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 by JARRID DEATON  
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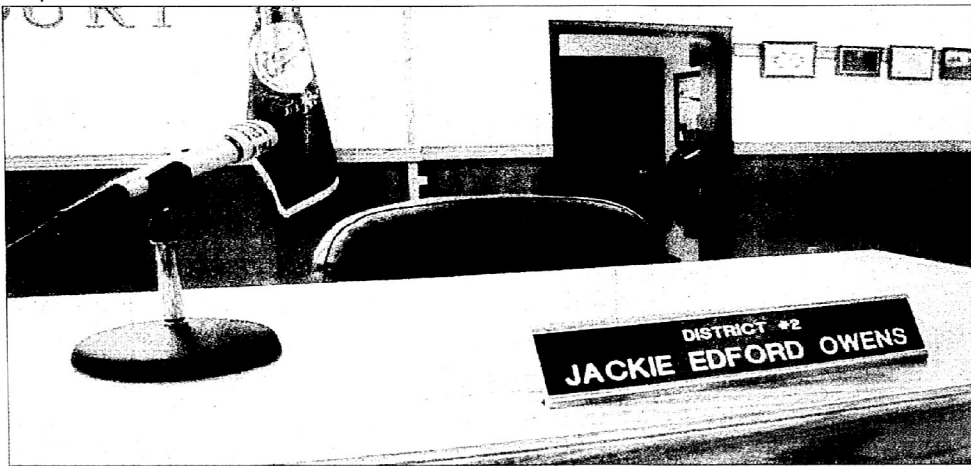
## Civil

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

The Friends of Middle Creek will be conducting a "Civil War Walk" this weekend to support the group's efforts to extend the Floyd County Civil War Highway to include Route 550, Route 550 through Garrett, and end with Route 7 to the Knott County line.

"This marks the route by which Confederate forces withdrew back to Virginia following the Battle of Middle Creek in 1862 and provided access to Confederate forces into Eastern Kentucky for several incursions later in the war," said Floyd Davis, with Friends of Middle Creek.

Beginning on Saturday, the walk will start at the Bert Combs Bridge in Prestonsburg and progress to the Middle Creek Battlefield to allow walkers to participate in Park Day, a nation-wide effort to clean and preserve historic battlefields. The walk when then proceed along to the proposed route to the farm of Floyd and Nancy Davis at Pyramid for overnight camping. On Sunday, the walk will continue to Garrett.



## Five-term magistrate dies following collapse

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens died at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington about 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

The veteran magistrate, who was seeking a sixth term in the upcoming May primary, collapsed late Tuesday night while conducting a mine safety training class. Doctors later determined that he had suffered a cerebral aneurysm and simply fell to the ground while talking to his trainees at the site.

He was 56 and has served on the Floyd County's Fiscal Court as a representative for his district for nearly two

decades.

His wife of 31 years, Hatie, spoke from the medical center Thursday less than two hours after getting the news.

"We would have been married for 32 years this year," she said. "We dated for seven years before we got married. He was a hard worker and everybody loved him. He was my high school sweetheart."

Fellow county leaders visiting Owens Wednesday said the longtime magistrate was being kept at that time on life support, with most of his vitals showing normal signs, with the exception of his brain activity, which was essentially nonexistent.

"He was still on life support with



Jackie Edford Owens

### Governor to appoint successor for remainder of term

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Even as county leaders and friends mourned the passing of District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens yesterday afternoon, his passing came at a time when the veteran politician was just gearing up for the final legs of his campaign.

(See SUCCESSOR, page three)

**2 DAY FORECAST**

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photo by Sheldon Compton  
**Addison Parsons, 3, took the opportunity during a sunny afternoon yesterday to set up a lemonade stand along East Graham Street in Prestonsburg, offering thirsty area residents a refreshing break for only a quarter a cup.**

## Candidate seeks conditions for debate participation

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One candidate who has been challenged to a proposed debate among those hoping to fill the county's next term as judge-executive is now expressing some requests about how such an event would be organized.

Barry Bowling, one of three candidates, including incumbent Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and former state Rep. Chuck Meade, who were challenged Wednesday by candidate

Brent Graden, says he'd like to see some clear ideas of what might actually be discussed during such a gathering.

"I still don't mind doing it, but after some thought I believe I'd rather have what questions will be asked in advance before I take part," Bowling said.

Bowling may need to coordinate with the others, who have agreed, with the exception of Chuck Meade who could not be contacted about the proposal, to set a date that will work for his schedule.

(See DEBATE, page three)

## Debt reduction plan expected to save \$1.2 million

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County officials have agreed to make a financial move they hope will result in opening up millions of dollars over the course of the next several years that could be put to use throughout the four districts across the county.

The fiscal court voted this week to restructure solid waste bonds and bonds for the Floyd County Detention Center dating back to 1999 that will save the county approximately \$40,000 each year over the next seven years and shave two full years of bond payments.

By cashing in CDs to pay down the principal, David Layne, the county's

treasurer, said the bond debt will be retired two years early. In those two years that would have been paid on, the county will save \$468,720 on what would have been the payments in 2018 and then \$469,800 for the amounts that would have been handed over the following year.

Overall, Layne said the county would save a total of \$1,249,400.

"These savings will allow magistrates additional funds to improve their districts," Layne added.

Another helpful aspect of refinancing for county leaders is that the current interest rate of about 4 percent will be reduced to an interest rate of roughly 2.8 percent.

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# Obituaries



**Glenn C. Fraley**

Glenn C. Fraley, 70, widow of Edward Arnold Cooley and Marvin C. Fraley, died Thursday, March 25, 2010, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

She was born April 28, 1939, in Hindman, the daughter of the late John and Mary Noble Hale. She was retired. She is survived by two sons: John David Cooley and Edward Lyn (Stephanie) Cooley, both of Lexington; three stepsons: William A. (Edmonia) Cooley of Cincinnati, Ohio; William (Colleen) Fraley of Tallahoma, Tennessee; James Fraley of Nashville, Tennessee; a stepdaughter, Karyl Fraley of Austin, Texas; a sister, Rainey (Galen) Peckinpah of Lake Wales, Florida; a brother, Guy

C. (Gloria) Hale of Jacksonville, Florida; a sister-in-law, Gerry Hale of St. Albans, Vermont; three grandchildren: Christopher John Cooley, Sarah Elizabeth Cooley and Ryan Edward Cooley, all of Lexington; and two step-granddaughters: Heather Fraley of Las Vegas, Nevada, Nina Fraley of Austin, Texas.

A gathering of family and friends will be 1:30-3 p.m., Friday, April 2, at Clark Legacy Center in Nicholasville, followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m., with Rev. Ed LeMaster officiating.

Contributions can be made in Glenn's name to the American Cancer Society. [www.clarklegacycenter.com](http://www.clarklegacycenter.com) (Paid obituary)

**Elberta Ellen Tackett Howard**

Elberta Ellen Tackett Howard, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 15, 1915, in Long Fork of Shelbiana, she was the daughter of the late

Calvin Tackett and Mary Francis Mullins Tackett. She was a homemaker. She was a Charter member of the Community United Methodist Church and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Howard on November 28, 2003.

Other survivors include one son, Joe Alex Howard (Lana) of Commerce, Michigan; three daughters: Margaret Risner of Auxier, Patricia Lou Webb (Paul) of South Charleston, Ohio and Judy Darryl Crowe of Allen; five sisters: Josephine Little, Westina Caudill, Helena Mullins, Lavilla Little, Beulah Mae Johnson; three brothers: Gene Tackett, John Franklin Collins and Cecil Tackett; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: David Lee and Carl Howard; one daughter, Mary Lovella Linkins; five brothers: David, Belmont, Arthur, Clenton and Clyde Tackett; one sister, Opal Mullins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 5, 2010, at 1 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, with Rev. Raymond Snider officiating. Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Visitation is Friday, 1 p.m., until 9 p.m.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

**Opal S. Tackett**

Opal S. Tackett, age 86, of Smyrna Tennessee, formerly of Weeksburg, passed away Wednesday March 31, 2010, at Community Care of Rutherford County in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

She was born February 11, 1924, at Dunleary in Pike County. She was a member of Eastern Star, Wheelwright Chapter 477, in Wheelwright.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Harold J. Tackett; a daughter, Barbara A. (Tackett) Parks; and her parents: Ray and Roma (Hurley) Mullins; and siblings: Ted, Mullins, Mabel Morton, and Pebble Dameron.

She is survived by her son-in-law, William T. Parks of

Smyrna; and granddaughters: Amy Lynn (Parks) Fielder of Christiana, Tennessee, and April Lee Parks of Murfreesboro; great-grandchildren: Bryan and McKenzie Fielder; siblings, Jimmy Mullins of Elkhorn City, Eloise Mullins and Ruey (Randall) Mullins of Belcher, and many nephews, nieces and cousins.

Special heartfelt thanks to the wonderful and caring staff of "G" wing at Community Care of Rutherford County.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 3, at noon, with Rev. Tom Byrge officiating at Hatmaker Funeral Home, 503 S. Main Street Lake City, Tennessee.

Interment to follow in Sulphur Springs Cemetery in Dutch Valley, Clinton, Tennessee.

Visitation will be Saturday April 3, from 10:00 a.m. till noon at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be family and friends, Woodfin Memorial Chapel is in charge of local arrangements. 893-5151 [www.woodfinchapel.com](http://www.woodfinchapel.com) (Paid obituary)

**Paul Douglas Williams**

Paul Douglas Williams, age 20, of Printer, son of Paul Williams of Printer, and the late Anita Higgings-Williams and the stepson of Carlotta Williams, passed away Monday, March 29, 2010, at Mouthcard.

He was born October 16, 1989 in Martin. He was a tree trimmer for the Asplundh Company.

In addition to his father and step mother, he is survived by three sisters: Vanessa (Nathan) Stone and Sola Williams both of Printer, and Kimberly (Dean) Seneff of Grandview, Indiana; four nephews: Ethan and Christopher Stone, Jaxson and Rhylen Seneff and one niece, Sophia Seneff.

He was preceded in death by his mother and one brother, Clinton Ray Williams.

Funeral services for Paul Douglas Williams will be conducted, Friday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m., in the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church, in Minnie, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Williams Family Cemetery, in Printer.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the church, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. (Paid obituary)

## Regional Obituaries

**FLOYD COUNTY**

Edward "Eddie" Kendrick, 73, of Bypro, died Thursday, March 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Verna Johnson Kendrick. Funeral services were held Monday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Judy Carol Grace Kidd, 57, of Allen, died Friday, March 26, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Henry Lafferty, 96, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Burchett Lafferty. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sylvia Daniels McKinney, 76, of Minnie, died Saturday, March 27, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Cora Ramey Reed, 86, of Lackey, died Saturday, March 27, at the Knott County

Nursing Home, in Hindman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lance Carter Stone, infant son of Justin D. and Angeline Shepherd Stone, of Garrett, was born Wednesday, March 24, and died Wednesday, March 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Don Sparkman, 71, of Farmers, a Knott county native, died Saturday, March 27, in the Select Specialty Hospital at Good Samaritan in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Johnson Sparkman. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home.

