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**briefs**

**Martin Co. men indicted on meth charges**

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE – Two men accused of making meth in Martin County have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pikeville on various counts relating to the alleged activity.

Jimmy D. Cornett, also known as Jimmy D. Cornette, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, aiding and abetting the manufacture, possession of equipment, products and materials to do so and possession of a firearm, as well as aiding and abetting possession of a firearm affecting commerce.

Also indicted was James M. Perry on the same charges.

According to the indictment, the two men manufactured meth beginning on or about July of 2009 until Aug. 11, 2009 in Martin County.

## Wheelwright neighborhood slipping off hill

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT – Officials in the town of Wheelwright are now awaiting word from the Office of Surface Mining, as well as Abandoned Mine Lands as to whether a mudslide that saw 11 families evacuated over the

weekend is due to an old mine located on the property.

Branham's Street, a road that runs up and wraps around Main Street in Wheelwright, has become the focus for state agencies since early Saturday morning, as officials attempt to figure what could be causing a massive mudslide, a slipping of large amounts of the

mountainside, to occur.

Sheriff's department officials evacuated 11 families and marked 12 homes and buildings as being in danger Saturday night, a task that continued until early Sunday morning, as residents of Wheelwright went back and forth gathering mostly clothing in the wake of the evacuation, a decision that

basically sees them lose their homes.

"I wasn't home when it happened," said Jenny Little, an affected resident currently staying with her father. "They called my dad. My son went up when it first happened and got my clothes."

The situation that had Wheelwright

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### CLEAN SWEEP



Members of the Allen Central Middle School academic team swept team awards during the 84th District Governor's Cup competition.

## ACMS sweeps district Governor's Cup

by JARRID DEATON  
 FEATURES WRITER

The academic team from Allen Central Middle School recently showed its skills by placing first in every team category during the 84th District Governor's Cup competition.

Two other Floyd County Schools, Adams Middle School and Allen Elementary, also had strong showings with second and

third-place finishes. In the 85th District, South Floyd Middle School came in third and Stumbo Elementary had a fourth-place showing.

In the 84th District, Austin Rowe, from Allen Elementary, took first-place in math; Blake Baldridge, from Adams Middle School, came in second; and Ethan Layne, from Allen Central Middle School, had a third-place finish.

In science, Ethan Layne took first-place; Tyler Price, from Allen Central Middle School, came in second; and Jordan Owens, from Adams Middle School, came in third.

In composition, Rebekah Tackett, from Allen Elementary, had a first-place finish, and Ashleigh Hayton, from Adams Middle School, came in second.

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## P'burg man's death believed to be homicide

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER

MEALLY – A Prestonsburg man was found dead at a residence in Johnson County Monday, a discovery that have investigators not ruling out foul play.

State police are continuing the investigation into the death of Timothy L. Castle, 27, of Prestonsburg.

"The fact of it is right now the case is ongoing and, as for the exact cause of death, we have to wait on word from the state medical examiner," said KSP Post 9 Spokesman Mike Goble. "The evidence they found at the scene is why foul play has not been ruled out at this time and why it could possibly be a homicide."

According to Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby, the wounds found during the initial recovery of Castle's body showed signs of strangulation.

"To our knowledge, he (Castle) was strangled," Frisby said Tuesday.

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## Coal operator indicted for safety violations

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE – A regional coal operator has been named in a federal indictment filed in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Alger B. Jent, who operated CSA Mining, was indicted on four counts of violating a mandatory health and safety standard for underground coal mines. The four counts are in connection to a coal mine, CSA Mining No. 2 Mine located near Jenkins, near the Pike and Letcher county line.

Among the alleged violations involved, all concerned the approved roof control plan for the mine as not being followed, specifically that roof bolts used were shorter than the required length of five feet.

According to federal guidelines, if Jent were found guilty on these four counts he could face up to one year prison if he has had no prior federal convictions and not more than \$250,000 in fines, or both of these possibili-

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## Officials targeting 'pill mills'

by SHELDON COMPTON  
 STAFF WRITER



Part of a continuing series investigating Floyd County's drug problem

PRESTONSBURG – With prescription drug abuse at an all-time high not only in this region, but nationwide, and Eastern Kentucky as the focus of that abuse, Floyd's county seat says an initiative started in September of last year is paying off.

Det. Trint Combs, a five-

year veteran of UNITE, who twice won that agency's "Detective of the Year" award, returned to Prestonsburg in September to head up a drug unit that he says has made great progress in that time.

Combs, a former city officer with the department, said his decision to leave the UNITE task force and return

(See PILL MILLS, page seven)

## Prestonsburg receives \$8K planning grant

by JARRID DEATON  
 FEATURES WRITER

SOMERSET – The Center for Rural Development awarded an \$8,000 Appalachian Regional Commission mini-grant to Prestonsburg on Monday to help the city advance its strategic planning.

According to officials with the city, the grant funding will be used to develop a comprehensive plan for the city, hire a professional consultant to help with the plan development, and develop

the design and layout for an official website.

"We wanted to move the city of Prestonsburg forward by developing a comprehensive plan through the year 2020," said Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg. "Our new plan will complement our existing comprehensive plan which is set to expire at the end of this year. By attaining this new grant, we may now hire professional consult-

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Brent Graden, second from left, economic development director and a member of The Center for Rural Development's full board of directors, accepts \$8,000 in federal grant funding on behalf of the city of Prestonsburg to advance strategic planning efforts in the region as part of the latest round of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grants presented by The Center's Developing and Implementing Community Strategies Program. Making the presentation are, Peggy Satterly, left, Kentucky ARC program director; U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, third from left, and Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center.

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# Obituaries

## Frankie Jane Blackburn

Frankie Jane Blackburn, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born January 27, 1938, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Frank Raymond and JoAnn Hunter Webb. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Water Gap.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James W. Blackburn.

Survivors include a son, Rickie (Karen) Blackburn of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Crystal (Frank) Rudder of David; a sister, Frances Corder of Auxier; eight grandchildren: Leslie Ann (Chuck) Rowe, Ricky Jason Blackburn, Zach Butler, Kaitlyn Butler, Austin Rudder, Josh Rudder, Dylan Rudder, and Jacob Rudder; three great-grandchildren: Nate Blackburn, Shelby Blackburn, and Jacob Rowe. In addition to her parents

and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Dusty Blackburn and David Blackburn; two daughters: Mary Blackburn and Judy Blackburn; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 9, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

## Timmy Lee Castle

Timmy Lee Castle, 27, of Allen, died Thursday, February 5, 2010, in Thelma.

Born March 22, 1982, in Martin, he was the son of Terry Castle of Allen; and Sheila Campbell of Clay City. He was a landscaper.

He is survived by his wife, Krystal Slone Castle.

Other survivors include a son, Timothy Lee Ryan Castle of Prestonsburg; a daughter,

Haley Brooke Castle of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Kelly (Dean) Webb and Tina (Terry) Conn, both of Johnson County; his stepmother, Billie Castle of Allen; his stepfather, Terry Lynn Campbell of Clay City; a half brother, William May; two nieces; and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 10, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon, William Jarrell, and Andy Wright officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery. Visitation is at the funeral home.

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

## Carl Douglas "Doug" Collins

Carl Douglas "Doug" Collins, 36, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 7, 2010, at his parents residence, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 5, 1973, in Floyd County, he was the son of Carl David and Launa Garrett Collins. He was a coal miner, and a member of the Emma United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Misty Adkins Collins.

In addition to his parents and wife, survivors include one son, Brandon Douglas Collins of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Lakyn Taylor Chantelle Collins of Prestonsburg; two brothers: David Wayne Collins of Lexington; and Larry Keith Collins of Germany; and one sister, Sharon Burchett of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Profit officiating.

Burial will be in the Garrett Cemetery, (Calf Creek), in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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

## Fran J. Frazier

Fran J. Frazier, 56, of Lexington, the widow of Luke Frazier, died Monday, February 8, 2010.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, February 13, at Clark Legacy Center, 601 East Brannon Road, Nicholasville.

Contributions can be made in Fran's name to the Catholic Action Center, 400 E. 5th Street, Lexington, KY 40508. www.clarklegacycenter.com (Paid obituary)

## Diane Lynn Howell

Diane Lynn Howell, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 4, 2010, at her residence.

Born July 24, 1958, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Winford and Angeline Shell Howell. She was a homemaker.

Other survivors include a son, Denzil Howell of Prestonsburg; one brother, Mitchell Howard of West Liberty; two sisters: Stella Bryant of Van Lear; and Mattie Howell of McDowell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 8, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bonnie Shepherd officiating.

Burial was in the Hackworth and Meade Cemetery, on Abbott, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

## Don Pack Sr.

Don Pack Sr., 67 of Science Hill, died Friday, February 5, 2010, at his residence.

Born July 9, 1942, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Hobert and Emma Moore Pack. He was a self-employed contractor/painter, and a retired employee for the state maintenance department.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Hicks Pack.

Other survivors include two sons: Don (Cindy) Pack Jr., of Science Hill; and David (Kim) Pack of Pikeville; a brother, Chester Pack of Prestonsburg; a sister, Bonnie Rayl of Oklahoma; and eight grandchildren: Jeremy, Jessica, Casey, Colby, Chelsey, Collins, Blair, and Haylee.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

## Palmer Patton

Palmer Patton, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at the Riverview Health Care.

Born November 7, 1923, in Emma, he was the son of the late Thomas B. and Della Kendrick Patton. He was a retired self-employed service station owner for 35 years; a World War II Navy veteran; and was saved September 1, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna L. Setser Patton.

Survivors include two sons: Stephen Lee (Mary) Patton of Lexington; and Gregory Duane (Karen) Patton of Mentone, Indiana; one daughter, Pamela (Butch) Dutton of Daniels, West Virginia; one brother, Alex B. Patton of Arcadia, Ohio; and one sister, Nancy Patton Tackett of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren: Donna Ann Robinson, Stephen Duane Calhoun, Andrea Lee Patton, Heather Marie Patton, Christopher Gregory Patton, and Cameron Blake Patton; and two great-

grandchildren: Justin Tyler and McKenzie Taylor Calhoun.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Donald Ray Patton; one brother, Chester Patton; and two sisters: Adeline Patton Daniel and Vivian Patton Sansom.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 7, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Scott officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

## Ruth Martin Roberts

Ruth Martin Roberts, age 73, of Drift, wife of Joe Ernel Roberts, passed away Saturday February 6, 2010, at her residence.

She was born May 23, 1936, in Drift, the daughter of the late Paris Martin and Nancy Stumbo Martin. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Joe; one daughter, Rita Jo (Silas) Slone of Drift; one son, Ricky Darrell (Nancy) Roberts of Drift; one brother, Clinnon Martin of Drift; three grandchildren: Amanda Jo Vance, Angela Shea Lykins, and Amber Nicole Roberts; and two great-grandchildren: Ethan Darrell Vance and Kaylee Brooke Vance.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Clarence Martin.

Funeral services for Ruth Martin Roberts were conducted Tuesday, February 9, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Roberts Family Cemetery, in Drift, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Carlos Lykins, Toby Vance, Nick Slone, Danny Martin, Kermit Martin, and Ricky Roberts.

Honorary pallbearers: Ethan Vance. (Paid obituary)

## Wilma Jean Sonafrank

Wilma Jean Sonafrank, 90, of Melvin, died Sunday, January 17, 2010, at the Riverview Healthcare, Prestonsburg.

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

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

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

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

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

Visitation was at the church. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

## A Card of Thanks

This is to express our most sincere "thank-you" to all our friends and loved ones who shared in the loss of our dear mother, Margaret Mullins.

Thank you for the food, cards, phone calls, words of encouragement, love and prayers.

A special "thank-you" to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their most caring services.

The Family of Margaret Howard Mullins



## Card of Thank

The family of Amanda Shepherd Music would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. Thanks to those who sent floral arrangements, food, or spoke words of kindness to our family. We especially want to thank the United Baptist ministers and Clergymen Don Neeley, Rutherford Blair, and A.J. Williamson for their comforting message; the singers for the beautiful songs; Allen First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal; and Hall Funeral Home staff for their kind and professional care. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "Thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF AMANDA SHEPHERD MUSIC

## Card of Thanks

The family of Lucille "Tiny" Keathley would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped in any way during this difficult time. Thanks to all who sent food, cards of encouragement, beautiful flowers and came by to share our loss. We especially want to thank Pastor Gary Mitchell for his comforting message; Martin Church of Christ, Emma United Methodist Church, and Allen Baptist Church for the wonderful food; the friends that were pallbearers; the Sheriff's Department and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say thank you. We will always remember the prayers, kindness and support from those of you who loved our "Mimi." May God bless you all.

The Family of Lucille "Tiny" Keathley

## Card of Thanks

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

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

We also want to extend a special thanks to Hall Brothers Funeral Home for their care of our loved one, and the sincerity shown to our family; Kenny's Florist for the lovely floral spray; Roy Harlow, pastor, and the choir of Graceway United Methodist Church; Tom Martin; Wetzell Queen; Floyd County Sheriff's office; Maytown Volunteer Fire Dept.; Allen Volunteer Fire Dept.; John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950; and Speedway of Martin; Pallbearers Kenneth Bradley; Steven Boyd, Patrick Boyd, Eddie Boyd, Jeff Robinson, Jeremy Clark, Ronnie Halbert and James Robinson.

Honorary pallbearers: Scotty Bradley, Troy Conn, and Greg Crum.

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

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# HRMC hosts Go Red for Women event

PAINTSVILLE — February is recognized as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association. To help raise awareness among local women about the effects of heart disease, Highlands Regional Medical Center recently hosted the 2010 Go Red for Women Luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

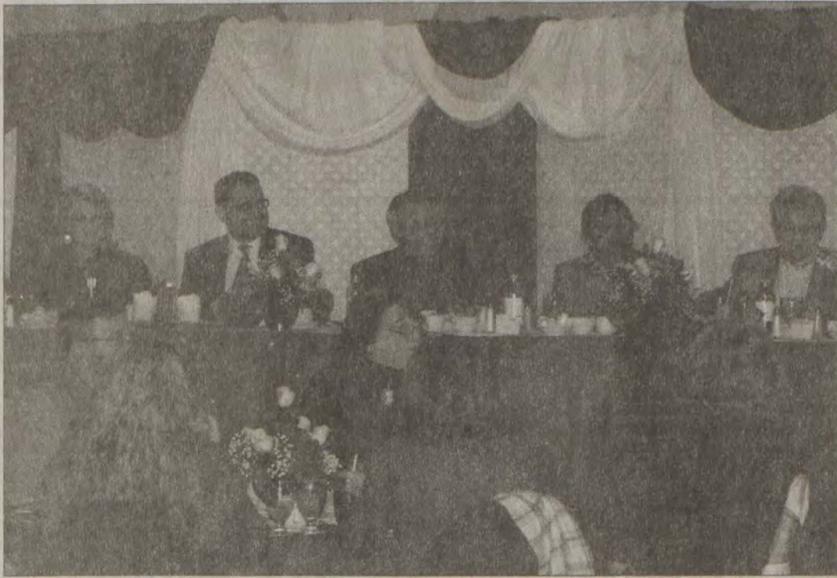
Over one hundred ladies attended the event and heard from a panel of physicians and community leaders about the critical issues of women and heart disease. The panel members consisted of Ayesha Sikder, M.D., Ghassan Dalati, M.D., Vaughn Payne, M.D., F.A.C.C., Brandi Collins, D.O., Bonito Bobo, of the Kentucky Department of Health, and Bertie Kay Salyer, of the Magoffin County Health Department. Mabel Lemaster, a retired teacher of Paintsville, gave a touching survivor testimony.

