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## TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

### briefs Police search for grocery store bandit

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**BANNER** - Boyd's Grocery Store in Banner can be added to the list of local businesses that have been targeted for armed robberies in the last several months.

According to the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, a man walked into the Banner grocery on Tuesday, April 3 with a handgun.

The man, who police were still searching for as of press time, then demanded money from the clerk before leaving on foot.

Police said \$1,023.66 was taken during the robbery.

The man was described as standing 5 feet, 10 inches tall and weighing approximately 170 pounds. He was wearing a blue jersey trimmed in white with a black mask over his face. Witnesses said he was also wearing "something similar to latex gloves."

The robbery is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Tony Russell. Russell was assisted at the scene by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement.

## Two hospitalized after Banner shooting

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**DANIELS CREEK** - Police are still investigating a shooting that occurred at Daniels Creek in Banner last week that left two men wounded and now hospitalized.

Both James Isaac and Clifford Jarrell are now in the hospital after the two shot one another over what police say was a disagreement about

a vehicle. Kentucky State Police spokesman Det. Mike Goble said an altercation between two men led to gunfire on April 3.

Both men suffered gunshot wounds to their legs, Goble said, adding that the investigation is ongoing.

"No arrests have been made yet," Goble said. "They're still investigating it. All we know right now is there

was some type of altercation where both subjects were shot in the legs."

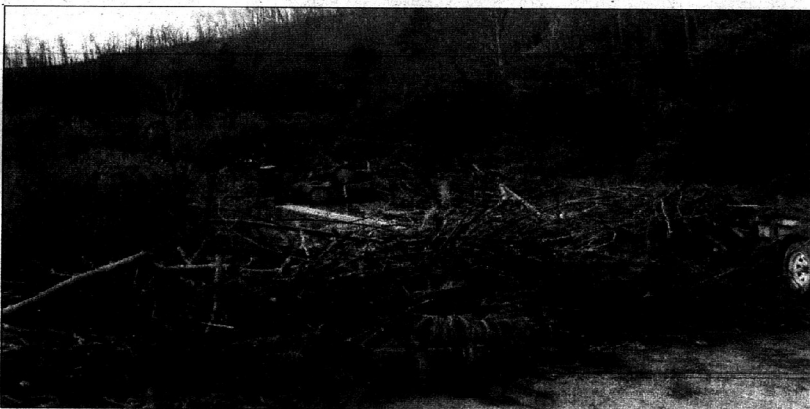
Goble said the reason there have been no arrests made in connection to the shooting is due to the fact that the men are both hospitalized in different areas and that detectives have not had the opportunity to conduct full interviews.

"As far as we know, Isaac showed up at Jarrell's house and they had words over a vehicle," Goble added.

"(Det.) Gary (Sykes), who is investigating the case, made an attempt yesterday to contact one of them."

Isaac was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury in late March on a charge of impersonating an officer and now awaits a court date in that criminal case. According to police, he attempted to act as a member of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in order to look further into a shooting involving his son.

## PILING UP



Storm conditions Monday night brought winds that found area residents experiencing fallen trees and branches, a throwback to earlier this year when ice and wind storms ripped through the region. By Tuesday afternoon contractors were busy unloading branches and other debris at the fill site at the base of Abbott Mountain in Prestonsburg. The road leading to the site is now covered over with trees, branches and other debris.

photo by Sheldon Compton

## Cleanup, tourism on tap next Wednesday

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** - A pair of events are scheduled to recognize April as Redbud Month and PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month.

On April 15, volunteers will be needed for a downtown cleanup in Prestonsburg from 8 a.m. until noon.

According to Brent Graden, the city's PRIDE coordinator, there will be refreshments and pizza served to volunteers during the cleanup.

Those interested in taking part in this first event should contact Prestonsburg City Hall for further information.

Also on April 15, organizers will have a set of events to celebrate Redbud Month and PRIDE efforts at Archer Park beginning at 1 p.m. and lasting until 3 p.m.

Also during the Archer Park events, a ceremony will be held to plant three redbud trees and to present checks for two local programs.

Fred James, the executive director of Prestonsburg Tourism, will accept a check for grant funds through the Redbud Trails program of TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY).

The program started in 2004 to help kick off the tourist season in the spring and since then more than 350,000 redbud seedlings have been planted in the region. During this month, some 40,000 more will be planted.

(See EVENTS, page eight)

## Drug, fraud indictments returned

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** - A pair of federal indictments were handed down in Pikeville recently involving one drug trafficking case and one case of unemployment fraud.

Chad Dewayne Bartley was indicted on two counts of possession with intent to distribute oxycodone

and hydrocodone, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime, as well as counts in the indictment for forfeiture of property.

According to Bartley's indictment, he allegedly was found with the drugs in Pike County on April 19, 2008.

Also at that time, federal prosecu-

tors say Bartley had in his possession two firearms - a Mossberg .12 gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber revolver - and various ammunition including four rounds for the shotgun and nine rounds for the revolver. If convicted, Bartley could face a maximum of 35 years in prison and fines of up to \$1 million.

(See CHARGES, page eight)

## Local leaders to give 'State of County' Tuesday

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** - The annual State of the County Address is coming up next week, and Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg, hopes that hard questions will be asked in order to find out how to best stimulate the economy in Floyd County.

"Although the nation's economy has seen better days and the markets continue to correct themselves, we must use our local resources to the best of our ability so that we may flourish," said Graden, who will be serving as moderator of the event. "We will talk on many topics, including local, state and federal government, health care, banking, education, real estate and other related top-

ics. We have invited local leaders from each of these important categories so that they can give us a snapshot of what is actually happening. We will also ask the hard questions of this panel so we can get a clearer picture of what we need to do to grow."

The purpose of the State of the County Address is to bring government, businesses and the community together through an open dialogue. Questions will be directed to local leaders who will be part of a panel to address the concerns and ideas of those in attendance.

Also, Graden is currently soliciting questions from the public and is asking interested people to email their questions to him at

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## WILD WEATHER

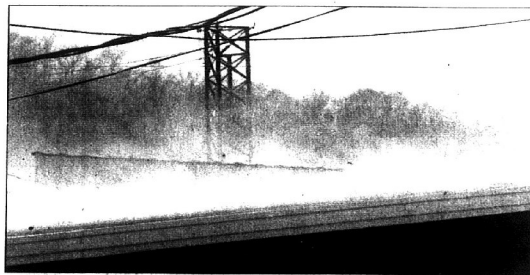


photo by Ralph B. Davis

Mother Nature brought Floyd County a true weather sampler Tuesday, with periods of rain, snow, wind and sun - sometimes all within a matter of minutes - as well as one of Nature's true rarities, thundersnow. During a break in the clouds, the sun heated the day's precipitation to produce heavy billows of fog from downtown buildings, such as Ray Howard Furniture and the Strand Twin theater, above.

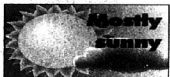
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### Tomorrow



High: 65 • Low: 46

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# Obituaries

## Madeline Carol Goble

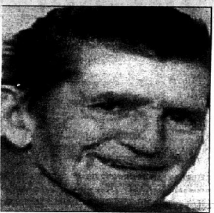
Madeline Carol Goble, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 4, 2009, at her residence.  
Born June 21, 1948, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Nell Ruth Goble and the late Woodford Ross. She was a homemaker.  
She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Craft Jr.

In addition to her mother, survivors include two sons: Raymond Allen Jr., of Bowling Green, and Robert Lee Craft of Ashland; two brothers: Melvin Morris Jr., of Oakland, Maryland, and Larry Darrell Morris of Paintsville; two sisters: Deloris Lafferty of Prestonsburg, and Maude Lucille Frye of Nippa; and two grandchildren: Zachary Lewis Allen and Carolyn Lucille Craft.

In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Darrell Allen.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tim Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, in Auxier.  
Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Cecil Hall

Cecil Hall, 79, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, passed away Friday, March 20, 2009.

He was born in Orkney, a son of the late Silas and Stella Hall. He graduated from McDowell High School. He was a U.S. Army veteran, and a member of Christ Church in Georgetown.

He is survived by his wife, Marty Hall of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; his children: Billy Dean Hall and Jackie Hall, both of Dayton, Ohio, Jimmy Hall of Seymour, Indiana, Sheila Swope of North Webster, Indiana; and his brother, Doffie Hall of Williamson, West Virginia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Hasler Hall.  
He worked as a box maker with Sun Metal for 16 years, and worked for South Bend Toy Company for 14 years. He also worked for John Wong's Chinese Restaurant in Warsaw.

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We love and miss you, Mom. Your children  
Sadly missed by your family and friends, especially your baby girl, Allison



## Happy Birthday Gerald Michael George

April 11, 1973 - September 8, 2008



Life has never been the same since the day you left us. It's so difficult to let you go, though death has left us no other choice. We're mourning the loss of never seeing you and hearing your beautiful voice again, when our hearts search out for better answers, but cannot seem to find them. All the great things that you still would have done, had you been granted a little more time.  
But, regardless of the reason why you had to depart, we will miss you every single day of our lives. We're eternally grateful for the gift of life for you, for you were the pride of our hearts!

Love you, Dad, Mom, Jason, Haley, Brant, Frankie, and Tabitha

Services were held Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Chris Steel and Dave Alton officiating.  
McCombs & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

## Carolyn Sue Newsome

Carolyn Sue Newsome, 62, of Beaver, died Friday, April 3, 2009, at her residence.

Born April 1, 1947, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Fannie Hall Tackett. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons: Timothy (Melissa) Hall of McDowell, Jeffery (Angela) Paige of Beaver, and Phillip "Red" (Jennifer) Newsome of Melvin; a daughter, April Mulanax of Georgia; a sister, Mary Belle Hall of Georgia; three grandchildren: Timothy Kyle Hall, Brandon Paige, and Jessica Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Jeanna Marie Hall and Margo Tackett; nine brothers: Clifford, Willie, George, Hatler, Amos, Green, Larry, Andy Jack, and Thomas Tackett Jr.; five sisters: Wanda Mae Tackett, Bobbie Jean Caudill, Lucy Teams, Roberta Tackett, and Verna Paige; and two grandchildren: Dylan Eugene Paige and Dallas Jeffery Paige.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Fork Cemetery, in Beaver.  
Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Oakley Robinson

Oakley Robinson, age 77 of Martin, husband of Mossie Robinson, passed away Sunday, April 5, 2009, at St. Joseph Martin Hospital, in Martin.

He was born December 14, 1931, in Martin, a son of the late Malcolm and Ollie Conn Robinson. He was a member of the Spurlock Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, Mossie, he is survived by one son: Gary Lee (Anita) Robinson of Martin; one daughter, Kimberly Ann (Tony) Grubbs of Martin; a sister: Roxie Crum of Martin; five grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Glenda Faye Weston, one brother: Billy Robinson; and one sister, Bertha Samons.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman, Richard

Bowen and Roy Robinson officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Kevin Gene Salisbury

Kevin Gene Salisbury, 41, of Harold, died Sunday, April 5, 2009, at Toler Creek, Harold.

Born May 3, 1967, in Pike County, he was the son of Reva Sturgill Salisbury of Harold, and the late James Salisbury. He was a disabled security guard.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Spears Salisbury.  
Other survivors include two daughters: Savannah Salisbury and Brittany Shae Salisbury, both of Harold; a brother, Donald Salisbury of Harold; a sister, Peggy Hamilton of Harold; and a half brother, Lee Kendrick of Grethel.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jackie Leland Salisbury.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 8, at 1 p.m., at the Lower Toler Church of Christ, in Harold, with Willie Meade and Joe Meade officiating.

Burial will be in the Bush Cemetery, on Toler Creek, at Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

## William J. Shepherd

William J. Shepherd, 74, of Gunlock, died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 27, 1935, in Magoffin County, he was the son of the late Archer and Mary Marslett Shepherd. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Shepherd.

Other survivors include four sons: David (Sharon) Shepherd of Gunlock, Danny (Wanda) Shepherd of Gauge, Lawrence (Claudette) Shepherd of Wolcottville, Indiana, and Ebb (Denny) Shepherd of Fredville; four daughters: Janie (Ronald) Shepherd and Sadie (Jerry) Bailey, both of Gunlock, Lesia (Darvin) Reed of Endicott, and Angie (Wendell) King of Salyersville; four brothers:

## Card of Thanks

The family of Timmy Kidd wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all family, friends and neighbors, for all their help during our time of loss. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food or prayers, during this difficult time. Thanks to Barb Rogers and Busch Funeral Home, in Ohio, for that beautiful urn; thanks to Evans Funeral Home for the cremation services in West Virginia; and a special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all their support and kindness that was shown to our family. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF TIMMY KIDD

Abe, Wade, Reggie and Joe; seven sisters: Sally, Margie, Daisy, Donna, Pollie, Betty Lou, and Shirley; 15 grandchildren: Pam, Christa, Ashley Jay, Benjie, Tim, Kim, Jessica, Stephanie, Rebecca, Jerrica, Casandra, Dustin, Chase, Chance and Chazz; six great-grandchildren: Tyler, Tiffany, Christopher, Miranda Jo, Jayden, and Aiden; and four step-grandchildren: Craig, Justin, Bethany and Keisha.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: Billy Ray Shepherd and Billy Shepherd; two daughters: Judy Lynn Shepherd and Jeanie Shepherd; two brothers: John Henry and Archer Jr., Shepherd; and two sisters: Edna and Birdie.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Herley Smith and Mike Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, in Gunlock.

Visitation was the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

## Deborah Lynn Ferrell Slone

Deborah Lynn Ferrell Slone, 54, of Bevensville, died Wednesday, April 3, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 22, 1955, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Mattie Sword Ferrell. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Jacky Slone.  
In addition to her husband, survivors include a son, James Slone of Bevensville; two daughters: Sherry (Neil) Matthews of Bevensville, and Leigh Ann (Jim) Manns of West Liberty; four sisters: Jeanette Ladd of Cromona, Smith and Hale of Yorktown, Virginia; Billie J. Burke of Martin, and Sharon Kay Jarrell of Dana; and two grandchildren: Dakota and Jacquelyn Chaffin, a special friend, Connie Platkus.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Ferrell; and two sisters: Irene B. Howell and Johnnie B. Post.  
Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of God of Prophecy ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevensville.  
Visitation was at the funeral home.

home.  
Pallbearers: Neil Matthews, Jim Manns, Joe Plakus, Brian K. Bertram, and Gary Jarrell. (Paid obituary)

## Herbert Ward

Herbert Ward, age 61, of Cynthia, formerly of Versailles, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2009, in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

He was born August 31, 1947, in Corbin, the son of the late Willie Ward and Marie Mitchell Ward. He was the owner and operator of Herb Ward Mobile Home Repair Service, a member of the Versailles Methodist Church, a Veteran Army veteran, and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Georgetown.

