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Coal ban burning

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County has joined neighboring counties in issuing a burn ban in hopes of curbing forest fires due to extremely dry conditions.

Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Lawrence and Pike have issued bans at this point. The ban prohibits all outdoor burning of any kind.

The proclamation, passed Tuesday by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, will be in effect until further notice.

Those with questions are encouraged to call the Division of Forestry's Eastern Division at (606) 478-4495.

APPALACHIAN DISASTER



Two ambulances leave the Performance Coal Upper Big Branch mine tippie at Birchton in Raleigh County Monday night after an explosion killed 25 miners. Photo by Michael Browning, Logan Banner

W.Va. mine tragedy rocks community

by LAWRENCE KEENEY
THE COAL VALLEY NEWS

MADISON, W.Va. — Twenty-five miners die, four still missing.

It was the word no one with a friend or relative in the Upper Big Branch mine at Montcoal could bear to hear.

Shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday, officials reported that they believed at least 25 miners had lost their lives in a massive explosion believed to have been triggered by methane.

The tragedy unfolded at just after 3 p.m. Monday afternoon. A blast shook Performance Coal's mine in Raleigh County

near Whitesville. Dozens of fire units, ambulances and mine rescue teams rushed to the scene and began rescue operations. Just an hour later, reports filtered in to Boone and Raleigh 911 Centers that at least seven miners had lost their lives and more were injured.

Hundreds of family members, volunteer rescuers, off-duty miners from the Massey Coal operation and news media from across the nation began to wait for word. Throughout the night, conflicting information began to trickle in until the middle-of-the-night announcement was delivered.

Officials reportedly believe

that the tragedy began during shift change. A large group of the miners were on a man trip exiting the mine when for some reason, an explosion took place. While some of the men were killed instantly, others may have initially gotten away from the chaos. Sen. Ron Stollings, (D-Boone), told the Coal Valley News that there is evidence that at least a few miners had been utilizing longer-lasting rebreathers, which had enough oxygen for at least two hours. "We don't know, however, whether any miners made it to the escape shelters."

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Dozens gather for pancakes, politics

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — This past weekend at a spot that has hosted several political events in the last couple months, the Heritage House in Prestonsburg was the place to visit if you had a craving for pancakes or politics, or both.

The Floyd County Democratic Women's Club held a "Pancakes and Politics" event, inviting all Democratic candidates to attend, have breakfast and discuss county issues relevant in the upcoming May primary.

"We had a great turnout for this," said Pasty Goble, the club's president. "Many of the candidates spoke and there were plenty there to do so, and plenty there to listen."

In total, Goble said approximately 150 attended the event, while 38 of those were candidates, including incumbents and challengers alike, for positions as varied as state representative, judge-executive, sheriff, jailer and also those in the running for magistrate and constable races.

Some attending the event were incumbents unchallenged in May, such as Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh and Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who was the chosen master of ceremonies for the gathering.

During the event, held Saturday, the candidates were given the opportunity to speak, informing potential voters in attendance of their views and what they plan to accomplish if elected or re-elected to office.

During the festivities, Goble

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Changes coming to financial aid

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The student loan program for colleges in the United States will soon see major changes as part of the legislation passed in the new health care reform bill.

"This legislation offers the most sweeping changes to the federal student loan program in a generation," said U.S. Rep. George Miller, chairman of the House, Education and Labor Committee. "This is good for

students, taxpayers and American jobs."

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the change will generate \$61 billion in savings over 10 years, and the savings will be used to boost Pell Grant scholarships, make student loans more manageable for borrowers to repay and strengthen community colleges.

For grants the legislation will increase the maximum amount of Pell Grant scholarships to \$5,350 this year and to \$5,975

by 2017. Beginning in 2013, the scholarship will increase based on the expense of cost of living.

Also part of the legislation, students will now go through the federal government to get student loans. The government currently funds 88 percent of all federal student loans. Supporters of the legislation believe the federal students loans will be more manageable to repay by strengthening the income-based repayment program that current-

(See AID, page seven)

Man wanted in over 30 heists arrested in Floyd

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MINNIE — A man wanted in more than 30 open burglary cases around Kentucky was taken into custody this past weekend in Floyd County.

Ricky Eugene Stone, 42, listed in warrants as living then in Campbellsville, was arrested shortly after midnight Sunday at the Minnie Apartments.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said his office received a call from Leslie County officials that Stone could be in the area.

"He was wanted on Crime Stoppers for numerous burglaries in Fayette County and Garrett County," Blackburn said. "We got information he was in the townhouses at Minnie and when we got there he tried to escape out the back door, but we were there waiting on him."

Lt. Gary Tackett, Sgt. Delmas Johnson and Deputies Kevin Shepherd and Landon Hall arrived at the apartment where it had been reported Stone was staying and took him into custody on several warrants issued to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department from Fayette County.

Those four warrants alone cover several burglaries for which Stone now stands accused.

According to the complaints, an investigation into several homes and businesses that had been targeted in the county led police to Stone as a suspect.

During interviews with a co-defendant, David

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Feds indict coal operator

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — A Prestonsburg coal operator was indicted Friday in federal court on five counts of mail fraud that could see her facing up to 20 years in prison, if convicted in the case.

Pamela Allen, 52, was indicted in Lexington April 2. According to federal prosecutors, she is listed as the sole officer of Sly Branch Energy, an underground coal mine operation operating in Floyd County, as well as other counties throughout region.

The indictment alleges that from May 2004 until May 2005, Allen reported monthly payroll and the number of coal miners working for her to Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance. In doing this, it is alleged that Allen paid the insurance agency less than full value for workers compensation insurance.

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Prestonsburg Fire Department responded to a small house fire at 813 Mays Branch Road around 8:30 Monday morning. The fire was contained to a bathroom in the residence and was quickly extinguished. Photo by Ralph B. Davis

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Obituaries

Cyril H. Coburn Sr.

Cyril H. Coburn Sr., 70, of Garrett, died Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Born December 11, 1939, in Garrett, he was the son of the late Andrew J. and Lester Gayheart Coburn. He was a retired engineer, a member of the Masons and was a Shriner. He was a 1958 graduate of Garrett High School and a graduate of Alice Lloyd College.

Survivors include one son, Cyril H. (Amy) Coburn Jr. of Ammissville, Virginia; one daughter, Cheryl Ann Coburn (Seib) Lunsch of Auburn, Indiana; one sister, Janet Adams of Jackson; two grandchildren: Ashley Louise Coburn and Beverly Ann Marie Coburn; four nieces: Jodi Coburn Collins, Jill Coburn Mitchell, Tina Adams and Angela Adams; one nephew, Byron Coburn; three great-nieces: Brooke Benton, Amanda Coburn Lewis and Tabitha Coburn; one great-nephew, Andrew Collins; and an aunt, Myrtle Chaffins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Orris J. Coburn.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Richard Greene officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Family Cemetery, in Eastern.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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



George Freeman

August 21, 1952-March 20, 2010

George Freeman, 57 years, of Erie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 5:45 a.m., in his home with his loving family at his bedside. George was born August 21, 1952, in Prestonsburg, the son of Dallas and Marcelline (King) Freeman. He was a 1970 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. On April 30, 1975, in Clintwood, Virginia, he married his beloved wife, the former Kathy M. Roberts. George began working for Ford Motor Company in 1978 as a welder at the Wayne Assembly Plant, where he worked until his retirement as an inspector in 2003. George attended Luna Pier Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, woodworking, classic cars and gardening. Most of all, he enjoyed his family.

George is survived by his beloved wife, Kathy, and their cherished son, John T. Freeman; his loving father, Dallas of Auxier; four sisters: Lillian Smither of Irving, Texas, Rosalie Freeman, Libby Greer and Teresa Moore all of Lexington; his mother-in-law, Marcella Wagner of Monroe and a host of nieces and nephews. Sadly he was preceded in death by his mother on August 21, 2009.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, from 1-8 p.m., in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., in Monroe, where funeral services celebrating his life were held on Wednesday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m., with Rev. Kenneth Steffes, pastor of Luna Pier Baptist Church officiating. Entombment was at Roselawn

Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Memorial Hospice of Monroe or to the National Kidney Foundation. (Paid obituary)



Jack Moore Friar

Jack Moore Friar, 76, of Allen, husband of Clara Hale Friar, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2010, at his residence.

He was born July 28, 1933, in Rose Hill, Virginia, the son of the late Pascal and Madeline Moore Friar.

He graduated from Thomas Walker High School, Berea College and earned a master's degree from Virginia Tech. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He was a member of the Harold Church of Christ. He served on the Floyd County Farm Bureau Board for several years. He worked as an Extension Agricultural Agent for the University of Kentucky in 4-H, and retired after 30 plus years of service.

In addition to his wife, Clara Hale Friar, he is survived by several first cousins, and two uncles: Wade and Cecil Moore; several nephews and nieces he loved very much, and many, many friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Preacher Willie Meade officiating.

