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briefs

Fall forest fire hazard season ends

FRANKFORT — The fall forest fire hazard season officially ended Dec. 15, but officials with the Kentucky Division of Forestry continue to urge caution when conducting any kind of outdoor burning. "Kentucky's forests have weathered serious storms over the past few years and the increase in dead and fallen trees are of particular concern to fire suppression efforts," said Leah MacSwords, director of the Division of Forestry.

Since Jan. 1, 1,364 fires have burned 40,938 acres across the state. While arson continues to be the leading cause of wildfires in Kentucky, many regions of the state showed an increase in debris fires. Forestry officials reported the following numbers as causes for this year's wildfires: 840 arson fires, 379 debris fires and 145 fires due to lightning, faulty equipment and other causes. The increase in debris fires is likely due to the accumulation of dead trees and limbs from storm damage. The danger of

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Rain, then snow

High: 43 • Low: 29

Tomorrow

Snow

High: 32 • Low: 22

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Family judge finalists named

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Three Prestonsburg attorneys are now awaiting the decision of Gov. Steve Beshear to see which one of them will fill the vacated position of family court judge in Floyd County.

David Allen Barber, Cynthia Elaine Elliott and Dwight Stacy Marshall were selected by the Judicial

Nominating Commission to be considered for family court judge.

David Allen Barber is associated with the law firm of Richardson, Barber and Williamson. He earned his juris doctor degree from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law in 1980.

Cynthia Elaine Elliott is associated with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund. She earned her juris

doctor degree at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, graduating in 1980.

Dwight Stacy Marshall is assistant county attorney in Floyd County, and is also assistant commonwealth's attorney. He earned his juris doctor degree at Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law, graduating in 1993.

According to information provided

by the Kentucky Court of Justice, the executive secretary of the Judicial Nominating Commission publishes a notice of vacancy in the judicial circuit of the district affected by the vacancy. Attorneys can recommend someone or nominate themselves for the position. Chief Justice John D. Minton, Jr. then meets with the commission to choose

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ADDED CONVENIENCE



photo by Sheldon Compton

In the near future, visitors to the Floyd County Clerk's Office in Prestonsburg will have an option for drive-thru service. Construction was underway Thursday to complete the tube delivery system and actual drive-thru area in the parking lot adjacent to the existing offices.

County clerk's office adding drive-thru lanes

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The idea of a drive-thru for his office is something Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh said he has wanted to do for a long time. Now that idea is becoming a reality.

Recent agreements with Prestonsburg city officials have helped in this idea, Waugh said Wednesday, as city leaders agreed to lease him the land adjacent to

the Floyd County Courthouse for \$1 a year.

The lease agreement was vital in seeing the drive-thru put in, added Waugh.

"I had been talking to them for a long time about an agreement and we just finished with the terms this week," Waugh said, standing outside his offices Wednesday.

Behind him, workers busied themselves with construction that will enable visitors to the clerk's office to pass through a drive-thru

in what was once the back parking area behind the Prestonsburg Tourism building.

"I've wanted to do for a long time," Waugh added. "I don't know of another clerk's office around, or maybe at all, that has something like this."

Waugh says there are practical reasons for going through the trouble of lease agreements and the construction that will be necessary

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Bus driver's note to parents sparks concern

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — A bus driver at Betsy Layne Elementary handed out a letter to students Tuesday during her daily route asking that parents not send her Christmas gifts or cards that has some people in the community scratching their heads.

The bus driver, Deanna "DeeDee" Boyd, addressed the letter to the children's parents.

"I appreciate all of your kind thoughts this year but I am making a request that you do not send me Christmas cards or gifts," Boyd's letter begins. "I do not celebrate Christmas because I have research (sic) the beginnings of the holiday & it has false teachings & lies associated with it."

Boyd goes on in the letter to specifically outline what she says are "just a few reasons" she doesn't celebrate Christmas.

"I definitely believe in Jesus but He never said to celebrate his birthday nor did he ever celebrate

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Pace of election filings slows ahead of holiday

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Filings for the May primary election have slowed since last week when several candidates filed to run for various positions in the county. This past week saw only one hopeful throw his hat into the ring.

That candidate, Ronnie Vicars, of Melvin, filed to run for District 3 Constable. He is the only candidate to file for that office to date.

Other offices that have seen only one candidate file at this time are R.D. "Doc" Marshall for Judge-Executive, Johnny Ray Harris for Circuit Court Judge, James R. Allen for District Court Judge, Dean M. Hall for District 4 Magistrate and Jordan Case for District 4 Constable.

As of Thursday, the county office most sought after at this time was District 2 Magistrate and District 1 Constable. Each of these has seen three candidates file to run. In both cases, the incum-

(See CANDIDATE, page three)

Heating assistance program serves thousands

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The first phase of Big Sandy Area Community Action Program's LIHEAP heating assistance has helped over 10,000 households in the past two months, with more than \$1.6 million paid to help those in need stay warm this winter. The second round of assistance, known as the "crisis" phase, will begin on Jan. 4.

"We saw only a slight drop in the amount of subsidy

benefits paid, just under \$31,000 less than last year," said James Michael Howell, executive director of Big Sandy Area Community Action Program. "This may have been due to the earlier ending date this year, but it's no indication that the need has lessened. We expect to see as many if not more people needing help as last year during the crisis phase."

Out of the \$1.6 million, \$458,717 went to homes in Floyd County, the largest amount paid to the counties in the Big Sandy region. Pike County received

\$455,456 for 2,977 households. \$329,328 went to 2,086 homes in Johnson County, \$161,618 went to 1,011 in Martin County and Magoffin County received \$248,701 for 1,514 homes.

The crisis phase of the program will serve eligible households in imminent danger of losing the primary source of heat.

For more information about LIHEAP, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program by calling (606) 789-3641.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Willia Bea Adkins, 86, of Harold, died Friday, December 11, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Velva Allen Bays, 86, of Emma, died Monday, December 14, at the Riverview Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Derosssett Flanery, 92, of Martin, died Sunday, December 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, under the direc-

tion of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Daryl Hall, 59, of Lackey, died Sunday, December 13, at the Golden Years Nursing Home, in Lackey. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Atkins Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Rhoda Jane Hamilton, 76, of Grethel, died Thursday, December 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, December 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Anna Belle Harris, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 13, at Highlands

Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Willie Hicks, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, December 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Merle Horn, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 9, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Mae Grimm Horn. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Christine Howell, 63, of Langley, died Friday, December 4, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Tammy Lynn Hunt, 34, of Banner, died Sunday, December 6, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James M. Music Jr., 85, of Warsaw, Indiana, a native of Martin, died Sunday, December 13, at Lutheran Hospital of Ft. Wayne. Services will be held Friday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m., in the Etna Green United Methodist Church, 131 W. Broadway, Etna Green, Indiana.

■ Terry Brandon Moore, 24, of Martin, died Wednesday, December 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Clarence "Cobb" Turner, 84, of McDowell, died Saturday, December 12, at the Knott County Nursing Home, in Hindman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Goldie P. Adkins, 81, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 9, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

■ Willia Bea Adkins, 86, of Harold, died Friday, December 11, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Ernest Bailey "E.B." Ray Sr., 86, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 14. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Velma Justice Childers, 79, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, December 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Chester Church, 79, of Ransom, died Tuesday, December 8, at the South

Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ada Jean Sullivan Dotson. Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

■ Charles H. Damron, 81, of Virgie, died Friday, December 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Mae Tackett Damron. Funeral services were held Monday, December 14, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Allen Lee Hall, 77, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Williamson, W.Va., died Wednesday, December 9, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Morris Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry.

■ Creda Brewer Hatfield, 91, of South Williamson, died Wednesday, December 9, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

■ Lon W. Helms, Jr., 82, of Arlington, Texas, a native of McAndrews, died Friday, December 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Marvena Helms. A memorial service was held Wednesday, December 16, under the direction of Alternative Funeral Services, Mansfield, Texas.

■ Thelma Adkins Justice, 80, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Nellie Miller, 83, of Forest Hills, a native of McVeigh, died Monday, December 14, in the emergency room of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Private burial services were held in Mountain View

Memory Gardens, Huddy. Arrangements are under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

■ Ruth Mullins, 81, of McRoberts, died Tuesday, December 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Bobbie Potter, 94, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, December 9, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Lawson Ratliff, 37, of Las Vegas, formerly of Regina, died Tuesday, December 1, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie Eugene Ratliff, 63, of Houston, Texas, a Pikeville native, died Monday, December 14, at St. Luke's Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 19, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Stephen Allen Ratliff, 40, of Road Creek, died Monday, December 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Thacker Ratliff. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Henry Smith, 59, of Canada, died Thursday, December 9, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Pebble Thacker Tucker, 87, of Red Creek, died Wednesday, December 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 12, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Willadean Cole, 66, of Paintsville, died Saturday, December 12, in Paul B. Hall

Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Robert Cole. Services, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Tammy Sue Fitzpatrick, 47, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, December 2, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

■ John J. McKenzie, 83 of Ashland, a Johnson County native, died Monday, December 14, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Stambaugh. Funeral services were held Friday, December 18, under the direction of Neal Funeral Home.

■ Maybern Thomas Ramey, 46, of Tutor Key, died Saturday, December 12, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Opal Bowen Staniford, 73, of Sitka, died Sunday, December 13, in UK Medical Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Johnnie Staniford. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 16, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Edward Wooten, 82, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Johnson County, died Thursday, December 10. Funeral services were held Monday, December 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Josephine "Jo" Cope, 72, of Marion, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, November 21, at the Marion General Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 23, under the direction of Raven-Choate Funeral Home.

■ Robert Ewell Dobson, 72,

(See OBITUARIES, page eight)

Obituaries

Velva Allen Bays

Velva Allen Bays, 86, of Emma, died Monday, December 14, 2009, at the Riverview Healthcare Center.

Born January 5, 1923, in Pyramid, she was the daughter of the late Guylas and Ella J. Howard Allen. She was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County School System, and a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Bays.

Survivors include one daughter, Tammy McCoy of Emma; two sisters: Violet Davis of Hendersonville, North Carolina and Voila May of David; two grandchildren: Deanna Moore and Jennifer Lowe, and one great-grandchild, Summer McCoy.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers: Carl Allen, Jewel Allen, Clyde Allen, Claude Allen, Jarvis Allen, and James Allen.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Stephens officiating.

Burial was in the Allen Cemetery, in Pyramid.

Visitation was from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., Wednesday, December 16, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Mary Lucas Jones

Mary Lucas Jones, age 95, of Ligon, widow of Robert Lee Jones, passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born September 27, 1914, in Carter County, a daughter of the late Perry and Cora Estep Lucas. She was a homemaker, and attended the Church of God of Prophecy.

Survivors include, one son; Rodney Paul Jones of Lovely; one daughter; Cora (Mike) Hobson of Beaver; four grandchildren; Beth Ann McDaniels (Charlie) of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, Ryan Jones (Christy) of Nicholasville, Dr. Lisa Hobson-Webb (Scott) of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Monica Leigh Braun (Lucas) of Lexington; two great-grandchildren: Haylee and Gavin Jones.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers: William Henry, Arthur Thomas, Marvin Haskel, Hansel, Delmar, Lon, and James Lucas; four sisters: Zella Lucas, Opal Akers, Lucy Hamilton, and Nettie Belle Lucas; and one grandson, Christopher Lee Jones.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 11, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ralph Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Burton Cemetery, in Ligon.

Visitation was under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

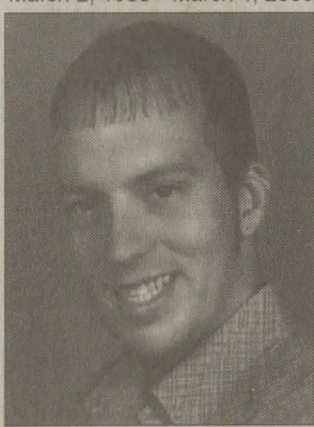
Pallbearers: Gary Rose, Jerry Lucas, Lucas Braun, Scott Webb, Mike Hobson, and Kenny Lucas.

Honorary pallbearers: Mickey Stumbo and Tom Lucas.

(Paid obituary)

Jason Don Tackett

March 2, 1983 - March 4, 2009



Christmas in Heaven

We've shared our hearts full of Holiday Cheer,
And shopped for presents for loved one's this year.

The house is dressed up with garland and lights,
That sparkle and shine through the Holiday nights.

But even with all of this Holiday bliss,
There's someone we lost, that we terribly miss.

And as this Christmas day draws near,
We wish with all of our hearts, he was here.

He's living his life, way up past the stars,
Somewhere past Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

He's spending his Christmas in Heaven, you see,
And last night as I slept, a dream came to me.

He was standing before me, happy and well,
He said to me - "I have something to tell..."

"Heaven's more wondrous than you would believe,
It's the greatest of gifts, I could ever receive.

I'd like for you all to remember the good...
You know that I'd be there, if only I could.

So, don't feel so bad that I'm not there,
There are so many memories you can share.

As you gather together, I'm sure you'll find,
The gifts deep within you that I left behind.

Each one is unique and wrapped brightly in love,
They shine from our hearts as I shine from above."

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Thursday, Dec. 24th edition
material should be submitted
by Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

Fifth-grade student donates hair through BSCTC cosmetology program

PAINTSVILLE — The holidays are considered the season of generosity and goodwill. It is a time for sharing peace and harmony toward all. The holidays in Eastern Kentucky, as in most places, are embraced joyously with cheer and benevolence.

Many children spend the holidays in hospitals receiving treatment for cancer. Eleven-year-old Amber Bays, daughter of Danny and Rose Bays of Salyersville, is determined to keep the struggles of children with cancer in the public eye. Impressed by the donation of Tonya Curtis, a BSCTC student who donated 11 inches of hair through the Big Sandy Community and Technical

College cosmetology program, Bays decided to donate to the Wigs for Kids Foundation, through BSCTC.

