Nelson

greatly missed," Waugh said. "He was always a top favorite politician among the people."

the courtroom and handed to County Attorney Keith Bartley, who then passed it to Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. Marshall, after reading it, hung his head and asked Bartley to break the news.

the court for a moment of silence to pay tribute to Nelson. Afterwards, District 1 Magistrate John Gobbe remarked "Mr. Nelson served this county many times, in many ways, for many years."

## Director of Hindman Settlement School dies

Jack Latta STAFF WRITER

**HINDMAN** — Mike Mullins, the executive director of the Hindman Settlement School and one of the founding members of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation, has died.

The website for Hind-



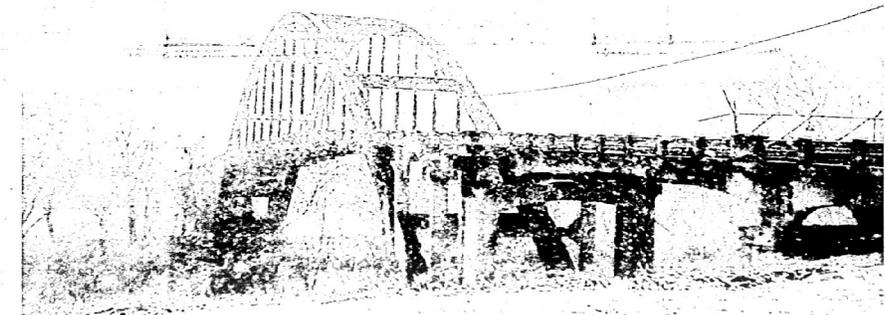
Mike Mullins

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Trees weighed down by Sunday's heavy, wet snow came tumbling down onto power lines, leaving at least 23,000 people across Eastern Kentucky without electricity. This stretch of road along Dewey Lake posed additional risk, as a tree fell onto a line crossing the road.

photos by Allen Bolling



Despite all the power problems, Sunday's snowfall gave the region a picturesque appearance.

## Heavy snow brings down power lines

Ralph B. Davis MANAGING EDITOR

The only substantial snowfall of the season might have been pretty to see and fun for the kids, but it was causing headaches for many Eastern Kentuckians.

with them and leaving thousands across Eastern Kentucky without power. At the peak of the problems, Kentucky Power reported 34,000 homes without power across its service area, from Ashland to Hazard.

lost power, and Kentucky Power said it would take until 6 p.m. Friday before all of the outages could be fixed. Closer to home, another 10,136 homes were without electricity in Floyd, Pike, Martin and a portion of Knott counties. Those

(See SNOW, page A3)

**2 DAY FORECAST Today**  
Chance of rain  
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**Tomorrow**  
Chance of rain  
High: 70 • Low: 45

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## Blackburn cracks top 5 in ARCA Series

Steve LeMaster SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** — Prestonburg driver Steve Blackburn has made an immediate impact in the 2012 ARCA Racing Series season. In a three-day span late last week, Blackburn led a practice session, qualified third and finished fourth in the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona International Speedway behind the wheel of No. 94 Harley-Da-

vidson of Pikeville, Pop's Chevrolet, Honda of Prestonburg, ECR Engines, The Fab Shop-sponsored Chevrolet. Blackburn made his way to the NASCAR-sanctioned track early in the week, eager to get started. He returned to Daytona International Speedway after participating in a testing session held at the famed track in December.

ed on Tuesday, then went through tech on Wednesday and half of Thursday," Blackburn said. Blackburn paced the intense testing session held Thursday. On Friday, Blackburn qualified third for the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200. Blackburn was running second when he pitted during the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200. Following the pit stop,



photo by Steve LeMaster  
Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn drove the No. 94 Chevrolet to a fourth-place finish in the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona International Speedway. The car he drove in the race will be on display on the Pop's Chevrolet showroom until Friday.

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# Obituaries

## Brenda Joyce Gilbert

Brenda Joyce Gilbert, age 79, of Fairborn, Ohio, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, went home to heaven on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, after a short illness.

She was born Dec. 16, 1932, in Auxier, the daughter of the late George and Elizabeth (Rice) Music. Brenda met and married her love, John Talmadge Gilbert on Dec. 22, 1951. They shared 60 amazing years together, raising five children and making their home in places from Puerto Rico to Alaska.

Brenda, or "Blue Eyes," as she was lovingly called by her family, touched many people and built friendships that she treasured throughout her life.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, as well as six brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by her husband, John, of Fairborn; her children, John and Kathy Gilbert, of Monticello, Ind., Mike and Lisa Gilbert, of Monticello, Ind., Tamara and Mike Duncanson, of Dayton, Ohio, Vana and Tim D'Aurora, of Fairborn, Tim and Carol Gilbert, of Dayton, Ohio; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many honorary grandchildren who gave her so much joy. They loved their "Mama" and will miss her greatly. She also leaves behind her brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Judy Music, of Auxier, her sister, Billie Irene Kruckhoff, of Cass City, Mich., brother-in-law, James T. Craft, of Casey, Ill., as well as many nieces, nephews, and very close friends.

Brenda's endless kindness, encouragement, patience, and love left a priceless legacy for all of us who were fortunate enough to know her.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, 422 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd., Fairborn, with Pastor Scott VanDyke officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until the time of service. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24, in the Music Family Cemetery, at Auxier.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the American Lung Association. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.BeltonStroup.com](http://www.BeltonStroup.com).

## Jason Lee Hamilton

Jason Lee Hamilton, 36, of Albion, Mich., died Feb. 14, 2012, in Michigan.

He was born Oct. 21, 1975, in Jackson County, Mich., to Andy Hamilton Jr. and Diann Hamilton.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Jeffrey Clayton Hamilton, of Albion, Mich.; a sister, Kandice Lynn Hamilton, of Albion, Mich.; a brother-in-law, Lee Martin, of Albion, Mich.; and an uncle, Danny Hamilton, of Albion, Mich.

Funeral services for Jason Lee Hamilton were held Sunday, Feb. 19, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Andy Hamilton Cemetery, at Tinker Fork.

Roberts Funeral Home, of Robinson Creek, was in charge of arrangements.

## Bobby Ray Hancock

Bobby Ray Hancock, 76, of Betty Layne, husband of the late Betty Hancock, died Feb. 16, 2012, at the Paul H. Hill Regional Medical Center.

He was born April 7, 1935, at Martin, the son of the late Herbert and Marie Roberts Hancock. He was a construction worker and strip miner, and he was a member of the Benedict Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Jacqueline Cline, and two nephews, Douglas Hancock and Dennis Cline.

He is survived by a son, Roy Gibson, a daughter, Tammy Caudill, two brothers, Thomas E. Hancock and Clyde E. Hancock, three grandchildren, Jacquelyn Cline, and two nephews, Douglas Hancock and Dennis Cline.

Funeral services for Bobby Ray Hancock were held Monday, Feb. 20, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Bill Collins officiating. Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Garry Neal Howell

Garry Neal Howell, 62, of Prestonsburg, husband of Kathy Miller Howell, died Feb. 16, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 1, 1949, in Floyd County to the late David Howell and Irene Akers Burkett. He was a retired truck driver.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Garry Neal Howell Jr., one brother, Billy Howell, and one granddaughter, Isabella Faith.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Jennifer (Danny) Webb, Billie (Jerome) Moore, Terry (Frank) Webb and Sherry (Mark)

Cornette; three brothers, David Gene Howell, Jimmy Howell and Hershel Akers; and eight grandchildren, Matthew, Justin, Brittany, Brandon, Noah, Connor, Grace and Kobe.

Funeral services for Garry Neal Howell were held Sunday, Feb. 19, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Jimmy Brown officiating. Burial followed at the Music Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Betty Tackett Little

Betty Tackett Little, 60, of Hi Hat, wife of the late Ray Little, died Feb. 15, 2012, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 6, 1943, at Price, to the late Curt and Oma Tackett. She was a retired housekeeper for St. Joseph Martin Hospital.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, Gary Randall Tackett, of Kent, Ohio; Larry R. Tackett, of Shepherdsville; Kenneth Tackett, of Garretttsville, Ohio; Morris Tackett, of Price; Larry Johnson, of Canton, Ohio; Bobby McGuire, of Price; Eula Scott, of Winchester; Teresa Miller, of Bardonia; and Connie Roberts, of Cox's Creek.

Funeral services for Betty Tackett Little were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at the Curt Tackett Family Cemetery, at Price.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## Michael Lee Mullins

Michael Lee Mullins, 63, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012.

He was born June 22, 1948, at Hi Hat, to Mildred Dawson Mullins and the late Henry R. Mullins. He followed his dream of going to Berea College and became the family's first college graduate in 1971.

While at Berea he managed to catch the eye of Frieda Mae Smothers and somehow convinced her to elope to Tenn., with him on Oct. 30, 1971. They then spent some time in Cincinnati while Mike finished his Masters of History at the University of Cincinnati.

Mike and Frieda returned to Kentucky, where Mike took a job at Alice Lloyd College. In 1977,

Mike became the Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School. He got there just in time to enjoy an easy first winter of broken pipes and decaying buildings. The job grew on him, and became his life's mission. He decided to stay for 34 years.

On Feb. 19, Mike left this world while exercising. If you knew him, you understand that it was fitting that he met Jesus while in a full sweat and ready to tackle a challenging workout. We will never understand why his precious heart stopped but that second so we must choose to believe that God simply needed the most energetic, loving man as part of his kingdom.

Mike is survived by his girlfriend of 40 years, Frieda; his son, Nathan, and daughter, Stacy, of Middleboro; daughter, Brenda, and son-in-law, Darrin, of Georgetown; daughter, Cassie, and son-in-law, Stephen, of Cynthia; and very special "adopted" son, Ronald J. Costanzo. He leaves behind five beautiful grandchildren that he adored: Riley, Lily, Bailey, Zach, and Sebastian. Will dearly miss their Poppy and will be sure to share lots of stories about him with their newest cousins when she arrives in August. He is also survived by his mother, Mildred; sisters, Mary Jenkins and Diane Adams; brothers, Gary and Terry; brother-in-law, Steven; and sisters-in-law, Kathy Mullins and Linda Mullins.

He was preceded in death by his sweet daddy, Herman; brother-in-law, Sammy Adams; a very special niece, Sydney Mullins; and his dearly loved cousin, Bobby J. Meade.

Funeral services for Michael Mullins will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Michael T. Powers and Robert E. Hoffman officiating. Burial will follow in the Mountain Memory Gardens at Hindman. Friends may call for visitation 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Hindman Funeral Services.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Hindman Settlement School new office building fund, P.O. Box 844 Hindman, KY 41822.

## Alma Damron Tackett

Alma Damron Tackett, 90, of Ivel, wife of the late Latt Damron and Emmitt Tackett, died Feb. 16, 2012, at Salyersville Health Care Center.

She was born Feb. 26, 1921, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Jack Hall and Belle Endicott Hall. She was a homemaker and a member of the Dis-

able American Veterans Ladies' Auxiliary. She was a member of Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Damron; four brothers, Glenn Hall, Alonzo Hall, Dock Hall Jr. and U.S. Army Staff five sisters, Alpha Maeobon Williams, Irene Osborne, Totsie Howard, Ruth Hall and Bonnie Williams.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Darren Damron and Latta Knapp, and great-grandchildren, Jeremy, Bobby, Kaleigh, Wesley and Dustin.

Funeral services for Alma Damron Tackett were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Mary Etta Tackett

Mary Etta Tackett, 61, of Harold, wife of Junior Tackett, died Feb. 17, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center. She was born Dec. 31, 1950, in Pikeville, to the late Mack and Vossie Anderson Blair. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Donnie Blair, and sisters, Lois Thacker and Martha Blair.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Solie (Angie) Tackett (Mrs. Dave) Dunn, Angela (Dennis) Tackett, Joyce (Darcy) Howell and Eula Tackett; brothers and sisters, David Blair, Roger Blair, Diana Hopkins, Judy Thacker, Janie Tackett, Betty Damron and Elizabeth Holston; 10 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mary Etta Tackett were held Monday, Feb. 20, at Lower Toler Church of Christ, with Tommy Bush and Dennis Conley officiating. Burial followed in the Roberts Cemetery, at Harold.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## John M. "J.M." Turner

John M. "J.M." Turner, age 91, passed away Satur-

day, Feb. 18, 2012, at Hoskice of Butler and Warren Counties.

He was born Dec. 15, 1920, to William and Jay (Click) Turner. He served our country in the U.S. Army during WW II. He was a construction worker with McGraw Construction for 30 years retiring in 1982. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Little Family Church. He loved the Lord, his family and never met a stranger. He was an avid gardener and hunter.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth Turner in 2011; his parents; sister, Burlie "Gail" Wallace, and brothers, Charles "Bud", Graham "Cannie" and Harry B. "Pete" Turner.

John is survived by his children, Charles (Auff) Turner, of Middletown, Ohio, Brenda G. (Jeff) Brandenburg, of Franklin, Ohio, Joel M. (Becky) Turner, of Whitesville, Ohio, James A. (Debi) Turner, of Trenton, Ohio, Emma J. (Tim) Kuhlman, of Hamilton, Ohio, and Mary E. (Stephen) Bush, of West Carrollton, Ohio; grandchildren, Jason M. Kelly, Jennifer, Charles, Justin, Turner, Toby L. Ballard, Todd M. Ballard, Krisy Ann Baker, Sara Ruth Marshall, Jeremi J. Turner, Latisha Jackson, Chad M. Kuhlman, Carol A. Kuhlman, Brianna M. Bush and MacKenzie E. Bush; 14 great grandchildren; sisters, Geneva "Blacken" Huston, of Trenton, Ohio, Margaret Bernice "Pippi" Hicks of Trenton, Ohio, Jacqueline "Jackie" Hopper of Harlan, Patricia "Gub" (Jack) Fletcher, of Monroe, Ohio, and Rosemary "Mary" (William) McQuire, of Middletown, Ohio.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Baker-Stevens-Parramore Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m., at the funeral home with Elder Marcus Huff officiating. Interment will follow at Butler County Memorial Park with the Middletown Combined Honor Guard performing military services. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.bakerstevensparramore.com](http://www.bakerstevensparramore.com).

## Daniel Wesley Wright

Daniel Wesley Wright, 22, of Prestonsburg, died Feb. 16, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was born Dec. 2, 1988, in Martin, to Randy and Dolly Badley Wright. Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Old Time Baptist Church, at Printer, with burial following in the Wright Family Cemetery, at Arkansas Creek.

# Mining restrictions overturned on appeal

**Ralph B. Davis**  
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — A three-judge Court of Appeals panel overturned Friday a lower court's affirmation of restrictions

placed on a Floyd County surface mining project, sending the matter back to the Energy and Environment Cabinet to either remove the restrictions or reject the mining permit altogether.

Miller Brothers Coal had originally filed suit against the Cabinet, alleging that regulators had overstepped their authority in placing restrictions on a mining project at Wilson Creek. In September, however, Franklin Circuit Judge Thomas D. Wingate ruled against Miller Brothers. Friday's decision reverses that ruling.

Miller Brothers had originally sought to mine about 2,000 acres of Wilson Creek in 2008, when the Floyd County chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth petitioned the Cabinet to de-

clare the area as unsuitable for surface mining. In its petition, KFCC alleged that the land was a "natural hazard land" subject to frequent flooding; landslides and subsidence; was a "historic land" due to the presence of the Cedar Cliffs rock outcropping; and was a "renewable resource land" because Wilson Creek constitutes part of the headwaters of the Big Sandy River.

The Cabinet refused to designate the land as unsuitable for mining, but in so doing imposed five restrictions on Miller Brothers if it were to mine

the area. Those restrictions included:

- Prohibiting the use of Wilson Creek Road and Big Fork Road for hauling coal or accessing mining and reclamation operations.
- Requiring "forested post-mining land use in the petition area."
- Requiring sediment control plans to emphasize flood prevention by "providing adequate detention to restricted pre-mining discharges at or below pre-mining levels."
- Requiring secondary sediment control measures and the "best management" practices in addition to the primary sediment control measures.
- Prohibiting the approval of approximate original contour variances.

Judge Jeff S. Taylor, Senior Judge Joseph E. Lambert and Judge Denise G. Clayton unanimously reversed the Cabinet and Wingate. In so doing, the panel declared the administrative regulation used by the Cabinet in making its ruling to be "contrary to Kentucky law and more stringent than" federal law, and therefore ruled the regulation "null, void and unenforceable."