Burial was in the Hale Cemetery, in Harold. (Paid obituary)

Goldie Johnson

Goldie Johnson, 75, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Riverside Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio.

Born June 5, 1934, in Columbus, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Martin Hall and Miranda Bryant Hall. She was a retired laborer at Mount Carmel Medical Center, in Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Johnson. Survivors include five sons: Danny R. (Penny) Johnson, Teddy D. (Annette) Johnson, Gary W. (Joyce) Johnson, Ricky E. Johnson, Ricky E. Johnson Jr., all of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers: Luther Hall of Tennessee, Charles Hall and Clifton Hall, both of Tallahassee, Florida; five sisters: Lola Johnson, Opal Bush, Ivory Pearl Johnson, Rita Ann Duty, and Mary Louise Hall of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Jerry Randall Johnson and Bill Johnson; one brother, Arthur Hall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Red Morris of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist officiating.

Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery, Honey Branch, in Bevinville. Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

Lonzo Lafferty

Lonzo Lafferty, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at his

residence.

Born June 19, 1919, in Bull Creek, the son of the late Floyd and Sarah Alice Lafferty. He was a retired auto mechanics teacher at Garth Vocational School, a member of the Community United Methodist Church and a WW II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Lafferty.

Other survivors include two sons: Ernie (Juanita) Lafferty, of Prestonsburg and Vernon (Patricia) Lafferty of Ohio; a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Lafferty of Ashland; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Rev. Chester Lafferty and two brothers: Leo and Woodrow Lafferty.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Rick King officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Chad Collins, Sammy Burt, Ricky Johnson, Chase Johnson, Josh Lafferty and Ronnie Lazar.

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



Jackie Edford Owens

Jackie Edford Owens, age 56, of Hueysville, husband of Hattie Lorene Cooley Owens, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

He was born September 16, 1953, in Lackey, the son of Molly Johnson Owens of Eastern, and the late Ralph Owens. He was a surface mine foreman for Kentucky Fuel and served as Floyd County District 2 Magistrate for 20 years. He was a member of the Kentucky Magistrate/Commissioners Association and a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and mother, include two sons: Jackie Edford Owens, II, (Ashley), Christopher Michael Owens, (Brandy), all of Hueysville; a brother, Joseph Owens, and wife, Teresa, of Owens; a sister, Lema Sue Bradley, her husband, Bobby, of Eastern; a grandson, Bryson Jackie Owens; a special nephew, Joseph Ryan Owens and a special niece, Victoria Owens.

Funeral services for Jackie Edford Owens were conducted 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 4, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial was in the John West Prater Cemetery, in Hueysville.

Visitation was at the funeral

home.

Pallbearers: George Ousley, Shawn Robinson, Ryan Owens, Bobby Johnson, John K. Blackburn, Silas Martin, Bruce Prater, Arnold Prater, Mike Jarrell, Greg Cooley and Danny Collins.

Honorary: George Isaac, James R. Allen, Johnny Ray Harris, Keith Bartley, R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Chris Waugh, John Goble, Donny Daniels, Ronnie Akers, Eric Hall, Gerald Drossett, Greg Stumbo and Jeremy R. Turner. (Paid obituary)

Arnold Prater

Arnold Prater, 75, of Hueysville, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born January 26, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Jackson and Lula Prater. He was a coal miner, a member of the Garrett United Baptist Church and of the UMWA.

He is survived by his wife, Allene Sparkman Prater.

Other survivors include four sons: Johnnie Ray (Laura) Prater of Rowdy, Roger Dale Prater, Arnold David (Gwen) Prater and Willie Dean (April) Prater, all of Hueysville; four brothers: Mitchell Prater of Langley, Henry Prater, Robert Prater and Burl Prater, all of Hueysville; two sisters: Kathleen Ousley and Martha Ousley, both of Peru, Indiana; and eight grandchildren: Chawanna, Brooklyn, Shawn, Braxton, Alexis, Laiken, Wesley and Sadie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Rhodes Prater, Merle Prater and Clarence Prater and one sister, Violet Truist.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Larry Patton and others officiating.

Burial was in the Sparkman Family Cemetery, in Hueysville.

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

Elmus Shepherd

Elmus Shepherd, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 1, 1935, in David, he was the son of the late Henry and Phoebe "Roxie" Slone Shepherd. He was a retired factory worker.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Ousley Shepherd.

Other survivors include two sons: Danny (Judy) Shepherd of Warsaw, Indiana and Russell (Patty) Shepherd of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Lisa (Sterling) Frye of

Frankfort; two brothers: Ed Shepherd of Urbana, Indiana and Allen Shepherd of Webster, Indiana; one sister, Jearlene Hutchins of Piercetown, Indiana; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Shepherd and two sisters: Elsie Robinson and Virginia Ousley.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 5, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Hatfield officiating.

Burial was in the Ousley Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

Clayton Herbert Slaughter, III

Clayton Herbert Slaughter, III, of Ashland, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at home after a sudden illness. He was 39.

He was born April 14, 1970, in Mansfield; lived and grew up in Ashland. He lived in Floyd County for 10 years and has lived in Ashland for the past 7 years. He had been employed at Shelby Wood Products and Premier Roofing of Wadsworth. He was an avid Pittsburg Steelers fan and loved to fish.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda (Puckett) Slaughter. They were married on June 4, 1993.

Other survivors include his children: Zack Slaughter, Cody Slaughter and Tim Workman, all of Ashland; Logan Slaughter of Mansfield; a granddaughter; and his mother and stepfather, Debra and Raymond Herschler of Mansfield, and his father and stepmother, Clayton H. II and Juanita Slaughter of Ashland; his maternal grandmother, Delois Perry Smith of Kentucky; and siblings: Shane Slaughter of Florida, Travis Slaughter, Denise Tuttle, Nancy Bowles, all of Ashland, Cassie Hoffman and Troy Herschler both of Mansfield. He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Johnny Tuttle.

Friends may call Tuesday, April 6, from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Eastman Funeral Home, 200 West Main Street, New London, where funeral service

will be held Wednesday, April 7, at 11 a.m., with Evangelist Harvey Puckett officiating.

Burial will be in the Savannah Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at:

eastmanfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Randy Slone

Randy Slone, 57, of Melvin, died Friday, April 2, 2010, at his residence.

Born November 27, 1952, in Geneva, Ohio, he was the son of the late Fred and Alta Osborne Slone. He was a disabled electrical engineer.

He is survived by his long-time companion, Mary Ann Slone.

Other survivors include two daughters: Sabrina McKinney of Lakeville, Indiana and Shawna Hall of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Berger of Weeksburg and two grandchild-

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Big Sandy Idol to be aired on WYMT Saturday

Big Sandy Community and Technical College, along with the Mountain Arts Center and sponsor Jennifer Reynolds' State Farm Insurance, recently produced a very successful, sold-out, fourth annual Big Sandy Idol Regional Talent and Music Scholarship Competition. The competition, held at the MAC on March 12 and 13, featured 32 high school students from high schools in the five-county region.

The Big Sandy Idol finals, featuring the first-place winners from each high school, will air on WYMT Saturday, April 10, from 8 to 10 p.m. The show also features special performances by The Big Sandy Singers.

BSCTC launched Big Sandy Idol, its music scholarship program for high school students, four years ago. Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC director of music; Clayton Case, assistant director; and Timothy Cooley, technical director, facilitated and hosted a talent showcase at each high school that offered two winners from each of the 15 high schools in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin counties, a chance to compete for a demo CD recording, a full-album recording, a full-paid vocal scholarship to attend BSCTC, cash prizes, and a spot with the Big Sandy Singers who are directed by Hall.

Through the sign-ups, auditions, and school-show productions, all of the



Pictured are The Big Sandy Singers, who served as special guest performers on Big Sandy Idol, which will air this Saturday on WYMT from 8 to 10 p.m.

local-level school winners were chosen and the first place winners from each high school will be featured on WYMT this Saturday as they compete for the ultimate prize as Big Sandy Idol Champion.

Obituaries

Judy (Allen) Slone

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Ray Grindstaff officiating.

Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, in Wecksbury.

Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Virginia (Allen) Slone

Virginia (Allen) Slone, 83, of Warsaw, Indiana, and formerly of 927 E. Clark St., in Warsaw, went home to be with her Lord Jesus on April 4, 2010, at 2:37 a.m.

She was born May 30, 1926, the daughter of John and Judy (Poe) Slone in Floyd County.

On September 14, 1946, in Pikeville, she was married to Chris Allen, who went home to be with the Lord Jesus on August 24, 1959.