Survivors include his wife, Glenna Whitaker "Buck" Ward, of Cynthia; two sons: Mark David (Andrea Darlene) Ward of Georgetown, and John Matthew (Ann) Ward of Harrison, Colorado; five brothers: Cecil (Carol) Ward and Kenneth (Audrey) Ward, both of Williston, Florida, E.D. (Evelyn) Ward of Corbin, and William Cook and Herman Cook, both of Sarasota, Florida; three sisters: Lois (Jr.)

Kerr of Pleasant Plain, Ohio, Darlene (Jr.) Kidd of Williston, Florida, and Lillie (Cecily) Lawson of Goshen, Ohio; three grandchildren: Braxton Ward, Madison Ward and Bianca Ward; and two special brothers: Tommy Presnell and Preston Britton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Patsy Ward, and his extended family, Geneva and Steve Karsner.

Funeral services for Herbert Ward were conducted Monday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Pastor Lawrence Baldridge officiating.

Burial was in the Whitaker Cemetery, in Huesyville, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ernest Smith, Cliff Bunberry, Dwayne Williams, Freddie Moore, and Randall Sexton. (Paid obituary)

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The family of John "J.B." Bray would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words; the Drift Pentecostal Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN "J.B." BRAY

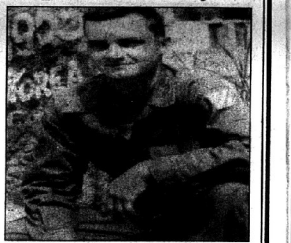
## Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Elliott Branham would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss: those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to the Vogel Day United Methodist Church and Clergyman Dennis Love and members for all their love and support; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF MARGARET ELLIOTT BRANHAM

## Wheeler Shepherd Family

The family of Wheeler Shepherd would like to thank everyone for their support during our time of grief.



I would like to thank those who sent flowers, prepared food, and other acts of kindness. A special thanks to Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, and singers, for their comforting words and songs; the Sheriff's Department for providing an escort to the gravesite; Hall Funeral Home for their excellent service; and a special thanks to the DAV for their beautiful military service.

Bonnie Click Shepherd

## The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The celebrity of the week, Robert Allen, is Senior Vice-President at First Commonwealth Bank. He is very active in community and church activities, and resides in Prestonsburg with his wife and children. He is shown here with Colonel Stender, a male Lab mix.

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# Arts education showcases filmed at Center for Rural Development to be broadcast to schools

by SHARON DODSON  
THE CENTER FOR RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Busy teachers and administrators don't always have time to attend live screenings of artists in an effort to select educational performances to bring into their schools.

That in mind, a partnership between the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, The Center for Rural Development, and Kentucky Educational Television (KET) is making it easier for educators to view concise mini-performances of professional artists without having to leave their classrooms or offices.

Teachers and school personnel across Kentucky will be able to view these performance capsules-filmed live during the 2009 Arts Education Showcases on March 11 at The Center in Somerset-on both television and the Internet.

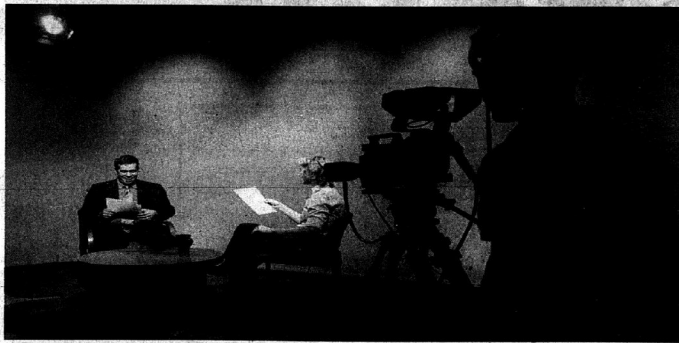
The performances will be broadcast to every public school in Kentucky throughout April on KET ED, the state's public digital broadcasting network for educators. Teachers can view the spring Arts Education Showcases, which feature a selection of seven-minute performances in dance, drama, and music by 17 professional artists.

All performances were filmed before an audience of 200 Pulaski County students present for Arts Education Day at The Center.

"We have developed a wonderful partnership with The Center for Rural Development and KET to bring these performances to every school in the state through television media and the Internet," Jeffrey Jamner, director of special programs for The Kentucky Center, said.

The Arts Education Showcases help familiarize Kentucky educators with school programs offered by performing artists, visual artists, writers, and cultural institutions. They also present an effective snapshot of what students can expect to see if the performers are invited to a school to present an arts education program.

The performances were followed up with interviews filmed in The Center's digital video studio featuring representatives from some of the state's leading arts education organizations.



Tom Trudgeon, left, programming director for The Kentucky Center for Performing Arts, interviews Delliiah Smyth, director of education for the Louisville Ballet, in the television studio at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset as part of the 2009 Arts Education Showcases. This and other interviews with cultural organizations will be included in the arts education showcase website and broadcast on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) in April to every public school in Kentucky. The showcases are presented by The Kentucky Center in partnership with The Center for Rural Development and KET.

In addition to the KET ED broadcasts, all programming can be viewed on an exclusive website for teachers and administrators launched last April by The Kentucky Center, a major performing arts center in Louisville.

On the website-developed and designed by The Center-educators can get information about more than 60 educational programs offered by artists and cultural institutions in a variety of art forms. Showcase artists have an information

page with a description of their program, contact information, pricing, and a mini-performance or interview.

Both the KET ED broadcasts and the website are intended to serve as tools to help teachers and others to get to know the artists, and not as the basis for classroom presentations, Jamner said.

"They are meant to be viewed by teachers, principals, PTAs, site-based councils, and others to help them decide which artists they want to

bring to their school or to have students attend a performance," he said.

Educators can view showcase performances and interviews on the website by using the artist search button on the homepage at [www.artsed-showcase.org](http://www.artsed-showcase.org).

All showcase artists and arts organizations meet artistic and educational criteria based on an audition and interview process with a panel of educators, artists, and presenters. Their programs are aligned

with either Kentucky standards of core content and program of studies or the National Standards of the Arts.

Arts Education Showcases sponsors include the Kentucky Arts Council, Kentucky Department of Education, and The Howie Charities, Inc.

According to a preliminary schedule, the 2009 Arts Education Showcases will be broadcast to Kentucky schools on KET ED starting on Wednesday, April 1, 6 a.m. EST, during a four-hour block. Other broadcast block feeds are scheduled for Saturday, April 4, midnight EST; Sunday, April 5, midnight EST; Wednesday, April 8, 2 a.m. EST; Thursday, April 9, 2 a.m. EST; Thursday, April 16, 2 a.m. EST; Tuesday, April 28, 4 p.m. EST; and Thursday, April 30, 2 a.m. EST.

These times are estimated and subject to change. Please consult [www.ket.org](http://www.ket.org) to confirm broadcast times.

The showcases will be shown in the following order by art form: drama, 60 minutes; music, 60 minutes; dance, 20 minutes; multi-discipline cultural studies, 10 minutes; and interviews, 80 minutes.

The Center for Rural Development, located in Somerset, provides economic and community development programs to residents in a 42-county service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and is home to several statewide and national technology-based programs. For more information on programs available through The Center, visit [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com).

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# Viewpoint

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## Guest View - American food safety system needs an overhaul

Safeguards that are supposed to protect Americans from tainted food are obsolete, ineffective and in urgent need of revision.

More than a dozen federal agencies are responsible for some aspect of food safety. Among them is the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which also promotes food production. Federal officials lack the authority to order recalls in most cases and rely on outdated technologies and inspection practices. They have too few people and too little money.

The latest evidence of the system's failure: A California processor recalled 2 million pounds of pistachios this week because of possible salmonella contamination. Seton Pistachio, the nation's second-largest processor, reportedly knew about contamination in some of its products because of internal testing. That should have been a red flag about wider problems in its processing plant.

But no law requires the company to notify state or federal regulators. Instead of looking for the source of the problem, the company simply roasted the nuts in an effort to kill the bacteria and then shipped them to about 35 wholesalers and food manufacturers.

Tests by one customer uncovered the tainted pistachio nuts. That company finally notified federal officials on March 24.

That's painfully reminiscent of the prelude to another massive nut recall less than two months ago. That case involved a Georgia peanut processor whose own internal tests repeatedly uncovered evidence contamination. But the company wasn't required to notify federal or state safety agencies or to shut down production.

Tainted peanuts shipped by that company are thought to have sickened nearly 700 people. At least eight deaths are tied to the outbreak.

At a Congressional hearing on food safety this week, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the Obama administration is committed to improving oversight. But it's going to take congressional action to make the kind of sweeping fundamental changes needed.

A new report from Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recommends concrete steps to create an integrated food safety system. Specifically:

- Laws should be updated to give the U.S. Food and Drug Administration -- responsible for about 80 percent of the nation's food supply -- greater legal authority to order changes in production processes or recalls when suspect food has been shipped.

- A single food safety agency should be created to centralize responsibility and accountability.

- Agency budgets, long underfunded, must be increased to buy newer technology and hire additional staff.

- Coordination between federal and state inspection services must be improved, and industry standards that often are voluntary must be mandatory. Companies must be required to notify food safety agencies when contaminated product is discovered.

Lawmakers already have introduced legislation to improve federal oversight. But industry involvement also is crucial. The majority of companies that follow good manufacturing processes are natural allies in the effort to prevent and detect contamination, because their business is harmed seriously by the constant stream of recalls and safety warnings.

The nation's food safety system hasn't kept pace with rapid changes in global food supply -- the explosion of processing facilities here and the transportation improvements that bring the world's agricultural bounty into American supermarkets. That has to change soon.

To keep relying on an inspection system designed in the early 20th century to protect against 21st century problems is worse than naive, it's just plain nuts.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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## Guest Column - What the changes in Kentucky's testing system mean for the kids of Floyd County

by SUPT. HENRY WEBB

Recently, there has been a great deal of debate and discussion regarding upcoming changes to the Kentucky testing system and what those changes mean for our kids here in Floyd County. Now that Gov. Beshear has signed those changes into law, I felt it was a good time to speak with you.

First and most importantly, these changes will not alter the fundamental goal of our district: to prepare each and every student for the opportunities they will have after their graduation from high school. Education is and should be about more than testing students. Education is and should be about preparing our kids to be successful and productive members of our communities, states and nation. Here in Floyd County, we see universal student literacy as the primary path to achieving our goal. It is no secret that kids who read at or above grade level and who use language to express themselves well also succeed in other academic areas.

Please understand we are not say-

ing testing is not important or that accountability doesn't matter. Both are important and both do matter. Our stakeholders deserve information on how we are succeeding or not succeeding with their children and testing and accountability provide that information.

■ Important to understand that Kentucky schools will go through a three-year transition period that begins with this assessment year and ends with the 2010-11 school year. Here are some key aspects of the transition:

- For this year our district will assess the areas of Practical Living and Arts and Humanities. These areas have been removed from the formal testing process, but testing this year will allow us to get valuable feedback to our students plus provide information for the upcoming program reviews.

- Although we do not have all the details concerning program reviews, we anticipate a process where staff members from both the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and our district work together to evaluate a school's programs in Practical Living, the Arts and Writing.

- Also this year, our teachers and administrators will score Writing Portfolios. We feel it is important to honor both the work of our students and staff in preparing these pieces of writing and to collect information for use during the reviews that will follow.

- We will, also, ask our local

## Obama's national energy tax will devastate Kentucky's economy

by U.S. REP. HAROLD "HAL" ROGERS

Unemployment is soaring. Anxiety continues to rise. Kentucky families are hurting. With such dismal news as this, one would like to believe that it can't get much worse. Unfortunately, President Obama and his liberal allies in Congress have pulled out an old gimmick to pay for their new, irresponsible trillion dollar spending plan. The latest boondoggle making its way through the halls of Congress is a so-called "Cap and Trade," bill, which may have admirable intentions in reducing greenhouse gases, but in reality amounts to a \$646 billion "carbon tax" paid by every American citizen - rich or poor - and every American business - small or large.

Rather than transitioning responsibly towards new energy technologies, the President is trying to impose draconian, government-mandated limits on carbon emissions from all walks of life - including energy companies, manufacturers, small businesses and public utilities. Responsible companies that cannot meet these levels

immediately will be forced to participate in various government mandated auctions to generate revenue for the federal government. But who foots the bill when companies can't meet these new stringent standards? You and I do. Every American who turns on a light switch will be forced to pay when utilities are unable to meet the government's unrealistic demands. Great for bureaucrats, bad for Kentuckians.

Most alarming is that the President's plan would be disproportionately devastating to coal-reliant states like Kentucky, where our citizens receive 92% of their power from coal and currently enjoy some of the lowest electricity rates in the country. By placing a tax on carbon, coal-burning companies would be singled out and forced to pay an enormous price up front while they search for ways to reduce emissions. Studies have shown the Obama plan could cost every Kentucky family an additional \$1,800 a year because of higher prices for food, gas, electricity and home heating. In these tough economic times it is a slap in the face for working families to be expected to pay more for basic needs.

Any effort to tax Americans and U.S. businesses for their carbon emissions puts our economy at a dangerous competitive disadvantage and does nothing to prevent other nations from lowering their greenhouse emissions. Unions and businesses alike are clamoring for relief from the Congress, warning of the dire consequences it would place on an already

## Worth Repeating ...

The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don't have to waste your time voting.

— Charles Bukowski

board to establish district and school levels goals in the areas not measured during the state assessment. This framework will likely be similar to that used for the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation.

Next, I want to discuss what I believe to be the most positive changes in Kentucky's public school testing. These improvements will begin with the 2011-2012 school year.

- The standards that form the basis for the state test are being narrowed and will be more aligned with what is taught at colleges and universities. This change will help ensure our kids are prepared for post high school opportunities.