"In this case, the Cabinet expressly refused to make a finding of unsuitability, yet proceeded to impose restrictive conditions consistent with an unsuitability determination," the panel wrote in its opinion. "It is for the Cabinet to reconsider and to rectify this discrepancy on remand."

"Either the petition area is unsuitable for all or certain types of surface mining, and consequently subject to imposition of restrictive conditions; or it is not," Wingate contended. A Cabinet spokesperson said the Cabinet is still reviewing the ruling and has not yet determined whether to comply with it or to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

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# Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits. Editor's Note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: [feifeatures@floydcountytimes.com](mailto:feifeatures@floydcountytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### Free clothes & household giveaway

The Middle Creek Volunteer Ladies' Auxiliary will give free clothes and household items to anyone in need on Friday, Feb. 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department, on Route 114.

For more information, contact Debra Faye Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525.

### Donations of any kind are accepted.

### Floyd County Job Club

The Floyd County Job Club meets every Thursday, from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg. This free job club is sponsored by Eastern Kentucky University's Career Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program and the Office of Employment and Training. At the club, you will get job leads, job search advice and networking opportunities that will help you get hired. All are welcome and first-time visitors are encouraged to come 30 minutes early for a new member orientation. Call (606) 886-2948, for more information.

### Allen VFD membership drive

Allen Volunteer Fire Department is now holding a membership drive. Meetings are held every Monday night, at 6:30 p.m., at the station. Please stop and help your volunteer fire department or call Chief Roy Compton at (606) 791-1790.

### Revival

Upper Salt Creek United Baptist Church will host a revival, beginning Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., weather permitting. The evangelist

will be Bro. Ollie Smith. Call Pastor Clyde Williams for directions, (606) 785-2976.

### Volunteer mentors wanted

Mentoring for Second Chance is a jail-based service program designed to help reduce recidivism and promote positive growth by linking nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or [Jkinzer@M2Comp.org](mailto:Jkinzer@M2Comp.org).

### Veterans service office

VFV Post 5839 in Lancer will have a service officer available every Wednesday, from noon until 4 p.m. Some services offered will be initial claim filing, upgrades, appeals, permanent and total claims and others.

### Contact (606) 886-9428 or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

### Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887. Communities Against Drug Addiction - Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Allen Baptist Church.

### Autism Awareness & Support Group

2nd Monday of each month, Calvary's Call Church, Lancer. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, [castkyautismawareness@gmail.com](mailto:castkyautismawareness@gmail.com).

### Autistic Children Support Group plans

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

### Non-profit agency needs foster parents

Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial consultation/ 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 606-860-0163 or visit our website at [www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/](http://www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/).

### Foster parent info

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

### 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.

### ECHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

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

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

### Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be helped by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program.

Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Assistance Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

### OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs

with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse.

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. [www.drugsno.com](http://www.drugsno.com)

### Auxier Community Center

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

### Free Bible Lessons

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

### Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

Tuesdays, in 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.

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

### Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

### Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of US 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.

### Democratic Woman's Club

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Prestonsburg City Hall.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party! The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance. Limit 40 guests. Call 886-2660 for more information.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7654.

### 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929. In Johnson, call 789-6515. In Magoffin, call 349-2217. In Pike, call 432-2775, and in Lawrence, call 628-4067.

### Looking for a Support Group?

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

### Domestic Violence Support Group

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

### Overeaters Anonymous Meetings

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

### US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group

For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of

each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

### Community Weight Loss Support Group

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

### Domestic Violence Hotline

24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Hurt to Hurt."

### Disabled? You may be eligible for grant money

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

### A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)

Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Debra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to [doshlone@castky.net](mailto:doshlone@castky.net).

### PARENTS!

Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can receive a Support Group meeting while staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

### East Kentucky S.T.A.S. Homeschoolers

Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

### Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

Each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor May Tower, Pikeville. Modest Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or [christophercook@hotmail.com](mailto:christophercook@hotmail.com).

## Blackburn

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Blackburn managed to work his way from 30th up to the fourth-place position. On Tuesday, the weather hindered Blackburn's progress during the productive week.

"Overall, the weather was great," Blackburn confided. "It only rained one time."

Between practice and the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200, Blackburn and his race team didn't have to do much to the No. 94 car.

"This is by far the best racecar that we've had here," Blackburn said. "There's a lot under the hood."

Prestonsburg native Lorin Ranier

spotted for Blackburn during the ARCA race. Ranier is currently a spotter for NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Jamie McMurray.

In addition to Ranier, longtime crew chief Gary Hostettler, Sharon Hostettler, Reggie Caudill, Shawn Blackburn and veteran Sprint Cup crew chief Mike Abner were also instrumental in Blackburn's fourth-place finish.

Blackburn plans to race in the Talladega ARCA 250 on the newly-constructed Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama on May 4.

The former NASCAR weekly racing series regional champion

has had success at the Alabama track before. In a previous race at Talladega Superspeedway, Blackburn was running second behind then-future NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano when he had a left-rear tire go flat.

"We're very excited about having the opportunity to go back to Talladega," Blackburn said. "We've had success there in the past and the track is similar to Daytona."

Racefans can see the No. 94 Steve Blackburn Motorsports Chevrolet at Pop's Chevrolet during Friday.

Kentucky Power advised that residents not approach a downed power line, no matter how harmless it might appear. Customers can report downed lines by calling Kentucky Power at (800) 572-1113 or by contacting local emergency officials.

## Snow

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outages were estimated to be fixed by midnight Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the situation improved dramatically. Floyd, Pike, Martin and a portion of Knott counties had fallen to 3,692 by noon Tuesday, while a number of homes still affected in Breathitt, Clay, Les-

lie, Perry and Owsley counties had fallen to 9,936.

In a statement, Kentucky Power said workers began repairing the damage immediately, and additional work crews were brought in to assist. A total of 740 workers are currently engaged in restoration efforts.

## Mullins

man Settlement. School reports that Mullins died Tuesday night of a heart attack during exercise.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Michael T. Powers and Robert E.

Hoffman officiating. Burial will follow at Hindman Memory Gardens at Hindman. Friends may call for visitation 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Hindman Funeral Services.

Mullins received his BA in American History from Berea College before continuing his education at the University of Cincinnati, where he received his MA in American History. He was chosen Knott Countian of the Year in 1995.

A full obituary appears on page A2.

## Two charged with stealing utility trailer

Ralph B. Davis  
MANAGING EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Two men were arrested Monday, after police say they stole a utility trailer full of construction tools.

Spencer Nauman, 21, and Charles D. Plummer, 48, both of Paintsville, were each charged with one count of theft and were taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention

Center. Nauman has since made bond, while Plummer remains incarcerated.

According to Kentucky State Police, Goggans Construction reported the theft Monday. Trooper Jimmy Strawn investigated the incident and was able to locate the trailer, its contents and Nauman and Plummer.

Paintsville Police Department assisted with the investigation.

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# Amendment

## Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time; but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

### Amendment I

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

## Guest View

### A legislative perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

When it comes to high school dropouts in Kentucky, one number in particular stands out: 33.

This is how many students, on average, walked out of the classroom each and every school day in 2010, amounting to 6,200 students over the entire year.

It's a staggering figure, and for many of these young adults, it's a decision that will hinder them for the rest of their lives, especially in an economy that now all but requires a college diploma to succeed. By not graduating high school, this group will collectively earn about a billion dollars less than their other classmates, as they will cost the state tens of millions of dollars more because of greater need for government services.

Over the last several years, the Kentucky House of Representatives has worked with Governor Beshear, First Lady Jane Beshear, the Kentucky Board of Education and other educational organizations to try to reverse this trend. A critical step is raising the dropout age from 16 — where it has been since at least the 1930s — to 18.

The House has passed this several times and took it up again on Thursday, in the hope that this will be the legislative session in which Kentucky joins the 21 other states that have already taken the same step. If this legislation does become law, the compulsory school age would rise to 17 in 2016 and then to 18 the following year.

We know that raising the dropout age is not enough by itself; it will take a renewed effort to engage these students so they want to be better prepared for the future. Still, this is far more preferable than letting them make a decision that will adversely affect them — and all of us — for decades to come.

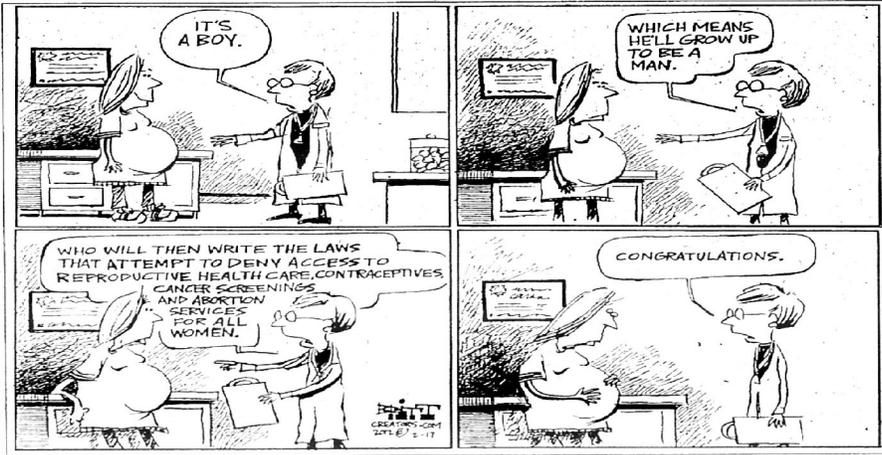
As we move forward to help these children in school, the House is also pushing to take a closer look at children caught up in the judicial system. Because of that, the chamber unanimously voted for legislation to set up a task force to study several different aspects of these cases. This includes status offenses — violations like truancy that would not be an issue if committed by an adult — and how best to handle children 10 and younger who are charged with a crime. If this becomes law, the task force will also better gauge what effect domestic violence situations have on children.

In other action this past week, the House voted for two bills centered on elections. The first would require all candidates running for statewide office to file their election finance reports electronically, beginning in 2015, while the second would greatly reduce the costs for special elections that are necessary when there is an open seat in the General Assembly and only one candidate is on the ballot.

In these situations, voting could take place at just the county clerk's office or another designated site, negating the need to staff a full election outside of the traditional dates in May and November. The bill is named in honor of former state Rep. Dewayne Bunch, who was critically injured last year in Whitley County while breaking up a fight in the school where he taught. After he resigned, his wife was the sole candidate on the ballot to complete the remainder of his term.

Now that the first half of the legislative session is behind us, and the major issues are known and getting the public vetting they deserve, the House and Senate are poised to see the level of debate increase significantly over the next month and a half. This week, my bills to bring the University of Pikeville into the state system and to crack down on prescription drug abuse are both scheduled to have their first appearance in committee.

As always, if you would like to let me or any other legislator know your views, you can leave a message for us, toll-free, at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.



## Senate week in review

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner

It has been said that a legislative session is a marathon, not a sprint. That is an important adage to keep in mind as we pass the 13.1 mile mark in this year's journey. Thirty days in progress is being made on some of the biggest issues before this General Assembly — drug abuse, the budget, and redistricting.

Drug abuse (especially "pill mills" and "meth labs") is a scourge in our State. On both sides of the aisle, on both ends of the Capitol, we all agree on that. It is at this juncture the legislature is taking very seriously, and one we have pledged to address.

We are considering legislation to tackle drug abuse in a number of ways — enhancing our KASPER prescription-drug monitoring program, strengthening licensing rules for pain management facilities, and limiting access to required ingredients for meth.

We have heard from drug-enforcement professionals from across the State and nation, as well as from researchers, counselors, and citizens concerned both with the drug epidemic as well as their own rights and freedoms.

This is a complex issue that requires thoughtful, multi-faceted solutions. That is what we are hoping for — and working toward achieving — before the session's final gavel falls in April.

The Governor's biennial budget plan is currently being considered by House members. Multiple budget subcommittees are reviewing the details of his proposal and hearing from State agencies about their budgetary needs and concerns.

It will still be a few weeks before the budget comes to us in the Senate for our consideration. The process can seem long and tedious at times, but lawmakers do not take budgeting the Commonwealth's \$19-billion biennial General Fund lightly. We want to ensure we are spending your hard-earned money in the best way possible. And in years like this one, when most all State agencies are facing painful cuts, we want to make sure that the services Kentuckians truly need and deserve are given the highest priority, and your dollars are spent wisely.

Congressional redistricting was completed late last week after long negotiations between both chambers. House Bill 302, which contains the new lines for Kentucky's six congressional districts, cleared the Senate on a 29-7 vote.

However, the new State House and Senate district lines made law in January were overturned last week in Franklin Circuit Court. That decision was appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Whether we will ultimately be running in our old districts or the ones the General Assembly approved in January is not yet known. For now, we are operating under a court order to run in the old ones, but that is part of the appeal.

Several bills received Senate approval this week. Some of the forms required by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for couples seeking a divorce would become available online under the provisions of Senate Bill 57. Supporters of the bill say that it will save money and make the process less burdensome.

Senate Bill 90 lays out a process for jurors to return money from an inmate's personal canteen account after release.

If funds have not been claimed after one year, they would then be available for the jail's account.

Senate Bill 114, which would allow medical practitioners to request an override of the "fail-first protocol" some insurers require in payment of certain illnesses, also cleared the Senate this week.

All of these bills now go to the House for consideration.

House Bill 121, which would require that any Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flags purchased or displayed by public agencies in Kentucky be made in the USA, was approved by the Senate. It now awaits the governor's signature.

Legislation may seem slow moving at times, but the vetting process is long and hard, as it should be. We want to make sure that the laws created by our work in Frankfort are best for the people we serve — that they can go the distance, so to speak. We also want to make sure you have the chance for your voice to be heard. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and concerns on this or any other legislation impacting you.

To learn more about the Kentucky General Assembly and the work of the 2012 Regular Session, visit our home page [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov). You can also call 1-800-633-9650 for a taped message containing information on legislative committee meetings. To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835. To leave a message for me, or any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also e-mail me directly at [johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov).

## House week in review

Rep. Hubert Collins

Kentucky's congressional redistricting issue has been settled by the House and Senate, with state lawmakers reaching an agreement on how to redraw the boundaries of the state's six federal districts.

The reconfigured congressional districts outlined in House Bill 302 were sent to the governor and signed into law hours after the bill's final passage in the House on Feb. 10. And, since the bill had an emergency clause attached, the new district lines took effect that same day. That was good news for Kentucky's 2012 congressional candidates, who had waited since last month to find out which districts they would run to represent.

Candidates for all six congressional seats were given an hour and a half to file for office under the legislation, which moved the filing deadline for their races to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

District lines for state House and Senate seats that will appear on this spring's primary election ballot, on the other hand, remained up in the air last week as an appeal of the recent Franklin Circuit Court ruling declaring HB 1 unconstitutional made its way to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

For now, the existing 2002 districts in which current House and Senate members ran for office remain in effect. They're the districts in which incumbents and their challengers will run for legislative office in the upcoming primary. Still, that could all change by session's end, pending a ruling by the state's highest court.

The high court is being asked by legislative leaders to overturn a lower court ruling, which essentially found that the House and Senate redistricting maps in HB 1, passed and signed into law in January, violated provisions of the state constitution and earlier Supreme Court rulings on reapportionment. A Franklin Circuit Court judge ordered that this year's legislative elections be held under the 2002

House and Senate district maps until acceptable 2012 district maps are redrawn.

With the challenge to HB 1 on what some are calling a "fast track" for Supreme Court action, this issue could be resolved sooner rather than later. State lawmakers and others involved in the election process are certainly eager for a quick resolution.

Kentucky retailers could soon know whether or not the catfish they sell must be listed by country of origin, under a bill that cleared the House Agriculture and Small Business Committee last week. HB 115 would require restaurants and other food retailers to label the catfish they sell by country of origin (U.S. or Vietnamese, for example) both at the place of business and in advertisements, and keep records of the origin of each fish.

It would also allow state inspections of retailers' catfish sales and purchase records, as well as sampling of the catfish by the state. Fines could be levied for a second or subsequent violation under the bill, which now goes to the full House for a vote.

House committee last week on whether or not to allow alternative safety markings for house-drawn buggies used primarily by Amish families on Kentucky roads.

The House Transportation Committee approved HB 133, which would allow drivers of slow-moving, motor less vehicles like Amish buggies to substitute colorless reflective tape for the triangular orange safety emblem now required by state law. Several members of Kentucky's Amish community reportedly prefer the proposed use of white or silver reflective tape on the rear of their buggies to orange emblems, which many Amish say has a gaudy shape and color that violates their religious beliefs. A bill similar to HB 133 has already passed the Senate.