She loved time with family and friends, attending church when she was able, always giving or trying to help someone, and sewing quilts and whatever before her sickness. She was grandma to so many she met, and a blessing to many she came in contact with, or met along this way. She got the nickname High Kicker in exercises at Mason's by some. She loved those at Mason's they became like her family and as she'd say (My Friends), Mason's became a safe haven for her as she'd tell everyone that's my home and they're good to me, also the times she was cared for by those from Hospice in her last days. Thank you to all. God bless each and everyone of you for the care you gave our mother in the past trying years of her life. Thank you and God, bless—Judy, Chris, Henry,

Johnny, Harvey, and Bucky

Virginia leaves behind one daughter, Judy (Allen), spouse Charles Pennington of Warsaw; (four sons): John, spouse Robin Allen of Ohio; Chris, spouse Peggy Allen of Leesburg; Henry, spouse Tanya Allen of Tennessee; Bucky Slone of Warsaw and one stepson, Harvey, spouse Linda Allen of Piercetown; one sister, Daisy Slone of Burket; two brothers: Ison, spouse Phyllis Slone of Warsaw and Clifford, spouse April (Baxter) Slone of Burket.

She was preceded in death by her precious parents; one granddaughter; one sister;

Betty Adair and six brothers: Joe, Clyde, Henry, Lonzo, Robert, and Monroe Slone. She leaves behind 14 grandchildren: Jr., spouse Deb Pennington of Winona Lake; John, spouse Allice Pennington of Texas; Christy, spouse Blayne Woodcock of Warsaw; Tim, spouse Jenny Pennington of Bristol; Jake, spouse Marie Pennington of Florida; Chris Jr., spouse Sherry Allen of Warsaw; Missy, spouse Todd Cornett of Montone; Billy Music of Warsaw; Brian, spouse Jennifer; Tyler, spouse Amber; and Seth, spouse Deb Allen, all of Ohio; John Slone and Jennifer; spouse Lester Miller of Warsaw and Deborah Allen of Piercetown. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter at birth, Rochelle Genevieve Allen of Tennessee. She also leaves behind 19 great-grandchildren: Zachary, Joshua and Brennan Woodcock of Warsaw, Lori Pennington of Winona Lake, Addison and Presley Pennington and Colin Shrock, all of Bristol, Azalea and Kylee Pennington of Fort Wayne, Jonathan Pennington

and Nathan Totten of Texas, Chrissy and Michael Pozorski, Todd Jr., Brittney and Tiffany Cornett, all of Montone, Billy III Music of Ohio and Kimmy Music of Warsaw and Aiden Miller of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter at birth, Rochelle Genevieve Allen.

She also leaves behind many special friends, several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Pat Wallen of Warsaw who helped her aunt Virginia before her going in Mason's. She will be missed by many but Earth's Loss this day was truly Heaven's gain.

1st Corinthians 15:55 (O Death Where Is Thy Sting? O Grave Where Is Thy Victory?) Psalm 23 (The Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want.) Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m., at God's Highway to Heaven Church, Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Bob Brown officiating.

Burial will be in the Center Cemetery, in Silver Lake, Indiana, under the direction of McHattion-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana. Visitation is from 5 p.m. until time of service on

Thursday, at the church, with a church service at 7 p.m., Wednesday evening.

Memorials or Cards may be sent to her daughter, Judy Pennington, P.O. Box 574, Warsaw, Ind., 46581 or to McHattion-Sadler.

Condolences may be sent to: McHattion-Sadler or to: charlesjudy@embarcar.com (Paid obituary)

Mary Alice Myers Wise

Mary Alice Myers Wise, age 64, of Pikeville, passed away Saturday, April 3, 2010, at her daughter's residence in Georgetown.

She was born July 5, 1945, in Welch, West Virginia, a daughter of the late Robert Lee and Virgie Virginia Booth Myers. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Robert Wise and his wife, Devina, of Grethel; two daughters: Faith George and her husband, Daniel, of Georgetown and Jacqueline Denise Mills and her husband, Jamicy, of Mason, Ohio; two sisters: Shirley Meyers of Peterstown, West Virginia, whom she helped raise and

Bobbi Orr of Princeton, West Virginia and three grandchildren: Chase Hall, Harley Wise and Shelby Power.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Ima Jean "Nanna" Dean.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Oscar Damon and Doug Able officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hall Family Cemetery, in Grethel, in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, in charge of those arrangements.

Visitation is from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, at Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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My grandparents were Bob and Lula "Whitaker" Prater. My grandfather was a farmer and a disabled state worker. My grandmother ran the Brainard Post Office for over 20 years. My father, Charlie Prater, was an electrician and worked for the county for several years.

I am a retired electrician. If elected, I can devote all my efforts full-time, not part-time, for the job of Magistrate in District 2. While campaigning, I have had the opportunity to observe the condition of our county roads in this district. It seems to me that a lot have been neglected.

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Our View A true man of the people

Just like everyone else, we were shocked by the sudden and untimely death of District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens last week.

He had been in our office just hours before his collapse, and there was nothing in his appearance to foreshadow his departure from this life. Jackie seemed to be the same old Jackie we have come to know — ever the politician, always campaigning, but also genuinely friendly and concerned with well-being of everyone he met.



Jackie Edford Owens

Jackie's absence will be deeply felt, and not just because he was easily the most colorful character on the fiscal court. He also happened to be the most experienced official on the fiscal court, and though he was well known as a thorn in the side of those who opposed him, he was also growing well into the role of elder statesman, easily disarming his adversaries with either his charming personality or his keen political intellect.

As with any official, we cannot say that we agreed with Jackie on the issues 100 percent of the time, but we do not doubt his motives. Jackie's prime directive as a politician was to do anything and everything possible to help the people he served. It could be argued that no one did more to benefit the people of his district than Jackie, and only a very select few have done as much.

Jackie Edford Owens will truly be missed. Those who follow in his significant footsteps would do well to take note of the example of service he set.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP HUBERT COLLINS

When the Kentucky House of Representatives adopted its two-year budget several weeks ago, my colleagues and I had three main priorities: Streamline government, protect education and our most vulnerable citizens, and kick-start our economy.

Even while facing a billion-dollar deficit, the House was able to accomplish all three without placing an unreasonable burden on anyone. We cut back in many areas but were able to continue protecting our school's per-pupil funding, known as SEFK, and other such vital school programs as family resource and youth services centers and KESB, the lottery-supported scholarship. We also joined the governor in finding significant ways to make Medicaid more efficient while keeping core health service programs intact.

The highlight of the House budget was our "Kentucky Jobs for Kentucky Families" program, which would add or retain as many as 25,000 jobs in an economy that lost more than 80,000 last year. We believe that by investing now, when both construction costs and interest rates are low, we can and should rebuild many of our oldest schools while providing better water and sewer service and roads.

Unfortunately, our jobs program did not find much support in the state Senate, which instead favored across-

the-board cuts that may seem equal on the surface but would have been especially tough for our schools and citizens in need. That budget would have led to layoffs for teachers and larger classroom sizes. It also would have hampered our ability to help people when they need it most as they struggle through the nation's worst economic crisis in decades.

Senate leaders say they believe the House's jobs program would have the state take on too much debt. This is erroneous on two levels. First, our budget borrowed less than what the governor recommended in his budget, and just four-fifths of a percent more than what the Senate suggested. Second, much of what the House would borrow would be used to help school districts rebuild or replace those facilities in most need of repair; they would oversee the investment, not the state.

So, for less than one cent of each state-tax dollar, we can put tens of thousands of people back to work and remove every displaced child in the state while bringing better infrastructure to thousands of families and businesses alike. It seems like such an easy decision to make, but one apparently favored only by the House.

Although budget negotiations between House and Senate leaders ended on Wednesday, there is still time for a compromise to be reached before April 15, when the legislative session must end. The House is committed to returning to the bargaining table, but we feel strongly that any agreement must help get people back to work while avoiding the kind of short-term

cuts that could lead to long-term problems.

It is imperative to get a budget this month if we are to avoid a special session. Ultimately, we have to have a budget in place before July 1st to avoid having to close a wide array of state agencies, which is what would happen under a ruling earlier this decade by the Kentucky Supreme Court.

As House and Senate leaders try to find a compromise in the days ahead, it is important to note that our differences are relatively small, certainly when compared to the total size of the budget, which is a little more than \$17 billion over two years. There is plenty of time for a final spending plan to be enacted, and more than enough room for both sides to meet in the middle.

While it is disappointing that we could not adopt a budget as hoped this past week, there were many other accomplishments this legislative session. I will dedicate my next column to many of them.

For now, I want to emphasize how much I appreciate the many calls, letters and emails I have received during the last three months. My colleagues and I could not do my job without them.

If you would like to take part as well, now or later in the year, I can be reached by writing to Room 7, Capitol Annex, 702 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601.

You can also leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Coal waste disposal system — not in or under our backyards

by TERI BLANTON

Quietly, behind the scenes, state and industry officials are planning the largest toxic waste disposal system in Kentucky's history. The system would deal with 100 million tons of hazardous materials every year.

Where is this system going to be located? Under our land.

No, I'm not kidding.