- All schools will take the test during the last 14 days of the school year. Thankfully, we have finally "leveled the playing field" for Eastern Kentucky schools. For years the impact of weather in our region resulted in fewer school days for teaching and learning before the state assessment.

- State testing will last no longer than five days. This reduction will allow more time for students to be engaged in meaningful learning activities.

- The data that is collected during the tests will make it easier to compare how our KIDS are doing with students across the nation.

In the Floyd County Schools, we believe that setting goals and then working hard to achieve them is important and that is another thing that will not change.

damaged manufacturing sector. Studies show this plan could result in over 3 million lost jobs. With unemployment already at record highs, it is irresponsible to take this approach in the guise of environmental stewardship.

Let me be clear — I am an avid supporter of protecting our environment and keeping our Commonwealth beautiful. I created the PRIDE program to do just that by restoring personal responsibility for our natural resources. I have also long advocated for developing alternative energy technologies — from solar to wind power to clean coal to nuclear. America's natural resources hold a bounty of solutions to lower energy costs and keep our air clean. I think we should explore every opportunity and work together to responsibly diversify our energy use. Unfortunately, Obama's national energy tax plan will not help get us there any faster.

We have the ability to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment through alternative sources of energy. We should embrace those alternatives, not shackle Kentuckians with another tax at the worst possible time imaginable.

Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) has served on the Appropriations Committee for over 25 years and currently serves as the Ranking Member on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee.

# State offers new business registration process

FRANKFORT — Businesses can be up and running faster in the Commonwealth due to a new service called FastTrack, according to new data provided today by Secretary of State Trey Grayson. FastTrack is designed to reduce the amount of time it takes to start a business in Kentucky. By simply allowing documents to be filed online, a company can start several days faster than before. Since its launch, less than 45 business days ago, over 1,000 companies have been registered online.

"The initial success of this program has exceeded our expectations," remarked Secretary Grayson. "FastTrack clearly saves companies time and money. By tearing down the bureaucratic red tape of state government, this should encourage other entrepreneurs to start their businesses in Kentucky."

FastTrack, launched on January 22nd of this year, allows a business entity to file its formation papers with the Secretary of State via the internet. Upon its initial launch, FastTrack allows Domestic Corporations and Limited Liability Companies to file online. Over 20,000 new domestic corporations and LLC's were filed in 2008.

Since its launch, FastTrack has comprised over 20 percent

of all Domestic Corporations and LLC formations in Kentucky. The average process time of a FastTrack filing is two minutes. Currently, it takes a paper filing 11 minutes to be fully processed once it reaches the Office of the Secretary of State. The nine minute time savings for each filing means that the Office of the Secretary of State has saved 150 staff hours since the launch of FastTrack. Over the next several months, the service will be expanded to include the majority of domestic and foreign business entity filings so that even further staff time saving can be achieved.

In addition to saving the Commonwealth time and money, businesses benefit from using FastTrack. Currently, a FastTrack filing remains in a "processing queue" no longer than one hour from the moment it is received during business hours. There is no additional cost to the business outside of the normal filing fees. With a paper mailing, it will take a minimum of three days for the business to be registered, mainly due to the transport time via the postal service or other carrier. Also, a business pay for the cost of printing the filing and mailing the filing to Frankfort. In essence, the Office of the Secretary of State

has cut a minimum of three days off of the time it takes to start a business in Kentucky and reduced the ancillary costs associated with submitting a paper filing.

A user can visit the Office of the Secretary of State website where he/she will be directed to the FastTrack application. The user will securely log in, and he/she will be asked for all required information to complete a business entity filing, to include a business name, registered agent, principal office, and officers. The system will automatically reject names that have already been selected by another business entity.

Because the system is intuitive to Kentucky law, it prevents filers from making common mistakes that are currently reasons for most paper-based filing rejections. For instance, for a registered office address, state law prohibits the use of a PO Box address. For paper-based filings, the current error rate is 30 percent, while FastTrack's error rate is 1 percent. FastTrack will prevent

hundreds of companies from wasting valuable start-up time by significantly reducing the number of rejected filings.

The launch of FastTrack is one of the most significant online services to be launched by the Kentucky Office of the Secretary of State, since it first put its business database online ten years ago. The new service is part of the Office of the Secretary of State's focus to become more economically and environmentally friendly, while providing greater accessibility and customer service to constituents. Since Grayson took office five years ago, the Office has launched over 25 new online services or upgrades to further those missions. Now, a vast majority of services that the Office provides can be found online. Currently, three million documents are available on the Secretary of State's website. Every document that is received by the office is scanned and made available almost immediately.

As a result, the Office of the Secretary of State is much

more efficient. During Grayson's tenure in office, he has progressively reduced the size and cost of the office. Since Grayson assumed office in 2004, the office has reduced its number of full-time employees by 12.20%, eliminated nearly all part-time employees, reduced its operating budget by 9.79 percent, and consolidated the number of physical offices from two to one.

"It is our responsibility to provide the most efficient and accessible service, in the most environmentally friendly way possible," said Secretary Grayson. "The changes we have made to this office are the kind of transformations that government should be making in the 21st Century, where we do more with less, all while saving taxpayer dollars."

To access FastTrack, visit [www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov). FastTrack was built through a partnership with Kentucky.gov, which also maintains many state government website's including the Commonwealth's official

website at [www.kentucky.gov](http://www.kentucky.gov). Kentucky.gov was built and is marketed, operated, and maintained by Kentucky Interactive, LLC, a Kentucky-based subsidiary of eGovernment firm NIC (Nasdaq:EGOV). NIC manages more eGovernment services than any provider in the world. The company helps government communicate more effectively with citizens and businesses by putting essential services online. NIC provides eGovernment solutions for 2,600 state and local agencies that serve more than 71 million people in the United States. Through this partnership, the cost of building the website was essentially free except for staff time used to seamlessly apply the application into the Office of the Secretary of State Business Database.

## Technology helps reduce the surprise tornadoes present

It began as a blustery Wednesday in early spring. By day's end, it had entered the history books as the day that 148 tornadoes slammed a stretch of the United States from Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia up through Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and West Virginia.

April 3, 1974, became known as the day of the Super-outbreak, when twisters took 315 lives and injured 5,000 others.

Kentucky was not spared. Meteorologists count 26 tornadoes that ripped through 41 counties, killing 77 people and injuring 1,377 others. Thirty-one people, including a number of schoolchildren, died in Brandenburg, just west of Louisville.

According to Keys Arnold, agricultural meteorologist for the University of Kentucky, the Bluegrass State continues to see its share of tornado outbreaks. Historically, May is the worst month, although April also records several tornadoes.

"Since 1974, there have been a number of super-outbreaks. In February 2008, we had the biggest outbreak of tornadoes I've seen over the last 10 years. This outbreak was the deadliest in Kentucky since 1974," Arnold says.

Fortunately, those storms have not recorded the death toll of the 1974 storm - in large part because technological advances have improved forecasters' abilities to issue warnings.

"In 1974, we didn't have NEXRAD radar that permits us to see advanced characteristics of developing storms. We also didn't have a large network of weather radios that people can buy and keep in their homes and cars," Arnold says.

Arnold encourages people to buy weather radios, which can give 30 to 40 minutes of

warning of approaching storms. One response to the 1974 Super-outbreak was a White House edict the following year that designated the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be the sole government-operated radio system to provide warnings for storms and natural disasters. NOAA also expanded the network density of weather-radio broadcasts, from two stations in the 1950s to more than 450 today.

Arnold also urges people to know what to do if a tornado threatens.

"If you're in a vehicle, get out and lay in a ditch. If you're in a mobile home, get out and lay down in a field or yard," he says.

In houses or buildings, people should go to interior rooms "to put as many walls between themselves and the outside as possible. Go to the lowest part of the house," Arnold says.

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- Receive a six-month extension of time to file using Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for taxpayers unable to file by the deadline date.
- Payment options are available to taxpayers having

trouble paying their tax bill.

■ Download forms and publications at IRS.gov.

■ Taxpayers are encouraged to e-file their tax returns in lieu of paper filing. IRS e-file is the most efficient way to prepare your taxes, particularly taking into consideration the latest tax changes including the Recovery Rebate Credit, First-Time Homebuyers Tax Credit, Additional Standard Deduction for Real Estate Taxes and the Educators' Expense Deduction," said IRS spokesperson Jodie Reynolds. "E-filing will ensure you do

not miss out on any tax breaks. Also, taxpayers who earn \$56,000 or less can file for free and online at the IRS.gov Web site using the Free File Program."

The IRS.gov Web site provides information on the benefits and available options related to e-filing and the Free File Program.

If you can't meet the tax deadline to file your tax return, you can request an automatic six-month extension to file. The filing extension will give you extra time to get the paperwork to the IRS, but it does not

extend the time you have to pay any tax due. You have to make an estimate of any tax due and pay at least 90 percent when you request an extension. You will owe interest on any amounts not paid by the April 15th deadline.

You can also e-file an extension request using tax preparation software on a computer or by going to a tax preparer.

If your return is completed but you are unable to pay the tax due, do not request an extension. File your return on time and pay as much as you can. The IRS will send you a

notice for the balance due and will charge interest and penalties only on the unpaid balance. You can also request a payment plan prior to receiving the IRS notice.

If you cannot pay the full amount due with your return, you can ask to make monthly installment payments. You can apply for an IRS installment agreement using the IRS web-based Online Payment Agreement application on IRS.gov. This web-based application allows eligible taxpayers or their authorized rep-

resentatives to self-qualify, apply for, and receive immediate notification of approval. You can also request an installment agreement by submitting a completed Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, either when you file the return or when you later get a notice from the IRS.

For the last-minute filer, tax forms and publications are available at the IRS.gov Web site. For more tax filing season information, visit the IRS Web site at IRS.gov and click on 1040 Central.

## UNITE, Fish & Wildlife to announce partnership with National Archery in the Schools Program

**CAMPTON** — A partnership to expand positive, drug-free opportunities for youth throughout southern and eastern Kentucky will be unveiled Tuesday, April 14, at Campton Elementary School.

Fifth District Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, and Operation UNITE President/CEO Karen Engle will be on hand to make the announcement during a press conference scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m.

Also expected to participate are Tim Farmer, host of "Kentucky Afield" — the nation's longest running outdoor television show — Jennie Richardson, Kentucky director of the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP), and Wolfe County Superintendent Kenny Bell. Farmer will present an archery demonstration involving state and local officials and members of Breathitt County's NASP team.

The public is invited to attend.

This event is part of Congressman Rogers'

"Opportunities in Action" tour of 13 southern and eastern Kentucky counties, April 14-17, to highlight projects that are making a difference and bringing new opportunities to the region.

Activities at each stop will showcase volunteer efforts and innovative programs by organizations created by Rogers to promote job creation, economic development, fight substance abuse, promote youth and cultural activities, and improve the environment — Operation UNITE, Southern and Eastern Kentucky PRIDE,

TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (SEKY), Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) and The Center for Rural Development.

April is PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. Volunteers are needed to pick up roadside litter and beautify welcome areas. Information is available at [www.kypride.org](http://www.kypride.org) or by contacting Mark Davis at [bdavis@centertech.com](mailto:bdavis@centertech.com) or 1-888-577-4339.

April is also Redbud Month, and clean roads will welcome the tourists as they admire the lush blooms of the region's native Eastern Redbuds. Redbud Month information is available at [www.tourseky.com](http://www.tourseky.com) or by contacting Michelle Spencer at [m Spencer@tourseky.com](mailto:m Spencer@tourseky.com) or 606-677-6142.

For more information about youth and other programs offered by Operation UNITE, visit their website at [www.operationunite.org](http://www.operationunite.org) or contact Karen Engle at [kengle@centertech.com](mailto:kengle@centertech.com) or 1-866-678-6483.

### Sweetheart Grand Supreme Winner



Miss Peyton LeAnn Shortridge was the Grand Supreme Winner at the Natural Dolls Sweetheart Pageant held on March 8, 2009, in Hazard, Ky. She also won most beautiful and prettiest hair. She is the Novice Supreme Winner of the Black Gold Pageant held on Sept. 12, 2008, in Hazard, Ky. She is proudly supported by her family. Peyton is the daughter of Gary and LeAnn Shortridge.

## Greer named HR director at PBH

**PAINTSVILLE** — A Paintsville native has been named human resources director of Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, according to an announcement from Deborah Trimble, CEO and president of the local acute care center.

Lauren Greer, MHA, assumed her new duties on March 9, following the receipt of her Master of Health Administration (MHA) Degree, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Healthcare, which is ranked in the nation's top 20 public university MHA programs by U.S. News and World Report.

Greer graduated from Johnson Central High School in 2003 as Co-Valedictorian with a Commonwealth Diploma and a 4.0 GPA. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, while making the Dean's List every semester at Morehead State University, before enrolling in the University of Kentucky.

"We are very pleased to welcome Lauren to our Staff," Ms. Trimble said. "She brings an outstanding academic record and a personal commitment to health care which her position as Human Resources Director at Paul B. Hall requires. We look forward to her future contributions at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center."



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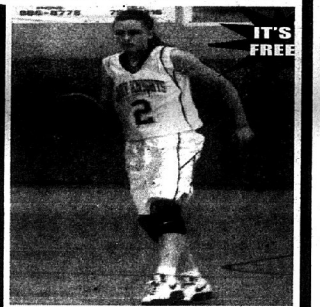
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# State board discusses commissioner search, school assistance

FRANKFORT — At its regular meeting Wednesday and Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard presentations, had in-depth discussions and made decisions on a number of items.

The board had a lengthy discussion with Greenwood/Asher Associates, Inc., the firm hired to conduct the search for a new commissioner of education. Representatives from the Florida-based firm outlined a timeline that would culminate with the hiring of a new commissioner in August. The board has entered into a contract that would pay the firm a maximum of \$120,000 for its work.

The board heard a presentation on the state's student information system, which is provided through Infinite Campus. All of Kentucky's 174 public school districts have implemented the core components of the system.

Staff from the Department of Education's Office of Leadership and School Improvement and Office of Special Instructional Services provided an update on the Assist and Support School Improvement Success Team (ASSIST) initiative, which is designed to provide support and resources to schools and districts in need of improve-

ment based on state and federal academic accountability measures.