Jean Dorton, community

and legislative liaison for Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was the master of ceremonies for the afternoon. Attendees also took advantage of a vendor fair, free health screening, a heart healthy lunch, and door prizes.

"The annual Go Red event hosted by HRMC is a true demonstration of how our hospital empowers the community to become educated on preventable diseases," commented HRMC Community Development Director Melissa Vance. "The event was a success because of our dedicated physicians that work daily to not only treat, but prevent heart and stroke disease."

Highlands Regional Medical Center continues to serve the communities of the Big Sandy region with access to quality healthcare. Go Red for Women is just one of the many events that HRMC supports in an effort to add value to the community.



A panel of physicians and local community leaders came together to speak about women and heart disease during the recent Go Red for Women event hosted by Highlands Regional Medical Center.



Highlands Regional Medical Center recently named Betty Addington as the February Employee of the Month. Addington has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center for 33 years and is currently a supervisor in the Ultrasound Department. She works diligently to ensure that patients and their families receive very good care while maintaining enthusiasm that spills over to her co-workers and her patients on a daily basis. According to her Employee of the Month nomination, Addington is sympathetic to the patient's comfort during procedures and cares for their needs with willingness and eagerness. "She is always smiling and happy to go above and beyond the call of duty. Betty has an attitude of servitude to the organization and the patient. Always smiling, moving quickly to serve and eager to please, Betty is a role model for other employees at Highlands Regional Medical Center."

## Senate OKs independent voters in primaries

FRANKFORT — Independent voters could take part in partisan primary elections under legislation passed Tuesday by the Senate.

Senate Bill 53, sponsored by Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, would allow independent voters to choose a party primary to vote in. They would be limited, however, to a single party's candidates for the entire ballot — no switching between parties for different offices.

"No one wants to be shut

out of the political process," Higdon said. He noted that in many counties, a single party dominates, effectively turning the primary election into the only real choice for local offices. In many of those counties, otherwise independent voters join the majority party for practical reasons. "There's no reason a person should be forced to choose to join a political party whose views they do not concur with," he said.

An amendment to the bill requires anyone wanting to

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The bill, which passed 25-12, now moves to the House for its consideration.

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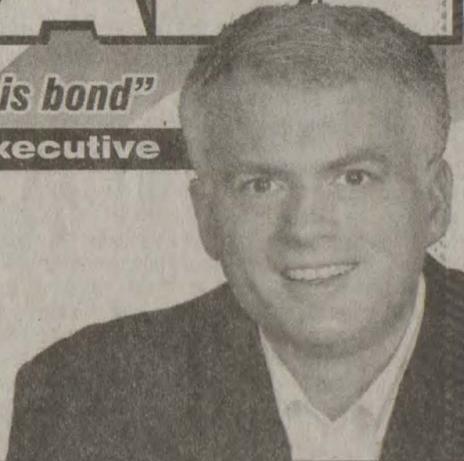
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## Worth Repeating ...

Reason is the natural order of truth; but imagination is the organ of meaning.

— C.S. Lewis

# Viewpoint

## Amendment 1

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

## Guest View

## Terrorists are criminals; treat them as such

President Barack Obama, having backed down from his decision to try Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a federal courtroom in Manhattan, now is being pressured to back down entirely from his decision to try the accused 9/11 mastermind in any civilian court anywhere.

This would be a profound mistake, a craven admission that the U.S. system of justice and the rule of law can be manipulated by unreasoned fears and political opportunism.

The Great Accommodator must not accommodate this time. Nor should he give in to those in Congress who want him to back down from his decision to house terrorism suspects at the Thomson Correctional Center in northwest Illinois.

The president's timeline for closing the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, already has slipped. Every day it remains open deepens the stain it has left on American values.

The fundamental issue here is whether terrorism is a crime or an act of war, or something of a hybrid. In 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued a National Security directive giving the State Department the lead role in combatting international terrorism and the FBI the lead role on domestic terrorism.

Mr. Reagan appointed L. Paul "Jerry" Bremer, later to become famous as U.S. consul in Iraq, as the State Department's point man. In 1987, Mr. Bremer made it clear:

"Terrorists are criminals. They commit criminal actions like murder, kidnapping and arson, and countries have laws to punish terrorists. A major element of our strategy has been to delegitimize terrorists, to get society to see them for what they are — criminals — and to use democracy's most potent tool, the rule of law, against them."

Once terrorists attacked U.S. soil, anger and fear overrode reasoning. President George W. Bush declared war on terrorism; the Bush Justice Department used this as a rationale for doing just about anything anyone wanted to do with suspects, including torture, secret overseas prisons and establishing bogus military tribunals to try terrorists. Al-Qaida recruiting boomed.

The phrase "Global War on Terrorism" entered the Pentagon lexicon; they even struck a GWOT medal that they handed out by the hundreds of thousands. But in 2008, an influential study by the Rand Corp. said that "Police and intelligence agencies, rather than the military, should be the tip of the spear against al-Qaida in most of the world, and the United States should abandon the use of the phrase 'war on terrorism.'"

Mr. Obama now speaks of the "war on al-Qaida" and "Overseas Contingency Operations," not the war on terrorism.

That does not convince Republican leaders, who have found faux outrage to be an effective political tool. In the wake of the administration's decision to afford the alleged Christmas Day bomber the right to counsel, the GOP talking point became: "The Obama administration appears to have a blind spot when it comes to the war on terrorism."

On Tuesday, Sen. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., with the support of Democratic Sens. Jim Webb of Virginia and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas, reintroduced a measure that would cut off funding for terrorist trials in federal courtrooms. "This whole criminalization of the war is really going to make us weaker and less safe," Mr. Graham told (naturally) Fox News on Tuesday evening.

The nation has spent eight years, 5,500 lives and a trillion dollars proving that's not true. It's time for Mr. Obama to let America be America.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



## Guest Column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

House leaders moved ahead with their plan to come up with several workable budget scenarios for lawmakers to choose from as the budget process moved forward in Frankfort the first week of February. Creating a workable plan under current revenue and spending constraints will admittedly be hard. But lawmakers believe it is doable, and that we can come up with ways to let certain state functions move forward despite dwindling state dollars.

Two bills that would give public colleges and universities freedom to proceed with capital construction proj-

ects without relying on the state's shrinking revenues passed the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee last Tuesday. Should House Bill 39 be enacted this session, they would be free to move forward with capital projects without prior legislative approval if 100 percent of the projects' actual cost is funded with cash-restricted funds or a combination of restricted, federal or private funds. Under HB 42, capital projects at public colleges and universities could be funded with the institution's agency bonds without adding to the state's debt. Similar bills have passed the House repeatedly but never cleared the Senate, so their chances at becoming law remain uncertain at this time. Both bills now go to the Senate for a vote.

Last week saw attention turn to another issue of grave concern to lawmakers—the problem of domestic violence.

We in the House made our priority against domestic violence clear on Jan. 12 when we passed House Bill 1 or "Amanda's Bill," a measure that would encourage Kentucky courts to order GPS monitoring in serious domestic violence order cases. That commitment did not waver last week when an omnibus bill that would offer more protection to dating partners and strengthen the state's domestic violence statutes was aired before the House Judiciary Committee.

Several changes were proposed to HB 189, leading members of the committee to decide to review the bill further and possibly vote on it sometime this week.

The safety of Kentucky's children is another issue at the top of the

(See HOUSE, page five)

## Letters

### Not for Marshall

I recently saw an advertisement in your paper for Floyd Countians to reelect Doc Marshall for county judge-executive. I am asking Floyd County to vote against him.

I was in his office on four separate occasions, trying to catch him in his office. He never was in, or so I was told.

In December, I was in there trying to save some horses from starvation. Then in January, I went in and signed a complaint, but guess what. It was too late. They died.

And your animal control officer, after much begging on my part, finally came in January to locate the dead horses, but they were gone. He told the individual whose horses had died that I was the one who reported it, because the individual came to my house looking for trouble.

In the hollow we live in, it is a disgrace for anyone to drive on. I and several other families have made numerous complaints on several occasions. The road conditions are horrible. I wish your paper would come look at it.

When reported to Mr. Marshall about the road conditions and other issues about certain people who live on this hollow that have been warned and fined for their filth and garbage, his response was that there was nothing left that he could do to them. But he also said he would not fix our road until it was cleaned up, so it was a waste of time.

Mr. Marshall, if you can't do your job, I'll sign a contract for no pay and do it for you, and get results. Not just for Arkansas Creek, but for everyone.

You said you made a lot of mistakes. Well, you got real nerve asking for the people of Floyd County to re-

elect you.

One more question: Where were you during the power outages in December? While Pike County was being repaired, we sat in the cold and dark.

So to all Floyd Countians, if you want good and fair treatment, do not reelect Doc Marshall.

There is a lot more I could put in here, but I'm afraid I would run out of paper. Every word I said in this article is true. Thank you to all Floyd Countians for your support.

Vance Hale  
Martin

### Little done for working folks

President Obama finally made a half-hearted gesture to the working man and small business in his State of the Union speech. If small businesses buy certain equipment, they will get tax breaks, and there will be more tax credits available to the working class.

That's well and good, if your small business has survived and has any capital left, or needs the type of equipment you get a break on! Same goes for the working man. If you have a job left to go to and are earning a living, you catch a little break next year.

The government couldn't go too far to help small business or working folks, because it blew nearly all our money on bailouts that to date have produced little relief for those who carry this nation — small business and the middle class! We've always been the ones who paid the majority of the taxes that kept this nation going. Yet, while the bums and those who refused to work got free government insurance, we couldn't afford it

and got nothing, while paying the way for those who did.

Now the liberals want the government to get into the health care business, when Medicare is fraught with fraud and waste. They raise the retirement age on folks already middle-aged because they bankrupted Social Security by adding millions of recipients to the dole who have paid nothing into the system, rather than putting them on some other government entitlement like welfare.

If the government were a business, the corporate board would have long since been fired and, the company would have gone bankrupt years ago. But propped up by working folks' dollars, they go on and on and have apparently learned nothing.

If the government truly wanted to stimulate the economy, the hundreds of billions in bailout money should have gone to the working class and small businesses. That money would have gone back into the local economies, mortgages would have been paid, vehicles would have been purchased and safer investments would have been made. Working folks and small businesses know far better how to make a budget work that our government does!

Now our national debt totals the entire gross national output and there's not enough left for us folks who have paid the bills for these bureaucrats for years, so we get another song and dance with pretty words and slogans that sound good but do little to ease our pain. The big banks and companies that got bailouts give out big bonuses and send folks to Las Vegas and Hawaii, while we sit here trying to figure out how to pay last month's outrageous power bill!

Charles Scoville  
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House

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House's agenda each legislative session, and this winter is no exception. As part of that concern, we want them to have caring, safe drivers from the very first day they climb on a school bus and ramble down the road to the schoolhouse.

One way we can accomplish that is by making it easier for good bus drivers to keep their jobs. So we passed HB 14, which allows school officials - on a case-by-case basis - to waive state law that now requires school bus drivers to have a high school diploma or GED. HB 142 should allow us to retain competent drivers who have gone through the rigors of earning a commercial driver's license but didn't finish high school. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Foster children and their education are also important to lawmakers. It was just a few short years ago that we passed legislation allowing foster children and adopted children to attend college in-state for free once they graduate from high school. Under HB 84, which cleared the House Education Committee last week, Kentucky's foster children could have their college tuition waived when they attend college or university before graduating high school through dual credit and dual enrollment programs. The bill now goes to the full House for consideration.

Helping Kentuckians live full, safe, successful lives begins with enabling our families to earn a steady income. Currently, our families and our state are struggling with high unemployment that has taken a toll the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which pays benefits to displaced workers. We addressed the trust fund issue last Thursday when the House Labor and Industry Committee approved HB 349. By increasing the taxable wage base that determines how much employers pay into the fund - and charging interest on unemployment insurance payments made by some entities, including most local governments - HB 349 is designed to help return the trust fund and the overall unemployment insurance system to solvency. HB 349 now goes to the full House for consideration.

Finally, the House ended the week by passing a bill that would protect all travelers in Kentucky by banning anyone operating a moving vehicle from text messaging, and banning any driver of a moving vehicle who is under age 18 from using a cell phone. HB 43, which passed the House 80-16 and now goes to the Senate, would include certain exemptions such as texting or making calls in times of medical or police emergencies but

violators would face fines of between \$20 and \$100 per offense beginning next year. The bill would also require violators with driver's permits or intermediate licenses to wait an additional six months before applying for a permanent operator's license.

Our busiest days in the House are still ahead of us as we await a working bill draft (or drafts) that will eventually be developed into a House budget plan. These budget scenarios, as we are calling them, are being formulated now and will be aired soon before the House budget committee. In the meantime, House committees will continue considering bills that also have great importance to our great state.

You can stay informed of action on bills this session by checking our website, www.lrc.ky.gov, or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find

out when a committee meeting is scheduled, check the website or call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share

your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, please feel free to call the Legislative Message Line at

800-372-7181. You can also write to any legislator by sending a letter with your lawmaker's name on it to: Legislative Offices, 701 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

## Bill to ban texting while driving heads to Senate

FRANKFORT — A bill that would ban text messaging by drivers of all ages and cell phone use by drivers under age 18 has passed the House by an 80-16 vote.

House Bill 43, sponsored by Rep. Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Violators of HB 43 would face a fine between \$20 and \$100 for each offense beginning in 2011. The bill would also require young violators with driver's permits or intermediate driver's licenses to wait an additional six months before applying for their permanent operator's license.

Some lawmakers argued that the law would be difficult for law enforcement to enforce

and that current laws against reckless driving are sufficient. Richards replied that the bill could save lives.

"Those teenagers 16, 17 (years old) are among the most vulnerable drivers anywhere. If they learn good habits in their formative years, maybe it will help them avert a serious accident," he added. "If we can help one family not have to go through that, this bill is worth it."

HB 43 would allow drivers under 18 to use cell phones in emergencies. It would also allow texting by emergency officials as part of their official duties or texts to summon help in an emergency.

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# Governor, first lady invite Kentuckians to 45th annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The coming of spring offers an opportunity for rejuvenation and optimism as thoughts turn toward new goals, resolutions and the resurgence of natural beauty.

