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briefs

Speeder arrested after stop

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man originally pulled over for speeding found himself charged with multiple offenses on Sunday after the arresting officer noticed needle marks on the man's arms and other signs of intoxication.

Ricky Crider, 21, was pulled over by an officer with Kentucky State Police for allegedly going 106 miles per hour in a 55-mile-per-hour zone. According to the police report, Crider had a strong smell of alcoholic beverages on him, his speech was slurred and he was "unsteady on his feet, confused and belligerent."

Crider allegedly admitted to drinking beer, and the officer noticed fresh needle marks on his arms. Crider also reportedly failed multiple sobriety tests.

According to the report, the officer located rolling papers, a needle and a spoon with a burned bottom used for heating drugs in the passenger floor board. When questioned about the needle, Crider allegedly said that he had "went on the wrong path."

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 51 • Low: 33

Tomorrow

High: 39 • Low: 25

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City making plans for old school

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The buildings and grounds that once made up Prestonsburg Grade School in the city's downtown area will soon be sold, city officials said Monday.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin attended a meeting called by the Prestonsburg

Planning and Zoning Commission for the sole purpose of hearing his plans in the wake of this news.

Fannin spent the better part of an hour explaining that the old grade school and the roughly four acres of land on which it is situated would soon be categorized as surplus property by the Floyd County Board of Education.

"I spoke with Henry

(Webb, superintendent of Floyd County Schools) a little while ago and he said it would be up for sale," Fannin told commission members Frank Fitzpatrick, Dwayne Branham, Randy Burchett, Bobby Carpenter and Dixon Nunnery. "A lot of community type things can be done with it. The city has wanted a community

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The downtown building that once housed Prestonsburg Grade School has sat empty for more than a year. City officials are now interested in obtaining the property and using it to form a community center.

photo by Sheldon Compton

CHRISTMAS PARADE



photos by Ralph B. Davis

Santa Claus was the guest of honor during and after Prestonsburg's Christmas parade Saturday night. After riding into downtown aboard a fire engine, at right, and presiding over the lighting of the city's Christmas tree, St. Nick was swarmed by youngsters eager to share their holiday wishes.

In addition to the jolly old elf, the parade also featured several floats decorated in holiday lights. This year's winners for the Best Christmas Parade Floats were Archer Park, Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church and Kenneth Leslie. Each winner will receive a monetary award and a plaque honoring their commitment to the evening's festivities.



Governor visits National Guard Armory

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gov. Steve Beshear came to Prestonsburg on Sunday for a Christmas dinner at the National Guard Armory to show his support for the area's troops that are serving overseas.

"I take great joy and pride when visiting with these true Kentucky heroes," Gov. Beshear said. "Not only our heroes in uniform, but I believe the loved ones who provide support and care when military families are separated by war are heroes as well."

Gov. Beshear and First Lady Jane Beshear visited

multiple National Guard family members across the state over the weekend, stopping in Prestonsburg at noon to meet with the families of the 106 soldiers deployed to Afghanistan.

"Being apart from your family during the holidays can be the toughest time for our troops," Jane Beshear said. "I hope all Kentuckians will take the time to express their gratitude and appreciation for their service."

The Beshears joined Adjutant General Edward W. Tonini in visiting the families of the deployed soldiers, starting in

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Census Bureau looking for workers

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Wayland man was arraigned on numerous charges Tuesday in Floyd County District Court, after it was alleged he held a woman against her will, forced her to cut herself and threatened to shoot her son.

Todd Michael Gayheart, 23, of Stamper Branch in Wayland, pleaded not guilty to terroristic threatening, fourth-degree

assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree unlawful imprisonment Tuesday.

The charges are the result of a complaint filed by the woman on Monday, Dec. 1, which says that on Nov. 24, Gayheart held her against her will by holding a gun to her head.

The complaint further alleges that Gayheart grabbed the woman's hair and forced her to cut her-

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Pikeville College names new president

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — In early October, four people visited Pikeville College's campus. The four people were finalists for a job as the college's president.

On Friday, Dec. 5, the choice was made, and now current president, Hal Smith, will step aside after 12 years at the post and make way for his successor, Dr. Michael M. Looney.

Looney had been serving as the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Schreiner University in

Kerrville, Texas. He will take the helm at Pikeville next month.

Looney said he is looking forward to working with the team at Pikeville College and that he is excited about the opportunities, but adds there is work to be done.

"There is a lot of work to be done over the next few years," Looney said in an announcement Friday. "When I started looking for a president's position, I was looking for a college just like Pikeville."

Looney said that top on his list of priorities in seeking the position was clear for him from the beginning.

"Most importantly, I was looking for an area that wanted to help the local community become more highly educated," added Looney. "I have found that place in Pikeville College."

With three degrees in chemistry and past experience as a professor of chemistry at Schreiner, Looney said the college's osteopathic medical school was "a great draw."

The search for a new president formally began last spring following President Hal Smith's announcement of his planned

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Obituaries

Darrell Scott Damron II

Darrell Scott Damron II, 20, of McDowell, died Thursday, December 4, 2008, in Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Born August 13, 1988, in Martin, he was the son of Darrell Scott Damron of McDowell, and Patty Herrington Howell of McDowell; and the stepson of Tim Howell of McDowell.

In addition to his parents and stepparent, survivors include a brother and sister-in-law: Taylor O'Neal Damron and Nikita Lasha Damron, both of McDowell; his grandmothers: Donna Hall and Diana Herrington; two double first cousins: Ellery "Bubby" Herrington and Tracy Lynn Herrington; nine aunts, five uncles and 16 cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Clinton Damron and Lloyd Herrington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 9, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Howell Cemetery, in Orkney, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Edna Hammons

Edna Hammons, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 8, 2008, at her residence.

Born September 4, 1922, in Water Gap, she was the daughter of the late Will and Lunata Crisp DeRossett. She was a mother, grandmother, homemaker, and a member of the First Baptist Church at Allen. She had been a member of the church since January 11, 1998.

She married John Hammons July 13, 1946, and he preceded her in death March 18, 1987.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law: Carol Sue and Joe Holbrook of Water Gap, Wanda and Roy Browning of Lexington, and Peggy Jean and Vernon Duty of Water Gap; a brother and sister-in-law: Merlon and Ann DeRossett of Water Gap; a sister and brother-in-law: Aileen

and Robert Hughes of Berea; four grandchildren: Cori Michelle, Jonathan Bradley, William Douglas and Michael Paul; a great-grandchild, Noah; two stepgrandchildren: Clint and Dori; four stepgreat-grandchildren: Logan, Taylor, Seth and Haley.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister: Edward Allen DeRossett, James Dee DeRossett and Willie D. Petry.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Arnold Turner officiating.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Michael Paul Duty, Jonathan Bradley Holbrook, Stephen Coleman, Roger Nelson II, Gregory Scott Nelson, and William Edward Petry.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to the First Baptist Church at Allen. (Paid obituary)



Larry Lawrence Mitchell

Larry Lawrence Mitchell, 65, of Bartlett, Illinois, a McDowell native, died Monday, December 1, 2008, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Born May 5, 1943, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Harmon and Sara Elizabeth (Frankie) Elliott Mitchell. He was a self employed printer.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Isaac Mitchell.

Other survivors include his sons: Mark (Carol) Mitchell of Bartlett, Illinois, Kelly (Terry) Hall of Sherwood, Illinois, Joseph Mitchell and Cody Mitchell, both of Bartlett, Illinois; a stepson: Michael (Shelia) Hall of Bartlett, Illinois; his brothers: Ernest Michell of McDowell, Arthur Mitchell of Wyandotte, Michigan, Thurman Mitchell of Freeport, Illinois, William (Bill) Mitchell of Taylor, Michigan, Foster Mitchell of Grethel, Lark Mitchell of Taylor, Michigan, Phillip

Mitchell of McDowell, and Harmon Mitchell of Romulus, Michigan; his sisters: Judy Barton of Taylor, Michigan, Elsie Hamilton of Springhill, Tennessee, Ola LeSage of Allen Park, Michigan, Loretta Sue Newman of McDowell, Brenda Lou Paige of Teaberry, and Barbara Ann Mitchell of McDowell; and 11 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: John William Mitchell, Larry Douglas Mitchell, Golda Tackett, Delpha Elliott, Alpha Hamilton, Elva Elliott, Magaline Horne, Stella Parks, Betty Jean Mitchell and Mary Francis Stone.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 6, at noon, at the First Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Isaac Cemetery, Honey Camp, Jacks Creek, Bevinsville.

Visitation was at the church.

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



Vernon Patton

Vernon Patton, 52, of Lawrenceburg, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, December 5, 2008, in Woodford County, from injuries received in an auto accident on I-64.

He was the son of Braska Isaac Hamilton and her husband, Green, of Garrett, and the late Vinnon Patton.

He was born April 28, 1956, in Knox, Indiana. He worked as a technician for Goalie Entertainment, a graduate of I.T.T. Tech in Washington

State, and served in the U.S. Army and National Guard.

He is also survived by Blanche Clay Patton, his wife of 22 years; stepchildren, Wendy Lou (Gary) Rainey of Tampa, Florida, Richie Dean Elkins of Corbin, Kenneth Ray (Marie) Elkins of Melvin, and James Michael Elkins of Prestonsburg; seven grandchildren: John Morgan Rainey, Mariah Lynn Roberts, Shanna Hall, Cassie Dawn Elkins, Kimberly Ann Elkins, Kyle Ray Elkins, and James Dean Elkins; a sister, Brenda Patton (Sherrill) Slone of Lackey; and nephews: Dustin and Nathan Slone.

He was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Debra Elkins Rainey.

Services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, December 9, at Ritchie & Peach Funeral

Home in Lawrenceburg, with Bro. Jeff Eaton officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



John Samuel (Dick) Wohlford

John Samuel (Dick) Wohlford, 81, of Martin, died Friday, December 5, 2008, at his residence.

Born September 25, 1927, in Martin, he was the son of the late John Carl and Mae Osborne Wohlford. He was a retired postmaster for Martin; a member of John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, for 50 years; a member of National Association of Postmasters; a member of the Praise Assembly Church of God, in Martin; and a United States Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife,

Rosa Patton Wohlford.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: John Elick (Tara) Wohlford of Lexington; a brother, William Thomas Wohlford of Martin; a sister, Margarette Conn of Martin; and a grandson, William Lijie Wohlford.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William Everett Wohlford; and his brothers: Warren Carl Wohlford and Robert Vernon Wohlford.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 7, at 3 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Lorie Vannucci officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Public Awareness Notice

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Heightened Security

Natural gas pipelines across America are operating normally and safely. At this time there is no specific threat to U.S. natural gas pipeline infrastructure.

Immediately following the attacks on September 11, pipelines across America instituted heightened security measures. While pipeline companies and employees across the nation are on a heightened state of alert, we continue to patrol our pipelines regularly, via vehicles and on foot.

Pipeline companies across the country have been working with the appropriate law enforcement authorities to ensure the continued safe operation of our system.

Interstate natural gas pipelines are America's safest transportation networks. We have achieved this safety record through the diligent efforts to the pipelines industry working closely with the state and federal agencies, and the public. Natural gas is flammable. If it's released and not controlled, it could result in a fire or an explosion. As an industry, our goal is to improve public safety by continuing to improve our safety record. You can help. How? Simply following these steps:

- Be aware of pipelines in your area
- Call East KY Utilities Inc. before you dig
- Report unusual conditions
- Know what steps to take in an emergency

PIPELINE AWARENESS

Because natural gas pipelines are underground, the public often are unaware of their presence. Pipelines may be in your neighborhood, or even on your own property. How do you know?

One of the easiest ways to locate a pipeline is to recognize pipeline markers. East KY Utilities uses high visibility yellow markers at valve locations and other points along the pipeline right of way. The markers identify the pipeline company and include the phone number to reach the company representative.

Before you begin any type of excavation, please call East KY Utilities. This will help prevent damage to gas lines in your area. East KY Utilities will respond within a reasonable amount of time. Every effort will be made to mark the line directly above the pipe, but could vary up to three feet in either direction. Depth is not usually indicated, requiring extreme caution when excavating in the close proximity of the marked facility. It is highly recommended that pipelines be exposed by hand digging.

