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### briefs

## BREAKING NEWS No deaths in massive accident

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A massive pileup near the entrance to Bull-Creek Trade Center at approximately 3 p.m. resulted in one injury only, according to reports near press time Tuesday.

According to officials with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, there had been no reports of deaths resulting from the wreck by early evening.

On scene, state highway department workers closed off exits, blocking a half-mile stretch of U.S. 23 within an hour of the accident.

When attempting to gain access to the wreck site, reporters with The Floyd County Times were told by one state highway worker, "There were a bunch of people dead up there and we can't let anybody through out of respect."

However, the sheriff's department had not been notified of any deaths resulting from the accident, while workers at the nearby Marathon gas station also reported that there had been no mention of deaths resulting from the accident, adding that it appeared that only one person had suffered an injury in the pile-up.

Additional details will be published later today at floydcountytimes.com.

### 2 DAY FORECAST

#### Today



High: 43 • Low: 27

#### Tomorrow



High: 32 • Low: 22

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

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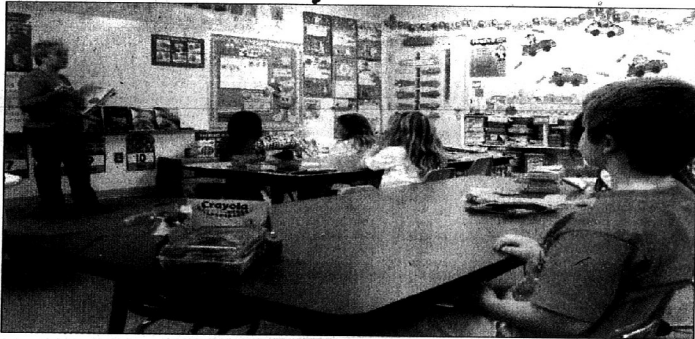


photo by Sheldon Compton

Mountain Christian Academy kindergarten teacher Kathy Williams kept the attention of her classroom Tuesday afternoon. School officials are currently hoping to find funding to replace her the more than \$100,000 a year from the Christian Appalachian Project which will phase out for good in August.

## MCA fights for future after loss of funding

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — Mountain Christian Academy has served the area as a private educational institution for over 26 years, and now the school is facing serious financial difficulty that could end in its closure. However, various options are currently being explored in an

attempt to keep that from happening.

Officials with Mountain Christian Academy are looking for ways to deal with the loss of funding from the Christian Appalachian Project, which has provided over \$120,000 a year to the school in the past.

In December, the preschool program at the school was in danger of closing, but enough

donations were received to keep the program open. Six staff members were let go due to the financial woes, but five of them were rehired after the donations were received. The final employee could be rehired this month if the school is able to come up with over \$25,000.

"Christian Appalachian

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## P'burg man among six indicted

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — A Prestonsburg man was one of six people who pleaded not guilty during an arraignment in federal court last week on charges of defrauding investors of more than \$3 million.

Christopher Cello Smith, 48, of Prestonsburg, vice president of Danville-based companies Target Oil and Gas and Kentucky and Indiana Oil, along with his brother, Michael Smith, the company's 53-year-old president and controlling interest holder, were indicted this past December.

Also indicted were Michael Smith's son, Shaun Michael Smith, 27, of Cookeville, Tenn.; Ray Garton, 58, of Barrackville, W.Va.; Mark Irwin, 26, also of Cookeville, Tenn.; and Joshua Scott Harris, 23, of Hustonville.

The six men's original indictment alleged that between February 2003 and February 2008, they conspired to create a scheme to defraud investors from several states that purchased shares in both companies' oil and gas well drilling programs.

The indictment for the

six include one count of conspiracy, 20 counts of mail fraud and an additional two counts of wire fraud.

The total amount collected from investors, according to federal court records, was \$3,192,793.50. Of that amount, the officials only returned \$37,882 in royalties.

Among the accusations for which the men pleaded not guilty is that Michael Smith and Ray Garton, a geologist who runs Mammoth Geophysical Inc. in Barrackville, W.Va., prepared or directed others to prepare drilling program brochures for potential investors.

These brochures, according to indictment, included misrepresentations and false statements to inspire potential investors to purchase shares in the programs through geological reports about the success of existing wells that had hit oil or gas.

The men listed in the indictment as having served as sales representatives for these programs were Irwin and Harris.

The gas and oil well programs the six are alleged to

(See INDICTED, page seven)

## One hurt, one arrested after Pike shooting

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

SHELBY GAP — A Jenkins man was arrested Monday evening on a single charge of first-degree assault after an odd series of events led state police to taking the 64-year-old man into custody.

Denton Houston, of Jenkins, was arrested after police say they discovered he had allegedly shot another Pike County man at approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday evening.

That evening, Kentucky State Police received a 911 call

that William Benjamin Mullins, 42, also of Jenkins, had been shot in the chest.

According to police reports, Mullins had an altercation with Houston, during which Houston allegedly shot him in the chest.

After this altercation, police went on to say in a statement the following day that Mullins proceeded to leave the scene of the shooting in a vehicle. He was later involved in a collision along Elkhorn Creek Road in the Shelby Gap area of Pike County.

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An accident Tuesday at Watergap brought concerned nurses and doctors to the scene from nearby health businesses.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation Monday declaring January as Stalker Awareness Month for Floyd County. Pictured from left to right are Donna DeRossett, Morehead student and victim services volunteer; Linda Spurlock, volunteer coordinator and advocate; Patricia Vanhoose, outreach education coordinator for victim services program at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center; Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall; and Robin Gray, children and victim services program director.

photo by Sheldon Compton



## Stalking growing through use of computers

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Prestonsburg visited Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall Monday to see Marshall sign a proclamation naming January as Stalker Awareness Month in Floyd County.

The push to recognize stalking in Floyd County is very much focused on the new trend of cyberstalking.

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(3) Country Gravy and Biscuits.....2.79	(2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice
2 Buttermilk Biscuits and Gravy	(3) Country Gravy



# Obituaries

## Virginia Mae Case

Virginia Mae Case, age 86, of Grethel, widow of Frank Burlin Case, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born June 19, 1922, in Grethel, the daughter of the late Amos Akers and Stella Hall-Akers. She was a homemaker and a member of the Upper Toler Church of Christ, and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a sister, Nickie C. Hall of Harold. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and four brothers: Orville Akers, Donald Akers, Carmel Lee Akers, and Jellian Akers.

Funeral services for Virginia Mae Case will be conducted Wednesday, January 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Tommy Bush officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lee Alley Cemetery, in Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Conrad D. Childers

Conrad D. Childers, age 65, of Wyplanti, Michigan, passed away Friday, January 2, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Hyang Cha Childers; loving father of Christie Childers and Sabrina (Dennis) Duperon; dearest grandfather of Darin and Evan Duperon; dear brother of David Michael (Vivian) Childers, Judith (Doug) Montgomery, and Patty Ann (Wedstel) Shepherd.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Beatrice Childers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6, at 2 p.m., at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (Next to Michigan Memorial Park), 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park. Visitation was Monday, 1:00-9:00 p.m. (Paid obituary)

## Garner Lee (Rushie) Crum

Garner Lee (Rushie) Crum, 61, of Martin, died Friday, January 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born October 20, 1947, in Martin, he was the son of Della Adkins Crum of Martin, and the late Arvil Crum. He is survived by his wife, Janavee Johnson of Martin.

In addition to his wife and mother, survivors include three daughters: Sherry Lea Smalley of Peebles, Ohio, Teri Lynn Chaffins of Garrett, and Angela Maria Crum of Decoy; three sisters: Thelma Samons, Anna Marie Crum, and Bonnie Newsome, all of Martin; a half sister, Betty Lou Fulks of Florida; seven grandchildren: Brandon, Justin, Brooklyn, Jerry, JoAnna, Kayla, and Logan.

In addition to her father, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Sola Frasure, Viola Parsons, and JoAnn Carr.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bud Crum, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Arvil Crum Memorial Cemetery, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Donald E. Gibson

Donald E. Gibson, 67, of Athol, Massachusetts, died Tuesday, December 30, 2008, at his residence.

Born July 14, 1941, in Wayland, he was the son of the

late Gomer and Maudie Conley Gibson. He was retired from Ohio Steel Tube, and was an Air Force veteran.

Survivors include two daughters: Deana (Randy) Hicks of Crestline, Ohio, and Karen Sutter of Plymouth, Ohio; four sisters: Mary VanVoorhis of Howard, Ohio, Delores Baker, and Maxine Hall, both of Wayland, and Shirley Nolley of Louisville; and two grandchildren: Rachel Sutter and Bridget Sutter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Dennis Gibson, Lowell Gibson, and Marcus Gibson; and a sister, Donna Collins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 7, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Gibson Family Cemetery, Steels Creek, Wayland. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Mildred Hall Hatfield

Mildred Hall Hatfield, 88, of Lexington, formerly of Weeksbury, died Sunday, January 4, 2009, at Hospice Care Center, Lexington.

Born March 16, 1920, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late John M. and Cora King Hall. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Enoch Hatfield.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law: Charles (Judith) Hall of Streeter, Illinois, Donald (Mazel) Hatfield of Bevsinsville, and Danny (Gallie) Hatfield of Weeksbury; a daughter, Joan Payne of Lexington; a sister, Lavon Bailey of Bypro; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and one on the way.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Cornelius Hall; two sisters: Hollene Hall and Venice Nidiffer.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrar officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevsinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Maxine Dutton Mullins

Maxine Dutton Mullins, 86, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, January 1, 2009, at her residence.

Born October 13, 1922, in Johnson County, she was the

## Georgia Lee Martin

Georgia Lee Martin, 68, of Bypro, died Friday, January 2, 2009, in Somerset.

Born November 14, 1940, in Bonair, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Arthur Lee and Lorine Lucille Rice Rollins. She was a retired van driver for Mountain Comp; and a member of the Church of God in Bypro.

Survivors include two sons: Charles Martin Jr. (Pauline) of Somerset and James Craig Martin (Michelle) of Bypro; a daughter, Pamela Shepherd (Ryan) of Hugysville; three sisters: Virginia Johnson of Miamie, Loretta Gearheart of Garrett, and Wanda Kay Rollins of Bypro; seven grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial was in the Rollins Cemetery, in Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Howard Meade

Howard Meade, 76, of Printer, died Friday, January 2, 2009, at Central Baptist Hospital.

Born June 4, 1932, in Printer, he was the son of the late Charles and Dorothy Roberts Meade. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include a brother, Roger Meade of New London, Ohio; and two sisters: Velma Miller of Printer, and Glenna Stone of Lancaster.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Walter Meade and Alex Lee Roy Meade; and three sisters: Maxie Tackett, Charlene Spurlock, and Gail Parsons.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 4, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating.