The board took the following actions:

- approved the appointment of Catherine Fernandez, a teacher in the Henderson county school district, and David McFadden, a teacher in the Laurel County school district, to the State Textbook Commission
- approved the district facility plan for Bell County
- approved a district facility plan amendment for Ballard County
- appointed board members Dorie Combs, Doug Hubbard and Austin Moss to a

work group that will study sports safety as mandated by House Bill 383

■ accepted the report of the Audit Committee

Other reports and presentations included:

- an update from AdvanceKentucky on Advanced Placement courses and resources
- a review of legislation passed in the 2009 session of the General Assembly
- discussion about the requirements of Senate Bill 1, which revamped the state's public school assessment and accountability system
- information about safety training for coaches and other

staff related to high school athletics

■ an update from the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development and Kentucky Center for Mathematics on statewide coaching initiatives

The board will hold its annual retreat on May 12 and

13 in Frankfort. The board's next regular meeting will be June 10 and 11 in Frankfort. More information about the board is available at <http://www.kde.state.ky.us/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education/default.htm>

## Pikeville Medical Center to hold Easter sunrise service

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center will be celebrating Easter morning with the rising of the sun.

This Sunday, April 12, beginning at 7 a.m., PMC's Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the rooftop of the May Tower.

Minister Steve Knisley, from Pikeville Church of Christ, Third Street, will be leading the service. In case of

inclement weather, the service will be held in the second-floor atrium.

Free refreshments will be made available in the second-floor atrium.

Leading up to Easter morning, PMC will hold Holy Week Services in the Chapel located on the second floor. Weekly services will be held Monday, April 6m to Friday, April 10, from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

# Events highlight tragedies behind work zone accidents

FRANKFORT — It was a day Nancy Chandler Oney will never forget: The day her husband never came home from his job on the highway work crew.

"It only takes a second of distraction when driving through a work zone. The smallest mistake could keep someone's mom or dad from coming home to their family," Oney said.

Oney hopes her words can provide a reminder for those driving through highway work zones this year to be careful. In 2003 her husband, Frank Chandler, died in a work zone crash along KY 8 in Kenton County. She has teamed up with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to participate in several events marking National Work Zone Safety Week, April 6 - 10. The week is set aside to salute those who keep our highways in good order and risk their lives doing it.

More than 40,000 people are injured and thousands are killed yearly in work zones.

The majority of those, 85 percent, are motorists. Three people were killed in Kentucky highway work zones in 2008, according to police records.

Family members of victims, along with traffic safety groups, the Federal Highway Administration, law enforcement, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet are taking part in events throughout the state, paying tribute to victims and raising consciousness about work zone safety.

"By talking about the issues, and taking a few minutes to reflect and remember, we hope we can save lives in the future," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Joe Prather at an event in Louisville.

"These people risk their lives every single day so we can go to work, school or the grocery store. Each share a responsibility to make highway work zones as safe as possible by slowing down and being alert when driving through them."

"We hope this week will be a reminder that thousands of

highway workers will be out in force this year, and that their lives are in our hands," said Boyd Sigler, director of highway safety programs for the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. "Work zone safety is a concern for everyone on the road."

The Transportation Cabinet is expected to invest in hundreds of highway projects again this year. Traditionally, the highway construction season kicks off in April. Cabinet engineers and contractors work cooperatively to design projects and work schedules that minimize delays and crashes.

"Our priority is the safety of our contract employees out there working on road projects," added Charles Lovorn, of the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors. "We vary work hours and consider other options to ensure quality road projects and a safe working environment within the work zone."

Here are the top 10 work zone safety tips.

1. Expect the unexpected.
  2. Slow down.
  3. Don't tailgate. Keep a safe distance between vehicles.
  4. Keep a safe distance between construction workers and equipment.
  5. Pay attention to the signs.
  6. Obey road crew flaggers.
  7. Stay alert and minimize distractions.
  8. Keep up with the traffic flow.
  9. Schedule enough time and call 511 or go to [www.511.ky.gov](http://www.511.ky.gov) for Kentucky traffic and travel information.
  10. Be patient and stay calm.
- This week's work zone awareness events coincide with "National Work Zone Awareness Week."


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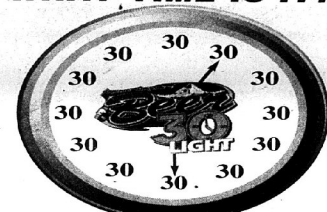
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# Rogers: Over \$4.8 million coming to state for security improvements

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers announced Tuesday that \$4,873,771 in federal funding has been awarded to Kentucky to increase security and surveillance, reduce threats, improve communications, and harden facilities across the Commonwealth.

This grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security (DHS) will also be used for identification enhancements and transportation system security improvements.

"Federal funding is critical to ensuring all communities big and small are reducing potential security and disaster vulnerabilities within the Commonwealth," said Rogers. "The laudable efforts of state

and local emergency response personnel to the ice storms, just a few months ago, revealed to us where we are achieving and where we need to make improvements. These funds enable Kentucky to take the necessary steps toward meeting national preparedness goals in expectation of the next disaster or to deter a possible terrorist threat."

DHS has received and approved an application for 2009 from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. On Wednesday, DHS will make the following awards to KOHS or other identified local entities through a variety of grant programs including: the Drivers License Security Program (SHSP), \$833,717; the Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP), \$400,000; the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP), \$506,778; the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP), \$100,000; the Port Security Grant Program (PSGP), \$2,137,816; and the Emergency Operations Center Grant Program (EOC), \$750,000. In addition, Louisville's Transit Authority of River City (TARC) is slated to receive \$145,460 under the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP).

For six years, Rogers has served as the lead Republican on the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Homeland Security. The Subcommittee is charged with allocating resources toward these impor-

tant grant programs. In fiscal year 2009, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will award more than \$3 billion in grants to states, urban areas and transportation authorities under 14 programs to bolster national preparedness capabilities and protect critical infrastructure.



Members of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Community Biology Club and other groups joined other groups Saturday morning for the annual Paintsville Lake Cleanup. Group members cleaned along the roadside in Morgan County, near Red Bush. Those who participated in the cleanup include Patrick Collins, Caitlin Freeman, Chris Bowen, Kayla Freeman, Alecia Flaner, Ralph Davis, Leah May, Will Rutter, Carla Davis, Pamela Shepherd, Elaine Shiber, Dr. John Shiber, Zachary Coffee, Paul Davis, Brittany Frasure, Rebecca Volk, Stephanie Prater, Edy Roque, Ralph Davis IV, John Newsome, Emily Arnett, Harry Frisby, Jean McKenzie, Brittany Sturgill and Lisa Cantrell.

## Charges

In another case handed down by the federal grand jury, officials say James S. Robinson defrauded the United States Railroad Board by drawing unemployment benefits while working.

Federal prosecutors say that Robinson claimed unemploy-

ment benefits through the railroad's retirement board on 15 separate occasions from Sept. 23, 2007, to April 6, 2008, allegedly failing to report accurate information to the board while doing so.

Robinson could face up to five years on each of the 15

counts against him for claiming benefits while working and another year on the count alleging he failed to report accurate information to the board. In addition, he could face up to \$350,000 in federal fines.

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## County

Brent Graden@hotmail.com. The questions that are selected by Graden will be posed to the panel at the event.

Local leaders are scheduled to speak at the event, including Supt. Henry Webb, Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc"

Marshall, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Stephanie Damron, from Highlands Regional Medical Center, and others.

The State of the County Address is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Mountain

Arts Center on April 14. The event is free and open to the public, and a complimentary breakfast will be served.

For more information on the event, contact Brent Graden at (606) 886-2335.

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## Events

In addition, St. Joseph-Martin Hospital will make a \$500 donation to Operation UNITE to support the 2009

Shoot Hoops Not Drugs Tour, a free regional anti-drug program featuring former University of Kentucky basketball player Jeff Shepherd.

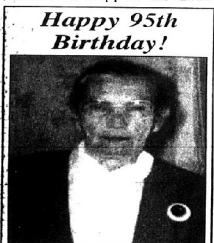
Among the several visitors planning to attend the events — including Kentucky Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo, Floyd County Judge-

Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin — will be U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers.

Rogers' visit to Archer Park is part of his "Opportunities in Action" tour of the 5th District.

For more information, contact Graden at (606) 226-9353.

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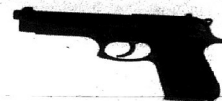
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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

## Beaver Junction Motocross hosts Round 2 of '09 series

### Round 3 slated for Saturday

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

DWALE - Beaver Junction Motocross hosted Round 2 of the 2009 season Sunday. The Floyd County track which attracts motocross athletes from numerous Eastern Kentucky counties and sur-

rounding states, completed another round incident free. Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to host Round 3 on Saturday (April 11).

A rundown of Round 2 results follows.

125 D: 1. Cody Robinson; 2. Cobee Tackett; 3. Scott Howell; 4. No. 36 (driver name unavailable); 5. Alvin Withem; 6. Justin Perry; 7. James Ratliff; 8. Sabrina Arnett; 9. Anthony Johnson; 10. Shawn Hamilton (DNF); 11. Greg Dawson (DNF).

125 C: 1. Arron Bias; 2. Jeremy Swiney; 3. Justin Ousley; 4. Austin Beverly; 5.

Travis Johnson; 6. Justin Tackett

C/D Unlimited: 1. Arron Bias; 2. Aaron Mullins; 3. Jeremy Swiney; 4. Justin Ousley; 5. Josh Robinson; 6. Brian Wall; 7. Austin Withem; 8. Mark Young (DNF); 9. Justin Tackett (DNF).

65 Jr.: 1. James Powers; 2. Dawson Hamilton; 3. Dalton Noble; 4. Dylan Bishop; 5. Benjamin Branham.

125 AM 2 Stroke: 1. Tyler Newsome; 2. Chad Butcher; 3. Austin Withem.

250 B: 1. Danny Osborne; 2. Chris Bailey.

50 4-Stroke Oil Injection: 1.

Blayze Stumbo.

50 Jr.: 1. Tyler Osborne; 2. Trey Francis.

30-Plus: 1. Scott Varney; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Kenny Mullins; 4. Mark Younce;

5. David Moore; 6. Kevin Bishop; 7. Shawn Hamilton (DNF).

65 Open: 1. Dawson Hamilton; 2. Dalton Noble; 3. Matt Belcher.

50 Open: 1. Trey Francis; 2. Tyler Osborne; 3. Blayze Stumbo.

70-110: 1. Craig Bartley; 2. Chance Francis (DNF).

40-Plus: 1. Danny Osborne; 2. Kenny Mullins.

85 Open: 1. Austin Withem; 2. Austin Osborne.

125 4 Stroke: 1. J.T. Layne; 2. Matt Belcher; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Chance Francis.

25-Plus: 1. Scott Varney; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Ricky Crider (DNF).

250 C: 1. Josh Bolen; 2. Aaron Mullins; 3. Josh Robinson; 4. Jeremy Swiney;

5. Austin Beverly; 6. J.R. Chaney; 7. Travis Johnson; 8. Austin Withem.

85 Sr.: 1. Austin Osborne.

85 Jr.: 1. James Powers; 2. R.J. Wallen; 3. Dalton Withem;

4. Jordan Haggins; 5. Michael

Stalker; 6. Dylan Bishop.

250 D: 1. Jason Ratliff; 2. Justin Moore; 3. Gary Bentley;

4. David Moore; 5. Austin Thompson.

125 B: 1. Chris Bailey.

4-Wheeler: 1. Donal Combs; 2. Michael Gayheart.

### UPCOMING BEAVER JUNCTION RACE DATES

Round 3 - April 11  
Round 4 - May 10  
Round 5 - May 31

### KHSAA sportmanship recognition banquet set

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

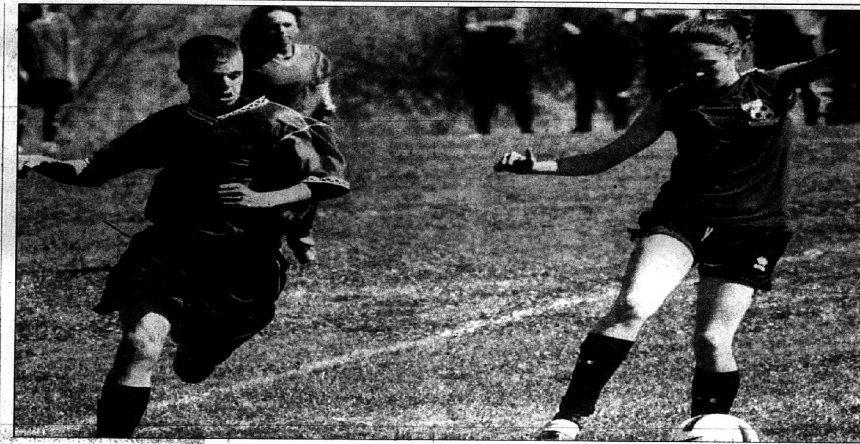
LEXINGTON - The 2009 Forcht Group of Kentucky / KHSAA Sportmanship Recognition Banquet is set for Sunday, April 26, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. This marks the 13th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportmanship.

KHSAA member schools each select one boy and one girl as the local school sportmanship winner. School winners are then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl will be selected as the state winner and receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky. Selection criteria includes: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications.

Each regional winner receives a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a chair and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky.

The following individuals are regional winners to be recognized and are eligible for the overall statewide award.

Region 1 - Blake Averill (St. Mary), Hannah Ellis (Marshall County); Region 2 - Will Barnes (Caldwell County), Auburn Sutton (Lyon County); Region 3 - Chad Grubb (Butler County), Chastity Henning (Breckinridge County); Region 4 - Joseph Eaton (Monroe County), Lisa Ross (Warren Central); Region 5 - Chris Thomas (Taylor County), Kelsey Robinson (Nelson County); Region 6 - Doug Crawford (DeSales), Megan Geary (Brown); Region 7 - Nicholas Jones (St. Xavier), Avery Jones (Dupont Manual); Region 8 - Kory Brocius (Carroll County), Kristen Guevara (Walton-Verona); Region 9 - Steve Rickels (Holy Cross-Louisville), Alexa Abner (Newport Central Catholic); Region 10 - Carson Craig (Pendleton County), Bonnie Jo Dailey (Harrison County); Region 11 - Daniel Griggs (Tates Creek), Rebekah Hamilton (Sayre); Region 12 - Trey Edwards (Lincoln County), Stephanie Salyers (Southwestern); Region 13 - Brian Muffy (Corbin), Candace Kirby (South Laurel); Region 14 - Chris Hoover (Estill County), Kayla Spencer (Wolfe County); Region 15 - Dillon Stiltner (Phelps), Jasmine Hall (Phelps); Region 16 - Eric Craft (Greenup County), Emily Collier (Bath County).