The intentional viewing of child pornography — which is not yet a crime under Kentucky law — would become a felony under a bill that cleared the House

Judiciary Committee last Wednesday.

Current state law outlaws only the possession, not the viewing, of child pornography, according to committee testimony. However, the ubiquitous use of the Internet has made child pornography more readily available and the viewing of such disgusting images of children easier than ever before.

HB 126, which now goes to the full House for its consideration, would make intentional, deliberate viewing of a minor in a sexual performance a Class D felony carrying up to five years in prison. Only those who must view child pornography as part of a law enforcement investigation would be exempt from the legislation, although it would not apply to those who inadvertently view child pornography during an Internet search.

Concern for the growing number of Kentucky citizens with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, led to House approval of a simple resolution last Monday that would urge larger cities to better train their emergency personnel to deal with dementia patients.

House Resolution 25, which was unanimously approved by the House, asks cities of at least 25,000 people to provide dementia training for police, EMTs and firefighters. The legislation also adjourned the House in honor of the Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

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# 'Road to Fame' announces media sponsors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — On the heels of last week's press conference Paintsville, officially kicking off the Country Music Highway "Road to Fame" competition, the Country Music Highway committee has picked up media support from Kentucky broadcasters across the region.

The Country Music Highway's "Road to Fame" and "Arts Education Fund" was created to help increase interest and provide support for aspiring talent in an area which has given rise to such famed artists as Dwight Yoakam, John Conlee, Loretta Lynn, Ricky Skaggs, The Judds, Billy Ray Cyrus, Patty Loveless and many more.

To that end, WKYT-TV in Lexington will be the official television media partner in Central Kentucky, WYMT-TV in Hazard will be the official television media partner in South Eastern Kentucky and WOWK-TV in Charleston-Huntington will be the official television media partner in W. Virginia and NE Kentucky. WTCR 103.3 FM radio has also added its support by way of media partnership.

For more information on the Country Music Highway (U.S. Route 23), visit [www.countrymusichighway.com](http://www.countrymusichighway.com).

These broadcasters join a growing list of sponsors and advocates that include Kentucky artists Montgomery Gentry, Naomi Judd, Hall of Fame member Tom T. Hall, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, Pat Wooten, Paintsville, Ky. Mayor Bob Porter, Tour SEKY and area tourism officials, as well as corporate sponsors such as Vietti Chili, Fairway Outdoor Advertising, Gibson Foundation, Cravdada's Classics Gourmet Flavorings, PCG Nashville, Murray State University and Ray, Foley, Hensley & Company, PLLC.

The competition will be open to contestants ages 13-35 who are currently residing in or around U.S. Route 23 (Letcher, Pike, Floyd,

Johnson, Lawrence, Boyd, Greenup, Harlan, Perry, Knott, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Elliott, Carter and Cowley). Contestants will begin their journey down the "Road to Fame" competition by entering one of four qualifying rounds:

**Thursday, March 15, 1 p.m.**  
East Kentucky Expo Center [Ballroom]  
126 Main Street  
Pikeville, KY 41501

**Friday, March 16, 1 p.m.**  
Mountain Arts Center [Band Room]  
50 Hal Rogers Drive  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m.**  
Paramount Arts Center  
1300 Winchester Avenue  
Ashland, KY 41101

**Sunday, March 18, 1 p.m.**  
Sipp Theater  
333 Main Street  
Paintsville, KY 41240

Registration will begin two hours prior to the start of each audition. Age and residency rules apply, so contestants are asked to verify all requirements prior to audition date.

The grand prize winner will receive a scholarship to participate in a course of career development and coaching under the direction of PCG Nashville, valued at \$25,000, will act as an ambassador representing the "Country Music Highway" at various events throughout the year and will help promote the 2013 Road to Fame competition. Contestants will be mentored by Music Row executives Bernard Porter, Molly Smith and Mike Harris with over 50 years collective entertainment experience in career development, creative consulting, and vocal coaching.

Details of the competition and registration information are available online at [www.cmhroadtofame.com](http://www.cmhroadtofame.com).

## Industry group releases report which says coal keeps energy prices low

WASHINGTON — Kentucky residential electricity prices have declined by 7 percent since 1990, due in part to the state's reliance on domestic coal for its electricity, according to a new study released by the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. The study produced 93 percent of its electricity from coal in 2011.

The study also finds that nearly 60 percent of all Kentucky families spend an estimated 23 percent of their after-tax income on energy. However, the state's poorest residents are hit the hardest by energy costs as households earning less than \$10,000 a year spend 67 percent of their income on energy costs.

The annual assessment "Energy Cost Impacts on American Families" uses data from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Census Bureau to analyze energy cost increases since 2001 for U.S. households. Energy costs include transportation, home heating and cooling and electricity. The findings are particularly timely in light of EPA's newly finalized Utility MACT rule that, when combined with other pending EPA regulations, will increase electricity rates and other energy prices, especially in states that rely on coal for electricity.

"When government regulations increase the cost of energy, it is America's working class who shoulder the burden," said Steve Miller, president and CEO of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity. "A typical American family is now spending almost twice as much for energy today than it did a few years ago. For millions of Americans living on low and fixed incomes, surging energy prices mean less money for other necessities such as food, housing and health care."

"The U.S. is fortunate to have abundant supplies of domestic coal that help to keep electricity prices affordable in states that rely on coal," said Miller. "But new EPA regulations are making electricity and other energy sources unnecessarily expensive during a time of economic turmoil."

The Kentucky-specific analysis, "Energy Cost Impacts on Kentucky Families," written by environmental attorney and energy economist Eugene M. Trisko for ACCCE, is available at [www.aceccce.org/sites/default/files/KY\\_Energy\\_Cost\\_Analysis\\_2012.pdf](http://www.aceccce.org/sites/default/files/KY_Energy_Cost_Analysis_2012.pdf).

Some of the key findings for Kentucky include:

- Nearly 60 percent of Kentucky families have gross annual incomes of \$30,000 or less, with an average after-tax income of \$20,949. Kentucky's unemployment rate of 9.1 percent in December 2011 ranked 11th highest in the nation. The median household income of Kentucky families declined by 3.5 percent between 2008 and 2010, from \$41,538 to \$40,062 per household. Kentucky's median household income in 2010 was 19 percent below the U.S. median household income of \$49,445.
- Measured in constant 1990 prices, residential electricity prices in Kentucky have declined by 7 percent while the price of residential natural gas has increased by 26 percent. The relatively low cost of electricity powered its rise in part to Kentucky's historic reliance on domestic coal for most of its electric generation.
- Energy costs are consuming the after-tax household incomes of Kentucky's low and middle-income families at levels comparable to other necessities such as food and health care. Kentucky families spend an estimated average of 14 percent of their after-tax incomes on energy. The 1 million Kentucky households earning less than \$40,000 devote an estimated 23 percent of their after-tax incomes to energy.
- The 475,000 Kentucky families with annual incomes of \$10,000 to \$30,000 — more than one-quarter of the state's population, spend an estimated 26 percent of their after-tax family budgets on energy.
- The 174,000 poorest families in Kentucky, living well below the federal poverty line and earning less than \$10,000 per year, are being squeezed hardest by rising energy costs. Many of these families receive state energy assistance to help reduce energy costs. Yet for most low-income families and for 54,000 Kentucky households receiving Social Security — representing 32 percent of all Kentucky households — rising energy costs are competing with other basic necessities for the family budget.

## Morehead State University board asks Frankfort to reject taking over UPike

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Board of Regents unanimously voted Friday to adopt a resolution for the Kentucky General Assembly to reject House Bill 260 during the 2012 regular session.

The bill would convert the University of Pikeville to a state school from a private institution.

The 11-member board voted during a special meeting held at the Adron Doran University Center.

"After reviewing House Bill 260, we (MSU) already have very limited resources and have had cuts to the budget time-after-time and the Board would simply take a shrinking pie and divide it further. I am proud of our board, after careful study of the matter and then their decision to oppose it."

"This is a big step that our Regents have taken," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "House Bill 260 would simply take a shrinking pie and divide it further. I am proud of our board, after careful study of the matter and then their decision to oppose it."

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Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo, right, recently joined with his fellow members of the General Assembly to welcome Japanese Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki, who represents his country here in the United States. Ambassador Fujisaki, who is pictured in Speaker Stumbo's Capitol office, brought a gift during his visit: 20 cherry blossom trees, which will adorn the area around Kentucky's Capitol when planted later in the spring.

## 24 indicted by Pike grand jury

Julia Roberts Goad  
HEARTLAND NEWS SERVICE

PIKEVILLE — The robbery of a nail salon in Coal Run heads the indictments handed down by a Pike County grand jury.

Kimberly Key, 44, and Kristopher Keene, 41, both of Pikeville, were indicted for first-degree robbery. Court documents allege the pair robbed the salon by threatening Kara Nguyen.

Also indicted were:

- John Maynard, 25, of Virgie, and Johnathan Weddington, 21, of Pikeville, were indicted for first-degree burglary and theft by unlawful taking in connection with a theft of a rifle, television and laptop computer from the home of Kelly Bentley and Nicky Holbrook. Maynard was also charged with persistent felony offender.

- John Maynard, 25, of Jomancy, and Tanner Speers, of Kimper, were indicted for receiving stolen property, a Honda A1V. Maynard was also charged with persistent felony offender.

- Hassel Prater, 57, of Stopover, Ronnie Zankovitch, 40, of Freeburn, and Mathew Wolford, 34, also of Freeburn, were indicted for theft by unlawful taking of more than \$10,000 of timber from Ronnie Motz.

- Gerde Williams, 52, of Pikeville, and Shawn Spurlock, 19, and Nicky Spurlock, 22, of Printer, were indicted for receiving a vehicle worth more than \$500 that had been stolen from Frank Stone.

- Scottie Johnson, 29, of Pikeville, was indicted for second-degree assault for cutting Troy Hamilton.

- James Brock III, 37, of Pikeville, was indicted for receiving stolen property and two counts of fraudulent use of a credit card belonging to Geneva Siltner.

- Sabrina Bowling, 29, of Shelbiana Bryant, 28, both of Pikeville, were indicted for tampering with a prisoner monitoring device and escape from custody.

- Carla Cline 38, of Pikeville, was indicted for first, second and third-degree of trafficking in a controlled substance, oxycodone, hydrocodone and xanax, and DUI, second offense.

- Walter Fick III, 42, of Melvin, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, oxycodone, and tampering with physical evidence.

- Eric Tackett, 33, of Beaver, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, oxycodone.

- Malinda Mason, 32, of Whitesburg, and Kristy Parsons, 34, of Betsy Lane, were indicted for theft by unlawful taking from Walmart, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, oxycodone, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Scott Blackburn, 49, of Freeburn, was arrested for promoting contraband in a detention facility.

- Don Adkins, 73, of Pikeville, was indicted for theft by failure to make a required disposition of property.

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# 19 graduate from SKED entrepreneurial training classes

PIKEVILLE — Nineteen current and aspiring small business owners received certificates of completion from the "Entrepreneurial SMARTS: Simple Methods And Really-based Training for Success" program Thursday night in Pikeville.

These men and women, from Pikeville and surrounding counties, participated in four classes where they were instructed in the basics of starting, financing and operating a business and planning for its success. Class participants were given the tools needed to determine whether business ownership is for them and one-on-one training to assist them in developing that dream this month.

Graduates include: Debora Branham, of Prestonsburg; Lisa Carter, of East Point; Missy Carter of East Point; Chris Chapman, of Ransom; Bennie M. Cobb, Jr., of Kimper; Eric-Elswick, of Prestonsburg; Tony R. Ison, of Ransom; James Johnson, of McRoberts; Calvin Lawson, of Banner; Tony Lawson, of Betsy Lane; Ron Lindsey, of Pikeville; Crystal Shepherd, of

David; Suzanne Stumbo, of Pikeville; Billy Sturgill, of Whitesburg; Tony VanDine, of Pikeville; Sister Kathleen Weigand, of David; Cindy Wheat, of Pikeville; Heather Whitt, of Pikeville; and Joyce Wilcox, of Hueysville. Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) is offering the nationally recognized entrepreneurial and small business training program to residents in 10 communities across its 42-county service area in the coming months.

Future training sites include: Greenburg, Somerset, Middlesboro, Camp-ton, Stanford, Hazard, Jamestown, Morehead and Corbin. Visit [www.southeastkentucky.com](http://www.southeastkentucky.com) for more information, training locations and dates and online registration.

Pat Bradley, SKED small business training specialist, and Tamara Clontz, an independent consultant and member of B2B CFO Partners LLC, are presenting the classes. Both are trained in presenting the Core Four® Business Planning



Course, the basis for Entrepreneurial SMARTS training.

This nationally recognized course is valued at \$250 per student. However, due to financial support through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) combined with financial support from SKED, participants pay a mere \$25 charge per person.

Graduates had good things to say about the training.

"This is a super pro-

gram to get beginning entrepreneurs to think through the process of starting a business," said Entrepreneurial SMARTS graduate Suzanne Stumbo.

"This is a wonderful investment of time and money for anyone," said Crystal Shepherd, an Entrepreneurial SMARTS graduate from David.

SKED has been providing support for new business development and small business expansion throughout South-

east Kentucky for some 15 years. This entrepreneurial and small business training program is designed to supplement SKED's work to develop successful and sustainable small business ownership in Southeast Kentucky. Graduates are now eligible to apply for business startup or expansion funding from SKED's loan funds.

SKED was formed 25 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast

Kentucky. The economic development organization, based in Somerset, serves a 42-county region in Southeast Kentucky. Staff works with business owners, small and large, throughout its service area to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion and working capital needs.

For more information about SKED's services or the training program, visit [www.southeastkentucky.com](http://www.southeastkentucky.com).

# New pastors invited to 'get acquainted' with Kentucky Baptist Pastors

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Baptist pastors, church staff members and their spouses who are new to their churches are invited to attend "Get Acquainted Day" at the Kentucky Baptist Building on Tuesday, March 20.

Get Acquainted Day is designed to help build relationships and welcome new church staff members—especially those who have not served in Kentucky before—to ministry in the commonwealth. The one-day event will familiarize new church staff members with Kentucky Baptist Convention resources and ministries.

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Leader Karl Babb said the event will also give pastors and church staff members a chance to connect with others who are in the similar situation of being new.

"We want to address the sense of isolation that new ministers sometimes feel due to geography or the varying sizes of churches in their area and help them identify things they have in common with their fellow ministers," Babb said.

Babb said pastors or church staff members who are not new to Kentucky but have never had an opportunity to visit the Kentucky Baptist Building are also invited.

The schedule includes an overview of

the Kentucky Baptist Convention and its ministries, a Kentucky Baptist Building tour, an address by KBC Executive Director Paul Chitwood, and presentations on the Cooperative Program and the KBC's More for Christ spiritual renewal emphasis.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m., EDT with registration and fellowship; sessions are 10 a.m. through 3:45 p.m.

The Kentucky Baptist Building is located at 13420 Eastpoint Centre Drive, Louisville.

The event is free and includes a complimentary lunch. To register, go to [www.kybaptist.org/welcome](http://www.kybaptist.org/welcome).

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The Kentucky Baptist Convention is a cooperative missions and ministry organization made up of nearly 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in Kentucky. A variety of state and worldwide ministries are coordinated through its administrative offices in Louisville, including: missions work, ministry training and support, church development, evangelism and more.

For more information, visit the KBC website at [www.kybaptist.org](http://www.kybaptist.org), find "Kentucky Baptist Convention" on Facebook or follow "kybaptist" on Twitter.

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# State's largest health literacy event set for March 22-23

LEXINGTON — The third annual Health Literacy Kentucky Summit is set for March 22-23, 2012 and registration is open.

To register, visit to <http://www.cccentral.com/live/3748>. Questions or other requests may be directed to Jane Bryant at 859-323-5715 or [jrbryant@uky.edu](mailto:jrbryant@uky.edu).

Continuing Education credit is available for doctors, psychologists and pharmacists, among others.

"Health Literacy" can be defined as the ability to read, understand and use healthcare information to make decisions and follow instructions about treatment of one's personal health. Some estimates find fewer

than half of all Americans to be health literate. Health Literacy Kentucky is a partnership of more than 35 organizations dedicated to improving Kentucky's health through improved health literacy.

All health care providers and support staff, as well as the general public, are invited to the Health Literacy Kentucky Summit, billed as the best annual opportunity in Kentucky to advance awareness, knowledge and skills related to communication about health care. This year's theme for the event is "Building your health literacy toolkit." Numerous discussions, interactive workshops and

skiller-building sessions are slated to help improve patient communication on all levels.