Bradley Worrix Jr., 82, of Allen, died Friday, March 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn McMillan Worrix. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY  
Connie Ellen Bentley, 75, of Flint, Mich., formerly of

Greasy Creek, died Wednesday, March 24, at McClanran Hospital, Flint. She is survived by her husband, Olaf Bentley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Brother Everette Brizendine, 74, of Phelps, died Saturday, March 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Layne Brizendine. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Eva Mae Tibbs Chaney, 84, died Saturday, March 27, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Ernest James Charles, 82, of Pikeville, died Friday, March 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Emma Lou Thompson Charles. Funeral services were held Monday, March 29, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Hazel Helvey, 77, of Lexington, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, March 24, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Magaline "Maggie" Hill 76, of Pageland, S.C., a native of Ransom, died Friday, March 26, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

John Michael Hurley, 27, of Pikeville, died Thursday, March 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Samantha Mattie Robinette Hurley. Arrangements are under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Kevin Dwayne Jones, 32, of Shelby Gap, died Monday, March 29, at Mouthcard, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Friday, April 2, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Lyle Simon "Sonny" Lycans, 58, of Crown City, Ohio, formerly of Pikeville,

died Sunday, March 28. He is survived by his wife, Patsy Charles Lycans. A memorial service will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 1, in the Thacker Funeral Home Chapel.

Jon Dean May, 66, a native of McAndrews, died Monday, March 22. He is survived by his wife, Patricia May. A memorial service will be at the Sharondale Church of Christ, Saturday, April 3, at 5 p.m.

Darrell Ratliff, 84, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, March 24, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Mae Lowe Ratliff. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Polly Thacker Stone, 70, died Friday, March 26, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Tracy Stone. Graveside services were held Sunday, March 28, in the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Chloe Road. Arrangements were under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Justin Cory "Catfish" Vanover, 18, of Virgie, died Saturday, March 27, at Robinson-Creech, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 31, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

**MAGOFFIN COUNTY**

Valma Reed Gillespie, 83, of Felicity, Ohio, died Wednesday, January 27, at the Brown County General Hospital in Georgetown, Ohio. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 30, at the Felicity Christian Church.

Norman Howard, 88, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 18, at the Mt. Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Mae Howard. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Jeremy Ray Howard, infant son of Jeremy Howard and Melissa Wright Howard,

**Cardiologist Richard Ansinelli joins staff at Highlands**



**Richard Ansinelli, M.D.**

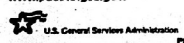
**PRESTONSBURG**  
Cardiologist Richard Ansinelli, M.D. has recently joined the staff at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He will team with Debra Cummings, ARNP, at the Highlands Medical Office Building in Prestonsburg. "We are delighted to welcome Dr. Ansinelli to Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is an accomplished cardiologist who brings a wealth of experience to our organization," said President and CEO Bud Warman.

"Highlands serves counties that have some of the highest heart disease death rates in Kentucky. Bringing Dr. Ansinelli back to the community is one more way that Highlands continues to deliver quality healthcare to the people of the Big Sandy."

Dr. Ansinelli is board certified in both cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. Prior to his move to HRMC, he served as medical director of invasive cardiology at King's Daughters Medical Center and provided cardiac care to residents of Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. Dr. Ansinelli and Debra join the Kentucky Heart Institute cardiology team of Glassan Dalati, M.D., and Vaughn Payne, M.D.

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April 13th at 5:00 p.m.  
Prestonsburg High School, Library  
April 14th at 5:00 p.m.  
South Floyd High School, Library  
April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

# Nominees sought for entrepreneur awards

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Small businesses and the entrepreneurs that develop them in Floyd County will have the chance to garner recognition by being nominated for the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award.

The award is sponsored by Eastern Kentucky University's (EKU) College of Business and Technology, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and The Center for Rural Development.

"We've seen that small companies

comprise the engine that drives most of our economy," Dr. Robert Rogow, dean of EKU's College of Business and Technology, said. "We want to do whatever we can through our partnership to foster small business development and recognize those who've been successful in developing companies in Eastern and Southern Kentucky."

Nominations will be accepted for businesses, small businesses, start-ups and not-for-profit entities.

According to information provided by EKU, the nominees are judged on

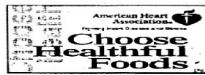
the economic success of the enterprise, contributions to the community, job creation, and operational achievement as measured by innovative business practices, superior safety achievement, and superior technology.

Last year, Paul D. Nesbitt, owner of Nesbitt Engineering, Inc., which has an office in Prestonsburg, won the for-profit business award.

"If The Center is to accomplish its mission, it's critical that we support our business leaders," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center for

Rural Development. "We must do everything we can to assist, encourage, and recognize these people for their successes, because this success will help stimulate and build our region's economy for years to come."

Nominations may be submitted by any individual or business and must be received by the EIEA nomination committee on or before the June 1 deadline. Interested parties can also e-mail the committee at [cbt.eiea@eku.edu](mailto:cbt.eiea@eku.edu), or call the EKU College of Business and Technology at (859) 622-2534.



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(2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

**Cinema 2—Starts Friday, April 2**  
WHY DID I GET MARRIED TOOP? (PG)  
Mon-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fr. (4:20) 6:50-9:20.  
Sat-Sun. (1:50-4:20) 6:50-9:20.

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**Cinema 5—Held Over**  
SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE (R) Mon-Sun.  
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**Cinema 6—Held Over**  
REPO MEN (R) Mon-Sun. 9:30; Fr. 9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:10) 9:30.

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**Cinema 8—Starts Wed., March 31**  
THE LAST SONG (PG) Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fr. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

**Cinema 9—Starts Thursday, April 1**  
CLASH OF THE TITANS (PG-13) Mon-Sun.  
6:50-9:20; Fr. (4:20) 6:50-9:20; Sat-Sun.  
(1:50-4:20) 6:50-9:20.

**Cinema 10—Held Over**  
HOT TUB TIME MACHINE (R) Mon-Sun.  
7:10-9:30; Fr. (4:30) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun.  
(2:10-4:30) 7:10-9:30.

**Cinema 11—Held Over**  
REMEMBER ME (PG-13) Mon-Sun.  
7:00-9:15; Fr. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat-Sun.  
(2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

## Owens

no activity when I was there," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall just before hearing of the news early yesterday evening. He visited Owens Wednesday with Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh. "He was a longtime successful magistrate who

## Successor

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Owens died yesterday afternoon at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center after collapsing Tuesday with a cerebral aneurysm while conducting a mine training class.

And now questions remain as to what will become of both that upcoming election and the remainder of Owens' term until January.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh said Owens' name will remain on the ballot for May but any votes the late magistrate may receive will not be counted, according to state law.

The reminder of Owens' term, which would end in January, will be filled by appointment by Gov. Steve Beshear, Waugh said.

## Debt

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The fiscal court gave a first reading of the bond reduction ordinance during a special-called meeting Thursday morning with plans to hear again from the firm representatives handling the details of the reduction process again during their next regular meeting.

At the time of the next regular meeting, representatives from the company, Ross, Stenlaire and Associates, said they would again be in attendance and would be able to provide county leaders with an idea of when the paperwork to see this become a reality at that time, adding that typically takes about two weeks to have the needed signatures to see the move become official.

took his job very seriously and treated the people with fairness and in my estimation did an excellent job. He will be truly missed."

In the hours leading up to when Owens finally succumbed, his wife had been told that decisions should soon be made as to how long her husband should be left on life support, expressing less hope that something might change in his condition.

"She told them there hadn't been enough time," Marshall said.

## Debate

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As a claims adjuster for an insurance company based in Lexington, he said he may be out of town a lot over the next several weeks.

"I mentioned earlier that I had some medical-related trips coming up, and many thought I had some major health problems, but it's not that," he continued. "My job takes me to the main offices of my company in Lexington."

Another thing Bowling said he wanted to be able to do to prepare for a discussion about county issues among his fellow candidates was to formu-

late some questions he'd like to ask himself.

"There's some questions I'd like to get together to ask Doc, also," he said.

As of now, Graden has suggested Tuesday, May 4 from 10 a.m. until noon at a location to be agreed upon for the proposed debate. The current economic director for the city of Prestonsburg, Graden said Thursday he is still open for any suggestions about dates and times that would be convenient for Bowling or any of the others who have agreed to take part.

solemn roll call during which Owens' name was called and followed with a moment of silence, those who served on the fiscal court with Owens spoke of a man of conviction who worked hard for the people of his district and Floyd County.

"It's just sad," said fellow-magistrate Ronnie Akers. "You never know what to do in times like this. I'd only known Jack now for three years, but he always worked hard on this court."

Donny Daniels, another

first-term magistrate who points to Owens as an example and governmental mentor, spoke of Owens' service in his position.

"He's served this county well," Daniels said. "He was a plain-spoken and fair man who stood up for the people in his district. He was well-respected and that was because he always stood his ground. He did what he thought was right, whether it was popular or not. You couldn't move him an inch."

## 50th Anniversary



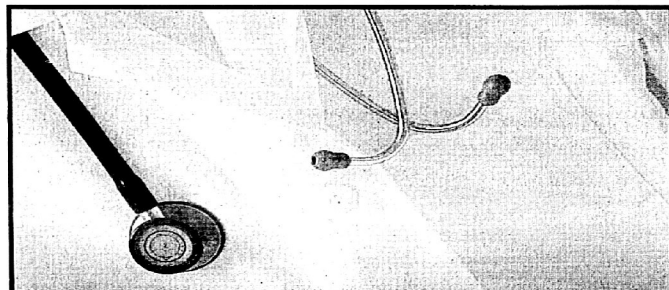
The children of Bob and Dolores Carpenter would like to announce their parent's 50th wedding anniversary, and ask all their family and friends to come celebrate this joyous time with us on Sunday, April 11th, at 3:00, at the Mountain Art Center. They have requested no material gifts, just the company of those who would like to celebrate with us their 50 years of marriage.

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## Worth Repeating ...

I don't have a photograph, but you can have my footprints. They're upstairs in my socks.

— Groucho Marx

## Guest View

### More work to be done to stop prescription abuse

by LT. GOV. DANIEL MONGIARDO

Early in March, I spoke at the Prescription Drug Addiction and Safety symposium in Hazard. This symposium was the culmination of a series of public forums aimed at finding a comprehensive approach to addressing our prescription drug problem in the Commonwealth. Working with Operation UNITE and the Office of Drug Control Policy, my staff and I heard numerous stories about the heartache, fear and destruction of prescription drug abuse. Undoubtedly, in order to really solve this problem, it is going to take a collaborative effort between local doctors, law enforcement officials, communities and other states.

Recently, federal agents raided three South Florida pain clinics suspected of funneling pills into the prescription pipeline that leads into Kentucky. These pain clinics have a history of run-ins with the law from doctors with suspended medical licenses to owners with criminal backgrounds. Currently, a loophole exists in Florida that allows pain clinics to accept cash only, instead of insurance, to avoid state licensing laws. Florida lawmakers are now trying to close this loophole.

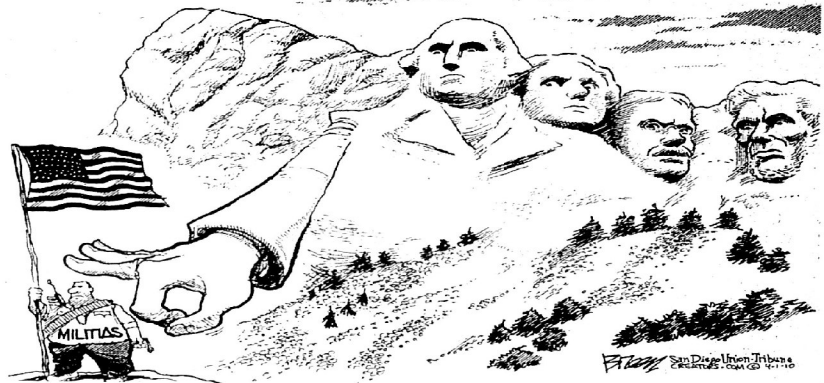
I'm working with Florida authorities to address our shared prescription drug abuse problem. While closing the legal loopholes in Florida is an important step, it is only one part of a bigger solution. In October of last year, I testified before the Florida grand jury urging officials to institute a prescription drug monitoring system like our own here in the Commonwealth. The strength of Kentucky's All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting (KASPER) system is significantly compromised when other states lack the ability to monitor their own prescriptions, leading to the infiltration of a large amount of drugs from other states into ours.