Governor Steve Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear invite you to celebrate this special time of year at the 45th Annual Governor's Prayer

Breakfast, Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010, beginning at 8 a.m. in Bell Gym at Kentucky State University.

The Governor's Prayer Breakfast is a long-standing tradition in Kentucky dating back to 1965 and includes representatives of all three branches of government. Each year it provides Kentuckians with an opportunity to give thanks for their blessings and ask for strength to lead the Commonwealth toward a brighter tomorrow.

"The spirit of Kentucky is one of resilience," said Gov. Beshear. "It is my hope that we can come together at this year's annual prayer breakfast to prepare our hearts and minds for the work ahead. From devastating winter storms and flooding to a crippling economic crisis, Kentuckians have come through troubled times because Kentuckians have

answered the call to serve and banded together with an unflinching spirit of community."

The theme of this year's breakfast is "A Call to Serve." Harkening to the pioneer spirit that has shaped the Commonwealth, the theme illustrates the call many Kentuckians have taken to help their neighbors during these tough times.

Keynoting the Governor's Prayer Breakfast this year is former United States Representative Harold Ford Jr., of Tennessee. Described by former President Bill Clinton as "the walking, living embodiment of where America ought to go in the 21st century," Ford's commitment to service and community action are reflected in his well-known dedication to creating a government that is working for the betterment of all. Musical entertainment will be provided

by the award-winning Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus.

Also part of this annual event, the William Cooper Award will be given to the Kentuckian or group of Kentuckians who embody the heart of the Commonwealth, working tirelessly in service to others with a motivation of faith and leaving a lasting impact. To nominate a citizen or group for the 2010 William Cooper Award, visit

<http://www.governor.ky.gov/cooperaward>.

"For decades, the prayer breakfast has provided the opportunity for people to slow down for a moment, take a deep breath and reflect on how to personally grow and serve during the upcoming year," said Mrs. Beshear. "This year's prayer breakfast provides the chance for a renewed commitment to Kentucky and to the common good. I hope to see you there."

## House OKs bill to beef up state unemployment trust fund

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House has approved a bill aimed at repairing the unemployment insurance trust fund that pays benefits to the state's jobless.

House Bill 349, sponsored by House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, D-Okolona, cleared the House by a vote of 97-0. Should it become law, the bill would return the state's unemployment trust fund to solvency through multiple changes that include raising the taxable wage base that determines how much employers pay into the fund and requiring interest payments be made to the fund by most local governments. It would also reduce the percentage of weekly wages paid by the fund as of 2012.

"In the year 2000, we had several dollars in the fund. We gave employers a premium reduction and gave employees and increase in benefits," said Clark. "We now find we've

got a structural imbalance that we have to correct."

Plagued by months of high unemployment, Clark said Kentucky's unemployment insurance system is now millions of dollars in debt to the federal government. "Because the unemployment insurance trust (fund) is insolvent, we had to borrow \$640 million from the federal government," Clark said. "It's estimated we may borrow (millions more) in debt that must be repaid with interest totaling \$356 million from 2011 until 2018."

"HB 349 starts us on a path to solvency and is something that we need to do in order to make our plan solvent and continue long-term benefits for unemployed workers," Clark said. The bill would also save employers \$356 million over an eight-year period, he said.

HB 349 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

## Child psychiatric care bill passes House

FRANKFORT — Children with severe psychiatric disorders who must now be treated out of state because of a lack of options in Kentucky could return home under a bill that cleared the House Wednesday.

House Bill 231, sponsored by Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown, would create a new level of licensed psychiatric residential treatment facilities for special-needs Kentucky children now being cared for in states as far away as Utah and Texas. Lee said the bill would set requirements for operation of the facilities, which could be located across the Commonwealth by qualifying applicants.

"The problem we've had for at least 10 years...is we've not had any facilities to work with these special needs kids, and these are very, very difficult kids to work with—that's why they're out of state," said Lee, adding some of the children are sexually aggressive, while others have a low IQ or engage in self mutilation. Between 50 to 90 children would be served by HB 231, he added.

The bill "would deal with a very, very select group," Lee said.

HB 231 passed 94-0 and now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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**Slipping**

Residents leaving their homes Saturday, most likely for the last time, was a huge slip across a ridge along Branham's Street, a ridge that looms above several homes in the area.

Along this ridge are approximately four homes. And less than five feet behind them, is the blocked off face of an abandoned mine. Wheelwright, once a model mining town known across the nation as an example, now has several of these abandoned mines.

This one, however, had

accumulated water following several days of rain, in addition to the mountainside itself beginning to slip.

Wheelwright Mayor Marlee Sammons, said city hall first received highly concerned reports about the area on Saturday morning, as residents such as Brenda Mullins called to say that the foundations of their homes were "popping and cracking" and that a significant mudslide had broke loose along the ridge, along with a large tree that had fallen.

"Before this happened,

there was a 50-foot-long crack up there and I told them, I tried to tell them and nobody would listen," said Brenda Mullins, one of the residents who lived along the ridge where the slide started. "I'm staying with my sister-in-law right now and I have no place else to go. I slept in a chair last night and my husband slept in the floor."

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who was at the site over the weekend, made provisions to house individuals taken out of their homes by offering to provide lodging at

the old Wheelwright High School gymnasium, though most, he said, opted to stay with family.

As of Tuesday, others were given an opportunity to stay at a nearby church.

According to Wheelwright Mayor Marlee Sammons, the Office of Surface Mining ((OSM) visited Tuesday and took water samples in an attempt to see if the abandoned mine just behind the highest row of houses could match samples taken from the groundwater seeping all across the ground near the homes.

"There could be a quick turnaround on finding out about this," said Sammons. "In some cases, the results can be got back in 24 hours."

For now, Sammons and crews with the city are busy cutting trees which are slipping along with the large piece of earth along the ridge. Sammons, who said the trees could have torn down major power lines, leaving the entire city without power.

Officials, beginning with members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, set up road blocks leading into the Branham's Street areas of the city, advising citizens to not enter the area.

"I believe it will come back as mine related," Sammons said. "The water from the mine and the water around the

homes just look too much alike ... It looks like right now people have lost their homes and right now all we can offer them is a place to stay for now. I guess there are things we just can't prepare for. We don't think things like this could happen."

Sammons said if the mining tests come back and show that the abandoned mine was the source of the slide, and possible slides to come, then OSM would be responsible for assisting the people who had lost their homes.

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**Pill mills**

to the Prestonsburg City Police Department, came at an adequate time period for the city.

The same month Combs returned to the city force, a pain clinic, an establishment seen more and more in Prestonsburg and throughout the region and county, opened shop in an empty building beside the new Arby's restaurant.

Within weeks, Combs and others at the department begin doing regular surveillance at the establishment, actually making three arrests in the parking lot of the business the day before the tenants moved their location to Auxier.

"This happened on Thursday, and Friday the clinic left the location," Combs said. "They had received an eviction notice before we did this and so they moved. But they haven't moved far enough for our tastes."

Combs said the philosophy behind the Prestonsburg Drug Unit is a simple one.

"We're going to have a zero-tolerance policy on nar-

cotics in this city," continued Combs. "And we're also going to be looking at any activity that is coming into the city from other parts of the county."

In the six months since Combs returned to the city upon the request of Mayor Jerry Fannin, there have been 28 criminal arrests related to drugs, with 94 charges totaling from those arrests. Most of those, according to Combs, have been related to drug possession.

However, of the 32 cases opened in that six months, many of which are still ongoing, more than 20 of those are trafficking cases.

Combs, who spent much of his five years with UNITE working undercover, said there have been 20 controlled buys take place in the city, coupled with 10 surveillance operations undertaken. The take from these efforts has been 1,591 pills seized during that time and \$8,891 taken from suspected drug buyers or dealers.

In addition to these numbers, Combs said there have been 35 searches performed in the city since September.

Combs said his time spent with UNITE has proven invaluable in his new duties overseeing the drug unit.

"The five years I spent with UNITE was a five-year education that I have carried over to this job."

For Combs, who said that less than three years ago he "had a mullet" as an undercover agent, the problem with drugs is paramount in his daily approach to his job.

"I live, breathe and eat this," he said. "And I've had a lot of freedom within this department to basically draft members of the department for things we need to do. It's become one of our top priorities."

Though the pain clinic, which was located less than a mile from Prestonsburg High School, has changed locations, neither Combs or the local sheriff's department have forgotten the importance of

watching the activity at the new location.

Combs said undercover operations are currently underway at the Auxier location, which is near Highlands Regional Medical Center, while Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn said he has increased patrol of the Auxier area and also included one undercover officer at the location.

"Down there around that hospital is a little pill mill community," Combs said.

**Death**

A final word on this particular aspect of the case will be determined following a look at the body by the State Medical Examiner's Office in Frankfort, Goble said.

"The way the body was found, it's a situational circumstance," continued Goble. "At least one person was at the scene, maybe two more, but we don't want to make assumptions as to what might or might not have happened. It hasn't been determined if they're witnesses or possible suspects."

The case remains under investigation by KSP Det. Ben Cramer and Det. Billy Hall.

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**Grant**

ants to help us in this effort." U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers hopes that the mini-grants will help to bring jobs to the areas that receive them.

"Leaders across Southern and Eastern Kentucky are visibly active in creating new opportunities to improve our region," Rogers said. "The years of planning for downtown revitalization, tourism marketing, and economic development projects are now coming to fruition in many of our communities. We're

attracting jobs and tourists thanks to mini-grants in the past."

According to information provided by the Center for Rural Development, funds can be used for either the successful creation of a strategic plan or the implementation of priority community development projects identified in existing strategic plans. All projects funded by the mini-grants must be completed within a six-month period.

"With additional funding in

2010, more of our rural communities can follow the same vision of providing more opportunities to our families," Rogers said. "These grants give our leaders the ability to work their plans."

The funding awarded on Monday was the first round of two rounds of funding from the Center for Rural Development's Developing and Implementing Community Strategies Program. The second round of funding will be announced in the fall.

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**District**

In social studies, Tyler Williams, from Adams Middle School, took first place and Tyler Tackett, from Allen Central Middle School, came in second.

In language arts, Briana Conley, from Allen Central Middle School, took first place and Traci Spradlin, from Adams Middle School, came in third.

In arts and humanities, Thomas Case, from Allen Central Middle School, took first place; Jordan Pack, from Allen Central Middle School, took second; and Blake Baldrige took third.

In the 85th District, Kaytlyn Short, from Stumbo Elementary, took second-place in math and Dakota Hamilton,

from Betsy Layne Elementary, took third-place.

In science, Bradley Prater, from Betsy Layne Elementary had a second-place finish and Braydon Sode, from Betsy Layne, took third.

In composition, Joslyn Isaac, from South Floyd Middle School, came in first; Troy Williamson, from South Floyd Middle, took second; and Meghan Wilson, from Betsy Layne Elementary, came in third.

In social studies, Kirklain Collins, from Betsy Layne

Elementary, took first; Alex Tackett, of South Floyd Middle, took second; and Amanda McKinney, of Stumbo, came in third.

DeAnna Kidd, of Stumbo, took second-place in language arts and Kirklain Collins, of Betsy Layne Elementary, came in third.

Amanda McKinney also took second-place in arts and humanities.

For more information on the Governor's Cup competition, visit <http://www.kaac.com>.

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**Indicted**

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ties. If, instead, Jent has been convicted of a federal crime in the past, he could face up to five years in federal prison and as much as \$500,000 in fines. In this case, he would also be subject to an additional \$100,000 for each count in the indictment, a total of \$400,000 in this case.

A motion hearing is next set in the case for March 5 with a jury trial tentatively set to follow on April 6.

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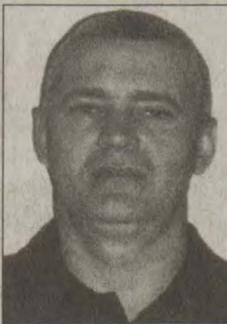
I am 43 years old and am the son of Joanna Lafferty and the late William "JR" Lafferty, of Printer. I am married to Cheryl Gayheart Lafferty. She works at Prestonsburg Health Care Center Nursing Home. Her parents are Ethel Gayheart and the late Milford "PIE" Gayheart, of McDowell. I have two sons, Nathan Lafferty, who attends Allen Central High School; and Jordan Lafferty, who resides at Prestonsburg with his wife, Laura, and daughter, Victoria.

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# Research opportunities, field work take learning to next level



Elswick gathers data from a stream.

PIKEVILLE — For Pikeville College Professor Joe Whittaker, Ph.D., research projects enrich the classroom experience.

Over the past several years, 18 students in the biology program have been awarded 21 Colonel Lee B. Ledford Awards from the Appalachian College Association for a total of nearly \$100,000 in funding for research.

No amount of classroom time can provide the understanding and hands-on experience a student can get through conducting an independent research project," said Whittaker, associate professor of biology. "Not only is this a way for students to gain real world experience, but they are able to participate in original research and gain an appreciation of what the research process entails and how science is advanced."

Students K. Marie Damron, Maranda Elswick and Kim Williams are making the most of their research opportunities, including studying the impacts of surface mining and coal extraction and isolating DNA in small mammals.

Damron, Elswick and Williams were each awarded Colonel Lee B. Ledford schol-

arships by the Appalachian College Association (ACA), which provided research stipends of \$6,120, including funds to purchase equipment. The Ledford scholarship fund supports research experiences for students at ACA colleges, with preference going to those from Harlan and surrounding counties in Kentucky.

The students were advised in their efforts by Whittaker, with Robert Arts, Ph.D., professor of education and physics, and Mark Bolt, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, assisting with specific projects. The students' projects were varied, but all have the potential to shed light on the ecology and ecological relationships of animals found in Eastern Kentucky.

Damron, of Pikeville, studied salamander responses to simulated environmental vibration associated with surface mining operations in eastern Kentucky. The Appalachian region is home to diverse species of salamanders, many of which are unique to the eastern United States. Damron's project provided insight into environmental issues in the region.