REPORT UNUSUAL CONDITIONS

You can be an important addition to a company's safety program by being alert to conditions or situations that could threaten the integrity of pipelines in your neighborhood. Here are some examples of potentially dangerous situations. Please contact East KY Utilities at (606) 886-2431 or (606) 886-6807 if you encounter any of these, or need additional information.

- Accidental hit of a pipeline. Occasionally a plow, post-hole or other excavation equipment could strike a pipeline. While the impact may not seem significant, damage to the pipe could be caused by stress to the surrounding area. The company would like to inspect the pipe to make certain that there is no damage to the pipeline.
- Washout of soil can expose pipeline to damage from machinery or elements.
- Suspected pipeline leak. There are several signs that can indicate a leak is present.
- Distressed or dead vegetation in the pipeline right-of-way. This can be caused by a small amount of gas.
- Hissing sound or odor of gas in the pipeline right-of-way.

STEPS TO TAKE IN AN EMERGENCY

If you encounter a leak or a suspected leak, you should take steps to protect yourself and others in your area.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

1. Leave the area immediately.
2. Warn others.
3. Don't light a match, or start an engine, use a telephone (in the area), operate a light switch or do anything that could create a spark.
4. From another location, call 911 or East KY Utilities, Inc.

SAFETY PROCEDURES

If you smell a faint odor of natural gas inside your house or business: **Investigate Immediately**

If the source of the odor cannot be located, call East KY Utilities or the local fire department immediately (24 hours a day). A representative will come to your home or business and make an inspection at no charge to you.

If a strong or persistent odor of gas is present in your home or business, or if you hear a hissing sound of escaping natural gas, follow this procedure:

- Get everyone out of the home or business immediately. Leave door open.
- Use a neighbor's phone or cell phone (outside your building).
- Do not operate any electrical switches, appliance controls, or pull any plugs from outlets.
- Do not use the telephones in the building.
- Close the gas shut valve on the gas meter and DO NOT TURN IT BACK ON.
- If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows at top and bottom. Start where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter for this purpose.

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Four teens killed in highway crashes last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 13 people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Dec. 1, through Sunday, Dec. 7.

All of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and five of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Four of the crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol. Single vehicle crashes occurred in Gallatin, Jefferson, Jessamine, Lewis, Logan, Madison and Woodford counties.

A quadruple-fatality crash involving four teenagers occurred in Bell County. Kentucky State Police Post 10 Harlan and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement received a call about a two-vehicle crash on US 25E in Pineville, KY. Unit 1, a 2007 Toyota Yaris was traveling south on US 25E. Unit 2, a 2008 Peterbilt coal truck was traveling northbound on US 25E. Due to inclement weather, the operator of Unit 1 lost control of the vehicle and crossed into the northbound lane of US 25E and was struck by Unit 2.

The operator of Unit 2 was Dwight Robinson Jr., age 34 of Tyner. The operator of Unit 1 was Jonathan Miracle, age 18 of Miracle. The three passengers of Unit 1 were; Jessica Ingram, age 16 of Pineville, Wesley Ingram, age 16 of Pineville and Daniel Campbell, age 15 of Blackmont. All four occupants

of Unit 1 sustained fatal injuries. All subjects involved in this vehicle crash were wearing seatbelts and no drugs or alcohol is suspected at this time.

Daniel Campbell, Jessica Ingram and Wesley Ingram were all part of the Bell County High School Air Force Jr. ROTC and were on their way to march in the Christmas parade in Harlan.

A double-fatality crash occurred in Woodford county. The victims were not wearing seat belts and the suspected use of alcohol is a factor in this crash.

Through Dec. 7, preliminary statistics indicate that 755 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2008. This is 61 fewer than reported for this time period in 2007. Of the 578 motor vehicle fatalities, 361 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 88 motorcycle fatalities, 52 were not wearing helmets. Twenty-three people have been killed in ATV crashes and 21 of those were not wearing helmets. Sixty pedestrians have been killed. A total of 161 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Oliver Tackett, wish to express our gratitude and thanks to the friends, family and neighbors, who sent flowers and brought food during our time of sorrow.

Thank you from the sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and brother of Oliver Tackett.

Card of Thanks

The family of Gary Keith Mullins would like to thank everyone who came to our side during the recent loss of our loved one.

Thanks to the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all of their kind words; and also Tommy Reed for his kind words to everyone.

We also express our thanks for everyone who sent flowers and food. Thank you.

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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. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Annual Santa Claus Run Sunday, Dec. 21

12:00 Across from Drift Ball Park;
12:15 Minnie Ball Park
12:30 Left Beaver Creek Townhouse;
12:45 McDowell ARH;
1:15 Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Station No. 2
1:45 Pilgrim Rest Church, Hi Hat
2:00 Little Nancy Church, Hi Hat
2:15 Foot of South Floyd High School Hill
2:30 Old Bud Reynolds Store, Ligon

Rummage Sale

There will be a rummage sale at the Annex Building, Community Freewill Baptist Church, Goble-Roberts Addition, Prestonsburg, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Baptist Church Christmas Program

The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m., of the First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial).

Auxiliary Community Center

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

Attention! Attention!

Another year for the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 1 (the old fire department) to have our clothes, etc., give-away to everyone in need. The days are Friday, December 5, from 4 p.m. til 9; Saturday, December 6, from 9 til 5; Monday, December 8, from 9 til 5; and Thursday, December 11, from 3 til 9. Then on Saturday, December 13, from 12 til 6, Santa will be here, and that is when we are giving out the gift bags with toys, etc., this year. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you, there.

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.

VFW Post 5839, available for meetings, celebrations

The VFW Post can be rented for birthday parties, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, meetings. We have a good sound system. For more info, call 606-297-5666, ask for Paul or 606-226-0187, ask for Larry.

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 889-0303 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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community

Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

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

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Viewpoint

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Our View Gifts from home keep on giving

Holiday shopping is always stressful, but never more so than during an economic recession.

Times are tough all over, and with Christmas on the horizon, it's understandable that many people are feeling the pinch between wanting to be generous with loved ones, and needing to save money in anticipation of an uncertain future.

In this era of chain store giants and comparison-shopping websites, it's easier than ever to find the lowest prices for the items on your gift list. But sometimes a low price isn't always the best deal.

One thing to remember as you shop this year is that every time you spend a dollar, your wallet is not the only thing affected. In a very real sense, you're betting for or against your community.

Your dollar is an investment in wherever it winds up. When you spend it locally, that dollar remains in the community, where it contributes to local economic growth. That dollar doesn't stop once it reaches the store's cash register. It is used to pay a neighbor's wages. That neighbor then uses it to pay his mortgage. The bank then loans the dollar to an entrepreneur, who uses it to open a new business and hire new workers. And so on, and so on.

On the other hand, if you drive to the malls in Lexington or Huntington, you are placing a bet on the economic growth of those communities. Likewise, if you spend a dollar online, you may be betting on New York or Honk Kong or Timbuktu.

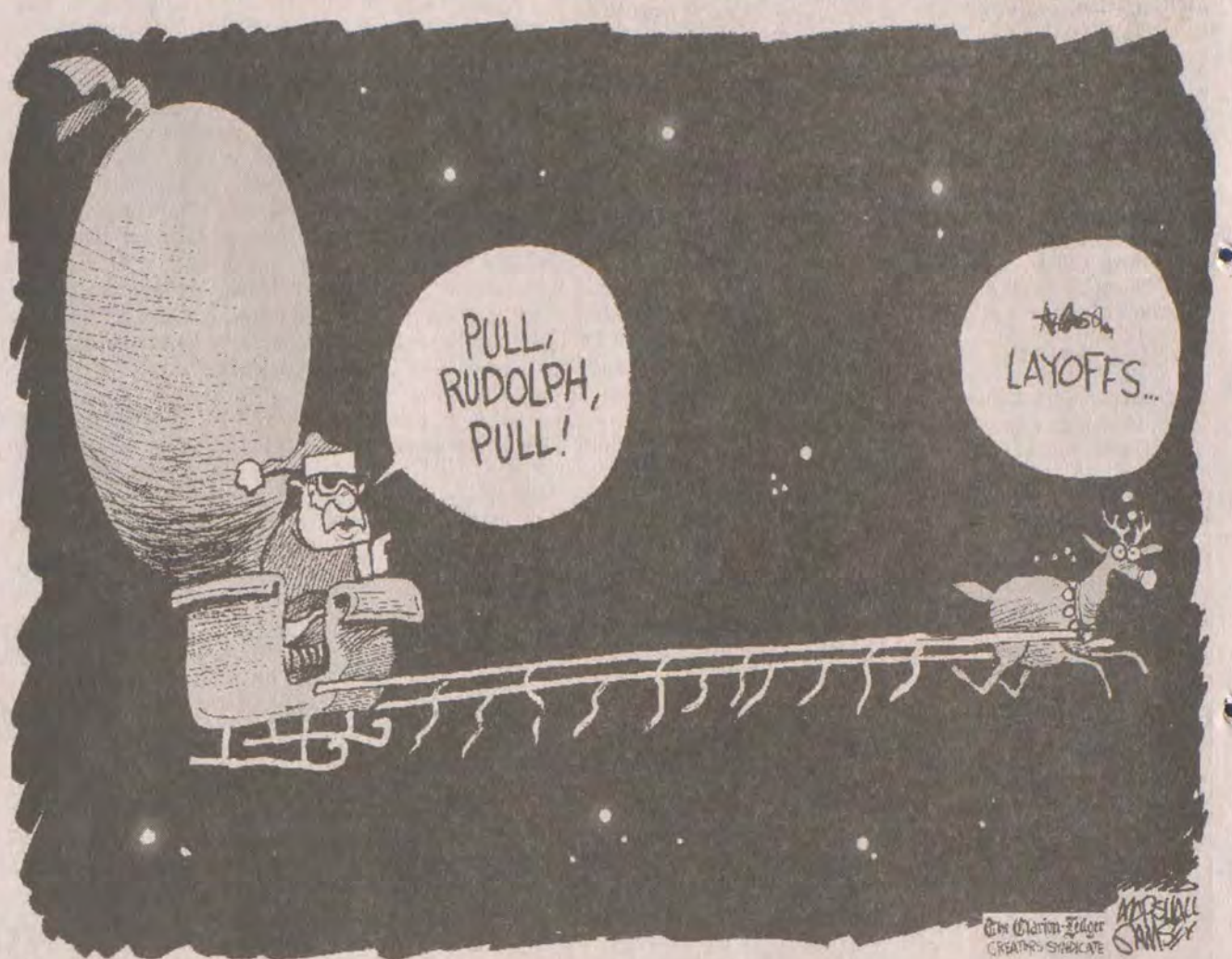
Another way of looking at it is that every time you spend a dollar, you are planting that dollar somewhere, and it will grow wherever you plant it. If we want our community to be sprouting dollars, then we need to plant them in our community.

But times are tough, and it is understandable that most people are going to be looking everywhere possible to find bargains. But in the quest for a good deal, let us not sell our own community short.

When you are crossing items off your Christmas list this year, try to make it a point to do a little bit of that crossing with a local retailer.

When you do, you'll not only be buying a gift for a loved one; you will be giving back to your community, your neighbors and yourself.

— The Floyd County Times



Letters

'Right to Repair' needed more than ever

Reuters reports that the number of U.S. car dealerships closing is expected to increase into 2009, with as many as 3,800 dealerships at risk of closure because of dwindling sales and tighter credit, according to a newly released study by Grant Thornton LLP.

With so many car dealerships in America projected to close next year, the need for the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 2694) is even more critical to car owners than ever before.

The fact is that there already aren't enough dealerships in all the right places to keep every motor vehicle serviced, repaired and operating safely. Now it appears that this situation is going to become worse. Without the Right to Repair Act, millions of motorists may be forced back to fewer dealers for service, making convenient and affordable local auto repair a thing of the past. In addition, many motorists may forgo important vehicle

repairs due to the added costs of fuel and travel time because there is no dealership in the area.

The Right to Repair Act was introduced in Congress to protect vehicle owners by making it illegal for manufacturers to withhold safety alerts and repair information from car owners and their trusted repair shops.

Please visit www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of your congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right to Repair Act by adding their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

Aaron Lowe
Vice President, Government Affairs
Automotive Aftermarket Industry
Association
Bethesda, Md.