"I watched 'Locks for Love' on television," Bays said. "The kids looked so down, not having any hair. But the minute they received wigs, their faces beamed so brightly — almost like kids in a candy store."

Bays is a fifth-grade student at North Magoffin Elementary School. She visited the BSCTC cosmetology program last month and BSCTC professor Vanessa McKenzie coordinated her request while explaining the value and significance in making such a donation.

"What a delight to see children realize the importance in giving such a gift," McKenzie remarked. "Never let it be said that one person cannot make a difference in someone else's life."

"I feel great joy, just knowing I have done something to help someone else," Bays said.

Bays' wish for the holiday season is that others will be encouraged to give to the Wigs for Kids Foundation through the BSCTC cosmetology program. She challenges friends, classmates, and adults — young and old, male and female — to get involved with this cause.

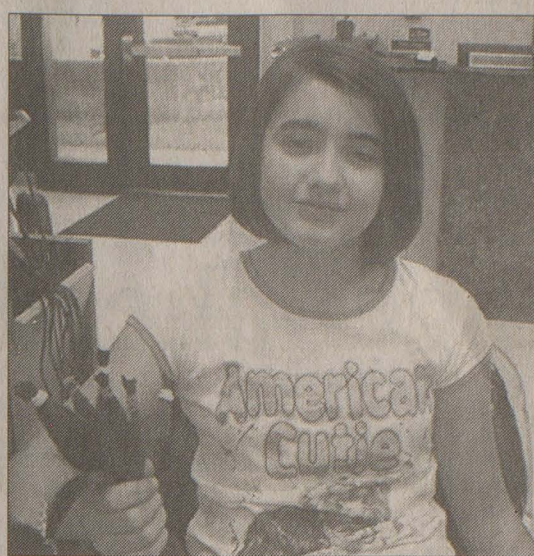
"It's so simple and easy," Bays said. She hopes that the

spirit of the season will fill hearts with joy and generosity, leading to a donation through the Wigs for Kids Foundation.

Wigs for Kids Foundation is a private nonprofit organization that provides hair replacement systems for children who have experienced hair loss, resulting from chemotherapy, radiation, alopecia, burns, or other medical circumstances. Additionally, Wigs for Kids educates medical communities and the public on issues, challenges and options for children with hair loss.

BSCTC provides support in teaching and learning with the goal of Transforming Lives, Transforming Kentucky. For more information about the BSCTC Cosmetology Program or other programs offered at Big Sandy, visit <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu> / today. BSCTC offers a broad range of programs, from two-year associate in arts or associate in science degrees, to various occupational and technical programs that meet workforce needs.

Wigs for Kids information is available by visiting, <http://www.wigsforkids.org/>, or by calling 440-333-4433.



Amber, with her new do.



Amber Bays received her haircut from Jessica Gillium.

Note

it," Boyd writes, adding that only two birthdays were celebrated in the Bible. "Someone on each of those birthdays lost their head, one being the very important John the Baptizer. Do you think God was trying to tell us something here?"

Asked Thursday morning, officials with Betsy Layne Elementary said they were not aware of the letter and, likewise, the Floyd County Board of Education had not been made aware of the letter, with officials there reading it for the first time Thursday.

"We are completing an

inquiry into the matter and will have additional comments when it is finished," Floyd County Supt. Henry Webb said in a statement Thursday. "These actions are inappropriate and do not represent the Floyd County Board of Education or its employees."

In her letter, a full page of single-spaced text, Boyd spends much of her time offering examples complete with references to exact scripture as to how "the Christmas story as we know it today does not match what the Bible teaches."

In the last section, Boyd

begins by posing a questions to the families to which it was addressed.

"Also, Do you know how serious lying is to God?" she asks, following this question with several examples of scripture from sections of the Bible such as John, Leviticus, Psalms and Revelations. Among these quoted scriptures were passages such as "Satan is the father of a lie," and "God will destroy those speaking a lie."

In his statement, Webb also asked "families to not let this incident disrupt their holidays."

Candidate

bents, Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens and Constable Mike Hall, have filed along with two other challengers.

In addition, both of these races have their own interesting aspects.

In one case, Owens faces a challenger who is also his niece in Marie Martin Holbrook and in the race for District 1 Constable, Mike Hall sees the return of a challenger who lost to him by only 57 votes during the 2006 election with former opponent Lester Jarvis.

To date, candidate filings include:

State Representative, 97th District
Bill Mike Runyon, Republican
Hubert Collins, Democrat

Judge-Executive
R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Democrat

Sheriff
John K Blackburn, Democrat
Steve Little, Democrat

Magistrate, District 1
Keith Stapleton, Democrat
Ernest G. Burchett, Democrat

Magistrate, District 2
Marie Martin Holbrook, Democrat
Jackie Edford Owens, Democrat
Kenneth Roberts, Democrat

Magistrate, District 3
German Stumbo, Democrat
Glenn Moore, Democrat

Magistrate, District 4
Dean M. Hall, Democrat

Constable, District 1
Ben Ferguson, Democrat
Mike Hall, Democrat
Lester Jarvis, Democrat

Constable, District 2
Terry Triplett, Democrat
Samuel Duncan, Democrat

Constable, District 3
Ronnie Vicars, Democrat

Constable, District 4
Jordan Case, Democrat

Circuit Court Judge, 31st Circuit, Division 1
Johnny Ray Harris

District Court Judge, 31st District, Division 1
James R. Allen

Finalists

the three nominees, which are then submitted to the governor. The governor then has 60 days to appoint a replacement.

Family court has primary jurisdiction in cases involving family issues, including divorce, adoption, child support, domestic violence and juvenile status offenses.

The family court judge position by vacated by Judge Johnny Ray Harris, who was appointed as circuit judge after the retirement of Danny P. Caudill. Harris donned the circuit judge robe on Nov. 2.

Drive-thru

to have the system, which will be very similar to that used by area banks.

"It's hard for people to find parking spots here in town a lot of times, and, especially during this time of year when it's cold, people have to walk a long way to get the the offices," he said. "This will help with that and it'll make for a better system, too."

The drive-thru will function very much like area banks, with a tube delivery system that will feed from the adjacent parking lot into the clerk's office.

Waugh has not said when construction might be complete, but workers started the bulk of the project this past week.

Season

setting fire to debris piles and fence rows is often underestimated and the potential for these fires to spread to the woods is much higher than in years past due to the condition of our woods.

For more information about fire hazard seasons, outdoor burning laws and safe debris burning practices, contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at (800) 866-0555 or visit the division's Web site at <http://www.forestry.ky.gov/>. Citizens should also check with the Kentucky Division for Air Quality, the Kentucky Division of Waste Management and local agencies to ensure that you are obeying all outdoor burning laws.

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Worth Repeating ...

When I do good, I feel good;
when I do bad, I feel bad,
and that is my religion.

— Abraham Lincoln

Guest View

Danger ahead as debt deepens

A year ago, the nation's economy crashed in part because of the banking and financial services industries' reckless business practices. Members of Congress were livid, and justifiably so, after irresponsible behavior at Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers and other Wall Street high fliers was exposed.

But the nation's bankers would seem to be models of good stewardship compared to standard operating procedures on Capitol Hill.

The Senate this week pushed through a \$1.1 trillion spending bill. The House is expected to approve a \$200 billion increase in the nation's debt ceiling before Christmas. It has little choice but to approve more borrowing now because the federal government is ready to burst through its current \$12.1 trillion cap on debt. The new limit will be only a temporary solution. In the new year, Congress may jack up the cap to \$14 trillion.

As with Wall Street's out-of-control practices, the reckless spending that has defined the congressional leaders and presidents of both parties can't go on indefinitely without severe consequences.

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh is calling on President Barack Obama to veto the spending bill that passed the Senate on Sunday. "It's bad for our country's finances. It's bad for our children because we are going deeper into debt to China," Bayh said. "It sets a terrible example by showing that politicians are totally out of touch with the sacrifices middle-class Americans are making."

Bayh is right, of course. But the president, even while preaching the gospel of fiscal restraint, is expected to sign the legislation.

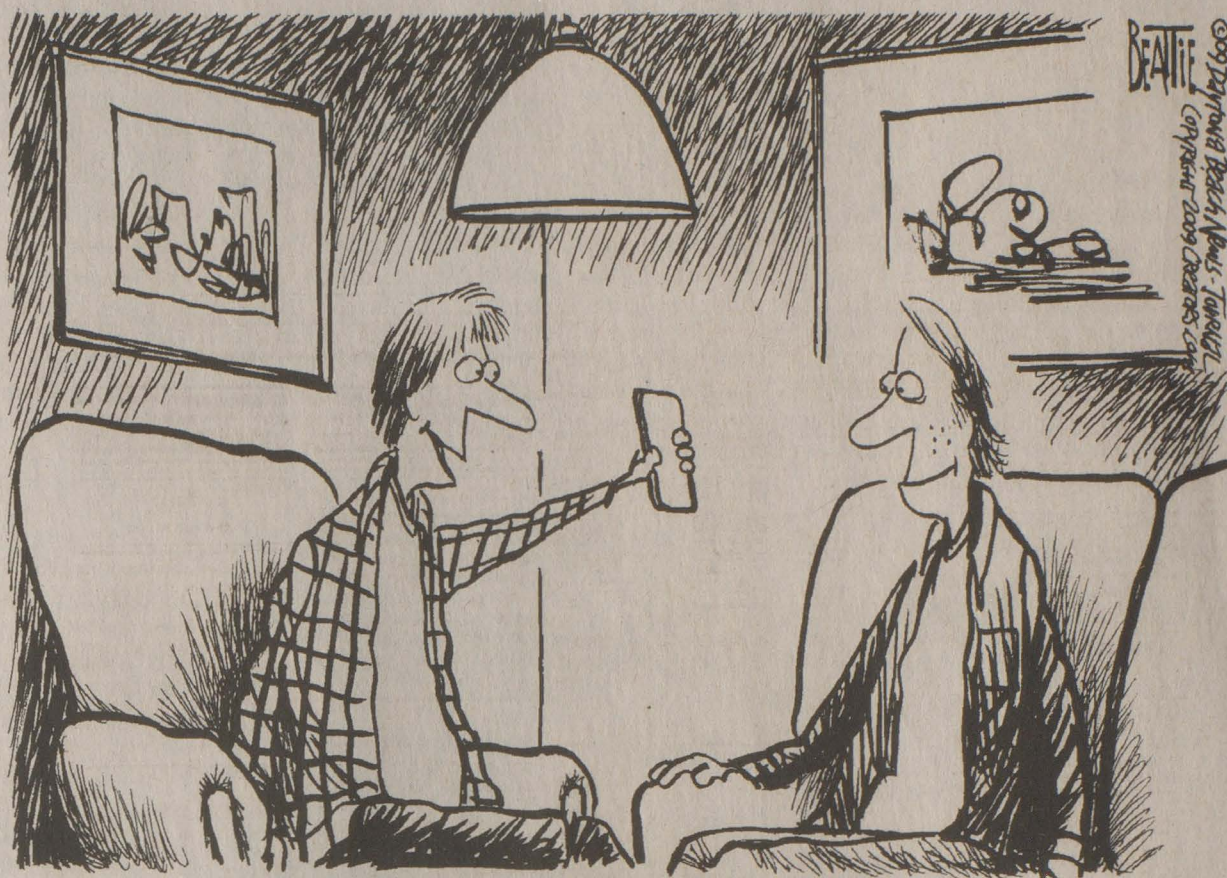
In other words, it's business as usual in Washington, even as alarms about the exploding deficit ring louder than ever.

This is, to be clear, a bipartisan problem. Republicans, when they controlled the White House and Congress, spent irresponsibly year after year. Now that Democrats are in charge, the drive to borrow and spend has only quickened.

The consequences of Wall Street's disregard for fiscal responsibility should have been, in hindsight, easy to forecast. Now millions of Americans are suffering the consequences of that disaster.

The warning signs are even clearer in Washington. Who will act before it's too late?

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Beyond the Beltway

Afghanistan surge: We've seen this before

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It wasn't a bad speech, as far as going-to-war speeches go. It was no "day that will live in infamy" (and I hope you didn't forget Pearl Harbor Day again this year). But it wasn't based on an outright lie like George W. Bush's Iraq speech.

It was instead what we've come to think of as "Obamaspeak" — measured, rational and balanced. It sought to find a middle way between those who would have us commit to an all-out, no-limit war and those who would have us just pick up and leave, without leaving a forwarding address.

He gave the hawks their "surge," but he mitigated it by promising to send only 30,000 troops rather than the 40,000 his generals asked for.

Then he mitigated that some more by saying that they'd only be there for 18 months, at which point we'd begin withdrawal. But he sweetened that for the other side by beginning the surge earlier than had been envisioned.

And for Mission Impossible fans, he OK'd a plan to give more money to the CIA to increase air-strikes, send more spies to Pakistan, and generally do more of what the CIA does.

The Republican obstructionists — oops! I repeat myself, sorry — the

Republicans in Congress didn't much like the plan. (And if you've been paying attention you'll know that the Republicans don't like anything the president proposes, fails to propose, says or does. They don't even like his dog.)

They were fine with the more troops part (although they would have like to have gotten the whole 40,000) but they couldn't stand the 18-month exit strategy.

It proved once again that if Republicans have come to stand for anything in these troubled times, it's endless war. There's no military sacrifice too great for them, so long as the full burden of that sacrifice falls on others.

John McCain (to whom we shall always be grateful for giving us Sarah Palin) said he feared the Taliban would simply hide in caves for 18 months until we went away, then come out and take over the country again. The proper exit strategy, he said, is "success."

And you wonder why he wasn't elected president. Such a subtle mind.

The more liberal members of Congress, Democrats all, hated the speech as well. They want out.

The speech didn't fill me with peacenik rage, but I did have the disheartening sense that I'd seen this movie before.