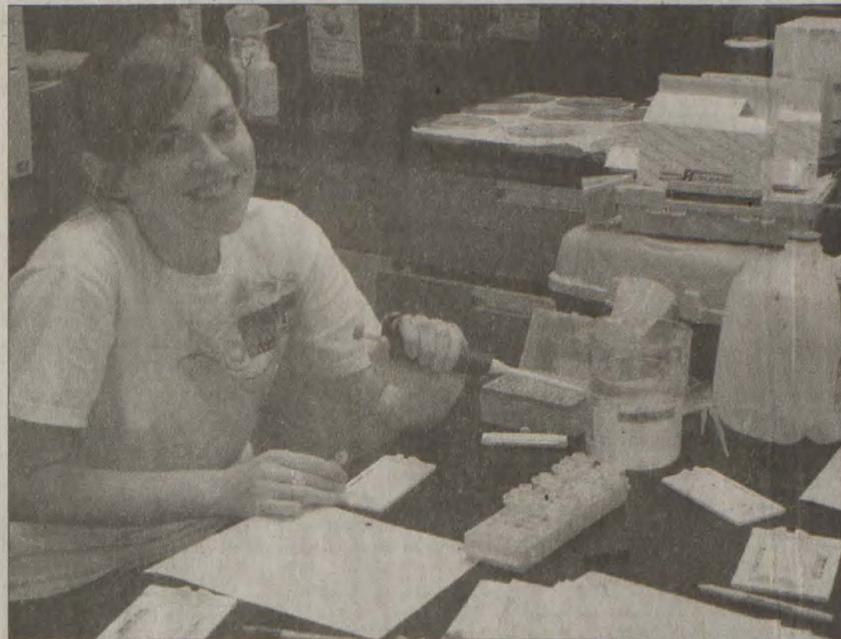
Elswick, of Big Rock, Va., researched the impact of sur-

face mining and coal extraction on sediments and water quality in tributary streams in southwestern Virginia. Elswick worked with Jane Argentina, a Ph.D. student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, to develop her research project and learn techniques used to analyze water quality.

Williams, of Prestonsburg, examined the mitochondrial DNA of white-footed mice and deer mice. Williams identified sites and trapped small mammals in order to collect saliva samples. Her research was geared toward gaining a greater understanding of both species' ecological roles, determining the stability of the populations, and providing valuable information for use by state agencies.

All three students presented posters at the Appalachian College Association summit and the Kentucky Academy of Science meeting at Northern Kentucky University. They also plan to attend and present their research at the national Sigma Zeta (math and natural science honor society) meeting and joint Beta Beta Beta, biology honor society and the Association of Southeastern Biologists meeting in Asheville, N.C.

Elswick received the second-place award from the Kentucky Academy of Science for her poster in ecology and environmental science. College students from all over



Williams processes samples in the biology lab on campus.

Kentucky, including Berea College, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University and Northern Kentucky University, participated in the competition.

In addition, Elswick and Damron received scholarships from the Rivers Institute of Hanover College to present their research at Covering the Ohio Valley: A Convergence of Media and Scientists in



Damron presents her research during the Kentucky Academy of Science meeting.



Barbara and Autis Cox would like to thank all family and friends who attended their wedding ceremony on January 1, 2010. They also would like to thank each one for the lovely gifts they received. The couple resides at City Florist in Prestonsburg.

## EKU announces program to address financial literacy

RICHMOND — With state and federal officials in attendance, Eastern Kentucky University announced last week the establishment of a financial literacy training program designed specifically to serve low- and moderate-income communities in eastern Kentucky.

The University will prepare students and community leaders to become certified financial literacy instructors, and the instructors, in turn, will help community members to make informed financial decisions and take control of their financial future.

The Community Change Program "without a doubt makes (EKU) a leader in the Commonwealth and, from what I can tell, in the nation," Kentucky State Treasurer Todd Hollenbach said at a news conference announcing the program. Financial literacy "is an absolute necessity for anybody to be successful."

Hollenbach said no campaign theme resonated more with voters than the importance of financial literacy. "A number of our counties are blessed with a lot of resources, but the vast majority do not have the resources that counties with large cities do."

As part of the program, certified trainers will identify community partners to help understand the financial literacy needs of communities and then develop customized training solutions to effect community change.

One of those early community partners is Citizens Guaranty Bank. Kathy Samples, CEO of the Irvine-based financial institution, was on hand to announce that the

bank would fund two \$1,000 scholarships, one each for students from Estill County and Madison County who become involved in the program.

"We're real excited to be a part of the program," said Samples, who said the bank began in the late 1980s to teach local high school students how to balance their checkbooks. "I challenge other financial institutions to become involved in the program and support it, too."

Michelle Greene, deputy assistant secretary for financial education and financial access with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, said she hopes the program "can be a model for programs around the country. I'm hoping it will take off around Kentucky and beyond that."

Greene said ECU has a "rich history of investing in communities and investing in people" and was an "obvious choice" to launch the program. She noted that one-fourth of U.S. households are "unbanked" or "underbanked," the latter group relying too heavily on pay-day lenders, pawn shops and the like.

An FDIC survey, in fact, found that Kentucky has the largest number of underbanked citizens in the region, she added.

EKU President Doug Whitlock said the Community Change Program represents a perfect marriage of three leading University priorities: student success, regional stewardship and implementation of the Quality Enhancement Program, which calls for the University to develop informed critical and creative

thinkers who communicate effectively.

"I'm not aware of anything else we have on campus that more closely connects the dots," he said.

The service learning component of the project will focus on the financial literacy needs of communities by having students partner with a community organization to analyze household financial literacy needs, assemble materials, acquire resources, and work with their community partner organization to deliver financial literacy training seminars.

The Department of Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems (AFIS) in the College of Business and Technology will deliver four courses as part of the Financial Literacy Certificate Program: Entrepreneurial Small Business Finance, Personal Financial Planning, Personal Money Management and the Community Financial Literacy Service Learning course. Online components and training modules for the courses will be developed to aid certified trainers in quickly being able to develop and deliver customizable financial literacy training programs.

Housed in the College, the Center for Economic Development, Entrepreneurship and Technology (CEDET) will secure funding for the program and partner with AFIS to promote, market, deliver, and fur-

ther develop the program in the ECU service region. The CEDET Office will assist in developing online components and course delivery with AFIS and will track program participation and supervise research into program effectiveness and delivery.

In 2007, the U.S. Treasury's Office of Financial Education began implementing a two-year Community Financial Access Pilot in eight locations nationwide, including ECU, in an effort to apply proven promising practices for increasing financial education and financial access for low- and moderate-income individuals.

EKU officials will discuss the Community Change Program at a national conference in Washington, D.C., in March.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports



## HAIL BLACKCATS

The Prestonsburg High School football program held its annual banquet over the weekend at the Mountain Arts Center. Left: Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin recognized PHS Coach John DeRossett. Right: PHS senior Austin McKinney was one of the players recognized during the banquet. Prestonsburg reached the State Semifinals in 2009, finishing the season 13-1 and ranking as one of the state's top high school football programs.



## Blackcats hold off South Floyd

### Lady Raiders handle P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** — Prestonsburg claimed its third 58th District win of the season Thursday night, edging visiting South Floyd 56-55. Cameron Tincher scored a team-high 18 points and Michael Burchett added 16 as Prestonsburg held off South Floyd at the Fieldhouse.

South Floyd managed to get past Prestonsburg 53-46 just over one week earlier on Jan. 27 when the two teams met for the first time in the regular-season.

Prestonsburg and South Floyd swapped leads numerous times during their latest meeting. Moving out in front in the opening quarter, Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 21-16. The Blackcats, however, had to play from behind at the start of the second half. South Floyd led 30-27 at the break.

Prestonsburg moved back out in front in the second half, outscoring South Floyd 17-11 in the third quarter.

Seven different Prestonsburg players provided scoring in the district matchup. Warren Blackburn scored eight points, Kyle Gearheart chipped in six and Seth Carter added four as the Blackcats returned to the win column. Corey Carter and Bryson Williams added two points apiece for host Prestonsburg.

South Floyd junior guard Shannon Turner led all scorers with 27 points. Brandon Marson joined Turner in double figures for the Raiders, scoring 13 points. Dakota Newsome netted eight points and Tommy Joe Hall tossed in six for the Raiders. Dakota Hall scored on a free throw as South Floyd failed to record a regular-season sweep over Prestonsburg.

**GIRLS: South Floyd 68, Prestonsburg 49:** After edging the Lady Raiders 17-15 in the opening quarter, Prestonsburg faltered. South Floyd led 32-23 at halftime and 46-34 through three quarters.

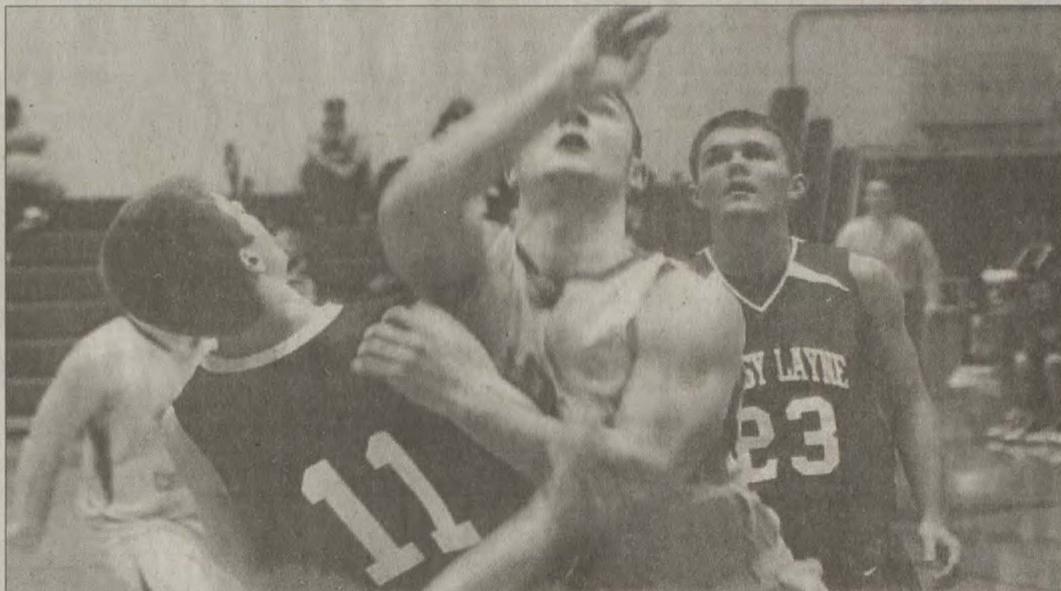
Andrea Conn scored 18 points and Gabby Bailey and Kiana Hall chipped in 15 apiece for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd was 23-of-31 from the free throw line and claimed 37 rebounds.

In other individual scoring for the Lady Raiders, Ashley Castle contributed eight points and Kayla Hall and Chelsie Tuttle added six apiece.

Cassie Burchett led Prestonsburg with 10 points. Alexis DeRossett and Kristian Waugh added nine points each for the Lady Blackcats. Poe and Catie Burchett pushed in eight points apiece for Prestonsburg.

Tiffany Wertz scored three points and Paige Collett added two for the Lady Blackcats.

(See BLACKCATS, page ten)



Above: Allen Central senior Chris Stumbo eyed a shot along with Betsy Layne's Derek Tackett (11) and Bryce Adkins (23) Friday night. Below: Betsy Layne's Nathan Martin (1) defended against Allen Central's Micah Harlow (55).

## Bobcats hold off host Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**EASTERN** -- Visiting Betsy Layne prevented Allen Central from claiming its second 58th District win and sixth overall victory of the season on Friday night. Betsy Layne held off Allen Central in the boys' basketball game of a boys-girls doubleheader, defeating the Rebels 52-46.

The Bobcats improved to 12-6 overall and 4-1 in the 58th District after claiming the win. Allen Central slipped to 5-12 overall and 1-4 in the district following the loss.

Betsy Layne moved out in front in the opening quarter, outscoring Allen Central 16-7. The Bobcats entered half-time ahead 29-24 after Allen Central closed in during the second quarter.

Betsy Layne was successful in extending its lead back out in the third quarter, outscoring Allen Central 16-12. The Bobcats persevered and won despite being held to seven points in the final quarter.

Bryce Adkins paced Betsy Layne with 17 points. Adkins was one of two Betsy Layne players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Casey Adkins contributed 13 points for Betsy Layne, which claimed its fourth straight win following a 67-69 loss at

Johnson Central on Jan. 19. Nathan Martin and Jordan Newman chipped in six points apiece for the Bobcats. Colt Stumbo scored five points and Stephen Johnson flipped in three for Betsy Layne.

Derek Tackett rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring, chipping in two points.

Senior forward Chris Stumbo led Allen Central with a game-high 20 points. Stumbo was the lone Allen Central player to reach double figures. Braxton Tackett tossed in eight points and Jarrell added seven for the homestanding Rebels. Justin Jackson pushed in six points, Chad Nelson netted three and Micah Harlow added two for Allen Central in the win.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats prevailed in the girls' game of the doubleheader, defeating Allen Central 71-44.

Betsy Layne 52,  
Allen Central 46  
Betsy Layne (12-6): B. Adkins 17, Tackett 2, Martin 6, Newman 6, C. Adkins 13, S. Johnson 3, Stumbo 5.  
Allen Central (5-12): Jarrell 7, Harlow 2, Stumbo 20, Tackett 8, Nelson 3, Jackson 6.

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### 15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	20-3
Pikeville	18-6
Lawrence County	15-4
Betsy Layne	12-6
Belfry	10-7
East Ridge	9-7
Sheldon Clark	9-10
Phelps	8-6
Johnson Central	7-12
Pike County Central	7-12
Paintsville	6-16
Allen Central	5-14
Magoffin County	5-18
South Floyd	4-17
Prestonsburg	3-16

PRESTONSBURG SENIOR MICHAEL BURCHETT worked against Lawrence County's Larry West on Saturday during a homecoming game versus the Bulldogs. Lawrence County defeated host Prestonsburg 66-43.

Burchett, one of the 15th Region's top boys' basketball players, scored a game-high 23 points for Prestonsburg in the setback.

Prestonsburg is looking to gain momentum heading into the upcoming 58th District Tournament.

## Lady Raiders level Wolfe County

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HI HAT** — The South Floyd Lady Raiders won their fifth straight game Monday evening, defeating 14th Region member Wolfe County 75-37. South Floyd, which posted 58th District wins over Allen Central and Prestonsburg last week, jumped out in front early on and never had to play from behind in the home game.

The Lady Raiders (11-7) shot 41.4 percent (29-of-70) from the field. South Floyd was 13-for-20 from the free throw line. South Floyd claimed 59 rebounds.

Kiana Hall paced South Floyd with 22 points. Ashley Castle scored 16 points and Andrea Conn added 11 for the Lady Raiders. Conn recorded a double-double, hauling in 10 rebounds for host South Floyd.

South Floyd, which finished regular-season competition second in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference, received scoring from eight different players. Janel Brown netted eight points and Chelsie Tuttle tossed in seven. Katlin Bates and Kayla Hall contributed four points apiece and Gabrielle Bailey added three for the Lady Raiders.

Bailey led South Floyd on the boards with a game-high 11 rebounds.

## Conley inks with Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**PIKEVILLE** — The No. 2 scorer in the history of the 15th Region's largest school has signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College.

Celena Conley, a member of the Class of 2009 at Johnson Central High School, is the latest Lady Eagle to follow the pipeline to Pikeville College.

"Celena is a very nice player who brings a lot of diversity to the team," said Coach Bill Watson of the Lady Bears. "She was a tremendous shooter from the outside, before they needed her in the post, and she excelled in there as well."

"She'll be a valuable asset to our program and can help us in many ways."

Conley, a 5-10 guard, scored 1,507 points in her career despite skipping her sophomore season. In addition, she had 541 rebounds and 228 assists for the Lady Eagles.

