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# The Times

FLOYD COUNTY  
WEEKEND EDITION

## Relief on the way for water-stricken hollow

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PARSON'S BRANCH** — The residents of Parson's Branch saw another step in much needed help in getting water back to their community.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court passed a resolution Wednesday to make an emergency purchase of materials needed to put a new water pump in the area.

The residents had informed county leaders recently that the wells in the

community were no longer providing water.

"We got the pipe up there yesterday," District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers said Wednesday, "so hopefully we'll be getting started in the next couple of days."

The county issued a declaration of emergency in order to authorize the work needed for the purchase and installation of the water pump.

The fiscal court agreed to pay Wascon Sales and Service \$25,150 for the equipment and work on the water

pump, paid for from a county account set aside for water and sewer extensions.

The company had issued a proposal to Gary Blankenship of Southern Water and Sewer on March 10 outlining the water pump station and its components, including a breakdown of prices. That proposal was accepted by the fiscal court Wednesday.

"The faster the better with this," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. Fiscal court members

agreed in approving both the emergency declaration and the purchase of the pump station that providing water to the residents of Parson's Branch was "vital to the safety and well being of the citizens."

County leaders did not have a possible date the station might be completed and water service restored to the community, but Wascon's proposal said that delivery on the proposal would be approximately six to eight weeks after the approved proposal was received at their corporate offices.

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**committee**

by **JULIA ROBERTS GOAD**  
WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS

**FRANKFORT** — The Kentucky House of Representatives Development Committee approved a bill last week that Rep. Keith Hall hopes will pave the way for an ATV trail in Kentucky that would connect to the Hattfield-McCoy Trails in West Virginia.

Hall (D-Phelps) said the system could potentially attract 200,000 tourists to the area annually, injecting much-needed cash into the economy. He said Pike is working with 13 other counties in Kentucky, including Floyd, Johnson, Perry and Wolfe.

The bill would create the Kentucky Mountain Trail Corporation to manage the system, which could include over 2,000 miles of trails. Much of the land for the system is property that has previously been strip-mined, and so has much of the ground-work already accomplished.

The bill was passed unanimously, with some

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## RED, WHITE, BLACK & BLUE



The familiar red-and-black school colors of Prestonsburg High School gave way Thursday to the blue and white of the University of Kentucky, seen above in Carolyn Ford's classroom, as the school and students were caught up in NCAA March Madness. UK took on Cornell in the east regional semifinal in Syracuse, N.Y.

## Floyd has \$21 million riding on state budget

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**  
MANAGING EDITOR

**FRANKFORT** — Spending plans adopted by both the state House and Senate include millions of dollars in projects for Floyd County, but like much else in the highly contentious state budget this year, the amounts and projects vary widely from plan to plan.

The Senate passed its version of the budget this week, after the House approved its own plan earlier this month. A conference committee composed of members of both houses began meeting behind closed doors Wednesday to hammer out a compromise.

Millions in dollars in funding for Floyd County hinges on which plan the final budget most closely resembles. Both plans include about \$3 million in local projects funded by the coal severance tax, but the House version includes an additional \$21 million — mostly for schools — that was cut from the Senate bill.

The House plan includes \$4 million for a new vocational education building, \$1.25 million for a Wheelwright gym and \$14 million for elementary school reorganization. All of that money is missing from the Senate budget.

Also absent from the Senate budget are various infrastructure projects for Floyd County, including \$173,200 for a campground at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, \$600,000 to upgrade Prestonsburg's sewer plant, \$550,000 for Wheelwright water and sewer upgrades, \$250,000 for the "Pride on the River" sewer project, \$200,000 for various other water and sewer projects, \$177,000 for the Lakeview Village water system extension and \$200,000 for a wastewater upgrade at Lakeview Village.

The only project featured in the Senate budget that is not in the House budget is a coal severance-funded \$174,400 for the planning, development and construction of the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame at Wayland.

The \$21 million in cuts for Floyd County are

(See **BUDGET**, page seven)

## Court gives first nod to \$2.37 million jail budget

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — The Floyd County Fiscal Court approved a first-reading of a \$2.37 million jail budget Wednesday, with the largest part of that amount reflecting salaries at the facility.

Salaries in total at the Floyd County Detention Center make up \$852,000 of the overall budget, according to the fiscal court's

records, with the largest portion of that made up from jail personnel at \$591,000.

Those records reflect a salary of \$86,980 for Floyd Jailor Roger Webb and \$43,360 for Assistant Jailor Kay Webb, his wife. The remaining salaries that round out the total are for medical personnel and cooks, according to the records.

Operating expenses, such as \$190,000 for food and \$69,000 in

drug rehab programs, make up \$568,000 of the budget, which covers the fiscal year spanning 2010-11. Other expenses, according to the jailer's proposed budget, would include items such as routine medical at \$40,000, canteen expenses at \$25,000 and \$10,000 in office supplies.

Included in the budget is \$477,460 earmarked for debt serv-

(See **JAIL**, page seven)

## Board honors academic, athletic achievements

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Monday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education at Adams Middle School was one of celebration, as most of the meeting consisted of recognizing students and schools for a variety of recent achievements.

The archery teams from Allen Elementary, Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School were congratulated at the meeting,

including Sasha Kidd and Hunter Brown, both of whom were the individual overall winners in the regional archery competition. Dakota Conn, a student at Allen Elementary, took first-place in the elementary division. Adams Middle School was recognized as the regional archery champions for the second year in a row. Prestonsburg High School, in its first year of competition, took the regional championship in the high school

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Representatives from EQT and the American Heart Association joined local officials at Adams Middle School on Wednesday for an event to raise awareness about the importance of being able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. "Have a Heart, Save a Life" is a program presented by EQT Corporation, using the American Heart Association's CPR "Anytime For Family and Friends" training course in a kit that allows people to learn CPR in about 22 minutes. Every seventh-grade student in the Floyd County will receive the CPR kits.

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# Obituaries

## Mendia Davis

Mendia Davis, 90, of Albion, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at her residence.

She was born April 27, 1919, in Hi Hat, the son of the late Thomas and Josephine (Bryant) Mullins.

On September 30, 1939, she married Jarvey Davis, who preceded her in death on July 18, 1999. She was a homemaker. She attended the Old Regular Baptist Church. She enjoyed quilting, gardening and traveling. Mendia especially enjoyed her family.

She is survived by five daughters: Margie Hall of Kentucky, Deloris and James Stepp of Albion, Emmaline Mullins and Melvina and Kenneth Price, all of Kentucky and Connie and Rockie Hall of Homer; two sons: Marcus and Cheryl Davis and William and Bea Davis, all of Albion; one sister, Mae Hamilton of Ohio; 22 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and her cat, Cinnamon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons: Jessie and Marshall Davis; one daughter, Rosalee and two sisters and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 27, at Faith Community Baptist Church, 601 South Superior, Albion, with Moderator Estil Hamilton officiating.

Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Albion. Visitation will be at the Church on Friday, March 26, from 2-4 p.m., and again from 6-8 p.m. Donations are suggested to: Oaklawn Hospice.

Arrangements by J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan. [www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com](http://www.kevintiddfuneralhome.com) (Paid obituary)

## Winferd Sizemore

Winferd Sizemore, 57, of

Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 18, 2010, at Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born May 11, 1952, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Levi and Rhoda Anderson Ousley. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer Sizemore. Other survivors include one son, Anthony Marsillett of Prestonsburg; four daughters: Sherry Marsillett of Dvale, Bobbie Potter, Patricia Hall and Charlotte Hall, all of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Dennis Ousley and Bennie Ousley, both of Prestonsburg and David Ousley of Salyersville; five sisters: Dora Salyers, Barbara Ousley and Charlene Scott, all of Prestonsburg, Mary Jarvis of Paintsville and Vickie Stone of McDowell; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Clifford Ousley.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Stephens officiating.

Burial was in the Anderson Ousley Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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## Irene Stone

Irene Stone, 87, of Port William, Ohio, died Tuesday afternoon, March 23, 2010, at her residence.

She was born May 21, 1922, in Wheelwright the eldest child of Marion and Susan Hatfield Martin.

She was married to Julius Stone on March 29, 1938; and he died on November 2, 1997. She is survived by a daughter,

Janice (Earl L. "Will") Stryker and a son, Adam (Linda) Stone all of Port William, Ohio; her grandchildren: Shawn (Keith) Pandorf and Denise (Kimble) Grant of Port William, Ohio, Jeff (Barbara) Stryker of Lexington, Randi (Bailey) Smith of London, Tricia Haines of Wilmington and Mike (Renee) Stone of Xenia; and her great grandchildren: DJ Henry, Stephanie Burkitt, Tiffany Henry, Chris Summers, Anna Pandorf, Casey (Adam Redfern) Stryker, Mandy (Ken) Platt, Danna Grant, John (Abby) Grant, Doug Grant, Justin Grant, Pieter, Annika, Stefan, Sascha, Katrina, Shane and Kiersten Stryker, Brandi (Richard) Penna, Bradley Smith, Heather and Rachel Haines, Braedin DuVal, Huesten and Helena Stone; and her great-great-grandchildren: Chase Hamilton, Carson Henry, Olivia Grant, Gracie and Bryson Platt, Alexa and Tristin Burkitt; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters: Mabel Bogelli, Helen Elliott, Cordelia Martin and a brother, Frank Martin.

Funeral services will be on Friday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m., at the Littleton Funeral Home in Sabina.

Burial will be in the New Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 25, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Port William Life Squad or the Community Care Hospice. (Paid obituary)

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## Tommy Smith

Tommy Smith, 84, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the Riverview Health Care Center.

Born February 5, 1926, in McVeigh, he was the son of the late Johnson and Mable

Hatfield Smith. He was a retired coal miner, a WW II Air Force veteran, a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ and member of Masonic Lodge, No. 890, in Stone.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Renfro Smith.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one son, Ted Smith of Madisonville; two grandchildren: Thomas Smith and Teddy Smith II; three great-grandchildren: Johnson Smith, Jonah Smith and Alexis Smith; and two brothers and three sisters.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: Tommy Lewis Smith and Terry Randall Smith; and two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 26, at 1 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, with Freddie Lewis and Tommy Spears officiating.

Entombment will be in Mt. View Memorial Gardens.

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

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## Samuel Floyd Stewart

Samuel Floyd Stewart, 38, of Beaver, died Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at the McDowell ARH.