The trunk is no longer safe

I am writing this letter because I want the people in your area to be aware of an incident that occurred on

Friday, Nov. 21, at the Middlesboro/Prestonsburg Football game.

Thinking it would be a safe thing to do, I put my purse in the back of the car and locked the doors. After the game was over I went to get my purse and it was gone. I called the police and they came right away.

Another lady several cars from me was looking frantically for her purse, which had been stolen as well.

The police officer said that this was a problem in the Prestonsburg area. He stated that cars were being unlocked by remotes/devices purchased from the internet and even flea markets.

The message I would like for everyone to know is it is no longer safe to lock your purse in your trunk. Even the police chief in Prestonsburg told me, "We used to tell everyone to lock their valuables inside the trunk." This is no longer true.

Please pass this information on to your readers, so that others do not fall victim to this crime.

Sheila Smith
Middlesboro

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Research enriches classroom experience, expands ecological perspective



Pikeville College students Kim Williams and Jennifer Rose captured mice last May on a reclaimed site in Pike County, collecting saliva and taking measurements in order to identify the mice to the species level. Williams and Rose are recipients of the Appalachian College Association's Lee B. Ledford scholarships, a fund that supports research experiences for students.

PIKEVILLE — For Pikeville College students Kim Williams and Jennifer Rose, the world outside their classroom has been transformed into a place of learning.

Since last summer, they have been studying the population, habitat and DNA of white-footed mice and deer mice found in Eastern Kentucky and Northwestern Minnesota. As biology majors, opportunities to conduct research will serve both well in their future plans to attend medical school.

Williams, of Prestonsburg, and Rose, of Ransom, are recipients of the Appalachian College Association's (ACA) Lee B. Ledford scholarships and each has been awarded a stipend of \$6,120, a portion of which was earmarked for research 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 guided in their efforts by Joe Whittaker, Ph.D., associate professor of biology at Pikeville College. In the classroom, Whittaker teaches students about the ecological impact small mammals have as far as eating insect pests, dispersing seeds and controlling vegetation.

Beyond the classroom experience, the students' projects have the potential to shed light on important ecological information. The mice are similar, but one species appears to be declining while the other seems to be expanding its range. Williams and Rose, along with Whittaker, used a variety of research methods in identifying species, including comparing cranial characteristics, body measurements and saliva

analysis using a molecular technique known as cellulose acetate electrophoresis. The students presented their findings during the ACA's annual fall conference and at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science at the University of Kentucky.

"Both Williams and Rose are planning on going to medical school and this experience

will give them a unique, insider understanding of research in general and provide them with skills enabling them to be actively involved in biomedical research in the future," said Whittaker. "Doctors need to be able to critically evaluate research and there is no better way to learn to do so than actually conducting an original research project."



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Highlands Regional Medical Center recently named Teresa Justice as the December Employee of the Month. Justice has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center for over 20 years and is currently a billing clerk in the laboratory. She is noted for her positive attitude and impeccable work ethic. Nominating comments from her peers included, "Teresa treats patients and her fellow workers with great respect and courtesy. She will stop at nothing until her work is complete. Teresa puts heart and soul into her work."

Calendar

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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 Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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ing Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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Commissioner says proposed cuts could be devastating to education

FRANKFORT — After gathering input from the state's public school district superintendents, Education Commissioner Jon E. Draud says that a proposed four percent reduction in funds would have devastating short- and long-term effects on Kentucky's P-12 education system.

"As part of the request from the State Budget Director's Office to develop a plan and analysis of the effects of a funding cut, I asked the state's superintendents to share the potential repercussions for their districts," Draud said. "The responses that I received indicate that a cut of this magnitude would severely limit every district's ability to provide high-quality learning experiences for students."

A four percent reduction to the state's P-12 education budget would amount to approximately \$132 million. If the reduction includes the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEEK) funding formula, school district superintendents indicated that they would have to make difficult choices.

Even though it is very difficult to reduce staff after the school year has begun, 36 districts indicated that they would reduce staffing levels for the current school year. This would include hiring freezes and layoffs of classified staff in some cases.

142 districts indicated that they expect to reduce staff for the 2009-10 school year, because many of them will be entering that school year with very low contingencies and will be forced to reduce staffing and programs to balance their budgets for the year.

33 districts indicated that they will be forced to reduce Flexible Focus programs such as extended school services, safe schools, professional development and other related programs. These reductions are in addition to reductions already in place in the enacted budget.

41 districts indicated that they will curtail or eliminate maintenance expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year. Failure to maintain our school buildings will shorten the expected life of those facilities and result in greater costs in the future.

28 districts indicated that they would defer major equipment items, including school buses, for the remainder of the year. Districts are encouraged to implement a replacement schedule for buses to ensure that children are safely transported to and from schools. The decision to defer these purchases will result in greater costs in the future as well.

23 districts indicated that they would reduce technology and equipment purchases, and some indicated that they

would be unable to match their offers of assistance under the Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) program.

5 districts indicated that they would have to consider reducing their full-day kindergarten programs to half-day programs. Currently, state funding only covers half-day kindergarten, but a majority of districts provide full-day services with monies from their general funds.

3 districts indicated that they would suspend their facility plans and halt construction on new schools.

Other state-funded programs would experience extreme limitations under a four percent reduction, including:

- career and technical education
- assistance to low-performing schools
- leadership and instructional support
- educator quality and diversity
- preschool
- safe schools
- textbooks
- gifted and talented
- technology

One challenge facing school districts is that approximately 80 percent of their budgets are committed to personnel and, due to contract restrictions, they have little or no ability to alter contracts at this point in the school year. As a

result, a mid-year reduction of four percent is the equivalent of a 20 percent reduction of the portion of their budgets that they can alter nearly halfway through the fiscal year. The majority of districts have reported that their contingency and general fund balances will be reduced significantly as a result of the proposed reduction.

"One very troubling trend is evident in the responses of 51 districts that indicate they will be below the two percent threshold established by state law as a minimum contingency balance," said Draud. "An additional 32 districts indicated a concern that the proposed four percent reduction may cause them to end the year in deficit. Districts in this situation will struggle to provide the services that their students need to succeed and progress toward proficiency. This also will dramatically increase the number of districts for which the Kentucky Department of Education is required by law to provide management assistance, as the department's ability to offer technical assistance also will

be reduced."

The operations budget for the Department of Education was reduced by approximately \$1.3 million in July of this year. Staff has reduced travel, delayed filling vacant positions and deferred operating expenditures to meet that reduction. An additional four percent reduction would require further cuts totaling \$984,500. Since 2001, the Kentucky Department of Education has lost 219 positions, a 28 percent reduction in the agency's workforce.

Draud said that perceptions about public education and funding have been misinformed over the past few years. "There has been a perception that public education

has been 'spared' the budget reductions faced by other state agencies over the years. Over a number of years, funds appropriated to the Department of Education have lapsed to the credit of the state General Fund, even when there have been program needs that have gone unmet as a result.

"I encourage budget officials to consider the full impact on the state's public school system as they work to meet the demands of this tight budget," said Draud. "Kentucky has shown great progress since the 1990s, and strong, steady funding is the key to maintaining that progress and getting all schools to proficiency."

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The Floyd County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 89th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. Here, Eddie Akers, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 5 recognition and awards program.



Farm Bureau announces legislative agenda for upcoming session

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Farm Bureau officials say that expansion of the state's renewable fuels industry will be a primary focus of the organization during the 2009 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The group will also ask lawmakers to deal with critical livestock issues and environmental concerns, and will work to protect private property rights for farmers.

Farm Bureau's voting delegates adopted dozens of pages of policy statements during the closing session of the group's 89th annual meeting in Louisville and the Board of Directors approved condensed lists of priority issues for the year ahead.

Protecting agriculture's programs and services during the upcoming session of the General Assembly will be challenging, says KFB Public Affairs Director Laura Knoth.

"Kentucky's farming industry has just come off a growth year and is one of our state's bright spots in an otherwise strained economy," Knoth said. "We will want to make sure that progress is allowed to continue."

With forecasts of continuing declines in state revenues, the Farm Bureau directors said allocation of half the state's tobacco settlement funds to finance agricultural diversification will continue to be a top priority.

Recent studies have indicated that the funds have produced positive economic results, boosting job numbers and increasing farm income.

The ag development program got an important endorsement at a Public Affairs Breakfast held earlier in the day. State Rep. Tommy

Thompson, who heads the Kentucky House of Representatives Banking and Insurance Committee said he supports earmarking the funds for farm projects.

"We need to make sure those moneys continue to go there, because we've seen the benefits," Thompson said. "We're getting dividends for those funds going to promote diversification."

Other state legislative priorities include:

- Limit local governments' ability to enact farming regulations that are more stringent than state rules
- Achieve reductions in wildlife populations to reduce crop losses and combat higher numbers of vehicle-animal collisions and the resulting damage and potential for injury
- Protect farmers' ability to raise livestock using approved agricultural practices

Ensure that steep increases in property taxes are subject to voter referendum

On the national level, Farm Bureau plans to closely monitor the U.S. Department of Agriculture's implementation of the new farm bill through its rule-making process.

The group will ask Congress to eliminate a new mandate that producers purchase crop insurance to establish eligibility for crop disaster payments.

Farm Bureau is asking for increased oversight of commodity markets to reduce manipulation of cash markets and the resulting artificial price swings.

The group also plans to work with Congress and federal agencies to ensure that environmental restrictions growing out of concerns over climate change do not adversely affect ag producers.

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Pikeville College Upward Bound students from Floyd and Martin counties recently toured the campuses of Duke University and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The campus visits provide students with an opportunity to explore a variety of colleges and to broaden their educational goals. To learn more about the Upward Bound program visit upward-bound@pc.edu or call (606) 218-5707.

Recalls make shopping for toys more stressful

LEXINGTON — With more than 65 percent of the toys bought in the United States between the Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas, parents and caregivers are heading into the country's busiest toy-buying season.

But with millions of toys being recalled because of dangerous lead paint and magnets, toy shoppers need to remember that that number is a small fraction of the overall number of toys — approximately 3 billion — sold in the United States every year. "Shoppers need to be even more informed than usual to make sure they buy safe, age-appropriate toys," said Sherri Hannan, Safe Kids Fayette County coordinator. "Even though most toys in the U.S. today are considered to be safe, it doesn't mean we should throw caution to the wind."

E-mail Alerts Keep Shoppers Up-to-Date on Recalls

Each year, approximately 217,000 toy-related injuries are treated in hospital emergency rooms nationwide. But on average, only 15 children under the age of 14 die from a toy-related injury.

To stay informed, Hannan recommends that parents sign up for e-mails that will keep them up-to-date on recalls. "It's too difficult to get your information piecemeal from TV or the newspaper," said Hannan. "So if you get the e-mails sent to you each time a recall happens, you'll be up-to-the-minute and won't have to worry."

To sign up for recall e-mails, go to www.cpsc.gov and click on "Sign up for E-mail Announcements."

Parents and caregivers shouldn't hesitate to report defects or design features that seem dangerous. "If your child has a close call, the next child might not be so lucky," says Hannan. "Report safety concerns about toys to the Consumer Product Safety Commission at (800) 638-2772 or www.cpsc.gov. Your experience could be part of a pattern that might lead to a recall."

Avoid Second-Hand Toys

Hannan reminds parents that most toys are safe, especially if you buy from a reputable retailer. "That doesn't mean you have to go to a 'big box' store, but if you shop a locally-owned toy store, make sure that the owner is aware and vigilant about getting recalled items off the shelves. And avoid used toys, which could have been recalled and not removed from circulation."

"If you buy toys second-

hand or get hand-me-downs, visit www.cpsc.gov to make sure the toy hasn't been recalled for safety reasons," says Hannan. "If a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled."

Other Precautions to Take

Safe Kids Fayette County also recommends these precautions:

- Make sure to buy age-appropriate toys. All toys are clearly marked if they have small parts; do not buy toys with small parts (or allow a child under age 3 to play with those kinds of toys belonging to an older sibling).

- Identify dangerous small parts. To be sure of a toy's size, use a small parts tester (available in quantity from the Safe Kids Resource Catalog). Do not let small children play with anything that can fit into one of these cylinders.

- Inspect toys to make sure

they are in good repair. Do not let young children play with toys that have straps, cords or strings longer than 7 inches, due to the risk of strangulation.