Christina Cordero, PhD, will deliver a keynote address entitled "What did the doctor say? Advancing health literacy through Joint Commission Standards and Initiatives."

Dr. Cordero is an Associate Project Director in the Department of Standards and Survey Methods, Division of Healthcare Quality Evaluation at The Joint Commission.

Summit speakers include Cindy Brach, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Audrey Riffenburgh, Plain

Language Works, LLC; AI Cross, Institute for Rural Journalism; and Bruce Rector, Monday Morning Message. Interactive workshops will provide a health literacy toolkit of skills and resources, and cover such topics as Health Literacy 101, Plain Language Basics, Usability Testing, TeachBack, Social Media and Electronic Health Records. Contributors will provide and posters will highlight local/regional health literacy research and activities.

The third annual Health Literacy Kentucky Summit is sponsored by: Humana, UK Healthcare, Western Kentucky University,

# This Week in Frankfort

FRANKFORT — First, some quick background on legal gambling in Kentucky.

The Commonwealth's 1891 Constitution forbids what it calls "lotteries and gift enterprises," a polite way to say "gambling." In 1931, the Court of Appeals ruled that pari-mutuel wagering on horse races (requiring, as it theoretically does, skill instead of chance) did not violate that prohibition. And so the Court explicitly legalized a nebulous area of the law, which was being routinely skirted anyway.

In 1987, a long-shot candidate for governor won on a promise to bring a state lottery to Kentucky. After the long shot came in, in very short order the Legislature approved a constitutional amendment to allow it. The voters said yes in November '88.

Since then, despite many proposals, endless discussion and several attempts, no general lottery has been approved (charitable gaming aside). Meanwhile, six full-blown casinos have opened across the state's river, drawing money and crowds and profits and tax revenues, and calls by some for Kentucky to get its share of that lucrative pot. Many Unbridled Spirit license plates are in those cross-river parking lots, gambling proponents say.

In 2007, a candidate for governor ran and won on a platform that specifically featured expanded gaming. In his first term, he took it to the Legislature and it failed. Now, in his second term, he's back again, and a new bill to that effect — delayed till nearly mid-session because of the Legislature's protracted redistricting uncertainty — was served up to lawmakers and the public this week.

It takes the form of a constitutional amendment that would allow for seven casinos in Kentucky, five at state racetracks and two others freestanding. Which of the state's eight racetracks would get casino licenses isn't specified; nor are locations for the two non-track facilities. There is, though, a sort of "no-compete" clause in the bill that says a freestanding casino can't be within 60 miles of a track.

The amendment would have to be passed by the Legislature in bill form, then approved as a constitutional amendment for voter say or nay on the November ballot.

For now, though, questions have been raised. Specifically tethering casino licenses to racetracks has in itself generated resistance to the proposal, with some saying special treatment for one industry shouldn't be written into the constitution. The 60-mile restriction has also proved problematic with some, creating as it apparently does market monopolies and eliminating great swaths of the state from consideration for a freestanding facility.

The proposal contains a list of supposed beneficiaries from casino tax revenue, including job creation, education, human services, health care, veterans programs, local governments, and the state's troubled horse industry. However, it was quickly pointed out that there's no real specificity in that broad, encompassing list, and no divvying up by percentage, so it can be read as fairly

empty language. One leader said it was "well just say any tax revenue 'goes into the General Fund.'"

The governor said Thursday he was "welcoming all of the suggestions," and said he may bring a revised and simplified bill.

It should be noted that any constitutional amendment, let alone one fraught with as many political landmines and powerful opposition as this one, faces steep challenges in becoming law. Amendment proposals require a supermajority three-fifths approval in both chambers (60 House members and 23 senators).

Assuming it clears that hurdle — no casual assumption by any means — the amendment would then be loose for months in an inevitable blizzard of TV, radio, and print ads from both sides that would bury voters with conflicting takes on a controversial issue.

Especially in a Presidential election year, voter turnout Nov. 6 might be enormous.

Recent history may not be predictive here, but it's surely instructive. Expanded-gambling bills have gone basically nowhere in nine legislative sessions over the last 11 years. House committees have passed out a few, but only one — a video lottery terminal bill during a 2009 special session (called "video slots") actually passed the full House. That bill didn't even get out of committee in the Senate.

In his Budget Address in January, the governor contended that casinos at the state's racetracks alone would dump one-time license fees of \$266 million into the Treasury, and there after a steady \$27 million yearly into the General Fund. Those numbers were, at estimates.

He mentioned this at a tail-end of a speech in which he sent to the Legislature a budget that — even if one-time money from the Rainy Day Fund, a tax amnesty plan and other fund transfers — comes up \$286 million short, and so envisions a 3.84 percent increase across much of state government. The Legislature is working on its version of that budget.

The argument for casino gambling is basically fiscal and economic. The argument against is largely moral and philosophical, though there are also economic arguments against gambling's impact on communities. As one key lawmaker said, each side has good arguments, which need to be well aired before the Legislature acts, if it does.

But polls have shown that most Kentuckians, whether they support or oppose expanded gaming, would prefer to have a say on the issue and settle it themselves, once and for all. The question before legislators is whether the current proposal is the right vessel for that public expression.

# Bill seeks to create independent panel to handle future redistricting

FRANKFORT — Representative Mike Nemes, R-Louisville (38th District) last week filed House Bill 407, which if passed would leave future work on redrawing legislative boundaries for House, Senate and Congressional districts to a non-partisan panel.

"Redistricting has all but shut down any meaningful work in this year's session, frustrating not only many of us in the

General Assembly but the people we represent," said Rep. Nemes. "We must work toward taking politics as best we can out of the redistricting process. It is my belief the only way we can accomplish it is by placing that responsibility in the hands of an independent panel."

Under Rep. Nemes proposal the Committee on Legislative Redistricting would be created consisting of 12 members, with

3 members each being appointed by the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and by the leadership of the minority parties in the House and Senate. This panel would be responsible for redistricting beginning in 2021. In addition the bill sets out criminal penalties for anyone attempting to influence or bribe a member of the Committee on Legislative Redistricting, which

would be a Class A felony punishable by a fine of no less than \$500,000.

Rep. Nemes adds his proposals takes portions of measures previously filed by Rep. Jim Moore, R-Elizabethtown (26th District) and Rep. Bill Farmer, D-Lexington (88th District) for the 2012 Legislative Session.

House Bill 407 was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on February 15.

# Buster Bynum Scholarship available

FRANKFORT — Two Kentucky public high school seniors will be eligible to receive the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference Buster Bynum Scholarship. The scholarship recipients will be able to apply the award toward college costs for the 2012-13 school year.

The Buster Bynum Scholarship is a one-time, \$1,000 education scholarship awarded to two deserving public school students (each receiving \$1,000) in each of the 14 member states of the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference (SESP-TC). The scholarship is named for Buster Bynum, the current treasurer,

past-president and longtime member of the SESP-TC Board of Directors, who has been a strong advocate for providing student transportation safety for more than 43 years. Prior to his retirement, Bynum served as the Virginia state director of Pupil Transportation and also held other positions in the field of school transportation. Scholarship sponsors are the Alabama Department of Education Pupil Transportation Section and the SESP-TC.

Created in 2005, Buster Bynum Scholarships are awarded to children of school bus transportation employees actively employed in public school transportation for the past

five years and where the total annual family income is less than \$75,000. Eligible students must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA and are selected based on their leadership, citizenship and service.

Each school system will select a local winner and submit the winning application to the SESP-TC Selection Committee no later than May 15. The two finalists will be notified no later than May 25.

For more scholarship information and deadlines for local application submission, contact your local school district's director of Pupil Transportation or school counselor.

# Senate committee narrowly passes meds-for-meth bill as advocates start their own radio advertising campaign

In the face of a strong lobbying effort by makers of over-the-counter cold medicines, a state Senate committee narrowly approved a bill today that would require a prescription for most products containing pseudoephedrine, a key ingredient used to make methamphetamine.

Senate Bill 50, approved 6-5 by the Judiciary Committee, is sponsored by Senate Majority Floor Leader Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, left, but he said he isn't sure of its chances in the full Senate, reports the Branner of the Lexington Herald-Leader. A similar bill got out of committee last year but never came to a vote on the Senate floor because it lacked the votes to pass. This year's bill would not apply to gelscaps, which are more difficult to use in meth making.

The Kentucky State Police recorded about 1,200 meth labs last year and former meth addict Melanda Adams, from Stivers' home Clay County, told

the committee she believed the bill would "cut the burgeoning number of dangerous home-made meth labs in the state." The Consumer Healthcare Products Association, a non-profit that represents the over-the-counter medicine industry, argues that requiring a prescription would "create a hardship for legitimate consumers," reports Jesse Hightower of the Courier-Journal.

Only Oregon and Mississippi have passed such laws, so Kentucky has become a firewall for the drug makers' lobby, which has bought radio commercials urging people to contact senators in opposition to the bill, contending it would "punish Kentucky families" and pushing an alternative measure that would bar people convicted of meth making from buying the medicines. Opponents of that bill say meth makers would continue to use surrogates to buy the medicine for them. Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, who voted for SB 50, called the radio

ads "scare tactics."

As of Feb. 3, the group had spent more than \$72,000 running ads on Louisville and Lexington radio stations owned by Clear Channel Communications Inc., the nation's largest radio operator, according to public-inspection files at those stations. In 2011, CHPA paid the Kentucky Association of Radio and Television Stations \$93,000 to run ads, according to public-inspection files from Cumulus Broadcasting, another major owner of stations in Kentucky.

The drug makers' ads have been running uncontested for two months, but this week a group headed by Know and Laurel County's Commonwealth's Attorney Jackie Steele, Real Facts About Meth, offered a counter ad, describing the impact of meth on communities. The group does not appear to be well funded; its website solicits contributions.

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# Sen. Rand Paul puts hold on federal synthetic drug bans

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul has put a hold on several Senate bills aimed at banning chemicals used in synthetic drugs because he feels "enforcement of most drug laws can and should be local and state issues," said his spokeswoman Moira Bagley. Green move has been criticized by other lawmakers, law enforcement and a woman from his home city whose daughter had a bad reaction to synthetic marijuana.

"When Ashley Stillwell, 19, bowed to peer pressure last August and smoked a substance called 7H, it quickly immobilized her," reports Bill Estep for the Lexington Herald-Leader. Ashley's frightened friends poured

water on her and shook her. When they couldn't rouse her, Ashley heard the others discuss dumping her body in the Barren River.

The teen recovered after she was taken to the hospital, but her mother, of Bowling Green, is frustrated by Paul's move to block the legislation. Three Senate measures passed committee last summer, and the House voted 37-98 in December to approve a ban on synthetic drug chemicals. Senate rules allow one member to place a hold on a bill. That doesn't mean it can't be voted on, but it slows the process and raises some hurdles," Estep reports.

Bagley said Paul is

concerned about banning the substances before research can be done on them. Sen. Charles Grassley, an Iowa Republican, said he sponsored one of the bills, said reclassifying the chemicals as controlled substances would not prevent research from being conducted. "We cannot have the will of just one senator obstruct the will of many," Grassley said.

In a nine high-school senior had used a substance known as K2 or Spice in the past year, the National Institute on Drug Abuse reported in December. That makes synthetic marijuana the second most-abused drug in that age group. Calls to poison-control centers about synthetic drugs have

risen from 3,200 in 2010 to 13,000 last year, Estep reports.

White House drug chief Gil Kerlikowske said his office is "urging the Senate to pass that legislation."

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Allen Burner beat the odds when it really counted.

When Allen Burner woke up on the morning of May 12, 2010, he couldn't possibly know what the day held. What he did know was that his back hurt. That wasn't anything new – he had suffered through a ruptured disc before. So it was only natural to attribute this morning's pain to his bad back.

He dressed and went to work at Community Trust Bank in Huntington, where he is market president for the Advantage Valley. His back continued to hurt, but Burner, an active golfer, had been tearing up the course in Grayson just two days ago. There was a good chance he'd ruptured his back.

The pain kept getting worse, and the usual things didn't help. About noon, he decided to go home and try to get some relief. He tried ice and heat, but neither helped.

**There was an 80 percent chance I wasn't going to make it.**

"I didn't really have any appetite, but I thought, well since I'm here I might as well get something to eat. So I ate a little bit, jumped back in the car and headed back to work."

On his way, he became nauseated and had to pull over. After vomiting, he decided he better just go home. He continued to try to alleviate the pain. Pain medication he'd been prescribed for his back didn't help. Changing positions didn't help. By now, he'd convinced himself he had a kidney stone.

### THE DECISION THAT SAVED HIS LIFE

When his wife, Tammy, arrived at their Catlettsburg home, she suggested a trip to the hospital. "But I wasn't ready yet," Burner said. About 5 p.m., with the pain so intense he was crying out, Burner was finally ready. "The pain was the worst I've ever felt," he said. "It was as if someone stuck a knife in me and just kept digging it in. It never eased up."

Burner, who not only works in Huntington but also grew up there and attended Marshall University, made the decision to go to King's Daughters Medical Center.

"We live just 150 yards from the urgent care and we could have gone there. But I know people at King's Daughters. I had a knee surgery there a while back and I know it's a first-class facility."

When Burner arrived, the ER physician ordered morphine to help with the pain. The preliminary diagnosis was a kidney stone, but the physician wanted a CT scan to be sure.

"I came back from the CT scan. I remember sitting up in the bed and I just said, 'I don't feel so good.'" That's when Burner lost consciousness.

"When I came to, they were all over me. I had IVs in both

arms and in my neck. I heard them talking and I heard the word aneurysm and I said, 'you're not talking about me, are you?'" They were.

### THE NEAR-DEATH REALITY

Just a few days short of his 56th birthday, Burner, a healthy, physically fit, active man with no family history, suffered a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, or AAA.

The abdominal aorta is a very large vessel, responsible for delivering blood to all parts of the lower body, including the internal organs, pelvis and legs. When the walls of a blood vessel become thin, or weak, it's called an aneurysm. As the walls weaken, they bulge out. Over time an aneurysm can grow and may rupture. Typically, doctors recommend surgery for aneurysms larger than 5.5 centimeters or for ones that are growing quickly.

Fewer than half of AAA patients in the nation survive the trip to the hospital. Of those who do, survival rates decline 1 percent for every minute of delay.

Vascular/endovascular surgeon Omran Abul-Khoudoud, M.D., took Burner to the operating room at midnight.

Dr. Khoudoud is one of only two board certified vascular/endovascular surgeons in the area. He specializes in caring for vascular problems – the entire circulatory system excluding the heart and brain.

Once in the OR, the extent of the crisis became obvious. Not only was the aneurysm very large – 8.9 centimeters – it had ruptured in the front. "Most patients with that kind of a rupture just die," Burner said.

Dr. Khoudoud replaced the ruptured section with an artificial graft. After three hours in surgery, Dr. Khoudoud sutured everything up and sent him to the ICU. Burner had beaten the odds.

Burner had 62 staples in his abdomen, was in the hospital six days and lost 20 pounds. "Dr. Khoudoud showed me a picture of the aneurysm he'd taken in the operating room. He said it had probably been growing for 10 years."

### WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

Dr. Khoudoud called Burner "one cool dude" because he joked and cut up all the way to surgery.

"I wouldn't have been cool if I'd known how serious it was. I thought I had a kidney stone. Talk about ignorant ... I didn't even know what a vascular surgeon was, much less that King's Daughters specializes in it."

As for being cool – Burner gives that title to Dr. Khoudoud. "He's the one

who has the skills and can operate under crisis and make it happen. He's the cool dude."

"I can't help thinking about how all of these things came together to bring me to King's Daughters."

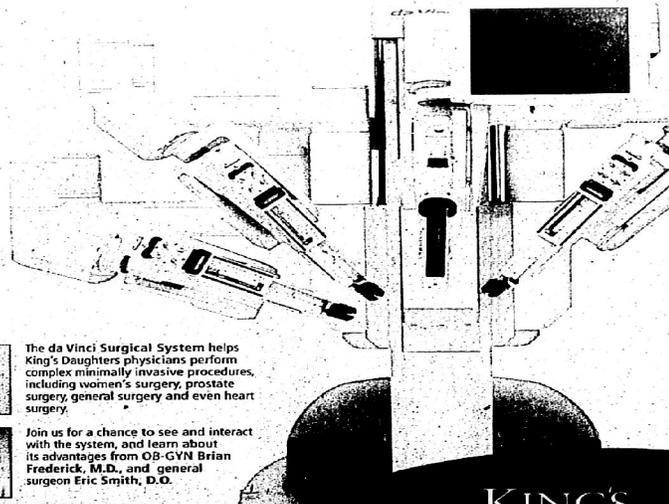
His friends call him the miracle man now. "I'm not the miracle. You look back and you recall some of the things you've done that maybe you're not proud of, and you think, 'I'm not deserving of God's grace.'"