A president comes solemnly before the American people to announce an escalation in a war he hadn't asked for. Victory remained the responsibility of the people who lived there—he said "We don't intend to do Asian

boys' fighting for them"—but it was crucial that they succeed. Our very freedom depended on it.

Our fear back then wasn't of terrorist camps but dominoes. If we lost in one place we'd lose in the next, and then the next, until the bad guys ruled the world.

Never mind that our allies on the ground were corrupt and lacked the support of the people. Never mind that the troops we were supposed to be supporting were incompetent and unwilling to fight. Never mind that the airstrikes we were so proud of created more enemies than they killed.

We were the United States of America, and no two-bit Third World country was going to thumb its nose at us. What would the neighbors think?

President Obama took great pains to point out that Afghanistan isn't Vietnam and that conflating them is "a false reading of history."

Perhaps, but the similarities are compelling. And if Afghanistan isn't Vietnam, neither is it Iraq, where the "surge" strategy seemed to work to our advantage.

To me, the best part of the Obama plan is the 18-month sell-by strategy. We tell our Afghan allies, "You've got a year-and-a-half to get your act together, fellas. After that, it's sayonara."

Not the greatest military strategy I've ever heard of, but there are no good strategies in this miserable war.

Minuteman Media columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Guest column

Stimulus needs better reporting

by GREG LeROY

Aside from health-care reform, probably the most divisive issue in Washington today is the \$787 billion economic stimulus program.

One camp argues that the Recovery Act has done a good job in preventing the country from plunging into a more serious crisis than the one we've got, while another camp says the whole effort has had little effect and was an expensive mistake. We suspect the former conclusion is correct, but would like better evidence.

Most arguments are based on differing assessments of the first round of jobs data released in October. The Recovery Act's exemplary transparency provisions cover direct federal contracts and some of the grants to states—a limited part of the overall stimulus program. They counted about 640,000 jobs created or saved so far.

There's been much media attention given to instances in which job numbers seem to have been seriously exaggerated. Yet, there also are cases in

which they were apparently understated. More than 2,000 contract and grant recipients report that their stimulus projects are more than 50 percent complete — yet they claim not to have created or saved a single job.

Clearly, there is confusion about the right way to report stimulus-related jobs. This is not surprising, given that tens of thousands of companies, government agencies and nonprofits are being asked to do this for the first time.

But the blame is not entirely with recipients. Instructions given by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) did not adequately consider the variety of situations reporting entities would face. For example, exactly how does an employer determine which existing workers put on stimulus projects should be counted in computing the number of saved jobs?

Should they include only those who were about to be laid off before Recovery Act money was received—or should they also include those who might have been let go at some later point in the absence of those funds?

The furor over the quantity of stimulus-related jobs has obscured the question of their quality. Despite efforts of the Coalition for an Accountable Recovery (CAR) and others, the OMB decided not to collect

data on wages, benefits or the number of full-time vs. part-time positions. Without this information, we cannot tell to what extent the Recovery Act is generating jobs that allow workers to support their families in a decent fashion.

Nor can we tell who is getting Recovery Act jobs. CAR also argued strongly for collection of data on the demographic characteristics and residential area of workers on stimulus projects. With information on factors such as race, gender and neighborhood of residence, taxpayers would be able to determine whether all communities are getting a fair share of Recovery Act employment.

The Recovery Act is a many-sided law meant to lessen what has turned out to be a more serious economic downturn than anyone expected. In the same way it may need to be adjusted because of the magnitude of the crisis, so must its reporting and transparency provisions be refined to reveal how well it is working and who it is serving.

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 (100) 1x4 T-8 flanged light fixtures, 2 bulb
 (130) 2x4 parabolic 8" square, 3 bulb, T-8 lights
 (150) 2x4 lay in light, T-8 fixture, 4 bulb
 (1040) T8 bulbs
 The deadline for bids will be Monday, December 21, 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.
 For more information, please contact Tracy Reichenbach at (606) 886-1037 ext. 103 or Paula Davis at (606) 886-1037 ext. 104 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 La Fiesta Mexicana, Inc., whose mailing address is 4399 N. Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501, hereby declares intentions to apply for a Restaurant Retail Beer by the Drink; Restaurant Wine by the Drink; and Restaurant Liquor by the Drink license(s) no later than January 5, 2010. The business to be licensed will be located at 139 Glyn View Plaza, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, doing business as La Fiesta Mexicana Mexican Restaurant. The owner, principal officer and director, is as follows: President, Mauro J. Perez-Quiroz of 4411 N. Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY 41501. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the licenses by writing the Kentucky Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, KY 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST
 The City of Prestonsburg is accepting letters of interest in leasing the StoneCrest Grill. A copy of the lease which outlines all specifications is available in the City Clerk's Office, at the Prestonsburg City Hall. For a copy, please contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. All letters of interest will be due no later than December 28, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
 The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

POSITION AVAILABLE
Full-time Delivery Technician with a progressive fast-growing medical equipment company.
 • Competitive Pay
 • Benefits
 • Experience helpful, but not necessary
 • Must be 21 years of age with good driving record
 • Must be able to lift 100 lbs.
 • Drug test required
Applications available at 1184 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 No telephone calls please.

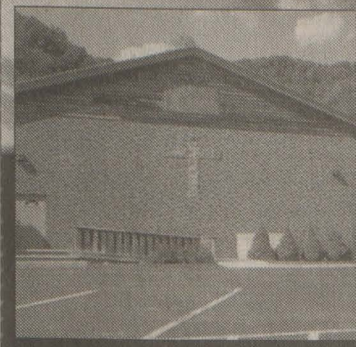
PREMIER ELKHORN COAL COMPANY
 Myra, KY
 is now accepting applications for the following position:
Welder/Pipefitter/Repairman with 3 years prep plant experience. Must be able to cut, fit, and weld pipe. Requires KY Surface Mine Certification.
 Applications will be accepted at:
Kentucky Department for Employment Services
 138 College Street
 Pikeville, KY 41501
 Premier Elkhorn Coal Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Invitation for Bid
 The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now accepting bids for windows and doors. The specs are as follows:
 (1) 24' x 6' Store Front Window
 (2) Lexan Glass – 1/4", total width 1"
 (2) Glass Doors – 6' x 7'
 (2) Glass Door – 42" x 7"
 The deadline for bids will be Monday, December 21, 2009. Late bids will not be accepted.
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Floyd County Devotional Page

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Devotional Spotlight



Praise Assembly

J.M. Sloce,
Minister

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Attention Church Organizations, send in a picture of your church, pastor, or youth leaders.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mausey Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:00 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, All Welcome 7 p.m. Pastor Mark Hunt, 606-478-2698

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patrick, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy Caudill, Pastor.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church across from Garth School; 4th Saturday & Sunday 10:00 am, Odd Saturday 6:00 pm.; Gary Compton, Pastor.

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, (Indian Bottom Association) Services: 1st Saturday & Sunday of every month 9:30 a.m., 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m., Odd Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; William L. Hunt, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Phillip Ramey, Pastor.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction;

Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. John Burke, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey, Jr, Pastor

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr, Minister.

Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr, Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Coffee Hour 10:00 AM; Morning Service 11:00 a.m. Rector. 886-8046.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Benstrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Mearl Music, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 147 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Glen "Sandy" Douglass, Rev.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Phillip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Service 6 p.m.; Rev Jim Adams, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Judy Carr-Back, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin

County Line; ; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459, leave message. Everyone welcome!

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Sacrament Mtg., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Richard Salisbury, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH of GOD of PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m except for first Sunday in each month.; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2464; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Son Ministries, 114 Rising Son Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

There are no holiday hours for Social Security's online services

by JENNIFER HOPKINS
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that if you are one of the many Americans who may have to conduct business with Social Security over the holiday season, it is good to know that you can use our online services without having to worry about opening or closing times? That means you can handle your

holiday shopping and planning with one less time constraint or worry - and one less "shopping line" to wait in.

Some of the services available online at www.socialsecurity.gov include:

- Applying for retirement or disability benefits;
- Checking the status of your pending application;
- Getting an instant, personalized estimate of your future retire-

ment benefits using the Retirement Estimator; and

- Applying for extra help for Medicare prescription drug plan costs available to some beneficiaries.

If you are already a Social Security beneficiary, you can go online to change your address, phone number, or your direct deposit information, get a replacement Medicare card, or request a proof of income letter.

Social Security's online services are available each work day from 5 a.m. until 1 a.m.; on Saturdays, from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.; and on Sundays from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. And the online services are available even on federal holidays — including Christmas and New Year's Day — from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. So if you have business to take care of on the holiday, our online services are here for you. All times are

Eastern Standard Time and some online services have extended hours. You can find the individual operating hours for different online services at www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices

In addition to these interactive services, there is a wealth of information available 24 hours a day on our website that can help answer your questions and get you the information you need, including frequently asked questions, publications and forms, information for specific groups, news and press releases, and even videos and public service announcements. You can find it

all at www.socialsecurity.gov.

So remember: while banks and other offices in the private sector and in government are closed for the holidays, Social Security's online office is open and ready to assist you. To see a complete list of the online services available, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices.

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

Obituaries

of Lotts Creek, died Sunday, November 29, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lucinda Shepherd Dobson. Memorial services were held Tuesday, December 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Nadene Slone Johnson, 59, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, December 1, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, December 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Elizabeth Lay Richie, 88, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, December 1, at the Select Specialty Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, December 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Wanda Lee Scott Rister, 75, of Mousie, died Sunday, December 6, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Marvin G. Slone, 60, of Greenfield, Tennessee, a native of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, November 29. Funeral services were held Friday, December 4, under the direction of Flanner and Buchman Washington Park East Funeral Center, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

■ Lucy Bentley Thompson Sparkman, 84, of Hindman, died Thursday, December 3, at the Rockcastle Company Hospital at Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Lois Tibbs, 61, of Emmalena, died Saturday, December 5, at the St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Archie Tibbs. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Johnny Ray Bowen, 34, of Inez, died Thursday, December 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Arnold Mollette, 94, of Red Jacket, WV, formerly of Warfield, died Saturday, November 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 24, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home.

■ Kelly Patrick, 56, of Inez, died Thursday, December 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann Fletcher Patrick. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 9, under the direction of Richmond Callahan Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Harry C. Bailey, 81, of Salyersville, died Monday, December 14. Funeral services were held Friday, December 18, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Christopher Neal "Pierre" Caudill, 39, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, December 2, at St. Joseph East, Lexington. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Gregory L. Clements, infant son of Gregory Clements and Tera Clemons of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 5. Arrangements were under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Ruie Borders Crace, 91, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 4, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted

Monday, December 7, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Versa Howard, 90, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 5, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, December 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Robinson "Rob" Minix, 79, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 4, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Arlene Faye Elrod Stephens, 55, of Salyersville, died Sunday, November 15, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Stelson Stephens. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 18, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Bernard Patrick, 71, of Salyersville, died Thursday, December 10. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Jerry Rice, 65, of Salyersville, died Sunday, December 13. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 17, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Dewitt Talmadge Diamond, 81, of Louisa, died Saturday, December 12, in King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Riffe Diamond. A graveside service was held Friday, December 18,

under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Patrick Fitchpatrick, 85, of Louisa, died Monday, December 14, in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Betsey Fitchpatrick. Funeral services were held Friday, December 18, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Fred Edmond Roberts, 72, of Louisa, died Saturday,

December 5. He is survived by his wife, Olie Louise Spurlock Roberts. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Ronda Jean Warner, 42, of Millersport, died Thursday, December 10, in Thornville. Funeral services were held Monday, December 14, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

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Cinema 3—Starts Friday, Dec. 18
ARMORED (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

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Cinema 5—Held Over
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PLANET 51 (PG). Fri. (4:30); Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30).

Cinema 6—Starts Friday, Dec. 18
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

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AVATAR (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 8:15; Fri. (5:00) 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00) 8:15.

Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Dec. 18
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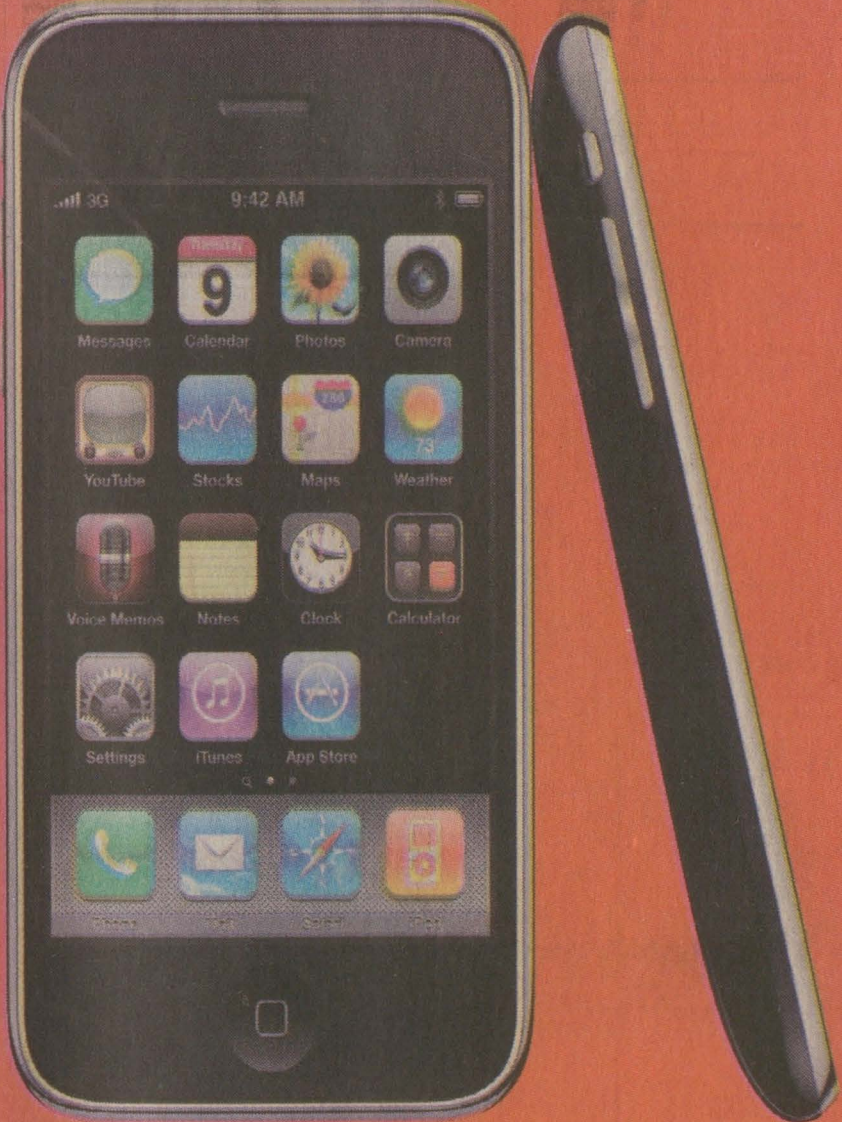
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Deadline to switch political party affiliation is Dec. 31

FRANKFORT — If citizens want to change their party registration in time to participate in their party's primary election that determines nominees for United States Senator, United States Congressional Representatives, state legislative races, and other partisan offices, they must do so by December 31, 2009; otherwise, they might miss out on their chance.