Burial was in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, in Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Ellen Irene Samons

Ellen Irene Samons, age 82, of Banner, passed from this life on Sunday, January 4, 2009, in the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

She was born November 9, 1926, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Raymond and Geneva Rickman Samons. She was a homemaker and a member of the Arkansas Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Gilbert Samons. Survivors include a son, Chad Oscar Samons of Lexington; her daughters: Gillerene Murphree of Douglas, Georgia, Geneva Grace Hall of Banner, and Glenna Val Grimo of Jinks, Oklahoma; her brothers: Douglas Rickman of Seattle, Washington, George Edward Rickman of Munnith, Michigan, Larry Randall Samons of Munnith, Michigan, and Ronnie Samons of Martin;

her sisters: Anna Lenora Tackett of Martin, and Edith Nyoka Davis of Jackson, Michigan; her grandchildren: John Gilbert Murphree, Stephen Samons, Gilbert Cedar, Christina Hall, Karie Hall, Mary Ellen Cedar, Sherry Samons and Valalena Grimo; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 7, at 11

a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the Church of Christ ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Samons Cemetery, at Arkansas Creek, in Martin, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, of Martin. (Paid obituary)

Survivors include five sons: Bill (Pam) Bailey of Wyoming, Paul Mullins, Greg (Shirley) Mullins, Richard (Debbie) Mullins, and Porky (Michelle) Mullins, all of Weeksbury; two daughters: Casey (Clark) Johnson, and Maggie (Jimmy) Johnson, both of Weeksbury; her sisters: Shirley Mae Shamoun of Michigan, and Ruby Coleman of Ohio; 20 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and numerous great-great- and great-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles (Fatman) Mullins; a daughter, Barbara Ann Mullins; three brothers: Lloyd Dutton, Beacher Dutton, and John Dutton; and a grandson, B.J. Bailey.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Vernon Johnson, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Cemetery, in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Lance Mullins, Patsy Hutchinson, Jeremy Mullins, Scott Mullins, Brandon Mullins, Greg Mullins, Dylan Mullins, and Dalton Mullins.

Honorary pallbearers: Carl Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Vernon Johnson, Frank Kohler and Terry Hunter. (Paid obituary)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, at 855 Abbott Mountain Road, Prestonsburg, KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky in order to raise the amount of \$53,321.83 principal, plus interest and add subsidy in the amount of \$30,780.00, plus interest in the amount of \$2,897.60 as of February 8, 2008 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.9565 per day from February 8, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest) to the date of judgment at the rate of 2.35% computed daily and compounded annually, and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7-08-CV-58 on the Southern District of Kentucky. Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on July 2, 2008, in the case of the United States of America vs. Marsha A. Moore, et al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder: One (1) House and Lot located at 855 Abbott Mountain Rd, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated July 26, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 9 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

And of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value of the property, plus interest not equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.630). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

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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 606-886-2603; 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.

**HRMC to host weight loss surgery seminar sessions**  
Highlands Regional Medical Center and Kentucky Laparoscopic will be hosting several weight loss surgery seminar sessions throughout the area in January. The seminars will be held at the following locations and times:  
Belfry Senior Citizens Center Belfry, KY  
January 20th, at 6 p.m.  
East Kentucky Expo Center Pikeville, KY  
January 21st, at 6 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express Hazard, KY  
January 27th at 6 p.m.  
Magoffin County Extension Center Salsyville, KY  
January 28th, at 6 p.m.  
Refreshments will be provided and a FREE one month membership to the Highlands Wellness Center will be offered to those attending. For more information, please call: 606-886-8240.

**Melvin Goins Homecoming honors troops and veterans**  
Melvin Goins Homecoming concert in honor and tribute to our troops and veterans. Saturday, January 10, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Featuring: Melvin Goins, Moron Bros., Charlie Sizemore and many more. Admission: \$20 in advance; \$22 at door. Tickets on sale now. 1-888-622-2787 or call 1-606-928-2121 for more information.

**Auxiliary Community Center**  
Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

**Autistic Children Support Group**  
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 8371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

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**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?**  
A 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.  
Tuesdays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.  
Wednesdays, at Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.  
Thursdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Fridays, 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 Inez. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

**UNITE**  
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the

New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

**"Living Free"** - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.  
Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

**Senior employment program**  
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

**External Diploma Program**  
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**Floyd County Extension Homemakers Club Meetings**  
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.  
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.  
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6

p.m., Martin Church of Christ.  
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.  
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

**Left Beaver:** 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.  
**Special interest groups:**  
**Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.  
**Newbies Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. The Newbies do not meet during the months of January and February.)

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

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

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

**"US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group"** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

**"Community Weight Loss Support Group"** - Meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially

welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

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

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For the past year, the Law Offices of Pillersdorf, DeRossett & Lane has sponsored ads that promote the Pet of the Week at the Floyd County Animal Shelter in conjunction with a local citizen who is designated as "Celebrity of the Week." As a result of suggestions we have received, we have decided to accept nominations from the community as to individuals who will be selected as Celebrity of the Week. These ads run weekly in the Floyd County Times and on WYMT and local cable outlets.

If you know of an individual who you think should be nominated as celebrity of the week, please submit your nominations to the Law Offices of Pillersdorf, DeRossett & Lane, 124 West Court street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, or e-mail them to us at [pillersn@bellsouth.net](mailto:pillersn@bellsouth.net). The criteria in the selecting of our celebrity of the week is those individuals who have unselfishly dedicated their time and effort to the betterment of our community.

P.S. As many of you know, Ned owns a large Saint Bernard by the name of "Rhodie." We have received several calls that a Saint Bernard has been seen wandering around Prestonsburg. While Ned appreciates the numerous phone calls about these sightings, Ned wants to assure everyone that the Saint Bernard seen in Prestonsburg is not Rhodie, Rhodie is at home at Ned's residence in the Dewey Dam area of Floyd County.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Ellen Parr

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— Guest View —

## Obama must govern from the center

As we look forward to 2009, the national picture is filled with some serious challenges for America but also plenty of opportunities.

President-elect Barack Obama will have to juggle a number of domestic and foreign policy crises, including recovering from the economic meltdown, managing two wars, monitoring the volatile situation in the Middle East, saving the Social Security system, fighting drug violence in Mexico, reauthorizing the "No Child Left Behind" education reform law, achieving comprehensive immigration reform, resisting union-provoked protectionism in U.S. trade policies, and creating more jobs at home.

In contrast with the liberal rhetoric that helped him win the Democratic nomination, Obama will have to govern from the center to be successful. His most important job will be keeping America safe, something that President George W. Bush managed to do after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In the process, Obama will no doubt continue to disappoint his liberal supporters, as he did with some Cabinet picks and his invitation to the Rev. Rick Warren to deliver the invocation at the inauguration. Yet, whether they occur on the right or the left, these displays of independence are healthy.

Obama also has ample opportunities — chief among them, the chance to inspire Americans to reconnect with the American dream and reject the pessimism and sense of entitlement that plagues many of their countrymen. And he can lead by example and show the world that our best days are still ahead.

This isn't the time for Americans to give up, or wallow in despair, or expect government to come to the rescue. Nor is this the time to close our borders, or close off trade routes. It is true that we're facing difficult times, and that things will probably get worse before they get better. But we've been here before. Ours is an exceptional country not because it lacks challenges but because it meets them head-on.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

## Letter Guidelines

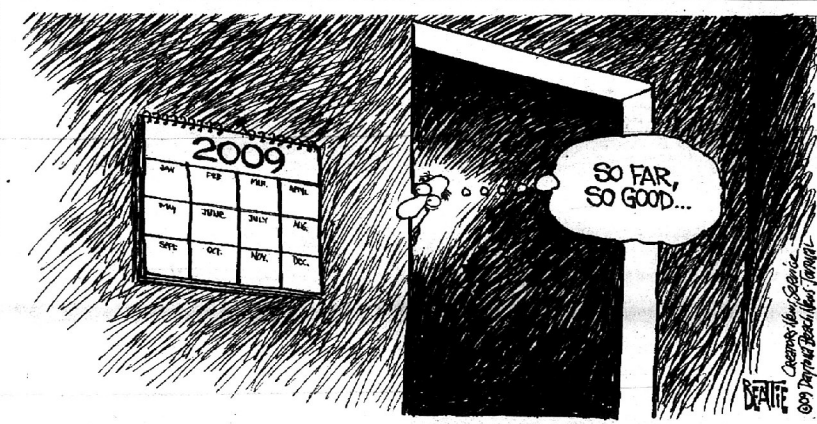
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— Guest Column —

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

The holidays are over and that means one thing for state lawmakers: a return to Frankfort, where we are now meeting in session to address immediate and ongoing needs of Kentuckians.

Because 2009 is an odd-numbered year, the first week of the current 30-day "short" annual session which began on Jan. 6 will not involve any lawmaking. That will come later, either in early February when the second half of the session begins or possibly in a special session that the governor has said he could call in mid-January to address fiscal matters. From now through this Friday, our focus is only on organizational matters as we elect our legislative leaders for the next two years, receive committee assignments from whomever those leaders might be and swear in nine new House members who were elected last fall.

The new lawmakers officially joined the 100-member House on Tuesday when they stood to take the oath of office with myself and other incumbents. Seven of the new members are replacing lawmakers who either retired from office, were elected to the Senate or resigned their seats to pursue other goals. Another new member, Linda Howlett Belcher, was elected to fill the seat of her late husband Rep. Larry Belcher who was tragically killed in a car accident last fall. It was my pleasure and that of other incumbent lawmakers to welcome each new member into both the 2009 General Assembly and the often intense, but intensely rewarding, legislative process.

The new members can expect a

crash course in just how intense the General Assembly can get in the early days of this session when hotly contested House majority leadership elections dominate the political landscape. One minute the new lawmakers are sworn in, the next they will be asked to vote for leadership candidates they might have only known for a few days or hours. It is a lot of pressure for a lawmaker—especially those who have never been through a legislative session.

If you follow state politics in Kentucky, you by now have heard about the leadership race for Speaker of the House between Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green and former Kentucky Attorney General Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg. Everyone in the General Assembly is eager to find out who has rounded up the most support to remain Speaker or become Speaker for the first time whatever the case might be. We will soon know as leadership elections wrap up this week and the winners are announced.

The Speakership is certainly the most important leadership role in the House since the Speaker not only leads House proceedings, but the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tem are the only House officers elected by all 100 members. Because of that, it is pretty natural for the Speaker's race to overshadow other leadership races in the House even though each post up for election—including Speaker Pro Tem, Majority Caucus Chairman and Majority Whip—all carry their own amount of weight. I am very eager to see how these races pan out, too, and look forward to working with whomever wins their respective elections.

Another kind of intensity could begin as early as next week, if the governor decides to call a special session on the state's fiscal crisis at that time. If not, proposals on how to "fix"

the crisis will be waiting for lawmakers the first week of February when the second half of the session is officially scheduled to begin.

One thing is certain: a large number of Kentuckians want lawmakers to do something about the state's mounting \$456 million budget shortfall caused by the recent recession. The shortfall is affecting funding for legal, social and other services that most of us don't miss until we need them. The governor has said he hopes to address the shortfall with additional cuts totaling four percent to some agencies, a proposed 70 cent hike in the cigarette tax and other revenue measures, but lawmakers would have to pass any bill that raises revenue.

I expect that Governor Beshear will outline his revenue plan in a public address sometime in the early days of the session so that both lawmakers and the public can get more details and share those details with each other. Right now, talk of raising revenue period is very unpopular as lawmakers grapple with the need to pay the state's bills versus the financial burden that is already on state taxpayers.

There has been talk that perhaps the sentiment is right in both the House and Senate for a tobacco tax hike, but how taxpayers feel about some of the other proposals being bandied about (an increase in the wholesale tax on alcohol, expanding the state sales and use tax base while lowering the tax rate, etc.) is not at all clear. The picture should become less opaque as lawmakers pore over surveys that many of us send out to our constituents, take in fiscal testimony and data in session hearings and talk one-on-one with those who have a stake in the revenue crisis.

New lawmakers, take heed: It's going to be a bumpy ride.