- Actively supervise children. Caregivers should actively supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or any other potentially risky component. Simply being in the same room as your child is not necessarily supervising. Active supervision means keeping the child in sight and in reach and paying undivided attention.

- Practice proper storage. Teach children to put toys away after playing, to help prevent falls and unsupervised play, and make sure toys intended for younger children are stored separately from those for older children. Toy chests should be equipped or retrofitted with safety hinges that prevent the lid from closing on a child who is leaning

over the open chest; if a chest does not have safety hinges, remove the lid.

For more information about toy safety, protective equipment and choking, call (859) 323-1153 or visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Safe Kids Fayette County, led by Kentucky Children's Hospital, works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under. Its members include health and educational professionals and community leaders. Safe Kids Fayette County is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury.

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Joshua is the son of Dwight and Sue Justice of Emma, Ky. He is a 2001 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2006 graduate of Morehead State University. He is employed by King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland, Ky., as a MRI Technologist.

Jessica is the granddaughter of the late Jesse and Erma Johnson of Prestonsburg, Ky. She is a 2005 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and attended Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. She will be employed by Progress Rail in Russell, Ky.

The wedding will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Church of Christ. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The reception will be held at the Pines Building at Jenny Wiley State Park immediately following the ceremony. The couple will reside in Ashland, Ky.

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A single-vehicle accident on Route 80 in Martin stalled traffic for over an hour on Monday.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

AG announces guilty plea for man who tried to lure child over internet

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway and his Office of Special Prosecutions announced Monday the conviction of a former Russellville man for using the Internet to attempt to induce a minor to sexual activity and for the possession of child pornography.

"The prosecution of crimes involving children is a top priority for my office," Conway said. "I am pleased that there are parents who follow our office's regular advice — to keep their children safe by taking measures to know who they are communicating with online. Also, we are pleased that our Office of Special Prosecutions was able to offer assistance to local law enforcement in this serious case."

Kevin Wayne Cain, 40, entered a plea of guilty today in Logan County Circuit Court to use of electronic means to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity and possession of material portraying a sexual performance by a minor. The charges are Class D felonies and a sex offense, carrying up to five years in prison, a minimum \$1,000 fine and registry as a sex offender.

The victim's father used a program called Spector Pro to



Kevin Wayne Cain

monitor his daughter's activities online. When he learned that Cain was having inappropriate conversations with his daughter and attempting to meet with her, he notified the Kentucky State Police, KSP, in conjunction with the Bowling Green Police Department, acted quickly to obtain a warrant and search Cain's residence and computers. The findings of the search resulted in Cain's prosecution.

Cain will be formally sentenced on Feb. 12.



School

center for a long time and we'd been kicking this idea around for awhile and thought we'd bring it before you."

The need would be for a mapping zone amendment in the event the city were able to purchase the existing buildings and grounds. Fannin said there have been appraisals completed on the property, but did not have figures available to show the commission at this time.

There are currently two buildings standing that once formed Prestonsburg Elementary School, which was shut down more than a year ago when a new facility was built to replace it. The oldest building was constructed in the 1930s and the newer of the two was added in the 1960s.

Fannin said the two buildings, especially the school's old auditorium and gymnasium, could be utilized in a number of ways that would focus

on community events such as theater performances and a location for basketball games and other sporting events.

Likewise, it has been suggested that the current Prestonsburg Tourism and Convention Bureau could be moved from its current location in the old post office along South Avenue to the old school, while classrooms might be used by any number of things.

"You could use the classrooms for individual tourism draws like NASCAR-related things, a sports museum or anything like that in each of the rooms."

Though many suggestions were made about the possibilities Monday, they are, for the time being, only suggestions until city officials can determine what the process will be for purchasing the property. The property could be bid out

or there may be options that could see a private sale between the school board and the city.

"I'd hate to see the city lose the property," Nunnery said, a sentiment shared by Fitzpatrick and everyone else in attendance for the special-called meeting.

Fannin agreed to speak with Webb about what the options might be and then heard from Carpenter, Branham and others as to the logistics of bringing the buildings and grounds, which rest in the floodplain and have been unused for more than a year, back into everyday use.

According to Carpenter, if

the buildings, which have been used as a depot for discarded computers since being closed, have been vacant for more than six months, then the buildings can't go back into their original uses without resubmitting to come up to current building codes. If the buildings have been vacant for more than a year, "they have to be treated like new buildings" as far as coding was concerned, Carpenter said.

Fannin has suggested organizing some public meetings to gain input from citizens would be advisable if tangible moves were made in using the property.

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President

retirement. Smith will assist in the transition through the spring semester, college administrators said.

The search committee to find a new president was appointed by the board of trustees, working with the search firm Korn/Ferry, headed by trustee co-chairman Roy Palk and Greg Hazelett.

"They have done an outstanding job of securing a quality, new president to continue the good works of Pikeville in its service to the region," said Terry Dotson, chairman of Pikeville's board of trustees. "Dr. Michael

Looney and his wife will be a good fit for the college and the community as a whole."

Looney is active in a number of education, civic and community organizations, including the Texas Faculty Development Network, the Council on Independent Colleges and the Texas Academy of science, where he was named a fellow in 2004. He has also served on the boards of the Kerrville chapters of the American Red Cross and YMCA, is a Rotarian and an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

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Governor

Louisville and Shelbyville on Saturday. On Sunday, the group visited families in Ashland and Cynthiana before heading to Prestonsburg.

Despite the tight schedule that listed Beshear's time at the armory from 12 p.m. until 12:30 p.m., the visit proved to be both encouraging and sup-

portive for the families that are missing their loved ones who made the decision to enter the armed forces to fight for freedom.

The Charlie Company 201st Combat Engineer Battalion from Prestonsburg's Army National Guard deployed to Afghanistan in May.

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Arrest

Crider was arrested and transported to the Floyd County Detention Center where he allegedly offered to perform a sex act on the officer if he could be let go.

The officer also allegedly located a blue pill in his back seat after noticing Crider "making several furtive movements."

At the jail, Crider allegedly caused a physical altercation

with the jail staff, resulting in a charge of second-degree disorderly conduct.

Crider's bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

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self with a razor during this time and also threatened to put the gun in her son's mouth to make her stay with him.

Gayheart was arrested on a criminal summons Tuesday, the day after the complaint was filed, at his home on Stammer Branch.

A criminal background check of the 44-year-old revealed that he was found guilty in Floyd County of first-degree burglary in January

2006. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison with seven years probated and five years of supervised probation, in addition to 200 days of credit for time already served.

Gayheart is currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond and has been ordered to stay at least 1,000 feet away from the alleged victim or her family.

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East Kentucky Miners to compete in historic games

Pikeville team matched up with Owensboro squad in season-opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Professional basketball is returning to East Kentucky. In an historic partnership that was recently finalized, the East

Kentucky Miners and other Continental Basketball Association (CBA) teams have agreed to play teams from the American Basketball Association (ABA) during the first month of the 2008-09 regular-season. The CBA, the world's oldest professional basketball league, currently consists of four teams. East Kentucky will tip off the 2008-09 season Thursday, Dec. 11 in a road game versus the ABA's Kentucky Bisons at the SportsCenter in Owensboro. The Bisons feature several players with Kentucky ties.

East Kentucky will return home to host the West Virginia Wild Sunday, Dec. 14 and Monday, Dec. 15 at the East Kentucky Expo Center in its first two home games of the season in additional CBA-ABA interleague contests. "For the good of the game it was important to form this type of partnership and continue the continuity," said East

Kentucky Miners Co-Owner Demetrius Ford. "The CBA is 65 years old. This is done in the very best interest of our league, our franchise and our fans. We'll continue to provide East Kentucky Miners fans with quality entertainment and basketball." CBA teams Albany, Minot

and Lawton-Fort Sill will also play ABA teams. Any East Kentucky Miners-West Virginia Wild matchup will make for an immediate intriguing game given the proximity of the two professional basketball franchises. Former Kentucky Mr. Basketball J.R. VanHoose is a member of the West Virginia Wild team. VanHoose, a Paintsville native, starred at Marshall University. He is a former NBDL draft pick. The East Kentucky Miners opened training camp earlier

in the week. Among those in training camp for the Miners is legendary University of Kentucky Wildcat Wayne Turner. In the CBA-ABA interleague games, the home team's league rules will apply. Tip-off for Sunday's East Kentucky-West Virginia game is scheduled for 4:05 p.m. Start time for Monday's matchup is slated for 7:05 p.m. Tickets for each of the upcoming East Kentucky Miners home games remain available. For more information on tickets, call the Miners office at



Bears blast Temple Baptist

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Five Bears reached double figures in the scoring column as Pikeville College rolled past Temple Baptist College 102-54 Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville (8-3) won for the third straight time and headed into a week off for exam week on a high note. They return to action next Saturday, hosting Kentucky Christian in a doubleheader beginning at 2 p.m.

The Bears ran out to a 49-15 lead at recess thanks to hitting 51.4 percent from the floor. But in the second half, the shooting heated up to 60.6 percent to finish at 55.9 percent for the game.

Temple Baptist (0-4), on the other hand, had hit only 20 percent of its first-half shots and was only 1-of-13 from the arc.

Junior Josh Samarco led the Bears with 17 points and handed out eight assists in only 19 minutes of playing time. Senior Ewan Linton tossed in 14, playing only nine minutes.

Three players — junior Adam Simmons, sophomore Dan Penick and freshman Chris Puckett — came off the bench to toss in 12 points each. Penick and freshman Kane Belcher had seven rebounds each.

Seniors Haakim Johnson and Robbie Spears had eight rebounds each for the Bears, who dominated the glass 51-28, as six different Bears had at least five rebounds. Sophomore Justin Hicks handed out seven assists for the Bears, who had 26 assists on 38 field goals.

Temple Baptist was led by Jamal Charles with 22 points and six rebounds. Rick Trimble followed with 13 points and nine rebounds.



BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE KRISTAL DANIELS is in her senior season for the Pikeville College women's basketball team.

photo by Christopher Webb

Bobcats edge East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne improved to 2-0 Saturday, defeating 15th Region rival 45-43. The Bobcats opened the season Tuesday, Dec. 2 with a 66-59 win over Magoffin County. Former head coach Junior Newsome is back at his old post as Bobcat mentor.

Nathan Martin led Betsy Layne to the victory over East Ridge. Martin, a member of a talented Betsy Layne sophomore class, tossed in a team-high 14 points for the Bobcats.

Martin was one of two Betsy Layne players to score 10 or more points. Bryce Adkins followed with 10 points in the low-scoring contest.

Betsy Layne won after battling back from behind. East Ridge limited Betsy Layne to just seven points in each of the first two quarters. The Warriors led 25-14 at the half before outscoring East Ridge 31-18 in the second half.

Bryant Tibbs scored eight points, Jordan Newman netted seven and Ritchie Tackett and Casey Adkins contributed three apiece.

Betsy Layne was back in action Tuesday night on the road at Paintsville. More on the Betsy Layne-Paintsville game will appear in Friday's edition.

Patriots pound South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Fourteenth Region title contender Knott County Central had too many weapons for the visiting South Floyd Raiders when the two teams met Saturday. Knott County Central never allowed South Floyd to score more than 11 points in any one quarter. The Patriots outscored South Floyd 38-8 in the first quarter and cruised to a convincing 98-34 victory.

Knott County Central's high-profile backcourt duo led a balanced attack.

Stuart Stamper scored 27 points and Tate Cox contributed 13 as the Patriots prevailed.

Five different Knott County Central players reached double figures in the scoring column. Twelve different Patriots provided scoring in the non-region matchup.

The Patriots wasted little time in jumping out in front of visiting South Floyd. Knott County Central entered halftime ahead 58-19.

The Patriots kept up their high-scoring was in the second half, outscoring KCC 27-6 in the third quarter.

Dylan Langdon scored a team-high 12 points for the Raiders. Brandon Marson and Corey Paige joined Langdon in double figures for South Floyd with 10 points apiece. Dakota Hall rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

Following the loss, South Floyd dropped to 1-3. Johnson Central topped the young Raiders 94-59 Friday night.

Wildcats headed to Memphis, tradition-rich Liberty Bowl

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team will be trying for a school record third-consecutive bowl victory as the Wildcats have accepted an invitation to play in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl against the East Carolina Pirates, the Conference USA champion.