FLOYD COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER TEAMS opened play in the spring season over the weekend. Several Floyd County soccer players made a return to action following successful fall stints.

ABOVE: Midfielder Taylor Moak of the Floyd U19 team moved the ball. Moak assisted on teammate Ethan Filowiat's goal during loss to Perry County.

RIGHT, MIDDLE: Forward Ethan Filowiat of the Floyd U19 team is pictured. Perry County defeated Floyd County 6-2 in a season-opener.

RIGHT, BELOW: Forward Joseph Kidd of the Floyd U16 team is pictured working against a Johnson County player. Kidd is pictured on the right.



Members of the Floyd U16 team were all smiles after opening the season with a 6-0 victory over the Johnson County U16 squad. The Floyd County team is pictured. First row (left to right): Joseph Kidd, Hilary Stone, Clara Osborne, Micah Heffington, Logan Hunt and Charlie Joseph. Second row (left to right): Zach Romans, Wendell Blackburn, Garrett Brown, Kathleen Smith, Caleb Petry and Paula Jo Roberts.

### Blair elected to harness racing board

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - Eddie Blair, of Paintsville, was elected recently to serve on the Kentucky Harness Horseman's Association Board of Directors.

"As a new board member of the KHHA I hope to keep local standardbred horse owners up to date on harness racing here in Kentucky," said Blair. "I hope to spread awareness of Kentucky Harness Racing as well as to stimulate interest in Standardbred horses as well."

In the past, Blair has owned and raced over 120 horses as well as doing volunteer public relations work for Thunder Ridge Raceway & Entertainment Complex. He has also covered harness racing for The Floyd County Times.

Harness racing in Kentucky begins on April 9 at Bluegrass Downs in Paducah and continues through May 16 with racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Locally, Thunder Ridge will open on Sunday May 24 and continue through July 11. The Red Mile is currently scheduled to open on August 3 and continue through September 24. However, there could be an extra week added before the opening week.

Anyone who may be interested in becoming a new standardbred race horse owner is urged to email fastpace@yahoo.com.

### Meeks declares for NBA Draft

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky junior Jodie Meeks will submit his name to the National Basketball Association for its June draft, but will not hire an agent, leaving open the possibility to return to Kentucky next season.

Meeks, a 6-4 guard, led the SEC and ranked eighth in the country in scoring, averaging 23.7 ppg. He set the school record for points in a game (54 at Tennessee) and three-pointers in a season. (117) while also shooting an SEC best 90.2 percent from the free throw line. Starting all 36 games this season, Meeks led the SEC in two other offensive categories including three-point field goal percentage (40.6) and three-point field goals per game (3.25).

The NBA Draft is set for June 25. Underclassmen have until June 15 to remove their name from the draft and retain their NCAA eligibility.

Meeks was named to the NABC State Farm Coaches All-America team as announced on Saturday in Detroit at the 2009 Final Four.

Meeks, who has also received All-America honors from the Associated Press (2nd Team), USBWA (2nd Team) and The Sporting News (2nd Team), FoxSports.com (4th Team), led the SEC and ranks eighth in the country in scoring averaging 23.7 ppg. He set the school record for points in a game (54 at Tennessee) and three-pointers in a season (108) while also shooting 90.2 percent from the free throw line.

PAGE 10: John Calipari named NABC Coach of the Year.

### Prestonsburg flag football signups set

The Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League will host signups and divide teams on Monday, April 13, at StoneCrest, beginning at 5 p.m. For more information on the Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League, call James DeRossett or John DeRossett at 886-2252.

# Runyon wins Tug Valley Bass Anglers tourney on Dewey Lake

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PRESTONSBURG** — The Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its second tournament of the 2009 season on Dewey Lake Saturday. There was another solid turnout for the club with 17 boats competing in the event.

Dewey Lake was a lake in turmoil this past weekend. The weekend before the tournament the lake was stable, the water was warming and the fish were biting. Rains earlier this past week started raising the water and another round of rain Friday pushed it to just over summer pool in about four days. And if that wasn't enough they started drawing the lake back down during the tournament. This had the fish in a funk and combined with four tournaments on the lake at the same time it caused the fishing to be a little off to say the least.

The water temperature was good for this time of year — it was about 53 in the morning rising to about 60 degrees by the end of the day. The water was stained at the lower end of the lake near the dam and became muddy as boaters went up the lake with plenty of floating debris.

Weather for the tournament was perfect with sunny skies and air temperatures near 80 degrees.

The fish were still in prespawn patterns and locations, most of the fish are still on the main lake deeper banks. There was a few fish caught up in the creeks and on the flats, but because the water came up so fast the fish stayed right where they were before it raised.

The main pattern for this tournament was to fish small soft plastics and crankbaits on or near channel banks. The banks had to be steep and have rock. Wood cover

didn't seem to make a difference. The catchable fish were fairly shallow, eight feet or less, but deeper water had to be close.

The top finishers were as follows: 1st, Kevin Runyon—(2 fish) 6.69 lbs.; Big Bass, 3.87 lbs.; 2nd, Greg Maynard—(2 fish) 4.78 lbs.; 3rd, Brandon Statten—(1 fish) 2.45 lbs.; 4th, Thomas Lidster—(1 fish) 2.26 lbs.; 5th, Rick Burget—(1 fish) 2.20 lbs.; 6th, Lynn Fields—(1 fish) 2.15 lbs.; 7th, Cory Hamilton—(1 fish) 1.87 lbs.; 8th, Andy Maynard—(1 fish) 1.53 lbs.

Tug Valley Bass Anglers sponsors include Gander Mountain; TMK Security and Personnel; Borders Sporting Goods; Elliott Supply & Glass; Perry Distributors; Don's Street Machine; Extreme Sounds; Pigeon Creek Lumber Company; Appalachian Wireless and Thoroughbred Steghouse.



KEVIN RUNYON captured first-place Sunday in the Tug Valley Bass Anglers tournament held on Dewey Lake.

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- Dewey Lake
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## UK passing game progressing

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — Improvement in the passing game is a priority for the 2009 Kentucky football team and the early indication through four spring practices is encouraging.

"You watch our practices now," Brooks said. "Last year, even one-on-one we couldn't complete a lot of passes. Now the ball is not on the ground very often. The receivers are running better routes. They're coming out, the ball is there and they're catching it. It's a lot different than it was."

The crowded wide receiver corps features seven returning lettermen — senior E.J. Adams, junior Kyrus Lanxter and sophomores Matt

Roark, Aaron Boyd, Randall Cobb, Gene McCaskill and Eric Adeyemi along with redshirt freshman E.J. Fields and additional walk-on competitors.

"We're still in the process of trying to find out a rotation, who's going to start, who's going to back up, and that's before we bring more competition into the mix in the summer and fall," Brooks said.

The most productive wideouts last season were Lanxter (23 receptions), Cobb (21), McCaskill (15), Adams (14) and Adeyemi (13).

Brooks also noted that quarterback Mike Hartline has thrown the ball more authoritatively, especially in the short and intermediate routes. Hartline completed

55 percent of his passes last season, good for 1,666 yards and nine touchdowns.

The team practiced for two hours Monday morning in the climate-controlled Nutter Field House, avoiding the cold, misting rain outdoors. Brooks continues to be impressed with the productivity of practices on the new artificial turf installed in the field house last May.

"It's a totally different atmosphere with the old astroturf out," Brooks said. "You guys walked on it, it was like walking on sandpaper. Obviously you get a lot more quality practice work done with the new surface."

The Wildcats return to practice Wednesday morning. The first full scrimmage is set for Saturday.



ERICA MEADE looked to the plate before letting go of a pitch for Prestonsburg over the weekend. Prestonsburg swept visiting Knott County Central in a doubleheader.

## Calipari named NABC Coach of the Year

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — University of Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari has been named the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) National Co-Coach of the Year as announced by the organization on Sunday.

Calipari led the Memphis Tigers to a 33-4 record and an appearance in the NCAA Sweet 16.

Memphis' 33-4 record marks the fourth consecutive year Calipari directed his team to a 30-win campaign. He is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to have four straight 30-win seasons.

In addition, Jodie Meeks was named a Second Team All-American by NaismithLives.com, one of the web's hottest basketball sites.

Meeks averaged 23.7 points and 3.4 rebounds per game on the season. The

junior guard from Norcross, Georgia, led the Southeastern Conference in scoring. He scored at least 40 points in three games, including a 54-point outburst against Tennessee in January.

"Jodie Meeks was quite simply the most improved player in America," said NaismithLives.com senior writer Adam Stanco. "And his ability to score quickly was unmatched by anyone this season."

## Crawford signs 10-day contract with Knicks

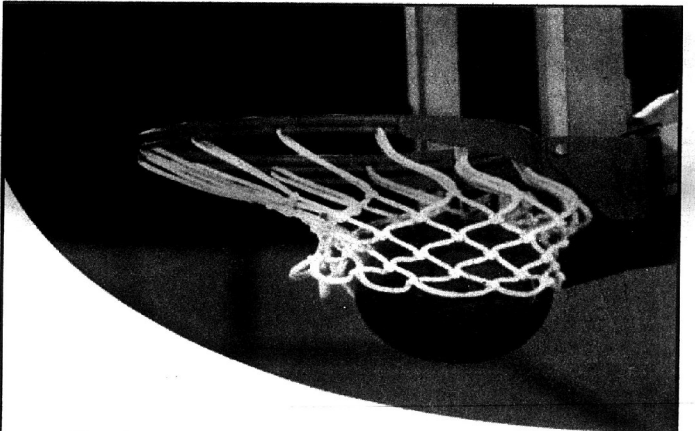
**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**NEW YORK** — The Knicks have signed free agent guard Joe Crawford to a 10-day contract. Crawford, a member of the Los Angeles D-Fenders, became the 18th GATORADE Call-Up of the 2008-09 NBA Development League season.

Crawford, 6-5, 210-pounds, was selected in the second round of the 2008 NBA Draft by the Los Angeles Lakers with the 58th overall pick. The former University of Kentucky guard played with the Lakers during the 2008 preseason before being waived on Oct. 22. Crawford then signed with

the NBA Development League's Los Angeles D-Fenders and averaged 20.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.0 steals in 43 games.

Demetris Nichols' 10-day contract had expired and the club elected not to re-sign him. The Knicks roster stands at 14 players.



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## Bluegrass State Games announces 25th Anniversary

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — On March 18, the Get Healthy Kentucky Bluegrass State Games officially announced its 25th Anniversary. This year, the Bluegrass State Games will have 31 sporting events giving over 15,000 athletes athletes of all ages and skill levels a chance to compete, showcase their talents and receive state recognition. The mission of the Games is to provide the opportunity for all

Kentuckians to make better choices to improve their health and overall wellness.

Speakers at the recent first press conference included: Sam Dunn, Bluegrass State Games Board Chairman; Bill Dexter, Executive Director — Office of Legal Affairs; Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry; Former Governor Martha Layne Collins; Brooks Downing, Vice Chairman of the Lexington Area Sports Authority; and Jared Fogle, Subway.

The Bluegrass State Games Sports for 2009 will be 5K Run/Walk; Archery; Baseball — 7 & 8 Coach Pitch; Basketball; Bowling; Canoeing/Kayaking; Chess; Cornhole; Cycling; Cycling Trials; Disc Golf; Equestrian; Fencing; Flag Football; Golf; Lacrosse; Martial Arts; Multiple League Baseball; Mountain Biking; Raquetball; Sailing; Shooting; Soccer; Softball; Swimming; Table Tennis; Tee Ball; Tennis; Track and Field; Volleyball; Wrestling.

## Tickets remain for KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — Tickets are available for the 2009 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, scheduled for Saturday, April 25 in the Bluegrass Ballroom at the Lexington Center. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each or \$475 for a table of 10. For more information about the banquet or to order tickets, please contact Butch Cope, Assistant Commissioner at the KHSAA at [bcpe@khsaa.org](mailto:bcpe@khsaa.org) or 859-299-3472.

Upcoming KHSAA Events: April 19—KHSAA Officials Award Banquet, Lexington; April 25—Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington; April 26—Sportsmanship Winners Banquet, Lexington; May 21—23—Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Tournament, Boone Tennis Center, Lexington; May 21—23—Boys' and Girls' State Track Meet at the University of Louisville, Louisville. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the

agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization made up of 280 member schools—both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.