## Guest Column

### Green stimulus

by KATHLEEN ROGERS

A massive stimulus package of nearly \$600 billion holds promise for the economy, and could mean more federal spending on infrastructure and energy efficiency projects. An estimated \$400 billion in that bill will repair lots of bridges and roads, but what will they all lead to? Nothing unless we first start building bridges and roads between our economic, climate, and education concerns, and start appreciating the way they're all connected.

New policy and stimulus needs to take into account that we're not just trying to save our economy with roads, bridges, and buildings: We're trying to save ourselves.

Few other national topics are as timely as a discussion of how to build a new green economy nationwide. During his campaign Obama promised to create 3 million green jobs. It is this way of thinking that should shape our country's future.

One way we can stimulate the

economy while going green is to create new, personal carbon savings accounts. These would be tax-free, interest-bearing green energy savings accounts that could be leveraged to help with the green-up of a home or sold to a company that needs carbon credits. It would encourage energy efficiency while allowing a personal stake in emissions reductions.

At a time when we are poised to make our greatest infrastructure investment since the Great Depression, we need to make sure we do it right. Congress seems focused on shovel-ready jobs to its own detriment. We need to ensure this bailout is green, that the bridges and roads lead us to the future — instead of another dead end.

Putting together a new green energy program for the U.S. and other countries will require thousands of green jobs in solar, wind, and other renewable sources of energy. One plan is based on the fact that investing in energy efficient buildings would go a long way to create jobs and help the economy. The so-called Architects 2030 plan recommends an investment of \$171.72 billion over

two years combining a housing mortgage buy-down and an accelerated-depreciation program for commercial buildings with energy efficiency. This plan could create over 3 million jobs in the building sector and over 4 million indirect jobs plus an additional 350,000 jobs from consumer spending.

The retrofitting and construction of green schools — the largest construction sector in the United States, will do the same. Between 2006 and 2008, we spent \$80 billion on school construction. If we build those buildings green, they cost less than 2 percent more to construct; however, they pay for themselves in a few years. Consequently, municipalities with major school systems are increasingly looking at "green building" and renovation as they work to update school facilities and save the district money in utility bills. A green school can save a school enough money to hire two additional teachers — all while preventing 585,000 lbs of CO2 from hitting the atmosphere.

Which, at the end of the day, helps solve a bigger problem: The economy

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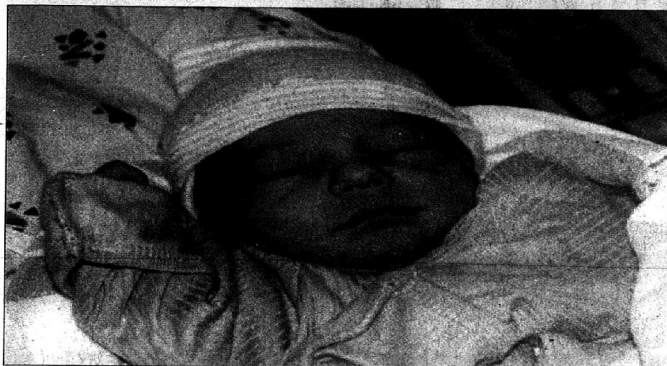
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# Pikeville Medical Center's first baby of the year from Floyd County



Leeland Allen James Epp Rogers, son of David and Sondra Rogers, of Weeksbury, was the first baby born at Pikeville Medical Center in 2009.

PIKEVILLE — Smiles were eminent last Thursday as Pikeville Medical Center's Labor and Delivery Department welcomed its first baby of the year.

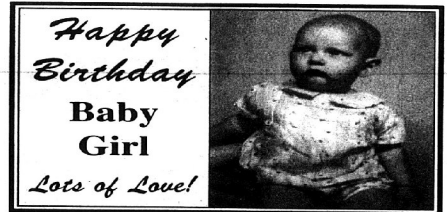
Proud parents David and Sondra Rogers gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Leeland Allen James Epp Rogers. Baby Leeland was delivered at PMC by Dr. McClellan at 7:22 a.m. of Jan. 1. The family is from Weeksbury.

Leeland, who weighs 5 lbs., 13 ounces and is 18-and-a-half inches tall, is the couple's first baby boy.

Entering a family of five, he was welcomed into the world by his three older sisters - Stephanie, 18, Tiffanie, 15, and Hannah, 6.

To commemorate Pikeville Medical Center's first baby of 2009, East Kentucky Broadcasting, along with other local sponsors, presented several gifts to the family. Below is a list of the sponsors and gifts received:

- Nova Pharmacy - IBU Profen Infant Drops
  - Care More Pharmacy - Baby Boy Basket with Goodies for the new parents and baby
  - Steve Combs - \$25.00 gift card
  - Pepsi - Baby Pepsi Gifts
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  - Dr. McClellan - All medical fees not covered by insurance waived
- The hospital educates all parents on how to take care of their newest family member. PMC proudly provides individualized care to all newborns and their families.



Ramona Cervantes, of Salyersville, with newborn daughter, Ebelin Zarai.

## PBH new year's baby arrives Saturday

PAINTSVILLE — Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center welcomed its first newborn of 2009 at 8:39 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3. A young lady named Ebelin Zarai was born to Ramona Cervantes and Mario Guzman of Salyersville. Ebelin weighed 6 pounds and 7.8 ounces on her 21-and-a-half-inch frame.

As Paul B. Hall's first born of the new year, Ebelin and her family received a number of gifts including a Wal-Mart gift card, gift certificate from County Cottage; a Baby Bible from Masters Miracle Christian Bookstore; baby blankets, outfit, diapers, thermometer, medicine spoon, wipes and other items from the

Johnson County Health Department; Baby's Photo Album from Amy's Hallmark; diapers, baby lotion, baby wash, grape water, Desitin, ointment, wipes and bottles from MedZone Pharmacy; a stuffed animal from Paintsville Floral; a free photo setting from Images by John Michael; and a \$50 Savings Bond, pacifier, bottle brush, electric outlet covers, nail clips, wash cloths, bibs, picture frame and much more from Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

Ebelin has two sisters (Helen and Stephanie) and one brother, Alan, anxiously awaiting her at home in Magoffin County.

## Obituaries

**Gleason Slone**  
Gleason Slone, 73, of Bypro, died Sunday, December 28, 2008, in Prestonsburg.

Born November 24, 1935, in Leburn, he was the son of the late Ollie and Marie Owens Slone. He was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County Board of Education. He taught school for 35 years, and was a principal for 19 years.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Ramey Slone, his wife of 51 years.

Other survivors include a son, James Gleason Slone of Bypro; a daughter and son-in-law, Angela Marie and Truman Hall of Bevinville; two brothers, B.J. Slone of Prestonsburg, and Lonnie Slone of Monticello; a sister, Faye Hall of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren: Stacey Louise Hall and Tyler Hall, and his wife, Amy.

In addition to his parents, he

was preceded in death by a son, Michael Ray Slone; and a brother, William B. (Billy) Slone.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 1, 2009, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr. and Gene Bracken officiating.

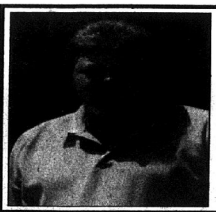
Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jim Slone, Randy Smith, Tyler Hall, Chris Slone, Berry Slone, Truman Hall, and Eddy Taylor.

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# Forecast calls for milder winter after mid-January

The storms and cold temperatures that teased Kentuckians with hopes of a white Christmas probably will continue for the first half of this month, according to a University of Kentucky agricultural meteorologist.

"We should see the same thing through mid-January below average temperatures and some snow," said Keys Arnold.

"After the middle of January, things should warm up a little," Arnold added. Arnold based his forecast on climate models issued by NOAA's Climate Prediction Center in Maryland, which studies global atmospheric and oceanic circulations and compares these findings to 30-year trends.

Arnold noted there has been no dramatic shift in the El Niño-La Niña effect off the coast of Peru and Ecuador. "El Niño" refers to a warming of the Pacific

Ocean waters off northwestern South America, increasing atmospheric moisture in the forms of rain, snow and sleet. "La Niña" is a cooling of those waters, leading to dryness in northern climes. They are part of the El Niño Southern Oscillation, or ENSO.

Currently, ENSO-neutral conditions are prevailing, and this will keep things climatologically near-normal for us," Arnold said.

December was exceptionally wet, Arnold said, with above-normal precipitation in the forms of rain, snow and sleet. This was a good thing.

"Going into December, we had four straight months of below-normal precipitation. We needed last month to be pretty wet to recharge soil moisture as we approach the spring planting season," Arnold said.

Of course, it may have been a little too wet and cold on some December days — like when Lexington experienced more than 200 car accidents on a snowy Saturday in the middle of the month.

Arnold said over the winter of 2009, Kentucky may experience "a little more snow than normal" because of slight shifts in the jet stream. Those shifts may bring different storm tracks, putting Kentucky right in the path of some harsh storms.

Again, this would be a good thing, Arnold said.

"Nearly 50 percent of the state, especially the southeastern region, has experienced moderate to severe drought conditions since the end of the summer. If we could get above average precipitation for another month or two, this would give us moisture for pastures and for the upcoming planting season," he said.



Highlands Regional Medical Center has announced that Leslie Wallen, a CNA on the second floor, is the latest recipient of the STAR Award. Leslie received the award for providing outstanding customer service to the guests at HRMC. The Customer Service STAR Award program was developed by the Highlands Regional Performance Improvement Team. The award is designed to recognize employees of the organization for their commitment to providing excellent customer service. HRMC STARs exemplify those who exceed the customer's expectations.

# Governor launches campaign to promote Earned Income Tax Credit

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear announced Monday a campaign to encourage more Kentuckians to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable federal tax credit for low- and middle-income working individuals and families.

"The EITC is one of our best anti-poverty tools, and I want to make sure every eligible Kentuckian takes advantage of it and gets the money they deserve," Gov. Beshear said in announcing the campaign.

Specifically, Gov. Beshear announced a list of nearly 200 free tax preparation sites serving 90 counties across the state where volunteer tax preparers who have been trained and are IRS-certified will assist Kentuckians with their taxes and help them apply for the EITC.

Information about these sites, including addresses and phone numbers, is available on the Web site Gov. Beshear unveiled in October — [www.assistance.ky.gov](http://www.assistance.ky.gov). These sites will begin offering their services on various dates between mid-January and February 1, and their hours vary by site. Therefore, Gov. Beshear encouraged Kentuckians to call the sites before visiting. He also noted

that the Kentucky Department of Revenue provides free online tax assistance, and their link can also be found on the Web site.

Eligibility for the EITC is based on income, as is the amount of the credit. Workers who earn up to \$41,000 may be eligible, and credits can be as high as \$4,824.

In tax year 2005, the most recent year available, Kentuckians filed more than 345,000 EITC claims for a total of \$633.4 million in benefits statewide. Unfortunately, an estimated 20 percent of eligible workers still do not claim their EITC benefits, according to the Internal Revenue Service, mostly for lack of awareness.

Gov. Beshear also noted the impact the EITC has on local economic growth. Nearly all of the funds from the credit, 97 percent, are infused into local communities.

Kentuckians can also find out information about the sites by calling this toll-free phone number provided by the United Way of Kentucky: (877) 566-4968. Or, workers who live in Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, Bullitt, Spencer, Nelson, Henry, Trimble, Carroll, Boone, Kenton, Campbell, Grant, Scott, Woodford, Anderson,

Jessamine, Fayette, Bourbon, Montgomery, Clark, or Madison counties should dial 2-1-1.

As part of Gov. Beshear's campaign, he has recorded a radio public service announcement, and the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) will distribute EITC and free tax preparation site information to more than 300,000 existing clients.