We need greater cooperation between states. Prescription drug abuse is not just a Florida problem or a Kentucky problem. It is a problem that affects the citizens of all states from the patients and their families to the doctors and nurses who treat them. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, from 1992 to 2003 more than 15 million Americans abused prescription drugs. That's more than the number of people abusing cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. In addition, 19 percent of all teenagers report abusing prescription medications to get high. Kentucky's Administrative Office of the Courts reported that in 2007, the number of prescription drug-related cases reached a five-year high of 7,136.

Law enforcement is doing its part by arresting prescription drug abusers; however, this creates a revolving door because many of those arrested need access to quality treatment facilities. At the same time, our healthcare providers need to take appropriate precautions inside their medical offices. Providers should improve their process of screening patients in order to establish clearer parameters about what is and is not acceptable behavior.

Kentucky can become the model for other states in fighting our prescription drug problem. The ideas and suggestions generated during the symposium are a great first step, but we must do more. We need to better educate people, from our classrooms to our courtrooms, to our lawmakers in both Frankfort and Washington. Our elected representatives need to hear from their communities about best practices and how their money can best be utilized in order to get this epidemic under control.

Despite the hard work that lies ahead, I'm confident that by working together, we can make great strides in solving our substance abuse issues affecting countless individuals across the Commonwealth and the nation.



## Guest column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

With the last full working week of the 2010 legislative session of the Kentucky General Assembly behind us, much was accomplished as we closed in on final details of the state's budget, road plan and passage of bills.

The House and Senate Conference Committee continue to meet over the weekend working to find common ground on the differences between the two plans. Our biggest objection to the changes the Senate made to our budget was the deletion of the "Kentucky Jobs for Kentucky Families" program, a \$1 billion plan that would build new schools and infrastructure and create 25,000 jobs.

The Senate also reduced the SEEK formula by 1.5 percent in the first year and another 1 percent for 2012. We are also opposed to adding the additional two days back into the school year, which forces an unfunded mandate on our schools at a price tag of \$78 million over the next two years.

Other cuts proposed by the Senate include an additional \$48 million in state contracts, more cuts in Medicaid, and an additional 2.5 percent cut across state government. These deep, draconian cuts would push Kentucky back decades and place further burden on our citizens already struggling with healthcare costs and rising unemployment.

The Kentucky General Assembly is bound by the Constitution to craft a budget for the biennium and I am confident that our differences will be

worked out. There will be shared sacrifice, but our "Kentucky Jobs for Kentucky Families" is the spark that will jump start the Commonwealth's economic recovery and I believe it must be included in the final budget.

As those negotiations continue, bills are being passed and some are going into Conference Committees to work out House and Senate differences. Some of the bills under discussion include:

■ Senate Bill 105, which the House amended and passed by a vote of 89-8, is designed to protect Kentucky agriculture from what some call "anti-agriculture" animal rights organizations. It establishes the Kentucky Livestock Care Standards Commission to help create policy for the proper care of on-farm livestock and poultry. Senate Bill 105 now returns to the Senate for agreement with the House changes.

■ Senate Bill 41, which was amended and passed by the House 52-40, would permit alcohol in state parks after local option elections were held. It would also make it easier for distillers to set up sampling booths at conventions, liquor stores, restaurants and conferences. Senate Bill 41 has been returned to the Senate for its consideration.

■ House Bill 536, which the House passed by a vote of 80-16, would exempt non-commercial billboards on private property from state permitting requirements. House Bill 536 is now before the Senate for consideration.

■ Senate Bill 23 would prohibit drivers from writing, sending or reading text messages when their vehicle is in motion. It cleared the Senate on a 27-6 vote and now goes to the House.

■ Senate Bill 178, which would allow preliminary evaluations involv-

ing school boards and superintendents to be closed to the public, cleared a House Education Committee by a vote of 16-9. The bill requires that final evaluations be discussed and voted on in public.

■ A bill has passed the Senate that would have pretrial officers ask people arrested whether they served in combat. House Bill 377's goal is to connect combat veterans with services to help deal with problems stemming from post-traumatic stress disorder. The bill cleared the Senate on a 35-0 vote and now returns to the House.

■ House Bill 462, which passed the House 99-0, would create the Kentucky 911 Emergency Communications Authority that would have an executive director of all 911 communications with expanded duties to include next generation 911. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

There will be more late nights, lengthy discussions and probably heated dialogue as legislators passionately debate our agenda work to gain passage and consensus on bills and agree upon a budget for Kentucky. When we leave here next week for the ten day veto period, I am confident it will be with a sense of pride and a job well done under very difficult economic conditions.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650. It is an honor to represent you in Frankfort.

### Restoring dignity to former felons

by HOMER S. WHITE

State Senator Daron Thayer is preventing a proposed amendment to the Kentucky constitution that would restore voting rights to former felons from moving forward. Furthermore, nine of the 12 members of Thayer's State and Local Government Committee say that they intend to support the measure, but Thayer still refuses to let it be heard. Surely this is an important proposal that merits full consideration (the proposal passed the House last month with strong bipartisan support).

Nearly 129,000 former felons in Kentucky, who have served their prison time, probation and parole, have not been able to navigate the existing pardoning process which requires an individual pardon from the governor. Tens of thousands more Kentuckians will be in the same situation in coming years. Conversations with former felons indicate that most have not heard about the pardon process and don't know how to initiate it. Even officials in the Kentucky justice system and the state's county clerk offices often don't know how to

help people through the process.

We have to bear in mind that persons recently released from prison are at a particularly vulnerable point in their lives. If we want them to re-engage in society in a positive way, we should provide them with every possible encouragement to do so, and work to remove hurdles that stand in their way.

The current pardon process is entirely dependent upon the sitting governor. It's less complicated under Gov. Beshear, but was quite difficult under Gov. Fletcher. A civil right as fundamental as the right to vote should not be subject to the whim or favor of any one individual.

Thayer alludes to the fact that the current proposal, as currently written, does not automatically restore rights to those who have committed murder or sexual abuse. He speculates that this may create "two classes" of felons - those who regain their rights when they have completed their sentences and those who must still rely "on the favor of the governor."

This is a point worthy of consideration.

It would prefer to restore rights without exception. After all, the most dangerous voters are those who use their rights to advance their own interests at the expense of the common good.

For example, lobbyists for business

interests routinely support laws that give their business a special and unfair advantage, often at taxpayer expense. Yet, we would never think of denying such persons the vote. The right to vote is just that sacred.

A former murderer, on the other hand, never has an opportunity to vote even our child. By allowing her the right to vote, we are not "making murder easier," so his vote is far less likely to damage the common good. Accordingly, there is even less reason to deny this person the right to participate in our democracy.

Nevertheless, the current proposal, as it stands, has widespread support, and it would at least restore rights to nearly all former felons. It's a fair compromise.

The proposal is more than just a technical device to make the restoration process cheaper and more reliable than tens of thousands of individual pardons, though it will certainly accomplish this aim.

Restoring the vote will also restore the dignity of the human person. Picture a young woman who gets mixed up in drugs and goes to prison. Many of us know such a person - she may be a childhood friend, someone we went to school with, a relative, even our child. By allowing her the right to vote after she serves her time sends a message to this young woman

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## P'burg plays seven games in seven days

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** — Coach John DeRossett and his staff have the Prestonsburg High School softball program headed in the right direction. During the month of March, over the course of the first week of the regular-season, Prestonsburg played seven games in seven days. The stretch included a double-header and only one off-day. The Lady Blackcats packed a 3-4 record into a home game with Knott County Central Thursday evening.

Prestonsburg ranked as one of the 15th Region's busiest teams during the month of March.

Alexis DeRossett and Tiffany Wertz have split time pitching for the Lady Blackcats. Several players have stepped up and provided offensively.

Prestonsburg opened the season victorious at home on Wednesday, March 24, blanking longtime rival Paintsville 10-0. One day after hosting Paintsville, Prestonsburg entertained Shelby Valley. Visiting Shelby Valley used a couple of big innings to upend

Prestonsburg 8-2.

Prestonsburg visited Belfry last Friday in the first of back-to-back games against the Lady Pirates. Prevailing in the first matchup, Prestonsburg edged Belfry 10-9. In a home game on Saturday, Belfry defeated the Lady Blackcats 9-5.

Prestonsburg resumed play at home on Monday, facing Magoffin County in a double-header. Magoffin County managed to eke out a pair of close wins over the Lady Blackcats, holding off Prestonsburg 11-9 and 4-3, respectively.

Prestonsburg, following

three straight losses, returned to the win column in convincing fashion on Wednesday. Visiting Sheldon Clark was no match for the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg dismantled Sheldon Clark 14-4 in five innings.

The Lady Blackcats are scheduled to visit Powell County on Saturday. First pitch for the Prestonsburg-Powell County softball game is set for noon.

Prestonsburg will compete in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Monday, facing Shelby Valley in the opening round.



Prestonsburg pitcher Tiffany Wertz delivered a pitch during a recent game.

## Notes from brackets now broken

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's been a long month of March, so let's take a second today to sit back, think about the things in life that are really important, ponder on what the day really represents and read through notes I've scribbled on brackets far and wide ...

— So the University of Kentucky's men's team got bounced in the regional finals, which is an accomplishment no one should really be disappointed in. Factor in that a year ago the Cats weren't even in the NCAA field and you quickly see it was really a good season.

So why did this 35-3 campaign leave us feeling so empty?

Here's one reason: The season didn't just end last Saturday; the era did, and it lasted only 38 games. With the season's end, the brief collegiate careers of both John Wall and DeMarcus Cousins did as well, and likely also a fantastic three seasons for Patrick Patterson.

Here's my take on this; Patterson's departure is expected, although I can't say he couldn't use another year in a system that allowed him to finally expand his game away from the block, which is what he'll have to do in the NBA if he's to have a future there.

As for the other two, can they play in the league next year? Probably, although I must be the only person alive who doesn't understand why anyone would rather play in the NBA than at Kentucky. I know what the money will be like for them, as they're both all but assured of being among the Top 5 picks, but still, how bad can it be playing at UK?

Here's what concerns me about the current era of Kentucky basketball: I hope Coach Cal knows his job is about winning championships and not about sending people to the NBA. Because there's a distinct difference.

This is the third consecutive year Cal's had a one-and-done point guard. He gets all sorts of praise for this, but lemme ask you something: How many nets has he cut down in these seasons?

Exactly. Despite what the pundits call it, Kentucky basketball isn't about getting somebody ready for the next level. It's about winning championships. And to this point for our coach, those two things

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South Floyd blanked Betsy Layne 11-0 Wednesday evening in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup.

## Lady Raiders rout Betsy Layne, 11-0

South Floyd prevails in season-opener

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** — Ada Gayheart recorded 11 strikeouts on Wednesday evening as South Floyd blanked host Betsy Layne 11-0 in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference softball game. South Floyd was impressive in its season debut, scoring a trio of runs in three different innings.

The Lady Raiders didn't

waste any time securing a lead over Betsy Layne. South Floyd plated a pair of runs in the opening inning as Andi Conn and Branda Hamby both scored. Gayheart handled Betsy Layne in the bottom of the first inning, striking out two of the five batters she faced.

South Floyd stretched its lead in the second inning, manufacturing three runs. Emily Rose, Keisha Thornsberry and Ashley Castle each scored for the Lady Raiders in the second inning.

