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## briefs

### Vehicles, drugs seized in Pike Co.

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**SHELBY GAP** — A Pike County man initially arrested on traffic violations is now faces charges of trafficking drugs.

Police executed search warrants at the home of Darrel Swiney, 37, of Wolf Belcher Road at Shelby Gap, earlier this week and recovered more than 750 hydrocone and Oxycontin tablets, along with guns, \$6,550 in cash and a stolen dirt bike.

Also recovered from a nearby residence were three ATVs that police said were later identified as stolen.

Swiney was later charged with five counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and additional charges are pending, according to Kentucky State Police spokesman Mike Goble.

Police are currently referring to Swiney's case as a continuing investigation that has already spanned four months by various units within the state police, including theft and canine units as well as personnel from both Post 9 and Post 10.

During the search more than 600 Oxycontin tablets and 164 oxycodone tablets were taken as evidence. The vehicles seized were a Kawasaki dirt bike, a Rhino, a Suzuki and a Honda ATV.

## FEMA delay leaves county broke and borrowing

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — From spring to fall this year, members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court have gone from having more money on hand than in many years, to agreeing Tuesday to borrow \$1.5 million to stay afloat and finish

paying contractors who worked on projects following the May floods.

The reason for this drastic shift is an unprecedented one, according to county leaders. Since the flooding that swept through the county in May, the county has spent \$3.5 million from the its general fund to pay for flood work and cleanup. That amount has been turned in

and approved by the Federal Emergency and Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement.

So what's the problem?

To date, the amount received on those emergency expenditures totals zero.

"We would have expected around \$1.5 million back by this time," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc"

Marshall, "especially for the work and cleanup done within the first 72 hours."

The fiscal court met Tuesday in a special-called work session to discuss contractors who performed and are still performing work for the them as a result of the flood. There are some contractors,

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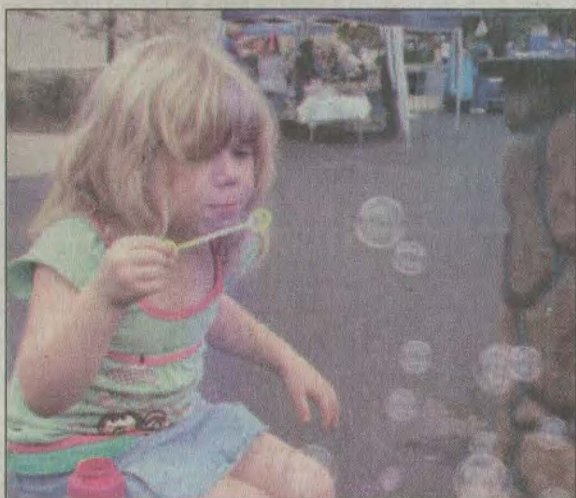
## HIGHLAND FOLK FESTIVAL



Children and adults alike enjoyed the authentic blacksmithing on display at the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival on Friday.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

## HERITAGE ON DISPLAY



Makenna Moore, 4, took some time off from enjoying the sights and sounds of the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival to blow some bubbles on Friday.

### Students, visitors marvel at festival

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — The upper parking lot of the Mountain Arts Center was filled with school buses and other automobiles on Friday for the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival, and the attendance for the opening day was well over 1,000 people, according to officials.

Due to the large crowd, parking attendants had to direct traffic in order to accommodate all of the visitors to the festival.

(See **FESTIVAL**, page eleven)

## Johnson enters plea deal

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Floyd County man is expected to serve eight years of a 12-year sentence in jail after pleading guilty to multiple drug trafficking charges Friday.

Russell Johnson, 58, of Wheelwright, pleaded guilty to five counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and three counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance during a pre-trial conference hearing in Floyd County Circuit Court on Friday, September 18.

As part of the plea deal, Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner agreed to dismiss two misdemeanor counts of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

"A trial date had not been set and he had not rejected anything yet," Turner said Monday. "He had the pool hall and pretty much had been dealing drugs out of the store for years and years.

There was a lot of interest in stopping that."

Between January and May 2008, Johnson sold prescription narcotics on six different occasions to law enforcement officers from Operation UNITE and the Kentucky Attorney General's Department of Criminal Investigation unit. The drugs purchased included hydrocodone, oxycodone and methadone.

Officers from four agencies went to Johnson's residence on Route 306 in Wheelwright on August 6, 2008, to serve arrest warrants. Johnson was located across the street at Russell's Game Room, a small store and amusement center that he operated.

After Johnson's arrest a search was conducted at both his home and store. More than 300 prescription pills — a variety of controlled substances including oxycodone, methadone, hydrocodone, alprazolam (Xanax) and diazepam

(See **PLEA**, page eleven)

## Test results show Floyd competitive

### High schools continue to show weakness

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**  
MANAGING EDITOR

**FRANKFORT** — School test results released early this morning show Floyd County students ahead of state averages in the number of students scoring proficient or distinguished in most areas, but still lagging in some others, particularly at the high school level.

Today's release is the first since school testing was reorganized by the 2009 General Assembly. Under current testing rules, students are assessed in five area — reading, math, science, social studies and on-demand writing. Student results are then grouped in one of four performance levels, ranging from high to low as distinguished, proficient, apprentice or novice.

In Floyd County, a higher percentage of students scored at the distinguished or proficient levels than the statewide average in nearly every category, with the sole exception being middle school on-demand writing. Students at the high school level showed similar success in reading and math, but were far behind the statewide counterparts in science, social studies and on-demand writing.

Elementary students enjoyed the most success, ranking 10th in the state in math, 13th in reading, 29th in social studies, 49th in science and 66th in writing, out of 175 school districts.

Middle school students were closer to the middle of the pack, scoring 38th in science, 67th in reading, 78th in both math and social studies and 107th in writing, out of 175 districts.

High school students showed slightly above average results in math and reading, ranking 51st and 63rd out of 170 districts, respectively. Other results were far behind.

(See **SCORES**, page ten)

### How they fared

The following chart shows the number of students in Floyd County and Kentucky scoring at the proficient or distinguished levels on state tests.

Elementary			
Subject	Floyd County	Ranking	State average (out of 175)
Reading	83.28	13	73.54
Math	81.57	10	70.27
Science	78.13	49	69.98
Social studies	71.71	29	61.11
Writing	58.57	66	55.37

Middle school			
Subject	Floyd County	Ranking	State average (out of 175)
Reading	69.74	67	66.92
Math	63.25	78	60.92
Science	71.49	38	62.72
Social studies	59.17	78	55.8
Writing	37.12	107	42.06

High school			
Subject	Floyd County	Ranking	State average (out of 170)
Reading	65.28	63	61.84
Math	45.28	51	41.19
Science	29.38	153	41.22
Social studies	25.88	157	40.68
Writing	21.38	147	34.97

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# Obituaries

## Christine Click

Christine Click, age 76, of Martin, wife of Lloyd Click, passed away Friday, September 18, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 21, 1933, in Martin, the daughter of the late Marion Stone and Elizabeth Estep Stone.

Survivors include her husband; three sons: Jimmy Click of Martin, Timothy Click and Stanley Click, both of Bartow, Florida; a daughter, Teresa Caudill of Arizona; four brothers: Ronald Stone and Donald Stone, both of Martin, Jake Stone of Indiana, and Tommy Stone of Lexington; three sisters: Sally Young of Paintsville, Mryle Jeanstone, and Lou Ellen Stone, both of Florida; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two sons: Kimber Caudill and Roger Dale Click; and a sister, Billie Faye Collins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 21, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial was in the Click Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jimmy Click, David Click, Stan Click, Tim Click, Jeramiel Johnson, and Jason Click. (Paid obituary)

## George R. Hansford

George R. Hansford age 92 of Wayland, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2009, at his residence.

He was born August 23, 1917, at Somerset, the son of the late George and Grace Slone Hansford.

He was a retired coal miner, having worked for Island Creek Coal Company. He was a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church since 1962; and was a member of the U.M.W.A.; and an U.S. Army, World War II veteran.

He is survived by two daughters: Sharon (Gary) Grozenski of Lawrenceburg, and Karen (Darrell) Kester of Estill; three brothers: Coy Hansford of Ashtabula, Ohio, Byron Hansford of Paintsville, and Danny Hansford of Topmost; two sisters: Judy Roop of Prestonsburg, and Teresa Hansford of Louisville; his grandchildren: Curtis Pack and Chris Pack, both of Lexington; Tonya Perkins and Nicole Rister, both of Martin; and great-grandchildren: Amber, Zachery, Kaelyn, and Brennen.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Novella Hansford; and brothers: Don, Charles, Orville and Homer Hansford.

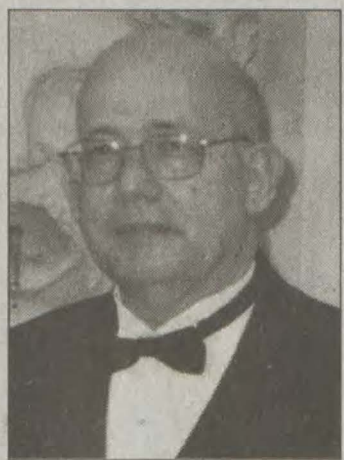
Funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, at 1:00

p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with Louie Ferrari and Red Morris officiating.

Burial was at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Darrell Kester, Chris Pack, Aaron Sparkman, Brennan Perkins, Greg Smith, Tim Meade, Tim Martin, and Byron Hansford. (Paid obituary)



## George Carl Mahan

Mahan, George Carl, 65, husband of Beth Jones Mahan, died Friday, September 18, 2009.

Born in Wheelwright, he was son of the late Marshall and Jess Tankersley Mahan. He was retired from IBM, and was currently with IT Support for Georgetown College.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, he is survived by his daughter, Sheri Mahan of Frankfort; a granddaughter, Jordan Schauer of Orlando, Florida; his sisters: Mary Lynn Mahan of Louisville, and Jere (Bill) Allen of Leander, Texas.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, September 23, at Hill Chapel, located on the campus of Georgetown College.

Memorials may be made to Georgetown College.

www.milwardfuneral.com (Paid obituary)

## Clabe Mosley

Clabe Mosley age 89, of Wayland, passed away Thursday, September 17, 2009, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born October 11, 1919, at Four Mile, the son of the late Simon and Ida Wicker Mosley.

He was a retired state mine inspector for the State of Kentucky, and a member of the Zion Deliverance Church at Wayland.

He is survived by his sons: James S. Mosley of Wayland, Donnie Mosley of Bucyrus, Ohio and Ronnie L. Mosley of Martin; two step-sons: Jerry Fultz of Wayland, and Bobby Fultz of Alabama; and a step-daughter, Darlene Wiggins of Alabama; a brother, David Mosley of Alabama; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda Mae Tackett Mosley, and his sec-

ond wife, Ada Fultz Mosley; and four stepsons: James, Bill, Leroy, and Roger Fultz.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m., at the Zion Deliverance Church at Wayland, with Eugene Haney, Clabe Mosley, Ken Isaac, and Claude Allen officiating.

Burial was in Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Van Jackson, Ronnie Mosley II., Kevin Mosley, Jeremy Wiggins, Joshua Wiggins, Clyde Hamilton, Josh Davis, Jack Hamilton, and Mark Mosley. (Paid obituary)

## James Thomas Settles

James Thomas Settles, 94, of Allen, died Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at his residence.

Born July 2, 1915, in Lebanon, he was the son of the late Elmer and Francis Mattingly Settles. He was a retired self-employed auto mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Hicks Settles.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one son, Robert Settles of Ivel; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Griffith Settles of Georgetown; five stepchildren: Eugene Tuttle of St. Marys, Ohio, Don Tuttle of Horseshoe, North Carolina, Doug Tuttle of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Carmellia Castle of Dayton, Ohio, and Nadine Sanders of Ohio City, Ohio; two sisters-in-law: Hazel Settles and Flossie Settles, both of Louisville; his grandchildren: Jeff, Jamie, Linda, Francis, Jimmy, Kim; and numerous great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Delcia Burchett Settles; a son, Jimmy Settles; his brothers: William J. Settles, James Clifton Settles, Walter Settles, Robert Settles, Richard Settles; his sisters: Louise Washnock, and Clevia Karrick.

Funeral services were held Friday, September 18, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Omer C. Hall officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Gladys Howard Shepherd

Gladys Howard Shepherd, age 88, of Hippo, widow of Ashland Shepherd, passed away Sunday, September 20, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

She was born March 3, 1921, in Pyramid, the daughter of the late Graydon Howard

and Julia Prater Howard. She was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County School System; attended Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, (Indian Bottom Association), in McDowell; and was a member of the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her best friend, Louise Bradley Howard of Hippo; a brother, Lawrence Howard of Hippo; four sisters: Priscilla Howard Allen of Eastern; Mildred Howard Whitaker of Prestonsburg; June Howard Stephens Hall of Daytona Beach, Florida; and Bobby Jean Howard Hale of Blue River; two nephews: Eddie Darrell Stephens and Dr. Grady Stephens; and a niece, Sherri Rene' Allen.