Right now, we're putting this waste into our atmosphere and into our lungs. Coal burning power plants operating in Kentucky jobs out nearly 100 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution every year, along with a long list of other toxic gases. Most people recognize excessive amounts of carbon and other pollutants in our atmosphere as a serious health and economic problem. Inevitably, and probably soon, federal law and international treaties are going to require that we greatly reduce the amount of our carbon pollution.

Utilities see it coming, and feel some urgency about it. Two problems, though: It conflicts with Kentucky's mine and burn as much coal as possible for as long as possible obsession, and it is prohibitively expensive.

The first problem is being dealt with as follows: we'll make modest gestures toward energy efficiency and renewables, the approaches that would actually reduce our pollution. But at the same time, we'll disparage

those solutions as inadequate so that we can keep our obsession with mining and burning the coal that fuels our campaign coffers.

And we'll even use the emphasis on developing alternative sources of energy to coal's advantage by declaring that, in Kentucky, synthetic liquids and gas derived from coal qualify as "alternative" fuels.

In terms of cost, investors aren't willing to risk their capital when there is no possibility of eventual payback, and when the public health liability will never go away.

But that doesn't deter some Kentucky officials. Taxpayers can help foot the bill, and we can exempt corporations from long-term liability for the pollution they leave permanently with us. And then they'll require utility customers to pay the cost when we are too far down that path to turn back.

This scenario has been unfolding in the Kentucky General Assembly. The House has been the starting point for proposals that offer hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies for companies to convert coal to some other burnable form. Peabody Energy — when legislation was being considered during a 2007 special session called just for them — made it clear that they would do no such business in Kentucky if taxpayers did not help foot the bill.

In the current session, we see a series of proposals in the House Natural Resources Committee designed to create the legal and financing structures to cement the state's continued unhealthy dependence on coal. The most egregious proposes to greatly expand the powers of state officials to seize private property for the benefit of private companies needing a place to store their carbon

waste. The proposal would give the state ownership of all the deep rock strata under our land, 5,500 feet and deeper.

On top of that, after a 10-year closure period, the companies that put their waste under our land are free of any permanent liability. They'll be long gone, but the waste will be ours to keep forever.

All of this is for a technology that hasn't been proven feasible on a 100-million-tons-a-year scale, or anything close to it.

Another proposal gives private companies the power to use eminent domain to grab the land they need to build and operate pipelines to move around their carbon dioxide, from power plants to disposal sites. As if letting these handful of companies take our land weren't enough, House members also agreed to have taxpayers help the companies pay for their pipelines.

It's rather amazing that this massive toxic waste disposal system, that does nothing to address excessive carbon production, is being developed with little public knowledge or discussion. There is little apparent awareness in the General Assembly itself of what is going on.

We know that we will be burning coal to make electricity for some years to come. The Kentucky General Assembly is taking this to an extreme by supporting programs that will obligate us to mine and burn as much coal as possible at whatever the cost. If giving our land, our health and our tax dollars are what legislators believe they owe to the coal industry, then the cost is too high.

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Miners line highways watching, waiting on news

by MICHAEL BROWNING
LOGAN BANNER

MONTCOAL - All along West Virginia Route 3 from Seth in Boone County to Birchton in Raleigh County, the miners were out in their yards, talking with neighbors, leaning on fences and sitting on porches fearing the worst.

They watched with dread as mine rescue units rolled in convoys with emergency lights flashing.

At the entrance to Performance Coal's Upper Big Branch mine at Birchton near Montcoal and Whitesville, a fleet of ambulances from several counties, including Raleigh, Boone and Logan, were assembled in a parking lot outside as emergency crews awaited orders.

Family members who came crying and wanting to know about their loved ones inside the mine were directed to a site on the mine grounds where they waited on word from Massey Energy. Congressman Nick Rahall, who spent three days at the mine in Logan in 2006 during the Aracoma Mine fire that claimed two miners, was on scene by before 7 p.m. and was directed to the family area.

Around 7 p.m., many of the ambulances were relocated to the tippie area of the mine complex, about two miles up the road from the main entrance. A woman in a truck along the road who said her son was a mine rescue worker, said she believed crews were relocating to an emergency portal from which they would enter the mine.

The woman said four ambulances had already left without sirens. She said that meant there was bad news.

Two miners survived the blast and were taken out by ambulance. One of the injured workers was visible in the back of an ambulance heading toward a hospital in Raleigh County.

Roger Cox of Arnette was on the scene at the tippie waiting for news. His brother had two sons-in-law working at the mine.

"One had just gotten out and the other was on his way in," Cox said. "They're at home and okay. When I heard about it, I didn't know what to think. I just got down on my knees and started praying that they were okay."

Grace Lafferty of nearby Harper said she knew something bad had happened when all the ambulances drove past her house.

"My brother called me and he asked me if the ambulances had gone past my house. It's a coal mining community and we knew with that many ambulances, it had to be something bad," Lafferty said. "I had been hearing ambulances for a long time. He called back and said 'If more go by your house, something is wrong either at the school or at the mine.' We just got into the car and started down the road. We really just came to pray. We don't have immediate family in the mine, but we know so many people that work here. Our pastor works at this mine. He wasn't in the mine, but he's here. We're just praying. All we can do right now as a community is come together and pray because we're all coal mining families. We're family. We're praying for the families and the miners."

Lafferty said seeing the ambulances go by took her

breath away.

"Your heart drops," she said. "We were calling people trying to find out and we called my sister and she said it had just come across her scanner that there was a blast in the mines. You can't explain that feeling you get in your stomach when you know something's bad. I just started praying."

Lafferty said she never expected a disaster of this magnitude to happen in her community.

"Not here," she said. "It happens other places and your heart goes out to those people and you're glued to the TV watching and crying and praying. You pray it never happens anywhere, but you don't expect it to happen here."

Lafferty said the community will pull together to support the families.

"We'll be there when they need something," Lafferty said. "We'll do whatever they need - praying is all we can do right now. We'll hold their hands, bring them some water, whatever they need."

"This is a praying community. This area comes together really fast."

At 6 p.m., there were at least seven confirmed dead. Hundreds of emergency workers waited and worried that there would be more.

Later in the night, word came that crews had found five more bodies. Then, but by early Tuesday morning, the death toll had reached 25, with two still missing.

"Our prayers go out to all those who may be harmed," Congressman Rahall said. "We've been through this before and we'll make it through this with God's prayers and blessings."

As West Virginia State Police blocked State Route 3 at Birchton between the two mine entrances, family members rushed down the highway, telling troopers they had been directed to go to Whitesville Elementary for identification of the bodies of their loved ones. Around 8 p.m., a family member of a deceased miner said seven families were called in and given a list of the deceased miners. He said he and his daughter just wanted to go with his son-in-law's body.

Police blocked the roads in order to get equipment in to drill a way into the mine, one Whitesville fireman on the scene told a family member.

By 9 p.m., a line of bereaved family members drove slowly past the troopers headed for Whitesville Elementary, where police officers were sitting in cars waiting.

One fireman on the scene said the state medical examiner's office had set up in the basement of Whitesville Elementary.

Mine rescue crews were brought in from several different mining companies, including ICG out of Beckley and firemen said a mine rescue crew was on its way from Kentucky to assist with the rescue mission.

By 10:15 a.m., Tuesday morning, Gov. Joe Manchin was flying over the scene in a helicopter to see the rescue effort.



Traffic lined W.Va. Route 3 at Birchton at the entrance to Performance Coal's Upper Big Branch mine as emergency crews assembled early Monday evening following the explosion inside the mine that killed 25.



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Mayo Adult Education Program exceeds enrollment and performance standards

by DAPHNE KIRK GOBLE

PAINTSVILLE — The Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Mayo Campus Adult Education Program received notification last month that the Adult Education Program on the Mayo Campus was the recipient another prestigious Kentucky Adult Education (KAE) Award/Banner for the 2009-10.

To qualify and receive the award, KAE Programs must meet and exceed enrollment and performance guidelines set forth by the counties in which they reside.

Program performance is determined by a program's enrollment, academic performance and performance measures. Program performance is divided into three categories—Excellence, Proficient and Needs Improvement.

Enrollment is defined as a student assessed and enrolled 12 hours or more in an adult basic education, adult secondary education, adult education at correctional institutions, family literacy, English as a second language and adult education at a workplace funded through the core services grant.

Academic performance is the percent of enrolled stu-



Associate Professor Jennifer L. Leedy with student Diane Lafferty.

dents completing National Reporting System (NRS) educational functional levels in areas such as reading, math and language.

In order for a program to be in the Excellence category, they must meet or exceed 90 percent of their enrollment goal and at least 56 percent of

academic performance.

The BSCTC Mayo Campus Adult Education Program directed by Associate Professor, Jennifer L. Leedy, exceeded enrollment and performance goals in several areas, such as Beginning Adult Basic Education, Low Intermediate Adult Basic

Education, High Intermediate Adult Basic Education, Low Adult Secondary Education and NRS performance guidelines.