"But you have to remember, there's nothing you can do to earn that grace – it's freely given. That's the miracle."



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## New clinic offers hope for heart failure

Heart failure is a growing epidemic in the U.S. Five million people have already been diagnosed; more than 670,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, according to the American Heart Association. The disease is responsible for almost 1 million hospital discharges and 3.4 million office visits annually.

Heart failure is a serious disease – but it can be managed successfully. And patients who manage heart failure are able not only to avoid hospitalization but also enjoy a better quality of life.

King's Daughters Heart & Vascular Center has been helping patients successfully manage heart failure for years, through its Center for Heart Health in Ashland. Now, people living in Prestonsburg and surrounding areas will be able to take advantage of the knowledge and skills of our heart failure specialists with the opening of our new Heart Failure Clinic in Prestonsburg.

Nurse practitioner Terri Hall, APRN, provides services, under the direction of cardiologist Ghassan Dalati, M.D. The clinic is located in the Kentucky Heart Institute offices at 1709 State Route 321, Prestonsburg, in the Northside Center.

As heart attack survival rates improve, the incidence of heart failure has increased, Dr. Dalati said. Damage to the heart muscle secondary to heart attacks can result in reduced heart function and congestive heart failure, he said. Other risk factors for heart failure include high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity.

Symptoms of heart failure include shortness of breath, difficulty breathing when lying down, weight gain with swelling in the legs and ankles, general fatigue and weakness.

There is no cure for heart failure, but lifestyle adjustments, medication and careful monitoring can help patients with heart failure live a more normal life, Dr. Dalati said.

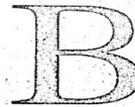
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## Blackburn finishes fourth in ARCA season-opener, Gerhart wins Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200

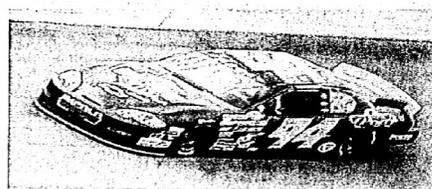
Times Staff Report

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** - February 18, 2012 - Bobby Gerhart's day at Daytona International Speedway started early with the installation of an engine fit to ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards standards, and ended with the Pennsylvania driver setting the standard himself. Gerhart led just one lap, but it was the 83rd and final one in a green-white-checkered finish, giving him his third consecutive Daytona

win and his eighth overall in 25 starts since 1988. The veteran started 42nd in the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200, forced to the back after his No. 5 Lucas Oil Slick Mist Chevrolet failed an engine vacuum leak inspection after Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell on Friday. Gerhart had qualified first, which would have given him his fifth pole at Daytona. Gerhart slowly stalked through the field, pitting twice on Laps 1 and 10 to ensure he would have

enough fuel to drive to the finish. That strategy ended up important, as race leader Brandon McReynolds (No. 4 Turner Motorsports Chevrolet) led 64 consecutive laps before running out of fuel as he drove around Turn 4 toward the checkered flag. "Well, did that just happen?" Gerhart immediately asked upon entering the Daytona media center for his post-race press conference. Gerhart touched on his Friday penalty from ARCA

officials, admitting disappointment in the decision but saying that his second engine was just as stout as the first. After all, Gerhart led the final practice earlier Saturday morning. He said his decision to pit even earlier than he did last year - Lap 5 - had been in the works for a long time. "(The second engine) ran the (speed) we had, so I said we've just got to put ourselves in position," he said. "At the beginning of



Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn finished fourth in the ARCA Racing Series season-opener at Daytona International Speedway.

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## Jarrell leads Blackcats over Paintsville

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** - The Prestonsburg Blackcats ended the regular-season on a winning note Friday, defeating visiting Paintsville 67-59 at the Fieldhouse. Diligent Prestonsburg boasted a lead at the end of each quarter.

Freshman guard Jarredd Jarrell paced Prestonsburg with 23 points. Senior Joseph Jamerson followed Jarrell in double figures, posting 11 points. Junior Trey Stapleton also reached double figures, adding 10 points for the Blackcats.

Narrowly missing double figures, Prestonsburg junior guard Bryson Williams chipped in nine points.

Prestonsburg outscored Paintsville in each of the first three quarters. The Blackcats led 15-12 through the initial quarter and carried a 34-267 lead into halftime.

The Blackcats led 46-37 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Grant Anderson, Wes Robinson and Corey Bentley contributed four points apiece for the Blackcats.

Adam Crisp added two points as Prestonsburg prevailed. Prestonsburg shot 47 percent from the field, connecting on 16-of-34 attempts. The Blackcats shot 50 percent from 3-point range, finishing 6-of-12.

Prestonsburg was 17-of-26 from the foul line, shooting 65 percent.

The Blackcats overcame 18 turnovers en route to the win. Prestonsburg ended the regular-season one game below .500, finishing 14-15. Head coach James DeRossett is in his first season at the helm of the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program.

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Allen Central defenders eyed opposing players from Lawrence County during last week's non-district matchup.

## Rebels edge Lawrence, 61-60

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**EASTERN** - Senior guard Braxton Tackett scored a game-high 20 points to lead Allen Central to a 61-60 win over Lawrence County on Thursday night. Jacob Prater scored 15 points and Micah Harlow added 12 as the Rebels prevailed in close fashion.

Allen Central led 36-33 at halftime but fell behind in the third quarter. Lawrence County used a 16-7 run in the third period to move ahead of the Rebels.

Allen Central outscored Lawrence County 18-11 in the fourth quarter. The Rebels evened their record to 14-14 after posting the win. Allen Central returned to the win column following a loss to Morgan County earlier in the week. The Rebels won for the fifth time in six outings.

With the loss, Lawrence County ended the 2011-12 regular-season 7-17 after going winless in the 2010-11 campaign.

Allen Central shot 54 percent from the field, connecting on 25-of-46 attempts. The Rebels were 4-of-8 from 3-point range.

Allen Central was 7-of-13 from the foul line in the highly-competitive non-district contest.

The Rebels had 11 assists opposed to nine turnovers. Lawrence County shot 48.1 percent (26-of-54) from the field. The Bulldogs were 6-of-12 from beyond the arc.

Logan Finley led Lawrence County with a team-high 13 points. Finley was 6-of-10 from the field. A.J. Cyrus scored 12 points and Anthony Tucker tossed in 11 for the Bulldogs.

Blake Prince had seven points and Hayden Kiser chipped in six for the Lawrence County boys. Austin Chaffin had five points. Grant Kiser four and Brandon Richardson two for the Bulldogs. Hayden Kiser claimed a game-high 13 rebounds for Lawrence County in the loss. Lawrence County ended the regular-season on a seven-game losing skid.



Senior guard Braxton Tackett led Allen Central to the win over visiting Lawrence County.

## Bobcats fend off Jenkins in regular season finale

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**JENKINS** - Betsy Layne ended the regular-season on a winning note Friday, defeating host Jenkins 60-50. The Bobcats returned to the win column following a loss to 15th Region rival Pikeville one night earlier.

Betsy Layne ended the regular-season 21-4, ranked second behind Sheldon Clark (24-6) in the 15th Region standings.

The Bobcats won for the 12th time in 14 outings.

Betsy Layne shot 42 percent (21-of-50) from the field. The Bobcats were 3-of-11 from 3-point range.

Betsy Layne was 17-of-25 (68 percent) from the foul line.

Senior Andrew Roberts paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 17 rebounds and 15 points.

Dylan Meade led Betsy Layne in scoring, registering 20 points. Meade was 7-of-8 from the foul line in Betsy Layne's win.

Accompanying Roberts and Meade and in double figures, Peyton Case contributed 10 points for the Bobcats.

As a team, Betsy Layne registered 42.35 rebounds. The Bobcats secured 22 defensive rebounds.

Betsy Layne had 16 assists opposed to 11 turnovers.

With the loss, Jenkins dropped to 9-18.

Pikeville 61, Betsy Layne 42. Betsy Layne was unable to defeat visiting 15th Region foe Pikeville in a home finale Friday night. The Bobcats had a four-game winning streak snapped as Pikeville

(See BOBCATS, page B2)

## Lady Knights drop regular-season finale to Belfry

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BELFRY** - Eleven different players broke into the scoring column on Saturday as host Belfry defeated Piarist 65-50 in a regular-season finale.

Junior guard Jackelyn Stack paced a balanced Belfry scoring attack with 16 points. Senior guard, Bethany Tackett joined

Stack in double figures, adding 13 points for the Lady Pirates.

Freshman forward Candice Gillman finished one shot short of double figures, scoring eight points for the Lady Pirates.

Belfry stopped a four-game losing streak, exiting the regular-season 12-13 after notching the win.

With the loss, Piarist ended the regular-season 5-19.

Junior guard Kelli Akers paced Piarist with a game-high 22 points. Akers scored her 1,000th point during the non-district matchup.

Cathryn Calhoun, a sophomore, accompanied Akers in double figures, contributing 21 points.

Marianna Jacobs and Laure Wright rounded out the Piarist scoring with five and two points, respectively.

Taylor Eckle claimed a team-

high nine rebounds for the Lady Pirates. Akers secured eight rebounds and Calhoun chased down seven caroms for the Piarist girls' basketball team.

Belfry packed a lead out of each quarter. The Lady Pirates led 37-26 at halftime and 54-39 at the end of the third period.

Piarist ended the regular-season on a four-game losing skid.

Belfry 65, Piarist 50. Piarist (5-19): Akers 22, Calhoun 21, Jacobs 5, Wright 2.

Belfry (12-13): Woolum 5, Justice 4, Baker 2, Elkins 5, Tackett 13, Stack 16, Williamson 4, Gillman 8, Cisco 5, Hairston 1, Wilder 2.

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# Penalties for throw-ins changed in high school basketball

Times Staff Report

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## Blackcats drop road game to Johnson Central

STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Prestonsburg Blackcats came up short on a road trip to neighboring Paintsville Thursday night. In its first of back-to-back games versus opponents from the 57th District, Prestonsburg slipped back into the loss column. Sophomore Shane Hall had a triple-double as host Johnson Central defeated Prestonsburg 74-64 at the Fieldhouse.

Hall, a Floyd County native, delivered 19 points, 19 rebounds and 11 blocks for the Golden Eagles. The standout also had two steals and two assists.

Host Johnson Central shot 43.4 percent (23-of-53) from the field. Johnson Central was 26-of-36 (72.2 percent) from the foul line.

Hall was one of five Johnson Central scorers to reach double figures as part of a balanced offensive attack. Matt Gallagher and Slade McPeck had 12 points apiece for the Eagles, who are under the tutelage of veteran head coach Tommy McKenzie. Truman Salyer scored 11 points and Dalton Adkins chipped in 10 for Johnson Central.

The Eagles carried a lead out of each quarter. After outscoring Prestonsburg 22-19 in the initial period, Johnson Central packed a 35-32 lead into halftime.

Johnson Central managed to stretch its lead over Prestonsburg out in each of the last two quarters.

Nick McKenzie and Chad Collins scored four points apiece and Braxton Blair tossed in two for the Eagles.

McPeck added eight rebounds, sev-

en assists, four steals and one block as part of a solid all-around outing for the Johnson Central boys' basketball team.

Salyer and Collins had three blocks apiece for the defensive-minded Eagles.

Johnson Central outbounded Prestonsburg 42-29 in the non-district boys' high school basketball battle.

Freshman Jarred Jarrell and junior Bryson Williams led Prestonsburg with 20 points apiece.

Grant Anderson had seven points, Joseph Jamerson six and Trey Stapleton five for the Blackcats.

Jarrin Hall, Dalton Frasure and Corey Benteley each had two points apiece for the Blackcats in the loss.

Prestonsburg shot 54 percent (21-of-39) from the field in the setback.

## Racing

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Meanwhile, Gerhart had jumped to the top 30.

Will Kimmel, who had started 21st, climbed to the top spot on Lap 47, as McReynolds continued to hold a lead of just over 0.1 second on Reed, Windom, Gale, and Buescher.

Seven cars were within a second in the line on Lap 51, and the makeup of that group changed only when Gale took a caution only pit stop for fuel on Lap 60. That move helped Buescher into fourth. A caution flag flew on Lap 69 for a Sloan Henderson crash, and Buescher improved to third when Reed drove to pit road on Lap 71 — with nine regulation laps remaining.

As the field drove under caution on Lap 74, McReynolds showed signs that he might be able to drive to the finish, working his car to the apron, off the high Daytona banks. The green flag returned on Lap 76, with McReynolds hugging the yellow line to keep the field at bay. Buescher looked to the outside to advance from third, but Windom held him away. Buescher ended Lap 77 nearly side-by-side with Windom, but all hope would go out the window when he fell back driving the outside line.

Buescher then crashed on Lap 78, setting up a certain green-white-checkered finish to decide the race. McReynolds edged Windom, Will Kimmel, and Steve Blackburn (No. 94 Harley Davidson Pikeville/Pop's Chevrolet) for the two-lap finish, starting with Lap 82.

McReynolds held the lead at the white flag, but started to wobble as he finished his final lap out of fuel. Charlson charged from behind in sixth to give Gerhart, running fifth, a push to the finish, as the two drove past the struggling McReynolds and the cars tied up in his wake. Brett Hudson (No. 09 Hudson Performance Drivelines Dodge) initially finished third, but was sent to the tail end of the lead lap for illegally passing Will Kimmel below the yellow line.

Frank Kimmel (No. 44 Ansell/Menards Toyota) and Nelson (No. 12 The Cove Dodge) were assessed the same penalty; Hudson, Ganache, and Frank Kimmel finished 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, respectively.

Blackburn finished fourth, just ahead of Mark Thompson (No. 66 Phoenix Air Toyota), Max Gresham (No. 9 Made in USA Chevrolet) was sixth, leading Brennan Poole (No. 25 Adcetera/The Ad Man Chevrolet), Windom, Alex Kennedy (No. 08 Spraker-Racing.com Ford) and Tom Henssey (No. 52 Federated Auto Parts Toyota).

McReynolds ended 11th, one spot ahead of Reed who he had led for many of his 64 laps at the front.

The five caution flags slowed the race for 25 laps. The next fastest lap in one hour, 33 minutes, and 51 seconds, at an average speed of 132.745 miles per hour, again entered a single-file line.

McReynolds, whose father Larry won the Daytona 500 twice as a crew chief in 1990 and Davey Allison, 1992; Dale Earnhardt, 1998), seemed primed to write a piece of his own Daytona history. He led the same line of cars to the halfway point, holding a 0.117 lead on Reed at Lap 40 with Windom, Gale, and Buescher continuing to follow.

that (crew chief, owner, and brother) Bill and I talked about a long time ago. We decided that if we lost, or draw, or the worst thing that could happen in that position is that we get a lap down. But we get the Lucky Dog and we're right back where we were. We looked at it and had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

Gale kept charging. There were a lot of great cars again. The way it came, we kind of needed that last pit stop. That last pit stop was a great run down the backstretch and we were matched up with a real good car behind us. I said, 'You know what? I've got absolutely nothing to lose here.' Nobody's going to remember me finishing fifth, so let's see what happens. That's what the fans come to see. It just happened at the right time, the leader took a little blip, and that was it.

That real good car, as Gerhart called it, belonged to Drew Charlson (No. 28 Luma Aluminum Trailers Chevrolet), who finished second daytona12action.jpg Charlson's car was the one driven by Ty Dillon last season at 44 laps behind the Menards Pole Award and 11th place. Charlson entered with just one previous start.

Will Kimmel (No. 68 Enterprise Software Development Ford) finished third in his first race as the primary face of Kimmel Racing. Kimmel had earned just two other top-fives since his debut in 2008.

Sean Corr (No. 82 Empire Racing/United Way Ford) ended up the Menards Pole Award winner after Gerhart's lap was disallowed late Friday afternoon. He eased to a 0.109-second lead over Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn as the field entered a single-file line after one lap. On the fourth lap he drove past Gerhart, who had dropped back to 44th with his unseasonably early pit stop.

Milka Duno (No. 33 Milka Way Chevrolet) spun on Lap 6 to bring the race's first caution, and Corr continued to lead as many of the contenders behind him drove to pit road on Lap 9. Leticia Nasser (No. 12 The Cove Dodge) then crashed when she lost her left rear tire, bringing another caution flag.