Kentucky state law requires any citizen who wishes to change his/her voter registration and also vote in that party's upcoming primary election must be registered with his/her new party by December 31st of the preceding year. The deadline also affects candidates who wish to switch political party affiliation and run in their new party's primary election or those seeking ballot access as an independent.

"Time is running out for citizens to change their party registration," stated Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Kentucky's Chief Election Officer. "We want to make sure that every citizen has the chance to vote in the primary election of his or her choosing."

While voters who change their party registration after December 31, 2009 will not be able to vote in their new party's primary election, they will be able to vote in special elections and non-partisan races.

Those who wish to change their party can complete a voter registration card and submit it to the county clerk in their county of residence by the deadline. Due to the holiday season, please be sure to check with your local county clerk for times that their offices will be open. Registration cards that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, 2009.

Voter Registration cards are available at county clerks' offices or on the Vote! Kentucky website, located at www.vote.ky.gov/register.

15 killed on Ky. roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 15 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Dec. 7, through Sunday, Dec. 13.

All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and six victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Barren, Harlan, Hart, Hopkins, Jefferson, Kenton, Laurel, Meade, Montgomery, Pike and Shelby counties. The crashes in Jefferson and Montgomery counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

A triple-fatality crash occurred in Meade County involving two vehicles on Route 144 near Payneville. A 2005 Chevy Equinox being driven by Carissa Foushee, of Payneville, was traveling west on Route 144 near Payneville when a 1997 GMC 6500 being driven by David Barr, of Payneville, was traveling east on Route 144. Foushee's vehicle crossed the centerline, striking Barr's vehicle head-on. Two children, Michael F. Foushee, 6, and Adison Foushee, 2, were occupants in Foushee's vehicle and were pronounced dead at the scene by the Meade County Coroner. Foushee was transported to University of Louisville hospital with life-threatening injuries. She later died. Barr had minor injuries and was treated and released.

Through Dec. 13, preliminary statistics indicate that 749 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 28 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Shanna Michelle Kilgore, 21, of Martin, to Estill Joseph Hurd, 24, of Martin.

Mary Jane Risner, 39, of Hueysville, to Carlos Hoover, 52, of Hueysville.

Lindsey Shea Johnson, 23, of East Point, to Jason Ray Jarvis, 26, of Allen.

Racheal Ann Paige, 27, of Martin, to David Matthew Branham, of Hi Hat.

Brittany Montgomery, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Samuel Glenn Hale, 23, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Barbara Hamilton vs. Scarlet King; complaint.

Brian Fleming vs. Lewis D. Cole; complaint.

Carl Potter vs. Wince Thacker; complaint.

Kristi Cole vs. Michael A. Osborne; petition for healthcare insurance.

Elizabeth Short vs. Billy Henderson; petition for healthcare insurance.

Elizabeth Taylor vs. Jessie Taylor; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Danny Bragg; complaint.

Forest Johnson vs. BBT Inc.; complaint.

Cach LLC vs. Nyokia Adkins; complaint.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Carla F. Huff; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Jackie Hinkle vs. Kendal G. Calvert; debt collection.

Doris Osborne vs. American Electrical Power; debt collection.

Michelle Newsome vs. Sharon Wallen; debt collection.

Little Auto Mart vs. Randal Hollifield Jr.; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Steven S. Spriggs, 23, Drift; fugitive from another state.

Jan-Michael Hicks, 20, Martin; second-degree assault. Shawndon Ryan Collins, 33, Banner; flagrant nonsupport.

Jason Dean Kidd, age unlisted, Dana; first-degree criminal mischief.

Shenna Spears, 22, Salyersville; theft by unlawful taking.

Eric Allen, 42, Harold; second-degree burglary.

Shane Howard, 18, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Kayla Dingus, 19, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Michael K. Jones, 51,

Auxier; criminal trespassing.

Connie Lynn Jackson, 43, Weeksbury; parent or custodian failure to send child to school.

Charles Keith Hall, 31, Teaberry; terroristic threatening.

Melissa Bränham, 44, Bevinsville; parent or custodian failure to send child to school.

William Greer, 27, Kite; fourth-degree assault, disorderly conduct, harassment, terroristic threatening.

Inspections

Super Dollar Discount, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, non-food contact surfaces not properly maintained, non-food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, lighting not provided as required. Score: 93.

Brookshire Inn, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. No violations noted. Score: 100.

McDonalds II, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, garbage

and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 96.

Property Transfers

Mike Conn to Anthony Swiger, property not listed.

Sally Conn to Anthony Swiger, property not listed.

Maxie Crawford to Vanessa M. Slone, property not listed.

Stephanie Brandi Flanery, to Claude Little and Jewell Little, property located at Weeksbury.

Jamie Cherokee Hall to Delene Roberts and Hilton Roberts, Jr., property not listed.

John Christopher Hall to Delene Roberts and Hilton

Roberts, Jr., property not listed.

Irene Hamilton to Mary Ann Hall, property not listed.

Betty Holbrook to Tom Holbrook, property located at Haus Branch.

Martin Holbrook to Tom Holbrook, property located at Haus Branch.

Jerry Michael Martin to Tiger Resources LLC, property not listed.

Jesse Osborne to James D. Yonts, property not listed.

Melinda Osborne to James D. Yonts, property not listed.

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This is the major sign of a heart attack for men. The pain is often described as crushing, burning, tightness or pressure. It often starts in the center of the chest and radiates outward. Seek care immediately.

• Shortness of Breath

An inability to breathe, or the feeling that you're just not getting enough air, is another important sign. Seek immediate medical attention.

• Upper Body Discomfort

Men who've had heart attacks also report feeling pain or discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach. You may have one or more of these symptoms. Or none.

• Other signs

A feeling of anxiousness, unexplained dizziness, persistent nausea and cold sweats are all signs that can occur before or during a heart attack.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Truck Turner'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A bounty hunter locks horns with an army of killer pimps in this drive-in gem from the 1970s that served as a template for the "buddy style" of action movies.

The film starts off with a typical day for Mac "Truck" Turner and his partner, Jerry. In their capacity as bounty hunters, they invade a military base looking for a bail jumper who has failed to make a court appearance.

The guy turns out to be a big mouth and he eventually angers Truck enough to get him to take off his handcuffs. This turns out to be a huge mistake, as Turner proceeds to beat the guy into a comatose state.

Truck also has a gentler side, which is evidenced by his love for his girlfriend (currently jailed for petty theft), his loyalty to his partner, and his devotion to Francis, an orange tabby that he ought to give the boot for constantly soiling his wardrobe.

Truck and Jerry wind up taking after a dangerous pimp (any guy who goes by the name of Gator has issues). Turns out that Gator won't be taken alive, so Truck is happy to take him the other way.

Unfortunately, Gator's partner/girlfriend, Dorinda, was totally in love with the guy. She decides to get all "Wrath of Khan" with Truck and proceeds to gather up every pimp in town. She then lets them know that whoever kills Turner will get a half-share of all of her stable's earnings.

What follows is an intense series of attempts on Truck's life. What's hilarious about all of this is that all of the would-be killers wear their pimp duds. What follows is a montage of Truck shooting out with a series of garishly dressed dudes who are rocking way too much jewelry to be inconspicuous.

Truck takes it all in stride, but all bets are off after they kill his partner and euthanize Francis. What follows is one of cinema's better blow downs.

It all culminates in frenzied

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

SINCERELY YOURS...

What do you write for a Christmas column?

You could get cute and recount Santa's troubles during the fuel crisis...or advise the old gent to stay in the south for the rest of the winter, once he gets there.

Or you could, as I am tempted to do, look back to other Christmases, recall their delights and revel in fond recollection.

I shall do neither. I can think of no better way for bringing this column to the end of another year, than by saying, and meaning it:

"Merry Christmas, Happy New Year."



December graduates of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program are, front row, from left: Angela Hope Coleman of Elkhorn City; Tommi Wooten Brashear of Hazard; Tiffany Shea Coleman of Phelps; Alicia Mae Hill of Pikeville; and Brooke Lamarr Day of Neon. Second row, from left, Bridgette Nicole Keene of Elkhorn City; Laverne M. Thacker of Kimper; Jody Anderson of Feds Creek; Brandy Lynn Anderson of Bevinville; Thomas Justin Johnson of Pikeville; and Ashley Brook Charles of Phelps. Third row, from left, Kayleigh Ann Clevinger of Elkhorn City; Euna Ann Ray of Hatfield; Carl Ryan Lester of Phelps; Brittany Jean Allen of Toledo, Ohio; Donna Salyer Elkins of Salyersville; and Edna Carol Newsom of Johnson City, Tenn.

NEW NURSES

Pikeville College nursing students honored

PIKEVILLE - Graduates of Pikeville College's Elizabeth Akers Elliott nursing program were honored for their academic achievements during a traditional nursing pinning ceremony Dec. 15.

"You are embarking on a journey of offering lifesaving service ... comfort and solace to others during the most difficult time of their lives. I can see the pride your family and friends have in your achievement," Pikeville College President Paul Patton told graduating nurses.

Students were pinned by nursing

faculty members and afterward participated in a beautiful candle-lighting ceremony. The new nurses in the graduating class recited the Florence Nightingale pledge, vowing to devote themselves to quality nursing care.

The traditional pinning ceremony dates back to the 1860s and was adopted by Nightingale as a way to honor her most outstanding graduate nurses.

Alicia Hill of Pikeville was the recipient of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Award. She was selected by the nursing faculty as the student who

"best exemplifies the caring compassion and empathy that are the very spirit of nursing." The award also holds special significance for the family of Elizabeth Akers Elliott, as they established a trust fund to launch a nursing program in her memory. The Elliott family has been faithful supporter's since the program's inception.

The Outstanding Nursing Student Award, an honor bestowed by fellow classmates to the nursing student they would "most like to have care for themselves or their family," was pre-

sent to Ashley Charles of Phelps.

Tiffany Coleman of Phelps received the Vivian Day Award, presented for earning the highest grade-point average in nursing courses.

The Student Nurses Association of Pikeville College also donated a gift of \$500 to the national Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Members of the Gideons International Women's Auxiliary presented graduates with a New Testament especially for medical personnel.

DINNER DIVA

Ten soup basics



I am not one of those that believe soup should be served as a first course. First courses are for people who have butlers. For the rest of us work-a-day stiffs, we need rib-sticking, hale and hearty Soup, capital S.

The problem with these kinds of soups is the unfortunate propensity for a nice, thick soup to feed a nice, thick waistline. What we want is warm, robust, soul satisfying soups without all the fat and calories. The question then is—how do we do that?

Here are my Top Ten Ways to Make Great Soup (and without all the "extras").

Skim the Surface. If you're using a ham bone or a chicken carcass to make soup from, you'll get a lovely broth, but you'll also get a heck of a lot of fat. That's easy to dispense of. Once you've made your homemade broth and removed the solids, chill the broth for a few hours or overnight. The fat will rise to the top, solidify, and make it easy to skim right off.

Can It. There are a multitude of wonderful, nearly fat free broths already made and available for purchase at your local grocery store. I find the low-sodium chicken broth to be a close second place

to my homemade and definitely a first place in timesaving!

Chill Out. If you already made your soup and you didn't first de-grease your broth, you can do it even as it sits on the stovetop. Throw a few ice cubes in your soup and watch how the grease migrates to them. Pull the ice out (with its cling-on greasy friends) and dispose of them before they melt.

Decrease the grease. Another way to get rid of the extra fat in soup is to use a lettuce leaf. Weird, I know (talk about

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inside lifestyles

CAR TALK

New brake light still on the blink

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Fun & Games

Will return next week



Newly changed brake-light bulb is still on the blink

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 1997 Plymouth Breeze with 110,000 miles on it. I changed the brake-light bulb in the passenger-side taillight, and now none of the lights in that taillight works. When I turn on my right blinker, the indicator on the dashboard blinks very fast. I'm thinking I may have blown a fuse, but I don't know which one to look at. Any suggestions before another kind policeman pulls me over to give me a warning? — Margi

TOM: Well, if you still have your owner's manual (that's the flat thing still wrapped in cellophane under all the nonworking pens and old maps of Historic Boise, Idaho, in your glove box), there's a map of your fuse box in there. You can identify which fuse controls your taillights and how many amps it is, and replace it with a new one.

RAY: But I doubt that's going to solve your problem. More likely, I think you put in the wrong bulb.

TOM: This car uses a single, two-filament bulb in each taillight assembly. It uses one filament for the tail-

light, and the other for both the brake light and the directional. When the brake and directional are operating simultaneously, it cuts off that brake/directional filament to create the flashing effect.