Preceding her in death was her husband; her parents; a son, Geoffrey Shepherd; two brothers, Brian Howard and Lowell Howard; and two sisters: Clara Howard Stephens and Goldie Howard Stephens.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, September 24, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Mike Slone officiating.

Burial will follow in the Howard Cemetery, in Pyramid, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is from 5 til 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, with nightly service Tuesday at 7 p.m.. (Paid obituary)

## Helen Burke Wells

Helen Burke Wells of Prestonsburg passed away Sunday, September 20, 2009.

She was the daughter of the late Harry R. Burke and Dorothy S. Burke of Bonanza.

Born June 7, 1931, in Prestonsburg, she was the beloved mother of one child, Susan W. Holderby (Jeff), of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren: Erin Howell Burchett (Paul) of Prestonsburg, and Thomas Andrew Howell (Taylor) of Louisville; and, two cherished great-grandchildren: Elizabeth Drew Burchett

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and Anna Preston Burchett of Prestonsburg. She is also survived by one brother, Harry Robert Burke (Barbara) of Prestonsburg.

She received her Bachelor or Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University, of which she was a proud and loyal alumnus. She was also a recipient of a Masters of Arts degree from Morehead State University.

A lifelong teacher, she retired from the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center at Thelma.

She was blessed by the loving and gentle care of Rita Little, and the staff of Riverview Healthcare Center.

She was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg, and also a longtime member of her

non-denominational prayer group. She was an active member and also past president of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 24, at First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Rev. James Adams officiating the service.

Visitation is 5:30 until 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, and 11:00 a.m., until 1:00 p.m., Thursday at the Church.

Hall Funeral Home in Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 256 South Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. (Paid obituary)

## Card Of Thanks

The family of Gertrude Wallace Lawson would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss, those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to Josh Holland for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "Thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF GERTRUDE WALLACE LAWSON

## Card Of Thanks

The family of Tobe Lawson would like to express our appreciation to all who sent flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Raymond Lawson and the Regular Baptist ministers for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF TOBE LAWSON



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# UNITE Youth Summit draws nearly 2,900 students to P'burg

**PRESTONSBURG**  
 Nearly 2,900 students and 238 adults from 59 schools in 12 counties participated in Operation UNITE's "Piercing the Darkness of Drugs" Youth Summit held Thursday, Sept. 17, at both The Mountain Arts Center and Prestonsburg High School in Prestonsburg.

The summit featured exciting and motivational programs for youth in grades 4-12, followed by an assembly program where regional UNITE Club of the Year winners were announced.

Clearfield Elementary (Rowan County), Millard Middle (Pike County) and Sheldon Clark High FCA (Martin County) were each named 2009 UNITE Clubs of the Year for the 10-county Big Sandy region for activities during the 2008-09 school year. Whitesburg Middle School (Letcher County) was also recognized as the 2009 Middle School UNITE Club in Prestonsburg because they had been unable to attend the event in Hazard.

UNITE also presented a special recognition award to Marionette Little for her caring and concern for the youth of Pike County and for her tireless efforts in support of Operation UNITE.

"Marionette's life has centered around children. She is always one of the first to volunteer and solicit involvement from Pike County schools," said Karen Engle, director of UNITE. "Camp UNITE would not have happened without her assistance in 2007. She continues to be a strong supporter, recruiting participants and making sure everyone who wants to go has transportation."

More than 7,100 students from 140 schools in 29 counties were expected to attend one of three summits being held this week in Hazard, Somerset and Prestonsburg.

"We are ecstatic about the support from schools across southern and eastern Kentucky for these summits," Engle said. "This is more than three times the number of youth we anticipated. I think that is a reflection on the need for positive programs and a recognition that changing attitudes and behaviors toward drugs begins with our youth."

Students attending the summits were treated to an exciting, motivational program filled with positive messages about avoiding peer pressure, becoming leaders in educating classmates and their community about the dangers of drugs, and making positive personal choices.

"Our goal is to empower these students to make drug-free choices in their life," Engle stated. "In turn, their choices will hopefully influence other family members, their friends, and all those with whom they have contact."

The primary sponsor for the Youth Summits is EQT Corporation (formerly Equitable Resources, Inc.) which provided a \$20,000 grant to make the events possible. Other sponsors include Walmart of Prestonsburg, Flowers Bakery of London, Kentucky National Guard, East Kentucky Beverage Company of Pikeville, Pepsi Cola Bottling of Somerset, Little Caesar's pizza (Somerset, Hazard and Prestonsburg), the City of Hazard, and the Mountain Arts Center of Prestonsburg.

"Of course, these summits could not occur without dozens of volunteers from

(See **SUMMIT**, page five)



Pike County's Marionette Little was honored by Operation UNITE for her outstanding contributions to youth during the UNITE Youth Summit at The Mountain Arts Center Thursday. Surrounding Little are members of the Pike County Youth Leadership. Pictured from left are Tyler Fields, Emily Hunt, Sarah Haynes, Little, Rachel Trivette, Hannah Thompson and UNITE Director Karen Engle.

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## Taylor-Thornsburg to Wed



Payton and Sharon McCoy Taylor of Belfry, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shyla Michelle Taylor to George Monroe Thornsburg, son of Verdon and Loretta Thornsburg of Blue River.

Shyla is a 2004 graduate of Pikeville College, where she majored in Communications and Business Management. She is currently employed by Merck and Co., Inc.

George is a 2005 graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he majored in Mining Engineering. He is currently employed by Patriot Coal.

The couple will wed on Saturday, September 26, at the Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church, in Ransom, at 5:30 p.m.

The couple will honeymoon in Antigua and will reside at Pikeville.

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# Viewpoint

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## Guest View Acting out

When Sen. Harry Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called President Bush a liar, they had the good sense not to do it during a joint session of Congress that was being televised live to a national audience.

So, yes, that makes South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson's sin greater than Reid and Pelosi's. Wilson's behavior ... when he blurted out "You lie!" as Obama told the American people that any health care reform bill that he supports would not provide coverage for illegal immigrants, was inexcusable — and his apologies have been half-baked, hardly ringing with sincerity.

Wilson, a Republican, might have had something else to shout about if Obama had gone before the country in advance of Sept. 9 and made explicit that he didn't want the government to pay for health insurance for people in this country illegally. Wilson's skepticism — shared by millions of Americans who are not far-right wackos — was fueled by congressional Democrats' refusal to put language in the bill explicitly excluding coverage for people illegally in the country.

Additionally, the figure of 47 million uninsured Americans has been tossed about by proponents of health-care reform, including Obama. That figure includes 10 million to 12 million illegals, so why include them if they are not going to be provided coverage?

While Wilson's outburst has gotten plenty of air time from the mainstream media, similarly juvenile behavior — although not directed at the president — by Rep. Pete Stark, a California Democrat, has been mostly consigned to youtube.com.

Three days after Wilson's shoutout to the president, Stark was holding a town hall meeting when a senior citizen made plain his dislike of Obama's health care aspiration, doing so in a respectful tone before ending by saying, "Don't pee on my leg and tell me it's raining."

Stark's not-so-clever retort: "I wouldn't dignify you by peeing on your leg. It wouldn't be worth wasting the urine."

The rude behavior that this contentious debate has provoked certainly isn't confined to either side of the aisle.

The American people sent Wilson and Stark to Washington, D.C., to provide leadership while finding solutions to real problems — and not to act like children. They would be wise to understand that the best way to be heard isn't always to shout.

If nothing else, each has provided opponents in future campaigns with good video footage for television commercials. So there is an upside to their childish behavior.

— The Robesonian, Lumberton, N.C.



## Guest Column

### A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

As Kentucky looks for ways to truly overcome two of its most persistent challenges - poverty and dropping out of school - last week may be judged by history as a true turning point.

During that time, I announced the formation of a new Task Force on Poverty, and First Lady Jane Beshear kicked off a two-day conference that focused on the best ways to help students graduate.

The two issues, of course, are related. Common sense tells us that the more education a person has, the greater earning power he or she has. The facts bear that out.

In Kentucky, drop-outs earn nearly \$7,000 less each year than their classmates who get a high school diploma. It's estimated that drop outs from the class of 2008 alone will earn \$4.2 billion less over their lifetime because of the decision they made at such a young age.

That doesn't even begin to factor in

the costs to government. One in four dropouts eventually needs public assistance; on average, Kentucky spends about \$2,000 more per drop out for such services as Medicaid, housing and food stamps. Three out of four prisoners nationwide, meanwhile, never finished high school.

About three students leave each high school in Kentucky every year. We don't have the nation's worst dropout rate - about 15 states are below us - but this is an area where there is a lot of room for improvement, especially when measured against the considerable gains our students have made in education over the last generation.

As we look for ways to decrease the number of those dropping out of high school while increasing the numbers of those attending and graduating from college, the newly formed Poverty Task Force that I am spearheading will look at several other areas that, if improved, would make our education goals even more obtainable.

Poverty, unfortunately, has been far too prevalent in the state for much of its history, something the U.S. Census Bureau's confirmed earlier this month. It found Kentucky has the fifth-highest rate in the nation in 2008,

a fact that only begins to reflect the severe downturn the nation has faced over the last year.

The 25 legislators serving on the task force - nearly a fifth of the General Assembly - will see what more the state can do to overcome this problem.

Economic development, not surprisingly, will be high on the list. Kentucky took a strong step forward during this past summer's legislative session, when legislators modernized our tax incentives to spur job growth, but there may be much more we can do.

In addition to finding better ways to bring jobs to our communities, the task force will also see if there are better ways to get people to the jobs with improved transportation services.

Other programs that play important roles in helping families make ends meet will also be on our agenda.

The task force is expected to have recommendations in time for the 2010 Regular Session.

If there is anything we have learned over the years, it is that there are no easy answers when it comes to overcoming poverty and our dropout rate. Persistence, and a willingness to study and then implement what really works, is the only long-term solution.

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Did you know that the southern U.S. is where most of the nation's population growth is expected to occur in the next 10 years and beyond?

Most of that growth will be comprised of ethnic minorities who educators hope to accommodate academically in order to ensure educational progress in our region. But doing so will not be easy, according to the Southern Regional Education Board, a 60-year-old nonprofit organization that works with state lawmakers in 16 Southern states to improve public school education.

Kentucky is already looking at expected population growth in our state and how that growth will affect pre-kindergarten through postsecondary education in the Commonwealth. Kentucky's projected population growth of 3 percent over the next 10 years will be small compared to most other states in the region (Florida leads the pack with projected growth of 23 percent), but populations most on the rise are Hispanics and African Americans who the SREB says have historically been undereducated. That means Kentucky must do more to encourage students from these ethnic groups to attend and complete college.

We don't have a lot of time. By 2022, the number of Hispanic and African American public high school graduates in Kentucky is expected to grow by 13 percent while the number of white graduates will likely decline

from 89 percent to 74 percent. Around 15 percent of all Kentucky public high school graduates will be Hispanic by 2022, the SREB reports.

The good news is we are making progress. In 2007, the SREB reports that the percentage of bachelor's or higher degrees held by Hispanics, African Americans and whites had increased for each racial group since 2000. Seventeen percent of Hispanics in Kentucky had bachelor's degrees or advanced degrees in 2007 compared to 13 percent of African Americans and 20 percent of whites. College enrollment by Hispanics and African Americans in Kentucky has also increased, with an 81 percent jump in enrollment between 1997 and 2007 compared to a 37 percent increase in total enrollment over the same period.

More good news is Hispanics and African Americans are helping the Commonwealth meet a 1997 goal set by Kentucky state lawmakers to double the number of our college graduates by 2020 by increasing the percentage of bachelor's degrees they earned by 16 percent from 1997 through 2007. African American and Hispanic students totaled six percent of the state's college graduates in 1997, and eight percent in 2007.

The bad news is that the cost of college attendance—tuition, fees and room and board if necessary—is hampering the very educational goals we as a state aspire to reach by making college unaffordable for many students. Without a doubt, the cost to attend a four-year public college or university has become unmanageable. This is true even for middle-income families, who can and do pay as much as 30 percent of their annual income to cover one year of college attendance.

Let's look at the cost of tuition and required fees alone. The median annual tuition and fees required for in-state full-time undergraduates at public four-year schools in Kentucky in 2008 totaled \$5,800-109 percent more than in 1998. Few people can afford such an expense without scholarships or loans these days, and those are harder to come by.

Whether a student wishes to earn a four-year degree, two-year degree or job certificate, we as a state owe it to them and ourselves to ensure they can reach their academic or career goals. When they succeed, we succeed by improving our economy and overall quality of life.

I agree with a statement by the SREB that making college more affordable will help more Kentuckians from every walk of life attend, and complete, college or university. I also believe, as does the SREB, that Kentucky must do more to prepare our students for college academically and do what is necessary help our students with their academic pursuits once their postsecondary studies begin.