Born August 13, 1971, in Printer, he was the son of Linda Parsons Stewart of Harold and the late Denver Stewart. He was Unit Manager at the Otter Creek Correctional Center, in Wheelwright.

He is survived by his wife, Denessa Ruth Dailey Stewart.

Other survivors include one son, Samuel Floyd Stewart II; three daughters: Meghan Nicole Stewart, Isabella Grace Stewart and Hannah Faith Stewart; three brothers: Christopher Stewart of Pikeville, Jeffery Adkins of Printer and Randall Adkins of

Harold and mother-in-law and father-in-law: Kermit and Neshia Dailey and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 26, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Brother Richard Johnson and other Old

Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Parsons Cemetery, in Honaker. Visitation is at the funeral home.

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

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# Fight erupts during Kermit council meeting

by JESSICA HATFIELD  
WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS

**KERMIT, W.Va.** — Hand-to-hand combat broke out during the Kermit City Council meeting held Monday night, when Councilwoman and candidate for Kermit Councilwoman Anna Mae Wellman grabbed the City Clerk Rhonda Gail Muncy.

The fight ensued after the council began to discuss the arrest of Kermit Committeeman candidate Ernest Williams. Kermit Police Officer Glen Messer

assisted Senior Trooper Moore and Cpl. S.T. Harper in the arrest that night. Wellman made accusations that the arrest was "politically motivated" and that Williams was innocent of all charges.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Mingo County Magistrate Court, Williams, a Kermit resident, was arrested Sunday, March 14, for three misdemeanor charges, including no modified motor vehicle inspection sticker, simple possession and transferring and receiving stolen goods.

The complaint stated that Williams was arrested during a routine traffic road patrol when officers observed a green-and-white modified Chevrolet truck traveling north on U.S. 52 without a modified inspection sticker. After stopping the vehicle, the troopers made contact with the driver, the accused Ernest Williams.

Williams appeared to police to be irate and acting belligerent, the complaint further stated, so they asked if there were any drugs or weapons in the vehicle. Williams told police that he had a firearm in the vehicle, so police asked for him to step out of the truck so

a search could be conducted. Police said that Williams exited the vehicle, but tried to reach back into the truck. Officers then placed him into handcuffs for safety purposes.

After receiving consent to search the vehicle, officers found a prescription pill bottle prescribed to Gracie Williams for Atenolol. Inside the bottle, officers located two blue oval tablets bearing the inscription Watson 540 and one green oval tablet with the inscription Watson 503, identified as hydrocodone, a schedule III controlled substance. Two other medications were found,

including, three blue diamond shaped tablets inscribed with Pfizer VGR 50, identified as Viagra, and three white oval tablets bearing the inscription L484, identified as acetaminophen.

Police then recovered a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, and after performing a NCIC check on the firearm, found it was stolen from North Carolina.

Messer denied that the arrest was politically motivated and said he was just assisting the officers after he was

(See FIGHT, page seven)

## Regional Obituaries

### FLOYD COUNTY

**George Freeman**, 57, of Erie, Michigan, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, March 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kathy M. Roberts Freeman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Bacarella Funeral Home, Monroe, Michigan.

**Rhoda Ellen Wallen Hurd**, 85, a native of West Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 22. Funeral services were held Friday, March 26, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

**Fannie Thornsbury Mullins**, 82, of Derna, died Wednesday, March 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

**Rondal Ray Prater**, 68, of Hueysville, died Friday, March 19, at the Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Pratt Prater. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

**Zettie E. Snyder**, 99, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, March 21. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, at Milward-Southland, with burial in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

**Jerry Tackett**, 71, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, March 17, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Ann Dannon Tackett. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

**Frank Whitl**, 43, of River, died Saturday, March 20, at the Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Flora Gillispie Whitl. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

**PIKEVILLE**

**Charles T. "Dooley" Belcher**, 74, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 15, at Signature Health Care Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Friday, March 19, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

**Emma Blackburn**, 76, of Hardy, died Friday, March 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

**Shirley Blankenship**, 60, of Phelps, died Monday, March 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roger Lee Blankenship. Funeral services were held Friday, March 19, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

**Ervin Chapman**, 56, of

Phelps, died Monday, March 15, in Charleston, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Sincell Chapman. Funeral services were held Monday, March 22, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

**Freda N. Charles**, 80, of Huntington, W.Va., a native of South Williamson, died Monday, March 22, at the Pleasant Hill Manor Nursing Home, Picketon, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

**Carvin Dannon**, 85, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

**Shirley Annetta Fuller**, 66, of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Feeds Creek, died Saturday, March 20, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Ray Fuller. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

**John Roy Goad**, 66, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, died Friday, March 19, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Nina C. Goad. Arrangements, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

**Betty Hurt**, 76, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 15, at Hospice of Palm Beach County, Florida. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

**Kemis Bernard "Bernie" Mims**, 65, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 15, at the Signature Healthcare Center, Pikeville. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 18, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

**Emma Jane Norman Ratliff**, 75, of Kimper, died Thursday, March 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Grayson Ratliff. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

**Bill Riddle**, 86, of Collins Highway, died Saturday, March 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Riddle. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

**Paul Rink**, 42, of Vergie, died Saturday, March 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Malena Rink. A memorial service was held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

**Lloyd Runyon**, 71, of

Brushy Road, Varney, died Thursday, March 4, at Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap, Va. A memorial service was held Monday, March 8, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

**Pearl Alene Smith**, 79, of Hardy, died Tuesday, March 23, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

**James R. Spears**, 72, of Shelbyana, died Wednesday, March 24, at his home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

**Gabrielle Faith Stanley**, infant daughter of Jessica and James Stanley of Hedra, died Thursday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Monday, March 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

**Elmo Maynard Williamson**, 62, of Varney, died Tuesday, March 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Patrick Williamson. Funeral services were held Friday, March 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

**MAGOFFIN COUNTY**

**Walter Elsworth Archer** aka "Bill", 81, of Royalton, died Saturday, March 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Lovely Archer. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 17, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

**Dillard Howard Jr.**, 58, of Jeffersonville, a native of Magoffin County, died Tuesday, March 2, at his residence. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

**Helen Jean Jenkins**, 75, of Cedarville, Ohio, a native of Magoffin County, died Wednesday, March 10, at the Ridgewood Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Monday, March 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

**William "Bill" Adkins**, 62, of Enori, Ohio, a native of Lawrence County, died Thursday, March 18, in Springfield, Ohio. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

**Tollie Hall**, 87, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, March 13, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, March 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

**Albert "Buck" Horne**,

Friday, March 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

**Eloise Maynard Parsley**, 85, a native of Beauty, died Friday, February 19.

**Cecil Stacy**, 79, of Warfield, died Sunday, March 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Vinnie (Jude) Stacy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

**KNOTT COUNTY**

**Avery Wayne Ashley**, 70, of Lotts Creek, died Friday, March 19, at the UK Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mae Rene Engle Ashley. Funeral services were held Monday, March 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

**Zola Combs Fitch**, 97, of Wilkinson, Indiana, formerly of Vest, died Wednesday, March 24, at the Springhurst Heath Camp Nursing Home in Greenfield, Indiana. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

**Manda Marie Stone**, 84, of Hindman, died Monday, March 22, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

**MARTIN COUNTY**

**Ransom Hammond**, 79, of Inez, died Sunday, March 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

**Dave Jude**, 83, of Lovely, died Thursday, March 18, at J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

**Homer E. Mollette**, 66, of Louisa, a native of Martin County, died Tuesday, March 16. Funeral services were held

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Groucho Marx

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Guest View

## Health care reform, better late than never

We're pleased to see after a long presidential campaign pledging change, that President Obama is actually beginning to follow through on that pledge. Health care reform was a major issue during his 2008 run, and while it took 14 months to get something done on this front, we say it's better late than never.

That's not to say that the President didn't have a lot of opposition to contend with. From the "death panel" uproar and the continuous march by the Tea Partiers, there was plenty of exhortation to go around. But despite what was a brutal political war, the Democrats actually stood on principle and got something done that they had said they would.

If we're to believe the Republican opposition to this health care reform bill, we're to believe that this bill, which was approved by the House on Sunday and signed by the President on Tuesday, costs too much and will drive up the already ballooning deficit. Though if we're to listen to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, this legislation will actually drive down the deficit over a 10 year period.

But the real heart of the matter is the substance of the bill. America continues to outspend most nations on health care by a large margin, yet we have more than 40 million people without access to quality health coverage, and those that are lucky enough to be able to afford health insurance are not only paying the proverbial arm and leg, but many of them are under insured to boot. This bill promises to eliminate insurance company practices such as turning down coverage due to pre-existing conditions and the elimination of coverage once the policy holder becomes sick. These are most needed changes, and we're wondering how any politician, Republican or otherwise, could be against a bill that delivers.

This reform package also aims to mandate everyone, by 2014, to pick up some sort of health care coverage. And if someone can not afford it, there will be government subsidies that will help out with costs. While it's a far cry from universal health care and regrettably does not include a public option, which is preferable, it's a step in the right direction to help ensure every American, especially the most vulnerable, has access to quality health care.

While we expect there to be some unforeseen consequences to this legislation, at the same time we believe any such ramifications will be well worth the effort. And like Medicare, this is probably one reform that will gain support as the years move forward.

— The Hazard Herald



Guest column

### A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

In the General Assembly during this time of year, "March Madness" refers to more than just a basketball tournament as the final hectic days of the legislative session draw to a close.

House and Senate leaders are now in the final stages of building a two-year budget for state government, with the hope that a compromise can be voted on by the end of the month.

Not surprisingly, there are some key differences in the approach each chamber has taken in its individual budget proposals. Perhaps the biggest question is whether now is the time to invest in the Commonwealth while unemployment is high and cost of construction is low.

The House feels strongly that its \$1 billion "Kentucky Jobs for Kentucky Families" program must be in the final budget. It would create or retain 25,000 jobs with a payroll of nearly \$700 million while rebuilding or renovating dozens of our oldest schools and bringing better water and sewer service to tens of thousands of homes and businesses.

The House also does not want to cut classroom funding. We have been able to shield our schools from the worst of the economic downturn, and while there are some difficult days still in front of us, we need to keep protecting education as much as possible.

As we wait for the budget process

to reach a resolution, we have seen a lot of progress in other legislative matters. I'm especially grateful to see that there soon will be a new law to make it a felony for prison employees who have sex with inmates. It will hopefully end situations like we saw at Otter Creek Correctional Center last year.