The game will be Friday, Jan. 2, at 5 p.m. EST (4 p.m. CST in Memphis) at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium and the game will be televised nationally on ESPN. The Liberty Bowl is celebrating its 50th year, but will be playing host to Kentucky for the first time.

"We are honored to be selected to participate in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl," said Mitch Barnhart, UK Director of Athletics. "This is a great opportunity for our young people to experience the hospitality of the city of Memphis."

"Our experience in back-to-back bowls shows the tremendous fan support given

to Kentucky athletics, and specifically to Kentucky football. I congratulate Coach Rich Brooks, our seniors and all of the Wildcats as we try for a third-consecutive bowl win."

Three-straight bowl wins is something never accomplished in school history. The Wildcats knocked off Clemson, 28-20, in the 2006 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, and then followed with a 35-28 win over Florida State in the 2007 Music City Bowl.

Just by playing in the game, the Wildcats duplicate a feat done only once before in school annals — participating in a third-consecutive post-season game. The 1949-50-51 teams played in the Orange, Sugar and Cotton bowls respectively, winning the last two.

This will be the 13th post-season appearance in school history, with the Wildcats carrying a 7-5 record in bowl games.

Kentucky comes into the

(See BOWL, page ten)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD FRIDAY, DEC. 5

STATE SEMIFINALS CLASS A

Beechwood 34, Crittenden County 0
Hazard 28, Lexington Christian 21

CLASS 2A

Fort Campbell 34, Monroe County 18
Newport Central Catholic 26, Corbin 7

CLASS 3A

Breathitt County 14, Belfry 12
Central 49, Union County 21

CLASS 4A

Bell County 17, Boyle County 15
Bullitt East 52, Calloway County 49

CLASS 5A

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Highlands 42, Whitley County 16

CLASS 6A

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Trinity 28, St. Xavier 21

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CLASS A
Beechwood-Hazard, 11 a.m.

CLASS 3A
Central-Breathitt County, 3 p.m.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 13
CLASS 2A
Fort Campbell-Newport Central Catholic, 11 a.m.

CLASS 4A
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THE ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM opened the 2008-09 season last week versus Pikeville. The Lady Panthers defeated Allen Central in the opener.

photo by Greg Moore

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NASCAR: Four teams hit Vegas for two-day Goodyear test session

Costner, NASCAR form partnership for 2009 season

est no testing rule, we are very fortunate to have been invited by Goodyear to this test. This gives us two extra days on an intermediate track that only three other teams are getting. We need to maximize that time all we can."

Goodyear and race teams will be testing in preparation for the March 1 Shelby 427 Sprint Cup Series race.

The test will be closed to the public.

NASCAR, Costner partner for year-long initiatives: NASCAR and actor Kevin Costner have announced a year-long partnership that will utilize see the Academy Award winner participate in several NASCAR initiatives, including narration of a new NASCAR movie and the exclusive debut of the latest music video for Kevin Costner and Modern West on NASCAR.COM.

Costner also appeared at the Sprint Cup Series awards banquet on Dec. 5, and narrated a special tribute to the 60th anniversary of NASCAR.

"As a long time NASCAR fan, I'm very excited about this partnership," said Costner, who has starred in several sports-themed movies. "They have tremendous fans, which are truly the most passionate in all of sports."

Additionally, Costner and his band, Modern West, will debut the video for their newest single, Backyard, exclusively on

NASCAR.COM (watch video). The video was produced by NASCAR Media Group and the song is part of the band's debut album, Untold Truths, which was released on Nov. 11. Backyard is featured in the movie Swing Vote and was performed during a pre-race concert before the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona in July.

"Kevin's body of work speaks for itself, and we are fortunate to work with a great American talent our fans really appreciate," said Brad Ball, vice president of entertainment and marketing, NASCAR Media Group. "We have a terrific program lined up for Kevin, which we believe will be well received by our fans. With Kevin, we'll build it, and they will come."

Costner also will serve as the voice of the latest NASCAR film. The Ride of Their Lives is a first-person account of the history and heroes of NASCAR brought to life through the men and women who lived the dream.

The film includes exclusive interviews with Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Gordon, Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip, and tells the story of how family dynamics weaved a thread through a half-century of racing. Produced by CMT Films and NASCAR Media Group, The Ride of Their Lives premieres Dec. 13 on CMT.

Blackcats

AutoZone Liberty Bowl with a 6-6 record, marking the first time since 1954-55-56 that the Wildcats have won six games in three consecutive seasons. The Wildcats overcame massive graduation losses from last year and injuries to key players this season in qualifying for a bowl game.

UK will enter the bowl with a 13-game non-conference winning streak, the third-longest active streak in the nation behind Boston College (21) and Louisiana State (18). The 13-game streak is the school's longest since a 17-game non-conference win stretch from 1954-60.

This will be the second meeting between Kentucky and East Carolina. The Wildcats defeated the Pirates, 6-3, in Lexington in the 1993 season. Ironically, it was that victory that gave UK its sixth win of the year and put the

Wildcats into the '93 Peach Bowl.

East Carolina has a 9-4 record this year. Coach Skip Holtz led his team to season-opening victories over ranked foes in Virginia Tech and West Virginia. The opening stretch put the Pirates among the nation's top-25 ranked teams. East Carolina closed the regular season with three consecutive wins, including a 27-24 triumph at Tulsa on Saturday in the Conference USA championship game.

Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks will be participating in his third Liberty Bowl. He played in the game as a senior in 1962, helping Oregon State to a 6-0 win over Villanova. In 1976, in his last game as a collegiate assistant coach, Brooks' UCLA squad was defeated by the Paul "Bear" Bryant-coached Alabama Crimson Tide, 36-6.

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"It's great that we're playing in the 50th anniversary of a game that I actually played in when the game originated in Philadelphia," said Brooks. "I think it's an honor to play a conference champion, particularly one that was as hot to start the season as East Carolina was, and the way they finished the year will be a great test for our program."

"East Carolina is an outstanding team," Brooks continued. "They had two of the most impressive wins that anybody had all year when they beat Virginia Tech and West Virginia back-to-back, and they beat a very good Tulsa team in their championship game. They've got an outstanding defense and an experienced quarterback. We'll have to play very well to have a chance to win the game."

Hamilton earns third straight OVC Newcomer of the Week honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Morehead State junior guard Tiffany Hamilton earned her third consecutive Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week honor on Monday.

She ran her streak of double-figure scoring games to seven, averaging 15.0 points against UT Martin and Murray

State last week. She totaled 14 points, four rebounds and six assists in an 84-76 overtime win against Murray State. Seven of her 14 points came in overtime and she was 4-for-4 at the free throw line in the final minute to help seal the victory. She hit four three-pointers and scored 16 points in 28 minutes in an 82-54 win against UT Martin.

The Morehead State women's team has now earned six OVC weekly honors in 2008-09, including all four Newcomer of the Week awards.

The Eagles are idle during this week for final exams, and then return to the court at home Sunday (Dec. 14) against Houston Baptist at 2 p.m.

Harper named OVC Co-Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University point guard Demonte Harper, who led the Eagles to back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference wins over UT Martin (80-71) and Murray State (79-74) last week, has been named Co-Player of the Week in the league. He shares the honor with Austin Peay's Drake Reed.

Harper averaged 21.5 points, 3.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.0 steals in the two league wins. The sophomore from Nashville, Tenn., (Whites Creek High School) led MSU in scoring, assists and steals as the Eagles defeated the two teams picked one (Murray State) and two (UT Martin) in the OVC's preseason poll.

"Demonte is beginning to play in games the way he does

in practice which is with a lot of confidence," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He was a huge part of our two wins last week and is certainly deserving of this honor. I am very proud of his progress and believe he will only continue to improve."

The Eagles are off this week for final exams and will return to action at 3:05 p.m. EST on Sunday (Dec. 14) when they travel to Normal, Ill., to take on Illinois State.

Christmas With The Eagles Camp set for Dec. 23

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - The Morehead State University

Men's Basketball program will present a one-day, "Christmas With The Eagles" camp from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 23 in Johnson Arena of the Academic-Athletic Center. The cost is only \$35 and lunch will be provided. The MSU coaching staff and players will serve as instructors while parents can get a short holiday break and maybe do their last-minute Christmas shopping.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. for this great Christmas gift for a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter or any youngster who deserves this neat opportunity.

The camp is for boys and girls, kindergarten through eighth grade. NCAA rules prohibit high school students from attending.

For more information, contact Joe Zimmerman at 606-783-5398.

Shot at :03 sinks Blackcats

Pikeville tops P'burg, 57-55

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The 2008-2009 high school basketball season got underway last week. But for the Prestonsburg Blackcats and the Pikeville Panthers, the new season started later than normal. Both schools' gridiron units had just completed extended football seasons, and one had to wonder how those players just getting into the basketball season would respond.

Prestonsburg not only has some new players on the floor, but a familiar face has returned to pace the Blackcat sideline in Jack Pack. Pack and Jackie Day Crisp switched roles for the new season as Pack returned for a second stint as the boys' head coach and Crisp returned for a second round as girls' coach. The Blackcats returned two starters from last season in Michael Burchett and Jody Tackett. Pikeville is led by three year starter Matt Clevenger. The trio would prove to be the leaders in this matchup, which came down to a thrilling finish that ultimately catapulted Pikeville to a 57-55 win.

Prestonsburg jumped in

front early, taking a 20-18 lead after one quarter of play. Burchett and Tackett paced the Blackcats in the first quarter. Burchett and Tackett tossed in eight and six points respectively. The Blackcats outscored Pikeville 13-12 in the second quarter, taking a 33-30 lead to the locker room at the half. The Blackcats



knocked down seven three-pointers in the first half, but were held without a trey in the second half. Prestonsburg will look to 6-5 center Steven Patrick in the middle this season for an inside threat. Patrick was saddled with foul trouble on Friday and was forced to leave the game with 3:00 remaining in the first quarter after picking up his third foul.

Clevenger led all scorers with a game-high 23 points. The Pikeville sharpshooter connected on six field-goals and was 11-of-16 from the charity stripe.

The Panthers outscored Prestonsburg 11-9 in the third quarter to come within 42-41

after three quarters. Both teams seemed to exchange baskets in the final stanza. Prestonsburg had possession of the ball and the score was even at 55-55 with :55 remaining when the Cats looked as though they may play for the final shot. Burchett found an open lane to the basket with :12 remaining and drove to the hoop. It looked as though Burchett would take the shot, but he instead attempted to pass off to Cameron Tincher. The pass went off of Tincher and out of bounds, giving the Panthers a last shot attempt. Taylor Ratliff got a shot off from the free-throw line with :03 left, the shot went in, and the Panthers escaped with a two-point (55-57) win. Floyd County native Devin Burchett tossed in 11 points for Pikeville.

Michael Burchett led the Blackcats with 17 points. Tackett followed with 15 points for the Blackcats. Alex Stumbo added 10 points in Prestonsburg's short effort. Pikeville finished the night 16-of-30 from the charity stripe, while Prestonsburg ended the game 12-of-27.

INSIDE THE SCORING PIKEVILLE 57, PRESTONSBURG 55

Pikeville - Clevenger 23, Burchett 11, Keen 6, Rowe 6, Ratliff 5, Hamilton 4, Cecil 2.

Prestonsburg - Burchett 17, Tackett 15, Stumbo 10, Patrick 6, Tincher 4, Gearheart 3.

LETTERS TO SANTA

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Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes 1,000 elk hunt permits

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission members voted today to raise the number of quota elk permits to 1,000 and proposed additional firearms season days for elk hunters for the 2009-10 season. Commission members at Friday's quarterly meeting in Frankfort also proposed standardizing the muskellunge minimum size limit at Cave Run, Buckhorn and Green River lakes.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

In wildlife-related business, the Commission voted to increase the number of quota elk hunting permits to

1,000 for the 2009-10 hunting season, up from 400 quota elk permits awarded in 2008-09. The total number of permits will include 250 permits for antlered elk and 750 permits for antlerless elk. Commission members also voted to allow drawn elk hunters the option of paying for their quota elk permit online. These changes do not affect regulations and therefore do not require approval from legislators.