It should be no secret that the more educated people are, the better we can govern ourselves. As the late President John F. Kennedy said, "Remember that our nation's first great leaders were also our first great scholars." He was saying, basically, that education is important for our future and that of our children, and indeed it is. We owe it to our state and our nation to educate our citizens and help them reach their goals so that we can reach ours, and state lawmakers should keep that in mind during the upcoming 2010 legislative session in January.



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# Fifteen deaths on Kentucky roadways last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 15 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Sept. 14, through Sunday, Sept. 20.

Twelve of the crashes involved motor vehicles and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Calloway (2), Daviess, Lee, Meade, Muhlenberg, Oldham, Pike, Scott, and Warren (2) counties. The crash in Meade County involved the suspected use of alcohol. A triple-fatality crash occurred in

Wolfe County that involved a motor vehicle and a motorcycle. The motorcyclist and his passenger were wearing helmets and the driver of the motor vehicle was wearing a seat belt. The motor vehicle was attempting to make a left turn on Route 15 heading south. The motorcyclist and his passenger were traveling north on Route 15 when the vehicle struck the front of the bike with the drivers side door.

One pedestrian fatal crash occurred in Marion County and involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Sept. 20, preliminary statistics indicate that 572 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 17 more fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There were 457 motor vehicle fatalities and 246 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Twenty-nine pedestrians have been killed. Sixty-eight fatalities involved a motorcycle and 14 fatalities involved an ATV. Fifty-seven crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. A total of 127 fatalities have

resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

## Summit

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throughout the region," Engle said. "We have 118 volunteers from health departments, school systems, colleges, local UNITE coalitions, businesses, churches, municipal and county governments, social service agencies and local law enforcement agencies supporting the program."

Special programs were presented by the Lexington-based Remix Education and motivational speaker and comedian Matt Bellace from Youth-to-Youth International.

Remix's high-energy, interactive program targeted to the younger students used hilarious mascot skits, crazy stunts, interactive games and motivational speaking to inform youth about the dangers of drugs as well as how to stand up to peer pressure.

Bellace encouraged older students to pursue "natural highs," make healthy choices, and learn how to become effective leaders. His presentation demonstrated that there are positive things they can do for themselves and others that will make a lasting difference.

UNITE used the summits to roll out information for the 2009-10 UNITE Clubs, Workshops for new and return-

ing club sponsors provided details on using innovative programs that will energize students and make a positive impact within their school and community.

Each school with a registered UNITE Club can request up to \$750 to be used for drug education, mentoring or community service projects during the current school year. In addition, all club members will receive a T-shirt bearing this year's "Piercing the Darkness of Drugs" theme.

This is the second year UNITE has hosted regional Youth Summits. In August 2007 there were 1,500 students from 89 schools in 24 counties at events held in Somerset and Prestonsburg.

"A one-day event will not, in and of itself, magically solve the deep-rooted problems associated with substance abuse," Engle noted. "These youth summits are intended to raise awareness of what is possible, and spark an excitement that will be taken back and shared within their schools and communities."

For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at [www.operationunite.org](http://www.operationunite.org)



Kiara Compton from Allen Central High School in Floyd County won an MP3 player, donated by Walmart, during the UNITE Youth Summit in Prestonsburg Thursday, Sept. 17. Approximately 2,900 students attended the event. Compton is pictured with UNITE Director Karen Engle.

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**Cinema 3—Held Over**  
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**Cinema 5—Held Over**  
 SORORITY ROW (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.  
**Cinema 6—Held Over**  
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 SURROGATES (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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 FAME (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.  
**Cinema 9—Starts Friday, Sept. 25**  
 PANDORUM (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.  
**Cinema 10—Held Over**  
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## Crowders push Rebs past Paintsville

*Allen Central defeats Paintsville for first time in school history*

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Logan and Hunter Crowder combined for over 270 total yards and scored all five of Allen Central's touchdowns Friday night as the Rebels defeated longtime district rival Paintsville for the first time in school

history. Allen Central, which finished with over 300 yards of total offense, gradually pulled away from the visiting Tigers after entering halftime out in front 8-6.

The Rebels and Tigers traded touchdowns in the first quarter. Allen Central, however, made good on its two-point conversion attempt following the first touchdown. The Rebels carried an 8-6 lead into halftime.

Allen Central (4-0, 1-0) dominated the second half, particularly the third quarter.

Logan Crowder scored twice for Allen Central in the third quarter as the Rebels pushed out in front 22-6. Hunter Crowder then rushed for two touch-

downs of his own.

The Tigers (2-3, 0-1) didn't have an answer for either of the Crowder boys.

Paintsville senior running back Nehemiah Doderer went over 1,000 yards for the season after picking up 170 yards via 27 carries. Doderer scored both of the Paintsville touchdowns.

The talented Paintsville running back rushed for the game's final touchdown on a 35-yard run with 1:08 showing on a fourth quarter scoreclock.

Allen Central will visit Pikeville Friday night in another key district matchup. Paintsville is set to travel to Pineville for a non-district game.



Senior Logan Crowder scored two touchdowns in Friday night's district win over Paintsville.

## Allen Central sweeps P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Allen Central earned its 22nd win of the season and fourth conference victory Thursday, defeating host Prestonsburg 2-0 in a high school volleyball match. The Rebels dominated Prestonsburg, defeating the home team 25-12, 25-10.

Katie Dingus paced Allen Central, landing four kills without an error while dropping in two service aces.

Mandy Howard dropped in three kills for the Rebels. Leigh Williams recorded five service aces and ran the offense 25 times, notching seven assists in the process.

Jaimie Mullins added five assists and an ace for the Rebels.

Defensively, libero Rebekah Potter scooped up four digs and Courtney Hodge stopped three for visiting Allen Central.

Kelsey Jones blocked two and interrupted two Blackcat kill attempts. Dingus blocked one for the Rebels.

Allen Central was back in action Tuesday at home versus Betsy Layne. The Allen Central-Betsy Layne match ended too late to make this edition.

## Bobcats fall to Magoffin

Maldonado scores lone Betsy Layne touchdown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SALYERSVILLE - One week after edging Jackson County 39-38 for its second win of the season, Betsy Layne couldn't remain in the win column Friday night against host Magoffin County. The Hornets erupted on the offensive side. Magoffin County (3-1) enjoyed one of its most explosive offensive performances of the Coach Chester McCoy Era as it defeated Betsy Layne 46-6.

Junior Dylan Maldonado accounted for Betsy Layne's lone touchdown.

Betsy Layne junior quarterback Nathan Martin was nine-of-16 passing for 130 yards and one interception.

Branston Jarrell hauled in a team-high four catches for the Bobcats. Jarrell raked up 65 yards receiving.

Landon Tackett and Casey Adkins each had two receptions for Betsy Layne in the non-district game.

Tackett also recorded an interception for the Bobcat defense.

Betsy Layne (2-2) will travel to Phelps Friday night for a key district matchup. Kickoff for the Betsy Layne-Phelps game is set for 7:30 p.m.



ABOVE: Prestonsburg defender Austin McKinney (36) worked his way through the Pikeville offensive unit Friday night. BELOW: Prestonsburg senior quarterback Michael Burchett (10) looked down the field.

## Blackcats pound Pikeville, 56-7

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Prestonsburg made itself right at home Friday night on the familiar Hambley Complex turf. The Blackcats rolled to their fifth win of the season, dismantling host Pikeville 56-7 in a lopsided game.

As a team, Prestonsburg rushed 33 times for 297 yards. Josh Craynon led the Blackcats in rushing, amassing 96 yards via 12 carries. Senior quarterback Michael Burchett, Joseph Jamerson and Bryson Williams each had over 50 yards rushing. Austin McKinney added 29 yards through four carries for the Blackcats.

Burchett completed 13-of-24 passes for 223 yards and three touchdowns.

Prestonsburg led 14-0 when the first quarter ended.

Jamerson, a promising young sophomore, allowed the Blackcats to vault out in front 7-0 when he scored on a 23-yard run and added a PAT kick. The Blackcats scored via special teams later in the first quarter when Cameron Tincher returned a Pikeville

punt 34 yards for a touchdown.

McKinney provided Prestonsburg its first touchdown in the second quarter as he scored on a 17-yard run. Craynon hit paydirt for Prestonsburg's final first half touchdown on a 49-yard run in the second quarter.

Pikeville's lone score came via special teams when Taylor Ratliff eluded Prestonsburg, returning a Blackcat kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown.

Craynon and Williams each had two touchdowns in the second half, scoring on a catch and a run each.

Homestanding Pikeville couldn't answer the high-powered Prestonsburg offense.

Defensively, McKinney, Tincher and Alex Griffith each had 12 tackles for the Blackcats. Griffith recorded 3.5 tackles for a loss in the road game.

Pikeville dropped to 1-3 following the loss.

Prestonsburg (5-0) will visit Sheldon Clark this Friday night for another non-district challenge.



## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

**Friday's games**  
Allen Central 34, Paintsville 14  
Belfry 53, Whitley County 23  
Ashland Blazer 26, Ironton, Ohio 12  
East Ridge 37, Hurley, Va. 32  
Hazard 63, Williamsburg 8  
Johnson Central 46, Middlesboro 22  
Lawrence County 49, Shelby Valley 14  
Magoffin County 46, Betsy Layne 6  
Perry County Central 50, Logan, W.Va. 18  
Phelps 38, Twin Valley, Va. 12  
Pike Central 46, Knott Central 19  
Pound, Va. 60, Jenkins 12

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

**Saturday's games**  
Kentucky 31, Louisville 27  
Alabama 23, Tennessee 13  
Louisiana State 31, La.-Lafayette 3  
South Carolina 38, Florida Atlantic 16  
Mississippi State 15, Vanderbilt 3  
Mississippi 52, SE Louisiana 6  
Auburn 41, West Virginia 30  
Virginia Tech 16, Southern Cal 13  
Cincinnati 28, Oregon State 18  
Ohio State 38, Toledo 0  
Notre Dame 33, Michigan State 30  
Marshall 17, Bowling Green 0  
Morehead State 13, N. Carolina Central 10  
Eastern Kentucky 17, Tennessee Tech  
Central Arkansas 28, Western Kentucky 7



KENTUCKY QUARTERBACK MIKE HARTLINE looked down the field during Saturday's home game against Louisville.

## Locke named SEC Special Teams Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky junior tailback Derrick Locke has been named the Southeastern Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, the league office announced Monday.

Locke returned four kickoffs for 191 yards, including a 100-yard jaunt for a touchdown, in Kentucky's 31-27 win over in-state rival Louisville. He became the first player in UK history, and the third in SEC history, to have two 100-yard TDs in his career. He also had a 100-yarder last season vs. Western Kentucky.

Locke's 191 kickoff return yards broke the UK single game record of 185 set by Keenan Burton in 2006 vs. Louisville. Locke had 310 all-purpose yards in the game, including 47 receiving yards and 72 rushing yards and a TD.

Locke is the first Wildcat to be named the SEC Special Teams Player of the Week since Keenan Burton vs. Mississippi State in 2006.

Alabama game selected by SEC Network: The Alabama at Kentucky game on Oct. 3 has been selected for live telecast by the SEC Network. Game time is 12:21 p.m.

The SEC Network is the group of over-the-air television stations that carries a league game each week, similar to the former Raycom Sports network. The game will be televised throughout the South and in selected markets across the nation.



UK running back Derrick Locke worked for yardage during Saturday's game versus rival Louisville.

## MSC: Bears come up short

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROME, Ga. — Twelfth-ranked Shorter College ended Saturday's game with 27 unanswered points to knock off Pikeville College 33-6 at Barron Stadium.

Shorter (2-1) had 227 yards rushing in the win, making up the lion's share of its 348 yards of total offense. Pikeville struggled offensively for the third time in as many games, finishing with 186 yards of offense. That, combined with five turnovers from the offensive unit, made for a rough afternoon for the visiting team.

Junior quarterback Ben Williams got the Hawks on the scoreboard with 10 seconds left in the opening period when he hit senior Jordan Hazard from 42 yards out. The PAT failed, keeping the score 6-0.

Pikeville (0-3) tied the game early in the second period when freshman quarterback Chase Ellis scored on a one-yard keeper. The score was set up by a 4th-and-11 pass from Ellis to sophomore Bobby

Owens that covered 28 yards. Owens made a fantastic diving catch at the one to keep the drive alive and set up the score.

The PAT was blocked to keep the score tied.

Shorter scored two more times before halftime on touchdowns only 59 seconds apart. Sophomore Antwon Appleton scored on a six-yard run before senior linebacker Logan Lollis picked up a fumble and returned it 45 yards for the touchdown. Junior David Guliford made both extra-points to send the teams to the half with Shorter on top 20-6.

The Hawks added scores in each of the final two quarters. Hazard scored them both, the first on a 22-yard run with 5:21 left in the third period and then caught a 60-yard pass from Williams in the fourth to set the final score.