Corr drove to pit road for fuel as he finished Lap 15, handing the lead to Duno's Eddie Sharp Racing teammate, Blake Gale (No. 6 Rheem Chevrolet). Gale led off the Lap 18 green flag, but soon saw McReynolds taking charge. McReynolds, Ryan Reed (No. 15 JDRF Chevrolet), and Chris Windom (No. 32 Justice Brothers/Menards Enterprise Toyota) all passed Gale, leaving him fourth on Lap 19.

Another car scraped the wall to bring a caution flag on Lap 20, with McReynolds, Reed, Windom, and Gale in front of Chris Buescher (No. 17 Buevick/Reliance Tool/Gary Yeomans Ford Lincoln Ford). The green flag flew on Lap 24, and the field again entered a single-file line.

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## Blackcats

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Prestonsburg completed a regular-season sweep. In a game played Dec. 6, Prestonsburg defeated Paintsville 74-61.

The Blackcats exited the regular-season ranked eighth in the 15th Region standings.

Paintsville concluded the regular-season 7-18 following back-to-back losses. The Tigers dropped four of their last five regular-season games.

## Bobcats

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lile pulled away to win 61-42.

Pikeville returned to the win column following a 52-64 loss to upset-minded Magoffin County earlier in the week.

Betsy Layne was held to 25.8 percent shooting (16-of-62) from the field. The Bobcats were 3-of-23 (13 percent) from 3-point range.

Dylan Meade and Andrew Roberts led Betsy Layne with 11 points apiece. Roberts recorded a double-double, pulling down 10 rebounds.

Other scorers for Betsy Layne were Dylan Hamilton (seven points), Peyton Case (four points), Cody Luster (three points), Dustin Rogers (three points), Blake Spencer (two points), and Landon Hale (one point).

Betsy Layne shot 50 percent (7-of-14) from the foul line.

The Bobcats managed to grab 35 rebounds and record 12 steals, three deflections and three blocks. Betsy Layne, however, only had six assists opposed to 12 turnovers.

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# Muskellunge fishing spots available for late winter and early spring

by LEE MCCLELLAN  
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**FRANKFORT** - The winds still blow from the north and many days produce cold temperatures and leaden skies, but now is the time to catch big muskellunge in the tailwaters below Cave Run, Buckhorn and Green River lakes.

The smaller tailwaters give bank anglers and owners of small boats a chance at a trophy muskellunge.

"We had a report of a muskie caught from Cave Run Lake tailwater that was 52 inches long and weighed close to our current state record of 47 pounds," said Fred Howe, northeastern fishery district biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Sarah Terry caught the current state record, a 54-inch-long 47-pounder from Cave Run Lake in Nov. 2008. The Cave Run Lake tailwater holds an excellent population of large muskellunge.

"My brother Wes crappie fishes below Cave Run Lake regularly," said Mike Hardin, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "He's had a couple of days this year where he's observed people catching several muskellunge around 45 inches long and saw one caught right at 50 inches. Those are nice muskies."

Anglers must catch a muskellunge of at least 40 inches in length to qualify for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Trophy Fish/Master Angler program.

Live small bluegill and suckers draw the most interest from muskellunge in the Cave Run tailwaters. "They hit the Suick

jerkbaits and a large soft plastic lure called a Bulldog up there," said Hardin, who has fished Cave Run Lake and the Licking River since childhood. "But, live bait produces best."

Hardin said anglers should concentrate on the mouths of tributaries in the Licking River just below Cave Run Lake when the water flowing through the dam is a little high.

The best water level for them is between 900 and 2,000 cubic feet per second going through Cave Run Lake dam," Hardin explained. "This level pushes them into those tributaries seeking that warm water at this time of year. They are no doubt going through their pre-spawn behavior and they congregate in those tributaries."

To find out the flow through Cave Run Lake dam, go to the Louisville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at [www.lrl.usace.army.mil](http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil), click on the Lake and River Reports tab and then on "Cave Run."

A public boat ramp accommodates boaters just below Cave Run Dam with ample bank access. A canoe, johnboat or fishing kayak would be ideal for fishing this section of the Licking River.

Another great muskellunge spot to try right now is the tailwaters of Buckhorn Lake, a 1,230-acre lake 28 miles west of Hazard on the Licking River. The Middle Fork of the Kentucky River. The tailwater of the Buckhorn Lake holds an excellent population of 30- to 40-inch muskies. February and March are two of the most productive months to fish for them.

There's no boat ramp below the dam, but there's room to launch a fishing kayak, float

boat or small johnboat with a take-out a few miles downstream at the KY 28 bridge.

The Middle Fork of Kentucky River just below Buckhorn Dam also provides limited bank fishing opportunity to chase muskies.

In the early spring, if the water is clear and levels aren't too high, some anglers launch boats in Beattyville and motor up the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River to fish in the lower tailwaters.

Be careful while navigating this section of the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River because it is full of deadfalls that can damage the lower unit of a boat motor. Muskies congregate around flooded wood cover and are caught by casting jerkbaits to this structure.

Muskie guide Chris Haley fishes white, chartreuse or silver-colored lures in the spring, which mimic the colors of shad. Later in the year, he switches to larger yellow and orange-colored lures when muskies fatten up on carp and suckers.

The extreme drawdown of the lake to winter pool (25 feet) and the rapid, unpredictable rise to summer pool in the spring, have a big effect on fishing. The lake is often muddy and unfishable in the early spring. This makes the tailwater a much more attractive alternative for muskie fishing at this time of year.

Heavy discharges from the lake in the fall keep the tailwaters stocked with muskellunge as well.

Another productive spot to try for muskellunge is the Green River tailwater just below Green River Lake near Campbellsville off KY 55. The Tailwater Recreation Area gives anglers ample bank fishing opportunity and a boat ramp accommodates

small boats, canoes and fishing kayaks.

Anglers using a motorboat on the Green River Lake tailwater should be extremely careful as this section of the Green River contains riffles and shallow shoals. A canoe or fishing kayak would make a much better choice. For more information on floating the Green River Lake tailwater, log on to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's webpage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov), click on the "Fishing and Boating" tab, then the "Blue Water Trails" tab.

Shad-colored jerkbaits draw strikes from Green River muskellunge in the deep holes that have woody structure in them. Live small bluegills or shad worked in the same areas also work well. The area immediately below Green River Lake is relatively small and would be an excellent spot to live bait fish for muskellunge from the bank.

"Whether you live or artificial baits,

if you plan to release your muskellunge, handle them as little as possible and release them back into the water as quickly as you can," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Remember the current license year expires Feb. 29. If you plan to fish after

March 1, you'll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods section of department stores and tackle shops. You may buy one by visiting the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) or by calling 1-877-598-4601.

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## West Virginia University Tech holds off UPIKE

Times Staff Report

**PIKEVILLE** - The Golden Bears of WVU Tech scored four straight points to break open a 70-all tie and was content to trade points in the closing minutes of an 82-78 win over the University of Pikeville Saturday afternoon.

After senior Chris McHenry sank a jumper from atop the three-point stripe to tie the game at 70, Tech got a pair of free throws from junior David Rawlinson and a tip-in by senior Josh Proctor to take a

74-70 lead with 1:00 to play.

The tossup by Rawlinson were the first six straight he would make in the final two minutes of play.

The Bears scored on putbacks, primarily, while the Golden Bears hit free throws as the game ended with a four-point spread.

WVU Tech (20-7) opened the game quickly. A pair of threes by sophomore Brandon Burgraff was followed by two layups by Proctor to give it a 10-0 lead less than three minutes in.

Sophomore Josh Whitaker hit a three with 16:54 left to give the Bears on the scoreboard and commence a 9-2 run to pull within three at 12-9. Moments later, however, seven quick points for the guests made it a double-digit lead at 23-12.

Tech used a 7-2 run late to regain its 10-point edge before Whitaker nailed a three to beat the halftime buzzer and trim the lead to 40-33.

Pikeville (16-11) scored seven straight to open the second

half, and from that point on the spread was never more than five. The game was tied three times in the second half, including at 70, from which Tech pulled away.

The Bears were led by McHenry's 28 points, thanks to 13-of-16 shooting from the line. Whitaker followed with 13 while junior Chris Watson came off the bench for 11.

Whitaker led the Bears with six rebounds from his point-guard position. He also had three steals.

Tech had four players in double figures, led by senior Rahshon Tabb's 21. Robinson followed with 17. Rawlinson had 15 off the bench while Proctor tossed in 12.

Senior Eddie Hayden matched his eight points with as many rebounds to lead the Golden Bears to a 44-24 advantage on the glass.

Pikeville will close out the regular season next Saturday when it hosts U.Va.-Wise in a game set to tip at 4:07 p.m. Tech will return home on Thursday night to host Shawnee State University.

## WVU Tech pulls away in second half, defeats Bears

**PIKEVILLE** - The University of Pikeville women's basketball team suffered another loss Saturday at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center, this time falling 85-63 to WVU Tech.

The game started on a positive note for the Bears, as they were able to jump out to a 9-0 lead, which they held for most of the first half. Eventually,

though the Golden Bears' shooters began hitting on open looks from three-point range.

WVU Tech was able to take the lead on junior Amber Tully's three before going on an eight-point run. UPIKE battled back, eventually regaining the lead when freshman Christin Haney sank back-to-back threes before WVU Tech retired the game before the

half. WVU Tech began the second half with a quick 8-2 run, and from that point on the Bears' deficit only grew. The Bears had shot 50% from three-point range in the first half, but managed to shoot only 12.5 percent in the second. The Bears, now 4-25 this season, were led in scoring by freshman guard Christin Haney, who had 14 points

while playing all but three minutes of the contest. Haney was the only Bear in double figures, but fellow freshman guard Sydney Waincott had eight points and led the Bears with eight assists. Although the Bears were outrebounded 39-31, sophomore guard Brogan Conley did have seven to go along with her

nine points. WVU Tech improved to 6-21 behind a comprehensive attack led by freshman guard Nia Nolan's double-double performance. Nolan's 16 assists were a game-high complimented by her 11 points.

Junior Amy Gardner had a game-high 22 points along with nine rebounds

from the guard position. Tully added 15 points and nine more rebounds for WVU Tech.

The Bears will close out their season next Saturday when they welcome U.Va.-Wise into the Expo Center. The Golden Bears' next game will come on Thursday when they host Shawnee State University.

## Morehead State falls to Bowling Green in BracketBuster game

Times Staff Report

**BOWLING GREEN, Ohio** - Senior Scott Thomas knocked down five of his first six three-point attempts en route to a career-high 28 points, and the Bowling Green State University men's basketball team recorded a 73-60 victory over Morehead State University on Saturday afternoon at the brand-new Stroh Center.

The Falcons, from the Mid-American Conference, improve to 14-12 with their fifth win in the past six games. The Eagles, who entered the day with six victories in their past eight contests, fall to 15-14. The affair was part of the annual Sears BracketBusters event.

Thomas scored 20 points in the first half on 7-of-12 from the floor, including 6-of-10 from three-point range. Thomas, who finished 10-of-18 and 8-of-15 in those two categories, also contributed four rebounds, four assists and three steals in the win. His eight long balls were also a career best.

Bowling Green drilled 60 percent (15-of-25) from the field before the break on its way to 57 percent (28-of-49) for the game. The Falcons also converted 63 percent (10-of-16) from beyond the arc in the first half and 3-of-4 from the (44-of-26) for the afternoon.

Senior Dee Brown was the other Falcon in double figures with 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting. Junior Jordan Crawford dished out a game-best 12 assists and was credited with three steals for BGSU.

Senior Ty Proffitt led Morehead State with 18 points on 7-of-12 from the field and 3-of-4 from the charity stripe. He scored 11 straight MSU points during a four-minute stretch in the second half.

Sophomore Drew Kelly added 12 points and five rebounds in just 20 minutes due to foul trouble. He made 6-of-9 from the floor, helping the Eagles to 48 percent (23-for-48) overall. MSU posted advantag-

es of 18-10 off the bench and 26-24 in the paint, but BGSU collected 27 more points via the three-point line to keep its distance throughout the contest.

The Eagles jumped out to a 9-3 lead less than four minutes in, but the Falcons responded with a 30-12 spurt to build a 12-point cushion with just over seven minutes before intermission.

Bowling Green's biggest advantage, 62-41, came with 8:15 remaining in the second half.

Morehead State, which leads the Ohio Valley Conference by allowing just 61.9 points per game, held its previous 10 opponents under 70 points.

MSU wraps up the regular season with a pair of games at Johnson Arena. The Eagles welcome Eastern Illinois on Thursday and SIU-Edwardsville on Saturday. Both games will start at approximately 7:30 p.m. ET after MSU women's games against the same opponents.



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Big Sandy Idol championships begin March 9

PRESTONSBURG — Contestants for the honor of being the next Big Sandy Idol school wrapped up the school competitions and are preparing to move into the championship rounds.
Big Sandy Idol is a talent and scholarship competition that is held in 15 high schools across the five-county Big Sandy region (Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin). The competition, organized by the Music Department of BSCTC, gives talented high-school singers the chance to compete for a 2-Song demo recording with Timothy Cooley, producer, along with the right to perform and compete in the Regional Big Sandy Idol Championship Finals for a full-CD recording, a Full-Paid Vocal Scholarship to

attend BSCTC, along with a spot with the Big Sandy Singers who are directed by Laura Ford Hall, and various other prizes.
Tickets are now on sale at the MAC by calling 1-888-MAC-ARTS or visiting www.macarts.com. The Semi-Finals and Finals Rounds of Competition.
The Regional Big Sandy Idol Competition takes place over two nights: with the first night of competition, Friday, March 9 (the Semi-Final Round). On this night, all students who placed 2nd at their school will compete for a spot to perform on Saturday night for the scholarship prizes. This winner is called the Wildcard Winner.
The Championship Finals Round, held on Saturday, March 10, will determine the 2012 Big Sandy

Idol Champion Winner. During this night of competition, each of the 1st place winners from the 15 schools will compete for the host of prizes listed above, including the full-paid scholarship to BSCTC.
The competition will be held at 7 PM each evening at the Mountain Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and are on sale now at the MAC by calling 1-888-MAC-ARTS.
Big Sandy Idol is the product of the joint efforts of Big Sandy Community and Technical College with the Mountain Arts Center and Premier Sponsor Gearheart Communications.
For more information on Big Sandy Idol and other community-based music programs offered by BSCTC, visit www.bigsandysingers.com.



Pictured are the winners, sponsors, and administration of Big Sandy Idol 2011: (from left, standing) Dallas Layne, City Commissioner of Pikeville & Sponsor of BSI Awards; Jon Bryant, Senior Winner; Kaitlyn Good, 1st Runner Up; BSCTC Vice President Bobby McCool; Big Sandy Idol Champion Shaina Hunt, 2011; Sponsor Jennifer Reynolds of Jennifer Reynolds State Farm of Pikeville (and current Gold Sponsor); Marla VanHoush, Wildcard Winner; Clayton Case BSI Director; (Seated, from left) Laura For Hall, BSCTC Music Director; 2nd Runner-Up Cassie Callahan; and Essay Winner Courtney Lucas.

EKU, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame unveil 'Stars over Appalachia'

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University is working with the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame to enlist entertainment celebrities in an effort to reduce the high school dropout rate in the university's service region.
The program calls for the celebrities from all entertainment genres — many with ties to the region — to adopt schools and then work with administrators and teachers to inspire students to stay in school.
"Seeing children living in very rural communities have the opportunity to connect with a celebrity is so uplifting," said Paula Wilder, one of seven EKU educational extension agents serving the university's service region, who approached the Hall of Fame with the idea. "It got a very warm reception, and Hall

of Fame Executive Director Robert Lawson and I are currently actively working to get this program off the ground."
Most of the celebrities being sought for the program grew up in the region or live in the region today. "We want the celebrities to be able to relate to the students they mentor," Wilder said. "Hopefully, a project of this nature will intrinsically motivate students to stay in school and give them the courage and inspiration they need to pursue higher educational attainment."
A formal ceremony announcing the program, the celebrities and participating schools is planned for later this spring.
The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame is located at Renfro Valley.