In addition to participation by DCBS and DOR, several private groups are assisting in this effort, including the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Aide Program, the United Way of Kentucky, the Kentucky Asset Success Initiative, the Louisville Asset Building Coalition and the Northern Kentucky Asset Building Coalition. Representatives of these organizations joined the Governor for today's event.

"AARP volunteers are excited and ready to help Kentuckians with their tax returns," said Dolores Wathen, Kentucky AARP Tax Aide Program coordinator. "We are thrilled that Gov. Beshear has organized this campaign to let more Kentuckians know about free tax preparation sites, and encourage more to apply for the Earned Income Tax

Credit."

Participating sites will also have available applications for other need-based government assistance, such as the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP), Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP) and food stamps.

"The Earned Income Tax Credit is one of the most effective ways hard-working Kentuckians can increase their income," said Harmony Little, program manager for LexLine, a member of KASI. "In spite of the numerous benefits of the EITC, it remains a hidden treasure unknown to many who are eligible to receive the credit. For those who do take advantage of the credit, it can give a significant boost to their income."

# Applications being accepted for roadside market program

LOUISVILLE — Enrollment to become a 2009 member of the Certified Roadside Farm Market program kicked off during the Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting's Commodity Day.

Established in July 1996, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market program began as a program to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly from roadside markets to consumers across the Commonwealth. Since then, the membership has expanded to include farm enterprises like greenhouses, landscape nurseries, Christmas tree farms, vineyards/wineries, and meat/cheese farm markets.

Markets certified through this program are identified by the cornucopia logo and are listed in the Certified Roadside Farm Market Directory. The program provides collective advertising, promotional items, education tour opportunities, and other marketing benefits with the intent to increase the net farm income of member markets.

Applications for membership are available on the Kentucky Farm Bureau web

site ([www.kyfb.com](http://www.kyfb.com)) or by calling or e-mailing to the information below. The enrollment fee for membership is \$275 for applications received by Jan. 15, \$275 for applications received by Jan. 31, and \$300 for applications received after Feb. 1.

Enrollment applications must be postmarked Feb. 15 to

guarantee a spot in the Membership Directory.

For questions about enrollment and benefits of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Certified Roadside Farm Market program, please contact Kara Keeton, Director of Commodity Marketing, at (502) 495-5000 or by e-mail at [kkeeton@kyfb.com](mailto:kkeeton@kyfb.com).

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# Pike couple robbed by home invaders

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**SHELBIANA** — A Pike County couple are hopeful that a state police investigation into an armed robbery that occurred to them on Jan. 4 will lead to an arrest.

Angela and Ricky Hopkins, of Shelby Dry Fork in the Shelbiana area, were the targets of an armed robbery at their home just after midnight on Sunday, Jan. 4.

According to a report issued by Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, Ricky Hopkins answered a knock at his front door and was met by two white males asking to use the phone. When he stepped back into his house to bring the phone, the two men entered the home and assaulted him.

The two men were demanding money and drugs, police said, at which time Angela Hopkins heard the disturbance and entered the living

room. The police report stated that Angela Hopkins was subsequently restrained in a chair with duct tape after entering the living room. During the time she was restrained, police said one of the suspects cut her on the neck with a black-handled knife.

The couple said that after this altercation, the two men gathered various electronic items from the home and an undetermined amount of cash, then fled the residence on foot.

The first suspect is described as being around 6 feet tall and approximately 200 pounds, in his mid- to late 20s with a light-colored mustache and goatee. The Hopkinses, who said they did not know or recognize either of the two men, said this first suspect was wearing a gray, hooded sweatshirt at the time of the robbery.

The second male suspect has been described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall with a slender build and was

wearing what the couple described as a "Carhartt type jacket."

Both Angela and Ricky Hopkins were taken to Pikeville Medical Center after authorities arrived on scene, where they were treated for minor injuries and later released.

The incident remains under investigation by KSP Detective Kevin Newsome. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to call KSP at (606) 433-7711 or toll-free at (800) 222-5555.

## Businesses' annual reports available online

**FRANKFORT** — Kentucky business entities now have online access to their annual reports, including business entities that are required to file annual reports for the first time.

Business entities registered in the Commonwealth of Kentucky can obtain their 2009 annual reports immediately by visiting the Kentucky Secretary of State's website.

All Corporations, Limited Liability Companies (LLCs),

Partnerships, Limited Liability Partnerships, Business Trusts, and Professional Service Corporations (PSCs) that are registered with the state, are required to file an annual report by June 30 of each year.

Failure to file the annual report will result in the company being listed in bad standing with the office and could lead to administrative dissolution or revocation of authority to do business in Kentucky.

Prior to 2004, annual

reports were typically available in March via postal mail. Since that time, the Office of the Secretary of State has worked to increase the availability of the reports through its website as well as earlier mailings to all business entities.

Grayson notes that there is a change in the courtesy mailing that is typically sent to the principal office address of each company. In order to cope with severe state budget

cuts, the Office of the Secretary of State will now only send a small postcard with an image of the annual report, instead of a full mailing with the annual report printed on a letter-size piece of paper. This reduces the cost of each annual report piece mailed from \$0.45 to \$0.27, at an annual cost-savings of over \$32,000. The postcards still allow companies to make small changes on the card to send back to the Office of the

Secretary of State, but a vast majority of filers will make no changes to their annual report and can simply check a box to indicate as such. If substantial changes need to be made, the company can print the full-size annual report online or file the report online.

"This change will not only save money for the taxpayers

of Kentucky, but will also allow our office to further our commitment to reducing our impact on the environment," commented Grayson.

Secretary Grayson urges all business entities to "save time and file online" by making use of the online annual filings at [www.sos.ky.gov/annual-reports](http://www.sos.ky.gov/annual-reports).

### Indicted

have conspired to create existed in Prestonsburg, Salersville, Middlesboro and Albany, as well as West Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.

It is further alleged by federal prosecutors that Michael and Christopher Smith intentionally failed to disclose to potential investors in the brochures that several

states issued what are known as cease-and-desist orders against Target Oil. This order is issued by a state entity prohibiting a company from certain business practices.

Seven states, including Kentucky, issued the cease-and-desist orders. In 2003, the Kentucky Department of

Financial Institutions ordered Target Oil to stop selling securities to non-accredited investors and to offer all material facts during the sale of an investment.

According to the indictment, a total of six gas and oil well programs were put together in Floyd County over the five-year period.

### Stalking

according to Patricia Vanhoose, MCC's victim services program outreach education coordinator.

"In the past, stalking victims might have been harassed by being followed in a car and called repeatedly, but by the use of today's information and communication technology, stalking has changed dramatically," Vanhoose said Monday. "Cyberstalking is now very common."

Vanhoose says a cyberstalker's behavior includes false accusations, monitoring, the transmission of threats, identity theft, damage to data or equipment, the solicitation of minors for sexual purposes and gathering information for harassment purposes.

"We want everyone to enjoy the new technologies

and be safe," continued Vanhoose. "In order to be safe, we must know the facts about stalking and be knowledgeable about protecting ourselves from them."

The facts can be eye-opening, says Vanhoose.

Statistics gathered by The National Center for Victims of Crime show that more than 1 million women and some 370,000 men will be stalked each year in the United States. Those figures translate to 1-in-12 women and 1-in-45 men enduring some form of stalking in their lifetime.

The statistics also point to the fact that 87 percent of stalkers are male, with an average duration of stalking extending for more than a year.

So just how does today's

cyberstalker go about his activities? Vanhoose says, these people are advanced and frighteningly efficient.

"Stalkers increasingly are using phone records, computer software that displays every key typed and other technologies to stalk, monitor, control and terrify their victims," Vanhoose said. "This is unfortunate because cell phone are an essential part of victim's safety fans."

### MCA

Project has stood with the school all of these 26 years," said David Aker, administrative consultant for Mountain Christian Academy. "We knew there would be a point and time where they would want to phase themselves out. Essentially, these last five years they have been doing that. They are going to give \$80,000 to us this year, and that funding culminates in August. That will be the last funding we receive from them."

In order to help keep the school open, various organizations started donating money when they learned about the financial difficulty that the school was facing.

"We started the first of December with a \$104,000 deficit that was going to essentially close us," Aker said. "The people on our board, families of students, the PTO, athletic boosters, and other

supporters have rallied and have come up with \$51,500 after that has relieved our pain considerably."

According to Aker, after the tuition are paid, the school will only lack \$26,000 to make it all the way through the end of the new school year in May. "One of the hopes that we have is contacting and communicating with the United Methodist Church about becoming involved with Mountain Christian Academy," Aker said. "Some of them are showing a lot of interest in getting the religious community involved. Their interest is very encouraging to us at this point."

### Stimulus

is in a crisis, but the impacts of climate change are far greater in the long run. Fortunately though, there's no need to sacrifice one for the other.

Green jobs are in danger of disappearing from the stimulus package, to be replaced with shovel-ready jobs, such as President-elect Obama's recently announced plans to create thousands of jobs by "weatherizing" houses. While weatherizing houses is important, it is a short-term project for employment. It is not the same as creating lasting high-tech work or building infrastructure. Green jobs, however, are solid, necessary jobs which have a long-term future.

What we need now is a firm commitment to include in the stimulus package funds for "green" infrastructure and jobs — the real way to revitalize the economy and look toward the future.

House Majority Leader

Nancy Pelosi has touted other projects like investments in new energy technologies and energy-efficient buildings. We need to hold her and the rest of the Congressional leadership to those promises, demanding that they take bold measures to resolve the economic crisis holistically — by taking into account the challenges of the climate crisis, the health of our children, and the needs of our workforce, which is waiting for green American jobs that can't be exported.

Our government must begin the shift towards a global economy driven by massive job creation from the growth of green technology: construction, transportation, and renewable energy. While the road to a green economy might be long, we need to use this opportunity to build it.

Rogers is the president of Earth Day Network.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg  
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# Sports

## EK Miners roll past Georgia, improve to 8-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Remaining perfect in the 2008-09 season, the East Kentucky Miners defeated the Georgia Gwizzlies 140-95 Sunday at the East Kentucky Expo Center in another Interleague Challenge game versus an ABA opponent. East Kentucky was dominant, blanketing Georgia 7-0 in the quarter points category on its way to improving to 8-0. Seven different East Kentucky players reached the double figures scoring plateau in the Interleague Challenge victory.

The Miners managed to break free from the Georgia team in the first half. East Kentucky owned a double-digit lead at the end of each quarter. The Miners carried a 63-47 lead into halftime after leading Georgia 35-24 at the conclusion of the opening period.

"The second half was a good half for us," said East Kentucky coach Kevin Keathley. "We shot almost 76 percent in the second half. We needed to push the ball more in the second half and we did. The players gave a solid second half effort. We made some adjustments following

the first half and were able to get the win and improve to 8-0."

Former CBA Player of the Year Galen Young turned in a triple-double performance

of 11 rebounds, 11 assists and 10 assists for the Miners. Mike Dean was the leading scorer for East Kentucky, finishing with a



GALEN YOUNG

game-high 37 points. Jermaine Blackburn contributed 27 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for East Kentucky.

Afonzo Hird pulled down 11 rebounds — eight of which were on the defensive end — in 13 minutes for the Miners. East Kentucky — which now owns wins over five different ABA teams — out-rebounded Georgia 54-25.