RAY: If you just went to the store and picked out a bulb that looked like your old one, you may have taken a one-filament bulb that looks identical but doesn't work in your car.

TOM: The fast-flashing directional signal is a sign that a bulb is not working.

RAY: So here's what you do. Go to an auto-parts store, and ask for a 3057 bulb. That's the number of the bulb you need. And then make sure you push it in all the way, so it makes good contact.

TOM: How do you know if it's installed correctly? Well, the lights will all work again. Good luck, Margi.

Is tip proper when mechanic goes above and beyond?

Dear Tom and Ray:
So, should you tip your mechanic? Would it be insulting? Would it be appreciated? How do you know how

much you should tip if, indeed, you should tip at all? I ask because recently I went to a mechanic I found in The Mechanics Files on your Web site (www.cartalk.com/mechanics). I had two problems. No. 1: I had a nail in my tire (turns out it had not created a leak, but they spent some time searching to be sure). No. 2: My engine was dying at awkward times, and they discovered that a little hose that connects the vacuum sensor had a tear, and replaced it. They didn't charge me a penny! When he told me this over the phone, I was astonished. They get paid a lot for their time, and they could have spent that time earning money by fixing someone else's car. I decided to insist they take some money. But when I got there, it occurred to me that it might seem ungrateful of me, or insulting, so I chickened out and thanked them too many times and left. The next day I brought them a homemade chocolate cake, and thanked them again. But I wonder if I'm ignorant of some code or courtesy that would make a tip appropriate. Please advise! — Kyleleen

TOM: What you did was perfect,

Kyleleen. A mechanic might be uncomfortable accepting a cash gratuity, but no one will ever turn down chocolate cake!

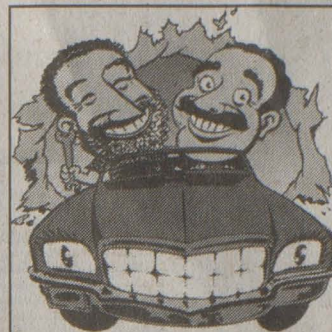
RAY: Wait, Kyleleen. How do you know these guys aren't just lulling you into a false sense of security? And setting you up for a \$4,000 transmission rebuild next month? That's what I would do!

TOM: That's why no one brings you cake, you knucklehead. Mechanics and tradespeople usually are not tipped, like waiters or taxi drivers are. This is especially true in smaller, independent shops, where the mechanic may also be the owner.

RAY: But that doesn't mean you can't express your gratitude. The best ways to do that are by (1) giving a sincere compliment, (2) becoming a regular customer and (3) recommending him to your friends.

TOM: An honest "thank you" and an expression of appreciation means a lot to a mechanic. Think about all the compliments we get, most of the time. We encounter a lot of suspicion and wariness from our customers — and rightfully so! But when we do a good job, it's awfully nice to have someone smile and tell us how much they appreciate it.

RAY: Especially when it's sincere. And remember, nothing says sincerity like baked goods!



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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Fighting those mid-December blues got a whole lot easier this week with the release of several entertaining flicks on DVD.

■ "Inglourious Basterds" — Quentin Tarantino finally delivers on his remake of the 1970s spaghetti/action film that starred Fred Williamson and Bo Svenson (who cameos here). The original was a "Dirty Dozen" homage, but Tarantino opens up the action to include a plot by French Resistance fighters to assassinate Adolf Hitler himself. The titular squad turns out to be a shock-and-awe-styled team, whose job it is to raise terror among the Nazis through their liberal use of violence as well as taking a few scalps. The film will appeal to anyone who enjoys a good war yarn, as well as fans of espionage films. Tarantino also delivers

an excellent middle to the film with a terrific sequence set at a Paris cafe. The spot is chosen for a hush-hush meeting because Nazis never frequent it, but we all know what happens to the best laid plans of mice and men. Look for Brad Pitt as the leader of the good guys. It's a sharp performance that sets the tone for this intense and rewarding thriller.

■ "Murder by Decree" — Fans of Sherlock Holmes will embrace this late-1970s chiller that plots the wily detective against "Jack the Ripper." It's considered by many to be the best adaptation of the Holmes stories and the biggest surprise is that it comes to you courtesy of the director of "Porky's" and "Black Christmas." Bob Clark does an excellent job here and enlists the best cast he ever got to work with. It includes Christopher Plummer and James Mason (as Holmes and Watson), as well as an out-

standing turn by Donald Sutherland as a psychic. If you see only one Sherlock film, then you should make it this one.

■ "G-Force" — The kids will like this effort, which follows the adventures of genetically altered super agents. The gag is that they happen to be guinea pigs. Funny, though parents who insist on message movies for their kids are advised to keep looking.

■ "The Hangover" — Three groomsmen must scour Las Vegas for the man of honor when they lose him after excessive partying. Hilarious comedy with enough hijinks and new talent to keep you in stitches. Once again there's no deep meaning here, but there wasn't one in "Bachelor Party" either.

Next week look for Sandra Bullock in "All About Steve," and check out the sleeper sci-fi thriller "District 9."

Strange ... but true

by SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It was 19th-century German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer who made the following sage observation: "If we were not all so interested in ourselves, life would be so uninteresting that none of us would be able to endure it."

■ Emmy-nominated actress Debbie Reynolds was fired by Warner Brothers after her first movie.

■ Sharks inspire a great deal of fear in most people. However, the keepers of statistics claim that you are much more likely to be killed by a bee than you are to be killed by a shark -- 50 times more likely, in fact.

■ Growers of coffee beans say that the coffee blossom smells like jasmine.

■ When a seal goes to sleep, whether in the sea or on land, it stops breathing. Every 15 minutes or so it will wake up to take a breath, then it will go back to sleep.

■ When it comes to irrigated crops in the United States, you might be surprised to learn that the plant that covers the most acreage isn't corn, wheat or soybeans; it's grass. Think about that the next time you're watering your lawn.

■ There's an interesting story behind the name of the Caribbean island of Curacao. It seems that explorer Amerigo Vespucci had several sailors on

his ship who were very seriously ill with scurvy, so he dropped them off on the island, assuming they would die. However, the abandoned sailors feasted on fresh fruit, thereby ingesting the vitamin C that cured the disease and saved their lives. The word "curacao" means "cure" in Portuguese.

■ Here's a disturbing fact for all the arachnophobes reading this: There are more than 34,000 different species of spider.

Thought for the Day:

"So long as men worship the Caesars and Napoleons, Caesars and Napoleons will duly rise and make them miserable." -- Aldous Huxley

Lagoon

shootout that is beautifully staged in a hospital. While panicked patients and medical professionals run for cover, Turner and his ailing bail bondsman boss (in traction after a brutal beating) proceed to lay down a hurricane of lead on their tormentors.

This film works well due to a tight script (originally penned for Robert Mitchum) and expert direction from Jonathan Kaplan, who would go on to direct Jodie Foster to an Oscar in "The Accused." The film does an excellent job of balancing comedy and action set pieces.

The actors are also an eclectic band. Isaac Hayes leads the

charge as Truck and deserves a fair share of the credit. His character is well-meaning, but he tends to use questionable methods, such as having his girlfriend jailed to get her out of harm's way.

Nichelle Nichols (Lt. Uhura on the original "Star Trek") holds up the villainous end of things with her snappy portrayal of Dorinda. She's equal parts manipulative, seductive, and can talk smack with the best of them.

Yaphet Kotto also rates a mention as cultured pimp Harvard Blue, who sports turtle-necks. He also rates one of the best gangster death scenes since James Cagney got

dropped on his mother's carpet in "Public Enemy."

Lastly, the flick features a ton of great dialogue. So much, in fact, that the best line is a tossup best decided amongst yourselves.

Best lines include:
■ "She's called Turnpike, 'cause you gotta pay to get on, pay to get off."
■ "Tell her a frog peed on your arm."
■ "I'm loaded and I'm tired."
■ "You don't look like cops, but you smell like trouble."
■ "You ought to be laying eggs instead of running whores."
1973, rated R.

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Letters to Santa

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The Floyd County Times will be publishing Letters to Santa in our annual Season's Greeting Section on Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009.

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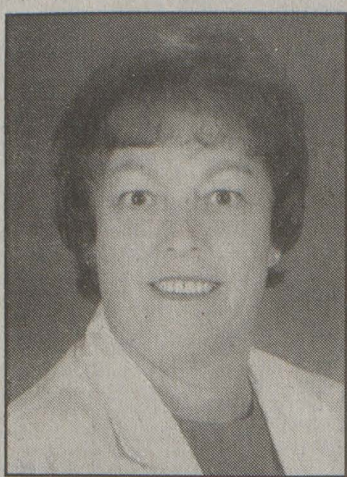


In the spirit of peace and joy this holiday season, Johnny and Regina Ison of Martin, together with their son, Jacob, announce the marriage of their daughter, Johnna Brianne, to Mr. Shawn Newsome of Prestonsburg.

Shawn is the son of Bobby and Rita Newsome of Prestonsburg, and the grandson of Lois Reynolds of Virgie.

The wedding will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009, at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Ky.

The couple will reside at Garrett.



Family Medicine



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Medication benefits must outweigh side-effects

Recently I was taking an over-the-counter cold medicine, and I started experiencing pain in my back. A friend said that when she took the same pill, it made her back hurt, too. I stopped taking the pill, and my back quit hurting. This was not listed on the package as a side-effect. Should I ever take this pill again? Will this side-effect hurt me?

This is a very interesting question, since all medications produce side-effects.

The side-effects can range from very mild to life threatening. When taking any medication, either prescription or over-the-counter, make sure the benefits outweigh the risk of harm from the medication. If you doubt that a medication is worth taking considering its possible risks, discuss the matter with a pharmacist or your family physician, who knows your personal medical history and your experience with the drug.

Typically, the most serious side-effect of a medicine is an allergic

reaction. Allergic reactions can range from very mild, like a slight rash, to life threatening. A life-threatening allergic reaction causes swelling of the face and airways, associated with difficulty breathing and/or wheezing. This type of reaction can come on very quickly after taking a medication and requires immediate medical attention in an emergency room. These reactions are treated with antihistamines and steroids, often administered intravenously. If you have a severe reaction to a medication, be sure to notify your family physician and your pharmacist to make sure that your allergy to the medication is noted in your medical file and on your allergy list at your pharmacy. You should not take that medication ever again. There also may be similar medications that could cause the

same reaction. Your pharmacist can help you identify and avoid those drugs.

As for all other medication side-effects, most are just a bother, but some are an indication to stop taking the particular medication or modify the dose. Most side-effects cause little harm, but fatigue or rapid heart-beat may lead your physician to change or alter the dosage.

Ideally, your doctor will try a different medication rather than making you put up with uncomfortable side-effects, but sometimes there is no alternative medication. Some medicines, like blood thinners for certain conditions, are necessary, regardless of the side-effects they cause. If your physician determines that the benefit outweighs any risks or potential annoyance you face from taking

the medication, you must learn to live with the side-effects.

Never stop taking prescriptions without first consulting a physician. Instead, make an appointment with your primary care doctor to discuss your prescription side-effects. For over-the-counter medications, describe the problem to your local pharmacist and ask for recommended alternatives.

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Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org.

Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be

to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

Diva

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your soup and salad!), but if you float a big old lettuce leaf in your pot of soup, it's like screaming, "Buffet!" to the little grease blobs—they come running to the big leaf and cling to it like a life raft.

Flavor Saver. If you sauté the onions and other veggies before adding them to the soup pot, you will add extra flavor to your soup. The veggies themselves will retain their flavors rather than giving it all up to the soup and having everything taste the same.

The Frozen Chosen. Use frozen veggies, such as corn, petite peas and beans to cut your prep time way down. Just remember they will continue to cook as your soup simmers so you need to be careful when you add them.

Scrap Heap. Rather than chuck your leftovers, why not save them and make soup out of them? Leftover veggies, meats and pasta will all add a new dimension to your soup. Simply freeze your little left-

overs and on soup day, add it all in to the same pot. True, your soup will never taste the same, but it will be good and definitely unique.

Thicker Stock. It's easy to thicken up your frail little soup with a modest amount of instant potato flakes. Just be sure you look for the kind without the trans fats and you're good to go.

Lean and Green. Soup is a great place to get your kids (and other picky eaters) to eat their veggies. Some kids and grown ups hate broccoli but adore cream of broccoli

and it can be made without the cream and still be just as wonderful.

A Change of Seasonings. Sometimes your soup loses the oomph it once had and that's because your seasoning needs to be corrected. Don't be afraid to taste and re-taste your soup as necessary (just go easy—you don't want to have a full soup meal before you sit down to the table!) and add a little more seasoning if it needs it.

There you go—ten quick basics on making great soup. Enjoy!

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Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

A big congratulations goes to Nicole Burchett! Nicole is in the 4th grade at Allen Elementary. Nicole's writing was selected as one of the top 12 winners to represent Allen Elementary in the Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child project. On December 6th, the awards ceremony was held at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center. Nicole was awarded the INTERMEDIATE OVERALL SCHOOL WINNER FOR HER STORY IN THE CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD project. Nicole said: "This is the greatest Christmas wish I could ever ask for, my baby sister Livia is a Blessing and she is our Miracle Baby!"

Nicole is the daughter of Jon and Kim Burchett of Slickrock, and the big sister of Baby Livia. The granddaughter of Kenny and Imogene Robinson of Martin, Eddie Burchett of Slickrock, and the late Tamara Ann Burchett. The great-granddaughter of Josephine Scarberry of Langley, and the late Junior Scarberry, and the late Sam and Ella Robinson of Martin.

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child by Nicole Burchett

If I could grant a Christmas wish, it would be for my baby sister to walk on Christmas day. She is 4 years old and has special needs. My baby sister loves Christmas like I do. She likes to look at all the lights and decorations, especially turning over the Christmas tree. I hope it is on Christmas day when we go to our Nana and Poppy's house to eat Christmas dinner and open up our presents. I know how much she is wanting to walk so she can help me build a snowman. Sometimes me and her sit in front of the Christmas tree eating candy canes. On Christmas morning I help her open her presents. Having my baby sister beside me on Christmas morning makes it a very special day for me. This is the wish I would grant because it's the most loving one to me.