Medical student starts career, continues education to broaden skillset

PIKEVILLE — Ashley Burgess was a stay-at-home mom who wanted a better life for herself and her daughter. After discovering the National College website, she enrolled in the medical billing and coding diploma program at the Pikeville Campus and began working toward a successful career.
Ashley has now reached her goal, having begun her career as a unit secretary in the cardiac unit of Pikeville Medical Center. Even though she has a new career, she decided to continue learning so she could open more doors for herself. She is now enrolled in the campus's medical assisting degree program.
Ashley said that the professional experience that instructors like Sandra Cline, Pamela Newsome, and Bobbi Scourdie bring to the classroom helps her to envision her own future and focus on both her education and career goals.
"National College has helped me better myself and has introduced me to friends that are like family to me," Ashley said. "My family is extremely proud of me and all that I have been able to accomplish. I am glad to be getting a great education while working at a job that truly makes me happy."



Ashley Burgess found a new career through the Pikeville campus of National College, and she remained afterwards to learn more to help her in her new job.

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Hoofbeats in the potato fields

Sandy Miller Hays
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Here's a question for you: Does your doctor see zebras?
By that, I don't mean, "Does your doctor treat zebras?" in which case he'd be a veterinarian, not a doctor. Chances are that if you said to your doctor, during your next visit, "So, Doc, any signs of zebras?", he'd give you a sly grin, because there's a well-known saying in the medical world along the lines of "When you hear hoofbeats, think horses, not zebras."
That's meant to remind medical folks that what they're seeing in their patients is probably something fairly run-of-the-mill, not some exotic ailment that affects only about five people a year. (If you ever get a diagnosis of, say, Nairobi sheep pox, I'd seek a second opinion if I were you). This affliction — wild imaginings in diagnosis, not Nairobi sheep pox — appears to be spreading the medical novice more than the doctor who's been around for a few decades.
If you really want to impress (or amuse) your doctor, trying telling him, "I understand there are some big advances in zebra chip disease" and see what his reaction is — because that happens to be true!
The joke is that zebra chip disease has absolutely nothing to do with zebras; it affects potatoes, and especially the potatoes used to make chips (so I figure I've really got your interest now).
It's called "zebra chip" because it causes dark stripes inside the spuds when they're cut and fried to make chips or fries. You can see the stripes

when you slice into the potato, but they look much worse after the spud's been fried.
As a result, the potato industry has lost millions in production and processing costs since this disease was first reported in potato fields near McAllen and Pearsall, Texas, in 2000. The disease has since been reported in California, Nevada, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, as well as in Mexico, parts of Central America, and as far away as New Zealand.
But don't worry, you don't have to start hoarding gigantic bags of your favorite chips, because the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are on the case, and they've already uncovered major clues and are well on the way to solving this dilemma.
First, they fingered the culprit — a bacterium called Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum, and a tiny insect called the potato psyllid, Bactericera cockerelli, that spreads the infecting bacterium.
Just knowing that much has helped growers in affected regions improve their timing and use of insecticide sprays to prevent the psyllids from feeding on and infecting potato crops with the zebra chip bacterium.
Over the longer term, the researchers aim to recommend alternative controls for use in integrated approaches to managing this disease-spreading pest. That means that the farmers can cut down on their use of insecticides (good news for the environment as well as growers' bottom line), help protect beneficial insects, and also might be in the "line of fire" of those

chemicals, and decrease the risk of the bacterium-spreading psyllids developing resistance to the chemicals.
But the sad truth is that zebra chip is here to stay, so the ARS scientists are exploring other ways to protect our beloved snacks. Over the past year, they've worked with university colleagues to test a commercially available technology known as "kaolin particle film," which involves mixing a clay-based powder with water and spraying it onto plant leaves. When the psyllids show up to feed (or lay eggs) on the treated potato plants, they aren't too happy with the setting and tend to leave in a hurry, the scientists say.
Other ARS scientists are probing the potential of four commercial "biorational" pesticides whose active ingredients range from natural plant extracts to plants' essential oils and even mineral oil.
Of course, an always promising option is the discovery of potato lines that have natural resistance to these types of pests. The usual game plan is that the scientists identify the naturally resistant lines and then use classical plant breeding to cross the resistant plants with potato plants that we already use to make our favorite fries and chips.
So now you're all set to dazzle your doc — rather than the other way around — with your knowledge of zebra chip disease!

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

# Entrepreneur awards get new sponsor

**SOMERSET** — Changes are coming this year to the annual Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards (EIEA) program.

The awards recognition program is adding a new Sponsoring Partner and a new, fifth, business awards category that will recognize a top young entrepreneur who is currently running a successful business in the region.

Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED), a nonprofit economic development organization based in Somerset, will be joining Eastern Kentucky University's (EKU) College of Business and Technology, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, and The Center for Rural Development as one of EIEA's Sponsoring Partners.

Additionally, EIEA will add a fifth award category in 2012 for businesspeople who are 25 years of age and younger. The "Young Entrepreneur" business award will be added to the four existing award categories.

- Award categories for the 2012 EIEA program and onward are:
- Business (in existence five or more years with greater than 25 employees)
  - Small Business (in existence five or more years with 25 or less employees)
  - Start-Up (in existence less than five years)
  - Not-for-Profit Entity (in existence at least six months)
  - Young Entrepreneur (for businesspeople who are 25 years of age and younger)

More information on how to nominate, and how to become people for each 2012 EIEA category will be released in the coming weeks online at [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com) and [www.eiea.edu](http://www.eiea.edu).

"At the start of EIEA's second decade, Kentucky Highlands and the other EIEA partners are excited to see the EIEA program expand this year to add an additional sponsor and award category," said Stephen Taylor, EIEA committee chairman and development director for Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation.

"EIEA's newest sponsor, SKED, is a steadfast supporter of entrepreneurial endeavors," Taylor said. "The new Young Entrepreneur category will recognize the energy and creativity of entrepreneurs up to 25 years old who are already running their own business. We heartily embrace these changes to better highlight entrepreneurial excellence in the region."

SKED, an affiliate of The Center, was created by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) in 1986 to serve 42 counties in Southeast Kentucky. SKED works directly with individual companies, their contractors and advisors to provide a wide range of business-related services.

"SKED has been working with entrepreneurs and small business owners for more than 25 years through its business recruitment, expansion and lending services," said Greg Jones, SKED executive director. "We see firsthand their contribution to our economy and their role in keeping the business community flourishing."

"In 2012, SKED is dedicated to encouraging entrepreneurs to develop their dreams and pursue them with perfection," Jones added. "We are pleased to become a sponsor of EIEA and the excellent work it does in Southeast Kentucky."

EIEA honors small business leaders and entrepreneurs in 55 Southern and Eastern Kentucky counties for their efforts in exemplifying America's spirit of entrepreneurship. Nominees are judged on the economic success of the enterprise, contributions to the community, job creation, and operational achievement as measured by innovative business practices, superior safety achievement, and superior technology.

The top three finalists in each of the five EIEA business categories will be recognized—and the award winners announced—on Sept. 10 at the 2012 EIEA awards luncheon hosted at The Center in Somerset.

For more information on EIEA, contact The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or EKU's College of Business and Technology at 859-622-2334 or via email [cbt.eiea@eku.edu](mailto:cbt.eiea@eku.edu).

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WOLVERINE RESOURCES INC. #302056 (1/1/2012)  
BLACKHAWK MINING LLC #355544 (1/20/2012)  
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DUSTY DIAMOND COMPANY INC. #980771 (01/18/2012)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Mark Blatter, 4332 Galois Ct., Lexington, Ky 40515, has filed an application with Energy & Environment Cabinet to fill in a bottom. The property is located int 122-A 680 in Meadowview 1/4 mile up road from creek to rd 2nd culvert on his property Left Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permits Branch 200 Fair Oaks Lane 4th fl. Frankfort KY 40601 ph 502-564-3410

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PILGRIM ENERGY, INC. PLAINTIFFS  
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DELMAS PRATER, ET AL. DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 23rd day of November, 2011, in the above cause, as said mineral interest (undivided oil and natural gas) in the subject property, in the amount of \$129,153 being TaxCo's and Pilgrim's acquisition cost of the 2004, 2006 and 2009 tax bills made the basis of this sale, 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 1st day of March 1, 2012 at 9:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:

All of the interest, formerly owned by Millard Prater, including, but not limited to a 3.33333 percent royalty interest, in the undivided oil and natural gas underlying:

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**FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**  
**DIVISION NO. II**  
**C.A. NO. 10-C-00182**

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SPOUSE OF RUTH CAROL HALE DEFENDANTS

**RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 4th day of June, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$129,297.53 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 1st day of March, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the property described below, to wit:

Property Address: 745 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

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**FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**  
**DIVISION NO. I**  
**C.A. NO. 11-CI-913**

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF  
VS  
SHAWN A. TIBBS, JESSICA D. TIBBS, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY and U.S. BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR SASU MULTIV DTR DEFENDANTS

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 21st day of December, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$89,377.23, 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 1st day of March, 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:

Property Address: 4839 Toler Creek, Harold, Kentucky

**TRACT 1**

A certain parcel or tract of land situated on the waters of left hand Fork of Middle Creek, a tributary of Big Sandy River and being in the County of Floyd, State of Kentucky and bounded as follows:

Commencing on a white walnut at a Lick spring, thence with Samuel Praters line a west course to the top of the Hill thence with Green Praters line Mat Moores Jack Moore line running a west course to Bill Shephard's line running with the ridge south to James Allens line East with Sally Stephens line to a sugar line opposite the mouth of Pitts Fork across middle creek of Pitts Fork with meanders of said Pitts Fork to the lands of Sol Allen to the mouth of a small drain up the drain to a cross fence on the point running with the fence to a rock thence with Henry Hale's line back to middle creek down middle creek to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed by George W. Hatfill and Amy Hatfill, his wife, to Adam Prater and Louisa Prater, his wife, dated December 28, 1905 at Deed Book 14, Page 466 of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

For derivation of title see the following documents: Affidavit of Descent of Adam Prater, dated January 30, 1886, at Deed Book 298, Page 155; Affidavit of Descent of Millard F. Prater dated February 16, 1959 at Deed Book 430, Page 611; Affidavit of Descent of Millard F. Prater dated September 16, 1991 at Deed Book 351, Page 146; Affidavit of Descent of Fannie Prater dated February 16, 1961 at Deed Book 430, Page 616, all of which are recorded in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the Garfield Addition to Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as shown by a map or plan of the said addition, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

Being the same property conveyed to Richard Hale and Ruth Carol Hale, his wife, from W.E. Hunt, widow, by Deed dated April 29, 1965, and recorded in Deed Book 388, Page 129 in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk, Richard Hale died on February 6, 2008, leaving Ruth Carol Hale as the sole titleholder.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment in 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 year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if property claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

**TRACT NO. 3**

A certain tract or parcel of TRACT NO. 3

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UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ANY MONUMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN AS "RBC" IS A SET 5/8" REBAR, 18" IN LENGTH WITH A YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED M. P. 01-TER #2687. ALL BEARINGS REFERRED TO HEREIN ARE BASED UPON MAGNETIC NORTH OBSERVED ON 11-17-2006.

SAID TRACT BEING A PORTION OF LAND CONVEYED TO CATHERINE MEADE BAKER AND BAKER, HER HUSBAND, AND WILLIAMS AND ANNEA MEADE, HIS WIFE BY DEED RECORDED 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005 BY DEED BOOK 510, PAGES 711 THUR 714 AS RECORDED IN THE FLOYD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY.

BEGINNING ON A "RBC" ON THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF KY ROUTE 1428, SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NOT RECORDED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ASSUMED TO BE GRADE AND DRAINAGE UNDER THIS DESCRIPTION THEREBY ALLOWING EIGHT (8) FEET BEYOND EDGE OF PAVEMENT ON PROPERTY SIDE FOR DITCH MAINTENANCE, ALSO SAID POINT BEING A CORNER TO TRACT NO. 2, THENCE, RUNNING WITH SAID TRACT NO. 2 IN REVERSE S 89° 38' 51" E, 242.50 FEET TO A "RBC" ON HILL IN FENCELINE BEING THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN TRACTS 2 and 3; THENCE, LEAVING TRACT NO. 2 AND RUNNING WITH FENCE S 19° 59' 43" W, 20.87 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE, S 02° 03' 48" E, 48.01 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE, S 02° 03' 48" E, 34.97 FEET TO A "RBC" IN FENCELINE COMMON CORNER TO TRACT NO. 4; THENCE, WITH TRACT NO. 4 IN REVERSE N 87° 55' 32" E, 265.87 FEET TO A "RBC" IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY COMMON CORNER TO TRACT NO. 3; THENCE, LEAVING TRACT WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY N 19° 34' 11" E, 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.567

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JESSICA D. TIBBS AND SHAWN A. TIBBS BY DEED BOOK 533, PAGE 24, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**JOHN K BLACKBURN, SHERIFF**  
**INTEREST EARNED**  
**PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653**

**ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2011**

INCOME	EXPENSES
SERVING PAPERS \$ 83,368.00	PAYROLL \$ 758,687.46
COMMISSION ON TAXES \$ 460,234.90	OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 26,968.00
STATE ADVANCEMENT \$ 72,000.00	POSTAGE \$ 1,341.51
INTEREST EARNED \$ 91,235.43	AUTO EXPENSES \$ 35,357.35
FINES/FEES COLLECTED \$ 5,847.50	UNIFORMS \$ 21,286.93
AUTO INSPECTIONS \$ 10,992.00	AUTO MAINTENANCE \$ 48,605.05
COUNTY CLERK PAYMENTS \$ 45,868.67	CONVENTION \$ 6,265.83
INTEREST EARNED \$ 5,294.25	TRAVEL \$ 101,890.92
LAKE PATROL \$ 34,861.25	KLEPPF \$ 28,528.21
ACCIDENT REPORTS \$ 1,570.00	TRAINING EXPENSES \$ 2,843.81
STATE PAYMENTS \$ 120,083.33	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE \$ 7,193.92
FEES COLLECTED FOR SER \$ 104,788.12	START UP CASH \$ 600.00
C.D.W. \$ 6,640.00	MISC. \$ 501.65
KLEPPF \$ 33,716.19	DUTY \$ 1,063.33
START UP CASH \$ 1,200.00	FISCAL COURT FEES \$ 4,920.00
SHERIFF SECURITY SER \$ 17,036.31	STATE ADVANCEMENT \$ 72,000.00
MISC. \$ 11.00	ADVERTISING COST \$ 984.41
BOND \$ 41,954.44	TRAINING (HB810) \$ 3,678.80
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE \$ 44,652.44	COURT ORDER PAYMENT \$ 1,488.29
TOTAL \$ 1,180,549.86	TOTAL \$ 1,122,623.84
	TOTAL 2011 EXCESS FEES \$ 57,626.02

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 in 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 year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if property claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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Legals

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purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years.

Legals

Property Address: 361 Rich Branch Road, Floyd County, Kentucky
Beginning at the corner of the property of Ridge Hall, 110 feet up center of creek to the top of the hill 125 feet to a stake; thence across the top of the hill along the line of Johnson to the line of Ridge Hall a distance of 110 feet; thence back down the hill a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2012
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING A REGULAR MEETING TIME OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE THE SECOND AND THE FOURTH DAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 P.M.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. 1
C.A. NO. 10-CI-00713
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP IKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP PLAINTIFF
VS.
MICHAEL CASE, ET AL DEENDANTS

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0977, Amendment #1

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCD Coal, Inc., FCO Box 1200, 4189 Collins Highway, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 mile southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The amendment will add 26.7 acres of surface disturbance and will add 32.2 acres of underground disturbance making a total area of 45.92 acres within the amended permit boundary.

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 ninety (90) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall be in full force and effect of a judgment for which execution may be issued, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

Adopted this 13th day of February, 2012
Jerry Fannin, Mayor
Attest:
Sharon Schoelcraft, City Clerk

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 13th day of September, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$93,743.01, 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 1st day of March, 2012 December, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:
Property Address: 34 Jim Case Lane, McDowell, Kentucky 41647

(2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 2 miles southeast from Kentucky Route 2030 junction with Kentucky Route 2030 and located on Spurlock Creek and Hunter Branch of Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. 1
C.A. NO. 11-CI-00676

HALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
A KENTUCKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP PETITIONER
VS.
BETTY RAE STUMBO AKERS, ET AL RESPONDENTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 2nd day of February 2012, in the above cause, 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 1st day of March 2012 at 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

Beginning at a stake on North edge of the Bill Hall Branch, and on the East Line of W.J. Hopkins lot, thence a North East course across the bottom with W.J. Turner, East line to the foot of the hill. Thence an East course to W.J. Hopkins West line. Thence a Southern course across the bottom toward the Bill Hall Branch and with the West line of W.J. Hopkins to the Bill Hall Branch. Thence a Western course and down the Bill Hall Branch to the place of beginning. Containing one acre more or less so as to include the rights, titles and privileges as stipulated and conveyed as from S.T. Meade Vada Meade to Sol Robinson and Mindy Robinson.