The Commission proposed adding a second week of firearms quota antlered elk hunting to the current one-week season. Under the proposal, drawn hunters who receive an antlered elk permit would be assigned to either the first or second week of the season. If approved, the two-week antlered elk firearms season would run Oct. 3-16, 2009. Hunters with a Landowner Cooperator or Special Commission permit would be allowed to hunt during both weeks of the

firearms season. Archery and crossbow season framework for quota antlered elk hunting would remain unchanged. However, the proposal would move the opening of antlerless elk archery and crossbow seasons to Oct. 17, 2009, one week later than the current season framework.

Commission members also proposed additional hunting days for drawn quota antlerless elk hunting. Under the Commission recommendation, drawn quota antlerless elk hunters would be permitted to hunt antlerless elk during the modern gun deer season in November, in addition to the existing two-week firearms antlerless elk season in December. If approved, the change would allow quota antlerless elk hunting Nov. 14-23 and Dec. 12-25, 2009.

The Commission proposed a special youth elk hunt and drawing for 2009. Under the recommendation, five either-sex elk permits would be available to youth ages 15 and

under. The permits would be valid for a special youth hunt on Paul Van Booven Wildlife Management Area Sept. 26-28, 2009. If approved, youth hunters could apply for the hunt by purchasing a \$10 elk lottery application April 1-30, 2009.

Youth hunters may still purchase a separate \$10 elk lottery application to enter the regular elk quota hunt drawing. Two youth permits, one antlered and one antlerless, are already awarded through the lottery, and will remain available for the 2009-10 elk season. These permits are valid during the regular elk season only.

In fisheries-related business, the Commission recommended standardizing the minimum size limit on muskellunge at 36 inches at Cave Run Lake, Green River Lake and Buckhorn Lake. Previously, Cave Run Lake and Green River Lake had a 30-inch minimum size limit for the species and Buckhorn

Lake had a 40-inch minimum size limit.

Fisheries regulations voted on by the Commission at Friday's meeting would take effect in March 2010.

The Commission also recommended implementing a 9-inch minimum size limit on crappie at Fishtrap Lake and removing yellow bass from the statewide aggregate daily limit of 15 fish for white, hybrid striped and yellow bass. There will be a 30 fish daily creel limit on yellow bass. Lick Creek in Simpson County and East Fork Clarks River in Calloway County will be removed as seasonal catch and release trout streams. Lick Creek will still be stocked with trout in the summer months.

The Commission also recommended discontinuing the practice of using a tooth patch as the regulatory method for identifying spotted bass. Anglers use a tooth patch as a means of differentiating spotted bass from

largemouth bass. However, many largemouth bass also possess this tooth patch, which leads to confusion.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, March 6, 2009 at No. 1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, No. 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

Teater finishes 62nd at PGA Tour National Qualifying tourney

Former MSU golfer in pursuit of pro career

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Former Eagle golfer Josh Teater had a rough stretch of holes on the final round, shooting a one-over par 73, and fin-

ished at 12-under par, tied for 62nd in the PGA Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

Teater, a native of Lexington, has been a regular on the NGA Hooters Tour for the past few years and has also qualified for some PGA and Nationwide events. He will play the Nicklaus Course on Saturday.

The 163 golfers competing in the 108-hole were a part of an unusually strong field this

year at the Q-School final stage with 20 players who had combined for 48 PGA Tour victories on hand. The low 28 players for the six rounds will receive PGA Tour Cards. The next number of players closest to 50 will earn exempt status on the Nationwide Tour. The remaining players who have made in through to the final stage get conditionally exempt status on the Nationwide Tour.

Powell holds off Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats had their moments Monday night but couldn't get past visiting Powell County and claim a first win in the 2008-09 season. A pair of talented veteran players — Kendra McFarland and Stevie Rogers — led Powell County to a 50-43 win over the Lady Blackcats.

McFarland led Powell County with a game-high 23 points. Rogers followed with 21 points for the Lady Pirates.

Powell County built a 10-point lead in the opening quarter and held off a spirited Prestonsburg second half run.

The Lady Pirates outscored Prestonsburg 18-8 in the opening quarter. Powell County limited Prestonsburg in the first half, outscoring the Lady Blackcats 31-14.

Kristian Waugh led Prestonsburg (0-3) with 13 points. Linsey Fields followed with 11 points for the Lady Blackcats. Alexis DeRossett scored seven points in Prestonsburg's non-district game.

Prestonsburg made the game close late, outscoring Powell County 19-10 in the final quarter. The Lady Blackcats were back in action Tuesday night at home versus Allen Central. A full recap of the Prestonsburg-Allen Central game will appear in Friday's edition.

Six Wildcats named AP All-Southeastern Conference

Lindley, Masthay make first team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Six Kentucky Wildcats were named to the All-Southeastern Conference team selected by The Associated Press voting board of media members from the region.

Cornerback Trevard Lindley and punter Tim Masthay are first-team All-SEC, with offensive tackle Garry Williams and defensive tackle Myron Pryor named to the second team. Defensive end Jeremy Jarmon and linebacker Micah Johnson are honorable mention.

Lindley, a junior from Hiram, Ga., has four interceptions and 11 pass breakups this year. He ranks second in the SEC and 15th nationally for total passes defended. A semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back), Lindley set the school record for pass breakups in a career with 34.

Masthay, a senior from Murray, leads the SEC and is fifth nationally with an average of 45.3 yards per punt. As the team's kickoff man, he is

second in the league with 20 touchbacks. He also is the team's holder for placekicks.

Williams, a senior from Louisville, has given up only one quarterback sack this season. He was named the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week in UK's win over Western Kentucky. As a team, UK ranks fifth in the nation in fewest tackles for loss allowed and eighth nationally for fewest sacks allowed.

Pryor, a senior from Louisville, has been a dominant presence in the defensive line. He has 29 tackles this season, including 10 for loss and 4.5 quarterback sacks. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for the Louisville game when he returned a fumble for a touchdown and caused another fumble that was returned for a touchdown.

Jarmon, a junior from Collierville, Tenn., totaled 33 tackles, nine for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and five pass breakups this season. He ranks in the top five players in school history for sacks.

Johnson, a junior from Fort Campbell, Ky., has made 87 tackles despite missing two games because of injury. He ranks third in the SEC in tackles per game. He leads the

Wildcats with 11.5 tackles for loss and has led the team in tackles in eight of the 10 games in which he has played.

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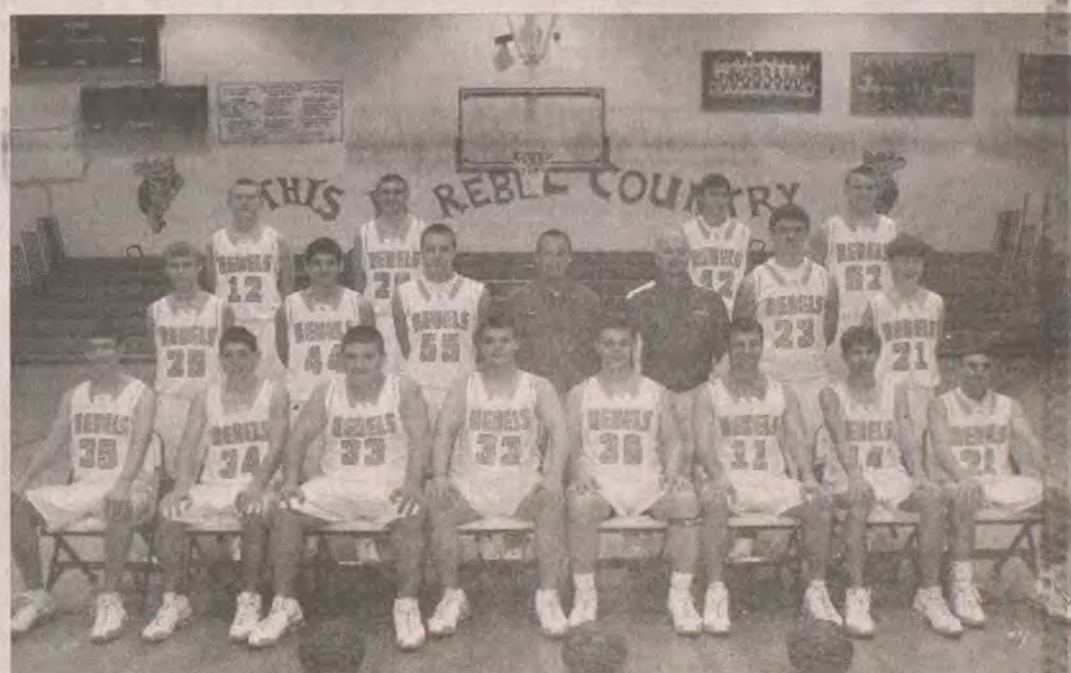
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Jerseys similar to those worn by the UK Men's basketball team as a tribute to long time equipment manager Bill Keightley will be available at the UK Bookstore beginning Thursday morning at 7:45 a.m. There are two options for consumers:

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RUNNIN' REBELS: The Allen Central High School boys' basketball team is under the direction of first-year head coach Mark Martin (pictured, second row, middle).



LADYCATS: The Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball team is under the guidance of first-year head coach Devon Reynolds (not pictured).

Piarist Girls set new school single-game scoring record

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — The Piarist School girls' basketball team set a school record for points in a single-game in its season-opening win Dec. 1 over Riverside Christian. Piarist defeated Riverside Christian 73-52 to set the all-time record. First-year head coach

Kevin Tackett claimed the first victory of his coaching career with the win over Riverside Christian.

Piarist saved its best for the second half. Riverside Christian outscored the Knights 34-29 in the opening half. Piarist, however, came on strong offensively in the second half while limiting Riverside Christian on the

other end. The Knights enjoyed an 18-4 run in the third quarter.

Haley Dyer paced Piarist with a game-high 20 points. Chelsea Newsome scored 22 points and Whitney Hall added 11 for the Piarist girls' basketball team.

Piarist finished runner-up in the recent Three Rivers Conference Tournament.

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Big Sandy Valley Football Conference eyes '09 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Big Sandy Valley Middle School Football Conference recently wrapped up another successful season. Letcher County claimed the Large School championship with a win over Sebastian. Hazard claimed a Small School following a win over Adams.

Longtime conference commissioners Ronnie Wells and Dip Stafford have announced they will be stepping down after a successful stint in organizing and running the conference. Jamie Howell and John Doug Miller will assume the role of co-commissioners for next season. Schools participating in the conference will include

Hazard, Adams, Paintsville, Pikeville, Sebastian Middle, Letcher County, Johnson County, Perry County, Martin County and Belfry. The Conference has divided into a small and large school division during the past season and will also look to send a representative to the middle school state playoffs in 2009.

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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 Donnie Childress of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit, filed on or about October 7, 2008, in which Donnie Childress 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 08-CI-01235. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for a debt collection. Donnie Childress shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order, which Order was filed on November 26,

2008, to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if he/she desires to do so. If he/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 Donnie Childress, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020.

Geoffrey D. Marsh Attorney at Law 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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 Increments No. 1 and 2 of Permit No. 836-0340, which was last issued on August 3, 2007. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 15.85 acres, and Increment No. 2 covers an area of approximately 28.92 acres, and is located 5.70 miles southwest of

Harold, in Floyd County. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY State Route 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located along the right side (ascending) of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a surety in the amount of twenty three thousand and one hundred dollars (\$23,100.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$23,100 is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a surety in the amount of ninety seven thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$97,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$97,900 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching. It was completed in October 2008.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 2, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 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 canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 2, 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Wendy Tackett. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Marlow's. The nature of the business will be Music and Dancing. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in

the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than December 18, 2008, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for December 18, 2008, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

Hon. Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Permit No. 836-5396, Amendment Number 4
In accordance with

the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120 Section 3, McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, telephone (606) 835-2233, proposes the following blasting schedule:

The blasting area proposed under Amendment Number 4 is approximately 9.88 surface acres, located approximately 0.95 mile due north of the community of Broad Bottom in Pike County. The proposed operation is located approximately 1.33 mile northeast of Harmonds Branch confluence with Levisa Fork, and located approximately 0.74 mile northwest of Kinnikinick Branch Road's junction with Ky Route 80, at a Latitude of 37°32'53" and a Longitude of 82°35'33". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Sunday through Saturday.