There has also been progress on legislation I filed to better protect domestic violence victims. "Armanda's Bill," which is named after a family friend who was killed last September, has made it through the House and Senate, and both sides will now try to find common ground. My goal is to give victims a real-time warning if they feel their life is at risk. They need that fighting chance.

Another bill important to me and to our region made it through the House last week. It would provide better insurance coverage for children diagnosed with autism.

The bill's chief sponsors noted how important it is for these children to receive the proper treatment as young as possible; if reached early enough, they have an excellent chance of overcoming it. Without treatment, the lifetime cost for care could reach \$3 million.

The same day this vote was taken, the House also put its unanimous support behind legislation that would increase colon cancer screenings for those Kentuckians who do not have health insurance. Just as with autism, early detection is critical if we are to make a difference.

Even larger financial savings could be possible in another bill that the House voted for recently.

If it becomes law, it would easily

be one of the legislative session's biggest accomplishments, since it would strengthen the health insurance benefit for our retired teachers while reducing the program's long-term unfunded liability by \$2.8 billion, or nearly half of what it is now.

This bill would not have been possible without the willingness of our teachers, school officials and their retirees to step up to help put this program on firmer footing.

In addition to lowering the unfunded liability, this legislation would save money in other ways as well. The state would have to borrow less to meet its contribution level, while senior teachers would feel more secure in retiring with this benefit.

In other news tied to our schools, the House voted last week for a bill that would help those districts who have been off a significant amount of time because of flu and snow; our plan would give them a possible reprieve if they missed more than 20 days.

We will try to find a resolution on the budget and many other bills by the end of this coming week, when the General Assembly essentially wraps up its work on the 2010 Regular Session. We will return briefly in mid-April to consider any vetoes the governor may issue.

I have enjoyed hearing from many of you since the legislative session began in January, and while not much time remains, it is still not too late to let me know your thoughts or concerns.

You can always leave a message for me by calling 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

## Beyond the Beltway

### Racism just isn't funny

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

A few weeks ago some frat boys at the University of California, San Diego, pulled what they thought of as a prank — just a fun thing.

In mock honor of Black History Month they held an off-campus "Compton Cookout," named after the largely black suburb of Los Angeles a few dozen miles up the road.

The organizers invited guests to wear "grills," those fake gold teeth favored by gangsta rappers and thug-ish athletes, as well as the baggy athletic clothes worn by those groups. And, oh yes, watermelon was served.

Well, you can imagine how funny the black students at the school found all of that. There's nothing a rising African American college student enjoys more than being branded with a demeaning racial stereotype.

But that wasn't all. After black student groups had protested the cookout, a campus television program (described as satirical) broadcast a feature on the party, complete with a vile racial epithet ridiculing the

protesting students.

In the midst of this, the administration opened up a website announcing a number of policy changes designed to mollify the protesters.

It didn't work. There were more meetings, more protests. Then someone hung a noose from a bookcase in the main library.

That took it for the black students and their allies. A multicultural mob of chanting, drum-beating students marched on the chancellor's office and demanded action.

The chancellor, at long last was forced to confront the students. A "suddenly it's 1950" campus had been dragged kicking and screaming into the 1960s.

Eventually things settled down and the issue became one of dueling Facebook pages. One, Solidarity against Racism and Compton Cookout, claimed over 1,100 members; the other, UCSD Students Outraged that People Are Outraged about the Compton Cookout, about 550. The latter group says it deprecates the "political correctness" of the anti-Cookout group.

I have two thoughts:

First, being a kind of 1950s person myself, I don't generally favor students taking over campus buildings. I didn't like it in the 1960s anti-war protests. I don't like it now.

But in this case I'll make an exception. An event like the Compton Cookout in the second decade of the 21st century is so egregious, and the university's initial response so muted, that the situation demanded a dramatic response — a "we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore" sort of response. Under the circumstances, taking over the chancellor's office was appropriate.

The second thought is the next time someone calls me "politically correct" for taking offense at a crude, mean-spirited, hurtful word or gesture, I shall place one of my Ukrainian grandmother's leprosy curses on them and their progeny.

Shouting "PC" has become the right's all-purpose defense, putting conservatism in danger of becoming the spiritual home of galloping yahooism. Not Yahoo! as in the Internet search engine, but yahoo as it appears in *Gulliver's Travels*, meaning a base, savage creature of brutish sensibility.

You hear examples all the time on right-wing radio: crude racist, sexist,

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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2010 Miss Basketball

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## STUMBO SIGNS WITH PIKEVILLE

Chris Stumbo, a senior at Allen Central High School, recently signed to play football at Pikeville College. During his senior season with the Rebels, Stumbo passed for 532 yards and six touchdowns. He also rushed for 312 yards and seven touchdowns. Stumbo helped lead Allen Central to the best record in school history. The Rebels ended the 2009 season 10-2.



PHS SENIOR ZACH LEMASTER received a \$1,000 scholarship during the Boys' Sweet 16 state tournament last week.

## Justice will be served

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Today is the day. Today - this morning, in fact - the Kentucky Lion's Eye Foundation will name the 2010 Mr. Basketball. It happens today. At 10 this morning.

It will be Elisha Justice. Don't ask me how I know, or why I believe this. Let's just say sometimes, when you've been around as long as I have, you know things. I've learned to see the writing on the wall, as they say. You just know.

And today, I believe, will be the day Elisha Justice will be named Kentucky's Mr. Basketball.

It's quite ironic, I think. It's ironic that Mr. Basketball comes back home to the mountains today, and it is so for a couple of reasons.

Mr. Basketball was first given in 1956 as a way to honor the best senior basketball player in the Commonwealth. The first player to get it is generally considered to be the greatest high school basketball player to ever live in this state. The first winner was The King.

Kelly Coleman was so great a Lexington writer dubbed him "King." So great were his talents that when his Wayland Wasps made the Sweet 16 that year, a state awaited his arrival. Had he played in this day and age it's entirely possible ESPN would have had Jeremy Schaap or someone of his ilk live when the Floyd County bus rolled into the city.

His legend is such that you can't be blamed to wonder if Mr. Basketball wasn't created to



ELISHA JUSTICE

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## Wildcats advance to 21st Sweet 16

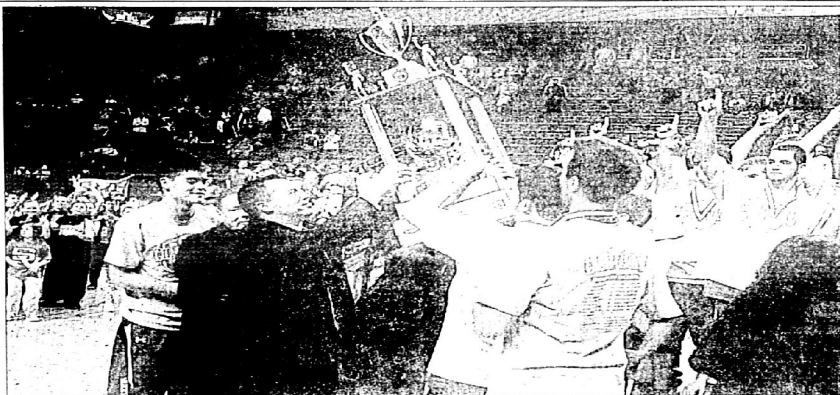
TIMES STAFF REPORT

SYRACUSE, NY - After posting two of its most impressive displays this season in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, the University of Kentucky Wildcats made their 21st appearance in the NCAA Sweet 16 on Thursday, the Cornell Big Red at Syracuse's tradition-rich Carrier Dome. The Kentucky-Cornell game ended too late to make this edition.

The Wildcats earned a berth in the regional semifinals with a 90-60 win over Wake Forest in the second round in New Orleans.

Led by a career-high 20 points, and a season-high nine rebounds from Darius Miller, Kentucky shot 60.3 percent from the field, tying its season high en route to the victory.

DeMarcus Cousins (19), John Wall (14) and Eric Bledsoe (13) all joined Miller in double-figures, while Cousins added eight rebounds, Wall seven assists and Bledsoe five assists and two steals. Turn to The Times for continued coverage of the NCAA Tournament.



THE SHELBY VALLEY WILDCATS accepted the state championship trophy following the victory over Ballard.

## POSTSEASON REVIEW

### SHELBY VALLEY WILDCATS

59th District Tournament at East Ridge  
Feb. 24 East Ridge, 88-33 (W)

15th Region Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville  
Mar. 4 Prestonsburg, 79-40 (W)  
Mar. 8 Belfry, 100-65 (W)  
Mar. 9 Betsy Layne, 69-61 (W) (Championship Game)

PNCKHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena, Lexington  
Mar. 18 Paducah Tilghman, 69-45 (W)  
Mar. 19 West Jessamine, 67-54 (W)  
Mar. 20 Mason County, 71-51 (W) (Semifinals)  
Mar. 20 Ballard, 73-61 (W) (Championship)

### KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL PATRIOTS

53rd District Tournament at Letcher County Central  
Feb. 24 Letcher County Central, 52-48 (W)  
Feb. 27 June Buchanan, 86-60 (W) (Championship Game)

14th Region Tournament at Breathitt County  
Mar. 4 Breathitt County, 78-75 (W)  
Mar. 8 Hazard, 68-67 (W)  
Mar. 9 Perry County Central, 53-51 (W) (Championship Game)

PNCKHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena, Lexington  
Mar. 18 Butler, 46-57 (L)



Above: Knott County Central senior guard Tate Cox looked to move the basketball during a Sweet 16 opening round matchup with Butler. Below: Longtime Floyd County Schools administrator Pete Grigsby talked with Don Compton of Q95 during a Sweet 16 broadcast.



## MARCH HALF-MARATHON

Over 100 runners participated in the Lynn Salyer Memorial Half Marathon and 10K Walk/Run, sponsored by Faith Runners, Saturday in Paintsville. All proceeds from the race go to the American Cancer Society. To learn more about Faith Runners, visit them on Facebook, MySpace or call Jamison Salyer at (606) 367-3173. The next race will be the "Moon a Doctor 5K" in May in Paintsville to help cure colon cancer.