In Johnson County, the enrollment goal was 410. The BSCTC Mayo Campus Adult Education Program enrolled 543, hence exceeded the set enrollment goal by 133.

The Mayo Campus Adult Education Program GED goal was 80 percent yet, 84 percent of Big Sandy students exceeded this goal, earning their GEDs.

The goal for the Mayo Campus Adult Education students entering Post-Secondary Education/Training was positioned at 73 percent and 77 percent of students successfully completed this goal, thus forging paths into Post-Secondary Educational endeavors.

Consequently, by exceeding goals in Beginning Adult Basic Education, Low Intermediate Adult Basic Education, High Intermediate Adult Basic Education, Low Adult Secondary Education and meeting the percentage goals set forth by NRS performance and enrollment standards, the BSCTC Mayo Campus Adult Education Program was awarded significant funding for 2009-2010.

The BSCTC Mayo Campus Adult Education Program has received nine KAEs, enrollment and performance awards and banners.

BSCTC Associate Professor, Jennifer L. Leedy, of the Mayo Adult Education Program commented, "We provide adult education, GED and developmental education ventures to approximately five hundred (500) students each year. I love my job and I love my students. The most rewarding aspect of my job is watching my students achieve their dreams and goals and watch-

ing them graduate with pride and honor." Additionally, Leedy added, "We truly do provide excellence in teaching and learning, while

Transforming Lives, Transforming Kentucky..." Diane Lafferty, BSCTC student remarked, "Professor Leedy works hard to make the Mayo Campus Adult Education Program the success that it is. She is always

available to the students—helping them achieve academic success. She takes great pride in their achievements."

Additional information about the BSCTC Mayo Campus Adult Education Program is available by contacting Jennifer L. Leedy, associate professor at (606) 789-5321, ext. 82827 or via email jennifer.leedy@kctcs.edu.



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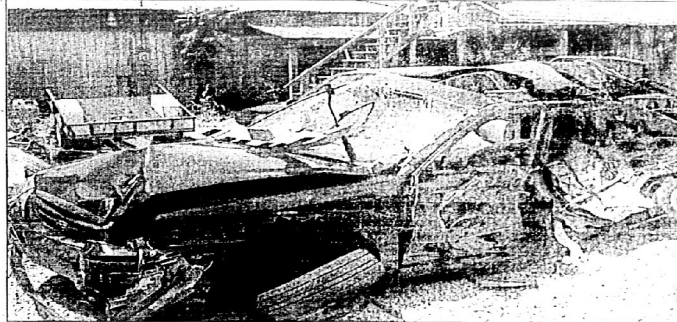
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Lawrence coal truck wreck case settled

LOUISA — A civil action filed in the Lawrence Circuit Court last year and set for trial in April has been resolved among the parties with a confidential agreement entered into by the parties and their attorneys.

According to the lawsuit filed by Kyle Salyer and Brett Butcher of Kirk Law Firm on behalf of Carol Brown, Misty Brown and John Brown against Todd Case Trucking, Raven Rock Trucking and James D. Scott, Carol Brown and her daughter, Misty Brown, were "seriously injured" as a result of a June 2008 crash on State Highway 645 "caused by a speeding coal truck" which struck their

vehicle (shown in photo).

In an unusual allegation in the civil action, the suit alleged that the truck driver, Scott, had been cited for speeding "on four previous occasions," had been "warned by the Division of Driver Licensing," had been sent to traffic school "numerous times," and that he had "been involved in four accidents since 2001, including three involving commercial motor vehicles," and that the company that owned the truck was "negligent" in hiring and

"retaining" its driver.

The defendant driver and truck owner contended in their answer to the complaint, filed by Paintsville attorney Donald Jones, that the vehicle operated by Carol Brown pulled from a side road onto 645 and into the path of the loaded truck.


"It is good to get this worked out without the necessity of a two-day trial that would have been emotionally difficult," John Kirk said.

UPDATE FROM THE BRENT GRADEN 2010 CAMPAIGN:

I have received Certified Letter and newspaper confirmation from candidates RD Doc Marshall and Barry Bowling concerning the proposed candidate debate for the Floyd County Judge Executive position. I have not received signed confirmation from candidate Charles "Chuck" Heade either by mail or by phone when I called his office at KY Wholesale Tobacco Co. Please call.

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Texting ban wins approval in public safety bill, heads to governor for signature

FRANKFORT — Sen. Denise Harper Angel's move to include provisions of texting legislation (Senate Bill 23) in a public safety bill paid off today. House Bill 415 which bans texting while driving, has passed both the Senate and House of Representatives and been sent to Gov. Steve Beshear to be signed into law.

"As the session draws to an end, I wanted to salvage this piece of legislation because I knew it would save lives. In reading House Bill 415, I realized that it was a good fit," said

Sen. Harper Angel, D-Louisville. "I fought hard to see this get through the process simply because I believe it is important legislation that will not only save lives, but has the opportunity to train generations of new drivers with safer driving habits. These younger drivers will be prohibited from using cell phones during the first six months of their driving experience," she added. "I am thrilled today that we have finally taken steps to reduce accidents related to texting."

Sen. Harper Angel has also cham-

pioned legislation to ban texting while driving during previous sessions.

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.

Sen. 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.

Any person who violates the law prior to Jan. 1, 2011 will receive a courtesy warning. After Jan. 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.

"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."

Kentucky joins 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.

Sen. Harper Angel, who represents the 35th District, has served in the State Senate since 2005.

Explosion

Like most all coal mines, the Big Branch mine had escape shelters containing extra oxygen bottles and survival gear that theoretically could allow survival up to four days in relative safety if they couldn't escape. These shelters were mandated by the U.S. Congress after the 2006 Sago mine disaster, which claimed 12 miners.

Stollings said he had been at the mine since shortly after 7 p.m. Monday, hoping to lend moral support to the families and help in any way possible. "We felt so helpless," the elected official said. "We sat there with our hearts bleeding, waiting for the word that we hoped would be different. My heart goes out to the families, and their co-workers who sur-

vived," he told CVN. "We just have to pray for them all."

Rescue teams were attempting to enter the mine at seven locations throughout the night, but officials suspended operations just before 3 a.m. due to "dangerous levels of gas in the mine." In addition, heavy rains which plastered the area made the rescue operations "exceedingly difficult."

At press time, mine rescue teams had resumed the search for an additional four missing men, and officials said operations were expected to continue throughout the day. As of 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, a list of the fatalities had yet to be released.

During a noon Tuesday press conference at Marsh Fork Elementary, West

Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, Rep. Nick Rahall and representatives from state and federal agencies updated the news media on their understanding of the accident.

Gov. Manchin announced that fourteen deceased miners have been recovered as of that time but only four had not been identified. Manchin confirmed that rescuers were establishing drill sites on at least four locations on the mountain where they had begun to drill. The massive drilling machines, he said, produced holes 20 feet in diameter. "The drillers have to drill holes that very precise," he said. "They're drilling holes 1,200 feet down that cannot be off by more than ten feet." If the drillers are off the mark,

Manchin said, they risk missing the shaft. The bore holes are being drilled to help ventilate dangerous gases such as methane from the shaft.

The governor pledged that state officials would get to the bottom of the accident.

"We will get to the bottom of what caused this," he said. "We will find out what caused it, and do our best to stop it from happening in the future. If we have to pass legislation to make that happen then we will do that," Manchin said.

Manchin described the strength of the explosion. "Inspectors told me that the rails that the mine trips run on were bent like pretzels in at least one area of the mine."

Mine Safety and Health Administration investigator

Ron Wooten said his agency would conduct "a lengthy investigation," and that "reports of 458 or so violations for a mine this large in 2009 are far too large." He continued, "Something went very wrong at this mine."

Rep. Rahall said he was alarmed at reports suggesting that the families of some victims had yet to be identified that their loved one had lost their life. "I talked this morning with the widow of a miner who said the only way she found out about the death of her husband was because her brother-in-law is a mine inspector and saw the list of victims and told her," he said. "This is disturbing and we need to get to the bottom of it."

Rahall also announced that the congress will be investigating the accident. "I've informed the relevant chairman and we will be conduct-

ing hearings about this accident so we can get to the bottom of it," he said.

The mine began in 1994 as a Peabody Coal operation, but shortly changed hands and was purchased by the Massey subsidiary. This is the third fatal incident in the history of the mine.

The Federal Office of Mine Safety and Health said on its website that in 1998, a worker, at the mine lost his life when a beam collapsed on him during a welding accident. In 2001, a roof collapse claimed the life of one miner and in 2003, yet another miner died after being electrocuted. The State of West Virginia reported 468 mine safety violations at the mine in 2009 alone.

Two hundred miners and support personnel work at the mine and performance coal mined 1.2 million tons of coal at the site last year.