Conley will add her name to a list of Johnson Central players to continue their careers at Pikeville College, including 1,000-point scorers Selena Williams — now the head coach of the Lady Eagles — and Alice Daniel.

Johnson Central was a winning program with Conley leading the way. She helped the Lady Eagles to two 15th Region championships in her career which saw Johnson Central win 94 games while losing only 51, including a 51-13 mark during her junior and senior seasons.

In the championship game of last year's regional tournament, Conley tipped in the winning basket just ahead of the horn to secure her team's title.

Conley shot 46 percent from the floor and 32 percent from the arc while hitting 70.2 percent from the free throw line in her career at Johnson Central.

## P'burg Little League to host signups

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

## Pikeville hires volleyball and dance coaches, offensive coordinator

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — It's been a busy time around the Pikeville College athletics offices, with three new hires in the last week.

The initial opening came when Robert Staggs stepped down as volleyball coach. Staggs was promoted to athletics director last January. Staggs has been performing triple duties, including that of softball coach.

"I just felt it was time," said Staggs, the all-time winningest volleyball coach. "I felt like the girls deserved someone who could focus more on them, and we feel as if we've brought the right person back into the fold to do that."

Anna Bevins, who is among the leaders in multiple career and season categories from her incredible playing career under Staggs, has accepted the position. She will become only the third coach in Pikeville College volleyball history, behind Staggs and founding coach Missy Gragg.

"I'm very humbled by this opportunity," said Bevins, who coached Belfry High School to a 24-5 record in her only season at her alma mater. "I had no idea what Coach Staggs wanted when he called. I'm excited about getting started and building on what we've already done in the volleyball program at Pikeville College."

Last season under Bevins' guidance, the Lady Pirates won the 56th District championship and reached the 15th Region semifinals.

Pikeville football also has filled its vacancy with the hiring of Allan Holland Jr. as the new offensive coordinator. Holland was a three-sport star at Perry County Central High School in Hazard before playing college football at Wake Forest University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Holland was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Colonels, leading them to consecutive OVC championships in 2007 and 2008. He was the OVC player of the year in 2007.

"Allan brings a tremendous knowledge of aggressive offensive football to our staff," said Coach Joe Johnson, who will be in his second season at the helm of the Bears when the season begins this fall. "He's young and can relate to the players but also has the credentials to demand their attention and respect. We look forward to success with Allan and the enthusiasm he'll bring to our family."

Holland was pleased with the hire and a return home. "I'm really thankful for this opportunity to get back in the mountains where it all began for me," Holland said. "I'm excited but to start recruiting players, giving them the

opportunity to play on this level. We're looking forward to helping bring this program back in the national hunt."

Pikeville College has also brought back a dance team with the hire of Phelps native Devin Stiltner Layne. "We're excited about another opportunity for the student-athletes of our area," said Staggs. "We have some talented young people in our area and we're looking forward to continuing to meet areas of interest in diverse opportunities."

Layne is a teacher at Phelps where she lives with her husband Steve and children Steven Todd and Ivy. Devin attended the U.Va.-Wise where she received a Bachelors' Degree in English Education and Special Education. She played basketball at Wise until receiving a career ending injury. At Phelps High School, Devin played basketball, softball, volleyball, ran cross-country and cheered.

"I'm very thankful for the chance Pikeville College has given me here and will work hard to not disappoint them," Layne said. "I love dance and feel good about what we've done at Phelps and look forward to building on that at the college."

Layne started the dance team at Phelps, which is a well-decorated squad that has gained many state and national honors.

## King hits FTs, sweeps Bears; PC moves up to No. 13

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Moments after learning they'd moved up in the NAIA Div. I men's basketball poll, Pikeville College took the court in its final nonconference game of the season, an 85-77 loss to King College.

King, 16-4 after opening 0-2, got the attention of the basketball world on Feb. 1 when they knocked off Appalachian State University 87-76. The Tornado are transitioning to NCAA Div. II.

Pikeville (19-4) found out just as the lineups were being announced that it had moved up two places to No. 13 in the NAIA rankings this week. The unexplainable ratings saw the Bears move up two places after suffering a home loss the week after they'd fallen one place after two impressive road wins against Mid-South Conference competition.

All three ranked MSC teams — Campbellsville (tied for eighth) and Georgetown (17th) — moved up in the polls this week despite losing since the last poll was released a week ago.

On Monday the Bears gave King a run for its money

despite being out-shot from the free throw line 37-15. To their credit, the Tornado made 30 of the 37 for 81.1 percent, a season high for made free throws. Pikeville was also solid, hitting 13 for 86.7 percent.

Pikeville led 48-43 at the half and turned in an early 7-2 run, ending with a three by freshman Trevor Setty with 16:32 left to make it a 55-45 lead.

But King responded with a 14-0 run of its own, and when junior Clarence Smith scored inside with 11:55 left, the Tornado led 59-55.

Pikeville responded in kind, scoring the next 11 points, with six coming from senior Maurice Thomas. Senior Josh Samarco hit a field goal with 9:16 left to give the Bears a 66-59 lead.

King settled in, scoring six straight to begin what was a 19-6 run to push its lead to 78-72 with 3:10 left when junior Mark Dockery followed consecutive layups by senior Elisha Murray with a three. Pikeville got no closer than four after that.

Junior Justin Hicks led the Bears with 15 points. He hit 5-of-9 from the arc and got the Bears out to an early 16-9 lead

with four three-point shots in the first 3:33. He was followed by senior Jonathan Clark with 14.

Since missing back-to-back free throws on Jan. 16 in a win over Lindsey Wilson, Clark has now made 41 consecutive free throws, including all 10 on Monday.

They were joined in double digits by seniors Josh Samarco and Thomas with 12 each. Thomas added 12 rebounds to lead the Bears to a 34-33 advantage.

King got 17 from Dockery to pace four players in double figures. Murray flipped in 16, Smith 15 and senior Craig McCargo 14. On a night when free throw shooting was the clear difference, and the Tornado making 30 of 37, McCargo missed his first free toss of the season after entering the game 23-of-23.

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center, hosting No. 8 Campbellsville. The women's game begins at 6 with the men to follow; the Bears will be seeking revenge from a 63-57 loss to the Tigers to open league play on Jan. 14.

King will visit Montreat on Wednesday night.

## Lady Bears drop conference games to Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Stephanie Quattrociocchi and sophomore Layren Wombles were more than Pikeville College could stand in an 81-62 loss to the University of the Cumberlands Thursday night.

Quattrociocchi tossed in a career high 30 points while filling up the stat sheet with six rebounds, five steals and four assists, while Wombles finished with 27 points and five rebounds. They combined to go 9-of-14 from the arc.

Cumberlands bolted out to an 18-2 lead, getting 11 early points from Quattrociocchi. The Lady Bears charged back into the game, pulling within four (25-21) with 6:24 left when junior Laskia Bailey sank two free throws.

Cumberlands (17-6, 6-1 in the Mid-South Conference) rode its three-point shooting to a 36-27 lead at the half, hitting 7-of-15 from downtown before recess. For the game, the Patriots hit nine three-pointers, while Pikeville was only 2-of-12.

Pikeville (14-9, 2-5) had three players in double figures, getting

double doubles from two of them. Juniors Bailey and Natiera Hinton both finished 14 points and 11 rebounds. Hinton, who leads the nation in both scoring and steals, added seven thefts in the win.

Cumberlands got 15 points and 10 rebounds off the bench from junior Sherika Puckett, while Pikeville junior Whitney Compton finished with 13 points and five rebounds.

For Pikeville, sophomore Megan Mosley finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Lady Bears fall to Lindsey Wilson: A furious Pikeville College rally fell just short on Saturday as Lindsey Wilson College held on for a 65-61 win over the Bears.

The win evened Lindsey at 4-4 in Mid-South Conference play and improved the Raiders to 14-8 overall. The Lady Bears slipped to 14-10 overall, 2-6 in the league.

Lindsey Wilson stormed out of the gate and pushed its lead to 32-13 after back-to-back baskets by junior Viktoria Krell with 5:19 left in the first half. Lindsey Wilson led 40-27 at halftime.

But Pikeville came back,

pulling within two points late. A jumper by junior Natiera Hinton fell short with eight seconds left. Forced to foul, Lindsey missed both free throws with six seconds remaining but junior Diondra Anthony, a 5-7 guard, got the rebound and hit both free throws with two seconds left to seal the deal.

Pikeville was led by Hinton's 21 points and 11 rebounds, pacing four players in double figures. She was followed by sophomore Megan Mosley's 12 points. Junior Whitney Compton added 11 points and five rebounds. Junior Laskia Bailey came off the bench with 10 points and six rebounds for the Lady Bears.

Lindsey Wilson had a pair of double doubles, with junior Bethany Spillman finish with 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Anthony had 13 points and 10 rebounds. Krell fell just shy of a double-double with 16 points and nine boards.

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center when it hosts Campbellsville at 6 p.m.

## Shelby Valley standout signs with Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College's mission to keep talented local players at home was evident on Monday morning when a standout student-athlete was signed to a scholarship agreement.

Brittany Swindall of Shelby Valley High School signed the deal in a ceremony held in the library of her high school.

"We're excited about the potential Brittany has and what she can offer our program," said Bill Watson, who is in his 13th season as head coach of the Lady Bears. "We've followed her career and the progression she has made and look forward to bringing her to campus and to our basketball team."

Swindall, whose career began at East Ridge High School, has scored a total of 1,451 points in her high school career at the two schools. She also has an impressive 785 rebounds.

"I don't think there's any question Brittany has what it takes to play on that level," said Rodney Rowe, her high school coach. Rowe played college basketball at Pikeville as well. "She has the talent and I believe Coach Watson and his staff will work with her to keep improving her game."

A 5-10 senior at Shelby Valley, she has helped her Lady Kats to a 10-7 record on the season, but a perfect 3-0 against 59th District competition with only one game remaining in the seeding process. The top seed in the district tournament is assured of a berth in the 15th Region tournament.

Swindall is a solid all-around player, as her statistics show. She has 228 blocks, 163 assists and 121 steals in her varsity career.

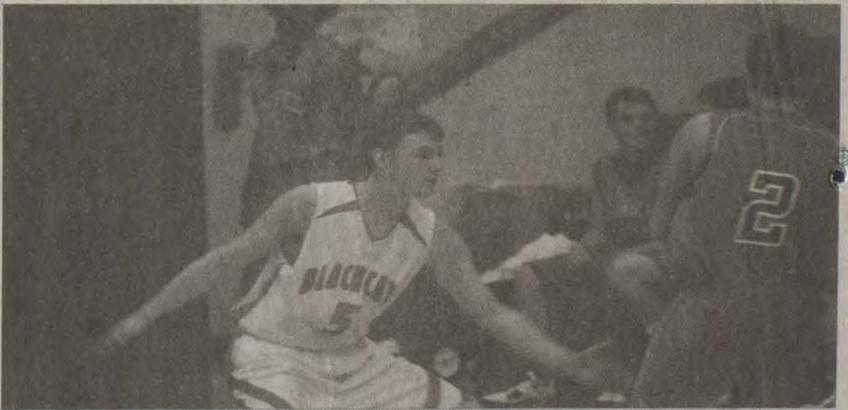
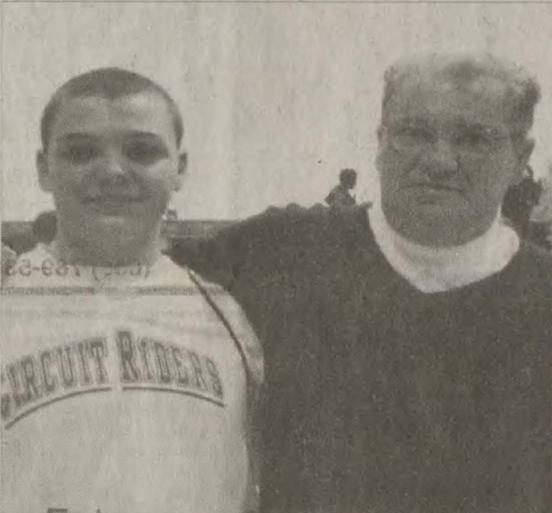
## WESLEY CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL



Wesley Christian School recently hosted 8th Grade Night. Above: Pictured from left to right are John Wilkes, Angie Wilkes, Maggie Wilkes (8th Grade), Morgan Harmon, Karla Harmon, Tyler Harmon (8th Grade), Craig Harmon, Coach Derrick Newsome, Tillie Hinchman, James Hinchman (8th Grade), William Hinchman, Jim Vargo, Tonya Vargo, Kasey Funk (8th Grade), Georgie Haney, Paul Funk, Blake Funk and Sara Yeager.

Left: Tyler Harmon and Rev. Bobby Spencer.

Below: Tyler Harmon, Coach Derrick Newsome and James Hinchman.



DEFENDING: Kyle Gearheart (5) defended for Prestonsburg during the 58th District/Floyd County Conference game versus South Floyd.

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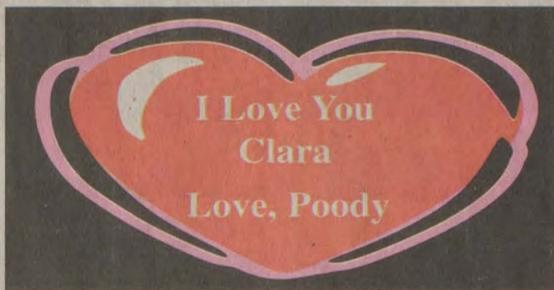
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**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 9th day of December, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$59,521.52, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

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Being certain tracts or parcels of land lying all Steel's Creek of Right Fork of Beaver Creek at Wayland in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT 1**  
Lying and being at Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky beginning at a point on the southern edge of concrete walk on a line midway between House 1099-1100 and House 1101-1102, witnesses N 51.10W18.02 feet to the southwest corner of House 1099-1100 and N 61 30 E 18.02 feet to the southwest corner of House 1101-1102; thence with the line midway between House 1099-1100 and House 1101-1102 N 5 10 E 63 feet to a stake; thence S 84 50 E 58 feet to a stake; thence S 5 10 W 63 feet to a point on the southern edge of a concrete walk; thence with the southern edge of a concrete walk N 84 50 W 58 feet to the beginning, containing 0.08 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Patricia Murphy, by deed from Roe Turner and Belle Turner, his wife, dated June 10, 1969, of record in Deed Book 199, page 218, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

**TRACT 2**  
Beginning at a point on the south edge of a concrete walk on line midway between House No. 1097-1098 and House No. 1099-1100, witnessed N 51:10 W 18.02 feet to the southeast corner of House No. 1097-1098 and N 61:30 E 18.02 feet to the southwest corner of House No. 1099-1100; thence with line midway between House No. 1097-1098 and House No. 1099-1100 N 5: 10 E 63 feet to a stake; thence N 84.50 W 58 feet to a stake on line midway between House No. 1097-1098 and House No. 1095-1096; thence with line midway between House 1097-1098 and House No. 1095-1096 S 5:10 W 63 feet to a point on south edge of concrete walk thence with south edge of concrete walk S 84.50 E 58 feet to the beginning and containing 0.08 acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Patricia Murphy by deed from Edward Bentley and Myrtle Bentley, dated September 28, 1984 of record in Deed Book 288, page 538, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

**TRACT 3**  
Beginning at a point on the south edge of a concrete walk on a line midway between House No. 1097-1098 and House No. 1099-1100, witness N51 10W 18.02 feet to the southeast corner of House No. 1097-1098 and N 61 30 E 18.02 feet to the southwest corner of House No. 1099-1100; thence with line midway between House No. 1097-1098 and House No. 1099-1100 N 5 10 E 63 feet to a stake; thence S 84 50 E 58 feet to a stake on a line midway between House No. 1099-1100 and House No. 1101-1102; thence with line midway between House No. 1099-1100 and House No. 1101-1102 S 5 10 W 63 feet to a point on south edge of concrete walk; thence with south edge of concrete walk N 84 50 W 58 feet to the beginning, containing 0.08 acres, more or less.