South Floyd made the most of two more three-run

innings. Gayheart, Bailey Hamilton and Miranda Johnson each scored for South Floyd in the fourth inning.

After being held scoreless in back-to-back at-bats, South Floyd finished strong. Rose, Conn and Hamby — South Floyd's first three batters in the order — scored in the top half of the seventh inning.

Johnson was a stout hitter at the plate for South Floyd as she clubbed a pair of doubles. Thornsberry also had a two-base hit for the Lady Raiders.

Betsy Layne senior

Lindsay Martin was saddled with the loss. The Lady Cats dropped to 1-2 following the setback. Betsy Layne dropped a season-opener to Magoffin County on Wednesday, March 24. Visiting Magoffin County defeated the Lady Cats 10-1 in the opener. Host Betsy Layne claimed its first win on Tuesday, turning back Pike County Central 7-5.

South Floyd is scheduled to host Pikeville on Saturday in a doubleheader (noon, 2 p.m.). Betsy Layne is slated to visit East Ridge today at 6 p.m.

photo by Ralph B. Davis

Johnson Central High School hosted numerous area teams during a meet Tuesday evening. Prestonsburg was among the teams in competition at the Johnson Central-hosted meet. Blackcat track and field coach Dewey Jamerson is pictured looking on during a girls hurdles event.



## Tryouts set for Boys' All-Stars

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**LEXINGTON** — As 2010 Mr. Basketball, Shelby Valley senior Elisha Justice will wear the No. 1 jersey for the Kentucky All-Stars against Indiana this summer. Justice has already secured his spot on the Kentucky All-Stars roster. The remainder of the All-Stars will be selected following tryouts on April 16-17 at Campbellsville University. The players who have been invited to tryouts are: Dee Anderson (Greenwood); Colt Bamhill (East Carter); James Berry (North Hardin); Thomas Blakemore (Butler); Ian Chiles (Ballard); Tate Cox (Knott Central); Darnell Davis (Hopkinsville); Taylor Epley (Trinity); Dakotah Euton (Scott Co.); Will Evans (Lexington Christian); DaMarco Foster (Newport); Donovan Gibbs (Iroquois); Ge-Lawn Guyn (Scott Co.); Dornomique Hagans (Lafayette); Cameron Hall (Glasgow); Vance Hall (Franklin Co.); Caleb Hardy (Carrisle Co.); Ashley Hatfield (Shelby Valley); Tony Home (Male); Chad Jackson (Scott Co.); Thomas Jackson (Jeffersonton); Casey Jackson (South Oldham); Ricardo Johnson (Holmes); Madison Johnson (Corbin); Travis Johnston (Grayson Co.); Keiston Jones (Ballard); Cody Miller (Knox Central); Tanner Peurach (Lexington Catholic); Elijah Pittman (Holmes); Jarrod Polson (West Jessamine); Jacob Reiger (Bishop Brossart); Jacob Russell (Anderson Co.); Orlando Rutledge (Fern Creek); Sean Samsel (Manual); Josh Sewell (Trinity); Matt St. John (South Laurel); Stuart Stamper (Knott Central); Bryton Taylor (Campbellsville); Aaron Watts (McCreary Central); Josh Whitaker (Hazard); Shaquille Wilson (Christian Co.); Isaac Wilson (Corbin).

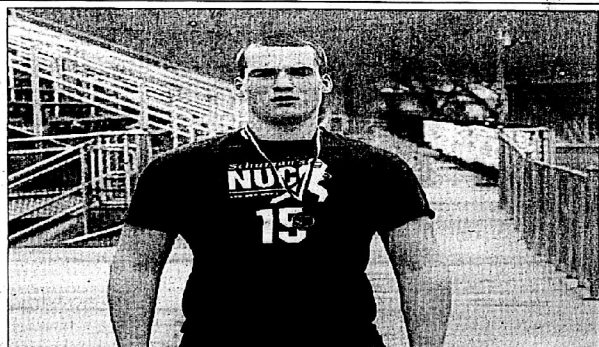
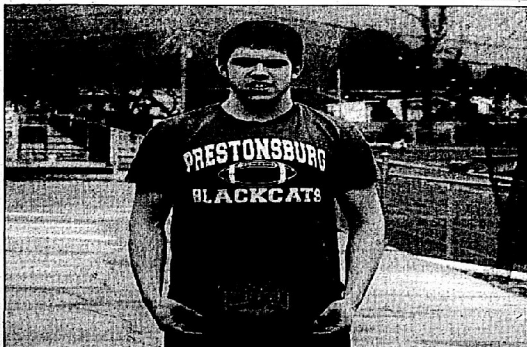
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9. Clint Bowyer, 747
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 739

## GRIDIRON HONORS

Left: Prestonsburg High School senior quarterback Michael Burchett has been named the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

Right: Prestonsburg lineman Alex Garner was recently honored during a national combine held at Tates Creek High School. Garner had the No. 1 overall bench press and ranked as one of the combine's top five defensive linemen.



# Three UK players named Freshman All-America

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — University of Kentucky freshmen Eric Bledsoe, DeMarcus Cousins and John Wall were all named to the CollegeInsider.com Freshman All-America team. Bledsoe averaged 11.3 points per game while hitting 49 three-pointers and shooting 38 percent behind the line during his freshman campaign. He finished sixth on UK's all-time freshman scoring list (419), hit the second most three-pointers by a freshman (49) and finished fourth on the freshman assist list (107).

Cousins was second on the team in scoring, averaging 15.1 ppg while posting a team-best 9.8 rpg average, all in only 23.5 minutes per game. He destroyed the UK freshman rebounding record by nearly 100 rebounds and scored the second most points by a UK freshman, behind teammate and fellow honoree John Wall. The SEC Freshman of the Year also led the Wildcats in double-doubles this season with 20, the most by a UK player since 1973 and the fourth most in a season in Kentucky basketball history. Wall led the Wildcats in

scoring (16.6), assists (6.5) and steals (1.8) while setting the school single-season assist record with 241. The Adolph Rupp National Player of the Year recorded five double-doubles on the season, three in points and assists and two in points in rebounds, making him the first player in UK history to record double-doubles in points and rebounds and points and assists. Additionally, Cousins and Wall were both named to the 2010 Lute Olson All-America Team, also presented by CollegeInsider.com.



PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL is home to one of the state's hardest working football programs. PHS players have been hard at work in the weightroom throughout the offseason. photo by Jamie Howell

# Dewey Lake hosts Tug Valley Bass Anglers tournament

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PRESTONSBURG** — Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its first tournament of the 2010 season on Sunday Dewey Lake. There was a great turnout for the tournament considering the weather was 31 anglers competed in the event.

Dewey Lake was around six feet low, which is normal winter pool for this time of year. The water was stable and in good shape with a temperature of 50-55 degrees. The water was lightly stained and warmer

at the lower end of the lake near the dam and became progressively more stained and cooler as you went up the lake.

Weather for the tournament was fair for the month of March with rain and light wind most of the day along with an air temperature around 50-55 degrees. Mother Nature arrived around lunch time with dangerous high winds, torrential rain and hail, making things exciting.

The fish were in early pre-spawn patterns. Most of them were suspended off channel banks on the main lake. The active fish would come shallow and feed. The main pattern for the tournament was to fish crankbaits on or near channel

banks. The catchable fish were fairly shallow, 5 foot or less.

The top finishers for the Tug Valley Bass Anglers tournament at Dewey Lake were as follows: 1st — MO (angler requested name withheld) (4 fish), 18.42 lbs.; Big Bass 6.32 lbs.; 2nd — Kevin Runyon (3 fish), 7.49 lbs.; 3rd — Bryan Fields (2 fish) 6.81 lbs.; 4th — Mitch Salmons (1 fish), 6.01 lbs.; 5th — Brandon Staten (1 fish), 4.37 lbs.; 6th — Keith Pacific (1 fish), 4.23 lbs.; 7th — Greg Maynard (1 fish), 3.86 lbs.; 8th — Brad May (1 fish), 3.74 lbs.; 9th — Trent Ramey (1 fish), 2.81 lbs.; 10th — Lacey Edmiston (1 fish), 1.64 lbs.

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BRYAN FIELDS

## MSU men's basketball team camp dates set

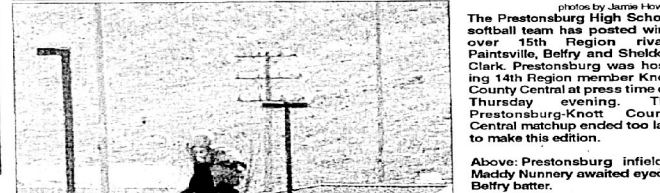
**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**MOREHEAD** — The Morehead State University men's basketball will hold its annual summer team camps beginning June 10 at MSU's two primary basketball arenas, Ellis T. Johnson Arena and Wetherby Gymnasium.

The camp, which runs in two sessions, one June 10-12 and the other June 18-20, will feature four levels of play, seven games per team with KHS/AA or certified officials. There will be athletic trainers on staff, campers will stay in air conditioned dorms within walking distance of the gyms. There will be a camp store for refreshments and t-shirts for campers and coaches.

The entry fee is \$100 per team with per camper fees ranging from \$65 to \$135 depending on meals and lodging needed.

Questions regarding the camp can be addressed to Joel Zimmerman in the MSU basketball office at 606-783-5143 or via email at j.zimmerman@moreheadstate.edu.



The Prestonsburg High School softball team has posted wins over 15th Region rivals Paintsville, Belfry and Sheldon Clark. Prestonsburg was hosting 14th Region member Knott County Central at press time on Thursday evening. The Prestonsburg-Knott County Central matchup ended too late to make this edition.

Above: Prestonsburg infielder Maddy Nunnery awarded eyed a Belfry batter.

Left: Lady Blackcat outfielder Tori Hammonds fielded a Belfry hit.



## Notes

haven't been one in the same. Raise your hand if you had Michigan State playing Butler in the Final Four. To those of you with your hands in the air, I have one word: Liar.

Monday is opening day in Cincinnati, and we're excited about that. Got a feeling I'll be slightly under the weather by lunch that day, will need to spend some quality time on the couch to prepare for the "rest of the week."

Monday is the greatest day on the sports calendar. I tried to explain this to somebody last week who wasn't buying what I was selling, but think about it for a minute. Actually, now that I think about it, I was trying to convince her that it was the best day of the entire year, but is there really a difference?

The best event in sports is

the NCAA tournament. It captivates a nation. People who have no interest in sports fill out brackets, using things like uniform color or mascots to select teams. It's amazing how many people follow it. It's probably second only to the Super Bowl.

And then there's baseball, glorious baseball, which rises from a winter's slumber to stretch its arms and welcome us back to the fold. Nothing holds the promise that summer is on the horizon like Opening Day, and it is also Monday despite what ESPN carries on Sunday night.

Monday? Well, for me, Monday is like gum to Chandler Bing. It is perfection.

Tomorrow night's second game will be difficult for me to watch. I am no fan of Bob

Huggins so it's not easy for me to pull for his team. The other team is Satan.

Let's just say Butler and Michigan State are playing for the right to be my team on Monday night.

Anybody else see the Crossroads on CMT a couple of weeks ago with Zac Brown and Jimmy Buffet? Now that was a solid hour right there.

So I know Steve Lavin, who was hired this week by St. John's. My question is who is this Tim Welsh, hired by Hofstra this week, who was also an ESPN analyst?

Here's hoping you all get out and enjoy this Easter weekend. And here's also hoping you spend part of it in church, where they'll share with you what makes this considered the Holiest of Holy times.

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## Phillips conducts first practice as UK head coach

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — The University of Kentucky's spring football practice began Wednesday morning with the first workout under new head coach Joker Phillips. The Wildcats practiced for two hours and 25 minutes under sunny skies at the Nutter Training Center.