Joe Manuel led Georgia with 25 points. Moses Edun scored 16 points. Mike Crain netted 11 and Wayne Turner added 10 for the Miners. Buck had a double-double for East Kentucky, hauling in 10 rebounds to go along with his 11 points.

Georgia was held to a 39.8-percent shooting effort from the field. The Miners shot 68-percent from the field and 84-percent from the free throw line. East Kentucky dished out 37 assists opposed to committing 18 turnovers. The Miners have defeated five different ABA teams as part of the Interleague Challenge.

### Union turns back Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE — No. 21 Union College returned to its winning ways Saturday as the Lady Bulldogs rolled to a 92-71 decision over visiting Pikeville (Ky.) College.

A trio of Lady Bulldogs scored in double figures, marking the first time that has happened since Dec. 10 when Union defeated St. Catherine (Ky.) College 81-46, which was also the last time Union recorded a victory.

Junior Ashley Lunsford notched her third double-double of the season as she posted 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Junior Brooke Smith posted a team-high 26 points in going 10-of-14 from the field and a perfect 4-for-4 from 3-point range. It was Smith's eighth 20-point game of the season.

Junior Carley Blankenship chipped in a season-high 18 points, and team-high seven assists.

Union quickly built a 10-point advantage as Smith scored with 14:50 remaining in the first to make it 14-4. The margin hovered around 10 points for the next several minutes before the Lady Bulldogs used a 25-7 rally to open up a 49-23 cushion with 2:51 left.

Pikeville fought back, using a 9-0 to close out the half to make it 49-32.

As the second half unfolded, the Lady Bears (11-4 overall) continued to chip away at the margin. Megan Johnson capped an 11-4 Pikeville rally to cut the deficit to 53-45 with 15:22 to play.

Union regrouped and reeled off a 14-2 run to open up a 67-47 lead at the 12:16 mark. Blankenship hit two 3-pointers during the rally as she accounted for eight points in that point. Union maintained control, never allowing the lead to drop lower than 16 points en route to the 92-71 win.

Natasha Hinton paced Pikeville with 29 points and five rebounds. Johnson and Laika Bailey helped out with eight points apiece.

Both teams shot well from the field with Union finishing with a slight edge. The Lady Bulldogs made 46.8 percent (29-of-62 shots) from the floor with Pikeville coming out on 29-of-64 shots (45.3 percent).

The difference in the game occurred behind the 3-point line and at the foul line. Union drained 13-of-27 3-point attempts (48.1 percent) as compared to Pikeville's 14-33 percent (11-of-77 shots) 3-point shooting percentage. In addition, Union was near perfect at the charity stripe as the Lady Bulldogs went 21-of-23. Pikeville finished 12-of-16 (75 percent) on its free throw attempts.

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McDowell Elementary students enjoyed a recent visit from the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program. Photo courtesy of Alice Lloyd College

## ALC student-athletes give back to area communities

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College prides itself on commitment to service within the Appalachian region. During the recent holiday season, several of ALC's athletic teams exemplified this commitment by giving back to their communities through various outreach projects. Alice Lloyd College head baseball coach Scott Corbett and the entire team made the short trip over to the Knox County Sportsplex in order to help with the Rural Area Medical (RAM) event that provided many of the areas uninsured families with much needed medical care. Numerous doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, and other medical professionals volunteered their time and energy to make this program a huge success.

During the weekend event, the baseball team loaded and unloaded trucks with medical equipment, cleaned and took out trash, pulled and folded the floor coverings, and then cleaned the sportsplex. Angela Smith, one of the RAM coordinators, commented, "This would not have been the success it was had it not been for the hard work and devotion of the volunteers. Many thanks and much appreciation go out to the Alice Lloyd College Baseball team for volunteering their time to help with this event."

Speaking on behalf of the ALC baseball coaching staff, Assistant Coach Jason Stowers, commented, "This was a great event and was a huge help to so many people. For some of the families, being able to see that their children had medical

care was a Christmas wish come true. It was good to see our athletes willing to jump in and help any way they could. In addition to just helping, every time we do something like this our students learn a lot about themselves and other people. They are very humbled by this type of project and many of them realize how fortunate they are at home. The ALC men's basketball team and the school's cheerleading squad also found a unique way to give back to the community during the holidays. These two groups made their way to McDowell Elementary on December 16 to deliver Christmas presents to Mrs. Kristi Crum's Kindergarten Class. In addition to the gifts, the ALC students spent quality time singing Christmas carols and reading to the children. Overall, the day was an outstanding

success. The students recognize the importance of giving back to their community through activities such as these.

"It was good to get to be a positive influence on the lives of these children," said ALC Eagle Preston Simon-Spradlin, a Betsy Layne High School graduate. "We could tell how much getting these gifts from us meant to these kids, and that made it all the more special for us."

Cheerleader Brittany Adams felt much the same way as Simon-Spradlin, calling the trip a blessing. For Adams, the best part was getting to see the children's faces light up when they opened their presents. "Christmas should be about giving, and I was proud to have the opportunity to give of myself for the benefit of these children," said Adams.

## East Kentucky prevails in front of strong fanbase on Appalachian Wireless Night

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Returning from a holiday break, East Kentucky gradually pulled away from Tru Hope Friday in another Interleague Challenge game, putting a CBA team versus an ABA squad at the East Kentucky Expo Center. East Kentucky outscored Tru Hope 31-18 in the third quarter en route to a 112-91 win on Appalachian Wireless Night. The Miners (7-0) won the quarter points 6-5, 0-5.

East Kentucky led at the end of each quarter, outscoring Tru Hope 49-15 in the first half. Miners Coach Kevin Keathley was pleased with his team's second-half performance.

"In the second half, we played hard and together," said Keathley. "We had a

strong second effort, and that allowed us to get the win."

Mike Dean turned in another game-high scoring effort for East Kentucky, finishing with 30 points. Dean was one of five East Kentucky players to reach double figures. Javon McEish scored 20 points and dished off a game-high eight assists for the Miners. Jermaine Blackburn, who recorded a rare quadruple-double earlier in the season, had 19 points, five assists, five rebounds, four steals and three blocks for East Kentucky. Joe Buck (eight rebounds) and Delvin Thomas (nine rebounds) turned in near double-double efforts for the Miners, scoring 11 points apiece.

All 10 East Kentucky players broke into the scoring column.

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Galen Young led the Miners in rebounding, collecting 11 boards.

As a team, East Kentucky recorded 12 steals.

Marcus Fisher led Tru Hope, scoring 29 points and pulling down nine rebounds. Fisher was one of four Tru Hope players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Maurice Latham and Jason Clark each had double-doubles for the Trailblazers. Latham contributed 22 points and 11 rebounds. Clark added 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Virginia team.

Tru Hope committed a game-high 26 turnovers.

The Trailblazers struggled from behind the three-point line, hitting just two of 13 attempts.

Attendance for the East Kentucky-Tru Hope game was 2,439.

### Pikeville tops Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Former Allen Central head coach Cindy Stuart was back in Floyd County on Monday night. Stuart brought her Pikeville Lady Panthers to Prestonsburg High School for a regular-season matchup. Pikeville enjoyed much success on the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse hardwood. The Lady Panthers jumped out in front early on and never trailed en route to a 60-38 win.

Freshman guard Lindsey Isner led Pikeville with a game-high 14 points. Junior guard Lesley Francisco followed closely behind Isner in the Pikeville scoring column, tallying 13 points. Senior guard/forward Christina Johnson added 10 points for the Lady Panthers.

Pikeville outscored the Lady Blackcats 20-5 in the opening quarter. The Lady Panthers packed a commanding 33-16 lead into halftime and maintained a sizable lead throughout the second half.

Pikeville finished strong, outscoring Prestonsburg 15-8 in the final quarter.

Sophomore guard Alexis DeRossett paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 12 points. Senior forward Lindsey Fields scored eight points for the Lady Blackcats.

Three other players had six points for host Prestonsburg.

The Lady Blackcats will resume play Wednesday at home versus Magoffin County. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Magoffin County game is set for 7:30 p.m.

### Shepherd leads Lady Rebels over Powell

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central claimed its second straight win on Saturday, defeating Powell County 68-56 in a game that featured one of the top individual efforts in the storied AC girls' high school basketball program's history. Amber Shepherd scored 36 points, pulled down 11 rebounds, dished off three assists and recorded four steals for the Lady Rebels. Shepherd was the game's leading scorer and rebounder. She tied teammate Megan Jones for the game-high steals total.

Jones also had 11 points, six rebounds and five assists for host Allen Central.

Allen Central went out in front in the first quarter, outscoring Powell County 19-12. The Lady Rebels led 31-28 at the half and outscored Powell County in each of the last two quarters.

Jaimie Mullins scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds for the Lady Rebels. Caitlin Kidd contributed six points and Sarah Kinney scored five as Allen Central prevailed. Logan Cline had two points and four rebounds for the Lady Rebels.

Stevie Rogers paced Powell County with 14 points. Shelby Barnett scored 12 points and Lindsey Roe added 10 for the Lady Rebels. Nine different Powell County players provided scoring. Taylor Atkinson added six points and Meghan Mays contributed five for the Lady Pirates.

Allen Central (3-4) is scheduled to visit Phelps Thursday.

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# Lady Colonels can't complete successful comeback bid

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Eastern Kentucky trailed Austin Peay by 21 points at halftime but used a 19-2 run to start the second half to close the gap to four before falling 70-66 Monday night.

Freshman Kayla Drake led the Lady Colonels (4-8, 1-3 OVC) with 20 points.

Colette Cole scored 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds for EKV. Nadia Mossong contributed 14 points and a team-best eight rebounds. The Lady Colonels held a 39-36 edge in rebounds.

Two days after committing 33 turnovers at Tennessee State, Eastern gave the ball away only 19 times against the Lady Govs (7-8, 3-1 OVC).

Ashley Herring scored a game-high 21 points for Austin Peay. April Thomas turned in a double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Austin Peay scored the first nine points of the game and led 11-4 after a basket by Thomas. A three-pointer by Drake cut the deficit to five, 14-9, with 12:54 remaining in the first half. Another six straight points by the Lady Govs, including four points by Brooke Faulkner, pushed the APSU lead to 11, 20-9, with 11:19 showing on the clock.

An old-fashioned three-point play by Thomas followed by a three-pointer from Faulkner, stretched the Austin Peay lead to 14, 26-12, with 8:27 to go in the first half. The Lady Govs suffered through a scoring drought that lasted nearly three minutes, but EKV was only able to shave two points off the deficit. Herring's trey ended the APSU scoring drought and pushed the home squad out to a 31-14 lead.

The Lady Govs ended the first half with a 7-2 run and took a 38-17 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Eastern Kentucky scored the first 13 points of the second half. Drake opened play with a pair of free throws and a three-pointer from the top of the key. Cole followed with a trey, and back-to-back jumpers by Jasmine Lewin made it a 38-29 game with 16:21 remaining. Cole's free throw capped the 13-0 run and left the Lady Colonels down 38-30.

APSU's first points of the second half came over six minutes into the period. A basket by Lauren Jones snapped the EKV streak and pushed the Lady Gov advantage back to 10. However, Eastern scored the next six points to close what began as a 21-point deficit to four, 40-36, with

11:32 left in the game.

Seven straight points by Austin Peay's Whitney Hanley, four from the free throw line and a three-pointer from the left wing, extended the Lady Gov lead back to 13, 50-37, with 8:28 to go. Eastern Kentucky closed to within nine, but back-to-back three-pointers by Herring put APSU back on top by 12.