# LCA standout Barnette named Kentucky Miss Basketball

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Lexington Christian Academy (LCA) senior forward Sarah Beth Barnette was named 2010 Kentucky Miss Basketball on Thursday. Barnette was honored during a ceremony held at Lexington Christian. The senior forward is the first Miss Basketball from Lexington since the award's inception in 1976.

Barnette scored 1,928 points and accumulated 1,076 rebounds during her high school career. The reigning Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year, Barnette averaged 23.6 points, 8.7 rebounds, 2.3 steals, 2.2 assists and 1.9 blocks during her senior season.

Barnette helped LCA win three straight All "A" Classic championships and this year's

Sweet Sixteen title. She has signed with Kentucky, joining two former Miss Basketballs — Rebecca Gray (Scott County) and A'dia Mathies (Iroquois).

Barnette will wear jersey No. 1 for the Kentucky All-Stars during this year's series with the Indiana All-Stars.

**KENTUCKY MISS BASKETBALLS** — 2010: Sarah Beth Barnette, LCA; 2009: A'dia Mathies, Iroquois; 2008: Tia Gibbs, Butler; 2007: Rebecca Gray, Scott Co.; 2006: Arnika Brown, Christian Co.; 2005: Carly Ormerod, Sacred Heart; 2004: Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart; 2003: Megan Gearhart, West Carter; 2002: Erica Hallman, Holmes; 2001: Katie Schwegmann, Brossart; 2000: Jenni Benningfield, Assumption; 1999: Jody Sizemore, Leslie Co.; 1998: Beth Vice, Montgomery Co.; 1997:

Rachel Byars, Union Co.; 1996: Jaime Walz, Highlands; 1995: Ukari Figs, Scott Co.; 1994: Laurie Townsend, Apollo; 1993: Brandi Ashby, Webster Co.; 1992: Becky McKinley, Bullitt East; 1991: Ida Bowen, Sheldon Clark; 1990: Kim Mays, Knox Central; 1989: Lisa Harrison, Southen; 1988: Kim Pehlke, Doss; 1987: Mary Taylor, Marshall Co.; 1986: Kris Miller, Owensboro Catholic; 1985: Brigitte Combs, Whitesburg; 1984: Carol Parker, Marshall Co.; 1983: Clemette Haskins, Warren Central; 1982: Connie Goins, Western Hills; 1981: Lillie Mason, Olmstead; 1980: Lisa Collins, Laurel Co.; 1979: Beth Wilkerson, Paris; 1978: Irene Moore, Breathitt Co.; 1977: Geri Grigsby, McDowell; 1976: Donna Murphy, Newport.



## STATE TOURNAMENT COACHES

MOUNTAIN BASKETBALL WAS WELL REPRESENTED on the bench during this year's Boys' Sweet 16.

Above: Shelby Valley Coach Jason Eocher guided the Wildcats to the state championship.

Left: In his first season as Knott County Central head coach, Dave Fraley guided the Patriots to the 14th Region title and back into the Sweet 16. Fraley took Pulaski County to the 1986 state championship.

photos by James Howell



# Bluegrass State Games online registration to begin April 15

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Online registration for the 2010 Bluegrass State Games will be available beginning April 15. Created in 1985 by Governor Martha Layne Collins, the Bluegrass State Games is a non-profit program sponsored privately to promote amateur athletics across the Commonwealth. It is designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive and healthy development through sports and physical activity.

while promoting and developing amateur athletics to provide the amateur athlete an opportunity to showcase his or her talent and receive statewide recognition.

The 2010 Celebration of Athletics will take place on July 16 at Applebee's Park. The home of the Lexington Legends will once again celebrate the Games' participants.

The first 2,000 participants to register for the 2010 Bluegrass State Games will receive a free t-shirt, meal, and ticket when the Legends face off with the Hickory

Crawdads on Friday, July 16 at 7:05 p.m.

This year's night of fun, festivities, and baseball will include in-game promotions for Bluegrass State Games participants, torch run and lighting of the cauldron immediately after the conclusion of the baseball game, capped off by a fireworks show presented by ADI.

The deadline to register and receive a T-shirt, meal, and baseball game ticket is June 16, 2010, or until 2,000 participants have registered; whichever comes first.

# Clark named NAIA Third Team All-American

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College senior guard Jonathan Clark has been named a NAIA Third Team All-American. Clark and the Pikeville College Bears concluded the 2009-10 season 21-9. Campbellsville University senior forward Nestor Colmenares headlined six Mid-South Conference men's basketball student athletes to earn NAIA All-American honors. The NAIA released the honors Tuesday night.

Colmenares earned first-team All-American honors after averaging 15.6 points and 9.9 rebounds per game while leading his Tigers to the Mid-South Conference regular-season title. The honor comes on the heels of Colmenares earning the MSC Men's Basketball Player of the Year honor.

Georgetown College senior Hollis Giles earned second-team All-American honors. A trio of MSC student-athletes earned honorable mention All-American honors for their play during the season: Campbellsville's T.J. Bishop, Georgetown's Vic Moses and University of the Cumberlands' Chad Byron were named honorable mention.

Oklahoma Baptist University's Nate Brumfield was selected as the NAIA Player of the Year.



MOVING ON TO THE NEXT LEVEL: East Ridge senior pitcher Caitlin Conley recently signed to play softball and continue her studies at Pikeville College. photo courtesy of Pikeville College



## SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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## Justice

honor him. You wouldn't be far from wrong.

The last time Mr. Basketball came to Pike County was in 1982. It was a golden era of high school basketball in the mountains. In 1980, the award came to Pike County for the first time. It went to Ervin Stepp of Phelps after he led the nation in scoring with an average of more than 52 points per game.

Once more — 52 points every single game.

The next year, it went to Phil Cox of Cawood High School in Harlan.

The following year, it came back to Pike County to Virgie's Todd May. It hasn't been given to a Pike County since.

Todd wasn't the last mountain player named Mr. Basketball in the 1980s, nor the last 15th Region player to win it. In 1987, Paintsville's John Pelphrey took the honor. The following year, Clay County's Richie Farmer won it.

In 1998, the title came back to the mountains when J.R. VanHoose of Paintsville was the winner. In the interim, two Pike legends — Jody Thompson of Feds Creek and Todd "Heff" Conley of Elkhorn City — were up for the award but came up short.

And today, it comes back to the school May would have attended in this generation. Shelby Valley's Elisha Justice will be the winner. Turns out, for the last year, my friends, Randy White and, Justin Holbrook of the News-Express have pushed Justice for the honor. When asked my opinion of it, I gave a divided answer.

Should he win it? Absolutely. He is very deserving, as much for his defensive work — he's the all-time record-holder for steals in a career — as his dazzling offensive efforts. But would he? I, honestly answered, I doubt it.

Why? He's a small guard from the mountains. There's a lot of things going against him in that brief sentence, considering the voters for Mr. Basketball are coaches across the Commonwealth.

All that changed last week. All that ended in four brilliant basketball games played Thursday afternoon, Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday night. In Rupp Arena on Saturday, I was asked again if I thought he'd win it.

"It depends on when the voting ends," I said, not knowing if the balloting closed before or after this year's Sweet 16. "If it was before, I still doubt it. But if it was after, with all these coaches here to watch the tournament, he's had to pick up 30 or 40 votes just this week alone."

In last Friday's edition of the News-Express, Randy White wrote a story simply titled, "Introducing Mr. Basketball." Turns out he was right.

Turns out the voting ended two days ago. Turns out, a deserving young man from Dorton is this year's winner.

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It was at the 15th Region finals that East Kentucky Broadcasting issued its list of the top 15 players in 15th Region history. It was voted on by the listeners of EKB on their Website. Modern-day players were not eligible.

I'm about to say something controversial, so please understand. I think Todd May was a phenomenal basketball player. He was unstoppable, and there's a reason Kentucky offered him a scholarship and he was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs. I was blessed to cover J.J. Hylton, Jody Thompson and Conley in my time as sports editor.

There have been some brilliant basketball players in the history of Pike County hoops.

The greatest of them all is Elisha Justice. He led his team to two All "A" Classic titles, and while I know May didn't have that opportunity and Hylton played at a school too large for the chance, he still won two state titles.

And last week, he did something none of them have ever done. He led Shelby Valley to the championship of the 93rd Sweet 16.

Add it up, and Elisha Justice is the GOAT — the Greatest Of All-Time.

And today, he's Kentucky's Mr. Basketball.

Oh, what it must be like to be Elisha Justice.

# Officials rail against proposed AEP rate increase

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Floyd County officials have now formally joined others across the state in expressing disapproval of a proposed rate increase by American Electric Power.

In a resolution offered during a special meeting Wednesday, Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall joined magistrates of the county's four districts in opposing the increase.

County leaders said the reasoning for addressing this directly was because the utility company proposed the increase at the very time when county residents were dealing with a power outage due to winter storms.

Many residents went without power for several weeks during the winter storm, which fell on Eastern Kentucky in a matter of days this past December. During this time and during their resolution Wednesday, Marshall and

other county leaders praised AEP's efforts in working to restore power, applauding both local workers and those who traveled from out of state to assist.

However, they say it was the proposed rate increase, which, at one point was a hike of 34.95 percent to Kentucky Power customers while thousands of county residents were still in the dark, that prompted them to join others in officially standing against the increase.

Earlier in the year, four state legislators concerned about the increase held a meeting with utility officials. One of those legislators, Rep. W. Keith Hall, from Pike County, spearheaded the meeting with Tim Mosher, president of Kentucky Power and an AEP lobbyist, Jimmy Keeton. Hall's home county judge-executive, Wayne T. Rutherford, had also said during this time that he had planned to travel the state to speak out against the proposed increase.

Mosher then offered that the past two winter storms had cost Kentucky Power, a subsidiary of AEP, more than \$30 million and that more repairs and tree-cutting were needed then.

The company has also pointed to fuel costs and the need for more revenue to make repair and maintenance on its new power plant located in Louisa as reasons for the increase.

# Steelworkers ratify contract with ARH

by CRIS RITCHIE  
HAZARD HERALD

Work for hundreds of employees with Appalachian Healthcare (ARH) will go uninterrupted after the hospital chain and the United Steelworkers (USW) union reached a tentative agreement on a new contract last week, and union members ratified that contract on Tuesday.

Negotiations had been ongoing for several weeks prior to last week's announcement, made on Wednesday, March 17.

More than 2,300 employees under the ARH umbrella are members of the USW, which includes nurses, maintenance, and dietary personnel among others.