It was a new experience for Phillips, who always had a position responsibility in previous years.

"I didn't know what to do (at first)," Phillips said. "I had my hand in my pocket and

(was) twiddling the whistle. Then I just tried to dive in, started talking about effort, talking about fundamentals. Those are the things that I think I have to stress."

With the team in helmets, jerseys and shorts during the first practice, Phillips was asked what he evaluated.

"Effort," Phillips said. "That's the thing we're looking for in shorts is effort and assignments. It's hard to be really sharp fundamentally because you don't have pads on. Just watching the effort and seeing where their eyes are. If your eyes are in the right place,

you know if they're executing their assignments."

"I really liked the energy (in practice). People are communicating. That's the thing you have to do in this sport, especially. I think we have to practice a little bit faster. We practiced fast and we got a lot of reps (repetitions), but we've got to get more reps, especially for the young guys. We're limited in time so the thing we've got to do is practice faster, so we can get more reps."

The Wildcats will return to the field Friday morning at 9 a.m. and practice is open to the public and media.



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# As 2010 count unfolds, Census Bureau places public safety as top priority

As the 2010 Census unfolds, the U.S. Census Bureau is emphasizing that safety for the public, as well as census employees, is top priority.

"It's important that people know how to identify a sworn

census taker so they can protect themselves from frauds and scammers," said William W. Hatcher, regional director for the U.S. Census Bureau. "As our 2010 Census operations kick into high gear, we want to protect the people of

Kentucky while we are asking their cooperation."

About 130 million households nationwide have received 2010 Census questionnaires, most by Postal Service delivery. People are asked to complete the 10-ques-

tion forms and return them by mail as soon as possible. In some places, such as very rural areas and mountain and beach resorts with seasonal housing, census takers already are going door-to-door. For most areas, however, the door-to-door census taking begins May 1 and will continue through July.

Hatcher listed several ways people can identify census employees during the 2010 Census. Sworn Census Bureau employees will:

- Wear official identification badges with the words "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE," the name of census taker and the words "U.S. CENSUS BUREAU."
- A census taker might also carry a black bag with the words "U.S. CENSUS

BUREAU" written on it.

■ Provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the local census office telephone number upon request. You can call these telephone numbers to verify that the person at your door is a sworn census employee.

■ Ask only about the questions that appear on the 2010 Census form. You can find these questions by going to [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov).

■ Not ask for donations, bank account numbers, the amount of money you have in the house, Social Security numbers or credit card numbers.

■ Not contact you by e-mail, although they might telephone you in some cases.

■ Not ask about citizenship status.

"A guiding principle for the Census Bureau is to hire people who live in the neighborhoods where they will work," Hatcher said. "People are more likely to trust and cooperate with people they know."

We want residents to feel safe and census workers can safely do their jobs."

Census employees take an oath of confidentiality and can face a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or five years in prison for violating that oath.

Decennial census results are used to determine the number of seats each state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives, the shape of legislative and local government districts, and how \$400 billion in federal funds is distributed annually to communities across America.

## Kentucky SBDC wins federal grant to support veteran small business owners

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the University of Kentucky, Lexington is among 10 centers to receive a grant award to increase entrepreneurial assistance to veterans. The grants will provide funding for programs to veterans that promote business ownership and provide services to small businesses dealing with the deployment of key personnel overseas.

Each SBDC receiving funds will promote increased coordi-

nation of services to veterans, and will use multimedia tools to connect veterans through distance learning and customized online business counseling by providing services to reach the local veteran business community. Five of the centers were previously awarded grant funds to provide these services, and will now receive a second year of funding. Five centers will receive grant funds for the first time.

Five SBDCs will receive a second year of funding. They are located at the Research Foundation at the State University of New York, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the University of Kentucky, the Research Foundation in Lexington, the University of Texas at San Antonio, and George Mason University in Virginia.

Five grant recipients will receive awards for the first time. They are the SBDCs located at the Colorado Office

of Economic Development and International Trade, the University of Southern Maine, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Lane Community College in Eugene, Ore. They were selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants based on the range of services they could provide to veterans.

The Kentucky SBDC created [kyvetbiz.com](http://kyvetbiz.com) to provide veterans with information about services to assist veterans available through the state's SBDC network and other organizations. The portal, which provides on-line business courses in English and in Spanish, offers a blog on popular topics for veteran business owners, lists events and workshops occurring statewide, and links federal, state and local resources available to veterans. The Kentucky SBDC is also active in veterans' transition events.

## Felons

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that she has dignity, that we need and value her positive involvement in society, that we want her to rebuild her life, and that when she does so we are delighted to welcome her back.

Former felons have served their debt to society. Kentucky must allow democracy, dignity, and reason to have a chance.

White is a professor of mathematics at Georgetown College.



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# State jobless rate increases to 10.9 percent

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate rose to 10.9 percent in February 2010 from a revised 10.7 percent in January 2010, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

February 2010's jobless rate is 1.3 percentage points higher than the 9.6 percent rate recorded in February 2009 for Kentucky. The 10.9 percent rate recorded in February 2010 matches the 10.9 percent rate in Kentucky in August 1982, and is the highest since September 1983 when the rate reached 11.1 percent.

"Kentucky's economy continued to show signs of economic hardship in February 2010. The unemployment rate increased to 10.9 percent, and nonfarm employment dropped to its lowest level since April 1998. However, discouraged workers are starting to return to the labor force. This contributed to a surge in the civilian labor force, which compounded the rise in the un-

employment rate," said Dr. Justine Deitzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 9.7 percent from January 2010 to February 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

Three of the 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors reported an employment increase in February 2010, while seven decreased and one remained the same, according to OET. A decrease of 7,500 jobs in February 2010 brought Kentucky's nonfarm employment down to a seasonally adjusted total of 1,747,900. Since February 2009, Kentucky's nonfarm employment has plummeted by 38,400.

"February 2010 was the second consecutive month of job losses and the lowest level of nonfarm employment since April 1998 when total nonfarm employment was recorded at 1,745,100. Since the start of

the recession in December 2007, Kentucky has shed 122,600 jobs," said Deitzel.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, Kentucky's educational and health services sector jumped by 1,900 jobs in February 2010. The sector had 3,900 more workers in February 2010 than February 2009. This sector includes private and nonprofit establishments that provide either education and training or health care and social assistance to their clients.

The state's leisure and hospitality sector added 1,000 jobs in February 2010. Since February 2009, employment in the sector has decreased by 800 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodations, and food services and drinking places industries.

The other services sector, which includes such establish-

ments as repair and maintenance businesses, personal and laundry services, religious organizations and civic and professional organizations, increased by 100 positions in February 2010. This sector had 3,300 fewer positions in February 2010 than in February 2009.

Employment in the mining and logging sector remained the same from January 2010 to February 2010. The sector has lost 2,200 workers since February 2009.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector jobs plunged by 3,800 in February 2010. Compared to February 2009, jobs in the sector dropped by 16,100.

"This ends a string of three consecutive months of industrial employment growth. Job losses are concentrated in the durable goods subsector, which is a sign of a temporary shut-down at a major manufacturing plant, the closings of various producers of long-lasting

goods, and layoffs at an equipment factory," said Deitzel.

The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, tumbled by 2,400 jobs in February 2010. The sector has 2,300 more jobs compared to February 2009.

The state's trade, transportation and utilities sector declined by 2,300 jobs in February 2010. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing businesses and utilities. It is the largest sector in Kentucky with 359,800 employees. Since February 2009, the number of jobs in this sector has dropped by 7,800.

Kentucky's professional and business services sector lost 800 positions in February 2010. This area has gained 2,900 employees since February 2009. The professional and business services

sector includes professional, scientific and technical services, management of companies and administrative support and waste management, including temporary help agencies.

Construction sector jobs dropped by 700 in February 2010. Since February 2009, employment in the construction sector has fallen by 13,700 jobs.

The financial activities sector decreased by 400 positions in February 2010. This segment, which includes businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has fallen by 2,200 positions over the past 12 months.

The information sector had 100 fewer positions in February 2010. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities, data processing, broadcasting and news syndication, has decreased by 1,400 positions since February 2009.

## Senate passes bill to ban texting while driving

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Senate last week passed Senate Denise Harper Angel's bill (Senate Bill 23) to ban texting while driving.

"Communicating through electronic devices has become important in our daily lives, but drivers need to understand the dangers of texting while driving," said Senator Harper Angel.

D-Louisville. "Statistics indicate that a person texting while driving is 23 times more likely to be involved in an automobile accident."

Senate Bill 23 bans any person operating a motor vehicle in motion on the traveled portion of the roadway from writing, sending, or reading text-based communications using a personal communication device. This includes text messages, e-mail, Internet and instant messaging.

Exclusions to the bill would be the use of a GPS feature of a personal communication device; the reading, selecting, or entering of a telephone number or name into a personal communication device; the operator of an emergency or public safety vehicle while acting in an official capacity, and the operator of a motor vehicle who sends a text message to summons for medical or law enforcement help.

Senator Harper Angel's bill also prohibits drivers under the age of 18 from using a personal communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle on the roadway. The bill requires holders of an instructional permit or intermediate license to hold their permit/license for an additional 180 days if a violation occurs.

"This will be very significant in keeping our young drivers out of harm's way while they are behind the wheel," said Senator Harper

Angel. "Often teenagers have the attitude they are invincible. This legislation will target this vulnerable age group to get them off the path of saving driving habits for the long run."

If the bill gains approval, any person who violates the law prior to January 1, 2011 will receive a courtesy warning. After January 1, 2011, a person who violates the law will be fined \$25 for the first offense and \$50 for each subsequent offense. All fines imposed by this bill are subject to court costs.

A 2009 Vlingo survey shows that almost 60 percent of people ages 16 to 19 and 49 percent of those in their twenties admit to texting while driving. Among people in their fifties, 13 percent said they have sent text messages while behind the wheel. Also, a study by the Transport Research Laboratory in the U.K. found that those who are texting and driving reduced their steering ability by 91 percent.

In Kentucky last year, 53,000 crashes occurred due to distracted driving, 199 of which were fatal," Senator Harper Angel said. "These numbers are alarming and, sadly, the numbers continue to grow."

Legislation to ban texting while driving is supported by law enforcement officers, highway safety advocates and the insurance industry.

If passed, Kentucky would join 20 other states and the District of Columbia that ban texting while driving. In addition, novice drivers are banned from texting in nine states and school bus drivers are banned from text messaging in Texas.

Senator Harper Angel's bill will now move to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

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 Kathy Letisha Bentley, 39, of Allen, to Nicholas Wade McCoy, 30, of Allen.  
 Robin R. Ramey, 39, of Nippa, to Larry D. Short, 56, of Prestonsburg.  
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 Ashleigh Erin Gari Robinson, 20, of Harold, to James Cody Goff, 23, of Harold.  
 Brenda J. Howard, 40, of Printer, to Gregory K. Meade, 44, of Printer.  
 Melissa Kay Baker, 39, of Prestonsburg, to Troy E. Vanderpool, 35, of Prestonsburg.

### Civil Suits Filed

**Landmark**  
 Financial Services vs. Tracy Dunnon; complaint.  
 Gary Arnett vs. Jonah Johnson; complaint.  
 U.S. National Association vs. Ray J. Porter; complaint.  
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Patricia Johnson; complaint.  
 HSBC Bank Nevada, N.A. vs. Joseph McKinney; complaint.  
 Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Timothy M. Hastings; complaint.  
 FIA Cards Services, N.A. vs. Comer Hall; complaint.  
 Chastity Lafferty vs. Christopher Gayheart; petition for healthcare insurance.  
 Desirae Day vs. Johnny Day Jr.; petition for healthcare insurance.