A trey by Drake brought the Lady Colonels back to within nine, 59-50, with 2:11 to play. Mossong's three from the right corner made it a seven point game, 61-54, with 1:07 showing on the clock. A pair of Mossong free throws left EKV down by six with 47 ticks remaining. Cole hit a three-pointer from the left wing with 37 seconds to play to make it a five point game 64-59.

Austin Peay made 6-of-8 free throw attempts in the final 32 seconds to secure the victory. Drake's three-pointer with two seconds remaining set the final score.

Eastern Kentucky shot 38.2 percent (21-for-55) from the field for the game. APSU made 36.5 percent (19-of-52) of its shots. After hitting 19 in the first half, the Lady Govs connected on only five field goals in the second half.

After concluding a two-game road trip, the Lady

Colonels will return home for a pair of games. EKV will face Jacksonville State at McBrayer Arena on Thursday. Tip-off is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

## Dunlap named SEC Player of the Week

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky's Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.) was named the Southeastern Conference's Player of the Week after averaging a double-double with a team-high 15.5 points and 13.5 rebounds in the Wildcats' two wins last week, the league office in Birmingham, Ala., announced Monday.

The sophomore forward scored 11 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in the 72-63 win over North Carolina A&T and followed that performance with 20 points and a career-high 15 boards against Miami Ohio. She is just the sixth player in school history to join the 2015 club and the first to accomplish the feat since Jennifer Humphrey did it in

an SEC Tournament first-round win against Arkansas in 2007. A force on defense, Dunlap also recorded a season-high 10 defensive rebounds, a career high-tying five steals and a season-high three blocks against N.C. A&T.

Dunlap, UK's leader in points (12.4 points per game), blocks (1.6) and steals (2.9), has now scored in double-figures 10 times this season, including six in a row. The Wildcats are 13-5 when she scores in double digits and 3-0 when she has 20 points or more. She ranks tied for 15th in the SEC in scoring and is fifth in rebounding with 8.4 rebounds per game.

This is Dunlap's fourth overall conference honor as she was named the SEC Freshman of the Week three times last season. However, it marks Kentucky's first SEC Player of the Week since former Wildcat Sarah Elliott received the honor on Jan. 17, 2005.

Kentucky, which is riding a five-game winning streak, concluded non-conference play with a 10-5 record, a vast improvement from last year's 6-8 mark heading into league play. The Wildcats travel to Knoxville, Tenn., Thursday, Jan. 8 to face No. 8 Tennessee

in the SEC opener for both teams. Tip-off in Thompson-Boling Arena is slated for 7 p.m. EST and the game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network (radio) with Neil Price.

## Kentucky-Auburn men's basketball tickets remain on sale

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A limited number of single game tickets remain for Kentucky's January 21 game against Auburn. Fans can order tickets by calling the UK Ticket Office (1.800.928.2287), the Rupp Arena Box Office (859.233.3535) or by going to UKathletics.com or Ticketmaster.com.

The Wildcats' Southeastern Conference opener on Saturday against Vanderbilt has been sold out. The game will be televised on Raycom Sports with a 2 p.m. tip-off.

# Lady Rebels outlast Fairview

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central held off Fairview 51-48 on Tuesday, Dec. 30 in the Judy Eversole Invitational. Amber Shepherd led Fairview past Fairview. Shepherd, one of Eastern Kentucky's top young high school girls' basketball players, turned in a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds. She also had five steals and four assists for the Lady Rebels. Megan Jones added 15 points and six rebounds in the Allen Central victory.

The Lady Rebels opened

the game on a strong note, outscoring Fairview 11-8 in the first quarter. Allen Central, which owned various leads, led 17-14 when the game went into halftime.

The Lady Rebels enjoyed a scoring edge in each of the last two quarters.

Caitlin Kidd added nine points, three rebounds, five assists and four steals for the Lady Rebels. Logan Cline contributed four points and six rebounds for the Allen Central girls' basketball team. Jaimie Mullins and Sarah Kinney added two points each for the Lady Rebels.

Alicia Gunter led Fairview

with 12 points. Casey Dudgeon was the second-leading scorer for the Lady Eagles, finishing with 10 points. Brandi Mills scored nine points. Megan Johnson added eight and Brittany Mills contributed six for visiting Fairview.

Allen Central alum Tiffany Turner is in her first season as Allen Central head coach. She is a former South Floyd assistant coach.

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# Austin Peay holds off Eastern Kentucky

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team found itself in an early 16-point hole to host Austin Peay, but almost pulled off a comeback victory in an 82-79 defeat Monday night in Dave Aaron Arena. The Governors improve to 7-7 overall and 3-1 in the OVC while the Colonels fall to 7-7 and 1-3.

Eastern Kentucky never led on the evening as Austin Peay scored 14 of the first 17 points. Back-to-back three-pointers from Anthony Campbell then gave the Governors a 16-point lead, 29-13.

From there, the Colonels responded with a 15-2 spurt over the next four minutes to climb right back into the game. Junior Josh Taylor hit two trifectas during the stretch while junior Daymon Ellis chipped in with two buckets as well.

However, following an Austin Peay timeout, the

Governors regained momentum by scoring the final nine points of the half to take a 40-28 lead into halftime.

Eastern Kentucky trailed by double digits through much of the first 10 minutes of the second half before two consecutive three-pointers from freshman Joshua Jones cut the deficit to four, 60-56, with 9:22 left. Once again, Austin Peay bounced back with three straight points to push the advantage back to 11, 67-56.

The Colonels trailed by 13 points with 4:13 remaining before stringing together one final run. A Justin Stommes three-pointer brought EKU to within six points with 2:51 left, 76-70. Two free throws from Jones with 2:26 showing on the clock sliced the deficit to four points, 76-72. After an Austin Peay miss, Eastern Kentucky had two open three-pointers to bring the Colonels within one point, but could not convert.

Austin Peay finally sealed the victory with a Kyle

Duncan lay-up to put the Governors ahead, 80-74, with 39 seconds remaining.

Jones paced Eastern Kentucky with a career-high 20 points. The freshman was 6-of-9 (66.7 percent) from the floor while netting five three-pointers. Taylor and Stommes combined for 29 tallies. Senior Mike Rose, the team's leading scorer, was held to nine points and was 0-for-6 from three-point range.

APSU's Drake Reed led all scorers with 31 points and was 10-for-10 at the free throw line. The Governors shot 55.1 percent (27-of-49) from the floor including 59.1 percent (13-of-22) in the second half.

Eastern Kentucky will return home to face Jacksonville State on Thursday, Jan. 8. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Knott County Sportsplex Upcoming Events Schedule

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15. Trinity
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20. Warren Central

# Tennessee State fends off Eagles

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Morehead State University rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to tie the score twice in the second half but could never take the lead in a 71-64 Ohio Valley Conference loss at Tennessee State University Monday (Jan. 5) evening.

Tennessee State, now 5-9 overall and 3-1 in the OVC, was led by Gerald Robinson, Jr., who scored 19 points. Parker Smith had 15 points, and Jerrell Houston had 14 points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Morehead State, 6-9 and 3-1 in the league, got 19 points and eight rebounds from Leon Buchanan. Robert Murry had 14 points, and Kenneth Faried, the OVC Player of the Week,

had his ninth double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

"You've got to give Tennessee the credit, they took it right at us from the opening tip, and we didn't play well enough to overcome a big early deficit," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "We lead our league in rebounding, but TSU out-rebounded us tonight."

MSU hit 36.8 percent (21-of-57) from the field, while TSU shot 43.4 percent (23-of-53). Both teams took 11 three-pointers. TSU made five, MSU made two. The Eagles were 20-of-27 from the free throw line. TSU was 20-of-29.

Morehead State will return home on Thursday to take on OVC rival Tennessee Tech.

# MSU women fall short at TSU

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Morehead State trailed by 16 at the half at Tennessee State Monday night and nearly stormed all the way back to defeat the Lady Tigers, but the Eagles could not capitalize on free throw opportunities with less than two minutes left and TSU held on for a 72-68 win at the Gentry Center.

Morehead State fell to 8-8 overall and 2-2 in the league, while TSU moved to 7-8 and 3-1 in the OVC.

Junior Brittany Pittman led the Eagles with 15 points and 11 rebounds, her sixth double-double of the season, while Chynna Bozeman had 14 and Tiffany Stephens and Tiffany Hamilton scored 12 apiece. The Eagles were 12-of-32 from three-point range, including 8-of-20 in the second half when they outscored TSU 42-30.

But, MSU hurt itself in the first half, shooting just 24 percent. The Lady Tigers meanwhile hit 48 percent of their first half attempts and rolled out to a 42-26 lead at the break.

In the second half, the Eagles fought their way back into the game but never were able to take a lead. Trailing 67-66 with 1:08 left, Pittman missed a free throw that could have tied it. Deja Watson hit a layup and was fouled with less than a minute left and the Eagles trailed 69-68, but Watson missed her attempt. The Eagles, then were called for a foul on a Tiffany Jackson layup, and she converted a three-point play to put the game out of reach.

For the game, the Eagles out-rebounded the Lady Tigers 52-43. Bozeman also had seven rebounds and dished out a team high five assists. Hamilton added six boards, and Courtney Lumpkin grabbed six as well.

TSU got a game-high 22 points from Jackson and 21 from point guard Kendra Appling. The Eagles held TSU to only a 15 percent (2-of-13) effort from three-point range. The Lady Tigers, however, hit 20 free throws and had seven fewer turnovers.

# Faried named OVC Co-Player of the Week

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Morehead State University sophomore center Kenneth Faried has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Co-Player of the Week for his efforts in Eagle road wins over East Tennessee and Austin Peay.

Faried had seven points and 17 rebounds in the Eagles' 71-64 win at Tennessee and 24 points and 17 rebounds in MSU's most recent 84-74 win at Austin

Peay. Faried averaged 15.5 points, 17.0 rebounds and hit 47.6 percent (10-of-21) from the field for the week. He blocked three shots against ETSU and added another block (his 30th of the season) against the Gobs, Faried currently ranks sixth nationally in rebounding (11.9/game) and leads the OVC in double-doubles (8). He shares this week's award with Lester Hudson of UT Martin.

Coach Donnie Tyndall's MSU men's team is 6-9 overall.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 08-CI-00384**

**First Commonwealth Bank Plaintiff**

**Mabel Irene Tuttle, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF**

Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 19th day of November, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$5,275.36, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old, Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in

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**vs. Donna Rollins and Jimmy Rollins; Shirley Caudill and Eddie C. Hall, single; Raymond E. Hall, single; Kenneth Hall and Gabriella Hall;**

**Kimberly Harmon and Charles Harmon; Lowell Hall and Catherine Hall; and Beauty Products Liquidation Corporation (formerly known as J.H. Weiss Supply Co.) Defendants**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 26th day of November, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being a certain tract or parcel of land, located and lying in Melvin on Left Beaver Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

On the east by the lands of Andy Little Heirs; on the north by the lands of H.A. Johnson; on the west by the C&O Railway Company. By deed dated September 17, 1973, and of record at Deed Book 491, Page 94, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, as more particularly described above, Marie Dennis, et al. conveyed to M.C. Hall and Mary Hall the above-described real property. Also see affidavit of descent of M.C. Hall of record at Deed Book 407, Page 120, (at affidavit of descent of Mary Hall of record at Deed Book 407, Page 115, will of Charles L. Hall of record at Will Book H, Page 482, will of Glennis Hall of record at Will Book Y, Page 543, affidavit of descent of

balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above-described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

Ed Hall of record at Deed Book 499, Page 576, and deed from Parilee Hall to Rosemary K. Hall dated October 6, 2003, and of record at Deed Book 491, Page 429, all in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Terms of Sale:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

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

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the

map. The latitude is 37°33'33". The Longitude is 82°54'19". The record now in effect for 677-5023, Increment #1, is \$23,000. All the remaining bond amount is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding, completed on July 15, 2004, and tree planting, completed on December 7, 2005.

Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 9, 2009.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., 251B Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for Phase II and III release on Permit Number 877-5023, Increment #1, which was last issued on 1/24/01.

The application covers an area of approximately 10.76 surface acres, of which 8.02 acres have been overlapped by Frasure Creek Mining, L.L.C. and 198.72 undisturbed acreage, for a total of 209.50 acres. The operation is located 2.6 miles south of David in Magoffin County. The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from State Route 7's junction with Brushy Fork County Road, and located 1.0 mile southeast of the confluence of Brush Fork and the Licking River. The operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 702 minute quadrangle

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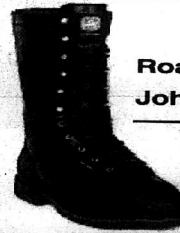
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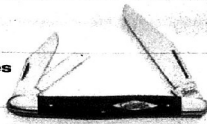
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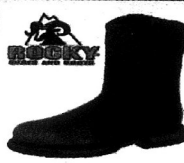


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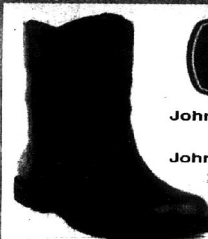
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### THROUGH THE LENS

## A brief history of (measuring) time

by ERIC THOMAS

The New Year has begun, and with it the inevitable march of time toward another holiday season. With its start, some people resolve to make improvements while others (especially the young among us) look forward to becoming a year older. We mark the passage of time on our calendar, recording the events that make up the story of our lives. But have you ever wondered where the calendar actually came from?

Since pre-historic times we have sought ways to track time. Early on it was imperative for our ancestors to know when seasons would change, when animals would migrate, when to plant, and when to harvest. For these people the sky was their calendar. The first rising or setting of specific stars or the rise of the sun over particular geographic landmarks let our ancestors know when these seasonal events would take place.

By about 3000 B.C. when the early Britons were in the middle of building Stonehenge, the Egyptians, Chinese,

(See LENS, page three)

### POISON OAK

## A January memory

by CLYDE PACK

When I was a child it was not unusual for large birds—like crows and hawks and buzzards—to be seen in the woods surrounding our neighborhood. Guess that's why I gave little or no thought—at least at the time—to an incident that occurred as I was nearing my fifth birthday, back in 1944.

"Yep, that's definitely a bald eagle," Dad said.

Its head might as well have been a white flag as it reflected the bright January morning sun in front of a cloudless blue eastern Kentucky sky. My brother Ernest (nine years my senior), and I, were standing on the back porch of our little coal company house, looking up to the head of Smoky Hollow at a large dead tree—we called it a "snag." The eagle was perched right in the top of it, and was at least half a mile away.

"This is the third straight morning he's been there, Daddy," Ernest said. According to Ernest, the eagle would appear, sit there, sometimes for up to an hour, then fly off, always in the same direction.

"Tell you one thing," Ernest said. "If he comes back tomorrow, I'm going to be sitting right under the ole snag."

Dad sort of chuckled. "You're about as close to him as you're gonna get," he said.

The next morning just after daylight, 14-year-old Ernest put on his gloves and pulled his 'boggan down over his ears. With Dad's old single-shot, 12-gauge shotgun held loosely in his right hand,

(See OAK, page three)

# SAYING THANKS

## Goins tribute to soldiers, veterans headed to DVD

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Melvin Goins is a bluegrass icon from the mountains of Bluefield, W.Va., but his fanbase stretches far and wide, with plenty of Eastern Kentucky music lovers relishing the opportunity to see Goins and his band in concert.

On Jan. 10, Goins will be at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg for a special tribute to the troops and veterans show.

"Any bluegrass fan worth their salt loves Melvin Goins," said Danny Simpkins, a Williamson resident who purchased his tickets last week. "He always puts on a great show, and he has such a history in mountain music. Plus, the concert is for a good cause."

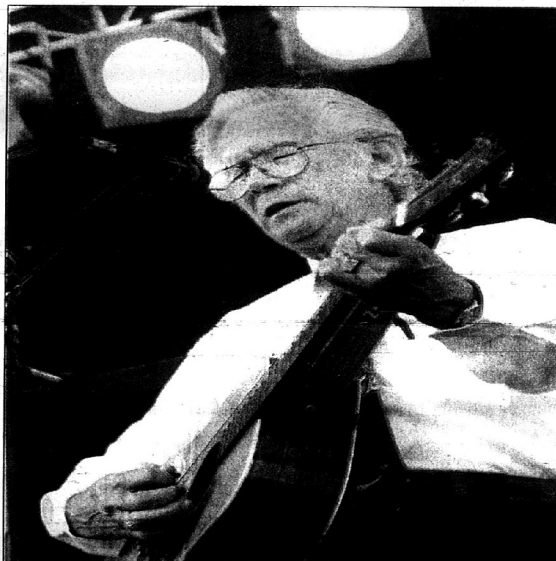
Goins has been immersed in the world of bluegrass for over 58 years and has worked with many of the legends who are viewed as the fathers of bluegrass, including Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley.

According to Goins' biographical information, his new band, Melvin Goins and Windy Mountain are moving forward with their traditional sound that has served Goins and has fans for well over half of a century.

As part of the tribute to the troops and veterans, a DVD of the show will be produced at sent to the troops that are currently serving overseas, and veterans at Walter Reed Hospital. Goins also produced a DVD of a concert at the Mountain Arts Center last year that was also sent to the troops.

The Melvin Goins Homecoming Concert will begin at 7 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. Dave Evans, Charlie Sizemore, Ernie Thacker, C.J. the D.J., the Moron Bros., and others are scheduled to perform. Tickets are on sale at the Mountain Arts Center, with advance tickets at \$20 and \$22 at the door.

For more information on the concert, call the Mountain Arts Center at (606) 928-2121.



Melvin Goins  
photo courtesy of KET



Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) and the BSCTC Music Program announce the 2009 Big Sandy Idol Premiere Sponsor: Jennifer Reynolds' State Farm Insurance. Located in Pikeville, Reynolds' State Farm business is community oriented and Reynolds enjoys "giving back."

"I am pleased to help the youth of eastern Kentucky," Reynolds said. "I believe when you give to your community, it is one of the greatest things you can do."

Big Sandy Idol is a vocal talent and scholarship competition that offers two winners from each high school in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin Counties (14 high schools) a chance to compete for a demo CD recording, a full-album recording, and the top prize of a \$1,200.00 vocal scholarship to attend BSCTC, along with a spot with the Big Sandy Singers who are directed by Laura Ford Hall. The two winners will advance to compete at the regional-level of competition, held at the Mountain Arts Center on March 13 and 14, 2009 where they will compete for these prizes and ultimately two students will win a scholarship to college. The Idol program is directed by Clayton Case with Music Program Director Hall and Technical Director Timothy Cooley.

"I can't thank Jennifer Reynolds and her business enough," Hall said. "I am amazed and incredibly grateful that someone would be so generous to offer their sponsorship to our students and music programs."

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# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago (January 6, 1999)

Frontier Night is Saturday at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. You'll be buffaloe at the buffet from 4 to 8 p.m.

Former Floyd Circuit Judge Hollie Conley has been honored by the Floyd County Bar Association with a room named for him. The courtroom in the courthouse bears the designation of the Hollie Conley Courtroom, by order of the outgoing Judge-Executive Ben Hale, who said the bar association requested the naming.

On New Year's Day, Hugh E. Naylor, 40, of Toler, lost his life in an early morning blaze that engulfed the trailer where he was reportedly spending the night.

What the Floyd County Board of Education failed to do during its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 21, it accomplished during the special meeting on Dec. 28: naming the state manager Woodrow Arnold Carter, as secretary of the board, and after an executive session, going a step further and naming Carter as the interim superintendent.

A rock slide on KY 1428 near Cow Creek has blocked traffic since New Year's Eve. J&M Construction Company is breaking the boulders up so they can be removed from the highway. Hugh Sammons of the state highway department says nearly 2000 tons of rock fell when a natural high wall weathered and gave way.

Aiming for a smooth transition, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson had his new staff in place before the beginning of the regular work day on Monday. Thompson convened a special meeting of the fiscal court at 7 a.m., just seven hours after he officially took office, to get the Floyd Fiscal Court's approval of his new staff and the continuing county government staff.

Floyd Counties started the new year with two to three inches of snow that blanketed the ground and clung to the trees—with recurring dustings. The Weather Service in Jackson says to expect some more light snow today with temperature highs between 25 and 30 degrees.

There died: Lucinda Combs, 100, of Ary, Thursday, December 31, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ruth Fairchild, 79, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Oil Springs, Saturday, December 20, at Highlands Regional

Hospital; Hassel Collins, 74, of Stanville, Saturday, January 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Matta Hill Culbertson, 80, of Georgetown, Saturday, January 2, at the Extenda Care at Georgetown; Cynthia Hale Dove, 86, of Martin, Friday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clyde Bailey, 74, of Hueysville, December 29, at Knott County Nursing Home; Anna Lee Calhoun Baumgarten, 84, formerly of Ashland, Friday, January 1, at the Medical Central in Mansfield, Ohio; Sallie H. Goble, 95, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 4, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Max Randell Music, 59, of Prestonsburg, at his residence; Jean Wilcox Greer, 73, of Betsy Layne, Thursday, December 31, at her residence; Luther Stephens, 68, of Endicot, Wednesday, December 30, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Jim Bob Tackett, 81, of Hi Hat, Sunday, January 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Silas "Tine" Patrick, 66, of Talcum, January 2, at Hindman, from injuries, received in an automobile accident; Betty Jo Martin Rucks, 62, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Sunday, January 3, at her residence; Amy Meade Martin, 99, of Galloway, Ohio, formerly of Drift, Saturday, January 2, at the Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus; Carl Thomas Watson, 76, of Prestonsburg, Friday, January 1, at his residence; Ernest Prater, 80, of Wabash, Indiana, January 1, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne; Hugh Ervin Naylor, 40, of Harold, Friday, Jan. 1, at his residence.

## Twenty Years Ago (January 4, 1989)

Two returning and one new board member will face the prospect of asking the state to take over Floyd County's school finances at the board's first meeting of the year.

The advisory to boil water has not been lifted, but the Wheelwright water situation "appears to be in pretty good shape," according to Audrey Yates of the Wheelwright, Utilities Commission.

A Hazard man and a Booneville, Arkansas, man were killed in separate accidents in recent weeks.

Kentucky State Police have filed charges of two counts of murder against John Jarrell, 21, of Banner, in the death of Roy Adams, 43, of

Grethel. There died: Dora Moore, 66, of Wheelwright, December 28, in Indiana; Lucas Moore, 30, of Banner, December 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Raleigh Shepherd, 85, of Gunlock, December 21, at his residence; Carolyn Sue Hall Stephens, 47, of Banner, December 24, at her residence; Louis Jean Stepp, 52, of Price, December 27, at her residence; Laura Yates, 77, of Honaker, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years Ago (January 3, 1979)

Gov. Julian M. Carroll announced, last Friday, in a telephone conversation with State Representative James "Jitter" Allen, that he had named a task force to investigate the condition of Prestonsburg High School, and all other schools in Kentucky, with regard to the problem of asbestos.