Blackcats drop fourth game to Hawks

Tincher grabs 11 rebounds in loss

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High boys' basketball team continued to show improvement Tuesday evening in a home game versus 15th Region rival Pike County Central. Prestonsburg, playing for the first time in eight days, challenged for the win in its fourth regular-season outing. The Blackcats, however, fell short in the end. In a matchup of two veteran head

coaches, Coach Johnny Martin's Pike County Central Hawks defeated Coach Jack Pack's Prestonsburg Blackcats 57-54.

Prestonsburg dropped to 0-4 following the loss. Pike County Central improved to 3-3 after winning for the second time in three games.

Hobo McCoy had a game-high 19 points for the Hawks. In all, three different Pike County Central scorers reached double figures. Justin Seal netted 13 points and Aaron McGuire added 12 for the Hawks.

The Blackcats shot 38.6-percent from the field (two- and three-point field goals combined)

in the setback. Prestonsburg was six-of-eight from the free throw line.

Senior guard Michael Burchett netted a game-high 16 points for the Blackcats. Junior guard Warren Blackburn added 15 points for Prestonsburg in the loss.

Senior guard Josh Blackburn flipped in seven points and senior forward Cameron Tincher and senior center Zach Key chipped in six apiece.

Prestonsburg senior guard Kyle Gearheart dented the scoring column for four points.

Tincher pulled down a game-high rebounds for the Blackcats.

Pike County Central will host defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley today in a tough early-season matchup.

Prestonsburg will meet Doss Sunday in the opening round of the Capital City Invitational at Frankfort Convention Center. Other teams in the Frankfort tournament will include Lafayette, Christian Academy-Louisville, Mercer County, Todd County Central, Henderson County, Holy Cross (Louisville), Nelson County, Western Hills, St. Xavier, Lincoln County, Franklin County and East Ridge. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Doss game is set for 3 p.m.

Pikeville College bowling program adds NC standout

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College women's bowling coach Ron Damron has picked up another talented signee in Tamara Thompson.

Thompson is a senior at South Rowan High School in China Grove, N.C. She has been bowling for 12 years and has an average of 202. She has bowled two sanctioned 700 series and a high game of 279.

The Pikeville College bowling team will be back in action Dec. 19 when it begins competing the Collegiate Shootout in Las Vegas.

Give it up for Elisha

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's been nearly a week since my friend and former teammate Kent Thacker presented the Farm Bureau Classic at the Expo Center. From many accounts, it will stand as the most memorable showcase the former Millard Mustang has staged.

On Saturday night, the highlight of the event saw Shelby Valley knock off a team from Miller Grove, Ga., happened to win the Class AAAAA (that's five of them, by the way) championship in the Peachtree State last March.

Perhaps you heard about it.

In the game, Elisha Justice sputtered and staggered until halftime, when he went off-the-charts hot, and yes, that's hot with two T's.

Seriously, anytime you play a team like that and go 5-of-5 from the arc and handle the ball the whole way and not turn the thing over at all after recess, you've had yourself a pretty good night.

But we knew that, didn't we? We've been watching this kid for three, four years now. We know what he's about.

The difference in this game

(See ELISHA, page two)

Justice served: Valley rolls past Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Junior guard Elisha Justice scored 16 points, dished off six assists and recorded six steals as Shelby Valley, ranked fourth in the state, drilled district rival Pikeville 88-42 Tuesday night in a district game.

Following the win, Shelby Valley moved to 4-0. The loss landed Pikeville in the loss column for the second time in the 2009-10 season. Pikeville dropped to 4-2 after having a four-game winning streak halted.

Shelby Valley distanced itself from Pikeville in the opening quarter, outscoring the Panthers 22-9. Continuing to remain out in front in the second quarter, Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 20-16 en route to a commanding 42-25 halftime lead.

The Wildcats put the game away in the third quarter thanks to a huge offensive outburst. In one of the most dominant single-quarter efforts in the history of the storied program, Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 33-5 in the third period.

Senior guard Elisha Justice was one of four Shelby Valley players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Senior forward Ashley Hatfield paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 23 points. Senior guard Tyler Newsome netted 15 points and senior forward Taylor Newsome added 11 for the Wildcats.

Ten different players scored for Shelby Valley in the district matchup.

Sophomore center Wes Rowe led Pikeville with 18 points. Senior guard Anthony Evans added 10 points for Pikeville in the setback.



Allen Central guard Chris Stumbo (11) went up for a shot against Sheldon Clark Tuesday night. Stumbo scored 11 points in the loss. Below: Micah Harlow eyed a free throw attempt during a trip to the line for the Rebels.

Allen Central falls to Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — Allen Central returned to action on Tuesday evening in a road game at Sheldon Clark. The Rebels ventured to Sheldon Clark to take on Coach Roger Harless and the Cardinals. Sheldon Clark went into Tuesday's game with a 2-2 record with wins over Pikeville and Pike Central. The Cardinals were able to record their third win of the season in the home game, defeating Allen Central 96-80.

"Going into the game, we knew that it was going to be a good matchup," Allen Central Coach Mark Martin said. "Sheldon Clark had beaten two good teams already in our area on their home floor and we knew that it was going to be a tough game to win yet. I felt like our kids had some confidence going in."

Sheldon Clark jumped out to a 12-1 lead and closed out the first quarter leading 21-5. Sophomore guard B.J. Moore scored eight points early for the Cardinals as Allen Central struggled shooting and taking care of the basketball.

"The first quarter was just a worst case scenario," Martin confessed. "Moore got off to a good start for them and we simply did not shoot or take care of the basketball."

We finished with 16 turnovers for the game and eight of those came in the first quarter."



Allen Central outscored Sheldon Clark 23-22 in the second quarter as Sheldon Clark took a 43-28 lead into halftime.

Allen Central came out and cut the lead to 12 behind good shooting from seniors Chad Nelson and Justin Jackson early in the second half but, Sheldon Clark held off several Allen Central rallies to close out the third quarter with a 63-47 lead.

"I thought our seniors came out and played well in the second half," Martin said. "Chad and Justin came out shot the ball well and Chris Stumbo continues to be solid for us on both ends of the floor. I thought sophomore Tyler Cole really came in and played well for us and his numbers reflected what an

overall game he had."

Both teams played even during the fourth quarter as Sheldon Clark prevailed.

missed a lot of shots that our kids normally knock down and that is encouraging for this young group. I'm confident that this is going to be a dangerous team come post season. They are getting better daily and we just need a good win to get this group going. They are working to hard for success not to happen to them."

Moore led Sheldon Clark, scoring a game-high 29 points. Tyler Lafferty added 23 for the Cardinals.

Chris Stumbo scored a team-high 18 points for the Rebels. Braxton Tackett tossed in 13 points and Justin Jackson and Tyler Cole contributed 11 each for the Rebels.

Chad Nelson (nine), Micah Harlow (six), Austin Woods (four) and John Dingus (two) also produced points for visiting Allen Central in the setback.

Allen Central will host district rival South Floyd today.

"It's another chance for our kids to come out and get a good win," Martin said. "One night things are going to come together for us. Like I stated earlier, it is just game experience for this group. We just have to focus on putting four solid quarters together. Once we get that quality win this group will take off. South Floyd is a talented team and it should be a good game."

Bobcats turn back Morgan County

Bryce Adkins scores 18 for Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Bobcats snapped a two-game losing streak in convincing fashion Tuesday night, defeating host South Floyd 64-42 at the Dome. Betsy Layne had suffered back-to-back losses to 14th Region favorite Knott County Central and 58th District/Floyd County Conference counterpart Morgan County before prevailing over Morgan County in the home game.

Betsy Layne jumped out in front and never looked back. The Bobcats outscored Morgan County 19-11 in the opening quarter and remained out in front for the rest of the game.

Senior guard Bryce Adkins and junior guard/forward Nathan Martin led Betsy Layne with 18 points apiece. Senior forward/center Stumbo added 13 points for the Bobcats in the win.

Martin pulled down a game-high eight rebounds for the Bobcats. Adkins secured seven boards in the victory.

Betsy Layne never faltered, outscoring Morgan County in each quarter. The Bobcats led 33-24 at the intermission and 51-31 through three quarters.

Eight different Betsy Layne players stepped up on the offensive end and provided scoring. Junior guard Derek Tackett and senior forward Jordan Newman added four points apiece for the Bobcats. Freshman guard Garran Newsome netted three points while junior forward/center Casey Adkins and sophomore guard Adam Roberts chipped in two each for Betsy Layne in the home game.

Betsy Layne shot 54-percent from the field, connecting on 27-of-50 attempts. The Bobcats were six-of-10 from the free throw line.

Senior guard Mikie Fyffe netted a game-high 21 points for the visiting Cougars. Fyffe was the lone Morgan County player to reach double figures. Senior guard Jared Curd scored eight points and junior forward Alex Campbell contributed six for the Cougars.

Betsy Layne (4-2) will host 15th Region frontrunner Shelby Valley Dec. 22 in its final game before Christmas. The Bobcats will face Woodford County in the opening round of the Pikeville Invitational Tournament Dec. 28.

Eagles falter at home versus Union

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — A horrendous start offensively dug the Alice Lloyd College Eagles into too deep of a hole as they dropped a tough 77-73 decision to visiting Union College Tuesday night at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

ALC came out of the gates as cold as the temperature outside. The Eagles trailed by 17 points in the first half. When the halftime buzzer sounded, Alice Lloyd still trailed the Bulldogs by 15, 38-23.

With their backs against the

wall entering the last stanza, minutes remaining.

the Eagles were in need of someone to step up in a major way. That player was sophomore Brandon Hayes. Hayes came out of the locker room like a man possessed in the second half, leading a furious Eagle comeback with his clutch shooting and timely rebounding. In one stretch, Hayes scored 10 consecutive points. His inspired play lifted his teammates as they rallied to take a four point lead with only three



Alice Lloyd couldn't get past visiting Union Tuesday night

But the young Eagles were unable to hold on as Union first managed to regain the lead, and then sank its free throws late to survive on the road.

For ALC (4-6), only two players cracked double digits in the scoring column. Hayes finished with 21 points and eight rebounds. Fellow sophomore guard Van Ferguson, a Paintsville High School graduate, drilled a trio of three-point field goals and added 10 points. For Union (6-7), Payton

Ponzer and Darrell Jackson netted 22 and 21 points, respectively.

ALC will return to action January 4-5 on the road at Point Lookout, Missouri in the College of the Ozarks Classic. Last season, College of the Ozarks was the NATA National runner-up. CoO is one of the nation's perennial powerhouses.

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Eagles, Lady Eagles win

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Pikeville women record road win over longtime rival Union

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE – Junior Natiera Hinton had 27 points and 19 rebounds to lead Pikeville College to a 72-69 win at Union College Tuesday night.

Hinton, a 6-0 forward from Rock Hill, S.C., had only five points and eight boards at the half when Union held a 40-35 lead. But Hinton, a transfer from Marshall in her second season at Pikeville, completely took over in the second half to lead the Lady Bears to the win.

Union (9-4) got its usual huge game from senior Brooke Smith. En route to 3,000 career points, the Pineville product finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds while blocking five

shots in the loss.

Pikeville (8-3) led 58-54 before it got back-to-back baskets from senior Alexis Johnson. The second game with 7:00 left and gave the Lady Bears a 62-54 lead.

Union, however, battled back and tied the game at 69 on a three-point play by Smith with 2:04 left. Pikeville took the lead for good with 1:15 remaining when junior Lakia Bailey nailed two free throws.

After a pair of Union misses, Hinton pulled a rebound and was fouled with 5.6 seconds left. She made the first of two free throws. On the miss, Union hustled downcourt but an off balance three fell short to end the game.

Hinton was joined by two teammates in double figures. Junior Whitney Compton tossed in 13 to go with six rebounds and a team-high five assists, while sophomore guard Megan Mosley had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Bailey, who hit the tosses to give Pikeville the late lead, had eight points and six rebounds.

On the night she scored her 1,000th point, Union senior Carley Blankenship finished with 19 points and a game-high nine assists.

Pikeville will return to action on Friday night, hosting the Gatti's Classic at the Pikeville College Gym. The Lady Bears will play Asbury College at 6 p.m.

Three at buzzer sends Lady Eagles past OVU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

VIENNA, W.Va. – Junior forward Nicole Lutes drained a 22 footer as time expired Saturday to propel the Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles to a hard-fought 68-67 win over host Ohio Valley University. Alice Lloyd faced a tough test against the Fighting Scots, which compete in NCAA Division II.

Both clubs fared well throughout the first half. ALC managed to carry a slim 33-30 advantage into the intermission.

The game remained tight in the second half. The Lady Eagles fought to hold on to their lead, but OVU, behind 6-3 cen-

ter Kendra Benedict, managed to pull ahead 66-65 with just 30 seconds remaining. After missing on their next possession, Alice Lloyd had no choice but to foul, stopping the clock with only 6.6 seconds left. Ohio Valley guard Denae Beavers hit the first charity shot to make the score 67-65. Her second fell short and ALC junior guard Bailey Gabbard was able to pull away the rebound. Gabbard quickly got the ball to Whitney Frazier heading down court. Frazier found Lutes behind the arc and she calmly performed her heroics. The buzzer sounded as the ball was in flight. Her shot found its mark and ALC

celebrated the victory.

ALC (4-8) featured four scorers in double figures. Frazier led the Lady Eagles with 21 points, Gabbard and sophomore Gemma Gray chipped in 13 points apiece. Lutes finished with 10 points after providing the game-winning shot.

Benedict and Beavers paced OVU (2-3) with 15 points apiece.