Pikeville had 103 yards on 43 carries in the game, led by freshman Jeremy Mobley's 77 yards. Shorter was good for 227 yards on 45 carries, with Hazard leading the way with 74 yards on only six rushes.

In the air, two Pikeville quarterbacks combined to go 7-of-17 for 89 yards with two interceptions; Williams was 3-of-7 for 121 and two scores for the Hawks.

Owens led Pikeville receivers with 55 yards on three catches, while Hazard had 102 yards on two catches, both for touchdowns.

Junior Jarvis Griffin led Pikeville tacklers with seven, five of which were solo stops. But the highlight of the day for the Bears came early in the second quarter when senior linebacker Kenny Harris recorded the second of his five tackles, passing Justin Gordon as the all-time leader in total tackles in a career at Pikeville College.

Lollis, who had the touchdown on the fumble recovery, had eight tackles to lead the Hawks.

Pikeville will return home this Saturday night to play Kentucky Christian University at the Hambley Athletics Complex. Kickoff for the Pikeville-Kentucky Christian game is set for 6 p.m.



photos by Jamie Howell

**POTENT PASSER:** Prestonsburg quarterback Michael Burchett passed for over 200 yards in Friday night's victory over Pikeville.



### BLACKCAT DEFENSE

The Prestonsburg defensive unit didn't allow a touchdown during the road game versus Pikeville. The Panthers scored their lone touchdown via special teams.



## Duzan 45-yard field goal lifts MSU over NCCU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DURHAM, N.C. — Morehead State University freshman kicker Rainer Duzan kicked a game-winning 45-yard field goal in the second overtime period Saturday as the Eagles knocked off host North Carolina Central 13-10 at O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium. Morehead State improved to 2-1, while NCCU fell to 0-3.

In the first overtime, MSU got the offensive chance first but failed to score. Duzan missed a 38-yard field. NCCU then got its chance to win, but a 49-yard Frankie Cardelle field goal try fell short. The hosts got the first chance in the second overtime period, but on second down, MSU linebacker Wes McDermott intercepted a tipped pass by Johnson. McDermott had an opportunity to return the ball for a game-winning score, taking the ball back into NCCU territory before being wrestled out of bounds.

The Eagles lost offensive yardage on their offensive possession in the second overtime, but Duzan crushed the 45-yarder, and it just got over the cross-bar for the win.

"Not bad for a rookie," said MSU head coach Matt Ballard. "Someone asked me, 'Do you think [Duzan] can make it?', and I said the only thing that mattered at the that point was if Rainer believed he could make it. He is a special young man, and for a freshman to come into such a pressure situation and keep his composure tells me his is going to have special career here. In that second overtime we said that we were just going to keep it simple and try to get it to the middle of the field for Rainer."

In the first half, the MSU Eagles scored first as Ronnie McDermott was on the receiving end of an eight-yard touchdown pass from Evan Sawyer

at the 11:22 mark of the first quarter. Rainer Duzan added the PAT to make it a 7-0 MSU lead. The touchdown capped a four-play, 80-yard drive. On the drive, Sawyer hit Kevin Thomas down the sideline for a 39-yard gain.

After the kickoff, NCCU's Tim Shankle rambled 48 yards though the Eagle secondary to an apparent touchdown, but the play was nullified by a holding call on NCCU. MSU drove deep into NCCU territory on its next drive, but Sawyer's pass was picked off in the end zone.

NCCU then drove deep into MSU territory. The drive stalled at the MSU 14. A field goal attempt, however, was blocked by MSU's Henry Hudson. J.D. Cecil scooped up the free ball and returned it all the back to the NCCU 36-yard line where MSU started its third drive.

North Carolina Central had three chances at the end zone with less than 10 seconds left in the first half, but MSU held strong in the secondary. With no time left, NCCU kicker Frankie Cardelle missed a 28-yard field goal, and the visiting Eagles went into the locker room still holding onto a 7-0 advantage.

NCCU out-gained MSU 165-149 in the first half, but in the red zone, MSU was 1-for-1 while the host team was 0-for-2.

The host Eagles tied the game at seven near the end of the third quarter. An eight-play, 71 yard drive was finished off with a Michael Johnson to Geovanie Irvine 23-yard touchdown connection with 1:06 left in the period.

MSU got a huge break with 10:44 left in the game. Punting from his own 28, Zach Burgess' boot was muffed by NCCU return man Tony McCord. Keaton May raced in

and recovered the ball at the NCCU 17-yard line. The drive stalled at the 10-yard line, but Duzan came on and drilled a 27-yard field goal to give MSU a 10-7 lead with 9:14 left.

The hosts rallied though to tie the game at 10-10 at the 4:10 mark. Cardelle nailed a 38-yard field goal on a fourth and two situation.

MSU drove into NCCU territory, but with 1:53 left — on a fourth down play — Sawyer was sacked, and the Eagles gave the ball over on downs. MSU, however, held again on defense and the game went to overtime.

Jerrold Pendleton led the Eagles on offense with 113 total yards, including a team best 73 on the ground off 17 carries. In the passing game, Sawyer was 11-for-25 for 121 yards and had two interceptions and the touchdown.

Hudson topped the defense with nine total tackle, including one for a loss. The Eagles had tackles behind the line of scrimmage. J.D. Cecil registered 2.5 tackles for loss and seven total stops, and Mark Hall had two.

"Our guys stepped up to a tremendous challenge today," Ballard said. "We knew coming in here we were going to have an epic battle and that we would have to maintain a high level of play the entire game. We absolutely did that, and once again like always, our guys rose up. Our defense was so intense today."

It was just the fifth overtime game in Morehead State history and it was the first overtime road win for MSU. The last overtime game prior to Saturday was in 2004, a 36-33 loss at Duquesne.

The Eagles will host Butler University for Family Weekend on Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium.

## Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Deer Tracking Tips

by LEE McLELLAN  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — I got lucky with my first deer. I took a shot with my .243 rifle and the deer ran straight towards my tree stand, dropping 20 yards away. That early dose of beginner's luck was just what I needed to build my confidence and bring me back for my next hunt. But as I get ready for my fifth deer season, I've learned just how rare that scenario really is.

Even the best shots often result in the need to track a deer. A lethally shot deer can run 100 yards or more, leaving the hunter to pick through thick brush in search of tiny drops of blood. Avoid common mistakes and follow these guidelines to make deer tracking easier this season.

"The first big mistake people make is not paying very careful attention to where the deer was standing when they shot it," said Tina Brunjes, a longtime deer hunter and big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The second thing they do is jump right down after they shoot the deer and go after it."

Immediately after you take a shot, memorize the spot where the deer stood by identifying trees or other landmarks close by. If bowhunting, you may even want to shoot a blunt-tipped arrow into the ground where the deer stood. The landscape looks different from the ground than it does from a tree stand.

Brunjes gets down from her stand soon after she shoots a deer — but she doesn't begin tracking right away.

"Usually I come straight down and go to where the deer was standing," she said. "I look at what I'm dealing with. I'm looking for evidence that I hit the deer, like blood and hair. Then I wait. I give the deer 30 to 45 minutes."

Hunters who begin to track immediately risk pushing an injured deer farther into the woods. A well-hit deer may lie down soon after the shot, but it could jump up and run if it feels threatened by an approaching hunter.

Hunters should begin tracking from the spot where the deer was hit after waiting for a time.

"If you're lucky there will be a blood trail and you can follow it; but you have to really search for those drops," Brunjes said. "What you don't want to do is just take off in the direction you think the deer went and stomp all over that trail. Follow it as closely and carefully as possible."

Mark each drop you find with flagging tape, toilet paper wrapped around weeds or small limbs, or anything else you have in your pack that will stay put. If you lose the trail, you can return to your last marked place and begin again. If you're having trouble finding the next drop, walk in increasingly large circles, like a bull's-eye, around the last place that you found a drop.

The shape of a blood drop can tell you a lot. If the drop is round, that means the deer was standing still. But if the drop is teardrop-shaped, that means the deer was moving. The pointed end of the teardrop will point in the direction the deer traveled. Keep in mind the drops may be spread out quite a bit. Be patient. Also remember you must have permission to cross onto another landowner's property if the track leaves the farm or wildlife management area where you are hunting.

Lastly, before you go afield be sure to pack a few things that will make deer tracking easier. Brightly colored flagging tape is a tremendous help in marking a trail. Some kind of light is a necessity in case you have to track at night. If you're not familiar with the terrain you are hunting, consider taking a map, compass or GPS, since tracking a deer can take you much farther into unknown territory.

Kentucky's statewide archery deer season is going on now. Youth-only firearms weekend is coming up Oct. 10-11, and early muzzleloader season is Oct. 17-18. For complete hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2009-10 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, available at fw.ky.gov and wherever hunting licenses are sold. Hunters should also be sure to visit fw.ky.gov to print an updated page 3 of the guide. The updated page clarifies equipment regulations for holders of valid concealed carry deadly weapon permits.



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# State lawmakers look at wind, other alternative energies

FRANKFORT—State lawmakers heard plans Friday to create power in Kentucky from wind and make fuel from plants instead of petroleum at a future biodiesel plant in Winchester.

Scott Sykes with Genesis Development, an Elkhorn City-based wind energy company that plans to develop large scale wind energy projects atop reclaimed or abandoned coal mines in Eastern Kentucky, told lawmakers on the Special Subcommittee on Energy that there are now 25 gigawatts of power produced by wind energy in the U.S.

Wind power, he added, is the fastest growing energy source in the world.

"So, wind power is ready. The question is, is Kentucky ready? I believe that it is," Sykes said. Wind power can complement Kentucky's existing fossil-fuel industry by supplementing the work of that industry rather than competing with it, he said.

"It's all about weaning ourselves off foreign oil and being able to diversify coal," he said. "We're not wanting to compete with coal, by any means—we want to be able to partner with them. Coal is very important to the economy of Eastern Kentucky, and do we appreciate that."

Dr. Bruce Pratt of Eastern Kentucky University explained plans for a pilot plant in Winchester and Clark County will produce around 2 million gallons of biodiesel a year from biomass like switch grass and corn stoker.

The pilot plant, which is a partnership between EKV and California-based General Atomics among others, will cost around \$20-25 million to build and will precede the partnership's planned construction of a 50 million gallon commercial plant.

The EKV/General Atomics biofuel project is in its first phase of planning, with the first round of federal funding received Sept. 3, Pratt said. The pilot plant will be constructed during the second phase of the project after the biofuel produced during the first phase is found to be engine-compatible.

"What you are trying to do here is buy down the technology so we can attract private investors to go into the final phase, which is commercialization," Pratt said. The commercial plant will require one million metric tons of biomass from within 50 miles of the plant to produce biofuel at between \$1.65 and \$4 per gallon. It will also require additional funding, which Pratt said the partnership hopes to receive.

Besides helping the environment, Pratt said the use of biofuels would bolster homeland security.

"Right now 60 percent of our oil is coming from outside the United States. Some of that

oil is coming from parts of the world that are not necessarily friendly to the United States, like Venezuela, or that are not necessarily politically stable," Pratt said. In 2008 alone, the U.S. spent approximately \$327 billion on foreign oil, he said.

"If we could just displace 10 percent of our imported oil, that's almost \$33 billion that stays in the United States—that stays in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Pratt said. Having a biofuels industry in Kentucky, he said,

would have an economic impact that would be "multiplied several times."

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said that the biofuel project planned by EKV and General Atomics is a good model to follow.

"This can be replicated with biomass in a lot of different areas (in the United States)," Moberly said, adding that the fuel and be produced and used locally without costly transport.

Subcommittee Co-Chair

Rep. Keith Hall, D-PHELPS, said supporting agriculture is important as well.

"I think it's very instrumental that we find ways to utilize our farms and our facilities to get the best bang for our buck and create energy for the future," Hall said.

Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, said he supports the biofuel efforts of EKV and General Atomics but that other options, like turning fossil fuel into energy sources, shouldn't be overlooked.

"We can take and make diesel fuel from coal and that doesn't take 10 years to develop; that can be done today," Gooch said. "We need to be considering everything and not dismiss things that can be done today."

Also testifying before the committee was Roger Ford with CNG Energy, who spoke about his company's efforts to commercialize alternative transportation fuels including compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas and hydrogen.