(3) The proposed amendment is located on the north side of USGS 78frac12; minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Tomie Michela Cox, The K-Horn Coal Company, LLC, Phillip Dale and Marjorie McKinney, Harold Bowling, Marlene Monson, Paul and Anna Perkins, William McKinney, Paul David Castle, Tandy Spurlock, Cindy F. May, Joseph C. and Belva Jean Crews, the Corner and Alta Moore Heirs, and Kay F. Stevenson. The amendment will use the surface area, surface auger, and highwall miner methods of surface mining.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on March 9, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 111 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of Cross Examination of witnesses of Kentucky Power and Intervenor in An Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of the Kentucky Power Company From May 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011. Lila P. Munsey, Manager Regulatory Services Kentucky Power Company

TRACT 1
Beginning with the line of north side of the state road running south and parallel with Tom J. Turner's line, thence with Tom J. Turner's line to Marion Martin's line to the top of the point of Geo Stumbo's line, thence with Geo Stumbo's line to the state road to the place of beginning, containing a small strip of land conveyed to Victory McCown bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Case, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Jim Case, Mable Iwana Chaffins, Rogie Sherrill Case, Riskey Darrell Case and Taunda Kayrin White, no marital status shown, dated November 25, 1995, filed December 1, 2002, recorded in Deed Book D481, page 57, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

(4) The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources's Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Holloway, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9023, Renewal #1
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that N.F.C. Mining, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility located 1.0 miles southeast of Prestonsburg in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 59.15 surface acres.

TRACT 2
Beginning at a marked rock on line of state road on line of Geo Stumbo property and Beckhams Stumbo property running South 190' to a cliff, thence West 110' to a cross on rock thence North 160' to a rock on corner thence easterly direction to the beginning.

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

- Permit No. 836-0407
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Sael Mountain Resources, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase I bond release on permit number 836-0407, which was last issued on 02-25-2010. The application covers an area of approximately 866.98 acres located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County.
The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles northeast from Route 2029's junction with 4 and is located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Salltick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 45". The longitude is 82° 53' 27".
For Increment No. 7, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$83,200.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 11, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$72,700.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 15, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$27,800.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 16, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$64,900.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 26, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$26,500.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 27, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$42,900.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 28, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$112,700.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 29, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$49,900.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 30, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$75,700.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 31, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$108,400.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 32, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$59,600.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 33, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$137,000.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 34, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$47,900.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 35, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$44,100.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 36, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$55,700.00 is included in the application for release.
For Increment No. 37, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$7,600.00 is included in the application for release.

There is excepted from the above described property and not hereby conveyed that portion of same previously conveyed to Walter C. and Sherry R. Ord from Maggie H. Newman, single, by deed dated November 17, 1964 of record in Deed Book 391, Page 313, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a planted stone and Hillard Sexton's line, thence running with Hillard Sexton's line back in bottom to a cliff 176' thence around the hill with Duran and Mary L. Hall's line 90 feet, thence back toward highway 163 1/2' feet, thence back to Hillard Sexton's line a distance of 89 feet. Containing one lot 176 feet one side 90 feet on back 163 1/2' feet on other side and 89 feet on front. This conveyance is subject to a 1/2 foot access easement to said property.

There is also included a strip of land approximately 14' x 110' at the back portion of the above described tract and a strip 20' x 163 1/2' on the east side of the above described tract that adjoins the Ord property which forms an L shaped strip of land which adjoins Tract 1 and surrounds two sides of the Ord property.

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
C.A. NO. 11-CI-1034
KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF
VS.
ROGER MARTIN, JR., ET AL DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 23rd day of November, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$38,787.78, 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 1st day of March, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to

The proposed facility is approximately 1.3 miles southeast from Big Branch Road's junction with KY Route 302 and located on Big Branch. The nearest stream is Big Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' x 12' minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Tri-State Development, LLC.

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 Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Holloway, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing on the application for the permit must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Holloway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 27, 2012.
A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Holloway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, on the application. The hearing will be canceled if the hearing or informal conference is received by March 27, 2012.



# OUR YESTERDAYS

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

**20 years ago**  
(Feb. 19 and Feb. 21, 1992)

A state Appellate Court Judge ruled, Tuesday, that an investigator for the state Office of Education Accountability does not have to testify before a Floyd County Grand Jury, Wednesday, about an investigation into the Floyd County School System. Appeals Judge John Gardner blocked a decision issued by Floyd County Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo, Tuesday morning, that ordered OEA investigator Phil Austin to obey a subpoena from Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton.

The other contenders in the race for eastern Kentucky's first harness racing track apparently threw a shoe down the home stretch, as Prestonsburg crossed the finish line alone in the race for the \$3 million-plus facility, Friday, the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission unanimously approved the application by Eastern Kentucky Racing Inc. president, and Prestonsburg businessman Clyde Woods, to conduct live harness racing and intertrack wagering within the mountains.

A Carl D. Perkins Job Corps counselor was arrested, Thursday night, for allegedly soliciting an assault upon a 17-year-old student, January 10. Clarence Trammel Jr., 52, of Wheelwright, was arrested by Prestonsburg police sergeant Jeff Stumbo and charged with criminal solicitation and criminal facilitation in connection with an altercation at the center involving six students, who allegedly assaulted another student.

Students and instructors from Prestonsburg Community College (PCC) met in a peaceful rally, Monday afternoon, at the college to protest apparent state funding cuts for community col-

leges across Kentucky. Linda Smith, president of Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic society member, and sponsor of the rally, led the demonstration to discuss the effects of past cuts and apparent future cuts on community colleges and to ask others to contact their legislators about their concerns as to whether quality education will be allowed to continue within community college systems across Kentucky.

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission needs tour guides for one-day trips with groups visiting the area. A clear speaking voice and good communication skills are important in presenting interesting information about our past and present.

Approximately 50 Allen city residents were at the Floyd County courthouse annex, Thursday, to protest an entertainment permit application that would allow, if approved, a beer by the drink roadside near a New Allen residential section. The application was submitted by Darrell Preston of Ivel, to sell beer by the drink and operate the Crossroads Lounge, "three tenths of a mile from the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 1428 at Allen," according to the Floyd County Court entertainment application. The application also noted that the business would offer live music and dancing between the hours of 4 p.m. to midnight, and would be closed only on Sundays and major holidays.

No further information has been received by the state Division of Air Quality on an application by a North Carolina soil remediation company to locate a mobile soil incinerator in Floyd County. Roger Cook, with the Division of Air Quality, said earlier this week that his office has

not received the additional information from EnviroSpec that is needed to complete their application.

There died: Forrest Clinton Stephens, 60, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; David Allen Songer, 38, of Paintsville, Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; John Paek Sr., 95, of Drift, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Arizona; (Arie) Caudill, 79, of Plumwood, Ohio, Sunday, at her residence; Eva Evans, 64, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Stephens Branch Road, Sunday; Paul Richard Wright, 40, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mae Hunt, 68, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of Cow Creek, Wednesday, at St. Joe's Hospital in Ypsilanti; Nedra Turner Slone, 44, of McDowell, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Maude Salyers Hannah, 88, of West Van Lear, Tuesday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Adrian Griffith, 31, a former Floyd County resident, in an automobile accident on Saturday, at Bean Station, Tennessee; Mary Myndier Wolverson, 73, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at her residence; Virgil Shepherd, 63, of Warsaw, Indiana, Thursday, at IJ Medical Center; Verda Sammons, 71, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Verlin "Tuck" Kimbler, 80, of Sika, Sunday, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Lucille Conley Hackworth, 70, of Silver Lake, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Miller's Manor Nursing Home in Warsaw, Indiana; Warner Roark Jr., 66, of Weeksbury, Tuesday, at his residence; Woodrow Bradley, 59, of Clayport, Indiana, Wednesday, at his

residence; Raymond Astor Woods, 76, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at his residence; Clerk May, 49, of Crestwood, formerly of Martin, Wednesday, at the Tri-County Community Hospital; Edith P. Terry, 70, of Wayland, Wednesday, at Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk, Ohio.

**30 years ago**  
(February 24, 1982)

An abducted 10-year-old Allen girl, missing nearly 12 hours, was found walking in the vicinity of the Allen Park; she was badly frightened and her clothes had been slashed with a knife.

Three Mud Creek men, Tony (19) and Johnny "Buck" (25) Tackett and Melvin Howell (22), were jailed for allegedly beating and stabbing Darrell Hunter, 23, of Mud Creek.

Ronald Gullett, 45, of Wheelwright, survived after he came in contact with a power line carrying approximately 45,000 volts of electricity.

New South Central Bell opens Prestonsburg Operations Building at Water Gap.

There died: Polly Hicks, 62, of Hueysville, Friday, at her home; Troy Calhoun, 76, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, at his home; Robert Keith Osborne, 28, of Azusa, California, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, following a brief illness; Daisy Osborne, native of Floyd County, February 12, in Louisville; Otto Hyeon, 83, of Warsaw, Indiana, Sunday, at his home; Lucian Laferty Sr., 68, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at St. Joseph Hospital; Johnny Neely, 71, of Abbott, Tuesday, at his home; Edna J. Martin, 55, of McDowell, Monday, at her home; Minnie Prater, 78, of Greenup, formerly of Hueysville, Friday, at home; and J.C. Fitch, 83, of Tennessee, formerly of Wayland, February 14, at Harrisman Hospital.

**40 years ago**  
(February 24, 1972)

A grant of approximately \$100,000 has been made by the Office of Economic Opportunity in finance planning of a new comprehensive health program in Floyd County within the next 12 months.

Gov. Wendell Ford said last week he is seriously considering imposing a moratorium of up to 60 days on issuance of new strip-mining permits.

The rugged 58th district basketball tournament will get underway at the Prestonsburg High School fieldhouse next Wednesday night, with three of the favored teams, Betsy Layne, McDowell, and Wheelwright, clustered together in the lower bracket.

Governor Wendell H. Ford has moved toward construction of not one, but two, highway bridges to span the Big Sandy River in this county. In addition to the Emma bridge, first promised by Gov. Nunn, a span will be built at Banner. Anita Lou Auxier, of Emma, the third-place state winner in the 1971 Conqueror Essay Contest, has won a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and an award certificate at the annual Farm Awards Luncheon in Louisville, February 1. Miss Auxier, 13, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Auxier.

Six Floyd County students have been named to the dean's list at Eastern Kentucky University. They are Philip A. Haywood, and Kathy L. May, both of Prestonsburg; James P. Reebes, Melvin; Robert E. Stanley, Betsy Layne; Mary K. Stecker, Drift.

Born: a son, Jason Ray, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ray Branham, of Prestonsburg, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, January 30.

There died: Lawrence C. Thacker, 74, of Pikeville, Tuesday, February 16 at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Jasper Slone, 80, at his home at Hueysville, last Tuesday; Bryan Douglas Keathley, 14, son of Walker and Thursa Dotson Keathley of Ashland, formerly of this county, February 4, in a Louisville hospital; Mrs. Anna M. Call, 60, of Harold, Monday, at the McDowell Hospital; Dick Roberts, 80, of the Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, last Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Michael Schmidt, 78, Friday, at his home at Rush; Gilbert Samons, 61, of Martin, Thursday, at a Martin hospital; Elizabeth Ann McCown, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest McCown, of Melvin, Tuesday, at U.K. Medical Center; Lourina O. Slone, 83, of Wayland, Saturday, in a Louisville hospital; Mrs. Dora C. Green, of Jesser, Ill., formerly of the Left Beaver section of this county, Saturday, in Sesser; Mrs. Julia Miller Wallen, 53, of Water Gap, last Wednesday at the U.K. Medical Center; Mrs. Amanda C. Hester, 88, of Estill, last Wednesday, at a Martin hospital; William R. Hall, 86, of Auxier, last Tuesday, in a nursing home here; Mrs. Ellen Flannery Salisbury, 71, of Martin, Sunday, in a Martin hospital; John Francis "Jack" Ribble, Jr., 74, Sunday, at his home in Midland, Va.; Mrs. Georgia M. Arnett, 63, of West Liberty, February 4.

**50 years ago**  
(February 22, 1962)

Monday will be moving day for the offices of the county superintendent to the new administrative offices in the newly remodeled high school building on Arnold Avenue.

The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club was joined, last Thursday evening, by Edward T. (Ned) Breathitt, of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, in its rejoicing over the almost unanimous approval given the junior college legislation by the House of Representatives.

W.R. Callihan, of Prestonsburg, has been named chairman of the 1962 American Red Cross fund drive in Floyd County, it was announced this week by Miss Ella Noel White, executive secretary of the Floyd Red Cross Chapter.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Osborn, of Allen, a son, John David, Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

There died: Arthur Clarence Carter, 73, former mayor of Prestonsburg, in an auto mishap last Wednesday near Hager Gap; Isadore Horn, 70, of Luckey, Monday, at his home; Mrs. Letha Scalf Compton, 84, last Tuesday, at her home at Ilite; Thomas F. Marshall, 85, of Manton, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Richard Frasure, 65, Tuesday, at Martin; Walter Ray Booth, 62, of Martin, Saturday, at Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Vicie Frasure, 83, of Langley, at Thursday, at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland; Mrs. Lillie Rose Hughes, 74, of Drift, Monday, at the Beaver Valley hospital; Green R. Allen, 81, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Floyd Jones, 74 of Printer, last Thursday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Orlene Stanley, 76, of Hueysville, Friday, at Homeplace Hospital, Ary, Ky.; Mrs. Thelma Hager, 61, of Cliff, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

**60 years ago**  
(February 21, 1952)

The Floyd Fiscal Court indicated, at its meeting Monday, that it is planning a common home for the in-

divents who are charges of the county.

Disapproval of the Breaks of Sandy as a national park site will not discourage the Breaks Park Association in its efforts to promote a bistate or interstate park in the scenic area, the organization's president said this week.

One UMW hospital in eastern Kentucky became a certainty this week with the presentation of a \$32,000 check for the purchase of a Whitesburg, and another hospital site was nearing purchase in Floyd County, with acceptance and survey of a Beaver Creek parcel of land.

Floyd County, was flurried this week, with every section of the county reporting numerous cases. But for sulfur drugs and pesticides which makes home treatment possible for physicians, hospitals would have been taxed to capacity, it was said.

An advertisement in this week's Times expressed interest in dead stock: "Get cash for horses, cattle, mules," read the ad of Darling & Company.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Israel C. Hester, of Drift, a daughter, Feb. 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

There died: Laura Minnie Hatfield, 81, last Thursday, at her home at East Point; Wesley Hale, 75, Sunday, at his home at Hueysville; Adam Prater, of Pyramid, Monday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Malinda Frances Laferty, 58, Thursday, at her home at Allen; James Bentley, 65, native of Brush Creek, Friday, at Logan, Ohio.

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Members of the Floyd County rationing board said here this week, that the county's truck and tire quota is insufficient to the needs of farmers whose cars and trucks are essential to industrial and other necessary activities.

Floyd County draft board officials this week expressed concern that the new ruling providing for induction of selectees on the same day they are given their physical examination will not apply to the approximately 100 who have been notified to appear here, Monday, to be taken to Huntington, W. Va., for final examination preparatory to beginning military service.

A.C.P. committee members, Smith-Hughes teachers, Farm Security administration supervisors, county farm and home agents, and members of Homemakers clubs of four counties of this section, attended the district Food-for-Victory meeting held at the Prestonsburg grade school, Thursday, last week.

In the community news from Hippo this week, a fairly complex car swap deal was reported. The transactions follow: "E.C. Moore bought a Pontiac from Herb Paul, then swapped it to C.P. Ousley for a Plymouth. Mr. Moore had previously sold Mr. Ousley a Ford truck. Grover Langley now has the truck and is using it to drive to the Warco compressor station."

There died: Charles Baldrige, 68, Friday, at his home on Little Paint; Dr. Carl L. Richway, 71, veteran eastern Kentucky physician, Saturday, at his home at Harold; Thomas Hall, 76, last Thursday, at his home at Myrtle; Edith Derossett, 19, of Drift, Monday, at Martin General Hospital, as the result of injuries suffered in an auto wreck, Feb. 13; Flora Agnes Harris, 42, native of Cow Creek, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital; J.D. Collins, 24, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Beatrice Boyd, 33, Sunday, at Dana; Whit Chaffins, 32, Saturday, at his home at West Garrett.

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