ALC will be off until January 13. The Lady Eagles will return home in January for a conference matchup with the Brescia Bearcats. Game time is set for 5 p.m. at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

Alice Lloyd edges Spaulding

Brumback, Combs lead Eagles to home win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd Eagles came out of the gates strong on Saturday and defeated the Spaulding University Golden Eagles, 65-

63. Spaulding competes in NCAA Division III.

Both clubs played hard in the first 20 minutes, but the Eagles, sparked by 11 points from sophomore Nick Brumback, were able to take a slight 33-31 lead at intermission.

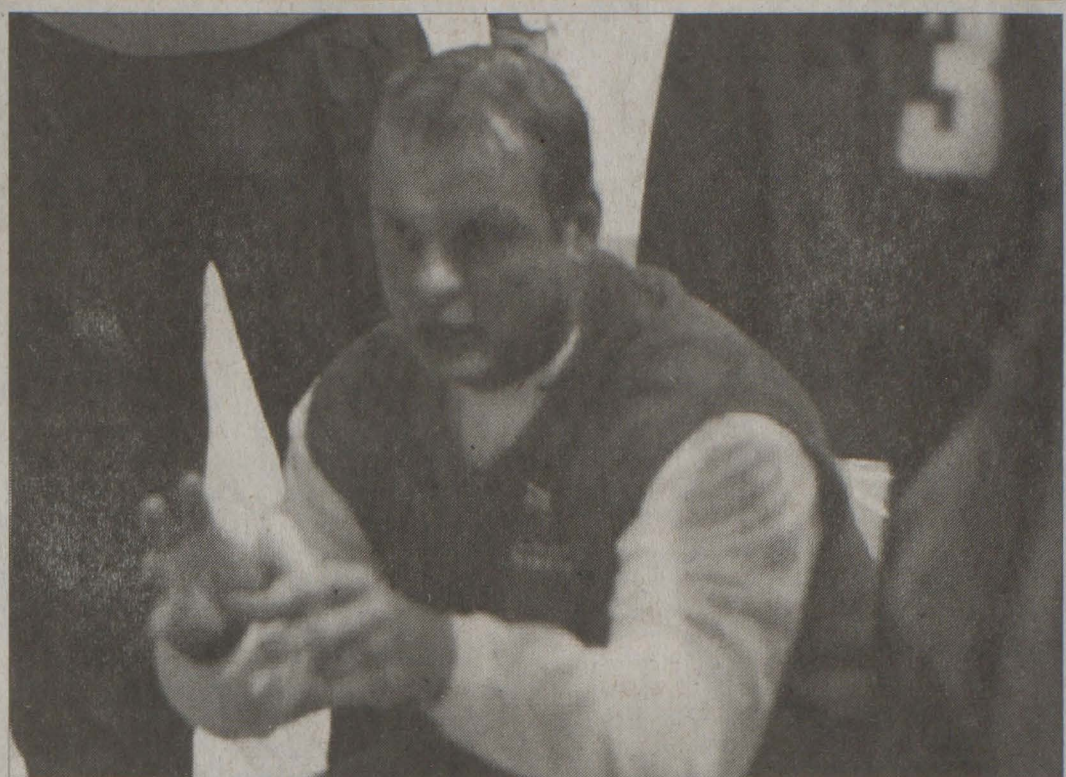
Spaulding fought for the win throughout the second half. Paced by a combined 28 points from guards DeWhon McAfee and Cody Cutsinger, Spaulding refused to go away.

The Eagles were able to maintain their poise over the final stanza. Any time SU would tie the game, Alice Lloyd managed to get a needed bucket.

After 40 hardfought minutes, Alice Lloyd was able to withstand every challenge that the Golden Eagles threw at them, as they earned their second consecutive win.

Two scorers reached double figures for Alice Lloyd in the win. Brumback, who finished with 18 points, paced the Eagles. Junior guard Daniel Combs contributed 14 for host Alice Lloyd.

McAfee led Spaulding (3-6) with 24 points. Cutsinger added 17 points for Spaulding in the loss.



HARDWOOD HUDDLE: Allen Central Coach Mark Martin talked with his team during a timeout Tuesday evening.

Brooks named SEC Coach of the Year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Kentucky's Rich Brooks has been named the 2009 Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year as chosen by CollegeFootballNews.com.

Despite numerous obstacles, Brooks' squad fought its way to a 7-5 record and will compete in a school-record fourth-consecutive bowl game when the Wildcats play Clemson on Dec. 27 in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

Kentucky claimed at least seven wins for the fourth-consecutive season, the first time that has been done at Kentucky in nearly a century, since 1909-12.

The Wildcats broke the school record for consecutive non-conference wins with 18 straight. It's the nation's second-longest current streak.

Kentucky went 3-5 in the Southeastern Conference, tying for fourth place in the Eastern Division.

The Wildcats notched three SEC road wins – at Auburn, at Vanderbilt and at Georgia – for the first time in 32 years, since 1977.

CollegeFootballNews.com also selected a first-team All-Southeastern Conference squad that included Derrick Locke as the kickoff returner.

Locke leads the SEC with 29.6 yards per kickoff return.

EKU releases 2010 football schedule: The Eastern Kentucky University football team will play 11 games in 2010, highlighted by a road contest at Louisville on Sept. 11. Eastern's home schedule features five games, including games against 2009 OVC champion Eastern Illinois (Oct. 9) and league rival Jacksonville State (Nov. 6).

The Colonels will open the season with three consecutive road games. For the third straight year, EKU will kick off the schedule on Thursday night, this time at Missouri State. This will be the first ever meeting between the two programs. The Bears, out of the Missouri Valley Conference, finished 6-5 overall this past fall with wins over Murray State, UT Martin and Youngstown State.

The following week, Eastern Kentucky will take on in-state rival Louisville for the first time since 1991. Eastern's last victory over a Division I FBS opponent came against the Cardinals back in 1985. On Sept. 18, the Colonels will travel south on Interstate 75 to battle Southern Conference foe Chattanooga. Both Missouri State and Chattanooga will visit Roy Kidd Stadium in 2011.

Eastern Kentucky will finally play its home opener on Sept. 25 against Kentucky State. Two weeks later, the Colonels will open OVC action against defending league champion Eastern Illinois. EKU was one of just two OVC teams to defeat the Panthers in 2009.

Homecoming is scheduled for Oct. 30 against Murray State. The Colonels have won eight of the last nine meetings against the Racers.

Eastern will wind down the schedule with two home games in November. On Nov. 6, EKU will welcome Jacksonville State to Roy Kidd Stadium. The two teams were involved in an offensive shootout in 2009 with the No. 15 Gamecocks holding off the Colonels in the regular season finale, 34-26. Eastern Kentucky will conclude the regular season on Nov. 20 against Austin Peay. EKU has not lost to the Governors at home since 1977.

The Colonels will not play OVC foe Tennessee State in 2010. Times for all games will be announced at a later date.

Eastern Kentucky concluded its 2009 football season with a 5-6 overall record and 5-3 mark in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Elisha

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and all the others we've seen was the presence of Rick Pitino, the head coach at Louisville, who showed up about the time Justice got the last of his teammates, coaches, managers and radio crew on his back to carry them to a win.

Let me stop right here long enough to say this: I get it. I totally understand. Elisha Justice is the darling of Eastern Kentucky media types, and I'm in the fold. Often times I replace Randy White and Ronnie Paul Newsome and lead the parade of praise for EJ. Let me beg of you this – don't hold it against him.

Elisha Justice can hoop, and that's readily evident for all who care to peer a peeper his way. But here's the thing about the senior guard: He's a nicer young man. He's a better person than basketball player, and all of us who do this for a living wish we had a Mr. Basketball vote to throw his way.

Example: I was walking through our gym early one morning when our school was hosting a college fair. This is where nearly every college in the Commonwealth sends admission's counselors to the same place and local high school seniors come in and

walk through the tables, collecting literature on any school they're interested in and many they aren't to help them decide on a place to go to school.

I'd been out talking to someone when the first bus of the morning arrived. It was Shelby Valley. I was making my way through the growing crowd when someone tapped me on the back. It was Elisha. Didn't have to. Owes me nothing. But he saw a face in the crowd he recognized and wanted to say hello.

He's a bigtime young man. Just keep that in mind as we heap piles and piles of praise on him the next few months.

But this isn't really about him. It's about the other him. The guy from Louisville who convinced him to forgo all the scholarship offers piling up on the table and walk-on his team. It's about Pitino.

Here's my completely unsolicited advice to him: Sign the kid to a scholarship. Now.

Look, he can play. There's no doubt. Is he Big East ready? Probably not right now. He's a senior in high school, and there aren't a lot of John Walls walking around out there friends. But Elisha can play, and he deserves the ride.

Louisville folks have told insiders they expect him to come in and compete for play-

ing time next year. If that's the case – if he's really a guy you're going to count on to be a floor general for your team – he deserves the ticket.

This was one of my beefs with Pitino when he was at Kentucky. He wanted all the Kentucky kids to walk-on. Asked the same of Jody Thompson, if you recall. And others. Many others. Few, however, were actually put on scholarship by Pitino, even after he inherited the likes of John Pelphey and Deron Feldhaus and Richie Farmer, all kids of the Commonwealth, all who played mighty roles in helping Pitino quickly rebuild the nation's most celebrated program.

If Pitino is serious about Elisha Justice, he needs to sign him. Make him the offer, and do it today.

And, here's one more piece of unsolicited advice – if I was EJ, and, by the way, I'm not – I wouldn't completely close the door on the recruiting process. Put a little heat on King Rick. Let him know you have options.

Make him put the ring on your finger.

Elisha Justice deserves it. And if he doesn't get it, the guy Bob Watkins used to call Da Coach doesn't deserve EJ.

And that's the bottom line.

Wildcats break for exams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – After practicing Monday morning at the Nutter Field House, the Kentucky football team will concentrate on final examinations this week while the coaches return to the recruit-

ing trail.

Coach Rich Brooks reported that quarterback Mike Hartline had some swelling in his knee after practicing Saturday and Sunday, so he sat out of Monday's practice.

Except for a brief appearance in the Vanderbilt game,

Hartline has been out of action since incurring a knee injury at South Carolina on Oct. 10.

Kentucky will face Clemson in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on Sunday, Dec. 27 at 8:30 p.m. EST at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn.

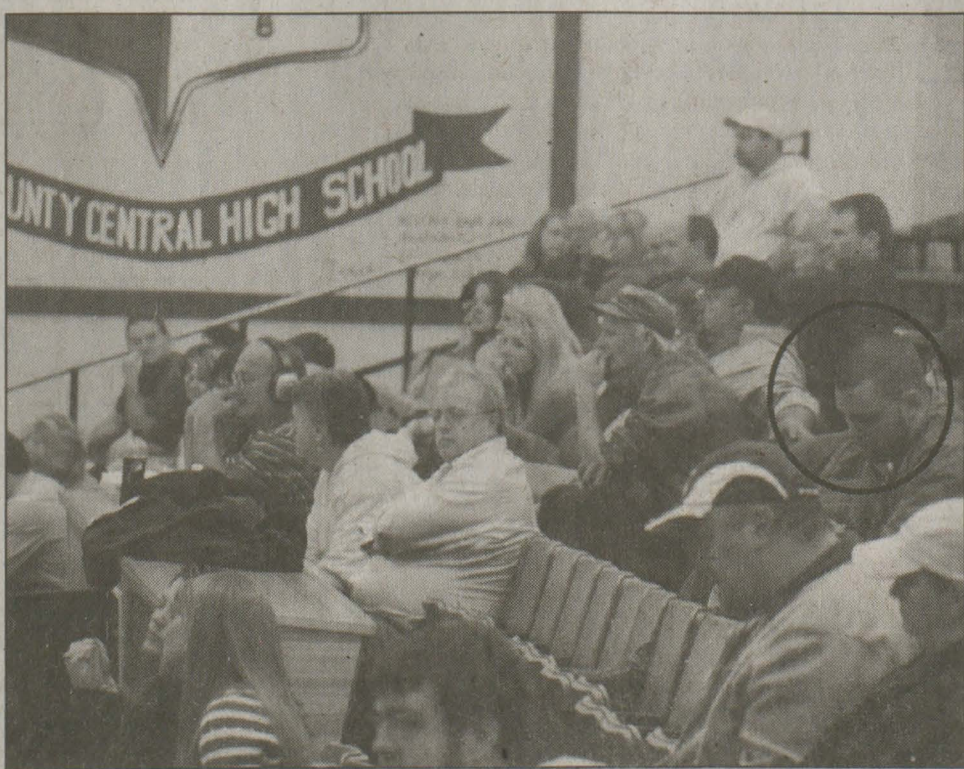
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KHSAA Commissioner DeVries announces retirement

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced at a press conference on Wednesday that she will retire after 30-plus years of employment with the organization. Her retirement will be effective July 9, 2010.

DeVries was named the sixth Commissioner of the KHSAA on July 1, 2002, after serving as Executive Assistant Commissioner for eight years and Assistant Commissioner for 15 years. As Commissioner, DeVries has been responsible for providing leadership and execution of interscholastic athletics for the Association's 277 member schools and some 50,000 interscholastic athletic participants throughout Kentucky.

DeVries, the first female to head the KHSAA and only the fifth woman to head a state high school athletic association, was the sixth individual to serve as Commissioner of the Association, following Louis Stout (1994-2002), Billy V. Wise (1991-94), Tom Mills (1976-91), Joe Billy Mansfield (1972-76) and Ted Sanford (1947-72).

As Assistant and Executive Assistant Commissioner, DeVries handled day-to-day management of the sports of golf, volleyball, swimming & diving, tennis and track & field. She also conducted rules clinics, recruited workers and officials and managed State Tournament competition in those sports.