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C.A. No. 08-CI-1546  
 Big Branch Holding Company, LLC  
 Petitioner  
 vs.  
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 Sylvania Crum; Oscar Ousley Heirs; Biddy Prater Heirs; Nonnie Bradley Heirs; Sarah Ousley Heirs; Lisha Refett Heirs; Lila Ousley Heirs; Lela Ousley Campbell Heirs; Unknown Heirs of Sila Davis; Lee Bradley and Mary Lou Bradley; Minnie Howard and Monroe Howard; Jennifer Lee Ousley; Donnie Ousley and Rebecca Ousley; Mary Emma Ousley; Berley Edward Ousley; Ronald Campbell; Joe Bradley and JoAnn Bradley; Lelia Lemay; Leo Bradley and Mary Sue Bradley; Betty Refett; Harold Refett; Sylvia F. Schneider; Nellie Hawks; Mona G. Ewalt; James L. Davis; Burchell Davis, Sr.; Virgil Davis; Elizabeth Ann Dyer; Jennifer L. Bolton; Regina Dyer; Destry K. Shepherd; Christian R. Shepherd; Douglas Campbell; Adrian Bradley; Sally Fossellen Bradley; Kessie; Eva Marie Baldrige and Andrew Baldrige; Henry H. Refett; Herbert Dale Refett and Janice Refett; Loretta Martin and Jimmy D. Martin; Myrtle Refett; Arnold Ray Refett; Jeannetta Sue Boyer and Roger Boyer; Mont Campbell and Rexine Campbell; Adrian Bradley; Sally Fossellen Bradley; Kessie; James Andrew Bradley and Rose Marie Rife Bradley; Ronald Bradley and Jacki Lee Robinson Bradley; Johanna L. Bradley Silveus; Renis Baldrige and Arthur Baldrige; Judith Gunnels and Jesse Gunnels; Ida Mae Parker; Maggie Allen and Bill Allen; Taylor Prater and Glenn Prater; Washington Miller; Rickey Bradley and Mary Bradley; James Prater and Vickey Prater; Ric Hernandez and Lori J. Hernandez; Kathryn Ousley Peoples; Sarah Ousley Rudder; April Ousley; Tommie Refett; Donna Ousley; Mavis Springs; Alma Jean Kost; Miley Ousley and Betty Ousley; Ella Rae Bradford; Sheila Crowe; Renae Myrtle McCartney; Avella Lynch; Debra Click Walters; Beecher Ousley; Delano Ousley; Bonnie Ousley; Phyllis Ann Rice and Jack Rice; Donnie Ousley and Rebecca Ousley; Danny Ousley and Glenda Ousley; David Randall Ousley and Jennifer Lee Ousley; Dixie Atkins; Anna Bradley; Arville Stone and Don Stone; Loretta Hurd and Jim Hurd; Arnold Ousley and Marceline Ousley; Darcus Barnette and Guy Barnette; Hermal Ousley and Rita Ousley; Dallas Ousley and Margie Mae Ousley; Ila Dunlap and Willis Dunlap; Ray Refett; Eva Baldrige and Andrew Jack Baldrige; Juanita Bradford and Paul Bradford; Ina Mae Thornsberry; Gene Randall Frasure; Bill Refett; Dexter Refett; Ronnie Campbell and Peggy Campbell; Jeanie Caudill and James Caudill; Etta Scott; All unknown heirs of any of the above-named persons, and their unknown spouses;

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Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

**WARNING:** Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

**DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!**

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**(A) IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:**

- 1) Do not light matches.
- 2) Do not turn lights on or off.
- 3) Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.
- 4) Do not use the telephone.
- 5) Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.
- 6) If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter the building for this purpose.
- 7) Call the utility company or fire department from a nearby building or house. Do not use the telephone in your house.
- 8) Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.
- 9) Never take chances! If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

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**HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUTSIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING — Gas leaks outside are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:**

- 1) A gas odor.
- 2) A blowing or hissing sound.
- 3) Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.
- 4) Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.
- 5) Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.
- 6) Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.

If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

**NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES**

1. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining their service lines.
2. If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
3. Buried gas piping should be:
  - I. Periodically inspected for leakage.
  - II. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.
  - III. Repaired if any unsafe conditions are discovered.
  - IV. Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.
4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand. Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.
  1. Continuous patrolling of gas system.
  2. Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.
  3. Annual/semi-annual leak surveys.
  4. Immediate response to any reported problem.
  5. Proper operation and maintenance of system.
  6. Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/ accidents. Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

**NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES**

In accordance with federal and state regulations governing natural gas pipeline safety, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is pursuing a damage prevention program to minimize accidents and/or disruptions that could involve its underground pipeline facilities. If you observe any type of construction or excavation, or if you plan to do any work requiring digging near a company pipeline, please call the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission so that we can send qualified personnel to locate and properly mark the exact location of the pipeline. Knowing the exact location of the underground pipeline will reduce the possibility of property and/or personal and financial loss to both parties.

**David M. Ellis, Superintendent**  
 Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

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**Rentals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Coyote Den Inc. The nature of the business will be Dancing-Bands-Pool Tables-Bear by the Drink-Carryout Beer and Wine Coolers; location is 2813 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of this business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years, prior to the date of filing, the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than April 16, 2009, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 16, 2009, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. **HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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  - Bid No. 2. - IP Office Telephone sets.
  - Bid No. 3. - Termination of wiring for voice and data network, television coax runs.
  - Bid No. 4. - Installation of Monitored Security System.
  - Bid No. 5. - Installation of Access Control System.
  - Bid No. 6. - Voice Over IP Communication System.
  - Bid No. 7. - Installation of Security Cameras.
  - Bid No. 8. - Installation of Polycom Video Conference Unit.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Contract, Specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.  
 Magoffin County Health Department, 723 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, KY 41465.

Requests for bid information can be made by contacting Brenda Powers at 606-886-2374 or by email at Brenda.Powers@bigsandy.org

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Bids may be awarded as individual contracts or as one contract to cover all bids.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Sections 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246 and Title VI. Minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to bid. No bidder may withdraw their bid within 30 days after the actual date of the bid opening thereof.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0338 Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 51.5 acres of surface disturbance and will add an additional 6.7 auger acres, making the total area within the permit boundary 213.6 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY 127, and located on an unnamed tributary of Racoon Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highway auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Homer Ratliff and D. Allen. The application has been filed for

public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5496

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FDCO Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.75 mile north of Dana, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.84 surface acres, and will add 1175.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1182.17 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is located approximately 3.2 miles south from U.S. 23's junction with County Road 1426, and located 0.00 miles west of Prater Creek. The latitude is 37°33'51". The longitude is 82°41'40". (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company.

The application will underlie land owned by Sophie & Fred Presley, Brice Conn, James Johnson, George Newsome, Bertha Williams, George Newsome, Bill & Peggy Solomon, and Thurman Akers.

Richard Sammons, Edward & Doris Robinson, Bonnie Boyd, Edward Newsome, David Akers, John Hall, Joseph Deal, Jake Beverly & Joy Mullins, Herbert & Lettie Mae Cordial, Ella Jarrell, Jackie & Geraldine Jarrell, Ralph and Ruth Stone, Daniel Arts Akers, Allen W. Akers, Eula Ray Akers, Francis Akers, James & Bertha Williams, Prater Creek Community Park, Lee Akers, George Newsome, Columbia Gas Co., Jay & Erma Crum, Bill & Peggy Solomon, and Thurman Akers.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5497 Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FDCO Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1 1/2 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.7 surface acres, and will underlie 1,400.16 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,406.83 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from Ky Rt. 879's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37°29'24". The longitude is 82°37'55". (3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by K.C. Rogers. The operation will underlie land owned by Sadie Maun, Darrin & Roy Kidd, Oliver & Mildred Newman, Jake Newman, Jake Akers, Oscar & King, Leonard & Mildred Kidd, Mary Newman, William & Martha Newsome, Paul Parsons, Joseph Deal, Lois Rose, Donnie Deal, Jerry Martin, Allie McKinney, Banner McKinney, Olie McKinney, Martha Akers, Oscar & King, Randal & Loene Lawson, Larry & Lois Kidd, Joseph Deal, Jerry Martin, Jackie Martin, Elvin & Goldie Adkins, Barry & Ozzie Akers, Eugene & Lullabelle Akers, Bill & Lillian Hall, Kingsley Perry, Kenneth C. & Georgia Wallace, Pearl Justice, Kinis Tackett, Ira B. Stephens, K.C. Rogers, Dean Akers, Lee & Lizzie Alley, Stephens, Lizzie McKinney, and Jack & Patsy King, and the Willis Newman.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FDCO Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 31.51 acres and delete 7.74 acres of surface disturbance area for a total area within the permit boundary of 99.18 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.7 miles southeast from State Route 80's junction with State Route 680 and located 0.50 miles west of Turkey Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation uses the area method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Eugene Mullins, Lee and Lizzie Wallen Estate, and Larry Collett.

The amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will not affect an area within 100 feet of any

41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1 mile northeast of Drift, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 259 surface acres, and underlies 895.10 acres. The total permitted acreage is 897.69.

(2) The operation is approximately 1 mile east from KY 122's junction with Stonecoal Br. Rd., and located 0.05 mile north of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37°30'41" and longitude 82°44'15". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Co. and the operation will underlie land owned by Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil & Josephine Yates, Cas & Verlie Spurlock, Clayburn Bailey Heirs, Alex Stephen, Ellip Halbert, James Ervin Halbert, Bernard P. & Frona McKinney, John A. Salisbury, David May, Bee & Ola B. Halbert, James William & James McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul & Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling, Oscar & Opal McKinney, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Barbara & Oscar Hancock Jr., Lois & Henry Meade, Cecil McKinney & Tandy L. Spurlock, James & Melissa Collins, Johnny Kidd, and Kermit & Doreen Martin, Martin G. Halbert, Jerry & Alma Land Company.

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 8, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0326 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frause Creek Mining, LLC, 9378 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has filed for an amendment to a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie in Floyd County. The amendment proposes to add 31.51 acres and delete 7.74 acres of surface disturbance area for a total area within the permit boundary of 99.18 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.7 miles southeast from State Route 80's junction with State Route 680 and located 0.50 miles west of Turkey Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation uses the area method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Eugene Mullins, Lee and Lizzie Wallen Estate, and Larry Collett.

The amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will not affect an area within 100 feet of any

3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5493 Amendment

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FDCO Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2 miles southeast of Teabery in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 105 acres making a total area of 798.78 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.25 miles Southeast from KY 979's junction with Tinker Fork County Road and located 2 miles east of Big Mud Creek. The amendment will underlie land owned by Donald Ray & Alpha Jean Hamilton, Emmitt Hamilton, Rodney & Sandra Howell, Freda Johnson, Mary Lou Bentley Howell, Elmer Hamilton and Larry & Betty Jo Tackett.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will not affect an area within 100 feet of any

public road. The amendment will not involve relocation and/or closure of any public road. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Turner Elkhorn Mining Company. The operation will underlie land owned by Sadie & Fingoo Crum, Garner Adkins, Donald P. & George A. Adkins, Norman & Mae Martin, Herman & John Bailey, Jim & Gertrude Sammons, Mouse Dings, Allan Conn, Fred Presley, Brice Conn, Estab, Kenneth Spears, Emmin & Cynthia Newsome, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Jimmy Akers, Allen W. Akers, Eula Ray Akers, James & Bertha Williams, George Newsome, David Akers, John Hall, Joyce Hall, and Beverly & Jay Mullins, Herbert & Lettie Mae Cordial, Ella Jarrell, Jackie & Geraldine Jarrell, Ralph & Ruth Stone, Daniel Arts Akers, Allen W. Akers, Eula Ray Akers, Francis Akers, James & Bertha Williams, Prater Creek Community Park, Lee Akers, George Newsome, Columbia Gas Co., Jay & Erma Crum, Bill & Peggy Solomon, and Thurman Akers.

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## State agencies partner to launch Money Works website

FRANKFORT — The Personnel Cabinet, in partnership with various state agencies, has announced a new Money Works Web site <http://personnel.ky.gov/moneyworks/> for Kentucky state employees.

"As one of the states largest employers it is essential that we lead the way and be committed to teaching employee's about financial literacy" said Gov. Beshear. "Now more than ever we must equip employees with the tools they need to make the best financial decisions for themselves and their families."

Money Works is available to all state employees to help them understand basic money management principles, develop money-management skills and learn how to use several different financial services.

Various state agencies collaborated in this effort including: Kentucky Public

Employees' Compensation Authority, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Professional Development and Organizational Management, Kentucky State Treasury, Employee Assistance Program (KEAP), Center for Strategic Innovation and Governmental Services Center (GSC).

The site lists a series of Money Works Seminars where employees can sign-up for instructor-led sessions. The sessions will be approximately 45 minutes and take place at several locations across the state. For those who are not able to attend the instructor-led classes, the Web site offers online tutorials and classes, which are accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

In addition, the site also features 10 online modules linked from the FDIC Web site. These modules are

designed to help individuals outside the financial mainstream develop financial skills and positive banking relationships. Each module can be completed in 10-20 minutes for a quick and simple learning experience.

During 2009, the instructor-led seminars will focus on a variety of financial topics including:

- Invest in Your Future
- Money Management
- Beyond Paycheck to Paycheck
- Managing Your Assets in a Volatile Market

The Compensation Authority marketing staff members assisting with this project are licensed investment and financial professionals. They are ready and able to explain to employees how to put their money to work in a structured investment program such as the state sponsored 457 and 401(k)

retirement plans. "During these tough economic times we are trying to be responsive to employees needs for accessible financial information on a variety of topics" said Personnel Cabinet Secretary Nikki Jackson. "Providing employees with these educational tools is essential to creating a culture of learning and development in state government."

To learn more about the Money Works Web site, visit the Money Works page on the Personnel Cabinet's site at <http://personnel.ky.gov/moneyworks/>.



Drawing on over 50 years of musical experience, Dr. Ralph Stanley performed Friday at the Mountain Arts Center, and signed autographs for his fans.

photo by Allen Bolling

## 'Boone at Noon' marks birthday

RICHMOND — Fort Boonesborough State Park kicked off its "Boone at Noon" program Saturday, April 11, to help commemorate the 275th anniversary of explorer Daniel Boone's birth.

Once a month, from April through September, the park near Richmond will have a 30-45 minute presentation on Daniel Boone or a topic related to his family and the exploration of Kentucky. The programs are included with fort admission.

The April 11 event featured Jerry Raisor, the park's curator, who will discuss "Daniel Boone and Land Acquisition."

The other programs are: ■ May 2: Pam Eddy, park ranger-historian, Cumberland Gap National Park, "Daniel Boone and the Cumberland Gap."

■ June 27: Jim Caudill, local historian, will be presenting his program "A Boone Related Flintlock Rifle." Caudill has a gun built by Daniel Boone's nephew, a nephew of Daniel Boone.

■ July 11: Paul Tierney, park naturalist at Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, will speak on "Daniel Boone at Blue Licks."

■ Aug. 8: Fort Boonesborough's Fort Manager, Bill Farmer, will present "Boone - The Natural Man."

■ Sept. 5: Jessie Mains, 18th Century longhunter reenactor will present, "Daniel Boone and the Longhunters." All of these programs will be held behind the Fort at the half-face shelter, weather permitting. They will be inside the orientation block house in case of rain.

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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## Easing the acid load

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

It's funny to think of finding inspiration in a muffler shop, but that's what happened.

When you think of great advertising campaigns, ones that have real impact on people, you might think of slogans like "Mmmmm, mmmmm, good." "It's the real thing," or "Plop, plop, plop, fizz, oh, what a relief it is."