### Charges Filed

Angel Williamson, 23, Hi Hat; theft by unlawful taking, theft by extortion.  
 Gary L. Shepherd, 43, David; alcohol intoxication.  
 Stacie Lynn Johnson, 32, Auxier; falsely reporting an incident.  
 Jennifer K. Miller, 44, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.  
 Eddie Taylor, 22, Printer; motorboats to be registered and numbered.  
 Clarissa Bailey, 49, David; alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor

vehicle.  
 James R. Blankenship, 52, Duffield, Va.; first-degree wanton endangerment.  
 Brenda Kay Humphrey, 48, Prestonsburg; disorderly conduct, three counts first-degree wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence.  
 Johnny Nunemaker, 23, Prestonsburg; third-degree assault, alcohol intoxication, two counts disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault, two counts terrorist threatening, harassment, criminal mischief, criminal trespassing, resisting arrest.

### Inspections

**Baptist Day Care,** Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of effective hair restraints, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, lighting not provided as required. Score: 96.

**Tandra's Restaurant,** Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, non-food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non-food contact surfaces not properly designed, cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not constructed properly, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 94.

**Fat Daddy's,** Bevinville, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, sanitizing towel or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 93.

**Compton's Quik Stop,** Wecksbury, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, floors not in good repair, toxic items not properly stored. Score: 93.

**Pizza Den,** Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non-food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, cloths used for wiping non-food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, garbage and refuse containers not cov-

ered as required, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment. Score: 89.

### Property Transfers

**Jennifer Akers** to John Akers, property located at Big Mud Creek.  
**Jessie Akers** to John Akers, property located at Big Mud Creek.  
**Johnnie Calhoun** to Diana Marie Hicks, property located at KY Rt. 122.  
**Orville Compton** to Tommy McClanahan, property not listed.  
**Rhonda Compton** to Tommy McClanahan, property not listed.  
**Larry Fannin** to Cheryl May and Victoria Ann May, property located at Prestonsburg.  
**Tiffany Fannin** to Cheryl May and Victoria Ann May, property located at

Prestonsburg.  
**Nellie Johnson** to Shelia Bartley, property not listed.  
**Clara Lee Lackey** to Anita Lee Mays, property not listed.  
**John Walter Lackey, Jr.** to Anita Lee Mays, property not listed.  
**Michael D. Lackey** to Anita Lee Mays, property not listed.  
**Phillip Joel Little** to Lora Little, Melissa Little, Tobie Jo Little, and Toni Renee Little, property not listed.  
**Stella J. Martin** to Billie

Peters, property not listed.  
**Rhonda McClanahan** to Tommy McClanahan, property not listed.  
**Tommy McClanahan** to Eva Michelle Maynard and Paul David Maynard, property not listed.  
**Anthony Ray Watkins** to Anita Lee Mays, property not listed.  
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## Conference attracts leaders from all walks of life to confront regional issues

ASHLAND — The annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference will meet April 22 and 23 in Ashland attracting leaders from all counties of eastern Kentucky. For 23 years, the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation has been instrumental in providing the most important forum for discussing economic, environmental, and social agendas for the citizens of the region. According to Bill Weinberg, Whitesburg and Foundation Chair, the "conference is not for a few speakers and a lot of listeners. The goal is to make everyone a speaker and a listener." Leaders from all walks of life attend the conference. It gives grassroots leadership the opportunity to be in an equal forum with elected and appointed political, educational, and economic leadership. The foundation board believes that leadership must work together to solve the problems of the region.

According to Joe Hill, Paintsville, conference program chair, this year's program has something for every leadership interest. The early bird sessions on Thursday include a networking session for women, hospitality and tourism, Robinson Scholars Roundtable, and an update on creating an information technology cluster in East Kentucky. A workshop on preparing proposals for the ARC Flex grant program is scheduled. A meeting of the Appalachian Advisory Council will be held on Thursday morning at the Highlands Museum. This group is open to all leaders in the region and has served an important grassroots advisory role to past governors. This meeting will focus

on building a stronger social network among leaders of the region.

US Senate Democratic and Republican candidates forum will give participants the opportunity to interact with candidates on regional issues. An intensive session on Coal's Future: The Impact of Cap and Trade, Renewable Energy and Green Energy will be held at the Paramount Theater.

A highlight of the conference is the recognition of leaders who have made a contribution to the region. The East Kentucky Leadership Foundation Awards Showcase will honor Kathy Timmons Setterman, Ashland, Director of the Paramount Arts Center; Glenn Leveridge, Winchester, Board Chair, Hindman Settlement School; Joe Bowen, Stanton, cyclist, champion of physical activity and author; WYMT Mountain Classic Basketball and Scholarship Tournament, and Archie Everage, Hindman, Board Chair, raising more than \$1 million dollars in scholarships; and the Appalachian Media Institute of Appalshop, a premier summer youth program.

Friday's concurrent session topics include adult education, early childhood education, young professionals in East Kentucky, Appalachian research and development, East Kentucky Women in politics, Appalachian presence in the governor's office, regional strategies for education, and access to health care.

Everyone is invited to attend. Program details, agenda, and online registration is available at <http://www.eastkentuckyleadership.org>

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**MOVIES FROM  
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Planet of the  
Dinosaurs'**

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A spaceship crash lands on the titular planet (which turns out to be a good deal for the indigenous reptiles who are tired of eating each other) in this so-so effort from the late 1970s that mixes



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fashion disasters with decent dinosaur effects.

It begins with the crew losing control of their incredibly large ship. They eject in a smaller vessel and

promptly discover that they have discovered water. They swim to shore and realize some of their supplies are still on the sinking ship.

A gorgeous astronaut promptly strips to reveal that she rocks a righteous bikini under her lame space-unitard. Unfortunately, she doesn't sport much in the way of luck and is the first to be eaten. Her killer is obviously amphibious but we never get a good look at it.

Next we get the usual talk about waiting for a rescue, but the lack of supplies means the group will have to forge onwards and set up signals for rescue ships when they make camp. Pretty soon they realize that the planet is a lot like Earth, except they have arrived before the birth of mankind. In fact they have arrived at a very

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**This Town,  
That World**

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

Wonder why they took nicer months for girls' names? April, May and June. No July for the girls. Then they load dry August and windy March onto us guys. One of these days, think I'll lead a rebellion of my own.

**WHEN RIGHTS WERE  
RESPECTED**

Watt Hale says he's a little discouraged after reading in this space that yam about the male whose tail was weighted down to keep him from hee-hawing, but he did remind me that there was a time when citizens had a deep respect for the law and what was right.

This citizen who respected the rights of others came upon this fellow, down by the side of the road on an overload of "cawn." He eyed the unconscious one and was fascinated by his Handbar Hank mustache. The mustache was too inviting. It asked to be trimmed. So the good citizen reached down with his Barlow and sawed off the right wing and turned to leave.

But he came to a sudden stop. His conscience would not let him take a step farther. " 'Twouldn't be legal nor right to leave the pore feller in that fix," he mumbled.

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**LEAP OF FAITH**

**Calling to ministry leads Goble to Big Sandy CTC**

by SANDRA SAAD  
BIG SANDY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL  
COLLEGE

Roger Goble had been a passably good but lackluster student at Johnson Central High School. He didn't have to suffer the usual high school angst about whether he should go to college, where to go to college, could he afford to go to college, or what should he major in? He really didn't have to think about his future at all because it was already mapped out for him. His family owned a floor covering business and he and his siblings were expected to work for the business, end of story.

But it wasn't. Oddly enough, it was a religious conviction that eventually helped Goble recognize the value of a higher education, even though it took a while to get there.

Goble joined the church during his high school years. After graduation, he felt a calling to enter the ministry but he wasn't convinced that he had the experience or the knowledge to effectively minister to others.

During this time, as expected, he joined the family business. He met a local girl, married, and started a family. When the family business closed, he used the floor-laying skills he had learned and went into business for himself, contracting with local

floor-covering businesses to install flooring for them after the sale.

It was a lucrative, service-oriented business. Goble stayed busy. In fact, he eventually had to hire help and maintain a payroll. He and his wife, Bryn Lynne, had two daughters, he coached a local soccer team in his spare time and he became a member of the First Baptist Church in Paintsville. And that's when Roger found his way back to the classroom.

A deacon at the Church was also a professor at Tri-State Bible College in South Point, Ohio. Goble had shared his desire to minister with the deacon and also shared his reservations about lacking sufficient knowledge to do the job well. The deacon invited Goble to visit the college and, during the first visit, he was convinced and registered for classes.

"The worth that I see in education now is far greater than when I was in high school," he explains. "And once I figured out how accessible it was to get into school, I was sold."

To supplement his course work at Tri-State Bible College, a one-and-a-half hour drive from Johnson County, Goble was able to take a number of classes at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, which were accepted for credit at Tri-State.

He secured his Associate's Degree in May 2009 and plans to complete

his Bachelor's Degree in May 2011. But an odd thing happened on his way to an education. The more he learned and studied, the less satisfied he became with his day job.

The physical labor of laying floors, day-in and day-out, was beginning to take a toll on his back and his knees. To top it all off, a long-term employee quit to seek another employment path due to his own health issues and Goble found it a challenge to find new help he could rely on. So, after a lot of personal reflection, Goble decided that his fear of making a change and making a commitment to the life he wanted to lead was a "trust issue." He decided then that he "had to trust in the Lord." Once that decision was made, he succinctly informed his wife, "I quit."

Immediately their income dropped by nearly 80 percent. But it was okay. Goble and his family had already been living responsibly and they had a good foundation in that everything they owned was paid for. Regardless, such a dramatic drop in income must have been traumatic, right? Not really, according to Goble.

"It was odd because we never really wanted for anything," he said. "It was a change in lifestyle and we did use wisdom in our purchases" but it

wasn't a dramatic change, and "that's something I really can't explain."

Goble earns a salary as a pastor of students at First Baptist Church, but his salary is certainly less than he was making when he was self-employed. In addition to his work and studies, Goble currently has a 4.0 grade point average in college, is president of the Student Council at Tri-State, president of the Brotherhood Organization and is a deacon at his church, conducts weekly Lunch/Bible devotional for students from Paintsville High School and is working to organize a similar event at the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy CTC. In addition to all that, he teaches Sunday school and teaches a Sunday night Youth Ministry.

Now his life is devoted to gaining the knowledge and the experience he feels he needs to effectively minister to people. He has been on mission trips to Brazil, Russia, Haiti and will soon be traveling to Kenya. These trips have led him to a greater awareness of needs in our own country. Psychology studies with Dr. Bill Loftus at Big Sandy have also helped him to understand the value of education, to understand different relationships, and different worldviews. Roger notes that all he has learned,

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**DINNER DIVA**

**Fiber tips**



If you're looking for a way to bulk up your diet without bulking up your backside, the answer is fiber. It makes all the difference and will keep your body regular (if you know what I mean) and will fill you up so eating less is easier. Here's how you do it:

Let's start with breakfast. Look for cereals with 10 grams or more of fiber - it'll be listed under nutritional facts. Measure out a cup of cereal, throw on a splash of nonfat or low-fat milk, add some fresh or frozen berries and you're fibered up and ready to start your day. For lunch, a nice lentil soup is off the

hook, full of fiber. It's delicious and just one cup will fill you up (and give you 15 grams of fiber!) Not only are lentils full of fiber, but also studies have shown that they help prevent heart disease. So grab that ladle and slurp your soup!