While details regarding the agreement were scarce early this week, officials with ARH did say the agreement represents compromise on both sides.

"ARH and the USW worked through some very difficult issues to reach this tentative agreement, which demonstrates our mutual commitment to our patients and employees," said Dan Fitzpatrick,

ARH executive director of human resources and labor relations. "This tentative agreement reflects compromises by both parties which were made in the long-term best interests of all stake holders including the communities we serve, and all employees who support the mission and the organization."

Junior Sidham, president of the USW chapter in Hazard, noted on Wednesday that all nine union chapters across the ARH chain voted to approve the new contract.

## Budget

among \$1 billion in projects axed in the Senate version of the budget. Another key difference between the two plans is in school instruction. The House plan had cut two days from the school calendar as a cost-savings measure, but those days were restored in the Senate bill.

Despite the deep differences, leaders from both chambers expressed optimism Wednesday that a compromise would soon be reached.

"In the actual dollar amounts, we're not that far apart," Stumbo told the Associated Press. "So I'm much more optimistic today than I was yesterday."

Aside from the Hall of Fame item in the Senate bill, the House and Senate bills are otherwise identical in terms of coal-severance projects for Floyd County, making them appear safe for inclusion in the final budget. Those projects include:

- \$80,000 to Allen for park maintenance.
- \$210,000 to Allen for a recreation building at Allen Park.
- \$20,000 to Allen for ball-park improvements.
- \$5,200 to Martin for fire equipment.

- \$20,000 for Martin Senior Citizens operating expenses.
- \$50,000 to the Floyd County Rescue Squad for equipment, operations and repairs.
- \$150,000 to the Mountain Arts Center.
- \$60,000 to Mountain Comprehensive Care for Layne House education.
- \$300,000 to Prestonsburg for repairs, maintenance and renovations to Stonerest Golf Course.
- \$30,000 to Prestonsburg for parks and recreation.
- \$5,200 to Prestonsburg for equipment at Prestonsburg Fire Station #1.
- \$5,200 to Prestonsburg for equipment at Prestonsburg Fire Station #2.
- \$20,000 for Prestonsburg Senior Citizens operating expenses.
- \$3,000 for equipment and improvements for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5839.
- \$5,200 for Wayland Fire Department.
- \$5,000 for Wayland Park.
- \$20,000 for Wayland Senior Citizens operating expenses.

- \$18,900 to Wheelwright Senior Citizens for buildings repairs and renovations.
- \$5,200 to Wheelwright Fire Department.
- \$325,000 to Wheelwright for repairs to Route 306.
- \$20,000 for Wheelwright Senior Citizens operating expenses.
- \$70,000 to Wheelwright swimming pool.
- \$200,000 to the Floyd County Board of Education for high school academics and athletics.
- \$75,000 to the Floyd County Board of Education for lighting at Drift ballpark.
- \$3,000 to American Legion Post 283 for equipment and improvements.
- \$83,200 to county fire departments for equipment, to be distributed equally.
- \$100,000 to the fiscal court for county parks.
- \$10,000 to the fiscal court for courthouse renovation and HVAC.
- \$75,000 to Disabled American Veterans Post 128 for equipment and operations.
- \$10,000 to DAV Post 169 for equipment and operations.
- \$10,000 to DAV Post 18 for equipment and operations.
- \$25,000 to the fiscal

- \$100,000 for Floyd County Drug Court.
- \$150,000 for scholarships at the Highlands School for Autism.
- \$20,000 to Left Beaver Rescue Squad for equipment and repairs.
- \$3,000 to Martin American Veterans for equipment and improvements.
- \$100,000 for floor and other repairs at the Marin Community Center.
- \$125,000 for restrooms, sewer and various improvements at Minnie Park.
- \$50,000 for development and site acquisition for Mud Creek Park.
- \$50,000 for startup costs for the North Floyd Fire District.
- \$80,000 to the fiscal court to purchase a dump truck.
- \$50,000 for renovations and improvements to the German Bridge camping area.
- \$60,000 to Mud Creek, McDowell and Betsy Layne Senior Citizens operating expenses, to be distributed equally.
- \$100,000 for the creation of a Floyd County Veterans Cemetery.

## Board

The board also recognized Allen Central Middle School's Mathecounts team for taking second place in the regional competition, and the academic teams at South Floyd Middle School and Allen Elementary for victories in regional competitions.

May Valley Elementary and Duff Elementary Governor's Cup teams were recognized by the board for being champions in their respective districts. May Valley's team took the title of runner-up in the region-

al competition held last weekend.

"Students competing in the Saturday academic competition put in a long day or about 12 hours," said Beverly Crisman, director of community education for Floyd County Schools.

Duff Elementary's team won the regional title at the weekend event.

"We salute all the individuals, teams and coaches for their outstanding accomplishments," said Crisman.

## Beltway

or homophobic remarks delivered by Don Imus, Rush Limbaugh, and the rest of those clacklers. And when you object to the garbage they accuse you of political correctness.

Preferring civil discourse to ignorant vituperation isn't politically correct, it's simply correct.

And don't imagine that the Compton Cookout should have been of concern only to blacks. The event could as easily have targeted Jews, gays, Latinos, Asian-Americans, or women. Left unchecked, the forces that inspired that debacle will find other victims. That's a given.

You can't isolate group hatred or ethnic

prejudice. They're like cancers that attack first one organ, then quickly metastasize to others until the entire body is shot through with the disease.

And if that's being politically correct, count me in.

*MinuteMan Media columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

## Fight

requested to transport Williams to the Williamson State Police Detachment. Messer explained that officers requested he transport Williams because Harper already had Moore and his K-9 unit in his Dodge Durango. Messer said that he had no choice but to assist the officers and that he could be arrested for denying the request.

Councilwoman Wellman told Messer that several members of the council were planning to ask for his resignation due to his involvement in the arrest. Wellman then said that Mayor Johnny Linville had also made comments about asking for Messer's resignation.

Linville denied Wellman's claims and proceeded to throw an ink pen at him. Muncy, who is also Linville's daughter, defended her father, sharing Wellman for the accusations.

In a matter of minutes a basket of Easter candy that had been sitting on the council table was thrown in the air and Wellman grabbed Muncy by the hair. Refusing to let go, the mayor, along with Councilman Charles "Chuck" Hassle,

Police Chief Ernie Hall and Officer Glen Messer, restrained Wellman. Muncy had a large amount of hair pulled from her head, causing a lump to form.

Muncy pleaded for peace, saying, "Anna Mae, we go to church together," as the two are both members of Kermit

United Methodist.

Once the fight ended, the meeting was adjourned and the council went in their separate corners. Wellman apologized to Linville and Muncy before leaving the meeting. Wellman also gave Linville her resignation from the committee, which he refused to accept.

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### 2010 Great Easter Egg Hunt

**CLUE #10**  
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At this time, no decision has been made about Officer Messer.

## Trail


changes to be made. The original bill would have made the authority a state agency, which could require riders buy a permit before riding on state lands.

Hall said he made the changes because the original

bill would be too expensive. He said economic diversification is important to Eastern Kentucky.

"We think this is the right thing to do for tourism in these dead and dying counties," Hall said.

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It has been three years, we will always shed the tears. We miss you so, so much, your smile, your kindness and your gentle warm hugs. Your Angel is safe, here on earth. He is just like you, sent from above, to have, to hold, and especially "Love."

**Sadly missed by your family and friends**  
written by: Bertha Wright

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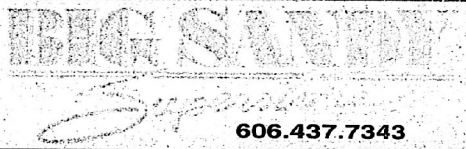
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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Kisha A. Jervis, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Brandon M. Hall, 21, of Prestonsburg.  
 Lisa Ann Moore, 32, of Lexington, to John Carl Gillem, 46, of Lexington.  
 Brittany Nicole Hook, 20, of David, to Michael Dale Wallen, 20, of David.  
 Paula Spencer, 43, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Lee Vandine, 44, of Auxier.  
 Samantha Mae Jones, 18, of Mimmie, to Steven D. Thornsbury, 18, of Garrett.

### Civil Suite Filed

Mark J. Lockhart vs. Billie J. Lockhart divorce.  
 Janice M. Barthel vs. Renee Moe; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.  
 Melissa L. Wike vs. Robert E. Wike; divorce.  
 Veronica Wnack vs. Joseph Wnack; petition for healthcare insurance.  
 Rose Adkins and Rebecca Piersall vs. Quality Care Corporation; complaint.  
 Jennifer Patton vs. Darrell Patton; divorce.  
 Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Danny R. Bradley; complaint.  
 Michele R. Brown vs. William Lee Brown; divorce.  
 Department Stores National Bank vs. Christopher McKinney; complaint.  
 FIA Card Service N.A. vs. Edney D. Slone; complaint.  
 Chase Bank USA, N.A. vs. Franklin D. Williamson; complaint.  
 Chase Bank USA, N.A. vs. Elizabeth A. Spears; complaint.  
 Charges Filed  
 Kenneth Hayden, 23, Prestonsburg; theft by deception.  
 Brenda Hall, 25, Prestonsburg; third-degree burglary, criminal mischief.  
 Ronald Callahan, 62, Hazard; theft by deception.  
 Tiffany Lewis, 24, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.  
 Anthony W. Sturgill, 19, Tram; theft by unlawful taking.  
 Billy S. Hall, 33, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.  
 Jessie D. Church, 29, Harold; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.  
 Jessie Ousley, 23, Martin; harassment.  
 Andrew Sparkman, 20,

Eastern; harassment, terroristic threatening.  
 Michelle Moore, 36, Melvin; failure of parent or custodian to send child to school.  
 Jonathan Endicott, 22, Auxier; public intoxication.

### Inspections

Save-A-Lot, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, toilet room doors not self-closing, floors not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 93.  
 Cardinal Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing unit storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, proper waste receptacles not provided, floors not in good repair, non-food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non-food contact surfaces not properly maintained, proper waste receptacles not provided, floors not in good repair. Score: 95. Retail 95.  
 Betsy Layne High School, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: sink bowl found in need of repair in male restroom, found floor drain in need of repair, areas of flooring in need of some repair, not easily cleanable. Score: 92.  
 Hobart's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, sanitary towel or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair. Score: 91.  
 Family Dollar, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: walls, ceiling attached equipment not in good repair, toxic items not properly stored. Score: 94.  
 Opportunities Unlimited School, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: water fountain found in need of repair, faucet in boys restroom missing hot water knob, areas of flooring and walls in restroom found in disrepair, lighting out in gym janitor closet, areas in hallways and stairwells in need of

repair. Score: 86.