But there are other advertisements that can make big a difference in someone's life, too, even if they're less well known. I'll never forget a poster I once saw in an optometrist's office. It showed a very blurry photograph of a typical elementary school playground, and the message at the bottom said, "This is how Tommy sees. This is how Tommy thinks everybody sees."

In other words, get your child's eyes checked, because he or she may not realize that their bad eyesight isn't normal!

Another one—the one I saw in a muffler shop—was simply an X-ray of a human spine, with the tag line below: "Limit one per customer."

Much as we like to fool ourselves that there's a pill to fix every physical ailment, the truth is that when it comes to your body, it's still "limit one per customer." And the structure that holds it all together, that makes it possible for us to stand and sit and move, is our bones.

If you're a regular reader of this column, you know I have an obsession with bone health, for good reasons. Osteoporosis is rampant on both sides

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### POISON OAK

## Dogwood legend

by CLYDE PACK

Since this coming Sunday will be the first Sunday after the first full moon, after the first day of spring, it's Easter. And as far as I can tell—at least as of his writing—there's not a dogwood tree in bloom anywhere in eastern Kentucky.

Personally, regardless of what the calendar says, until I see dogwoods in bloom, spring hasn't really arrived. Probably the best-known harbinger of the season, it's little wonder that North Carolina and Virginia have chosen the dogwood as their state flower.

Anyway, with Easter Sunday just four days away, I thought it would be apropos for this week's column to use a little poem I ran across a few years ago, and keep handy for just such an occasion. The poet is unknown, but it's entitled: "The Legend of the Dogwood," and goes as follows:

"When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew  
To a towering size with lovely hue,  
Its branches were strong and interwoven

For Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.  
Being distressed at the use of this wood,  
Christ made a promise which still holds good,  
"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow"

To be large enough to be such a tree, and so  
Slender and twisted it shall always be.

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## REHEARSING FOR THE KING



Musical Director Dave Kazee, rehearses backup vocalists Misty Daniels, Clayton Case and Jerrica Blair for Jenny Wiley Theatre's upcoming Elvis Concert.

# APPALACHIAN WOMEN

## Bertha Prater: A life well-lived

by DR. SANDRA PRATER

Recently I visited my family in Eastern Kentucky, and I was privileged to talk in-depth to three women who have lived all or most of their lives near Middle Creek in Floyd County. I was struck by the humility of these women who have all lived through hard times, but do not complain. Their ages range from 79 to 90.

Although there are common threads running through each of their lives, each woman's story has unique aspects. It is my wish to capture the goodness and gentility of each of them.

### Bertha Prater

My "Aunt Bertha" is the daughter of Lewis and Suzanne (Watson) Shepherd. She turned 80 on December 11, 2008. She was one of ten children raised on Ruff 'n Tuff near David. Her three sisters have passed on, and she has lost four of her brothers, two in the past 12 months, including Gordie, who was only 64. These recent losses so close together hit her hard, but she has bounced back and was her usual merry self when I saw her recently.

She began our conversation with a story of my maternal grandmother, Laurie (Hicks) Prater. Laurie was the mother of my mother, Ruth, and Bertha's husband, Kenneth. Bertha laughed as she remembered that Laurie would approach the table at someone's house, spy a dish that looked appealing to her, and say she just wanted to "taste it." She would take a bite, then another, then another, until she had eaten a helping. We figured that this way, Laurie could pretend to herself that she had not eaten very much of the dish she could not resist. My own mother, who like her mother had a healthy appetite, also employed the same strategy.

Bertha also told me a story about my mother. She and my mother

were both pregnant at the same time in 1948, each with her first child. Bertha had chosen the name Sandra Lynn if her baby was a girl. Ruth gave birth first, and Bertha was shocked when she received the birth announcement in the mail. Ruth had named her daughter Sandra Lynn! Now Bertha did not know what to call her baby if it were a girl. As luck would have it, she did deliver a girl, and she said "the poor baby was born without a name." She was quite upset, and Kenneth came to the rescue. He named his first-born Susan Laura after her two grandmothers, a beautiful recovery. I would say.

Bertha speaks lovingly of her family life growing up. She and her sisters "kept the kitchen up" and did the family's laundry. She washed clothes on a washboard, and she used soap made from the hogs which her father raised on their farm. Her mother used the "clean fat" from the hogs to make soap for washing dishes and taking baths, and she used the fat from the hog intestines to make soap for washing the clothes. In addition to hogs, the Shepherds raised sheep, cattle, and chickens, and they owned horses. They grew corn in their garden to make fodder for feeding the livestock.

Bertha says that Sears and Roebuck helped her parents raise their 10 children. Lewis was a trustworthy man and had a charge account with Sears which was unusual at that time. When his kids needed clothes for school in the fall, Lewis and Suzanne would order the clothes and charge them until the spring when their animals would bear offspring. Lewis would sell the young animals and get enough money to pay his bill with Sears and Roebuck.

Bertha recalled the "Hoover Days" when he "almost started the country to death." After the Depression, President Roosevelt

started the "Happy Pappy" program, and her father was lucky enough to get a job working on road-building. On pay day Lewis would ride his red horse home, and he would have a bag of stick candy. He would give the bag to her mother, and Suzanne would handle the distribution.

Bertha described her father as a "talented man" who would dehorn cattle, castrate male animals, and shoe horses to make extra money. She remembers his workshop (forge) where he worked on his horse-shoeing trade.

Bertha's mother, Suzanne, had all her babies at home. Dr. Davis from Prestonsburg came for the births of the last three (Bertha and two of her brothers). Lewis would get in his wagon, hook up his team, and go to town to get the doctor who would stay up all night waiting for the delivery. One week after their births, the babies would be lying in the shade of a tree awaiting feeding from Suzanne who was hoeing corn in the field.

The babies in Bertha's family wore dresses. Her mother would set the corner of the bed on the baby's dress tail so that he or she wouldn't get burned at the fireplace.

When Bertha started school, her uncle, Bob Shepherd, was her teacher. When Bob was only three weeks old, his parents were killed. Bertha's parents had been married less than a month, but they took Bob in and raised him. Bertha remembers that Bob called her mother, Suzanne, "mom," but he called her dad "Lewis." He knew that Lewis was his brother. Bob grew up and received his degree from Berea College (as did I).

Bob was the teacher in the one-room school at Ruff 'n Tuff when Bertha started first grade there. She thought that her uncle was especially hard on her. Although her parents were not interested in formal education, Bertha walked two and a half miles to school each day one way.

She completed eighth grade and rode the bus to high school in Prestonsburg. She left her house before daylight and walked to the bus stop at the mouth of Middle Creek. She did not have a flashlight, and her walk to the bus stop took her by Norman Shepherd's house where dogs would bark and scare her. She would walk to the bus stop in an old pair of shoes, then change into better ones before she boarded the bus. She left the old pair on a ledge until she got off the bus in the afternoon. She attended high school for two and a half years before she dropped out. She had tonsillitis and eventually her tonsils were removed by Dr. George Archer. Although I expressed chagrin that she was so close to finishing, Bertha seems to accept the way that her formal education was terminated.

My Uncle Kenneth, Bertha's husband, dropped out of school in third grade because his help was needed at the family sawmill and to help with chores. Bertha took care of all the business matters in their household. She paid the bills, handled insurance, and did the banking and marketing. I remarked that this was unusual in those days for the wife to handle those responsibilities, and she answered that she had more education than her husband, and it seemed a natural way for them to handle their affairs. I can imagine that perhaps some of their relatives might have made comments about their way of doing business, but I don't think either of them saw it as unusual.

Bertha attends church regularly and is the "older woman," as she says, who listens to the younger women and their problems. She pets them and lets them cry on her shoulder when necessary. She genuinely loves them, and she said she wishes she had an older woman when she needed love. I wish she had, too.

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Marvin Williamson, 606-478-3310.

**Arnett Singing Family to be at Freewill Baptist April 12, Easter Sunday**  
The Arnett singing family will be at the Freewill Baptist Church, in West Prestonsburg, Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist "A Picture of Calvary"**  
Easter Sunday, April 12  
"A Picture of Calvary," a powerful program of drama and music that will answer your questions of who Jesus Christ is and why He had to die, will be presented at the Katy Friend Baptist Church located at Abbott Creek Road, Sunday, April 12, at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend, admission is free.

**Middle Creek Auxiliary "Clothes giveaway"**  
Sponsored by Middle Creek Womens Auxiliary. Free clothes will be given to anyone in need, on the following days, times, and location.  
Friday, May 8th, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 9th, 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Location: Old Middle Creek Fire Department.

**PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion**  
The Prestonsburg High School class of 1969 will hold a class reunion on September 5, at Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge. Dinner will be from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m., in the dining room in lower level. The reunion will be upstairs behind check-in desk at lobby, from 5 till 11:30 p.m. Hope everyone will be able to attend.  
P.S. If reservations are needed, the number for May Lodge is 1-800-325-0142.

**Joyous Junk sale May 8th and 9th**  
All proceeds go toward the home repair fund. Located at the Auxier Center, 21 South River Street. For more information, call 606-886-0709.

**An Evening of Gospel Music at Mountain Arts Center**  
An evening of gospel music featuring the Barrett Family and the McCarneys will be held on Saturday, May 2, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, at 7 p.m. For ticket information, contact 1-888-622-2787.

**Duff Kindergarten Registration**

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

**"Run For the Son 2009" Saturday, May 2nd**  
The Ransomed Riders of Paintsville, invite the motorcycle community and you, to "Run For the Son 2009". Ride out and join us Saturday, May 2nd, at the Sonic Drive-In, Paintsville, for a 100-mile ride and bike show.  
Price for participation is only \$15.00 for singles or doubles. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., Bike Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m., and the Ride-out will be 1:00 p.m., rain or shine.  
Trophies will be awarded in 10 separate classes, plus specialty trophies and door prizes will be given away.

"Run For the Son" is a mission of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. All proceeds go toward Christian missions.

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Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.  
For more information about the times and locations of

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

**Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar April 2009**  
**GED Classes**  
April 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 29th  
Floyd Room, Highlands Regional Medical Center, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
**GED Classes**  
April 14th, 21st, 28th  
Floyd Room, Highlands Regional Medical Center, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Veterans Administration**  
April 10th  
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Senior Advantage**  
April 14th  
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
**Diabetes Education**  
April 18th  
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Blood Drive**  
April 30th  
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
For more information concerning the support groups, please contact: Highlands Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

## Floyd County Luncheon programs Garden Pro Series

Location: Floyd County Extension Service, 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes Toyota).  
Time: All sessions will be from 12-1 p.m. Lunch will be provided.  
April 9—Home Lawns  
The purpose of this program is to help residents gain the knowledge and skills needed to maintain the home lawn,

garden, and landscape.

**Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010**  
Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: [patricia\\_466@hotmail.com](mailto:patricia_466@hotmail.com); also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

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# YESTERDAYS

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The Floyd County  
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70 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

(April 2 and 7, 1999)

The U.S. Department of Justice has OK'ed a grant of \$225,000 to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to fund three additional enforcement officers over a three-year period.

The Kentucky Revenue Cabinet is providing extended individual income tax assistance service by telephone, from April 5 through April 15.

Floyd County students brought home honors from the Kentucky High School Speech League Junior State Speech Tournament at Western Kentucky University, March 12-13.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn is going to have to let his wife go—from her job as a deputy sheriff, that is, if an opinion by the County's Ethics Commission has any merit.

A garbage pile at Wheelwright City Hall was collected during the city's spring cleanup week. As much as 12 to 15 truck loads of garbage have already been hauled away by county workers.

McDowell Elementary student Dustin Hunter met the Easter Bunny during a recent egg hunt sponsored by the Floyd County Area Technology Center.

When Mark McLemore took over as the new manager at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Thursday, he was returning home. "This is coming home," McLemore said at a reception hosted by park employees. "I look forward to getting involved with the park and with Prestonsburg."

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said 60 to 70 persons are already slated to be in the county on June 1, to begin work on improving housing for low-income area residents. Most of them are from the Appalachia Service Project of Johnson City, Tennessee.

After an executive session during a special-called meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Wednesday, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said he and the county commissioners are willing to pay \$15,000 for the Wheelwright gym, with some strings attached.

After being lifted for a couple of days, the ban against burning in Floyd County has been reinstated by Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

State work crews are ganging up on potholes this week. Through Friday, motorists are encouraged to turn in their favorite pothole.

The Central Kentucky Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot, at Prestonsburg Village, on Monday, April

12, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Spring has sprung, and so have building projects throughout the City of Prestonsburg. Last year was the biggest year for the number of construction projects within city limits, and this year is already showing signs that it's going to be another big year, according to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

As workers hammered nails at the site of the new Citizens National Bank (Bank Josephine), Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin signed a proclamation, Tuesday, declaring International Building Safety Week in Prestonsburg, April 4-10, in conjunction with the national observance. Despite requests from Prestonsburg High School supporters for speedier action on athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd, the Floyd County Board of Education, at Monday night's special-called session, decided to look at the situation more carefully, before taking any action.

Air Force Lt. Col. Paul C. Ackerman, son of Margaret S. Ackerman of Prestonsburg, deployed to Turkey in support of Operation Northern Watch, is helping enforce the No-Fly Zone, over northern Iraq. Lon May, Floyd County's Flood Plain Coordinator's job is to protect us from ourselves, to save us from regrets later on, and to keep us high and dry.

Opportunities for area businesses to do business with the Bureau of Prisons will be among issues addressed by the BOP staff during their visit to Floyd County on April 22.

There died: Virgil McGuire, 75, of Jeffersonville, February 25; at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington; Marvin Akers, 86, of Berea, Tuesday, March 30, at the Rockcastle County Hospital; Nannon Akers, 88, of Banner, Wednesday, March 31, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Billy Powers, 69, of Auxier, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Willie James Elliott, 86, of Harold, Wednesday, March 31, at McDowell ARH; Lowana Jarrell Bearden, 58, of Dana, March 30, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Ivel Ratliff, 72, of McDowell, Wednesday, March 31, at the Hazard ARH; Martha Hamilton Duricka, 80, of Lackey, Tuesday, March 30, at Hazard ARH; Larry Noble Anderson, 58, of Hamilton, Ohio, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Goldie Shelton, 84, of Virgie, Tuesday, March 30, at her residence; Howard W. (Fred) Stumbo, 76, of Versailles, Michigan, formerly of McDowell, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Jo Ann Homes Hunter, 69, formerly of Prestonsburg, March 9; Lucy Patrick McHone, 90, of Chelsea, Michigan, Saturday, April 3, at Stockbridge Country Manor, in Michigan; Betty Page Johnson, 63, of Georgetown, formerly of Dwale, Wednesday, March 31, at St.

Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Elmer Watkins, 65, of Ivel, Thursday, April 1, at Ivel; Randall Lee (Tad) Boyd, 56, of Martin, Wednesday, March 31, at his residence; Curtis Bartley, 80, of Prestonsburg, Monday, April 5, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Mitchell Lee Campbell, 54, of Garner, Friday, April 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wyoming Tackett, 83, of Hi Hat, Thursday, April 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago

(April 5, 1989)

In a scene that seemed straight out of a movie script, a fight in Floyd Circuit Court, Friday, resulted in the stabbing of Woody Gene Jarrell, 28, and the arrest of Russell Jarrell, 54. Peggy and James Howell woke up with a jolt, early Tuesday morning, as tornado-like winds whipped their mobile home off its foundation and wrenched its skirting.

The defense attorney for convicted murderer Oakie Bevins has filed, in Greenup County Circuit Court, for a hearing to re-plead the Floyd County man's death sentence.

Allen Council members dismissed city police officer Arthur Shepherd, just two weeks after employing him, after a background check indicated that Shepherd had been arrested for speeding and possession of marijuana.

There died: Marie Maggard Adkins, 71, of Martin, March 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Rosemary Horn Brown, 55, former Hueysville resident, April 1, in Indiana; Malissie Collins, 89, of Ohio, March 28, in Ohio; Victor "Bud" Keanthley, 44, of Michigan, March 23, in Michigan; Ralph Salisbury, 71, of Michigan, March 20, in Michigan; William Taulby Stone, 78, of Prestonsburg, April 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago Unavailable.

## Forty Years Ago

(April 3, 1969)

Its pilot Middle Creek project financed for the year by \$20,000 appropriation from the Appalachian Regional Commission—the Floyd County Soil Conservation District has submit-

ted a new proposal for a bigger undertaking of the same nature. The new project is to include an area of approximately 17,000 acres, and has asked for \$125,000 to carry out the improvement plan.

Two Floyd County mineworkers who claim they suffer occupation-connected lung disease have asked the Floyd Circuit Court for relief after having been denied benefits by the Kentucky Workmen's Compensation Board.

Purchase of the D.&D. Food market by Williamson Piggy Wiggly Inc., was announced here, Tuesday.

U.S. Judge Mac Swinford, Tuesday, upheld a \$7,231,356 judgement awarded to South East Coal Co., Irvine, Ky., in a case tried last October.

Floyd County Farmers last year, received a total of \$104,067 through participating in the several programs conducted in the county under the agricultural conservation program.

When Prestonsburg's new low-rent housing complex, Indian Hills, opened to occupants, March 22, its 42 units were quickly filled, and 95 families were left on the waiting list.

The layoff at Kentucky Appalachian Industries (KAI) which became effective Tuesday, is only temporary, The Times was told today.

There died: William A. Cook, 81, on Topmost; Mrs. Edith Hays, 47, formerly of Garrett, at her home at Grand Rivers, Ky.; Robert Adkins, 71, of Hueysville, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin; Mrs. Mammie Davis, 57, of Hippo, at the home of a daughter at Dema; Calvin P. Herrick, 67, father of Calvin Herrick Jr., of Prestonsburg, at Hollywood, Fla.; George W. Jones, 72, at his home at Manton; Buck Moore, 85, of McDowell, at the McDowell Hospital.

## Fifty Years Ago

(April 9, 1959)

Negotiations at Washington, between the United Mine Workers and truck coal operators of eastern Kentucky, apparently were headed for a breakdown, Wednesday. The conference was foundering on the unyielding stand taken by both sides on contract terms. The chief bone of contention between the truck operators and

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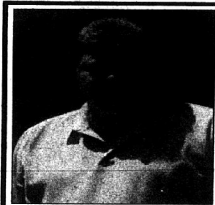
## Women

During difficult times in her life, both medical and personal, her faith has seen her through.

Bertha is a great example of a life well-lived. She was a dutiful daughter and a faithful wife and has been a loving mother to her three children. She has been a regular church goer all her adult life. She is cheerful, smart, and funny, and she is a wonderful cook. She makes gingerbread, chocolate pies, cornbread, soup beans, greens, and delicious soups. She is honest and straight-forward in her dealings with others. Relatives from Wisconsin, Indiana, and Boyd County, Kentucky, attended her birthday party on a snowy December day, and she was gracious and humble when she

discovered the "little spaghetti dinner" was actually a party in her honor. Bertha Shepherd Prater was born and raised in Ruff 'n Tuff hollow. When life has been rough on her, she has been

tough and stood her ground. With typical Eastern Kentucky resilience, she has retained her great sense of humor and her kind and generous heart and is an inspiration to all those who know her.



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**STUART ISAAC** would like to thank all his customers and to invite all his friends, family, and everyone to stop by and take advantage of the low, affordable prices on top-of-the-line vehicles available at **DISCOUNT AUTO** 874-6844

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\* No paint cans, oil, tires or batteries  
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April 16th at 9:00am



\* Free t-shirts, gloves & bags while supplies last  
\* Free pizza party after pick-up  
\* All volunteers will meet at City Hall  
\* Special appearance by Crig Hall Rogers

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Saturday, April 18, 2009  
9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Highlands Regional Medical Center  
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- Heart Healthy Breakfast
- Door Prizes
- Free of Charge



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The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky

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Yesterdays

the union, is a wage increase of \$2 per day, and a protective wage clause. Closing of the mines has idled—7,000 workers... Senator John Sherman Cooper proposed, last week, that a home garden program be started immediately for needy families...

at home; Johnnie Jenkins, 47, of Pyramid, at his home.

Sixty Years Ago (April 7, 1949)

Circuit Judge W.B. Ardery has called for arguments in the \$2,000,000 Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company rate case, and has set the oral arguments for April 8, in circuit court in Frankfort... Recent creation of one new eastern Kentucky judicial district, and the reshuffling of others, including the 31st Review, caused a member of the not-partisan constitution commission, this week, to propose a constitutional amendment which will make a recommendation by the Court of Appeals necessary, before a new district can be created, or old boundary lines changed...

real estate and personal property for the bond fund; \$1.50 poll tax; 20 cents on each \$100 cash value of bank stock; 1 per cent of the market value of crude oil produced in this county; 2 per cent tax on forest lands for fire protection... The work of relocating graves, now in the Johns Creek area, and reinterment of 718 bodies, will probably begin around May 15, it has been announced... There died: Mrs. Margery Harris Prater, 61, of Emma, at her home; Sgt. George Elliot Webb, 22, of Wayland, killed in action in Lorraine, France; Mrs. Ammie Mae Lazar, 30 years old, of Estill.

Seventy Years Ago (April 6, 1939)

Between 5,000 and 7,000 Floyd County miners were idle, this week, while mine workers' representatives were in futile parley with coal operators' delegates in New York, on the wage and hour scale... Miss Gertrude Knott, founder of the National Folk Song Festival, Washington, D.C., Monday,

heard a number of Floyd County's Plain-Song Chanters and singers of traditional hymns and ballads at the home of Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick James, reader "mountain music," which she declares to be among the best in the land... "I have examined school classes in first aid in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, and this is the best instructed class I have ever examined." J.L.H. McGuire, examiner for the U.S. Bureau of Mines, last week, told seventh and eighth grade students of the Weeksburg school, who had completed a first-aid course under the tutelage of Carl G. Ford, principal... For the ninth consecutive year, the Floyd Fiscal Court, Wednesday, approved the appropriation necessary for retention of services of County Agent S.L. Isbell... Thirty Prestonsburg businessmen and women will receive diplomas at a commencement banquet to be held at the Auxier Hotel, April 21, by the Mayo State Vocational School... There died: Mose Henderson, 26, of Clear Creek, at Beaver Valley Hospital; Willie Estep, 58, at the home of a daughter, at Garrett; Rev. V.D. Harman, 71, father of Dan Harman, Wayland, at his home in Louisa.

Calendar

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers... The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders... All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. July 23, 2009... \* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues... \* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches... Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3000. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event... Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

Auxiliary Community Center... Free OED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-12... \* Paliative medical and behavioral care approaches... Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3000. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event... Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

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

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party! The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance. Auxier, 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

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

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

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

pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m. Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m. For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

UNITE The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs. "Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info, contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Earn While You Learn! The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications

for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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

External Diploma Program Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided, and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-798-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

Looking for a Support Group? "Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group" meets regularly at Riverview Memory 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 fami-

lies. 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. 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: doslone@eastky.net.

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## Goodman selected for statewide KCTCS award

COVINGTON — Patricia A. Goodman is one of three employees of Gateway Community and Technical College to be nominated for statewide recognition by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Goodman is a Floyd County native and a graduate and former employee of Prestonsburg Community College, now known as Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Goodman, dean of institutional research, planning and effectiveness at Gateway in Northern Kentucky, will be recognized during the annual New Horizons conference in May when she will be eligible to be named outstanding administrator for all of KCTCS.

"Being nominated for the New Horizons award is the highest honor an employee can receive from the college or the system," said G. Edward Hughes, GCTC president/CEO. "The selection process at GCTC is not easy, because we are fortunate to have highly talented faculty and staff in all departments. This year, Patricia stood out

for her singular accomplishments in organizational development, particularly in regard to accreditation and strategic planning." Goodman puts her background as a community college graduate to work guiding GCTC's institutional effectiveness activities. A native of Eastern Kentucky, Goodman joined Gateway in 2006 as dean of institutional research, planning and effectiveness. In 2008, she led a team of 69 GCTC employees through an intensive process that culminated in December with the college being awarded full regional accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools. As part of the strategic planning process, she also led the development of new cross-functional teams involving all employees and instituted a peer review process to assure continuous improvement.

Goodman chairs Gateway's Institutional Effectiveness Council. Before joining Gateway, she served in faculty, staff and administrative leadership positions at Big Sandy Community and Technical College where she served most recently as director of institutional effectiveness. Goodman is president of the Southeastern Association for Community College Research and is a member of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, the Kentucky Association for Institutional Research and the Society for College and University Planning. She is a graduate of the American Association of Community Colleges Future Leaders Institute, the KCTCS President's Leadership Seminar, and Leadership East Kentucky. Her community involvement includes prior service on the board of directors of the Big Sandy Chapter

of the American Red Cross, the Eastern Kentucky Long-term Recovery Coordinating Committee, the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Council and its district board, and the Floyd County 4H Council. She was a member of the Prestonsburg Rotary Club from 1998 to 2005. Goodman has undergraduate degrees from Prestonsburg Community College and Sullivan University and an MBA from Morehead State University. She is on track to receive a Ph.D. in community college leadership from Walden University this summer. She resides in Union with her husband Sam and two children. Gateway also nominated Dr. Michelle Deeley Wilhite of Florence, associate professor of communications, and Nicole M. Stout of Independence, senior administrative assistant, for outstanding faculty and staff awards.

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## Oak

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 With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see. The petals shall have blood-stains marked in brown. And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.

All who see it will think of me. Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree. Protected and cherished this tree shall be

A reflection to all of my agony. And speaking of Sunday, along about the time I came across the above poem, one of our readers submitted a clipping from a West Virginia newspaper containing a column listing some "blue laws" written to police the behavior of citizens on the Sabbath) that are apparently still on the books.

For example, in Wakefield, R.I., no one is allowed to attend a church service within four hours after having eaten garlic. In Dyersburg, Tenn., women are banned from using a telephone on Sunday to ask a man for a date.

In Wadeville, N.C., citizens are enjoined against making ugly faces at dogs who may "freely roam" the community on Sunday.

In Marion, S.C., acrobats are forbidden to perform on church property on Sunday.

And finally, in Okanogan, Wash., people are not allowed to sit in a rocking chair on the front porch, and read the Sunday paper while church services are in session.

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of my family, and I have so many of the "risk factors"—age, race, red hair, fair skin, freckles—that they might as well go ahead and put my picture on the osteoporosis brochure.

So anytime there's new information about ways to protect and conserve bone (and muscle, for that matter), my ears perk up. And that's exactly what the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have been dishing up lately.

Here's the latest: Our typical high-protein all-American diet could be harming our bones.

Diets that are high in protein, and low in fruits and veggies, lead to a mild acidosis as you age. That's because as protein metabolizes, it releases acids into the bloodstream in amounts that override the beneficial alkalizing effect of the

potassium and bicarbonate in plant foods.

In a recent study, researchers funded by ARS studied the results from a group of 19 healthy individuals, all older than 50, who were on a controlled diet. To simulate the consumption of about 14 servings of fruits and veggies every day, nine of the participants received 3,510 milligrams daily of potassium bicarbonate in capsules. The other 10 participants received placebos.

After the volunteers had reached the maximum level of daily potassium bicarbonate or placebo capsules, the participants were put on either a 10-day low-protein diet or a 10-day high-protein diet, with a five-day "wash out" period in between. During the course of the study, every participant was on each diet at some point.

The researchers wanted to look at both an

alkali-producing diet (the folks who got the potassium bicarbonate capsules) and an acid-producing diet (the folks who got the placebos). The researchers measured each participant's calcium absorption and measured certain markers of bone and muscle metabolism.

The results? When dietary protein intake went up, the folks who'd received the potassium bicarbonate had lower levels of urinary nitrogen excretion, an indication that they probably also had less muscle wasting. The group that got the potassium bicarbonate also had higher levels of IGF-1, a marker for both muscle and bone conservation, and of calcium absorption, a marker for bone conservation, on both of the protein diets, compared with the placebo group.

What does this mean for you? If you do con-

sume a lot of protein, you'll probably get the most dietary benefit (and least negative impact) from the protein if you find a way to reduce the acid load that can accompany high protein consumption. The researchers didn't specifically test for this, but a simple way to counterbalance all that acid is with some good alkalizing components in your diet—in other words, more fruits and vegetables.

Turns out Mom was right again: Be sure to eat your vegetables!

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



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