The blasting schedule is for the period from sunrise to sunset. Entry to the blasting area will be controlled by signs, and before each blast is detonated, audible warnings from a siren will be given. Ten (10) minutes prior to detonation, access to the blast area will be controlled by company personnel. Five (5) minutes prior to detonation, three (3) long soundings of a siren will be given. From the time of the five (5) minute signal, warning signal, the one (1) minute signal,

the proposed blast area will be checked for equipment, live-stock and people. One (1) minute prior to detonation, two (2) additional long soundings from a siren will be given. Immediately prior to detonation, one (1) additional long blast will be sounded. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed in the blast area until it is thoroughly checked. The access control will remain in effect until such a time as no unusual circumstances, such as unexploded charges or imminent slides exist, and travel can safely resume. If safe, an all-clear signal of a series of short siren blasts will be sounded. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than scheduled, include but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public of the blasting activity.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5528 Operator Change

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Goose Creek Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 226,

Eastern, Kentucky 41622, intends to revise Permit No. 836-5528 to add an operator. The operators presently approved in the permit are DBJ Mineral, LLC, P.O. Box 3427, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, and Allen Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 971, Allen, Kentucky 41601. The operators will be DBJ Mineral, LLC, P.O. Box 3427, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, and Allen Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 971, Allen, Kentucky 41601, and B & K Coal Inc., 963 Laurel Fork Road, Hueysville, Kentucky 41640.

The operation is located 1.2 mile east of Garrett, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.3 mile southeast of State Route 80's junction with State Route 7, and located along Goose Creek. The operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°29'00" and longitude 82°48'36".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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THROUGH THE LENS

More moons

by ERIC THOMAS

Last week we took a look at the moons of the inner planets of our solar system. The moons of Mars and the Earth while interesting, are fairly bland when compared to some the moons of the outer planets. This week I want to take a little time and look at some of the more interesting moons in the outer solar system.

Let's start with the largest planet in the solar system and the current title holder for most moons, Jupiter. Of Jupiter's 63 moons, only eight have formed in place around the planet, the remaining moons are thought to be captured asteroids. Of these eight regular moons we will look at four in particular, Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto. These four moons were originally viewed by Galileo in the early 1600s and have since been referred to as the Galilean moons.

Io is the only moon in the solar system to be volcanically active. It is caught in a tremendous tug-of-war between Jupiter and the other moons. The gravitational pull on Io causes its surface to heave over 300 feet as it rotates on its axis. This flexing keeps the interior and allows sulfur belching volcanoes to erupt on its surface.

(See LENS, page two)



Eric Thomas

POISON OAK

Like frost on the windshield

by CLYDE PACK

"Just whose boy are you, anyway?" the old man asked.

"Bill Pack was my father," I told him.

"Where was he raised?" he asked. "His family was from over in Martin County," I answered.

He studied the floor for a second or two as if processing the bit of data I'd just given him, then inquiring further, asked about my grandfather and great-grandfather. A bit embarrassed, I told him I had no idea about them, beyond their names, no clue as to whether or not they had siblings, or even where they had lived. He sort of sighed, shook his head, and as he walked away, muttered something like, "I was just wondering."

As I watched him begin a conversation with another man who appeared to be about my age, wondering if he was asking him the same questions he had asked me, I realized that, except for the few individuals who devote time researching courthouse records and dusty family bibles, when it comes to our personal histories, "just wondering" is about all a lot of us can say. Regrettably, more often than not, we're completely oblivious of long-ago relatives; relatives who might have been Revolutionary War heroes, wealthy entrepreneurs, or even horse thieves.

It occurred to me that generations of eastern Kentucky families are sort of like the heavy frost that had covered my windshield a few mornings ago. Later in the day, as the sun finally made its

(See OAK, page two)



Clyde Pack

MEMORIES OF MELVIN

Hall writes memoir of growing up in Eastern Ky.

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Ralph Hall has plenty of stories to tell, and his new book, "Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy," evokes a nostalgia for his childhood that he hopes readers will identify with.

"Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy" is a memoir dealing with Hall's childhood growing up in the coal mining mountains of eastern Kentucky, and it also contains original poems.

Hall was born in 1936 in Melvin, the oldest of six children in the family.

"I had three brothers and two sisters. At the end of the Great Depression, my father worked for a government program called the WPA. His pay was 10 cents an hour. My mother was a homemaker who took care of our little family," Hall said. "I dropped out of high school to join the Air Force in 1954."

After his stint in the Air Force, Hall returned to high school and graduated in 1956. After graduating, Hall worked multiple jobs in surrounding states before coming back home to attend college.

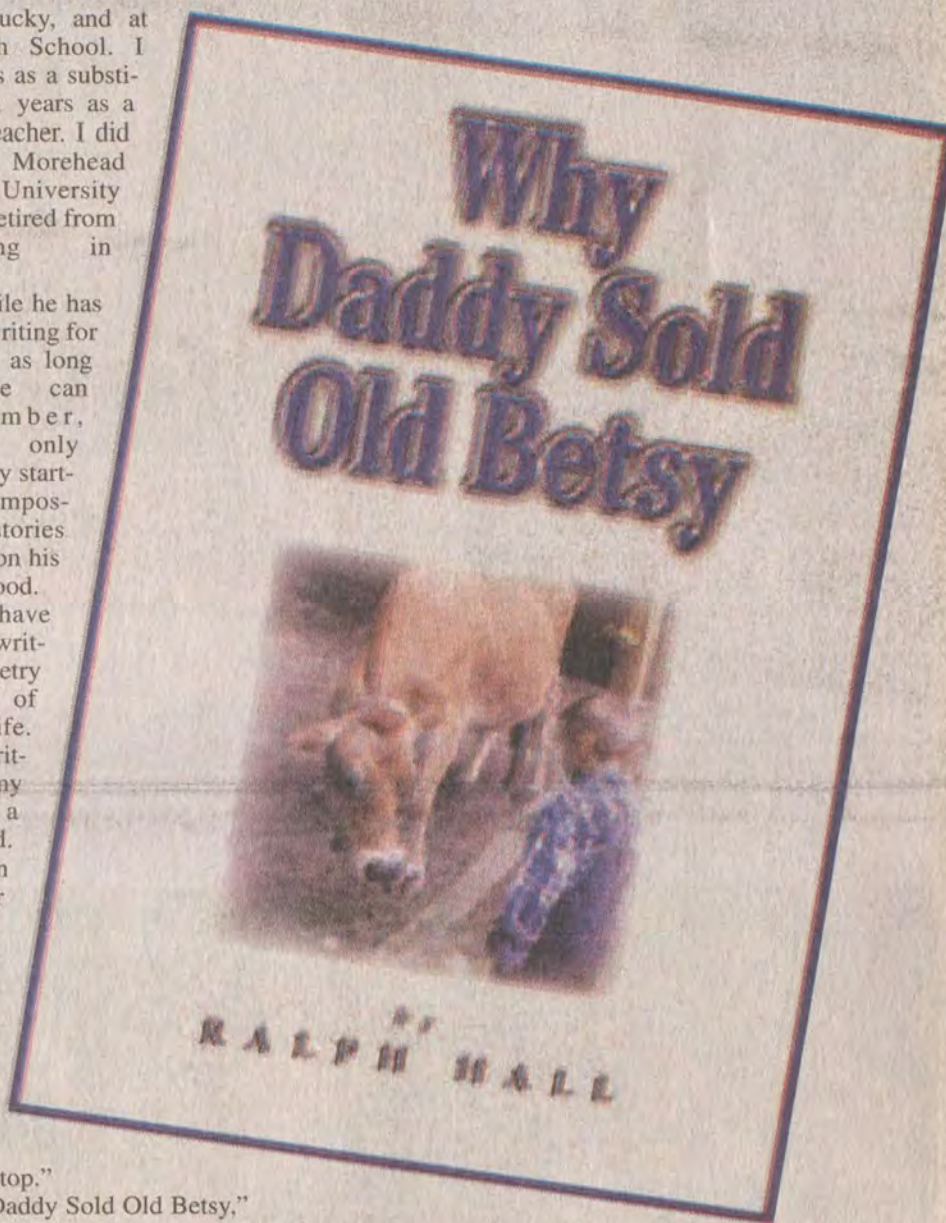
"I went back to school at the age of 40 and graduated from Prestonsburg Community College," Hall said. "From there, I went to Pikeville College and got a degree in psychology. I taught school for 22 years at Wheelwright High School, in

Wheelwright, Kentucky, and at South Floyd High School. I worked for 11 years as a substitute teacher and 11 years as a special education teacher. I did graduate work at Morehead State University and I retired from teaching in 1997."

While he has been writing for almost as long as he can remember, Hall only recently started composing stories based on his childhood.

"I have been writing poetry most of my life. In 2004, I started writing stories about my life when I was a child," Hall said. "Writing has taken me places I never thought I would go. To me life is journey. I never know where life will take me. I am enjoying the ride. To me writing is just a way of life. I write because I can't make myself stop."

To order "Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy," visit <http://www.ralphhallbooks.com>.



Pictured, from left, are the members of Serenade: Director Laura Ford Hall of Pikeville, Rachael Hayes of Martin, Lindsey Holliday of Salyersville, Haley Isaac of Salyersville, Jerica Blair of Martin, Tierra Fonner of Phelps, Stephanie Prater of Prestonsburg, Kara Mills of Inez, Melanie Stapleton of Paintsville, Ashley Fleming of Eikhorn City, Nicole Pennington of Pikeville and Paige Newsome of Pikeville.

Serenade headlines Christmas concert

PRESTONSBURG — Serenade, the elite, all-female singing group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be the featured act among the three groups performing in "An Evening of Christmas," on Friday, Dec. 12, in Prestonsburg.

The Christmas concert will feature favorite carols and new Christmas pieces in exquisite harmony for the entire community to enjoy. The singing will come to a close with a journey back in time to Jesus' birth.

Other groups performing are The Big Sandy Singers, and InHarmony, the

all-female mass choir from BSCTC.

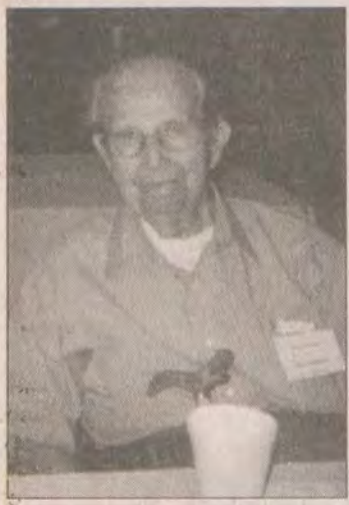
Serenade is an auditioned group comprised of Big Sandy Idol participants, students, and community members.

The concert will be held in Gearheart Auditorium in the Pike Building on the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and admission is \$5. Group sales can be reserved by contacting Director Laura Ford Hall at (606) 424-2498.

Visit the music program online at www.bigsandysingers.com.

Lens

numerous volcanoes and the red and yellow coloration of the surface has earned it the



The oldest relative attending the Hicks Family Reunion was Hargis Hicks, grandson of Smith Hicks, who turned 99-years-old in Nov. He lives in Xenia, Ohio and was accompanied to reunion by his daughter, Omalee Agnor and Angela George and their families from Xenia.

nickname "pizza moon". Europa while not having active volcanoes is geologically active. Stressed in the same manner as Io, Europa, while covered with thick layers of ice has a warm water layer underneath. The surface of Europa shows signs that the ice has fractured and moved around in the past just as we see here on Earth in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. This ice rafting also allows water to flow onto the surface from between the cracks and create new fresh ice on the surface. Scientists estimate that there is almost twice as much water on Europa as on Earth. Europa also interests scientists because the warm water interior could harbor life. Life exists on Earth in some very inhospitable places such as under the Antarctic ice and at volcanic vents deep in the oceans where no sunlight ever reaches.

Ganymede is the largest moon in the solar system, larger than the planet Mercury. Covered in ice Ganymede has

distinct dark and bright regions. The dark regions are heavily cratered indicating they are very old while the bright regions have many fewer craters indicating the ice here is relatively young. The NASA Galileo spacecraft made six close flybys of Ganymede between 1995 and 2000 and from the data it returned scientists were able to determine that Ganymede generates its own magnetic field, the only moon to do so.