### Property Transfers

Brittany Ravann Carol to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Letha Nicole Carol to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Barbara Ann Boyd Brown

Collier to Priscilla Micochero, property not listed.  
 Marietta Crager to Larry E. Howell, property located at Spradlin Branch.  
 Brenda Helton to Larry E. Howell, property located at Spradlin Branch.  
 George Helton to Larry E. Howell, property located at Spradlin Branch.  
 Manly Kara Helton to Larry E. Howell, property located at Spradlin Branch.

Berchel J. Henderson to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Shawna Kilgore Henderson to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Estil Hurd to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Arkansas Creek.  
 Shana Kilgore Hurd to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Joshua Keith Meade to Letha Carroll, Margaret Carroll, Brittany Meade, and Joshua Keith Meade, property located at Arkansas Creek.  
 Ballard G. Robinson to Patrick O. Boyd, property located at Middle Creek.

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## THE BLACK LAGOON 'Three the Hard Way'

by TOM DOTY  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

The director of "Super Fly" and a trio of African American action stars join forces in this time capsule from the super-cool 1970s.

This one hits the ground running with an opening sequence that charts the escape of a man, named House, from a paramilitary camp. House is wounded during his flight to freedom, but he manages to elude his captors by hitching a ride with a hippie couple.

They get him to L.A., where his best friend, Jimmy Lait, runs a recording studio. Jimmy is a handy guy to know, as he is huge, fearless and packs a handgun big enough to qualify as a portable cannon.

House turns out to be incoherent, so Jimmy opts to attend a recording session while his girlfriend, Wendy, babysits his friend. Meanwhile we meet the people at the camp and they are not at home to letting an escapee interfere with their cockeyed plan to exterminate non-Caucasians.

They are led by the rich, and decidedly tiny, Mr. Feather. He has gone out on a wing and hired a private army to guard his compound

(See LAGOON, page five)

## This Town, That World

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

Too often the children who are spittin' images of their dads live up to their expectations.

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Some years ago, it wasn't unusual to hear folks call this month April, with a long I. Which beats by a long shot what they've been calling it, these recent days of tornadoes, snows, floods and general misbehavior.

**'PLUMB DISTRACTIN'**

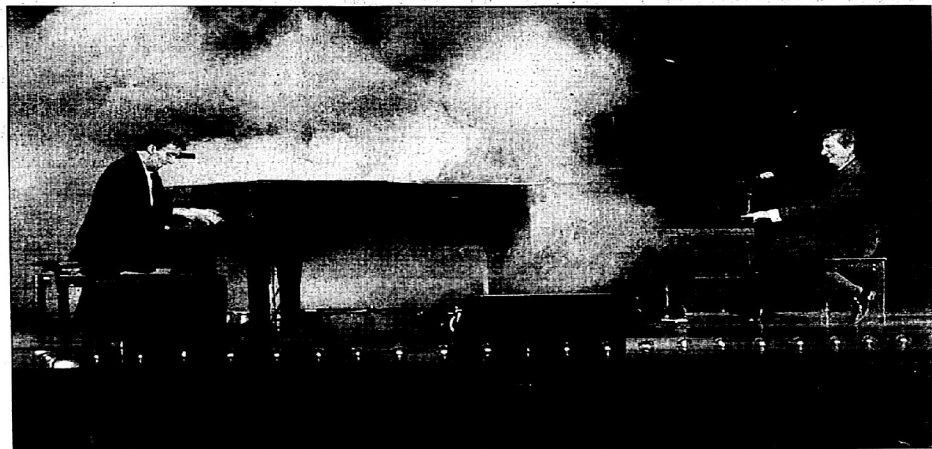
Heard, the other day, what purports to be the true story of a fluent cussar and his telephone conversation with a ministerfriend. In the middle of his conversation a platoon of his children passed stormily near, and the racket was deafening. The man burst out:

"These (bleep-bleep) young'uns are making so much noise"—and just then he realized who was on the other end of the line, and concluded lamely, "I can't read my Bible!"

**A KIND WORD**

Don't know what I would do sometimes, without friends in the Republic of Texas. This appeared in the "Passing Glance" column of the Williamson County Sun, Georgetown, Texas.

(See ALLEN, page four)



Kory Caudill and his father, Keith, display their piano talents together. Kory Caudill will be performing at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday.

# HOMECOMING CONCERT

## Caudill to perform tonight at Mountain Arts Center

by JARRID DEATON  
 FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Kory Caudill comes from a family of musicians, so it should be no surprise that his talents on the piano are gathering attention from those in the professional music world.

Caudill, a native of Prestonsburg, will be performing at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday.

Caudill's parents, Keith and Kathy, are both involved in music. Keith Caudill is the co-founder of the

Kentucky Opry and director of the Mountain Arts Center. Kathy Caudill is a music teacher at Prestonsburg High School.

"Kory will be performing a wide variety of music including songs from his Kentucky Opry performances, covers of Bruce Hornsby, Yellow Jackets, Pat Metheny, as well as several original compositions," said Keith Caudill. "He is known for ability to accurately perform many styles of music while at the same time making each song his own. Kory will also be bringing his Nashville friends, all

of who are gifted musicians as well."

Caudill attended the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts and was a performer with the Kentucky Opry, receiving over 100 staling ovations for his performances. He is a graduate of Belmont University in Nashville, and was the first instrumental student in the history of the school to perform in the Commercial Showcase as well as the President's Concert.

According to promotional material from the Mountain Arts Center, "Kory Caudill in concert. Fresh off tour with country artist Justin Moore,

the Prestonsburg native travels home for his first ever solo concert. Backed by his own band from Nashville, as well as friends and family from home, Kory will perform two hours of music from all genres including original jazz material, gospel favorites, classical masterpieces and his Kentucky Opry hits in what is sure to be an extraordinary musical experience for all listeners."

The concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit the Mountain Arts Center website at <http://macarts.com>.

## Phonathon provides opportunities for students

PIKEVILLE — The 2010 Pikeville College Phonathon is underway and is being led by Pikeville College alumna with a lifelong dedication to education. Danny Adams, Class of 1971, is the chairperson for this year's Phonathon, the College's annual fundraiser that provides thousands of dollars in student scholarships.

This year's eight-night event is being held through April 1 in Sturgill Board Room on the third floor of Record Memorial Building from 5 to 9 p.m. each evening. The event raises funds for scholarships, and this year, Pikeville College will provide more than \$4 million in undergraduate scholarships and financial assistance.

Adams is a member of the Pikeville College Alumni Association Board of Directors. He worked

in admissions and as a basketball coach at Pikeville College in the early 1970s before teaching and coaching at Pikeville High School and later at Magesoff County High School where he retired in 2004.

"The Phonathon is a special event each year that provides scholarships to almost all of Pikeville's undergraduate students," said Adams. "I know the importance of education for our younger people and the opportunities that Pikeville College and these scholarships can provide."

Adams is one of more than 150 campus and community volunteers who will work during the two-week event. Several local businesses, civic groups, educators and alumni will join campus and student volunteers in the effort.

"Our volunteers are so important to the success of this event and we are happy that Danny has agreed to lead this year's Phonathon," said Rob Justice, assistant vice president for development. "He has provided a lot of his time and efforts to the College and our Alumni Association and we appreciate that he continues to help. We are fortunate each year to have a lot of dedicated community and campus volunteers whose work benefits our students."

In addition to Phonathon, Adams is also chairing Pikeville College's Alumni and Friends Weekend to be held April 23-24. "We rely on our alumni and friends for support of our students and we thought

(See PHONATHON, page five)

**DINNER DIVA**

## Eat me, drink me



"Alice in Wonderland" is making a big entrance in movie theaters across America, reminding us of how far our imagination can get us: A recurring theme throughout the movie (and the books) is Alice's size — either as big as a house or shrinking into the size of a mouse. I know several people who feel just like Alice!

Even though "Alice in Wonderland" was written over 100 years ago, the terms "eat me" and "drink me" are just as familiar to us as they were to Alice—we've got Madison Avenue to help us with that. So how do we remove ourselves from the

lure of "eat me, drink me"? The answer of course is to make a swap.

One of my biggest temptations that has "eat me" written all over it, is chocolate. I've finally made peace with chocolate by befriending dark chocolate, a phytochemically rich super food. So okay, it's not like the beloved past friend of mine milk chocolate, but at least it doesn't end up bulking out my thighs or padding my derriere. Dark chocolate is a luscious and reasonable substitute and something I can indulge in modestly from time to time.

A "drink me" that is a vice for a lot of

people is sodas. Just giving up 1 soda a day can mean 20 or more pounds less of you by this same time next year. A great stand in for sodas is sparkling water with a squeeze of lemon or lime or both. If you need a little sweet, put a teaspoon of xylitol in there. Xylitol is a good healthy alternative to sugar or sugar substitutes and may even help you keep your teeth healthier too.

The bottom line with "eat me" and "drink me" is this: you do have a say-so on what you will and will not indulge in.

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**Fun & Games**  
 will return next week





# Family Medicine

**Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.**  
*Associate Professor of Family Medicine*

**Q** Lately I notice that when I move my head quickly, I get a dizzy feeling. This seems to have started last month right after I got over a bad head cold. I feel fine most of the time, and the dizziness has not yet caused me to lose my balance or fall down. I am an otherwise healthy college student, so should I be worried, or can I just wait for it to go away?

**A** It sounds like you have vertigo. Vertigo is most often described in one of two ways:

either the feeling that you are spinning in place — this is called "subjective vertigo" — or the feeling that you are standing still and the world is spinning around you — called "objective vertigo." Most people who experience either of these kinds of vertigo describe the sensation as general "dizziness."

It seems very likely that your head cold may have caused an infection of your inner ear, which is one of the most common causes of vertigo. The inner ear is where your balance cen-

ter, called the "labyrinth", is located. The labyrinth can become inflamed (called labyrinthitis) due to a bacterial or viral infection, like a head cold. Labyrinthitis can be painless, although you may also notice some slight discomfort in your ear.