Although Floyd County was not listed by the President as one of the disaster area counties following the recent flooding which hit a wide section of Kentucky, state and federal officials were here last week, seeking an appraisal of the damages suffered by county roads and bridges.

The observance of "Old Christmas," which has become an annual event in the Prestonsburg area since its revival a number of years ago by folk music collector, Edith F. James, will be held Sunday at May Lodge, in Jenny Wiley State Park.

A 17-year-old Van Lear youth was held, Monday, in Johnson County jail, charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of his brother-in-law, Saturday night.

There died: Charles Vanderpool, 63, of Garrett, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elliott B. Skeans, 73, of Martin, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Linville "Shin" Hagans, 77, of Langley, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; George Goble, 76, of Auxier,

at his residence; Maxine Martin Caldwell, 56, of Russell, formerly of Martin, at her residence; Annie Marshall, 82, of Hueysville, at her residence; Arthur Lee Blankenship, 69, of Town Branch, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bobby Henry Ward, 40, of Martin, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Frank Collins, 45, of Kite, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Eunice Stanley Morgan, 68, of Prestonsburg, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jesse James May, 26, of Stanville, in an accident near Allen; Rhodina Newsome, 78, of Beaver, at the residence of her son; Martha McKinney Mullins, 47, of Price, at her residence; Hatler Strong, 55, of Wecksbury, en route to McDowell Hospital; Hattie Bentley, 46, of Wayland, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Forty Years Ago (January 2, 1969)

A move begun in November, 1967, by eight Prestonsburg churches to provide rent-subsidy housing in this vicinity was won last Friday, when the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) approved a loan of \$820,000 for the project.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the grade school at Martin this morning (Thursday), a few hours before classes were scheduled to be resumed after the holiday vacation.

The holidays, generally, were quiet in Floyd County, with relatively little in the way of law-breaking or serious accidents.

The shortage of vaccine to combat an expected Hong Kong flu epidemic in Kentucky is expected to be relieved, next week, with the arrival of a large shipment of vaccine to go to hospitals and private physicians.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Erway Short, of Mousit, a son, December 19, at the McDowell

(See YESTERDAYS, page three.)

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- 18 Use a seven-second delay, e.g.
- 20 Scads
- 21 Brilliant-hued fish
- 23 Female deer
- 24 UNIVAC, for one
- 28 Formerly
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- 41 Tragic
- 42 Beetle
- 45 Mythical maidens
- 49 Collected into a volume
- 51 Hodgepodge
- 52 Sheltered
- 7 Showroom sample
- 8 Jinx
- 9 Wealth
- 10 Poison
- 11 Automaker
- 17 Legume holder
- 19 Piece of work
- 22 Biblical king
- 24 Scoundrel
- 25 Sapporo sash
- 26 Messieurs' counterparts
- 27 String around
- 29 Barracks bed
- 30 Ram's mate
- 33 Agile
- 36 Rug
- 38 Slot-machine fruits
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**Yesterdays**

Appalachian Regional Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hackworth, a daughter, Jill Renee, Nov. 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Douglas May, of Lexington, a son, Andrew Martin, Oct. 23 at Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer R. Hamilton, of Marshall, Mich., a daughter, Pamela Denise, Dec. 6

There died: Lack Hunter, 77, Sunday, at his home at Cow Creek; Mrs. Martha Harris, 86, of Prestonsburg, Saturday; Miss Arminda Stone, 65, of Langley, Dec. 26; Radford McKinley Barnett, 72, of Martin, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; A.L. Brown, 81, of Lackey, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Dolly H. Hyden, 89, last Thursday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Inas Stephens, 36, formerly of Dock, Monday, at the home of a brother at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Nizie Castle, 77, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 26, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Dulcinea Dudley, 75, of Langley, Dec. 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Callie Blair Howell, 81, of Allen, Dec. 24, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Dennis Martin, 67, Dec. 22, at his home at Honaker; Talmadge Paul Martin, 51, Dec. 22, at his home at Wayland; Mrs. Lottie Hall, 75, of Topmost, Dec. 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Levi Henson, 63, of Orkney, Dec. 22, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willie Hall, 67, Dec. 23, at his home at Galveston; Elder James Conn, 80, Dec. 24, at his home at Osborn.

**Fifty Years Ago**

(No entries for the first week of January are listed)

**Lens**

and Mayan civilizations had established complex calendars of their own. The Egyptian calendar was based on a 365 day cycle, was divided into 12 months, and was used to predict among other things, the annual flooding of the Nile. But all calendars both the ancient and modern have on thing in common, Astronomy.

In 45 B.C., Julius Caesar, set about the task of reforming the calendar of the Roman Empire. It seems that the roman priests, who controlled the calendar, could sometimes be bribed to manipulate it adding days to prolong the term of elected officials or even deleting days to bring on new elections. In an effort of political reform, Caesar abolished the lunar calendar that was in use at the time and with the advice of the Egyptian Astronomer and Mathematician, Sosigenes of Alexandria, established a calendar based on the Sun.

The new calendar of Rome which came to be call the Julian Calendar featured a 365 1/4 day year, (sound familiar). Caesar decreed that the calendar year would actually be 365 days long and that in February of every fourth year an extra day would be added making it a 366 day year. But, it turns out that our solar year is not a perfect 365 1/4 days long, it is actually a little shorter by 10

**Oak**

just as he had done dozens at times when he'd go rabbit or squirrel hunting, he quietly headed up the hollow in the direction of the old snag.

"Is he going to shoot it, Daddy?" I asked.

"Oh, he may think he is, but he won't."

In a little while, sure enough, and right on schedule, the eagle appeared in the top of the ole snag. But this time, he wasn't alone. Perched next to him was another eagle.

"Well, would you look at that," Dad said, "It's a pair."

We couldn't see Ernest, but Dad said he had had plenty of time to get there. This time, though, the eagles left the old dead tree after only a few minutes. Furthermore, when they flew, they didn't fly in the usual direction. Instead, this time, they flew in our direction, right over our house, and out of sight.

We never saw them again. In about 15 minutes, Ernest appeared in view, the shotgun dangling loosely from his right hand, just as it had been when he left. As he walked into the backyard, he was grinning from ear to ear.

"How close did ya get?" Dad asked.

"Not close at all," Ernest answered, "I had the feeling they were watching me from the

due to holidays on that date.)

**Sixty Years Ago**  
(January 6, 1949)

With the truck-mining industry at its lowest ebb since it boomed with wartime fuel demands, and many rail mine operations curtailed for lack of orders, the Kentucky State Employment Service office here is being swamped with applicants for jobs and unemployment compensation, Glen S. Anderson, office manager, said.

The bootlegging situation in this county, admitted by citizens and officials alike, to be bad, drew comment from two official sources this week, who called for stricter enforcement of the county's dry law.

Seventeen coal companies in this county had this week, not only the uncomfoting prospect of a slack run, but also the disquieting word from the Department of Revenue, Frankfort, that their assessment for 1948 tax purposes had been increased to a figure barely shy of a million dollars.

Last week, 31 years after his death, grateful Texans paid to William Leonilas Mayo, who founded one of the state's great educational institutions, honor in the county of his birth. He was born near Allen, Nov. 3, 1861, the son of William J. Mayo and Rhoda Martin Mayo.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Branham, Endicott, a daughter, on Jan. 1; to Jailer and Mrs. Everett W. Collins, Dec. 31, a daughter, Belva Jean; to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Culbertson, a son, Glenn Arvid II, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington

There died: Adis Pitts, 31, West

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minutes and 48 seconds. Because of this miscalculation, after 128 years Caesar's calendar had slipped backwards by one day. By the 1500's when the calendar was again being considered for correction again, it had drifted off by a full 110 days.

It was the Catholic Church and Pope Gregory XIII that found it necessary to straighten out the mess that calendar had become. But you might be thinking, why was the Church concerned about correcting the calendar and the astronomy necessary to do so? Quite simply the answer is Easter!

As it turns out, the rules for calculating the celebration of Easter made reforming the calendar very necessary. Those rules required that Easter be celebrated on the Sunday following the Full Moon that occurs on or after the day of Vernal Equinox (the first day of Spring) By the time of Pope Gregory, with a 10 day error in the Julian calendar, there was just a little confusion about when the First day of Spring actually was.

So in February of 1582 Pope Gregory after accepting the proposal for corrections made by Aloysius Lilius, a physician from Naples, he decreed that 10 days were to be dropped after October 4th of that year to correct the calendar

and bring it back into agreement with astronomical observations of the Equinox. It is this "Gregorian Calendar" that we still use today. But what Lilius suggest to correct the drift of the Caesar's calendar you ask?

It was very simple, and has to do with manipulating the Leap Year. Lilius suggested that every year that is divisible by 4 remain leap year, unless it is a year divisible by 100 which would not be a leap year. If, however, it is a year divisible by 400 remains a leap year after all. See, I told you it was simple.

So, as we move into the New Year that is 2009 and begin to work on our resolutions, just remember, that while we may take the modern calendar for granted, it took centuries of astronomical observation and mathematical work to get it to the accuracy it has. And, while it is by no means perfect (there another story here), it does work very well for our purposes today. Oh, and by the way, there are only 351 days until Christmas!

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

Prestonsburg army veteran, at Mantion; Mrs. Mary Francis Thomas, 73, at Prestonsburg General Hospital. She was the widow of Prof. W.R. Thomas; Minerva Jane Hamilton, 40, Jan. 3, at Teaberry.

**Seventy Years Ago**  
(January 5, 1939)

Aunt Julia Meade, Abbott Creek, who says she is 102 years old, crossed a mountain, and walked two miles to enjoy Christmas dinner with her granddaughter, Mrs. Press Meade, and other relatives.

Circuit Judge John Caudill acknowledged complaints about county officers collecting more than they should from persons jailed for drunkenness, and asked grand jurors to indict such officers "more than anyone else." Grand jurors began their session kneeling in prayer.

The new McDowell school will be dedicated Friday. John Scott, 34, slain in Wheelwright, at end of New Year's party

1938's "biggest stories" in Floyd County: Marriage of 10-year-old Rosie Columbus to Fleming Tackett, 34; Abolishment of sub-district trustee elections by school board and subsequent litigation between Board and teachers recommended by trustees; Fiscal court's delay to making health dept. appropriation; Death of tot 5, when mother refuses to get doctor and pleads to the "Healin' Power"; Commonwealth's attorney O.C. Hall charges Floyd County is "bloodiest soil in Western Hemisphere"; John's Creek dam proposed; Left Beaver road started after many preceding stories concerning its condition; Litigation over proposed Martin school site; Lee Frasure, unassisted, builds orphans' home

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Riffe, a daughter, Mary Carlene, on Dec. 30, at Paintsville Hospital

There died: Nick Salisbury, 36, of Drift, electrocuted when most of truck contacted high-tension line; John Laszlo, 59, Wheelwright native of Hungary; John Flannery, 48, C&O train dispatcher of West Prestonsburg; Jack Miller, 82, at home on May's Branch.

**Horne-Wilder**

Seldon and Ramona Horne, of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Dawn Horne, of Lexington, to Joe Michael Wilder, of Nicholasville, son of Milo and JoNell Wilder, of Perryville. Kimberly is a graduate of Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky College of Nursing. She is employed at Central Baptist Hospital. Joe is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He is employed at National Bank. They will be married on May 30, 2009, at Northeast Christian Church in Lexington.



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