The fourth of Jupiter's Galilean moons is ice covered Callisto. The third largest moon in the solar system, it is just slightly smaller than Mercury. Callisto is covered with craters indicating that the surface is very old. Unlike the other three of Jupiter's moons, Callisto does not show any signs of surface activity.

As we leave Jupiter and move on out through the solar system, our next stop will be Saturn. The ringed planet comes in a close second to Jupiter in the moon count with

60. Twenty-two of Saturn's moons believed to have formed in place with the remainder being captured asteroids or comets.

Saturn's moons range from Mimas which has a large impact crater that is 1/5 the diameter of the moon giving it the appearance of the "Death Star" from the movie Star Wars to Enceladus whose active ice geysers may supply material for one of Saturn's rings. But the moon we want to focus on is Titan

As the second largest moon in the solar system, Titan is the only moon known to have an atmosphere. Composed mostly nitrogen with traces of methane, the atmosphere produces a smog-like haze that hides the surface from observation by telescope. Titan is also unique in that it is the only body in the solar system other than the Earth that has liquid on its surface. Surface of Titan is so cold though that this is not liquid water, but rather liquid

methane and liquid ethane.

We also now know a little bit about what the surface of Titan looks like thanks to the Huygens probe that was dropped from the Cassini spacecraft in 2004. As the Huygens descended by parachute through the atmosphere, a small onboard camera took photographs which revealed a cold, rocky environment. The Cassini spacecraft is also imaging Titan but using radar instead of a camera. The use of radar allows the Cassini spacecraft to see through the clouds and use altitude data to create maps of Titan.

The next stop on our solar system tour are the moons of Uranus. Named for the most part after characters from Shakespeare, Uranus' moons are not nearly as varied and exciting as the moons of Jupiter, or as massive and interesting as Titan is at Saturn. There are however a couple of Uranus' 27 moons that are worth noting.

Miranda for example has extremely deep canyons, much deeper than the Grand Canyon here on Earth. Umbriel is the darkest of Uranus' moons, with a surface that is extremely old and scarred with many craters. Ariel on the other hand is the brightest moon with very few large craters indicating its surface is probably very young.

As we move on through the solar system we come to our last stop, Neptune. Having the lowest moon count at 13, there is one moon in particular we want to focus on, Triton. This icy world averages -400°F. It is so far from our Sun that is one of the coldest places in our solar system. Triton is similar to one of the inner solar system moons though in that it orbits Neptune backwards. It is this retrograde orbit that will eventually spell out Triton's demise. As Triton orbits, the gravitational pull of Neptune slows Triton down pulling it ever closer to the planet. Eventually, millions of years from now Triton will be torn apart its material scattering to form a new ring.

I hope you enjoyed our tour of the moons of our solar system. There are several places you can get more detailed information, including several NASA websites. It's hard to do justice to these interesting and diverse objects we are still learning about in the space of this column, but I hope it may intrigue enough to do a little "exploring" on your own.

Eric Thomas is the Director of East Kentucky Science Center, a part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College and is located on BSCTC's Prestonsburg Campus.



The Hicks Family Reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 6, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. As usual, it was a great gathering of relatives and friends of William and Oma Reffett Hicks. We have all had great pleasure seeing old friends, meeting and making new friends, and sharing loving memories making us all become one big wonderful family. Delphia Hicks did a wonderful job in planning the reunions for the past 10 years with the help of her husband, Dan and Paulene H. Allen. The group enjoyed musical entertainment by Rachael and Will Hayes, children of Dr. Stan and Krista Hayes, and great-great-granddaughters of Smith Hicks. We have seen and met friends and relatives from Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ky, Ga., and W.Va. over the past 10 years. We look forward to our next reunion on Saturday, Aug., 15, 2008 which will be under new management. Submitted by: Edna, Wanda and Loyce, (great-granddaughters of Smith Hicks).

Oak

way into the deep hollows, the frost melted away, only to be replaced a morning or two later with another thick layer of sublimated vapor. People are like that. We'll dominate the landscape, revelling in our importance for three-quarters of a century, or so, then melt away to be replaced by others. After a couple of generations, just as I couldn't tell the old man who my ancestors were, neither will our own great-great-grandchildren be able to recall our names, where we lived or what we did for a living.

We'll pass on our steel-blue eyes or red hair or big noses, but three or four generations

from now those sporting those distinct features will have no clue as to where they got them.

Although I wish I could have given the old gentleman more information about my genealogy, I realize there's no reason to beat myself up over the fact that I couldn't. It just seems to be human nature to procrastinate, to wait until it's much too late before we even start "wondering" about stuff like that. It just seems that, for whatever reason, we wait until those who could have answered many of our questions are already gone.

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YESTERDAYS

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10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 11 and 16, 1998)

The Floyd County Board of Education get some news from the auditor at Tuesday's special-called meeting that members are not accustomed to seeing—all positive fund balances. Roger Combs, a representative of Kelley, Galloway and Company, said the audit report reflected financial stability for the school year ending June 30, 1998.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Emily Damron makes her directorial debut, Monday, at 7:30 p.m., at Transylvania University's Coleman Recital Hall. A Transy senior, Damron will direct "The Role of Della," a one-act play by John J. Wooten as her final project in a play directing class.

The Allen Central High School chorus has been invited to participate in the 11th annual Christmas chorus, Tuesday, at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a clothing giveaway today and next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

The classic ballet "The Nutcracker" comes to life, Tuesday night, at the Mountain Arts Center. Dozens of local dancers from Dance, Etc., under the direction of Jody Shepherd, will perform.

The US Department of Agriculture, through its Rural Development Organization, has

awarded \$540,000—half loan, half grant—to the City of Prestonsburg for a Buffalo Creek water project.

At Tuesday night's special-called meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, Interim Superintendent Mike King said the screening committee to select a new superintendent is almost complete.

Children from throughout the area had the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus, last Saturday, at Prestonsburg City Hall. The appearance of Santa marked part of the official beginning of the holiday season in the downtown.

Persons residing within the Prestonsburg city limits who don't know their correct address, or who have forgotten it, need to call City 911 coordinator Gary Dotson. Dotson sent out address notification letters with correct addresses for the city's enhanced 911 system earlier in the year, but not all residents know their address, he said.

The Town Branch Church will conduct its annual Christmas clothing distribution program, beginning at noon Saturday, December 19.

New vehicles and extensive remodeling are in the works for four Floyd County senior citizens centers, thanks to a \$200,000 gift for the state. Centers at Betsy Layne, McDowell, Mud Creek and Wayland, are receiving \$50,000 each through the Floyd Fiscal Court. The money comes from the state's budget surplus.

Ethel Williams, Goldie Mae DeRossett and Nina Howell of the Mud Creek Seniors Citizens

took part in a chair aerobics class conducted by Trina Rogers from the Wellness Center at Prestonsburg Community College.

The Left Beaver Fire Department and Rescue Squad will have its annual toy giveaway for needy children in that area of the county on Saturday.

The Prestonsburg Blood Donor Center, located in City Hall, is sponsoring its "Donorama" Dec. 26-30.

Jeffery Marshall, 25, of Magoffin County, an escapee from the Big Sandy Detention Center, who sought medical attention for a gunshot wound in the leg, got more treatment than he was after. He was taken into custody by the Kentucky State Police at Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

Kevin Hopkins, 33, of Shelbiana, used an STP gas treatment bottle in his attempts to rob three Pike County convenience stores early Friday morning. He reportedly put the bottle under his shirt, pretending it was a gun.

Mayor Jerry Fannin and the eight members of the Prestonsburg City Council swore Monday night that they have not participated in a duel and will not do so while in office. Floyd County Judge John David Caudill administered the state's official oath of office to the city leaders, all of whom were re-elected in November.

Archer Park has added numerous light displays for this year's Christmas season.

Larry Adams, fire marshal for the City of Prestonsburg, has placed the bleachers at Prestonsburg High School field off limits to all persons other than the contractors, until further notice, and issued an order to remedy, which would require the Floyd County Board to repair or remove the bleachers.

Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd, who was indicted by a local grand jury last month, will have another four weeks in which to prepare her response to the charge of theft by failure to make required disposition, a Class D felony. The arraignment that was scheduled for Dec. 14, was rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 8.

Members of the Calvary Southern Baptist

Church took turns portraying Biblical characters in a live nativity scene at Betsy Layne this week. Pastor Troy Tackett, Barbie Bow, and Beatrice Jacobs took their turns, respectively, as Joseph, Mary and a shepherd in the nativity scene.

District Judge Eric Hall told a group of men before him on abuse charges, that they cannot possess a firearm—even for hunting—if they are under a domestic violence order.

There died: Rev. James A. Dickerson, 89, of Port Orange, Florida, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 8, at his residence; Palmer Scutchfield, 88, of Wimore, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 8, at Kentucky Veterans Center in Wimore; Myrtle Cooley Baisden, 98, of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mildred Ryan, 74, of Prestonsburg, Monday, November 23, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Dennis Eric Bentley, 48, of Chesapeake, Virginia, formerly of Garrett, Monday, December 7, at the Chesapeake General Hospital; Harold Junior Joseph, 62, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kathryn Elizabeth Akers, 76, of Stamping Ground, Sunday, December 13, at her residence; Omar Mathews, 78, of Oak Grove, Saturday, December 12, at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee; Darlene Clay Angel, 42, of Dandridge, Tennessee, December 12, at the Park West Hospital, Knoxville; James E. Carter, 67, of Pikeville, December 8, at his residence; Ailene Burris McDowell, 81, of Lexington, Monday, December 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ada Maggard Meade, 84, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, December 13, at her residence; Jay Conley Jr., 70, of Mousie, Dec. 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Grace Handshoe Shepherd, 73, of Hope, formerly of Magoffin County, Dec. 13, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead; Noma Jean Ousley, 66, of Gunlock, Thursday, Dec. 10, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Dorothy Goble Crum, 78, of Ashland, Thursday, Dec. 10, at her residence.



Dr. Michael B. McCall, President of KCTCS(left) accepts presentation of "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit and Beauty" by Chuck Summers from Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC(right).

KCTCS president visits BSCTC

PRESTONSBURG — Dr. Michael B. McCall, President of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS), visited the campuses of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Dec. 2.

A day that started early with leadership group meetings and presentations by faculty and staff at the Mayo Campus, continued through the evening

at the Prestonsburg Campus. McCall toured some of the programs at the Mayo Campus including Auto Body, Auto Tech and Visual Communications. He also was escorted by Dr. George D. Edwards, BSCTC President, on a site visit to the latest construction project, a house being built by the Mayo Campus students.

McCall met with the

BSCTC Board of Directors and the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Board on Tuesday evening. He facilitated an orientation for the Board of Directors and the evening concluded with dinner with both boards. Entertainment was provided by the BSCTC all female singing ensemble "Serenade" under the direction of Laura Ford Hall.



Dave and Emory Spradlin announce the birth of their first child, John David Spradlin, on Wednesday, November 5, at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla. Paternal grandparents are Nancy and Don Niles of Wesley Chapel, Florida, and Bruce and Sandra Spradlin of Greenville, South Carolina. Great grandparents are Aileen Hall and the late Walter Hall of Betsy Layne and the late Lee and Allie Spradlin of Prestonsburg. Maternal grandparents are John and Martha Presler of Princeton, Kentucky.

King Crossword

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- 8 Impale
- 12 "It's a Sin to Tell —"
- 13 Twisted
- 14 Carry on
- 15 1991 De Niro movie
- 17 Tourney format
- 18 Jack
- 19 Exit
- 21 Pound of poetry
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- 30 "Cabaret" lyricist Fred

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- 39 Put on a show
- 41 Contemptible
- 43 Go up against
- 46 "You can — horse ..."
- 50 Burpee buy
- 51 Peanut butter enhancer
- 54 Earring

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- 9 CD player's ancestor
- 10 A long time
- 11 Stein and Stiller
- 16 Shriner's cap
- 20 Active one
- 22 Exceptional
- 23 Words to live by
- 25 — -relief
- 26 Sapporo sash
- 27 Manage somehow
- 29 Unescorted
- 31 Feathery accessory
- 32 Automaton, for short
- 34 Margarine
- servings
- 38 Cold symptom
- 40 Ancient manuscript
- 42 Jungfrau, for one
- 43 Norway's capital
- 44 Drudge
- 45 Coop collection
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