Another common form of vertigo is called benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV). BPPV also sounds very similar to what you have described — dizziness associated with sudden head movements. This common type of vertigo is easily treated with anti-dizziness medications, some of which can be purchased over the counter. In fact, they are the same medications used to treat and prevent motion sickness.

Another leading cause of vertigo is Meniere's disease, but this is more

common in older people. Meniere's disease is also associated with a sudden onset of ringing in the ears, called tinnitus, and hearing loss.

As in the case of Meniere's disease, most causes of vertigo will be associated with other symptoms. For example, there are types of migraine headaches that are associated with vertigo. Sometimes tumors grow in the inner ear, which can cause vertigo as well as hearing loss. Decreased blood flow to the brain, commonly associated with a stroke, can cause vertigo, vision problems, trouble walking and headaches. In short, vertigo may indicate a serious medical emergency.

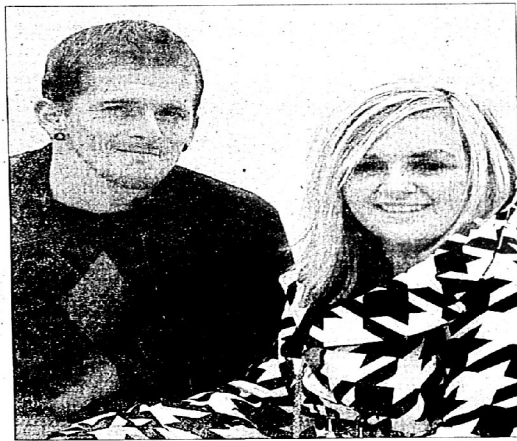
Because of this potential danger, vertigo should always be evaluated by a physician. Even BPPV can cause

severe, debilitating dizziness, to a degree that it eventually requires a medical evaluation and prescription medications.

Seek emergency medical attention if your vertigo symptoms are associated with double vision or fading vision, severe headaches, difficulty speaking, feeling faint or muscle weakness — especially if it's unique to one side of the body.

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

Mr. and Mrs. James Meade have the honor of announcing the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Brita Sha Meade to Timothy Michael Brignon. The couple will be joined in marriage in a private ceremony in Junco, Key West, Florida. A reception celebrating their union will be held on July 10 at 7 p.m. at the Hazard Hotel/Reno's.



# Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The zodiac's fondness for idleness pays off when you find a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before — repeat, before — you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking like a mite.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge cat.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This could be a romantic time for you if you can set aside your cynicism and let yourself believe that someone really cares. If you're already in a relationship, expect your partner to be extra-loving.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abil-

ities. You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Consider getting away, perhaps for the weekend, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sense of honesty that makes people believe and trust in you.

## Allen

"Best yarn I heard this week is about the harassed businessman who went to the cafe for breakfast and told the waitress he would like a plate of scrambled eggs and a few kind words."  
"A few minutes later the lady brought the eggs, set them in front of him and turned to walk. "Lady," he spoke, "I meant what I said, I'm depressed and I need a few kind words."  
"She looked at him and decided he was serious so she stooped and whispered softly in his ear, "Don't eat them eggs."

**WANTS A CHANGE**  
Lenna Moore says Poke Warden Hale should make a survey of his territory, determine where there is a shortage of seasonin' and in such places open the season for everybody and put an end to this restricting people to their own areas. Sounds like Mr. Moore may have worked out the local diggings.

**THINKING AHEAD**  
If I have told this one before, skip it. Anyway, it seems that an old guy who never crossed his ticket had been told by his doctor that the time of his departure was near.  
"Well," said the oldtimer, "I'd better get down to the courthouse and change my voting registration."  
"Why in the world would you want to do that?" the doctor asked.  
"Well," said Old Faithful, "if somebody has to die it may as well be one of them as one of us."

**HAIR CUTTING**  
March 19, 1827: Edinburgh. This day my hair was sacrificed, and the will of God usurped by the wishes of man. As the barber clipped my locks rapidly, it reminded me of the horrible times of the French Revolution when the same operation was performed upon all the victims murdered at the guillotine; my heart sank low.  
—John James Audubon

## European Journals

### THE RICHEST UNCLE SAM

The story is told of the visit of Johnny Vandermeer (Double No-Hit Vandy) during the height of his career as a pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds to his uncle, Sam Vandermeer, the old Presbyterian preacher-teacher-missionary, deep in the Breathitt county hills.  
Young Johnny drove there in a shiny new Cadillac. Young, strong as a young bull, his future unclouded, the pitching star called on this uncle who had grown old in the service of others, a man who had little of this world's goods and little or no prospect—little desire, even—to have more. The home was humble. There was no cheering crowd.

But when Johnny Vandermeer was ready to leave, the story goes, he told his uncle Sam:  
"I would give everything I have or ever will have for what you have."  
Not long after that, the great, young hurler's arm went bad. It wasn't long till he drifted out of organized baseball. Meanwhile, his uncle continued working, living to the fullest, the good life.

A few years ago, he told some of his experiences in the region for recording by the Appalachian Oral History Project at Lees College. The following excerpt, which speaks of an overnight stay with a mountain family in a two-room cabin, should make clear to most of us why Sam Vandermeer had riches which his nephew coveted:

"We sat at that table with snowflakes coming across the table while we were trying to eat our supper, and then we went into this other room which had two or three beds in it and the fireplace. It had a spinning wheel and there was a fire in the fireplace and the old grandfather sat in front of the fire. He told the children stories about an imaginary place called 'Popcorn Creek,' and in Popcorn Creek there

were ice cream cones on trees—they had never tasted ice cream; there were hams and meat hanging on those trees, and apple pies, and he'd name all those things. While he was talking he would take cornstalks and make the kind of animals that were on Popcorn Creek. He built a little corral of cornstalks and the children sat there, spellbound.

"The old grandmother sat by her spinning wheel with a pipe in her mouth, spinning wool to make socks for her family. There was the whir of the spinning wheel. The mother sat on the other side of the fireplace with a little instrument of some kind, a little stringed instrument she called an autoharp, I think, and she was singing very softly, and she was singing a little ballad:  
There was a time, I know, when in the book of heaven  
An old account was standing, of sin yet unforgiven.

My name was at the top, and there were many sins below,  
But I went to the Keeper, and I settled long ago,  
"Then the refrain kept coming, 'Long ago, long ago...yes, I had it settled long ago.' The young people would love that song today.

And she sat there singing, and there was the firelight, there was the whirling of the spinning wheel, there was the grandfather with those children, there was the mother singing softly. I thought to myself, "This is as near heaven as you can get..."  
The old preacher now lives in Berea, and pastors a small church in the vicinity. But one day he hopes to return to the hills. That hope is expressed in these words:

"Of course my wife and I always call it home. We live in Berea and we hope to be buried back there in the hills. Our children may resent it, I don't know. But after I'm gone, I don't care. As long as they give me an old rock and a beech tree, I'll be perfectly happy."

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## GOOD HEALTH

# Enlarged prostate puts squeeze on urine flow

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** For men with BPH, would you recommend the Prolieve System for treatment? It involves reducing the prostate with heat. Must it be done periodically to maintain symptom improvement? Any information will be appreciated.  
—Anon

**ANSWER:** BPH -- benign (not cancer) prostate hypertrophy (overgrowth) -- is a common condition of older men. The urethra -- the bladder's drainage tube -- runs through the prostate. A large gland acts like a vise, squeezing the urethra and making it impossible for the bladder to completely empty. Large glands make men get up many times during the night to visit the bathroom. They make it difficult to start the urinary stream, and they can reduce the stream to a dribble.

Minimally invasive procedures, many done right in the doctor's office, pare the gland so that a free urine flow is re-established. The Prolieve System (a trademark name) delivers microwaves to the gland to shrink the excess growth. In this and in similar techniques, instruments are inserted into the urethra by way of the penis and passed upward to the level of the prostate gland, where the microwaves are then activated. Yes, I can recommend it. Quite often, the procedure need be

done only once. However, it is necessary that a repeat will be necessary to trim the gland again should it regrow to the size where it compresses the urethra. Other procedures include the Green Light laser, in which a laser beam reduces prostate size in a similar manner. TUNA -- transurethral needle ablation -- is another minimally invasive procedure, done in a like way, it employs radio waves to reduce prostate size. All of these methods work. The most important element in making a choice is the doctor's skill in the technique.

Medicines are another possible route for handling an overgrown gland. Drugs can relax tight muscles in the prostate and in the outflow tract of the bladder to permit better urine flow. Flomax and Uroxatral are two examples. And medicines like Proscar and Avodart shrink the gland, but they can take months to work.

The booklet on this gland and its problems discusses these issues in greater depth. To obtain a copy, write: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1001W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I always heard that one must fast before being tested for cholesterol. My doctor always told me to do so. At my last visit, he had his nurse draw my blood for a cholesterol check. I told him I had not fasted, but he said it didn't matter. Have things changed? —D.S.

**ANSWER:** You don't have to fast for an accurate cholesterol reading. However, you do have to fast, preferably for 12 to 14 hours, for an accurate triglyceride reading. Triglycerides often are checked along with cholesterol.

A new trend is developing for triglycerides. Many now feel that a more accurate picture of triglycerides is obtained by not fasting before blood is drawn. Whether this technique wins universal approval is something we'll have to wait to see.

**Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Health newsletters also may be ordered from [www.drdonohue.com](http://www.drdonohue.com).**

## Diva

Making that choice is yours alone to make—just be informed: is the "eat me" or "drink me" in question worth it? Will it improve your health,

help you lose weight or bring you inexplicable joy? If the answer is inexplicable joy and a nutritional nightmare, do make sure you keep it as a treat

and not a part of your regular diet. You know the rules—90% of the time we do it right, the other 10%. Go for the inexplicable joy! :-)

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# Are professional tools worth the high prices?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I have a question that doesn't involve a car problem. I am currently going to school to earn an associate of applied science in the automotive field. Ever since high-school auto class, I have heard the names Snap-on, Matco and Mac as the only options for tools. However, I find it hard to believe that mechanics pay \$14,000 for a toolbox and \$100 for a ratchet. So my question is, is it REALLY worth the money? Or is it smarter to just get Craftsman or other cheaper tools, and just replace them when they break? I'd rather not owe my life to a guy on a tool truck if I can help it. Thanks. — Ryan

TOM: It's a good question, Ryan. When we first started out, we did exactly what you suggest. We went to Sears, and we bought one of everything they had.