Being the same property acquired by Patricia Murphy from her mother, Lillian Louise Roop Murphy, by inheritance as evidenced by affidavit of descent dated April 27, 1994, of record in Deed Book 376, page 629; by deed from Don Murphy, et al, dated April 27, 1994, of record in Deed Book 376, page 630; and by deed from Charley Murphy, single, dated April 27, 1994 of record in Deed Book 376, page 637, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% percent of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I**

C.A. NO. 08-CI-00880

**BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**TIM MATTHEW HALL, CO-ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY HALL, C/O ZENITH HALL, TERESA HALL, CAROLYN BLANTON, CO-ADMINISTRATRIX**

**FOR THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY HALL, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF TERESA HALL, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF TIMOTHY HALL, TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS NO. 1,**

**KEC LAND ASSETS, INC., COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS**

**RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF Amended Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 23rd day of November, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$72,598.96, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

**Parcel II:**  
A certain tract or parcel of land located in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the corner of Hayes Johnson lot or property; thence running down the Kentucky State Highway 55 feet to a stake; thence across the bottom 75 feet to a stake; thence running a straight line up the creek 50 feet to a stake at Hayes Johnson's line; thence running with said Hayes Johnson line to a stake at the beginning so as to include all of the land in said boundary.

Being the same property conveyed to the Mortgagors from Johnny Dale Pack and Sherry Pack, husband and wife, by deed dated January 17, 2006, and appearing of record in Deed Book 520, Page 312, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENUCKY**

**FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION II**

C.A. NO. 09-CI-00876

**TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS 1, LLC**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**MAGGIE WATSON SLONE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF**

**MAGGIE WATSON SLONE; and COMMONWEALTH**

**OF**

**KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON**

**RELATION OF JOHN FARRIS, SECRETARY OF FINANCE**

**AND ADMINISTRATION**

**CABINET**

**DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of December, 2010, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, for the sum of \$801.95 (2005 having a face amount of \$421.99 and 2006 having a face amount of \$379.96) as of December 28, 2007 with interest thereon, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 18th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Right Beaver Creek and being the same land conveyed to the first parties by James Duff and Ted Duff, his wife, by deed bearing date October 17, 1966, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 191, Page 425, Floyd County Court Clerk's office containing 0.07 acres more or less, and being the same property conveyed and described in Deed Book 191, Page 425, and Deed Book 167, Page 128 containing 0.07 acres more or less, and to which reference is hereby made for a specific description hereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Maggie Watson Slone from James P. Slone, Joe R. Hayes and Jackie Lawson, by deed dated October 29, 1976, and of record in Deed Book 228, Page 5, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$3,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENUCKY**

**FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION I**

C.A. NO. 09-CI-00987

**HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION II**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**LARRY TAYLOR,**

**THE UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, BEING THE**

**UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF LARRY TAYLOR**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENUCKY,**

**COUNTY OF FLOYD,**

**TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC**

**DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of November, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$75,503.68 together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 3361 Kentucky Route 1750, East Point, Kentucky 41216

Beginning at the corner of T.S. Robinson's property at Route 1750; thence running with Route 1750, 135 feet to a point where the road leads up the hill at a small drain; thence continuing with the road leading up the hill 85 feet to a stake; thence around the base of the hill 440 feet a straight line to a mulberry tree in the hollow; thence running with the hollow 1640 feet to a peak at T.S. Robinson's line on top of the point to a rock marked "X"; thence running down the point with T.S. Robinson's line 1320 feet to the beginning corner at Route 1750.

Being the same property conveyed to Larry Taylor by Deed dated January 20, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 414, Page 322, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Floyd County, Kentucky.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2010, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENUCKY**

**FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION I**

C.A. NO. 09-CI-00494

**CITIFINAN**

**PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**KEVIN HANDSHOE,**

**GOLDIE HANDSHOE,**

**KEC LAND ASSETS,**

**KENTUCKY TAX BILL SERVICING,**

**FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE**

**DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of November, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$13,174.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 11th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 110 Pitts Hollow Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Being Not No. 5 of the Little Abbott Creek Subdivision, recorded on Plat N, 1-1-108 records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Goldie Handshoe and Kevin Handshoe, her husband, by virtue of a deed from Glenda Pitts and Larry Pitts, her husband, and Goldie Handshoe and Kevin Handshoe, her husband, dated September 21, 1999, filed October 1, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 439, Page 376, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2010, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

**LEGAL NOTICE**

I have been appointed by the Circuit Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, in Civil Action No. 09-CI-646, now pending in Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, styled: KEC Lane Assets, Inc.

**VS.**

Allen Lane Development, et al.

The nature of this action is to collect a debt.

If you are Robert B. May, Jr., you are hereby warned and notified that you have fifty days from January 11, 2010, in which to file an Answer to the Complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the Complaint may be awarded to the Plaintiffs. This may be a matter for which you may want to consult an attorney at law.

**JOSEPH LANE**

**WARNING ORDER ATTORNEY**

124 West Court Street

Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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**NOTICE**

**OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, KY 41649, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment No. 3 of Permit No. 836-0337, which was last issued on June 11, 2007. Increment No. 3 covers an area of approximately 15.34 acres, and is located 1.55 mile southeast of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The surface area is owned by Terry Hall and Sneh Desai

The operation is located on Little Mud Creek, approximately 0.80 mile south from the junction of Morgan Fork (CR) with Little Mud Creek (CR), and between Morgan Fork and Lower Wolfpen Branch.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of twenty six thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$26,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$26,900.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching, completed in September 2009.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, by March 16, 2010.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 16, 2010

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Geoffrey D. Marsh, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Unknown Spouse of Berry Hall of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about January 10, 2010, in which the Unknown Spouse of Berry Hall was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number II of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action Number 10-CI-00082. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for unpaid property taxes on property located at 13 Sunflower Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Unknown Spouse of Berry Hall shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if she desires to do so. If she does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court. Anyone having information concerning Unknown Spouse of Berry Hall, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020. Geoffrey D. Marsh Attorney at Law 112 West Court Street, Suite 100 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
DIVISION NO. 08-CI-1493  
C.A. NO. II**

**BANK INEZ DEPOSIT PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
MARTY HAMILTON, JR., SINGLE,  
and COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 28th day of December, 2009, in the above cause, for the sum of \$37,212.27 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 18th day of February, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

Lying and being on the Right Fork of Bull Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a metal rod at the creek corner to property line of Duane Branham and Leatrice Branham; thence running with the Duane Branham and Leatrice Branham line to a metal rod on the ridge; thence running with the ridge to a marked yellow Oak tree on the ridge to Henry Wallen's line; thence a straight line with Henry Wallen's line back to the creek to a marked rock; thence running with the creek to the metal rod at the creek, the point of beginning.

To include a 1986 Fleming Mobile Home, ID#NTA084724. And being the same land conveyed to Marty K. Hamilton, Jr., by deed from HLT Properties, Inc., by deed dated May 17, 2002 of record in Deed Book 480, Page 292, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% percent of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
DIVISION II  
C.A. NO. 09-CI-00915**

**TAX EASE LIEN INVEST MENTS 1, LLC PLAINTIFF**

**VS.  
ESTATE OF MARIE STOUT; UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, AND LEGATEES OF MARIE STOUT; and  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF  
FLOYD  
BY AND ON RELATION OF JOHN FARRIS SECRETARY  
OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION  
CABI NET DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 11th day of December, 2010, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, for the sum of \$789.99 (\$411.51 for 2005 and \$378.48 for 2006) as of December 28, 2007 with interest thereon, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 18th day of February, 2010 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright and being Lot No. Three Hundred Ninety-Four and One-Half (394 1/2) including the building and the appurtenances thereunto belonging located on said lot or parcel of land of the Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by the Wheelwright Subdivision Map of Plat in File No. 348 of the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Marie Stout, a single person, from Delcia Stone, widow, by deed dated April 19, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 327, Page 246, of the records of the Floyd County Clerk.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$3,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

**LEGAL NOTICE**

To: JAMES A. MAY  
Re: Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, Case No. 09-CI-00646, KEC LAND ASSETS INC., vs. ALLEN LAND DEVELOPMENT, NORTH AMERICAN TAX SOLUTIONS, LLC.

The Plaintiffs in this matter, KEC Land Assets, Inc., a potential interest in regards to some land in which there may be a lien. The Court has appointed the Hon. Jarred Bentley as warning order attorney in order to serve James A. May with Notice of the lawsuit. James A. May should be advised that the warning order attorney does not represent his interest, and the warning order attorney is only notifying him of the pending lawsuit. James A. May should be aware that he should file some type of response to this lawsuit within the next fifty days or there may be a judgment entered against him. This land is located in Floyd County, Kentucky.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5463, Operator Change**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise Permit Number 836-5463 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Shorty Enterprises, Inc. The new operator will be Black Thunder Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 83, Minnie, KY 41651.

The operation is located 0.25 mile northwest of Burton, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.65 mile northwest from KY 1498's junction with KY 122, and located 0.25 mile west of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5480, Operator Change**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise Permit Number 836-5480 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Inner Mountain Mining, Inc. The new operator will be Black Thunder Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 83, Minnie, KY 41651.

The operation is located 2.8 miles southeast of Orkney, in Floyd and Knott counties. The operation is approximately 0.10 mile northwest from Ralph Moore Branch County Road's junction with St. Rt. 122 and Spewing Camp Br. County Road, and located 0.12 mile west of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**The Housing Authorities of Prestonsburg/Floyd County have an opening for a Section 8 Coordinator**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

B.D. Nunnery, Attorney at Law, 268 East Friend Street, Suite 103, P.O. Box 510, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Sam Perry of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about January 27, 2010, in which Sam Perry was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division No. II of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action No. 10-CI-00088.

Sam Perry shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Clerk if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court.

Anyone having information concerning Sam Perry, please contact B.D. Nunnery at (606) 886-1515.

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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## Feeling better already

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

This is going to sound ridiculous. I know—but my Achilles' heel is my stomach!

(Kind of makes you think of that old song, "The leg bone's connected to the ... shin bone," etc., doesn't it.)

What I mean is, it doesn't take much to upset my stomach, unfortunately; I have to be somewhat cautious about what I eat. Potato salad that's been sitting on a picnic table a wee bit too long? Forget it!

But I've always been thankful that I've been spared what's called "inflammatory bowel disease," known as IBD. From what I've read and heard, that's pretty close to sheer torture, and those who suffer from it have my deepest sympathies.

There's some good news for those folks, though, and it comes from—of all places—an agricultural laboratory!

Here's the story: An Agricultural Research Service (ARS) microbiologist has teamed up with a group of British scientists to use a benign bacterium that lives in the human intestines to develop a microbe that someday could help treat not only IBD, but a whole raft of other chronic intestinal diseases.

IBD actually erodes the delicate lining of the intestine, and its symptoms—often severe—include cramping, abdominal pain and other gastrointestinal discomfort. Unfortunately, there's no cure for IBD, and some of the current treatments can have adverse side effects. Doctors and patients alike would love to see the development of more effective therapies, especially methods that deliver the drugs directly to the intestines.

That's why the ARS microbiologist and his British colleagues—one at the Institute of Food Research and the University of East Anglia in Norwich, Great Britain, the other at the University of Leeds and St. James University Hospital, also in Leeds—began looking for a solution.

The group zeroed in on a bacterium called *Bacteroides ovatus* (*B. ovatus*), which is one of an assortment of bacteria that naturally live in the human intestine. *B. ovatus* thrives in the oxygen-free atmosphere of the large intestine, where it breaks down xylan—which is a fiber found in plants and other sugars for energy and growth.

The research team created a strain of *B. ovatus* that uses xylan to stimulate secretion of a substance called human keratinocyte growth factor. This is a "good guy" protein that helps repair and restore the intestine's delicate lining, and boosts the intestine's ability to repair the damage inflicted by IBD.

In tests, the researchers found that mice suffering from IBD who received treatments of oral doses of xylan and the engineered strain of *B. ovatus* had intestinal tissues that healed more rapidly. That group of mice also lost less weight and had lower levels of rectal bleeding. Also, dosing mice with *B. ovatus* protected them against induced IBD and limited the development of subsequent intestinal inflammation.

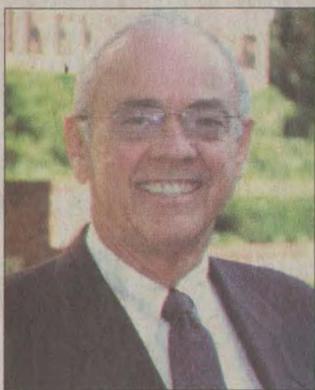
This isn't ARS' first foray into the field of human healing. ARS scientists also are testing specially treated cotton fabrics that could be made into military uniforms and gauze pads that could help staunch bleeding, prevent infections and even promote healing. These same special fabrics could be made into hospital sheets that are highly absorbent, smooth, soft and antibacterial, and could help prevent bed sores.

The secret to the fabric's antibacterial and blood-clotting properties is a natural substance called chitosan, which is a carbohydrate found in shrimp shells. The ARS scientists have found a way to more uniformly distribute chitosan throughout the material, compared with chitosan-treated cotton gauze pads that are now on the market.

The special fabrics are a way to

(See **SCIENCE**, page five)

## Patton to be inaugurated at PC next week



Paul Patton

PIKEVILLE — Paul E. Patton, former Kentucky governor and a national leader in education policy, will officially be installed as the 18th president of Pikeville College on Tuesday, Feb. 16, on the college campus.

The first Kentucky governor in nearly 200 years to serve two successive terms (1995-2003), Patton, known as the "higher education governor," proposed and championed the successful passage of Kentucky's Higher Education Reform Act in 1997.