Arrest

Bennett, Bennett told investigators that he had driven the vehicle while Sloane entered one home and removed several flat screen televisions, gaming systems and various other items. He later said the items were resold to a third-party individual, James McFarland, who, in turn, placed the items for resale on www.ebaylist.org. Police used this website to track the merchandise, the complaint stated.

Another burglary police are attributing to Sloane based on interviews with Bennett took place at Fat Boys Card Shop. During this break-in, Bennett said he helped Sloane take autographed items such as a UK basketball, a LeBron James jersey and various Makers Mark bottles.

Blackburn said tips such as the ones received after Sloane was featured on Lexington's Crime Stoppers and also the

information received from other agencies and residents are often pivotal in securing at-large suspects apprehended and hopes to see more of the same from concerned citizens and others alike.

"We only ask if you have information that will help us with the whereabouts of suspects that you call us," said Blackburn. "This will help us do our job and apprehend these people and stop these crimes."

Indicted

Prosecutors say that Allen also furnished her "scheme" through a purported trucking company called Altrite.

Also listed as the sole officer of this named company, the indictment says, Allen never purchased workers compensation insurance for this company and placed many of her Sly Branch Energy employees on the Altrite payroll. This allegedly allowed her to under-report Sly Branch's payroll and its actual number of

employees to Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance. According to the indictment, though Altrite was known as a trucking company, it never owned any trucks or hauled any materials.

The investigation leading to the indictment was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance.

Allen's appearance in U.S. District Court in Lexington has not yet been set.

Politics

and others expressed their condolences to the family of former District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens.

Owens, who had planned to attend the event and faced four challengers in the upcoming primary, including his niece, died last week following a cerebral aneurysm while conducting a mine training class.

There are a total of 66 Democratic candidates on the ballot.


Aid

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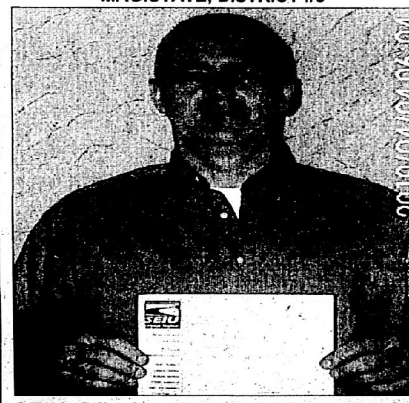
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Tax credit helps small employers provide health insurance coverage

Many small businesses and tax-exempt organizations that provide health insurance coverage to their employees now qualify for a special tax credit, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Protection and Affordable Care Act, approved by Congress and signed by President Obama on March 23, the credit is designed to encourage small employers to offer health insurance coverage for the first time or maintain coverage they already

have. In general, the credit is available to small employers that pay at least half the cost of single coverage for their employees.

"This credit provides a real boost to eligible small businesses by helping them afford health coverage for their employees," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "We urge small businesses and tax-exempt employers to look closely at this important tax break - which is already effective - to see if they qualify."

The maximum credit is 35 percent of premiums paid in 2010 by eligible small business employers and 25 percent of premiums paid by eligible employers that are tax-exempt organizations. In 2014, this maximum credit increases to 50 percent of premiums paid by eligible small business employers and 35 percent of premiums paid by eligible

employers that are tax-exempt organizations.

The credit is specifically targeted to help small businesses and tax-exempt organizations that primarily employ low and moderate income workers. It is generally available to employers that have fewer than 25 full-time equivalent employees paying wages averaging less than \$50,000 per employee per year. Because the eligibility formula is based in part on the number of FTEs, not the number of employees, many businesses will qualify even if they employ more than 25 individual workers.

The maximum credit goes to smaller employers — those with 10 or fewer FTEs — paying annual average wages of \$25,000 or less.

Eligible small businesses can claim the credit as part of the general business credit

starting with the 2010 income tax return they file in 2011. For tax-exempt employers, the IRS will provide further information on how to claim the credit.

The IRS will use postcards to reach out to millions of small businesses that may qualify for the credit. The postcards will encourage small business owners to take advantage of the credit if they qualify.

More information about the credit, including tax tips, guides and answers to frequently asked questions, is now available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov.



From left to right, Vijaya Ammestty, MD, who specializes in sleep medicine; Saint Joseph - Martin President Kathy Stumbo, VP of Patient Care Services; Billie Turner, Vickie Fry, director of cardiopulmonary, and Earl Perrigo, MD, cardiologist, unveiled the new Saint Joseph Sleep Wellness Center at Saint Joseph - Martin on March 24.

Sleep Wellness Center opens in Martin

MARTIN — Saint Joseph - Martin hosted an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Sleep Wellness Center, officially called "Saint Joseph Sleep Wellness Center," on March 24.

On hand to celebrate and participate were Dr. Vijaya Ammestty, who specializes in sleep medicine, and Dr. Earl Perrigo, cardiologist. Both physicians recently joined Saint Joseph - Martin's medical staff. A blessing of the new facility, which is located next door to Saint Joseph - Martin (11203 Main St.), was led by Judy Parsons, director of pastoral care.

Saint Joseph Sleep Wellness Centers are located across the system at Saint Joseph - Berea, Saint Joseph East, Saint Joseph - London, Saint Joseph - Mount Sterling and now Saint

Joseph - Martin, along with Flaget Sleep Disorders Center, to offer expert diagnosis and treatment of sleeping and waking disorders.

At Saint Joseph Sleep Wellness Centers, dedicated physicians and specialists give the highest quality care based on patients' individual needs in a comfortable setting. Disorders that are treated include: Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Insomnia, Restless Leg Syndrome, Periodic Limb Movement Disorders, Narcolepsy, Gastroesophageal Reflux and Shift-work Disorders.

The Sleep Wellness Center located at Saint Joseph - Martin began seeing patients March 29 and can be reached at 606.285.9989. For more information, visit www.SaintJosephMartin.org.



National College in Pikeville recently held one of the region's most successful career fairs this year. The event was held on the campus of National College in Pikeville, and featured 23 participating businesses in the region. Nearly 400 members of the public and students attended the event and several interviews and careers resulted from the event. "I feel that this was one of the most successful career fairs in our region and am encouraged by the support from the community and our participating businesses," said Tammy Riley, campus director.

The event participants included American Esoteric Labs, Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, Appalachian Wireless, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Big Sandy Healthcare, Calloway Labs, Community Trust Bank, East Kentucky Broadcasting, Gearhart Communications, Highlands Health Systems, Mary Kay, Office of Employment and Training, Pike County Health Department, Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville YMCA, Social Security Administration, SouthEast Telephone, US Army, US Bank, Wal-Mart and WYMT.

Bridge repairs to result in lane closures on Mountain Parkway in Powell County

JACKSON — Beginning this morning, motorists using the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway in Powell County can expect lane closures and possible delays as work begins on two bridge repair projects.

The first project will take place in the parkway's eastbound lanes near mile marker 32, just prior to Exit 33 at Slade. After that project is complete, work will move to the westbound bridge at the

Clark County line near mile marker 12. Both projects will last approximately seven days each. During each week-long period, motorists can expect lane closures and changing traffic patterns at the work sites. Drivers should reduce speed in these locations, and are urged to always "Drive Smart" and be aware of workers, traffic control devices and construction equipment.

Happy Birthday, Michael George

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Thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday, and before that, too. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. All we have are memories, and a picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake; with which we will never part. God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts. Things left undone must stay that way; we found out the hard way. Friendship shared, a kiss, Oh yes, those things, WE TOO, MISS.

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A spokesperson with the Roadshow said that they expect to spend over **\$2,000,000.00** this week as local people cash in on broken

jewelry, rings, necklaces, earrings, class rings, gold teeth and unwanted items.

Clean out your jewelry box, attics, basements, lock boxes, garage and cash in on the highest prices paid in decades.

Scrap Gold is expected to be a very popular category at the Roadshow this week due to soaring gold prices.

Capitol Edge experts encourage anyone planning to attend, to take a minute and examine your jewelry box and lock box at the bank. You can cash in your items for top dollar as representatives will be

available to assess and purchase your items.

The event is **FREE** and the public is welcome.

Old coins before 1965 are in very high demand! Just about any coins made before 1965 are in demand right now. This includes all silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. It doesn't

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Pocket Watches and Wrist Watches.

Many watches are very sought after by collectors in today's market. A few of the names wanted are Hamilton, Ball, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Philippe, Howard, South Bend, Elgin, Omega, Accutron, Longines, Breitling and may more.

Antique Toys. Old Trains, Tin Toys, Wind Ups, Cast Iron Banks, Mechanical Banks, Pressed Steel Trucks and many more types. Most toys before 1965 are desirable such as Marklin, American Flyer, Lionel, Hafner, Buddy L, Muckey

Mouse, Popeye, Nylint and many others.

War Memorabilia.

Many old war items can be desirable to collectors in today's market place. Such as: Old Swords, Bayonets, Flags, Medals, United States.