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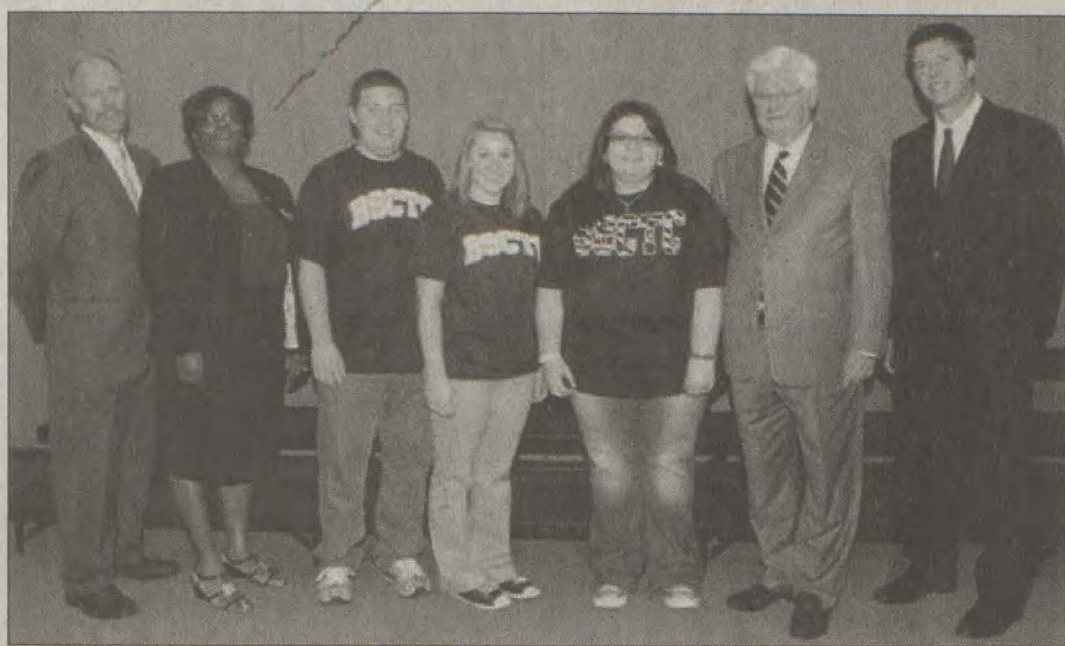
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# Students from Kentucky colleges and universities converge at Center for Rural Development to address region's top student-retention issues



Student representatives from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, third from left, Adam Gearheart, Floyd County; Emily Arnett, Magoffin County; and Jeanna Smith, Johnson County, joined students from 15 Kentucky colleges and universities at a Collegiate Summit on Sept. 18 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Ky. hosted by The Center's Higher Education Consortium. BSCTC representatives and program participants are, from left, Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center for Rural Development; faculty member Vera Joiner, students, U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers and JP Blevins. Rogers and Blevins, a former University of Kentucky basketball player and motivational speaker, were the keynote speakers at the event, which brought college students from across the region together to discuss issues contributing to the out-migration of some of the best and brightest in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The summit was funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission.

by SHARON DODSON  
THE CENTER FOR RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

SOMERSET — To get a deeper look into issues in rural Kentucky that often lead students to leave the area, The Center for Rural Development's Higher Education Consortium went to the source—today's college students and the future leaders of Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The Consortium invited student representatives from Kentucky colleges and universities serving The Center's 42-county primary service area—including Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.—to come together at a regional summit on Friday, Sept. 18, for a candid discussion on issues contributing to the out-migration of many of the region's best and brightest students.

Dressed in their school colors, students met at The Center's headquarters in

Somerset to provide input on how to retain youth and keep more future leaders in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The event, entitled "Project IDEAS" (Insight and Dialogue Engaging Appalachian Students), was funded by the Appalachian Regional

Commission (ARC).

U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), served as the event's keynote speaker.

"Our young people today face a new generation of resources and obstacles," Rogers said at a luncheon for the participants. "We need to know their concerns about issues like the economy, education, healthcare, technology, and jobs.

"Our college students," he added, "have a wealth of new ideas for the future of Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

During the summit, participants were encouraged to freely share their thoughts and concerns and speak out on issues affecting student retention. Their input is critical toward the belief of Congressman Rogers—and shared by The Center—that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her

future."

"A prominent challenge facing young people in Eastern Kentucky is mindset," participant Tara Burchett, a student at Pikeville College, said. "For this generation, growing up surrounded by drugs, poor lifestyles habits, and less-than-

ideal economic conditions has enforced a negative perspective about the future.

"Retaining youth in this area will require a means to change how they feel about and see themselves in their

(See COLLEGE, page 14)

## Fall South Lake Horse Ride at Fishtrap Lake

The ride is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26, and will last from 10 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m.

The event is free to everyone, and at the second camp site there will be food served.

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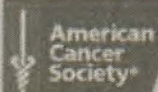
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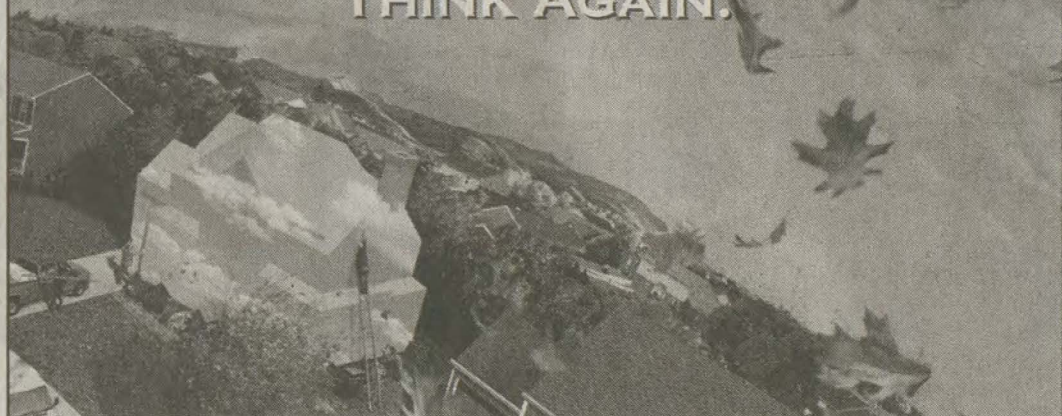
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# Poverty Task Force holds first meeting

FRANKFORT - Members of the Poverty Task Force held the first of their four meetings Monday in an effort to develop comprehensive anti-poverty legislation for the 2010 Regular Session General Assembly.

"The Bible says the poor will always be with us, but we have to try to take care of them," said House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, who is chairing the task force alongside Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard.

The initial meeting was staged as an information-gathering exercise, with a presentation by Drs. James P. Ziliak and Richard Fording from the University of Kentucky's Center for Poverty Research. The two professors introduced some statistics on the commonwealth's comparative poverty before suggesting possible policy solutions.

One in six Kentuckians lived below the federal poverty line as of 2008, Fording said, the fourth

highest rate among all states. "Keep in mind this doesn't include the bulk of the recession," he noted, indicating that current rates are likely to be even higher.

Certain demographics fare even worse, Fording said, with minorities, female-headed families, rural families, those with less than a high school education, and children all having higher rates. Ninety-five of the state's 120 counties had child poverty rates of 20 percent or more as of 2007, and three counties had rates of more than 50 percent.

Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, noted that he represented two of those counties, and that the federal poverty threshold did not account for local differences in the cost of living. Ziliak acknowledged that there were some shortcomings in federal data, but that it proved useful in tracking trends.

Rep. Addia Wuchner, R-

Burlington, pointed out that even in relatively well-to-do counties, there are pockets of poverty, and that effective programs are crucial in every county.

Among the programs tried by other states in reducing poverty are early education and home nurse visits, Ziliak said. "The seeds for dropping out (of high school) are planted earlier," he remarked, and a high school education or more are crucial in the modern economy. Reaching children before they reach the age of 3 can have a tremendous impact on later achievement, he said.

Several lawmakers also said that additional opportunities for vocational education are essential to keep all students on a path toward personal prosperity. The UK researchers observed that workforce training helped boost the benefits of economic development subsidies to businesses as well.

Modernizing the tax code and establishing a state earned income tax credit could also result in more Kentuckians joining the work force, Ziliak said. Subsidies for child care and incentives for savings accounts could also help people lift themselves out of poverty, he said.

Expansion of broadband capability and other technology

was a favorite of several legislators. "The Internet provides access to information that the folks in the urban areas can get every day," said Rep. Richard Henderson, D-Jeffersonville. Rep. Leslie Combs, D-Pikeville, remarked that in many poverty-stricken areas of the state, large service providers choose not to expand their service because it's

not cost-effective, and Kentuckians suffer as a result.

Lawmakers throughout the meeting suggested options and programs that have worked or could provide promise. "It's becoming clear to me that a multi-field approach is critical," said Rep. Kelly Flood, D-Lexington.

## Airport Day is Saturday

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD - Big Sandy Regional Airport is fueling up the planes for its eighth annual Airport Day, and Gary Cox couldn't be happier.

"We're going to have a Black Hawk helicopter on display there this year," Cox said. "And we're going to have it so kids can have their pictures taken in it."

Also, as usual, airport staff will offer airplane rides at

reduced rates for those who visit, the featured attraction of the event and something Cox said has been extremely popular over the past decade.

Last year alone, some 170 people took rides, the most ever, according to Cox.

"There's nothing better than seeing how happy these people are after taking the flight," continued Cox. "Some of them say they are happy they faced their fear and were happy for having done it. Others are just amazed at how beautiful Floyd County

is from the air."

Also on tap is the car and motorcycle shows which will see someone given a trophy for best vintage car and best motorcycle. These events have no entry fees, Cox said, adding that everything excluding the rides and concessions will be free at this year's event.

Airport Day is scheduled this year for Saturday, Sept. 26, and will start at noon and run until 6 p.m.

For more information call (606) 298-5930.

## Prestonsburg Idol returns

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - It's that time of year again when musicians are tuning up and stretching their vocal chords in preparation to compete in Prestonsburg Idol.

Tryouts for the annual competition is set for Saturday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at city stage in downtown.

"The previous winners are very talented," said Brent Graden, Prestonsburg's director of economic development. "I can't wait to see who is going to win this year."

Previous contest winners include Bobby Caudill, Eric Madden and Holly Thompson. Each of these contestants were awarded the grand prize of their own recording time at the Mountain Arts Center. The time was spent making a three-song demo CD.

"The tryout will consist of a single performer singing a song of their choice 'a capella' or voice only in front of our Downtown Alive crowd," Graden said.

After this performance, the public at large will vote for their favorite online to determine the finalist for the big

show during the Jenny Wiley Festival.

As opposed to their tryout 'a capella' solo routine, during this performance contestants will have a house band to accompany them.

"If it is like the performances in the past, we will have future stars coming out of our area very soon," added Graden. Those voting for their favorites online can do so by visiting [www.ljproductionsvideo.com](http://www.ljproductionsvideo.com).

The final show will take place on Oct. 8.

## Scores

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however, with rankings of 153rd in science, 157th in social studies and 147th in writing.

At the individual school level, May Valley Elementary enjoyed the most success on the test, ranking in the top 10 out of 743 schools statewide in 4-out-of-5 test subjects. May Valley ranked first in the state in reading, second in math and

sixth in writing. May Valley was joined by Duff Elementary in not only ranking first in the state in social studies, but also in placing 100 percent of the two schools' students in either the proficient or distinguished categories. In science, the one subject where May Valley was not in the top 10 schools, students were still ranked 18th.

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- Bluegrass 4x4 Jeep Cruise-In 10:30 a.m.
- (Plus RTI Ramp Competition)
- Evansville Dulcimers & Folk Group 11:30 a.m.
- Tractor Pull 12:00 p.m.
- Coca Cola Classic Talent Contest 1:00 p.m.

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## September is Pain Awareness Month

### CONQUERING PAIN TOGETHER!

**Physician Credentials:** The training for interventional pain physician must provide a foundation of clinical experience where supervised procedures are performed with predictable safety and efficacy.

The only way to evaluate the physicians' training is to verify his/her credentials. Optimally, physicians who practice pain management will have Board Certification in a primary specialty (eg: anesthesiology, neurosurgery, orthopedic surgery, neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation) and a subspecialty certification (additional qualification) in pain medicine. On completion of this additional qualification, those physicians who are interventional pain procedure-oriented should avail themselves of the examination offered by the World Institute of Pain (WIP), the FIPP (Fellow of Interventional Pain Practice) examination and also the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians that offers the ABIPP (American Board of Interventional Pain Practice) examination. The ABIPP examination has two parts: Part I is the examination on coding, compliance and use of pain medications while Part II is the FIPP examination. The FIPP (ABIPP Part II) examination requires the examinee to perform four procedures on cadavers and pass an oral examination where clinical case information is discussed in detail while two examiners observe and evaluate the skill of the physician.

**Better education and training leads to better patient care and outcome from therapy.**

**Access to Pain:** Pain is a growing national public health crisis that affects an estimated 76.5 million people. More than one-quarter of Americans (26%) age 20 years and over report that they have had a problem with pain that persisted for more than 24 hours in duration. This number does not account for acute pain. Pain affects more American than diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined. Despite this prevalence, access to appropriate and effective pain care remains a barrier for many Americans.

**Barriers for pain care include:**

- limited access to healthcare systems, including health insurance or choice of provider;
- limited access to prescribed pain treatments once within those systems;
- limited access to sites of care or pharmacies that carry prescription pain medication;
- limited access to appropriately trained pain specialists;
- limited pain research funding;
- negative stereotypes about pain patients that prevent early and aggressive treatment.