Patton served as a member of Pikeville College's Board of Trustees for more than 30 years and as Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in Public Policy and Leadership at the college. In 2009, he was named

chairman of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

"My inaugurations as governor, and now as a college president, are highlights of my life," said Patton. "It is certainly a fitting capstone of my career. Putting into practice what you've advocated is very rewarding."

The inauguration ceremony will be held in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, at 2 p.m. The community is cordially invited to attend. The academic professional will be led by a student bagpiper and faculty marshal bearing the college's mace, as Pikeville's new president is officially welcomed by the campus family, including students, faculty and staff, alumni and trustees.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers will deliver the inauguration address. Also participating in the program are Pikeville College Presidents Emeriti, Harold H. "Hal" Smith and William H. Owens, University of Louisville President James Ramsey, University of Kentucky President Lee Todd, Gary Cox, president of the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities and Karen Nichols, D.O., president-elect of the American Osteopathic Association. Terry Dotson, chairman of the college's board of trustees, and CPE President Robert King will preside over the investiture and presentation of the president's medallion.

(See **PATTON**, page five)



## BACK TO THE BEGINNING

### Mountain Heart returns to where it all began

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Mountain Heart, a group that played its first official show at the Mountain Arts Center over 10 years ago, will return to Prestonsburg this weekend with a very different sound.

"We're a different band than we were a few years ago," said Barry Abernathy, banjo player. "We're not your typical bluegrass band. We have an exceptional singer, and we do more diverse music. We put some southern rock into our bluegrass."

Abernathy hopes that a large crowd shows up

for the performance on Saturday.

"I would like people to know what an exciting show it is," Abernathy said. "I think it's the most energetic all-acoustic show around. There's a lot of stuff that people will like. It's not your typical bluegrass show. It's good music and it's the place to be this weekend."

Mountain Heart was formed in 1999 as a more traditional bluegrass group. The group's sound started to evolve and show different influences after the arrival of Josh Shillings, the new vocalist for Mountain Heart.

According to a release from the band's publicity agent, "Mountain Heart's musical virtuosity, unmatched energy, and keen sense of entertain-

ment dynamics have helped them to forge a highly unique sound, and stage show, which appeals to an incredibly wide variety of musical tastes."

Members of Mountain Heart have either won or been nominated for multiple Grammys, ACM, CMA, and IBMA Awards, and have appeared at the grand Ole Opry over 120 times.

The concert is scheduled to begin at the Mountain Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 13. The opening band will be Summertown Road. For more information on Mountain Heart, visit <http://www.mountainheart.com>. For ticket information, call the Mountain Arts Center at (606) 889-9125.

## Freeman receives KMEA honor

PIKEVILLE — Janean Freeman, instructor of music at Pikeville College, was recently named District 9 "Teacher of the Year" by the Kentucky Music Educator's Association (KMEA). The recognition marks the second time Freeman has received the honor for District 9 in the college/university category.

"It's a great honor to receive such an award because it comes from your inner circle of profes-

sional peers," said Freeman, who was also nominated to run for state college/university chairman.

Freeman continues to work with voice students throughout the region, including hosting an All-State Choir Audition Workshop, conducting clinics at middle schools and high schools. She will also play a key role in planning the district's Choral/Solo and Ensemble Festival scheduled for March 5 on the Pikeville College

campus. The Kentucky Music Educators Association consists of over 2,000 professional music educators at all levels - from kindergarten to university - who are dedicated to the cause of music education in Kentucky. Included are in-service, pre-service and retired music educators. Associated with the National Association for Music Education, KMEA serves as a voice for Kentucky's music educators.



Janean Freeman

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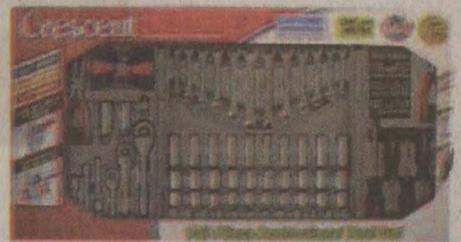


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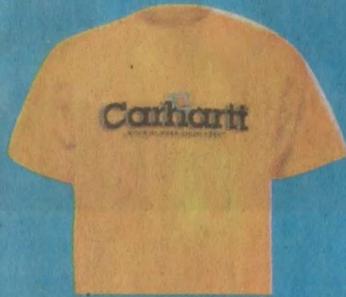
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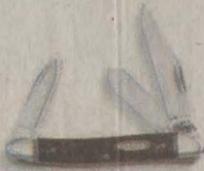
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## Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 6, 9, and 11, 2000)

Steven Riley, 37, a local man, who feels he was misled by an advertisement for a big-screen television, is going to court to prove it. He filed suit against Household Retail Services last month, claiming the company fraudulently placed a false advertisement...A sparse crowd braved the snow and slush for the arraignment of Sheridan Martin, a Prestonsburg attorney, accused of first degree sexual abuse. Pike County District Judge Darrel Mullins entered the courtroom, read Martin his rights, entered a not guilty plea for him, set a preliminary hearing date, for February 11, and closed the proceedings until then...Known across the world as a director, producer, and actor, Christopher Reeve (aka Superman) made a visit to the Kentucky General Assembly, Thursday. Mandy May of Prestonsburg, and Palmer Hurston were special guests for Reeve's appearance...Things began to heat up in the House of Representatives this week, when a number of controversial bills came up for action. Teen smoking, the posting of the Ten Commandments, the bottle bill, what happens to guns confiscated in criminal activity, civil rights legislation, and the use of cell phones by drivers, all became hot topics in committees or on the floor...Two months after announcing it faced either accepting out-of-state prisoners or shutting down altogether, Otter Creek Correctional Center this week began accepting Indiana inmates, and shipping its Kentucky prisoners to other institutions...Local law officers have little to say about a house bill that may see the speed limit on Rt. 80 increased. Introduced last week, House Bill 532 proposes that travelers on Route 80 between Hazard and Prestonsburg be allowed to travel 65 miles per hour...With nothing new on the agenda, the Allen City Commission held a quick session, Monday night. Old business was the only business at hand. Items discussed by the council included: City Clerk Bill Parsons confirmed the sale of the city's radar gun to the City of Wheelwright for \$350; bond payments of \$15,500 were made to a Michigan resident who held bonds from the city; and a pair of accidents which recently occurred to the almost 90-degree curve in the city...A rookie state trooper has been arrested on multiple charges, after he allegedly broke into his girlfriend's residence in Jefferson County. Only six months into active duty, Trooper Ernest Langley, with Kentucky State Police Post 9, was charged with first-degree burglary, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree assault, and fourth-degree assault...Larry Michael Shepherd, 24, entered a guilty plea to second-degree assault, after he pushed his ex-wife, Heather Case, down, causing her to hit her head on concrete. He then choked her and struck her in the head with a

gun. He was charged with wanton-endangerment for shooting at her, and a first-degree stalking charge was brought against him for following Case on several occasions, and terroristic threatening charges for threatening to kill her...Crews from Barker Mobile Homes worked quickly to get part of a doublewide trailer up Westminster Street in Prestonsburg, yesterday. The doublewide will become Dinosaur Playland II, a daycare center owned by Karen and Jerry Martin...The Prestonsburg Golf Course advisory board announced a possible opening date of Sept. 2000, or June 2001...A Betsy Layne man had charges of burglary and theft reduced to misdemeanor charges after the alleged victim testified against him on Wednesday. James Dean Sellards was facing two separate felony charges after being arrested for allegedly forcing his way into the home of Charles Parsons with an axe. Parsons also accused Sellards of taking 80 Tylenol 3 and 60 Valium tablets...Ty Blankenship, 20, of Melvin, appeared in court, Wednesday, to answer allegations he stole a large pile of cash from a local woman's closet. Debbie Goble, swore out a warrant on Blankenship, for allegedly taking \$1,100 from her residence...Michael Keens, 30, of Maytown appeared Wednesday in Floyd District Court on multiple charges ranging from fourth-degree assault to fleeing and evading a police officer...Kevin Shannon, newly-hired director of the Mountain Arts Center (MAC) saw his first meeting with the Mountain Arts Center Management Commission turn into an informational meeting, rather than a full-fledged meeting, because the group lacked a quorum...There died: Jackie Dean Slone, 44, of Pippa Passes, Friday, February 4, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; John Combs, 47, of Chesapeake, Ohio, formerly of Leburn, Wednesday, February 2, at Lawrence County, Ohio; Rondal Allen, 61, of Albion, Michigan, Thursday, February 3, at his home; Elberta Hall, 81, of Lackey, Saturday, February 5, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edna Prater, 76, of Ashland, Wednesday, January 26, in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland; Gary Dean Pennington, 49, of Bristol, Tennessee, formerly of Ligon, Saturday, February 5, at Blountville, Tennessee, following an auto accident; Kelly Whitt, 72, of North Judson, Indiana, formerly of Garrett, Wednesday, February 2, at the Starke Memorial Hospital; Luther Shell, 82, Monday, February 7, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville; Alton Wells, 84, of Martin, Monday, February 7, at his residence; Delmer Elswick, 75, of Flat Gap, Sunday, February 6, at HRMC; Hattie Marie Tufts Fain, 95, of Wheelwright, Saturday, February 5, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center; Martha "Pard" Ellis Slone, 61, of Langley, Thursday, February 3, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Paul "Jack" Nunemaker, 76, of Robinson Creek, Sunday, February 6, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charlotte Yvonne

Meade, 53, of Harold, Saturday, February 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Lacy Scott, 78, of Garrett, Tuesday, February 1, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Sallie Akers Frasure, 101, of Flatwoods, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, February 8, at Oakmont Manor Nursing Home in Flatwoods; Jessie Merl Johnson, 81, of Virgie, Wednesday, February 9, at his residence; William Lonard Burke, 66, of Virgie, formerly of Weeksbury, Tuesday, February 8, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago

(February 7 & 9, 1990)

A Melvin man was shot three times by a Weeksbury man early Friday morning during an argument at B.&R. Arcade in Melvin. State police reports allege Charles Ray Johnson, 38, of Weeksbury, shot Kenneth B. Younce, 41, during a scuffle that broke out between the two at about 12:15 a.m. on February 2...A full-scale drug search was conducted Monday at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, using four drug-sniffing dogs from the Kentucky State Police Canine Unit. The search netted only a single, partially-smoked marijuana cigarette, found in the student common area...The collapse of a railway tunnel under KY 550 near Hueysville, on January 19, and the subsequent closure of the road for repairs has taken an economic bite out of area businesses...An Eastern man received 10 days in jail, a \$57 fine, and was put on probation for 170 days, for illegally dumping trash in his backyard. According to Cleveland Tackett, Floyd County ecology officer, Millard Little has been a long-time offender of state littering and trash disposal laws...The Floyd County Fiscal Court, and Property Valuation Administrator Lovel Hall were given their yearly reports from the state Auditor of Public Accounts this week, receiving an equal measure of praise and criticism...There died: Herbert Robinson, 85, Lackey, February 2, at his residence; Opal G. Wiley, 73, of Hunter, Indiana, formerly of Ivel, December 30, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, West Virginia; Seymore Samons, 65, Martin, February 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Sadie Walters Hatfield Click, 87, Calf Creek, Emma, January 30, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Thomas Lee Setser, 72, Auxier, February 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mitchell Gibson, 81, Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, January 28, at Miami

Valley Hospital in Dayton; Darwin "Blackie" Clifton 68, Prestonsburg, January 30, at St. Joseph Hospital; Grace Shepherd Patrick, 90, Pearisburg, Virginia, formerly of Topmost, February 1, at the home of her stepdaughter in Pearisburg; Betty J. Harmon, 65, Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Banner, February 2, in Lexington Court Care Center; Loretta Rose Spears, 43, Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, February 1, at Shelby Memorial Hospital; Jay Sheldon, 79, Robinson Creek, formerly of Drift, February 5, at his residence; Tonya and Travis Burchett, infant twins of Lorinza and Melissa Whitt Burchett, Tutor Key, February 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dorothy Loretta Cole, 30, Pikeville, February 5, at Morehead.

## Thirty Years Ago

(February 6, 1980)

With a \$310 million deficit in the state general fund expected over the next two years, and legislators understandably hesitant about imposing new taxes, we should expect at least a more rigid enforcement of existing tax laws. The delinquency rate is presently running at near 20 percent, while property value assessments in the county are an average of about 18 percent below fair market value...Told of a proposal by the Floyd Housing Authority to build a public housing project on Mare Creek, residents of that area have made it clear that they will tolerate such a project only if it is limited to the elderly and handicapped...With temperatures near zero the courthouse had further troubles, Tuesday, when a water jacket in the heating system ruptured, automatically shutting off all the heat in the building. If the service man is unable to repair the job which will get heat to all parts of the building, except the circuit and district courtrooms, all court sessions would be canceled and prisoners evacuated...Ashland Howard of David, and other residents, feel that the town's plans for extensive housing development could be jeopardized unless a way is found to control mining activities in the area, and they are hoping that a bill proposed for consideration by the General Assembly, this year, will provide them with the tool they need...Enterprise Association of Baptist Churches has filed with the superintendent of schools Pete Grigsby Jr., a request that school

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

**Diabetes support group**  
Pikeville Medical Center's Diabetes Support Group will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, February 22 in the second-floor atrium conference room at Pikeville Medical Center. Guest speaker, Mavis Lowe RN, will present part one of a three-part series on food. All meetings are free. For more information, call (606) 218-3513.

**First Presbyterian Church to host "The Inn Thing" Saturday, February 20**  
Once again the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg is hosting "The Inn Thing." This is a relaxing candlelit evening of great food and entertainment on Saturday, February 20, at 6 p.m. Bring your sweetie, best friend, etc. Don't miss out. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased from the church. All proceeds benefit the Floyd County Ministerial Association Emergency Relief Fund. Come enjoy this wonderful catered dinner and help benefit a worthy cause. For information about purchasing tickets, please call the church at 886-2214.

**Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM changes meeting dates**  
Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM has changed the dates of its stated communications from the first and third Saturday, to the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All Master Masons are invited to attend these meetings.

**Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP Offers free tax service**  
AARP Tax Aide volunteers, members of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, will provide free tax assistance for elderly (60 and over) and low-income persons at the Floyd County Library each Tuesday, beginning February 2, through April 13, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Bring your last year's income tax return and current tax information.

**Camp Nathanael presents: Dinner and a movie, February 20, at 6:30 p.m.**  
Take a mid-winter break and join us at Camp Nathanael for an adult get-together. After a delicious meal, we will be watching the movie "Flywheel" from the producers of "Facing the Giants" and "Fireproof." This humorous look at the life of Jay Austin, owner of a used car lot, is sure to inspire all who attend. There is no charge for the evening, but to assist us in having a well-planned event, please register by phone: 251-3231 or email: [smmmky@tgtel.com](mailto:smmmky@tgtel.com).