At the dinner table, remember to eat your veggies, the best source of fiber on your plate. Good fibrous vegetables you should try to incorporate include: avocado, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, greens (kale, collards, etc.), peppers and sweet potatoes. Just a half cup of artichoke hearts have 5 grams of fiber. I'm especially fond of marinated artichoke hearts

(I buy them frozen and make my own with extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar) in my salad.

Here's my lentil soup you've just got to try:

**Esau's Potage**

- Serves 8
- 1 pound lentils, rinsed, drained and picked over
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped

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will return next week





# Family Medicine

**Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.**  
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## When styes get in your eyes

Most physicians do not distinguish between the two since the treatment is the same for both.

Your eyelids have many functions, but primarily, their job is to open and close in order to clean and lubricate your eyes. There are oil glands on the edge of the upper and lower eyelids that produce the necessary lubricant for your eyes. Unfortunately, bacteria can get into these glands and cause inflammation and infection. This leads to styes, which are a bit like boils that occur on your eyelids.

An experienced physician can diagnose a stye just by looking at it. Usually, no additional testing is necessary. You are right to apply warm compresses to treat these. I would recommend you use a warm compress about four times a day. If the styes don't respond in a day or so, you may need to see a physician to

get antibiotic eye ointment. Do not ever attempt to drain a stye by squeezing it or poking it with a sterilized needle. It is always best to leave them alone except for hot packs and medications. Squeezing can spread infection into the tissue around your eye, which can lead to serious medical conditions. Poking can do the same, plus it opens the risk of seriously damaging your eye.

While styes will usually heal and go away on their own or with a little antibiotic ointment, they sometimes do not drain if the oil gland becomes fully blocked. When this occurs, we call it a chalazion. This kind of infection may need to be drained by a licensed ophthalmologist.

One thing that will help prevent styes is to avoid pulling on your eyelashes. Sometimes excessive or old mascara can contribute to the devel-

opment of a stye. Most importantly, always wash your hands before touching the area around your eyes.

Styes are a relatively common occurrence, but not everyone gets them. Some chronic conditions like diabetes and chronic dandruff increase their likelihood. It sounds as though your styes come often enough, and stay long enough, to warrant attention from your family physician.

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**Q** Lately I've been getting these red bumps on my eyelids, and my mother keeps calling them "pig sties." She told me to put hot compresses on them, and this usually works. Lately, they're not going away, and I think I'm going to go to the doctor. Do I need to? What causes these? What can I do to treat or prevent them?

**A** What you are describing is called a "stye," not a "pig sty" (the medical condition can be spelled with or without the "c" at the

end). The official medical term for a stye is a hordeolum. They occur when an oil gland — called a meibomian gland — in the eyelid becomes inflamed or infected. At that point, they swell up, much like a pimple, and they usually feel warm to the touch.

An internal stye occurs when a meibomian gland under the surface of the skin becomes infected, and an external stye occurs when the base of the eyelash gets infected, leaving a red lump on the edge of the eyelid.

**Cameron Dewayne Howell** was born March 10 at 8:24 p.m. at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 4 pounds and 14 ounces and was 16 inches long. He is the son of Dexter Dewayne Howell and Virginia Ann Evans, of Grethel. He is the grandson of Palestine Howell and Dexter Howell, both of Grethel, and Tivis and Cathy Evans, also of Grethel. He is the little brother of Tylara Nicole Howell, of Grethel.



### Allen

So he went back and cut off the other side of the drunk's mustache.

Such a touching display of the qualities that made America great is enough to bring tears to the eyes.

#### THE MISERIES OF PLEASANT HILL

In Arkansas there is a place called Pleasant Hill, and this is what the correspondent to the Stone County (Ark.) Leader reported as having happened there recently:

"Ewing is down in his hip and very high blood pressure, Martha's back and leg is her trouble, also Flora Logan's legs. Jay Davis is down in his back, Clell Newcomb has had one eye patched, Arlis went to Little Rock, Friday, with a knot in his left breast, Walter Younger fell off his stool, last Sunday night, while eating supper, took his plate and food with him. He spent several days in the hospital and I guess I wanted to see how hard could hit the ground. I went out to look about my tomatoes,

Saturday, and stooped over for a couple minutes raised up when I came to I was lying on the ground, my left arm lying across an old window I had leaned up against my tomatoes. It was broken but I was lucky. I didn't get cut. I have a bruised hip and skinned ankle. Arlis took me to the doctor. Saturday. I have several things wrong with me."

If all that misery could accumulate in a place called Pleasant Grove, wonder what's afoot in Hell-for-Sartann, Kentucky?

#### HOW CAN YOU WIN

Those alleged Jenny Wiley Boat Dock improvements do not include lockers, we are told. Last year, you had to hunt a nail to tie your boat to; this year, they cure that situation and take away the conveniences of the year before...Just seems that we paying customers can't win.

#### BUT WILLING TO LEARN

The Detroit News a few weeks back had a feature on

the lonely hillbillies there and of the touch of home they found in a eatery called Ilena's Restaurant. The writer told of the mason jar full of Alabama dirt that is kept behind the cashier's counter there and of diners often stooping to give it an affectionate pat. Said one:

"Some day, I'm going to put a pinch of that dirt inside each shoe, and it'll get me back to Alabama."

Alabama or Kentucky, it's all South, and the boys and girls who have gone north are one in their loneliness and homesickness.

One fellow named Elden Parrin was quoted as saying: "I've been here since 1947, and I'd like to leave before daylight if I could...I don't like the weather here, and I don't like the people. I lived 18 years in the same house, and I don't know the guy next door! I'm goin' back to Kentucky to sit on the front porch, chew tobacco and pick the guitar. I've never chewed tobacco, but I'll learn."

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### GOOD HEALTH

## Warts often fade on their own

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** Would you address plantar warts? I've been told they're from a virus in the body and that nothing can be done for them or keep them from recurring. Is this so? — D.W.

**ANSWER:** All warts, wherever they are, come from an infection with one of the more than 100 human papillomaviruses — HPV. Individual members of the HPV family have a preference for particular body sites. Some head for the soles of the feet to cause plantar warts. "Plantar" is derived from a Latin word meaning "sole of the foot."

If a plantar wart isn't kicking up a fuss, it can be left alone. It's not going to do any harm. Many such warts disappear without any treatment. Some can return, and there is not a whole lot to do about preventing a second visit. However, there is much to do about a plantar wart that hurts. The method chosen for wart removal must not leave a scar. A scar on the bottom of the foot causes more trouble than does a wart.

Look on the shelves of any drugstore for wart-removal products that contain salicylic acid, and follow the directions for application carefully. Be patient. It takes more than one

application to get rid of the wart.

Duct tape sometimes works. That's right — duct tape, the tape you buy in a hardware store. Cover the wart with a piece of it for six days. Remove the tape, soak the foot and then gently rub the wart with a pumice stone, obtainable in drugstores. Reapply the tape after 12 hours. You might have to repeat this procedure for two months before the wart is gone.

If home remedies bring no success, the family doctor can step in with more involved treatments.

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**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** For the past six months, I have had no energy. I teach third grade. My doctor checked my thyroid gland, and it turns out it's not working well. I am now taking replacement thyroid hormone. How long does it take for me to recover my former energy? Also, my cholesterol was high. Is that part of this deal? — M.O.

**ANSWER:** It can take three to six months for your hormone level to reach a normal plateau. That's when you'll feel like your old self again. A person with low thyroid hormone often has a rise in blood cholesterol. The level will fall as soon as the replace-

ment hormone is working.

The booklet on thyroid problems discusses both under- and overactive thyroid glands. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 401W, 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.

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**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** What causes skin tags? They hang from my neck and under my arms. — D.H.

**ANSWER:** Their cause isn't known. Your doctor can clip them off without any fuss. By age 60, 60 percent of us have one or more of them.

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*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.drnamall.com.*

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### Diva

1 large stalk celery, chopped  
5 cups low sodium chicken broth  
1 teaspoon thyme  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes

Salt and pepper to taste  
In a soup pot over a medium high heat, add the oil. When hot, add the onion, carrot and celery. Cook till tender, add everything else except the tomatoes and simmer for an hour. When the lentils are ten-

der, add the canned tomatoes; salt and pepper to taste and serve.

Per serving: 229 Calories; 4g Total Fat; 19g Protein; 15g Fiber; 36g Carbohydrate; 0mg Cholesterol; 291mg Sodium

## Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A problem in getting a workplace project up and moving might upset the Lamb, who likes things done on time. But be patient. The delay could turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your instincts are usually on the mark, so if you feel uneasy about being asked for advice on a certain matter, it's probably a good idea that you opt not to comply with the request.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might have two minds about a proposed change (which often happens with the Twins), but once all the facts are in, you'll be able to make a definitive decision. Good luck.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Crab's frugal aspect dominates, so while you might be reluctant to pay for technical repairs, the time you save in getting things back on track could be well worth the expense.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While you Leos and Leonas continue to concentrate on doing well in your work-related ventures this week, consider reserving the weekend for sharing good times with family and friends.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good week to take stock of the important personal, professional or familial relationships in your life and see where you might need to do some intense shoring up.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice makes you the likely person to

help deal with a work- or family-related grievance. But you need to have any doubts about anyone's true agenda resolved first.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpio passion for getting things done right and on time might rattle some folks. Never mind them. Others will be impressed, and they're the ones you want in your corner.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Finances could be a mite tight this week. And, while things will ease up soon enough, your savvy Sagittarians will want to keep a prudent eye on your expenses at this time.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although a technical malfunction could cause a temporary delay in getting things up and running, you could use the time to recheck your operation and make changes where necessary.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might find it difficult to resist making a snap judgment about a colleague's behavior. But stick with your usual way of assessing situations and wait for the facts to come out.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Asking for help with a family situation might be the wisest course to take right now. Just be sure you turn to someone you can trust to do and say the right thing for the right reasons.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People see in you a born leader whom they can follow and put their trust in.



**IF YOU THINK A BICYCLE WRECK IS NO BIG DEAL, THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN YOUR CAR GOING 30 MPH, STRIP DOWN TO YOUR UNDERWEAR AND JUMP OUT**

Cyclists are not a nuisance, an obstacle or in your way. In Kentucky, bicycles have the same rights to use roads and highways as cars and trucks. But keep in mind that cyclists are at greater risk of injury or death in the event of a wreck. That is why it is important to use caution and courtesy when you encounter a bicycle. Pass them only when it is clear, give them a few extra feet when passing, and never do anything to startle a cyclist, such as blowing your horn, passing too close or yelling at them.

**Save a life. Share the road.**

# Car shakes on turns, and mechanics aren't interested

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I have a manual-transmission 2000 Subaru Forester with 126,000 miles that I've had since it had 12 miles on it. I also have a 1-month-old baby. As a new mom, my car has me a little worried. During the past year, it has started shaking violently whenever I make a left turn. This starts happening after I've driven it about 10 miles. When I say "shaking violently," I mean it feels like the body is going to rip itself off the chassis. I've taken it to the dealership and multiple mechanics who won't get in the car long enough to feel the problem, so it hasn't been reproduced for a professional. They have all told me, "That's what happens to Subarus with high mileage." I find that hard to believe. Any thoughts? Is it still safe to take on long trips? Thanks. — Piper

**TOM:** Gee, Piper. My 1977 Fiat shakes violently if I drive it, too. But that's how I know it's running!

**RAY:** You need several things, Piper. First, you need a mechanic who's actually interested in helping you. Try checking the Mechanics Files on our Web site ([www.cartalk.com/mechanics](http://www.cartalk.com/mechanics)). That's a list of mechanics who are

personally recommended by other readers and listeners of ours.