German, Confederate, Union and others. Check out your drawers, attic, garage, closets, cedar chest and anywhere else that you might have it tucked away.

I couldn't believe that the old broken jewelry and mismatched earrings that I had laying in a box at home in the dresser brought an extra \$670.00. That is going to come in very handy right now.

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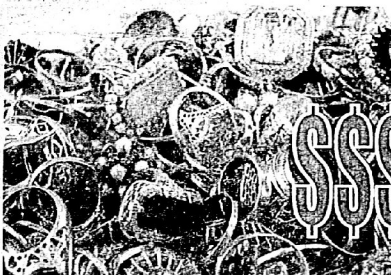
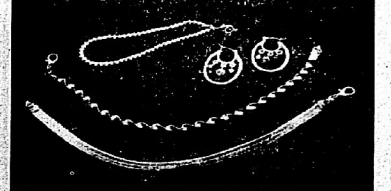
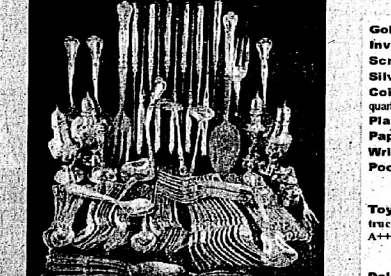
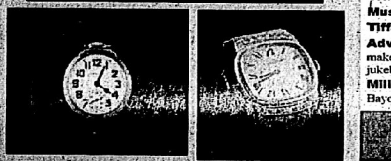
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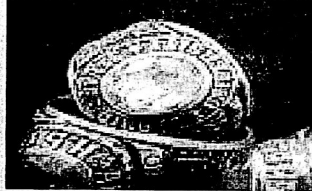

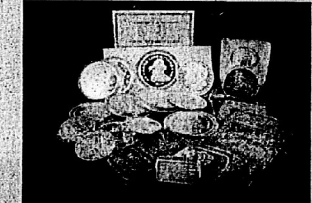
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Military Items - Civil War, World War I, World War II, and all other items like swords, daggers, Bayonets, etc.

Jobless rates up in 102 counties from February 2009 to February 2010

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates rose in 102 Kentucky counties between February 2009 and February 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Fayette County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 8.6 percent. It was followed by Woodford County, 8.9 percent; Boyd County, 9.1 percent; Madison County, 9.4 percent; Calloway County, 9.7 percent; Jessamine County, 9.8 percent; Franklin and Scott counties, 9.9 percent each; Bourbon County, 10 percent; and McCracken, Rowan and Warren counties, 10.1 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 23.2 percent. It was followed by Menifee County, 21.1 percent; Jackson County, 19.9 percent; Bath County, 18.5 percent; Lewis County, 18.2 percent; Edmonson County, 18.1 percent; Powell County, 18 per-

cent; Grayson County, 17.9 percent; Morgan County, 17.1 percent; and Wolfe County, 16.9 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

Learn more about the Office of Employment and Training www.workforce.ky.gov.



County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall recently signed a proclamation designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Present for the signing were Angela Baldwin, Christopher Kidd, Angela Maynard, Tara Brown, Susan Dye, Melissa Hannah, Rachel Ratliff, Michelle Burke, Jamie Howell, Cheryl Combs, Linda Thornsbury, Jennifer Mullins, Virginia Mead, Jessica Greesh, Kim Philpott, Beth Glason (all from the Department of Protection and Permanency), Melissa Hall (UK Targeted Assessment Project) and Hollie Newsome (MSU Social Work Student).

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'04 Dodge Ram: was \$9,995 now \$7,950	'04 Dodge Stratus: was \$7,995 now \$5,995	'02 Pont. Grand Am GT: was \$6,995 now \$4,995	'98 Jeep Wrangler: was \$9,995 now \$7,995	'02 Ford Ranger Edge: was \$9,995 now \$7,950
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

A new take on obesity's origins

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Here's a word that could rock your world: "epigenetics."

No, that's not the latest cosmetic treatment for wrinkles, or a cool new weight loss technique — although it does have to do with body weight.

"Epigenetics" means "on or above genetics." And when what's called an "epigenetics mechanism" is at work in a living organism, the genes themselves aren't altered, but how the genes function during the organism's early growth is changed.

This is starting to sound too much like a science class, so let's take back up a bit and put this in more human terms.

You're probably aware that when women are pregnant, they often hear from their doctors the mantra, "Don't gain too much weight during your pregnancy." What constitutes "too much" has probably changed over the years, but doctors don't find that old "eating for two" excuse as cute as the rest of us might. In fact, doctors are also advising women who want to become pregnant to get to a healthy weight before doing so.

This isn't just the typical medical "tut-tut-ing," as it turns out. Studies funded by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are giving us a new and somewhat startling look at how influences that occur in the womb and perhaps during the first few months of life could affect development of a child's ability to regulate his or her weight, even into adulthood.

Yes, you read that right: If a woman packs on too many pounds during pregnancy, the child's body-weight-regulating mechanism could be harmed by the mom's excess weight. This, in turn, could increase the risk that the child would become an overweight or obese adult, with a higher risk of health problems such as type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular disease.

In the ARS-funded, scientists looked at weight gains among rat pups whose mothers, called "dams," were either lean or overweight (as a result of deliberate overfeeding in the laboratory) at the time of conception and during pregnancy.

For this study, the scientists mated the lean or overweight female rats with lean males. The pups were nursed only by normal-weight dams to make sure the pups' exposure to their mothers' obesity occurred only in the womb.

All of the rat pups were at a normal weight at birth and at weaning. But when the weaned offspring were given free access to a high-fat ration, the offspring born to overweight mothers gained significantly more weight, and more of that weight as fat, compared to the offspring of the lean mothers. And that's despite the fact that the offspring of the overweight mothers didn't eat any more of the high-fat food than did the pups born to the lean mothers!

What does this mean in real-world terms? The study's results strongly suggest that exposure to the mother's obesity — while in the womb — results in programming of the baby's body-weight-control mechanisms. The factor of the mother's obesity all by itself was enough to significantly increase the baby rats' susceptibility to obesity.

You might be thinking, "Well, maybe those rats were genetically different from each other, so that's why this happened." But the scientists were careful to use only rats that were genetically similar, so that rules out the possibility that genetic differences among the mothers could contribute to the remarkable difference in the baby rats' sensitivity to those high-fat rations.

If this all translates to humans, this study's findings underscore the need for women who want to become pregnant to make sure they're at a healthy

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Brandy Parsons, a graduate of Allen Central High School, led workshops on origami and print making for Floyd County students at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center on Friday. photo by Jarrid Deaton

ARTS EDUCATION

Floyd County students learn from artists

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was a day for the arts at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center as students from across Floyd County attended special workshops under the direction of three visiting artists on Friday.

Local artist Tom Whitaker, Brandy Parsons, a graduate of Allen Central High School, and Alfredo Escobar, an artist from Berea, all led students through a variety of art projects during rotating sessions that ensured each student got a chance to participate and learn about different forms of art.

Along with encouraging students to look at the past, present and future by utilizing water color, Whitaker also provided entertainment by playing guitar. Escobar, a native of Chile, presented a workshop for the students using acrylic paints to create a still life. Parsons led workshops on both origami and print making.

The annual workshop was created for the purpose of exposing Floyd County students to professional artists with the intention of learning new media and techniques for creating art. Each school selected students who are aspiring artists to attend the event.

"It gives our better art students the chance to experience something they might not get to do throughout the year," said Kevin Stone, art teacher at Allen Central High School. "It's for the hands-on kids. We hope it might inspire some of them to choose art as a career option."



Berea artist Alfredo Escobar brought some of his art along as part of a workshop for Floyd County Students on Friday.

For more information on the art of Tom Whitaker, visit <http://www.tomjwhitaker.com>. For the art of Alfredo Escobar, visit <http://www.alfredoescobar.com>.

Mountain Songwriters Night at HCTC

HAZARD — HCTC's Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series announces Mountain Songwriters Night, hosted by Josh Pennington on Friday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Federal Center. This is a coffee house performance.

The HCTC Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series in partnership with the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music and the HCTC Spring Writers Conference is proud to present the first Mountain Songwriters Night. Bringing a taste of the famous Blue Bird Café and a Nashville tradition to the mountains of Kentucky, "Songwriters Nights" have been a popular method for producers and record companies to discover new artists as well as many of the songs that have become hits in all musical genres (country, pop, rock, bluegrass, etc.). Josh Pennington will host this first Mountain Songwriters Night with songwriters and singers from the region that have all levels of experi-

ence and perform a variety of musical genres. The Mountain Songwriters Night promises to be the first of many great evenings of entertainment, and a wonderful opportunity to hear some of the best songwriters and musicians in the region that have been invited to perform.