She is well-known on the national level, having served on numerous committees for the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) from rules to governance. She served on the NFHS Board of Directors from 2002-05, and was Chair of the national rules committee for swimming & diving. She also spent time as a member of the Strategic Planning and Gender Equity committees. Currently she serves on the NFHS Foundation Board of Directors. DeVries received an NFHS Citation for her service to the organization in 1999 and was recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education for her contribution to women's athletics in Kentucky.

During her tenure, the debt on the KHSAA Office Headquarters in Lexington was retired two years early. DeVries also helped establish a statewide radio network for the Forcht Bank KHSAA State Baseball Tournament and the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, as well as the expansion of the existing statewide radio network for the Boys' and Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments. The Association's branding and marketing efforts and revenue have risen dramatically during her tenure, thanks to a partnership with iHigh.com. DeVries has also been instrumental in the continued development of the KHSAA Museum.

Under her leadership the KHSAA has taken a major proactive role in emphasizing Title IX. This has led to increasing participation opportunities for girls in the sports of volleyball, soccer and fast pitch softball and golf. Additionally, overall high school playoff participation for boys increased also, as demonstrated by the change from four football classes to six in 2007.

"During my 30 years with the KHSAA it has been an honor to have been a part of unprecedented growth of Association programs and sports opportunities for both boys and girls," DeVries said. "Emphasizing education based programs while promoting the values of sportsmanship, participation, integrity and safety have always been at the core of our operations during my tenure. A lot of the credit for the success of the Association goes to a very capable and hard working staff. I will miss them but know that these individuals along with the Board of Control are in an excellent position to continue to offer and expand education based interscholastic programs for high school students. I have no doubt that they will move the Association to the next level while addressing the many challenges facing the world of amateur sports."

A Kentucky native, DeVries graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts in 1971. She began her career as a physical education teacher at Nicholas County Elementary School in 1971. She returned to the University of Kentucky in 1973 as a Graduate Assistant for the Department of Campus recreation and earned a Master of Science in 1975.

DeVries served as Women's Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving and Track & Field coach at Ohio University from 1976-79 and head men's and women's diving coach at the University of Kentucky from 1980-90. She is a member of the University of Kentucky's Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame.

KHSAA Board of Control president David Weedman stated that the Board of Control would finalize plans for Commissioner DeVries' replacement at its January 13 meeting, with a tentative plan to announce a new commissioner later in 2010.

"We appreciate all Brigid has done for the Association for the past 30 years, including the past eight as Commissioner," said KHSAA Board of Control President David Weedman. "She has dedicated much of her adult life to the noble idea of expanding participation opportunities for all of Kentucky's interscholastic student-athletes, while doing it in a way that brings out the best qualities athletics has to offer – through integrity, sportsmanship, safety and equity. Not only has she dedicated herself to those principles on behalf of the KHSAA, she is a model for coaches, administrators and student-athletes by the way she displays these characteristics through her actions every day. We wish her nothing but the best as she looks forward to a new and exciting chapter in her life."

Kentucky's first bear hunt in modern times nears

Hunting open in Harlan, Letcher, Pike counties

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – On Saturday, Kentucky hunters will make history. The first bear hunt in modern times will take place in Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties. The hunt is open to any Kentucky resident who purchases a bear hunting permit in addition to an annual hunting license, unless license exempt.

"The population has shown phenomenal growth from only a decade ago," said Steven Dobby, bear program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We've been monitoring this population and have been involved in research with the University of Kentucky for almost 10 years. Based on our research efforts, it's clear that Kentucky's bear population can support a sustainable harvest."

Black bears were nearly absent from Kentucky for about 150 years after intensive logging in the 19th century took away much of their habitat. They gradually made their way back to southeastern Kentucky from Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee as oak-hickory forests matured once again. Kentucky's bear numbers grew over time, as did public interest in a bear hunting season.

"The other driving force in this first bear season has been public interest and support from sporting organizations in Kentucky," Dobby said. "In particular, the League of Kentucky Sportsmen played an important role in making this bear season a reality."

"This season is particularly exciting because black bears are the first species to repopulate naturally in Kentucky," said Rick Allen, president of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. "I'm glad to see this season become a reality for Kentucky's sportsmen and sportswomen."

The bear harvest is limited to 10 bears total or five female bears, whichever limit hunters reach first. Most female bears are already dened at this time of year, which will limit the number of females available for harvest. Hunters must call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's general information number at 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. Dec. 19 to check if the harvest quota has been reached. If the quota has not yet been reached, the hunt will continue on Dec. 20 only.

The bag limit is one bear per hunter. Successful hunters must take their bear to one of the check-in stations set up in each of the open counties. Locations are listed at the department's webpage online at fw.ky.gov, or hunters may call 1-800-858-1549 during regular weekday business hours prior to the hunt for check-in station locations. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists will weigh the bears, take body measurements and biological samples for research, and attach a permanent tag to each harvested animal. Hunters must also Telecheck their bear before leaving the check station.

Hunters may not take female bears with cubs or bears weighing less than 75 pounds. A 75-pound bear is about the same size as an adult Labrador retriever. Baiting is prohibited, including garbage used as bait. For example, hunters may not shoot a bear feeding at a garbage can or dumpster.

The Hensley-Pine Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is closed to bear hunting, and a 12,500-acre area surrounding the WMA is open only to landowners, their spouses and dependent children hunting on their own property. Those boundaries are clearly delineated in the 2009-10 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold and online at fw.ky.gov.

Hunters may also read about all equipment, licensing, hunter education and youth supervision laws in this guide. Hunter orange clothing is required for

all bear hunters regardless of what hunting equipment they use, as the season coincides with late muzzleloader deer season.

Most Kentucky hunters haven't taken a bear before. However, hunters can use some of the same techniques they use for deer hunting. Hunters should begin by scouting ridgelines for hard mast food sources such as acorns.

"In the fall and winter months, bears have only one thing on their minds and that's putting on weight for the winter denning season," Dobby said. "They'll concentrate their activity almost exclusively around food sources."

In eastern Kentucky, mountain ridgelines hold the highest concentrations of these food sources. Bears are predictable in their daily travel patterns. Hunters should search for trails worn into the ground, paw prints in leaf litter or even claw marks on trees, as bears feed extensively in trees as well as under them. Once hunters find a stand of acorn-producing trees and other signs of bear activity, they can set up tree stands just as they do for deer hunting. Ground blinds can also be used.

A bear's sense of smell is even better than a deer's, so there isn't much hunters can do to cover up their scent. However, bears are also generally more curious than deer, as odors may indicate a potential food source. Since bears are trying to put on weight for winter denning, scent can actually work to a hunter's advantage. Hunters should aim for the same vital area on a bear that they look for on a deer.

Portions of 10 public hunting areas are open for bear hunting, though hunters should consult maps to ensure they hunt only within Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties. Excluding Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA, there are 29,651 acres of public land available to hunters within the three-county bear zone. Hunters must have landowner permission to hunt or retrieve downed bears from private land.



SENIOR GUARD CHRIS STUMBO continues to lead the Allen Central High School boys' basketball team in scoring.

Deer harvest down slightly; warm weather likely a factor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Kentucky hunters have taken more than 100,000 deer so far this year, with a majority of the harvest occurring during the recently completed modern gun season. The number of deer taken by hunters during the opening weekend of modern gun season was down about 400 animals from the average of the previous three seasons. Harvest for the month of November, most of which comes from hunters during the modern gun season, was down about 5,000 deer from the state's 3-year average.

The decline, however, is a normal fluctuation that deer managers have seen for years.

"We would have to see more than one year of lower harvest before we'd be alarmed," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "One reason I think this year's harvest may be down, from my own hearing and from what I've heard from other hunters out there, is the warm weather during gun season."

Brunjes said that some hunters reported seeing deer on trail cameras at night, but not during shooting hours. She suspects the warm weather caused more deer to move at night rather than during the warmer daylight hours.

This year's hunter harvest, while down slightly, still appears to follow a pattern biologists have been seeing for years.

"Season harvest, seems to go up, down, up, down, each year in recent years," said David Yancy, deer biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "I wouldn't be surprised to see it down a bit this year, and we end up with a total around 113,000 or 115,000 deer, and next year we're back up to 120,000."

Deer managers aren't sure exactly why the season harvest total is stair-stepping, but Yancy has a few possible theories. The first is that the pattern is hunter-driven.

"It could be that we kill a

lot of deer one year, and the next year there just aren't as many deer on the ground during hunting season," Yancy said. "With a smaller herd, the deer are in better condition, with more food to go around. The herd rebounds when female deer have twins more often and a greater number of fawns survive. This leads to another up year for hunters, because there are more deer in the population."

Another possibility for the fluctuating harvest is that Kentucky's deer herd has reached its carrying capacity, or the number of deer that the existing habitat can support. The state's total deer population peaked in 2004 and then began to decline. It now stands at around one million animals. A declining deer herd, Yancy pointed out, isn't necessarily a bad thing. Areas like central Kentucky have too many deer, leading to higher disease rates. Yancy suspects the stair-stepping harvest is something hunters will continue to see.

In addition to lower harvest numbers overall, about 60 percent of the deer taken so far this year have been male. While bucks usually represent a larger proportion of harvest than female deer at this point in the season, a 60-40 split between bucks and does is a larger difference than usual. Brunjes thinks warm weather during gun season played a part here as well.

"Bucks don't care. They're going to get out and chase during the rut no matter what, and they're going to be more visible than does if the weather is warm," she said. "The does are going to move more at night when it's warm."

Yancy pointed out that this year's modern gun season seemed to fall right during the peak of the deer breeding season. He thinks this is another reason hunters may have seen, and harvested, more bucks.

"That's going to happen about once out of every three years – the gun season will hit right smack on the peak of the rut," he explained. "Some years our gun season comes toward the end of the rut, and some years it comes toward

the beginning. But I think we'll see the harvest even out closer to 51 percent bucks, 49 percent does, once the dust settles in January. In the end, this is probably going to look like a pretty typical season."

Some hunters have voiced concerns about the harvest decline, with questions about last winter's ice storm and even the possibility of lingering effects from the 2007 outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD.

"At this point, EHD is just a memory," said Brunjes. "As far as the ice storm, especially in western Kentucky, it did have an effect. It changed the landscape."

With tall trees damaged by ice, the forest floor received more sunlight, resulting in vegetation growth. Western Kentucky hunters who were accustomed to seeing deer in certain areas may have noticed a big change in deer patterns this year, Brunjes said.

"The ice storm converted areas with no forage into feeding areas," she said. "It blocked trails. Feeding areas have become bedding areas. Places you used to hunt have changed and may not hold deer now."

These changes prove that wildlife, in the end, act like wildlife. Hunters have up years, and they also have down years. In the end, hunting opportunity in Kentucky is still far beyond what our grandparents could have imagined.

"We're hunting a wild animal," Yancy said. "Part of the allure is that you can't control it. Part of it is that you're thankful to get to go and have quarry to pursue."

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Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes Upland Bird Quota Hunts on Clay WMA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed earlier in the month quota hunt management for grouse, woodcock and quail on Clay Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The management area, which includes nearly 5,800 acres, is located in Nicholas and Fleming counties.

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

The wildlife division sought the quota hunt regulation because it wants to gauge the impact of habitat improvements upon game bird populations at Clay WMA. Controlling the hunting pressure on the management area would allow biologists to gather important biological data and hunting information to assist with future wildlife management decisions.

These quota hunts would be similar in format to existing quail quota hunts at Peabody WMA. If approved by legislators, the new Clay WMA regulation would begin with the 2010 hunting seasons.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be 8 a.m. ET, March 5.

Meetings are held at the Arnold Mitchell Building, located at 1 Sportsman's Lane in Frankfort.

Persons wishing to be placed on the meeting agenda to speak before the Commission on an issue should notify Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in writing at least 30 days in advance. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance. The agency will provide a translator. Requests for placement on the meeting agenda should be sent to:

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Governor bans text messaging by state employees driving government vehicles

'Eyes on the Road' effort aimed at improving safety for Kentucky drivers

FRANKFORT — With families preparing to hit the road for the holidays, Governor Steve Beshear joined Acting Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock Thursday to announce an innovative step toward ensuring the safety of Kentucky drivers.

In response to the growing number of drivers who text-message while driving, Gov. Beshear launched his Eyes on the Road effort — an executive order prohibiting text messaging by state employees who are driving government-owned vehicles

“More than 53,000 crashes occurred in Kentucky last year due to driver distraction and inattention,” said Gov. Beshear. “Those wrecks caused more than 15,000 injuries and nearly 200 fatalities. The Eyes on the Road ban on text messaging while driving state vehicles will not only help save lives and reduce injuries, but will set an example for county and local governments, private employers and individual drivers.”

Text messaging, the exchange of brief, written messages by mobile device, has grown quickly over the past four years — more than

110 billion text messages are transmitted monthly in the U.S. While text messaging has improved the flow of communication, texting while driving has proven to be a deadly problem on the road.

Studies show that approximately one in five U.S. drivers admit to texting while driving at least once in the last 30 days and, when drivers text, their collision risk is 23 times greater than when not texting.

The federal government issued a ban on texting by drivers of official vehicles earlier this year. The District of Columbia and 18 states have banned texting while driving for all drivers, and nine states prohibit text messaging by drivers 21 or younger.

“The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that driver distraction and inattention contributes to 25 percent of police-responded traffic crashes nationwide,” said Hancock. “Text messaging is the culprit in far too many of these traffic crashes. The use of multi-media and driving don't mix. People who text and e-mail behind the wheel put every motorist on the road around them in harm's way. I com-

mend Governor Beshear for his leadership on this pressing public safety issue.”

For purposes of the prohibition, “texting” or “text messaging” refers to reading from

or entering data into any handheld or other electronic device, including for the purpose of SMS texting, e-mailing, instant messaging, or engaging in any other form of electronic

data retrieval or electronic data communication.

“With nearly 34,000 civilian employees, state government can and should demonstrate leadership in reducing

the dangers of text messaging while driving,” said Gov. Beshear. “I'm committed to leading by example.”

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