**TOM:** Anyone who won't spend 10 minutes riding with you to see what's wrong with your car is not terribly interested in your business. Or your welfare.

**RAY:** When you find someone willing to experience the shaking firsthand, I suspect the diagnosis is going to be that you need a new viscous coupling. We've seen viscous couplings go bad on lots of Subarus around the same age as yours.

**TOM:** The viscous coupling is Subaru's version of a center differential, which allows the front and back wheels of an all-wheel-drive car to turn at different speeds when you're cornering. If it's binding up, it'll result in one or more wheels slipping on the pavement while you turn. You'll feel that as a violent chattering sensation. Sound familiar?

**RAY:** They usually don't take 10 miles to start shaking when they go bad, but that would still be my first guess. If you need a new viscous coupling, it'll cost you in the neighborhood of \$700-\$900.

**TOM:** If it's not the viscous coupling, the next thing I would check is your CV (constant velocity) joints. One of them could be binding up. It

could be in the front or the back, inner or outer. You've got eight of them.

**RAY:** And can you still take this car on long trips? I wouldn't. At least not until this is fixed, Piper. If it's the viscous coupling, it can really mess up the car's handling. And if it binds up while you're cornering at a high enough speed, you could even lose control of the car.

**TOM:** Not to mention that all that shaking will keep waking the baby!

**Dad should let daughter get car she wants**  
Dear Tom and Ray:  
My 24-year-old daughter is moving to Los Angeles from New York City and will need a car. She is in love with the Jaguar XJS Coupe. Her budget will allow an early-1990s model with 100,000-plus miles. My questions are many, but I really need to know how much trouble she is in if she purchases one of these cars. Is the maintenance affordable? Do they run, or only look good on the curb? Should Dad stay out of the decision-making process? Thanks for any insight you can offer. — David

**RAY:** You cannot protect your children from everything, David. Nor should you.

**TOM:** Right. My parents let my brother fall out the window of the car several times when he was a kid. And it wasn't until it happened while we were crossing the George Washington Bridge that it caused him any long-term damage.

**RAY:** I think kids have to make their own mistakes, David. Otherwise, how are they ever going to learn anything?

**TOM:** Your daughter is about to embark on a wonderful learning experience!

**RAY:** Yeah. My vote is that Dad butts out. You have a legitimate interest in her safety. But this is a big, relatively safe car. And if she has a cell phone, and a credit card —

**Mace:** — and a can of Mace —

**RAY:** she ought to be able to handle any breakdown along the way. It'll be an adventure for her. A learning experience.

**TOM:** It is a beautiful car, David. The convertible XJS is one of my all-time favorites. But no, it's not terribly

reliable. Repairs and maintenance are expensive. And parts may be hard to find out in rural areas — like that thin strip between California and New York.

**RAY:** But your daughter will have some wonderful adventures. She'll have some great stories to tell. And she'll learn a very important lesson: that you can't make decisions based on looks alone. My first wife made that mistake when she chose me.

**TOM:** No, she based her decision on looks when she divorced him. Don't worry, David. She's 24. As long as she's safe, let her have her own adventures.

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## Rental Central

by TOM DOTY, TIMES COLUMNIST

One blockbuster and two under the radar efforts made for the best value on your entertainment dollar this week.

■ "Sherlock Holmes" — Cult director Guy Ritchie ("Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels") proved he could make a coherent big-budget adventure with this sly take on the world's most infamous detective. Ritchie gets a huge assist from Robert Downey Jr. as Holmes. It's a bravura interpretation that breathes new life into the character. His Holmes is a kung-fu loving games man who is at home when he's puzzling out conundrums as when he's pummeling bad guys. Jude Law tones it down nicely as

Watson and the film benefits from a fusion of puzzling dilemmas and crackerjack action sequences.

■ "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeak!" — Ouch. If you liked the first one then you deserve this dose, which finds, the CGI rodents contending with fame as well as a trio of female singers (who also happen to be Chipmunks). Jason Lee returns as Dave but gets injured early on and sits out the movie, if only the rest of us followed suit.

■ "I Sell the Dead" — Arthouse cinema gets in on the horror scene with this excellent dose of the macabre. The film tells of two grave robbers who ply their trade in the 19th century. The film has tons of atmosphere, jolts and great

laughs. A splendid cast includes gene favorites like Ron Perlman and Angus Scrimm (The Tall Man from the "Phantasm" franchise).

■ "Negative" — Happy Chainsaw Edge! — Horror once again goes the arthouse route in this tale of a disaffected teen who falls for a young woman. This Japanese effort turns into an all-out action/splatter epic when the pair of mismatched lovers have to take on a giant who falls from the sky and appears to have a history with the female. Better than a film with a title like his has any right to be.

Next week look for Nicholas Cage in a sequel to "Bad Lieutenant" and spend a week with a serial killer in "Tony."

## Strange ... but true

by SAMANTHA WEAVER

■ It was 19th-century French author Pierre-Jules Renard who made the following sage observation about his craft: "Literature is an occupation in which you have to keep proving your talent to people who have none."

■ Guinness, that notorious dark and bitter Irish brew, contains fewer calories than skim milk or orange juice. Stout for breakfast, anyone?

■ Lawmakers in Phoenix once saw fit to make it illegal to walk through a hotel lobby while wearing spurs.

■ It's hard to imagine what life was like before the widespread availability of refrigeration, isn't it? Some people have decided to find out — and

you might be surprised at how many. Although 99.5 percent of all households in the United States have a refrigerator, that still means that more than 1.5 million households are fridges-less.

■ Swedish chemist and engineer Alfred Nobel, famed inventor of dynamite and originator of the Nobel Prizes, could speak five languages fluently by the time he was 17 years old.

■ Finland has more islands than any other country in the world.

■ Those who study such things claim that the hair on people of European descent tends to whorl in a counterclockwise fashion, while on most Japanese people it whorls in the opposite direction.

■ It seems that Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States, was something of a gambler. During one hand of poker he bet the White House china — and lost it.

■ The Australia Zoo was recently the site of an attempted escape — by a 137-pound orangutan named Karta. The ingenious primate evidently short-circuited the electric fence around her enclosure using a stick, then stacked up more sticks to climb over the fence.

■ The English word "gelatin" comes from the French for "edible jelly."

**Thought for the Day:** "What sane person could live in this world and not be crazy?" — Ursula K. Le Guin

## Lagoon

bizarre time that includes dinosaurs who never roamed the planet at the same time, as well as giant spiders.

This hostile environment soon takes its toll on the party and group dynamics suffer. Meanwhile, the dinosaurs with great news for the dinosaurs who proceed to chomp on the crew every chance they get.

The group eventually decides to dig in and make a permanent camp, on the way must first deal with the local T-rex who is not at home to giving up his berth at the top of the food chain. Pretty soon it's the power of human savvy vs. brutal lizard time.

It all leads to a fine finale that pits our group against the king of dinosaurs in his own lair. Worth a watch for dinofans and anyone in search of a good laugh.

The laughs come courtesy of a lame screenplay that finds our heroes spending most of

the movie wandering around and waiting to get eaten. The dialogue is stilted and it is further hampered by pedestrian acting. The dinosaurs, however, are well rendered and they almost save the film all by themselves.

The film gets its biggest assist by being thoroughly ridiculed by several members of the old "Mystery Science Theater" gang. Turns out that Mike Nelson has formed "Rifftrax." It started out as an online project for fans of the previous show, which featured a guy and two robot pals riffing their way through a bad movie every week. Now you can go their website and download audio commentary on current fare such as "Ironman" or the latest "Harry Potter" film.

If you purchase a "Rifftrax" DVD (which are priced to move at \$9.99) you get a code for a free download from the

site. You can simply collect the DVDs too and they have some great ones out now such as "Plan Nine From Outer Space" and "House on Haunted Hill."

This film is perfect fodder for Nelson as it features long stretches where nothing much happens. That's perfect for these guys and they help you get through the dull parts so you can enjoy the dinosaur mayhem. They have their work cut out for them as the dino only eat up about eight minutes of screen time. The quips are well aimed at the tedious structure of the film (which amounts to scenes of people walking, eating and resting), but there are also plenty of pop culture references which hit everything from "American Idol" to David Mamet.

Bottom line: "I don't think a chicken laid these eggs." 1978, not rated.

## Faith

through his travels and studies, has helped him in his ministry. In fact, he describes himself as "very satisfied with where I'm at" and now he enjoys clear-cut goals for his future, which are to continue in the ministry while pursuing additional education, including attending a seminary, and possibly even a master's degree and eventual doctorate in Theology.

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The bond now in effect for Increment number 1 is a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$1,900.00. The bond now in effect for Increment number 2 is a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$10,400.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$50,600.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: final backfilling and grading, topsoil/alternate topsoil redistribution, mulching and seeding with approved grass and legume species to provide adequate vegetative cover and achieve the approved post mining land use, completed October 15, 2006.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 20, 2010.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 21, 2010, at 9:00 am or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 S. Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 20, 2010.

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In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.6 miles northwest of Owsley in Pike County. The operation will disturb 20.26 surface acres and will underlie 251.654 acres for a total acreage of 269.95.80. The operation is located in both Pike and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.50 miles southeast of US 29's junction with KY 1384 and is located 0.20 miles west of Hurricane Creek.

The operation is located on the Broadbottom and Pikeville USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Justice and Henry Adkins Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by Larry Thomas Fortenberry, Rena and Paul Diehm, Gloria Gibson, Regina Ann Burton, Bobby and Teresa Swiney, Flora Ellen Justice and Carol Robbette, William Harrison Adkins, Homer Stone, Alvin and Melinda Stevens, Henry and Phyllis Young, Eddie and Vernice Overstreet, Danny and Genevieve McKinney, John Salisbury, Everett Salisbury, John Henry Salisbury, Dinah Anderson, Mickey and Dobra K. Stapleton, Henry Jr. and Kathryn B. Moore, John Salisbury, George F. Salisbury, George F. and Lorraine Salisbury, Joe Salisbury, Selena Rogers, Joe Ross Keathley, Kate Weddington Estate, Suda Weddington, Joe Keathley, Elzy Salisbury, Robert C. Billips, Dawson James, William and Lisa Warner, Vernice Overstreet, Wayne and Bertie Spears, Jessie Stevens, Ronnie and Wanda Jean Stevens, Bruce and Beanita G. Coleman, Kenneth Allen, Tilda Lawson, Bob and Nola Belle Hamilton, Lathene Allen Howell, Clifton Jewel and Anna M. Howell, Jimmy and Dottie Rogers, Melvin M. Stevens, Milford and Wanda Sue Stevens, Herbert and Kaye Keathley, Kenia Tackett, Rhodabelle King, J. Ray and Teresa Stevens, J. J. Ray, J. Ray Stevens, Phil Dan and Thelma Justice, Rosco Adkins, Bob Hamilton, Waldo Roberts, Kelly Ray, James M. Justice, Essie and David Ray, Ruth Justice, Gary R. and Violet Osborne, Mike and Marsha Huffman, Elmer and Betty Justice, Franklin and Ansel Hamilton, Joe B. and Hattie Justice, Matthew and Essie Justice, Ocie Jane Justice, Edward Lee Adkins, Howard and Norma Jean Justice, Bobby E. and Caroline Justice, Mark and Marieta Daniels, James and Christina Daniels, Sterling and Teresa Blackburn, Eura C. Dials, Zelt Harrington, Gary and Dreauna J. Boyd, Jerry and Eva Boyd, Douglas and Robin Boyd, Darryl and Michelle Boyd, Tony and Lois Boyd, Army Munday, H.B. Ratliff, A.C. Mimms, Randy and Betty Stevens, Thelma Stevens, Burnis and Marilyn Spears.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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