**Third Avenue Freewill Baptist to hold Revival, Sun., Feb. 14**  
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, 195 S. Central Ave., Prestonsburg, will hold a revival beginning Sunday night, February 14. Service is 6 p.m. Sunday night; 7 p.m. through the week. Pastor Larry Blair will be preaching. Church is located between the old courthouse and the Floyd County Times, downtown Prestonsburg. Everyone welcome. More information, Pastor Phillip Ramey, (606) 791-6099.

**Floyd County Extension Council and District Board Meeting**  
The Floyd County Extension Council and District Board

will meet Tuesday, February 16, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 5:30 p.m. Should the Floyd County Schools cancel due to inclement weather the Extension Council and District Board will not meet. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

### Betsy Layne High School announces upcoming events

Betsy Layne High School would like to announce the following up-coming events:  
**Saturday, February 13th:** Basketball Homecoming and Recognition of the 1994 Betsy Layne High School Regional Baseball Championship Team. Coaching staff and team members are invited to attend.  
**Friday, February 19:** Hall of Fame Game and Senior Night. We would like to invite everyone to attend these events.

### Highlands Regional Medical Center "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

**"With Every Beat of Your Heart"**  
Learn about heart healthy habits to reduce your risk of Heart Disease.

Thursday, February 25, 2010  
Meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building Room A & B 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. All classes are free of charge.

For further information, contact: Food & Nutrition Services at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353. We look forward to seeing you?

### 2010 Spring Classes Classes begin March 8

**Basic Computer Classes**  
March 8—Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon, instructor Gordon Scott

March 11—Thursdays, 5-8 p.m., instructor Jerry Hatfield Limited to 12 students per class.

(Free computer\* with class completion).

**Microsoft Office 2007**  
Instructor Frank Richter  
March 8, Mondays, 5-8 p.m.  
March 9, Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.  
Computer Classes Cost \$30.

**Sewing Classes**  
8 weeks, instructor Donna Woods

March 8, Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., \$20

March 11, Thursdays, 5-8 p.m., \$20

**Quilting Classes**  
8 weeks, Instructor Nancy Froschauer

March 8, Mondays  
Afternoons 1:30-4:30 p.m., \$20

Evenings, 5:30-8:30 p.m., \$20

**Lil' Bit of Everything Class**  
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Call 606-886-0709 for reservations.

**The Auxier Center**, a program of Hand in Hand Ministries, located 21 South River Street, in Auxier.

\*One computer per family—students must meet income guidelines and not have a computer of their own.

**Highlands Regional Medical Center**

**February 2010**

**February 9th**  
Sr. Advantage, Highlands Medical Office Building, Meeting Rooms A & B, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**February 25th**  
Diabetes Support Group, Highlands Medical Office Building, Meeting Rooms A & B, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**February 25th**  
Living Well With Diabetes, Highlands Medical Office Building, Meeting Place A & B, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

**Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department cookbook**

The Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department is doing a cookbook!!! We

would like for all the people in our district to put a recipe in it.

If anyone has any, they can call any of Ladies Auxiliary: Terri Dickerson, Mary Billiter, Christine Hite, Susie Victor, Lora Hall, Christel Hite, Faye Click, Dearl Faye Holbrook, Janet Crum, Brenda Salmon, and Nancy C. Newsome.

If anyone would like to sponsor our cookbook, call Dearl Faye Holbrook, 886-8481 or call 226-3525.

You can also sponsor a family member or friend who has passed on. Also company sponsor—\$20.

Deadline for recipes is February 12.

### Free Tax preparation available in Big Sandy

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again offering **FREE** help for eligible tax filers in preparing and electronically filing tax returns. The service, made possible through funding from Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties.

BSACAP has IRS-certified staff to prepare and file tax returns, and offers the service **free** to low-income residents in the Big Sandy area. To sched-

ule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641.

### Attention: Home Gardeners

Come join the new Floyd County Gardening Club (G.O.E.S.) on January 29, at 1:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, (across from Brad Hughes Toyota). For more information contact: Theresa M. Scott, Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, Phone 606-886-2668, Email: [tmScott@uky.edu](mailto:tmScott@uky.edu)

### Miss Southeast Kentucky Pageant is set, Feb. 27

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

### Gospel sing

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

### The Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now

taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are **low income** and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by the office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

### Benchmark Family Services family care support

Benchmark Family Services is a private, non-profit therapeutic foster care agency seeking caring and compassionate foster parents in eastern Ky. Free flexible training schedules, 24-7 support monthly financial compensation, financial bonuses, and mileage reimbursement available. Call: 606-886-0163. [www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org](http://www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org)

### McDowell High School Class of 1990 Reunion

The McDowell Class of 1990 will hold a 20-year class reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2010. The location for the event is Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Pines Building. There will also be a family outing scheduled for that morning. Cost for the reunion is \$40.00/couple or \$20.00/single. Checks may be mailed to: McDowell Class of '90, P.O.

Box 23, Minnie, KY 41651. If you should have information or questions, please contact Stephanie (Allen) Johnson, 606-377-7811 [sjxray@yahoo.com](mailto:sjxray@yahoo.com) or Scott Shannon 606-377-7742 [scott.shannon45@yahoo.com](mailto:scott.shannon45@yahoo.com). You may also join the classmate groups on Myspace and Facebook.

### FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

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

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

### Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than 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.

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

**OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education**

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse.

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208.

www.drugsno.com

**Duff Kindergarten Registration**

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

**Higher education begins here**

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older.

Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also

available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.

For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

**Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010**

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

**Auxier Community Center**

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

**Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting**

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

**Free Bible Lessons**

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

**Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!**

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for

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

**Need Help With Home Repairs?**

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

**Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge**

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

**Need help with addiction?**

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.

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

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

**Hope in the Mountains**

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**

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

**UNITE**

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15

p.m.

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

**'Earn While You Learn'**

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

**Senior employment program**

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

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

**Looking for a Support Group?**

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

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

**Overeater's Anonymous** -

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

**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 Have to Hurt."

**Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support

group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 427-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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Yesterdays

activities, including basketball games and Board of Education meetings, be rescheduled so that they will not conflict with the traditional Wednesday night services of area churches...There died; Elder Mitchel Chaffins, 66, of Minnie, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Will Cecil, 90, of Harold, Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Lonzo Vanderpool, 53, Monday, at his home at Gunlock; Mary Music Brown, 88, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, Jan. 23, at HRMC; Wilma L. Johns Rohr, 60, of Bloomingdale, Ind., formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, Jan. 16; Blanche Cooley Castle, 65, of Winchester, formerly of Floyd County, last Tuesday, at Clark County Hospital; Anna Hunter, 81, of Betsy Layne, Jan. 30, at her son's residence in Sarasota; Charles E. Allen, 87, of Pikeville, formerly of Eastern, Tuesday, at Methodist Hospital; Ira J. Hamilton, 70, of Midway, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Friday, January 25; Wilbur "Si" Reynolds, 62, of South Rockwood, Mich., Jan. 26; Bertha Williams Cranford, 59, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at HRMC; Howard J. Perry, 55, Thursday, Jan. 31, at his home on Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek; Ollie E. VanHoose Taylor, 66, of Nora, Va., Monday, at the home of a son at Hunter; Dorothy Ann Kephart, 57, of Hagerstown, Md., formerly of Auxier, Jan. 21, at Hagerstown.

**Forty Years Ago (February 12, 1970)**

Congressman Carl D. Perkins said, last week, he was "greatly disturbed" upon learning that President Nixon's budget, as submitted to Congress, contained no funds for the Martin local protection project...The Prestonsburg City Council, at its meeting last week, authorized the borrowing of \$117,700 to finance repair of the damaged drain in the vicinity of the Second Street flood protection installation...The contracts for construction of the \$5.3 million regional hospital on US 23, near Auxier, was signed, last Tuesday, and the contractor is now preparing for the beginning of foundation work...Floyd County's teachers are overwhelmingly in favor of following the lead of the Kentucky Education Association in deciding if they shall, or shall not, call a work-stoppage in protest against the failure of Governor Nunn and the Kentucky Legislature to provide increased teacher salaries...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Collins, of Prestonsburg, a son, Christopher Brian, Feb. 7, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Cool Jr., a son, Christopher Bryant, Dec. 27, at Louisville; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham Porter, of Tampa, Fla., a son, John Graham, Feb. 9; to Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Jamadar, of McDowell, a daughter, Jan. 27; to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mullins, of Garrett, a son, Jan. 31; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edward Mullins, of Hank, a son, Feb. 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Beaver, a son, Feb. 1...There

died; Mallie Shepherd, 66, Monday, at her home at Hueysville; Ezra Mayo, 72, of Martin, last Wednesday, at Jenny Wiley Rest Home, Paintsville; Ben H. Tackett, 79, last Thursday, at his home at Grethel; Mrs. Sarah Slone, 89, Mousie, last Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

**Fifty Years Ago (February 11, 1960)**

A recent decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, will probably cost the Floyd County school system \$137,715, it was calculated by County Superintendent, V.O. Turner. It will put the county revenue back near where it was 12 or 13 years ago, unless the present legislature gives relief, he added...A resolution requesting the Department of Education to study the need for a new four-year college to be located in eastern Kentucky, was introduced in the General Assembly, Tuesday, by Rep. Ollie Robinson, of Prestonsburg. Adoption was immediate in the House...The \$516,000 tax assessment made by the Floyd County Board of Supervisors against the McDowell Memorial Hospital was annulled by order of the State Tax Commission, county officials were notified this week...If Governor Combs' record-breaking general fund budget of \$438 million is approved, teacher salaries may be boosted \$750 a year...Governor Bert Combs returned home, Saturday, to be honor guest at an appreciation dinner sponsored by the Floyd County Bar Association...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lemaster, of Central Avenue, a daughter, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wise, January 15, a son, Grant Taylor; to Mr. and Mrs. Randall Wells, on Jan. 21, a daughter...There died: Mrs. Elsie Layne, 59, of Mare Creek, at Pikeville Hospital; Lewis Shepherd, 73, of David, at the home of a son, on the Middle Creek road; Mrs. Anna Cook of Adams, in a Louisa hospital; Mrs. Rosa Griffith, 58, of Pyramid, at Beaver Valley Hospital; Jarvey Tackett, 81, of Langley, at the home of a daughter; Molly G. Conn, 68, of Printer, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Hester Wilson, 66, of Tram, at the home of a daughter; Lee Johnson, 47, of Garrett, at the McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Sirdly Craft, 88, of Prestonsburg, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

**Sixty Years Ago (February 9, 1950)**

Prestonsburg's snarled school situation was untangled, Tuesday, with the acceptance by the Floyd County Board of Education of the proposal by the Prestonsburg Board of Education to sell its interest in the high school here...For the part they allegedly played in the Kentucky precinct vote fraud at last year's primary election, the precinct's four election officers were named in an indictment,

reported Saturday, by the grand jury, charging them with willfully receiving the vote of persons other than qualified voters...John L. Lewis will attempt to get a contract settlement in some way, before it gets to a vote of the men on the operators last offer," predicted David L. Francis, president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, David, in an address here, Tuesday evening, before the Lions Club...An annexation ordinance to include within the corporate limits of Prestonsburg, all that section between the southern city limits and Ball Alley, was voted by the City Council at its Monday evening meeting...Tracking it down by following the "trail" of its former locations, till the last stand was found, Constable Johnny Caudill and deputies, Enoch Hatfield, Green Johnson and Cain Blackburn, Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, captured a 40-gallon copper still, brimful, on the Justice Branch, two miles from Hi Hat...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sykes, of Minnie, Feb. 2, at Beaver Valley Hospital, a daughter, Shirley Jean; to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Hicks, formerly of Hippo, a daughter, Teresa, Jan. 20, at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia...There died: James Conley, 74, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter, at Garrett; Seymour Mayo, 81, Monday, at his home near Allen; Edward Fraley, 40, native of Right Beaver, Wednesday, at Albuquerque, N.M.; Isaac Goble, 84, Feb. 1, at his home at Lancer.

**Seventy Years Ago (February 8, 1940)**

A wage-dispute at the Wayland and Garrett mines, of the Elkhorn Coal Corporation, apparently had ended, Monday, as approximately 1,400 miners in the two towns had returned to work...Of the \$79.80 realized to date in this county from the "Fight Infantile-Paralysis" campaign, \$45.88 was contributed from Wayland, and only 80 cents was known to have been paid into the fund in Prestonsburg...Claiming that they were damaged in the amount of \$7,040.60 as the result of the Turner Elkhorn Coal Company, Drift, to carry out their part of a contract involving the furnishing of empty coal cars for the transportation of the coal which the plaintiffs say they were able to produce, George Morgan, Russell McCown, and Marion McCown, filed a suit seeking the recovery of the amount plus interest...Plans are underway for the entertainment of the 58th district basketball tournament at Garrett, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 29, Mar. 1 and 2, Lewis Campbell, tournament manager, announced this week...There died: Mrs. Stella Kazee, 62, of Betsy Layne, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Nelson Hamilton, 84, at his home at Martin; Mrs. Susan Stephens Allen, 72, of Langley, at the Martin General Hospital; Virgil Goble, 26, of Ivel, after being hit by a train.

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counter the body's tendency toward "too much of a good thing" in the healing process. When there's a wound, the body rushes protease enzymes to the wound site to promote healing. But if the body sends too many of those enzymes, that can cause excess inflammation and actually prevent healing.

The ARS scientists have gotten around this by treating gauze pads with negatively charged phosphoric acid, which pulls the positively charged excess proteases out of the wound. These dressings

also might attract proteins building macrophages necessary for skin to heal. A Virginia company has the licensing rights to the technology and has sublicensed it to a manufacturer and marketer.

It just goes to show: Agricultural research isn't all about sows, cows and plows!

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The celebration will include delegates representing colleges and universities from across the state, higher education organizations and the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities. Special music will be provided by students, alumni and the college's choir. Live video and audio of the ceremony will also be available in Chrisman Auditorium, Armington Learning Center, level two.

The celebration on Feb. 16 will begin at 8 a.m. with the President's Prayer Breakfast in Sturgill Board Room, Record Memorial Building, third floor. At 11 a.m., the campus

will join the president for a "Blessing at the Flagpole" located near the Administration Building. In case of inclement weather, the blessing will be held inside. Later that evening, there will be a reception and banquet beginning at 6 p.m. at the Mark V. Landmark Inn, Pikeville. The cost is \$50 per person with a portion\* of the proceeds benefitting the Pikeville College Alumni Association's Scholarship Fund. For more information or to RSVP for the banquet, call the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5265.

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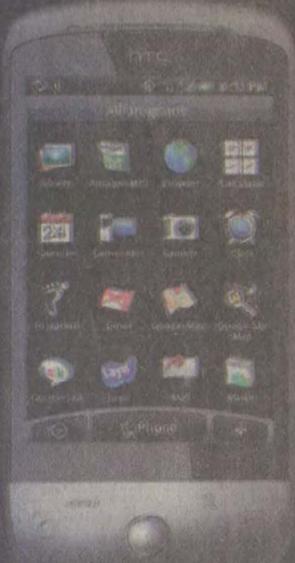
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