**Barriers disproportionately affect women and minorities:**

- Medically underserved populations endure a disproportionate pain burden in all health care settings.
- Disparities exist among racial and ethnic minorities in pain perception, assessment and treatment for all types of pain.

**Improving access to care makes sound financial sense:**

- Untreated pain drives up the cost of healthcare
- Extends length of stay in hospitals
- Increases emergency room visits and unplanned clinic visits
- Untreated pain indirectly costs loss of wages and productivity of both people with pain and their caregivers.
- American employers lose billions of dollars a year on employee absenteeism as a result of pain.
- American employers lose an estimated \$61.2 billion per year in lost productivity among active workers with pain conditions.

**When pain is treated properly, many people can resume their lives:**

- Successful pain treatment is individualized and there is evidence that multi-modal approaches are most effective.
- By improving access to pain care, Americans in pain can receive the services they need in order to lead healthy, productive lives.

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such as Bob White, who have outstanding bills dating as far back as June, according to county records.

At the time of the flooding, the county had approximately \$2 million in its general fund, and has now spent more than that original amount.

County Treasurer David Layne spent time Tuesday helping arrange a plan for some

relief to the situation, the centerpiece of which was to borrow \$1.5 million from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) and take what the county had left in its general fund to pay as many contractors as possible to catch up dues until August.

"We have \$400,000 we can spend today. Otherwise, we have to borrow," Layne told

county leaders. "We do not have the cash to pay \$1.3 million today."

The \$1.3 million was the magic number Tuesday, the amount that would catch up outstanding bills from contractors until August.

In the earlier parts of the work session, Marshall and other county leaders showed reluctance to borrow money,

fearing old threats would resurface.

"I'm not in favor of borrowing," Marshall said. "We don't want to go through layoffs like before."

The unprecedented part of this riches-to-rags story comes about when considering that the federal government has not yet released the funds to the state. There have been times in the past when money was held up (the county had to borrow \$1.5

million following flooding in 2001). But, at that time, the delay was due to the state placing a hold on the funding.

A pivotal moment during the work session came when Layne stated outright what all had been skirting around for most of the afternoon.

"You're going to have to borrow money," Layne told court members Tuesday.

The idea is to borrow from KACo the \$1.5 million on a line

of credit that would be repaid within a year and use the approximately \$400,000 to contractors with bills dating the farthest back across the county's four districts.

The gamble is whether or not enough FEMA money will be in hand by that time to make good on the loan. When taking a risk, what's the best outlook to have?

"Look for the worst, hope for the best," said Marshall.

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Walk held for cystic fibrosis

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Students from the honors program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College hope that people will take to the track for the Great Strides Walkathon for Cystic Fibrosis on Saturday at the Prestonsburg campus.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disease that causes mucus to build up and clog some of the major organs in the body, including

the lungs and pancreas.

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation website, approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States have cystic fibrosis, and around 10 million more have the defective gene.

As a result of research made possible in part by donations and the work of charity organizations, the average lifespan of a person afflicted with cystic fibrosis has raised from 12 to 37 years.

"The Honors Scholars Fundraisers have set a dona-

tion goal of \$1,000 for the event," said Mary S. Wallen, honors committee member and coordinator of the Great Strides Walkathon. "Anyone is welcomed to join in the walk, either alone or with a team."

All donations collected for the upcoming event must be turned in by Friday.

The walk is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information on how to participate, contact Mary S. Wallen at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64671, or by e-mail at Mary.Wallen@kctcs.edu.

Plea

(Valium), clonazepam (Klonopin) and tramadol (Ultram) — and approximately \$1,900 in cash were discovered in the store.

According to the plea agreement, Johnson will receive 10 years for the first-degree trafficking charges and two years for the second-degree charges. He will have to serve eight years in jail,

with the remaining four years to be under supervised probation.

Johnson's case was continued this past spring after the Wheelwright native experienced health problems and Turner said Monday the 58-year-old had recently claimed to have turned his life around following his arrest.

"I've received a lot of

phone calls on his behalf in the last little bit and he may be sincere, but he still did what he did," said Turner. "It was a known fact for many years proceeding this that there was drug activity in his store."

Johnson is now being held at the Floyd County Detention Center while awaiting final sentencing before Circuit Judge Danny Caudill.

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Festival

The school children appeared to enjoy the variety of activities and displays at the festival, with long lines for balloons, blacksmithing and sack races drawing the most interest on Friday.

The activities and displays also caught the attention of many adults, including the parents of the school children and those who decided to stop by and see what was going on and to check out the traditional Irish music played by two musicians.

"I really enjoyed the music

and watching the blacksmiths work," said Carl Turner, of McDowell. "I like some of these crafts, too. It's impressive to see people creating things like baskets and dulcimers."

The festival also featured a variety mountain music, furniture making, clogging, instru-

ment making, storytelling and a sledgehammer competition.

The Kentucky Highland Folk Festival was created in 1964 by Edith Fitzgerald James. The festival was created to preserve the music tradition and heritage of eastern Kentucky and present it to the public.

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**NOTICE TO UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF KAREN JOHNSON WARNING ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF KAREN JOHNSON, that a civil action has been filed against her in Floyd Circuit Court, Division I, as C.A. No.: 09-CI-940. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in this matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

September 23, 2009

Kentucky Housing Corporation  
1231 Louisville Road  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Mark Offerman, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer  
(800) 633-8896

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC).

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 9, 2009, KHC will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release TCAP funds under Title VI of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), to undertake the Preston's Crossing project. Preston's Crossing will consist of the construction of 24 units of affordable housing for families and an on site community building, picnic area and playground to be used solely by the residents at Town Branch Road/County Road 3384 in Prestonsburg, KY with approximately \$932,792 in TCAP funds.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

KHC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to KHC, Attn. Mark Offerman, at the above address. All comments received by October 8, 2009 will be considered by KHC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

KHC certifies to HUD that Mark Offerman, in his official capacity as Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Chief Operating Officer of KHC, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows KHC to use Program Funds

**OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and KHC's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by KHC's Certifying Officer; or (b) KHC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Theresa Andrews, CPD Representative, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 601 West Broadway, Room 110, Louisville, KY 40202. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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surroundings," Burchett said. "The youth need to know that they can rise from whatever issue has tainted their mind-set."

Career-based job opportunities are also critical in order to retain graduates, fellow participant and Alice Lloyd

College student Sydney Whitaker added.

"South Eastern Kentucky provides few stable job opportunities outside of the medical and education fields," he said. "Greater entrepreneurship possibilities are a critical step in retaining young people in this

area." Such input will be used to help the organization shape strategic planning toward retaining the region's youth, according to Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center.

"As the current and future leaders of our local communities, state and nation," Lawson said, "we wanted to capture their enthusiasm, thoughts, and insight on improving the quality of life in Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

"We must work to assure that young adults have opportunities to receive a quality education near their homes," Dr. Jo Marshall, co-chair of The Center's Higher Education Consortium and president of Somerset Community College, added. "As we improve the opportunities for educational accomplishments for them, we improve the chance that they will spend their adult years here."

Former University of Kentucky basketball player JP Blevins also attended the event and spoke to students about how important it is for them to

have goals, dreams, and a vision for the future.

He shared his inspirational story with participants, challenging them to create a vision and "set their game up to win" through the recognition of their natural skills, talents, and abilities.

"Being able to share with the best and brightest of our area is an opportunity that I do not take lightly," Blevins said. "I understand the importance of retaining this kind of talent and challenge them to make a difference in the lives of their communities."

Blevins, from rural Metcalfe County, realized his childhood dream in 1998 when he earned a spot on the University of Kentucky Wildcats basketball team and played four years under former head coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith.

Ideas and insight generated

from the collegiate summit will also be shared with the region's leaders and the ARC.

"Thanks to the ARC, a new line of communication opened today between our students and current leaders," Rogers said. "Together, we hope to find solutions for immediate problems and those that could meet our students at retirement age."

Attending the summit were representatives from Big Sandy Community and Technical College, University

of Louisville, Somerset Community College, Alice Lloyd College, University of the Cumberlands, Campbellsville University, Morehead State University, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Union College, Pikeville College, Lincoln Memorial University, Hazard Community and Technical College, and Berea College.

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# SBDC workshop set for Oct. 13 in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG — Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center will present a "Lender's Workshop" on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The free workshop will be held at the Morehead State University at Prestonsburg campus, Postsecondary Education Building, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

The workshop will provide needed small business loan information to enable area loan officers to better assist potential applicants in obtaining financing for their business ventures. Representatives


from the Small Business Administration (SBA) will present information regarding SBA loan programs, changes in requirements for loans, new filing processes, and to answer pertaining to SBA services.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

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So maybe I'm a little quick on the draw, claiming the story I'm about to tell you is undeniably the most wonderful thing you'll hear today. But I'd be willing to bet it's in the Top Three!

This story starts in an Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratory in Logan, Utah, where the scientists study poisonous plants. The impetus for this story was one scientist's curiosity about why some cows give birth to offspring crippled by "crooked calf syndrome" (CCS), which is just what it sounds like: poor little animals with their legs and back all twisted and bent.

That scientist wasn't the first to wonder about this. Researchers realized in the 1960s that pregnant cows that grazed on plants called lupines ran a significantly higher risk of giving birth to calves affected by CCS. These calves can have a number of birth defects, including cleft palate.

What's the connection between CCS and lupines? Some lupine varieties contain concentrations of alkaloid toxins that ebb and peak through the life of the plant. Livestock usually begin to graze the lupines in early July, typically the same time of year when pregnant cows' fetuses begin the physical movements essential for their normal development.

During this period, the alkaloids in the lupines can cross the placental barrier and temporarily paralyze the fetus. One action that gets stopped is the dropping of the calf's tongue, which up to that point is positioned between the two palatal shelves in the top of the animal's mouth; when the tongue drops down out of the way, the palate's sides can merge.

This typically happens around 38 days after conception in goats, and around 50 days in cows. But if the fetus isn't moving, because of the effects of the lupine alkaloids, the tongue doesn't drop, the palate doesn't close, and a cleft palate results.

You may be thinking, "And why should I care about this?" Here's why: A plastic surgeon, who was developing prenatal surgical techniques to repair cleft palates in humans, heard about the ARS scientist's work and got in touch. You may not realize this, but clefting anomalies—either cleft palate, cleft lips or both—are the second most common birth defect in the United States, affecting about 1 in every 700 people.

While cleft palate isn't life-threatening, a range of surgical procedures that typically start before a baby is a year old and often continue into adulthood is required to reconstruct the palatal anatomy disrupted by clefting.

But—and I find this amazing—fetal tissue that's damaged before birth can often heal without any scarring. So the plastic surgeon wanted to see if prenatal cleft palate repair could result in a normal functional palate.

The surgeon and the ARS scientist teamed up, working on Spanish goats. The scientist induced clefting in goat fetuses by feeding pregnant goats the right (or, we probably should say, the wrong) plants, and ultrasound confirmed that the fetal activity temporarily stopped during exposure to the plants' toxins.

Then the plastic surgeon and—over the course of a decade—half a dozen surgical residents performed prenatal cleft palate repairs on dozens of fetal goats that had been exposed in utero to the toxin.

The results? All the pregnant goats and all the fetuses survived the surgery. The muscle and mucosal structures of the repaired palates were virtually indistinguishable from the palates of goats that never had clefting defects. The repaired palates had none of the scarring typically associated

(See **SCIENCE**, page four)



# YARD OF THE MONTH

## Woman's Club spotlights Lancer home

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The focal point of Jennifer Martin's yard are the shrubs, and the Prestonsburg Woman's Club recently noticed the well-maintained woody plants and named Martin's yard as its Yard of the Month for September.

While many of the yards selected as Yard of the Month have an abundance of flowers and other brightly colored plants that grab the attention of those who pass by, Martin is most proud of the shrubs that she and her husband planted over 20 years ago.

Martin's home, located at Lancer, is the last house on its street. The shrubs surround the house along with various flowers and other plants.

"We started planting shrubbery around 25 years ago," Martin said. "My husband, Tim Martin, dug them all. We both work in the yard. I think it looks neat and I love shrubbery, flowers and plants. I water the flowers as needed. It's not a daily job, but you have to keep the shrubs cut back. We usually try and trim them every couple of weeks."

Martin's yard is the second recent Yard of the Month located in Lancer, with the yard of Jimmy Derosset and Linda Derosset earning the honor last month.



### Prestonsburg man is Pumpkin King

Dwight Slone is officially the king of pumpkins in Kentucky, breaking the state record for the largest pumpkin during the Kentucky Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off competition held in Nancy on Saturday. Slone's record-breaking pumpkin weighed in at 1,278 pounds. In August, Slone won the second place award at the Indiana State Fair with a 1,145 pound pumpkin.



# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,  
70 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

(September 17 and 22,  
1999)

Cliff Daniels, whose son died of bacterial meningitis in early August before Floyd County Schools opened spoke emotionally, to parents at Betsy Layne Elementary yesterday morning. He was critical of local schools and health authorities because he thought they did not take the death of his son, 14-year-old Clifford Dexter "Cliff" Daniels, seriously enough. He spoke later at John M. Stumbo Elementary, where a group of parents joined hands in prayer before in the 1 p.m. meeting.

Parents gathered Thursday, at Betsy Layne and John M. Stumbo Elementary schools to have questions answered from state health officials about the recent scare concerning meningitis in the schools. Their fears resulted in the continued closure of Betsy Layne High School and two elementaries. The schools were closed early on Wednesday and all day Thursday after the majority of parents at the schools kept their children home after a Betsy Layne student, Jessica Bentley reportedly had contracted bacterial meningitis. Six schools in eastern Kentucky—including Osborne and McDowell elementary schools—have been chosen to take part in a pilot program for reading improvement. Called Clothes For Curriculum, it's described as a fresh way for schools to implement the project Read Program. The program was announced Tuesday afternoon at McDowell by Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Luther Johnson, 62, of Prestonsburg, has been sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court, following his guilty plea to nine counts of wanton endangerment and three counts of second degree assault. Johnson was accused of entering Archer Clinic on January 14, 1998, waving and pointing a gun at doctors of patients and hitting several persons with a cane.

The Kentucky Appalachian Advisory Council will host a public meeting on adult education on September 20, at Southeast Community College in Cumberland. The goal is to gather citizen input on issues, related to adult education including accessibility effective delivery systems and culturally-appropriate mechanisms.

If asked what business field they're in a trio of theft suspects in Prestonsburg might answer "Transportation." The items they're accused of stealing—a riding lawn mower jet ski and four-wheeler—can all be used for a getaway but these three got caught. Arrested and taken into custody were: Jimmy Blanton, 20, of Prestonsburg, Brandy Crabtree, 22, of Tera Lane, in Prestonsburg, and an unidentified juvenile.

Little progress has been made in the dispute between Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC) and Service Employees International Union, (SEIU), but the two sides began working, Monday, with state mediator Larry M. Roberts of Lexington. According to Kathy McConnell SEIU organizer, the negotiating is "cumbersome" because the offers are relayed from one party to the other and representatives do not meet together. McCormick said it "slows" the process.

After listening to the parents concerns about the dress code at Adams Middle School during Monday night's regular meeting, the Site-Based Decision Making Council (SBDM) told the parents the way to make changes was to go through the school's attendance/discipline committee.

Cleanup—it's a big job, but it just might get done—especially with a little help from friends in high places. US Representative Hal Rogers has announced that seven more cleanup projects in Floyd County have been funded to the tune of \$140,000.

As the strike by more than 300 union workers at Highlands Regional Medical Center continues, a rally near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park attracted several hundred union members and sympathizers, including members of the United Steelworkers and United Mine Workers.

There died: Malta Reed Miller, 99, of Auxier, Saturday, September 11, in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville; George Frasure, 64, of Ashtabula, Ohio, Sunday, September 12, at the Wade Park VA Hospital; Rose Mary Hicks, 69, of David, Wednesday, September 15, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert "Bob" Webb, 67, of Cleveland, Tennessee, formerly of Sumiton, Alabama, Friday, September 10, in Cleveland, Tennessee; Denver Compton, 78, of Weeksbury, Wednesday, September 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jennifer Lynn Hager, 37, of Prestonsburg, Monday, September 20, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Elizabeth Ann Blackburn Cesco, 85, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, September 15, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Arliss W. Samons, 71, of Lima, Ohio, Thursday, September 16, in Lima Memorial Hospital; Carleton A. Banks, 92, of Garrett, Saturday, September 18, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Henry Bash Slone, 62, of Pippa Passes, Sunday, September 19, at Tri County Hospital, La Grange; Judy G. Briggs, 52, of Hager Hill, an associate professor of nursing at Prestonsburg, Community

College, Tuesday, September 21, at her home; Nokomis Slone, 72, of Leburn, Friday, September 17, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Melvin P. Prater, 58, West Milligrove, Ohio, Friday, September 3, at his residence.

## Twenty Years Ago

(September 20 & 22,  
1989)

Workers labored around the clock to put out fires in an abandoned underground coal mine along KY 7 at Wayland.

An overflowing room, a rain storm, and a persistent fire alarm, all accompanied the Fiscal Court's regular monthly session September 15 but the court were on.

A traffic accident led to the apprehension of Anthony G. Lucas, formerly of McDowell, who was wanted by the law enforcement authorities in Texas on a charge of felony theft.

Four escapees from the Martin County jail remained at large, after allegedly striking, hindering and gagging a deputy jailer, Monday, while she was distributing bed sheets to inmates.

Billy Brewer, 28, was reportedly stabbed two times in the left abdomen by Homer Davis, 31, at Davis' residence, Kentucky State Police officials said.

Prestonsburg traffic count showed development and the need for a new US 23. The report indicated that an average of 14,454 vehicles per day used State Highway 1428, known as South Lake Drive.

Glenna Thacker, former operator of Pet World in GlynView Plaza, pleaded guilty, Wednesday, to charge of cruelty to animals, following testimony by State Police Trooper Stacy Trees.

There died: Ella Bradley, 64, Wayland, September 16, at the American Hospital for Rehabilitation at Edgewood; Betty Bryant, 84, of Martin, September 19, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gordon Collins, 76, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, September 15, at his home; Ocie Cook, 85, of Banner, September 16, at her home; Mary Lou Emerick Layne, 83, of Prestonsburg, September 18, at her home; Nancy A. Parsons, 70, of South Webster, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, September 18, at her home; Vada Hatfield Hall Picklesimer, 80, of Van Lear, formerly of Floyd County, September 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Jacqueline Jane Slone, 37, of Pippa Passes, September 16, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Edith Prater Williams, 77, of Rice Branch, Prestonsburg, September 14, at her home; Gale Music, 79, of Abbott Creek, September 20, at his home; Kandi Jo Kathleen Osborne, 1, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, September 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Alonzo Handshoe, 46, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Teaberry, September 18, at University Hospital at Ann Arbor.

## Thirty Years Ago

(October 3, 1979)

Norma Jean Hall, 65, of Topmost, was killed in a church bus-truck collision at Lackey, Thursday; six others were seriously injured.

Concern about drug abuse among Floyd school children has led a group of parents, here, to form a drug abuse prevention committee.

A total of \$649,000 has been approved for water and sewer pipes, excavation and grading and construction of an access road to the proposed Cliffside Housing Project.

A grant of \$91,000 toward the \$200,000 cost overrun on the Water Gap-Bull Creek water system was approved by ARC last week.

The Floyd Fiscal Court named the board of directors for the Floyd County Solid Waste Inc., this week.

A mock bus-train collision was the scenario faced by area emergency personnel to test for reaction time and overall preparedness of the participating groups.

There died: Dewey Roberts, 79, of Harold, Friday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Roberta Adams Nelson, 42, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Melvin Wells, 83, retired Prestonsburg carpenter, Thursday, at HRMC; Minnie Newsome, 75, of Ligon, Tuesday, Sept. 25, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Marion Chaffins, 51, of David, Sunday, at HRMC; Larry Kenneth Setser, 30, of Van Lear, Saturday, at HRMC; Myrtle Browning, 80, of Plainview, Texas, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, Sept. 5; Rickey Lee Hamilton, 27, of Wartland, formerly of this county, Wednesday, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; Eddie Sweeney, 40, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at his home; Verlin Johnson, 63, Water Gap, Saturday, at HRMC; Wayne Cox, 61, Garrett, Friday, from a heart attack; Alice Thornsberry Hall, 71, of Kite, Sept. 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; James Ray Hall, 47, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Knott County, Wednesday, at a VA Hospital in Louisville; Rev. Howard C. Church, 74, Tuesday, at his home on May Branch; Shrena Lay Holt, 85, of

Weeksbury, Monday, at the home of a daughter; Estill Thornsberry, 51, and Major Thornsberry, 31, father and son of Hollybush, killed by gunshot wounds in a district courtroom at Hindman.

## Forty Years Ago

(October 2, 1969)

The Purple Onion, scene of one or more recent fights near Lancer, was closed Saturday night by Sheriff Joe W. Lewis, and two of its operators were arrested.

The proposed \$2.3 million stream improvement project planned to provide the town of Martin and nearby areas on Right Beaver Creek protection against Beaver Creek flood waters, this week, approached the construct stage as \$150,000 in federal funds were approved for the beginning of work.

Larry Andrew Risner, of Wayland, was electrocuted late last Friday and Michael Rogers, 13-year-old Weeksbury boy, was killed, Sunday, at Galveston, at the home of his grandmother when an emery wheel burst while he was sharpening a hatchet.

Some prices from a Piggly Wiggly advertisement of 30 years ago; T-bone steak, \$1.39 lb.; bacon, \$.69 lb.; instant coffee, \$.89 for 8-oz. jar.

There died: Hibbard Damron, 87, Sunday, at his home at Esco; Melcenia Hayes, 87, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday; Fannie J. King, 70, native Floyd County, Saturday, in Indiana; Emma Harris, 64, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, here; Emmitt Tackett, 50, of Craynor, Monday; Rudolph Huff, 68, formerly of Floyd County, Sept. 25 in Florida; Seaton M. Crisp, 64, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Doniphan, Mo.; Robert Meade, 73, of Umattilla, Fla., formerly of Floyd County, Sept. 20; W.B. (Boone) Hatcher, 65, native of Floyd County, Sept. 22, at Dayton, Ohio.

## Fifty Years Ago

(October 1, 1959)

Deputy Sheriff Joe W. Lewis sad, this week, that an attempt on his life was made early Sunday morning as he drove from Prestonsburg

toward his home at Mare Creek. A slug from a shotgun, and a bullet were fired into the side of his car and through the windshield.

Without designating any individual office holders, the grand jury in its final report to Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill, last Friday, expressed concern that some elected officials "are not devoting enough time to the duties for which they were elected and are being paid."

Regina B. Mayo of Prestonsburg, Floyd pioneer in the field of public health nursing, has been named Floyd County chairperson for the "Little White House Conference, to be held to Washington, D.C., next March.

Wilson Wyatt, Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, toured Dewey Lake, Thursday of last week, with party leaders to get an understanding of Jenny Wiley State Park needs.

There died: Glenn Taylor, 44, of Thomas, Saturday, near Pikeville in a truck mishap; Laura Belle Wells, 99, Sunday, at her home at Auxier; C.H. Kiser, 64, Thursday, at his home at Martin; Lula Henson, 62, of Ligon, Sunday; Mousie Stumbo, 82, of Minnie, Monday, at home; Nora Boyd, 49, of Hueysville, Friday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Ruby Perry, 37, formerly of this county, Tuesday in Michigan; Naula C. Walters, 73, of Betsy Layne, Sept. 21; Marcella "Mam-Ma" Hager, 75, of Lancer, Tuesday; Luther Collinsworth, 54, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sept. 20, at Columbus, Ohio; Henry J. Baldrige, 86, of East Point, Wednesday; Sarah B. DeLong, 56, of East Point, Friday.

## Sixty Years Ago

(October 6, 1949)

Although the 71-year-old dream of canalization of the Big Sandy River will be a year older before definite Congressional action can be expected, Saturday's action of the Senate's Committee on Public Works gave the dream more of a semblance of reality.

Eastern Kentucky is being given consideration as a possible site for a plant for the synthetic production of liquid fuel from coal, and a survey of the region's possibilities is already well underway, the US Bureau of Mines last Friday assured Congressman Carl D. Perkins.

(See YESTERDAYS, page four)



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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### Revival

Garrett Baptist Church will be having a Revival on September 27, 28, 29 and 30 at 6:30 p.m. nightly. The minister/evangelist will be Brancie Stephens. There will be special singing each night.

Sunday morning: Wings of Praise  
 Sunday night: Grace  
 Monday night: Drift  
 Pentecostal Church Singers  
 Tuesday night: Gospel Anchors  
 Wednesday night: Troy Burchett

### Community Yard Sale

October 1-2, Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church parking lot. \$10 donation rents a spot for two days. For more information, contact: Sandra, 434-3605.

### Free Poster Parenting classes

Attend Free Poster Parenting

Classes to help you discover if improving a child's life is for you.

For additional free information, contact Benchmark Family Services at 606-886-0163 or visit us on the web at: <http://www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/>

### Family Day at Camp Nathanael September 26, starting at 3 p.m.

Step back in time to a life less complex and experience our loving history pioneer farm. We will have hands-on demonstrations such as quilting, basket weaving, candle dipping, leather working and blacksmithing, along with snacks, hayrides and a variety of old-fashioned games. The day will conclude with a picnic supper. For more information: visit [www.campnathanael.org](http://www.campnathanael.org) and click on "Family Day" or call 285-3231.