RAY: Including a five-piece dinette set and a fishing boat with a 7.5-hp outboard motor. You know, they have very good salesmen at Sears.

TOM: Why did we buy our tools at Sears? Because we'd used them as amateurs, and it was the only way we could afford to equip the garage.

RAY: Sears Craftsman does make good tools. But over time, as those tools broke or wore out, and as our success allowed us to wear ourselves off our dog-food diets, we gradually switched over to Snap-on and Matco tools. Because when you use the tools every day, the professional tools do seem better.

TOM: They tend to fit a little tighter, they hold up better and if they ever do fail, you know that the guy in the Snap-on truck is going to be stopping by next week, and he'll give you a new one. He has a vested interest in keeping you working, since he has the second mortgage on your house.

RAY: The professional tools are expensive. And the guys on the truck do suck you into an expensive credit program where you pay a little bit every week. But once you pay them off, you have tools that'll last a lifetime.

TOM: And you'll find that there are some jobs you simply can't do without the professional tools. There are a lot of specialized tools that a company like Sears does not make. It doesn't make the tool you need, for example, to hold the camshafts in place on a Subaru when you're replacing a timing belt.

RAY: Or tools for installing engine

seals on Volvos and Saabs. The pro companies also stay up to date on new equipment, so in order to work on newer cars, you may have no choice but to buy from them instead of waiting for a new tool to trickle down to the do-it-yourself market.

TOM: So unless you're planning on sticking to pretty basic repairs — oil changes, tire rotations, fuel filters and brakes, for example — I think you'll find that eventually, you'll need to deal with the Matco and Snap-on guys.

RAY: But you certainly don't have to start with them. You can start with the Sears Craftsman stuff. And when you're ready to owe the big bucks, you can switch over gradually, one painfully expensive tool at a time.

I think she is mistaking the feeling of the car slightly sinking when more weight is added for my being careless when getting into the car. It's at the point now where I regret riding with her after I get in the car. Can you tell me if there is any merit to her claim? Thanks! — April

TOM: There's nothing like family, is there, April?

RAY: You know, there are more direct ways of telling loved ones that they need to lose a few pounds than what she's doing. I mean, look how diplomatically my brother handled it. When I cleared 200 pounds, he just started making beeping noises whenever I backed up.

TOM: Your sister's claim has no merit, April. The weight of you guys "plopping" into the car would have no effect on the shocks at all. If anything, she could argue that it might affect the springs.

RAY: But the springs are designed to hold the weight of the car. So even if you guys are all on the "sturdy"

side, you still can't compete with the 2,500 pounds of Saturn SC2 that the springs are already supporting!

TOM: More importantly, the bumps and potholes that your sister encounters while driving around are much harder on the springs (and every other part of the suspension) than anything you guys could do by simply entering the car, no matter how hard you land.

RAY: So you can tell your sister that you've checked with the experts — and checked with us, too. And you've all been cleared to land on the seats without further comment.

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Reader has a weighty issue  
Dear Tom and Ray:  
Hello! My older sister has a 1996 Saturn SC2, and she is constantly yelling at my sister, my mom and myself for supposedly "plopping" into the seat. She claims that because we don't carefully control our muscles while we get into the car, the impact from our weight falling into the seats will harm the shocks. I don't believe this at all. Also, I don't think that I am getting into the car so clumsily.

## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

You've got to wonder what the heck they were thinking over at video distribution headquarters when they decided to release a ton of films during the first week of spring.

■ "Twilight: New Moon" — This week's biggest release will have all of the teenagers parked in front of the television, as the second installment in Stephanie Myers' quartet merits a DVD release. This is a stylish psychodrama that finds true love on the ropes when Edward, the vampire, leaves Bella (his human girlfriend) because he fears that his enemies will exploit his love for her. This opens up the door for mutual buddy Jacob. Fans of the series know that Jacob is a real dog (actually a werewolf) and sparks will fly. Fun for the fans.

■ "The Blind Side" — A

homeless African American teen gets a second chance when he's taken in and raised by a suburban white family in this true account that was a big office hit and saw the Academy Awards join in the love when they recognized — Sandra Bullock with a best actress Oscar for her role as the mother, Schatz, that's well made.

■ "The Men Who Stare at Goats" — Did you know that the armed forces occasionally dabbled in the occult? This film purports that all kinds of experiments were allowed when it came to protecting our troops. The best may be the titular phenomenon that saw men staring at goats in an attempt to stop their hearts through force of will. Fun but only semi-believable tale that claims to be true.

■ "Red Cliff" — Fans of John Woo ("The Killer") will be happy to see he's back with this historical war drama that

was so big that it was released in two parts when it played theaters. The story centers on two kingdoms that must unite to stop invading forces. The uneasy alliance is not helped by the fact that they are still outnumbered. Their seamanship, however, may offer up some hope if they can make the ocean their battlefield. Once again you get a film based on a true story. Here it goes on a bit too long, but watch it at your own pace and you'll be amply rewarded.

■ "Brother" — Toby Maguire goes off to war while a romance develops between his wife and his brother in this melodrama. It all works thanks to a top-notch cast that includes Natalie Portman and Jake Gyllenhaal as the illicit lovers.

Next week will see things slow down with the release of "Alvin and the Chipmunks 2" and "Sherlock Holmes."

## Strange ... but true

by SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It was Benjamin Disraeli, 19th-century British Prime Minister and the first Earl of Beaconsfield, who made the following sage observation: "The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps."

■ You've probably never heard of Hurley, Wis., but if you lived in the area, you'd know that the town is home to a 15-foot-tall corkscrew. It can be found, appropriately enough, outside Corkscrew Liquors.

■ Except for the queens, all wasps die in the autumn.

■ The Japanese ruling family is the oldest continuing

hereditary monarchy in the world. The current emperor, Akihito, is the 125th holder of the title. Interestingly, he's also a marine biologist and has published papers on ichthyology in both English and Japanese scholarly journals.

■ For reasons that aren't quite clear, in Sweden, it's illegal to train a seal to balance a ball on the tip of its nose.

■ It was March 15, 1952, when the largest amount of rainfall in a single 24-hour period was recorded. It was the island of Reunion, in the Indian Ocean, that had the misfortune to receive a whopping 73.62 inches of rain on that fabled day of March. That's more than 6 feet of rain in a

single day!

■ Feel like you have a lot more stuff than you used to? You're not imagining things — and you're not the only one. According to the Self-Storage Association, the number of businesses offering on-premises storage of all those things you can't find room for at home has increased nearly 10 times since 1964.

■ Thought for the Day — I no longer worry about being a brilliant conversationalist. I simply try to be a good listener. I notice that people who do that are usually welcome wherever they go. — Frank Bettger

## Phonathon

Phonathon would be another good opportunity to invite everyone back to campus in April.

All volunteer callers receive a t-shirt and prizes will be given each evening to top

callers. Aramark, the College's food service provider, will provide dinner each evening for volunteers and drinks will be provided by Pepsi.

To volunteer for this year's Phonathon or if you would like

to make a gift to the scholarship fund, please contact the Pikeville College Development Office at (606) 218-5282 or by e-mailing [rjustice@pc.edu](mailto:rjustice@pc.edu).

## Lagoon

while a loopy scientist develops a poison that only kills African Americans.

Feather sends some of his goons to shut down his house, but they make the mistake of kidnapping Wendy. This action does not endear them to Jimmy, who retaliates by enlisting two tough friends to help him find Wendy.

Friend one turns out to be the tough and well-dressed Jagger. Lait drops in on Jagger by hiding in his office and jumping him when Jagger shows up. That's when Jagger's reflexes are still sharp and that's to the good, as they are promptly attacked by Feather's goon squad.

This leads to the first of several action set pieces that rely heavily on gunplay and exploding objects. This first one is also the best and takes maximum advantage of an arcade setting.

The men then journey to New York and pick up friend number two, Mister Keyes. Yes, his first name is actually Mister though, no one remains conscious around him long enough to make fun of his moniker. This guy has forgotten more kung-fu than Chuck Norris will ever know.

The three soon grab a goon as a hostage. Soon they are well aware of Feather's insidious plan to test his poison on

the water supplies of three major cities. They must split up to stop Feather's army, but they can do that — and do it hard (just check the title).

What follows are three decent sequences that find our heroes facing down a dozen bad guys each. It appears that Feather allotted more of his budget to uniforms (each goon rocks fatigues and red arm bands) than training.

This is fun stuff and it benefits from the assured direction of Gordon Parks Jr. He gets all the star power he needs from his high profile cast, which includes two ex-footballers (Jim Brown and Fred Williamson) as Lait and Jagger. Jim Kelly steps in as Keyes and was fresh from his debut opposite Bruce Lee in the classic "Enter the Dragon." The stunts are the selling point here and they are well orchestrated, thanks to Hal Needham (who would go on to direct films like "Cannonball Run").

The film also benefits from

a higher budget than was normally allotted to African American action flicks of the period. Unfortunately the film cycle was on the decline when this was released, so a sequel never happened, though the cast was reunited for a spaghetti western the next year.

This is also a fun film for those of you who love spotting errors. There are a couple of beauties here. One is simply a trio of female motorcycleists who are obviously men in the riding shots.

My favorite is the first Jim Kelly fight scene. He is wearing dress shoes and rocking enough leather for a "Fonzie" convention when the battle starts, but it's obvious that he found the shoes too cumbersome for leg kicks as his feet are clad in sneakers once the high kicks start.

Best line: "If you need a machine to score, then you need a hang up." — 1974, rated R.

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# SO WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO KILL HIM?

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This is notice that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O., 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 874-7700, Permit #836-0343, will be blasting at Frasure Branch of Mud Creek, Latitude 37° 28' 23", Longitude 82° 41' 20". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

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**BLASTING SCHEDULE**

This is notice that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 874-7700, Permit #836-5572, will be blasting at Hoods Creek, Latitude 37° 28' 30", Longitude 82° 41' 50". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application for Lumber 836-8063 Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 34.25 acres located 0.10 miles East of Ligon in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.5 miles South from State Route 979 junction with Clear Creek Road and located 0.75 miles South of Ligon Post Office. The latitude is 37° 22' 09". The longitude is 82° 40' 28".

The proposed facility is located on the 1/4 section Wherrywell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company, Gordon Meade, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, and Will Slone Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resource's 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, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.



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