### Betsy Layne High School Class of 1984 reunion

Betsy Layne High School Class of 1984 will be having their 25th class reunion on Friday, October 23, at the Betsy Layne High School and on Saturday, October 24, at the Jenny Wiley Lodge. For more information, you can contact Jenny Akers Tackett at (859) 433-7130 or you can visit our website at [www.betsy-layne1984.myevent.com](http://www.betsy-layne1984.myevent.com)

### Floyd County Retired Teachers meeting Oct. 1

The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having a meeting on Thursday, October 1, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd County Public Library.

Elizabeth Hunter Scott

### family reunion is set

The descendants of Elizabeth Hunter Scott will be having a family reunion, and would like to locate the family of Preacher John Marshall of Martin. All Marshalls are all welcome to come. The reunion will be held at the Dewey Lake Spillway, Shelter No. 4, on Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. For more information, call Sandy Meade Scrimager, 859-519-8953. Bring a covered dish. Come and have fun.

### Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

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

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

### The Auxier Center Fall Class Schedule

Classes begin week of September 14, 2009.

#### Basic Computer Class

Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon—5 to 6 weeks  
 Instructor: Gordon Scott  
 Thursdays, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.—5 to 6 weeks  
 Instructor: Dan Bell  
 Thursdays, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.—5 to 6 weeks  
 Instructor: Jerry Hatfield

#### The Hidden Secrets of Windows

Computer class, Mondays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.—5 to 6 weeks  
 Instructor: Frank Richter  
 (Windows class requires students bring a IGB jump/thumb drive)  
 All Computer Classes Cost \$30 non-refundable  
 \*One computer per family—students must meet income guidelines and not have a computer of their own.

#### Quilting Class

Mondays, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—8 weeks  
 Instructor: Nancy Froschuer  
 Cost: \$20

#### Sewing Class

Mondays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—8 weeks  
 Thursdays, 5:30-8:30 p.m.—8 weeks  
 Instructor: Donna Woods  
 Cost: \$20

#### Make and Take Class (Healthy Cooking)

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon—4 weeks—Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7.

#### Instructor: Judy McGuire

Cost: \$10 non-refundable

#### Sewing Machine Cleaning & Minor Repair Class

Class instructed by Blaine from Allied Sew & Vacuum Repairs/Blaines Guns & Bows  
 September 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$7.00 for the one-day class

Brushes and oil will be available for purchase.

Bring your own sewing machine. This is an opportunity to learn to clean your machine and learn how to do minor adjustments. The purpose of the class is to learn how to care for your sewing machine. Only those who bring a machine can attend class.

Space is limited! Call 606-886-0709 today for reservations.

21 South River Street, Auxier, Kentucky 41602

The Auxier Center a program of Hand in Hand Ministries

#### OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

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

[www.drugsno.com](http://www.drugsno.com)

#### Duff Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be every Wednesday, from

9:00-12:00 at James A. Duff Elementary. Call the school at 358-9420 or 358-9878 for the required items necessary for kindergarten registration.

### Higher education begins here

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

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

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

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

### Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

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

### Auxier Community Center Free GED classes, Monday,

Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

### Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

### Free Bible Lessons

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

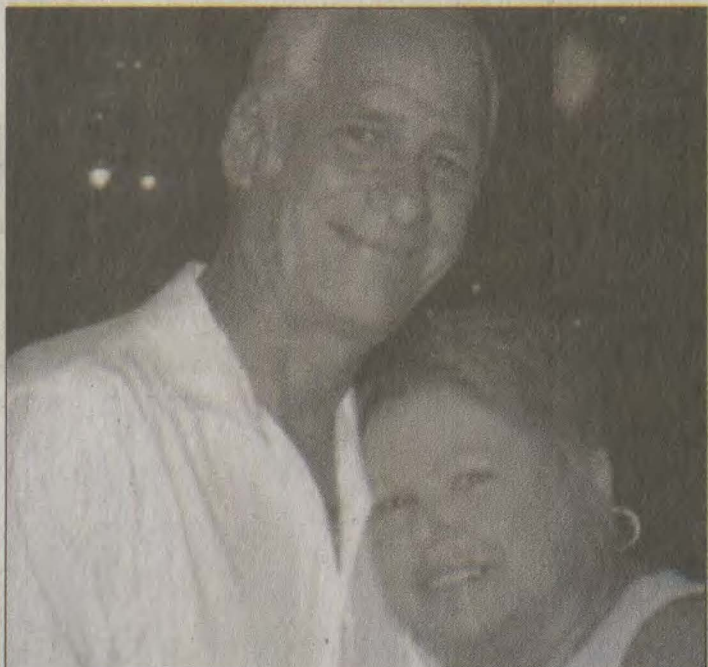
### Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

(See CALENDAR, page four)



Laura Chaney and Brandon Smith exchanged vows on Sept. 5, in Tennessee.



Vikki Dameron Woodward and Charles Joseph Bonyata are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Vikki is the daughter of the late H.B. and Ruth Dameron, of Morehead, and is the mother of Jessica Patrick, of Auxier, and the late Gary Michael Hemlock. She attended Rowan County High School. She is a graduate of Morehead State University with a B.A. in Sociology and an area of concentration in criminology, a M.A. in sociology with an emphasis in criminology and a B.A. in paralegal studies. In 2007, she received a M.Ed. from Lindsey Wilson College in Human Development and Counseling. She is currently attending Liberty University, in Lynchburg, Virginia, working on her Ph.D. in professional counseling. She is employed by the Kentucky Department of Corrections as a substance abuse program coordinator and serves as adjunct faculty for Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Morehead State University and Lindsey Wilson College. Charles is the son of Marilee Bonyata and the late Richard Bonyata, of Lake City, Florida, and is the father of Nicholas Bonyata, of Columbia, South Carolina. He is a graduate of Rowan County High School, in Morehead. He attended Morehead State University, and graduated from Lake City Community College in 1983 with a degree in forestry engineering. He is a professional land surveyor and is employed by Alchemy Engineering, in Prestonsburg. The wedding will take place on the beach on Sullivan's Island in South Carolina on Oct. 10, at 4:30 p.m. A reception will be held at the Community Center in Martin on Oct. 18, at 2 p.m.

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

**Need Help With Home Repairs?**

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

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

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

**Need help with addiction?**

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

- Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
- Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
- Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
- Tuesdays, at David, The

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

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

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

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

**Hope in the Mountains**

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

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

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**

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

**UNITE**

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the

old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

**'Earn While You Learn'**

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

**Senior employment program**

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

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

**Looking for a Support Group?**

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

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

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

**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with

prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

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

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

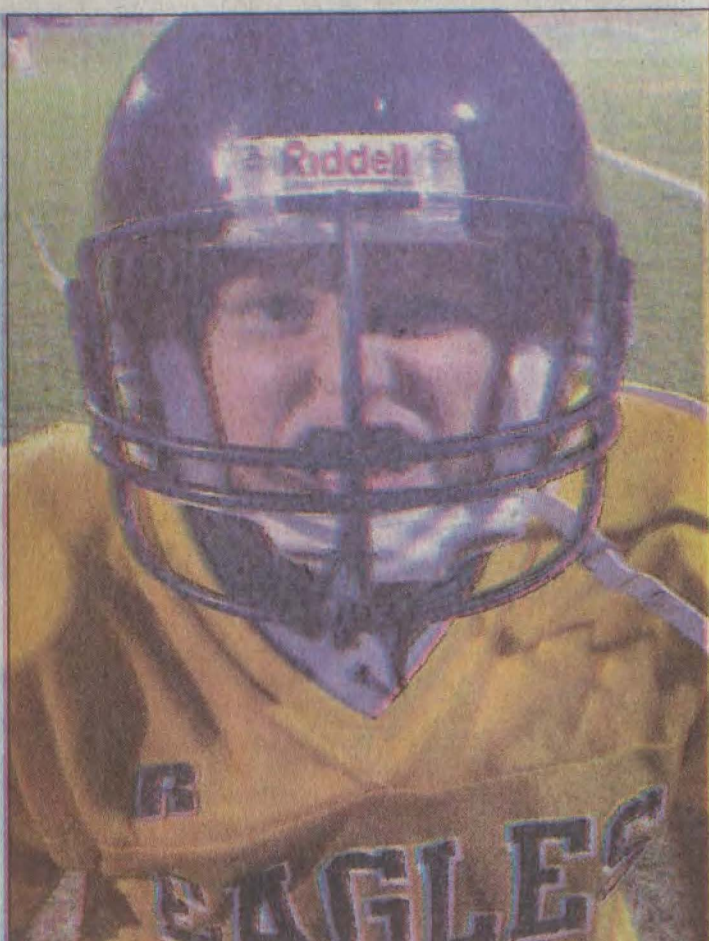
**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake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

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

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

5147. Everyone welcome. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor,

May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.



Paul Benjamin Davis is celebrating his 11th birthday today. Paul is the son of Ralph and Carla Davis, of Tutor Key, and the grandson of Ralph and Ann Davis, of Prestonsburg, and Carl and Sharon Grubbs, of Frankfort. He attends Central Elementary, in Paintsville.

Science

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with postnatal cleft palate repair. And the baby goats were able to nurse as soon as they were born, and to vocalize without impediments.

As of now, prenatal surgery now is only performed for a few life-threatening conditions, such as diaphragmatic hernia. Cleft palate isn't life-threatening, so this surgery isn't approved for humans, and wouldn't even be attempted, until proven protocols are in

place to protect the safety of the mother and the fetus.

But think of the possibilities ... and this all began with agricultural research!

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

Yesterdays

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The Magoffin Baptist Institute has met conditions required to gain title to 1,700 acres of land with seven farm building on the edge of Magoffin County. The Thompson Foundation, Baltimore, MD, specified that the property is to be used permanently for the care and education of mountain children

A dozen condemnation suits filed by the US Government to acquire approximately 10,000 acres of land in the Dewey Dam reservoir, or to clear titles to land on which amicable settlement had been reached with land owners, are on docket of the US District Court which convenes in Pikeville, Monday

There died: Taulbee Harmon, 64, at his home on lower Johns Creek; Nathaniel Sparkman, 19, at his home at Glo; Alex Stumbo, 71, Minnie, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; Ely Stumbo, 71, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following a stroke.

Seventy Years Ago

(September 28, 1939)

A second theater in Prestonsburg was in prospect, this week, as announcement was made of the purchase of a lot from Judge E.P. Arnold. The building will front on Mayo Trail, 46 feet wide and 100 foot long designed to seat 500 persons

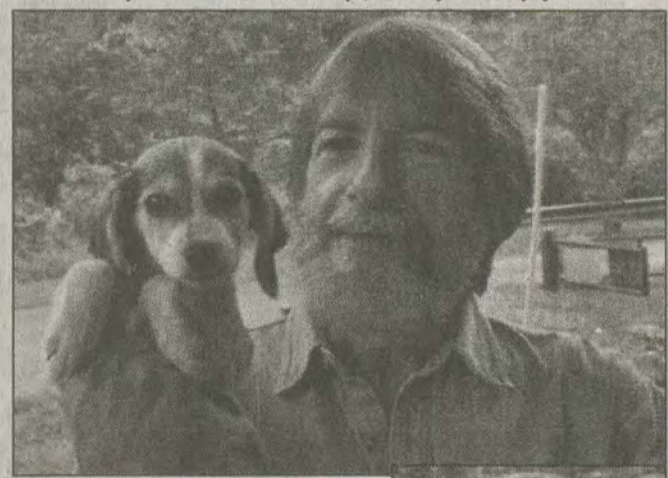
Employment of 150 men is seen with the beginning soon of work on an eight-mile stretch of six-inch pipeline on Mud Creek by the Ky./W.Va. Gas Co

Floyd County's infantile paralysis spread reached a total of 20 cases this week

Wayland's Chief of Police Rick Hall is in a hospital with a bullet-smashed leg, and Johnnie Belcher, 25, Wayland miner, is suffering from two wounds as the result of a "snatch-grab" revolver fight between the two

There died: Romaine Reed formerly of Floyd County was found by the roadside, believed victim of a hit and run driver. Burial was in Salyers Branch of Salt Lick Creek, near Hueysville; Jesse Wells Bingham, 50, Cliff, at Paintsville Hospital; John P. Meade Jr., 60, of Printer, at Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Lora Frye, 45, Wheelwright, at the home of a daughter; Logan Dingus, 78, of Martin, at his home.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



This weeks celebrity is Ray Riddle, a popular Floyd County country music singer and songwriter, who wrote and sang the theme song for the nationally-acclaimed documentary "Country Boys" (play music). Ray is holding JESSICA, a 3-week-old female, blue tick beagle mix, who will make the fortunate family who adopts her proud to have such an intelligent and loving pet.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg Phone 886-3189

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Dr. Glassman earned his medical degree in 2002 from Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind. He completed his internship (2003) and residency (2005) in Internal Medicine at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; and his fellowship in Cardiology/Cardiac Electrophysiology at Brown University, Providence, R.I. (2009).

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