Underwriters of the series are ARH Regional Medical Center, City of Hazard - Mayor Bill Gorman, Peoples Bank and Trust, and Pine Branch Coal Sales Inc. The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports the HCTC Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series through the Kentucky Arts Partnership program, with funding from the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children age 5 and younger are admitted for free. Concessions will be available.

For more information, call or email Tammy Duff at kctcs.edu at 487-3067 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73067.

HCTC to hold 14th annual Spring Writers Conference

The public has a chance to learn from great writers during free workshops at the 14th annual Spring Writers Conference at Hazard Community and Technical College on Friday, April 23. The conference is a series of concurrent workshops.

Bianca Spriggs, Pinckney Benedict, and Gurney Norman are the three featured writers this year. "We couldn't be more fortunate to have such talented authors so willing to help others," noted English Professor Scott Lucero.

The workshops will be held three times throughout the day simultaneously at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. The Conference is sponsored by HCTC. For more information, contact Professor Lucero at 800-246-7521, ext. 73200 or 606-487-3200. You can email him at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Middlecreek Fire Dept. Ladies Aux. Easter Egg Hunt

We want to thank all the parents who brought their children to Easter Egg Hunt. Children were: John Woods, Breanna Woods, Beamer, Chloe, Karlee Wallen, Jordan Marsillett, Cody Marsillett, Gage Bailey, Trenton Hall, Bryan Shepherd, Laken Shepherd, Emma Lafferty, Kagan Gayheart, John Michael Vaughn, Baryton Howard, AriAnna Blair, Xavier Blair, Sarah Patrick, McKenzie Jaynes, Austin Watkins, Matt Dingus, Jacob Watkins, Tasha Parsons, Logan Lumpkins, Micha Castle, Dakota Castle, Delya Castle, Jan Alexis Sester, Dylan Bentley, and Blake Curtis Newsome. Watch the *Floyd County Times* for more activities this year.

Garrett School Reunion
Garrett School Reunion May 29, contact Sally at 606-358-9463 or sallydavisadkins@yahoo.com

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We look forward to seeing you!!

Attention
Floyd County Veterans
A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the **Floyd County Public Library**, in Prestonsburg, KY on Wednesday, April 7, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-647-2926 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

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Where: Floyd County Extension Service, (across from Brad Hughes Toyota), 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. When: Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m.
Call Dottie at 886-2668 by March 19, to register for free!
Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

We Want to Hear from You! Protection and Advocacy Public Forum

Have your rights been violated due to disability? P&A can help. Kentucky P&A will be holding a public forum on April 7 at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. P&A represents people with disabilities and wants to find out what issues the public thinks are important for P&A to address. Comments about the kind of job P&A is doing are also welcome.

P&A will start by talking about its current priorities and about how it makes decisions about them. Then the floor will be opened for discussion. Everyone will have a chance to speak. Speakers should bring a written copy of their comments, too. P&A welcomes comments that express opinions about its programs in Kentucky.

Refreshments will be available. Free accessible parking and sign language interpreters will be provided. If other accommodations due to a disability are needed, call Jackie May at 606-372-2988 or 502-564-2967, or email her at Jackie.May@ky.gov.

For anyone who cannot afford, written comments may be submitted by letter or email.

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will be April 19 thru the 23rd at waste connections land fill, located at Martin.

Married couples retreat at Camp Nathanael

Camp Nathanael will be hosting its annual Married Couples Retreat on April 23-24. Join us for a great time as we celebrate our marriages. The weekend begins with registration from 5-7 on Friday evening and concludes on Saturday evening with a candlelight dinner. Also included in the weekend will be sessions, games, prizes, a secluded picnic lunch with your sweetie, a late night movie and lots of good food. The cost for the weekend is \$75 per couple. Registration is required. Housing space is limited, but computers are also welcome. For more information, you may call Camp Nathanael at 251-3231 or download a registration form at www.campnathanael.org.

7th Annual Shelton McSurley Family reunion to be held

The 7th Annual Shelton McSurley Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 12, at the Minnie Ball Park at Minnie, located at the junction of Rt. 122 and 80. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and last until dark. Everyone related to these families is invited to attend.
For information, contact Mr. Pat Shelton, 490 Arrowhead Spring Lane, Versailles, KY 40383 or Pshe605014@aol.com

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weight at conception, and to gain no more than the recommended amount of weight during the pregnancy. Unfortunately, the incidence of obesity or overweight among pregnant women in the United States is on the rise.

What's more, an epigenetics study from 2008 with a population of genetically similar lab mice with a tendency toward obesity showed a "transgenerational amplification of obesity." That means that the overweight mouse

electronically filing tax returns. The service, made possible through funding from Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties.

BSACAP has IRS-certified staff to prepare and file tax returns, and offers the service free to low-income residents in the Big Sandy area. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641.

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McDowell High School Class of 1990 reunion

The McDowell Class of 1990 will hold a 20-year class reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2010. The location for the event is Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Pines Building.

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mothers gave birth to even heavier baby mice, the females of which gave birth to still heavier baby mice — and on into the third generation.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(April 2, 5, and 7, 2000)

Rev. Russell Hayes Jr., 46, of Lancer, a Prestonsburg lay-pastor allegedly crossed the lines of the laws he had taught early Thursday evening as a Martin County police officer allegedly found him engaged in sexual intercourse with a minor. Hayes was arrested and booked on charges of second-degree rape, bribery, and custodial interference. He pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment in Martin District Court and is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

Tyler Kilburn, the son of Michelle Combs and Lantre Combs of Hueysville and Mark Kilburn of Hazard, and a student in the accelerated learning program at Alice Lloyd is paralyzed from the waist down, due to a 1999 accident. Tyler will take part in the Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital's 29th Annual Telethon celebration entitled "Celebriety Ability" on Sunday, April 16.

Kevin C. Webb, 29, of Drift, a local official was arrested for writing three checks over the amount of \$300 and using them for his personal use. He is also accused of five counts of second-degree forgery for allegedly utilizing a committee to accept for personal deposit the signature of the instructor on the checks.

Local law enforcement agencies scored a victory in their war on drugs, last Tuesday, as Commonwealth's Attorney John Earl Hunt and staff and the Floyd County Sheriff's office saw one perpetrator plead guilty to possession of cocaine and to selling Lorcet. David L. Hurst, 34, of Ivel, was charged with two counts of drug trafficking by Deputy Lt. Ricky Thornsberry.

An argument apparently erupted into an attack Friday evening, resulting in injuries to a 14-year-old girl. Timothy G. Webster, 38, of Raven, was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and disorderly conduct after he allegedly attacked a teenage girl. Webster was jailed under a \$20,000 cash-only secured bond.

The county may score another hit in its search for new industry if things go well at a meeting between members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court and Samson Homes. In Monday's special meeting of the court, a resolution was passed to accept a \$10,000 deposit by the Kentucky Housing Corporation to hold for A of the Davidson Industrial Park located at Ivel.

Prestonsburg firefighters were once again summoned to provide assistance in fighting a downtown fire in Paintsville, that ended with such a major fire in the past eight months. Prestonsburg was called to lend its ladder truck because Paintsville's is currently out of commission. Officials were not able to give a cause for the blaze, which destroyed the 53-year-old former home of the Paintsville Clinic, but arson had not been ruled out.

Jeffery Newman, 35, of Harold, was arrested on multiple charges early Sunday morning, when he allegedly tried to avoid a traffic checkpoint set up by Kentucky State Police near Harold. He was charged with first-degree evading a police officer, first-degree wanton endangerment, two counts of fourth-degree aggravated assault, resisting arrest, resisting arrest, reckless driving, driving with a DUI suspended license, no insurance, expired registration receipt, expired registration plates, DUI, possession of marijuana and failure to wear a seat-belt.

With the defendant under the strains of labor and having contractions, Floyd County Circuit Judge Danny J. Caudill granted a continuance in an alleged theft trial of Terry Lynn Jarrell. Defense attorney Ned Pillersdorf had little choice in asking the judge for a continuance as the nine-months pregnant Jarrell dutifully appeared for her trial while already having contractions. She was indicted for seven counts of theft. She is accused of taking the attorney's fees of Eric C. Conn on seven separate occasions.

Cheryl L. Lafferty, 21, of Prestonsburg, learned lying to a police officer may not be a good idea, Monday, in Floyd District Court. She pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal trespassing and falsely reporting an accident, landing her in the Floyd County Detention Center for 30 days.

Burt Wells Spurlock and County Judge-Executive Pat Hunt Thompson signed an agreement officially accepting a \$10,000 deposit from the Kentucky Housing Corporation to reserve the Davidson Industrial Site at Ivel for Samson Homes of Louisville.

Despite an arrest being made in Lawrence County, local police departments would like residents to be aware that counterfeit bills are still in the area. The Lawrence County Sheriff's Department arrested one suspect believed to be responsible for a counterfeit operation in Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence counties. Billy Ray Thacker, 19, of Hindman, was arrested on multiple charges following a call that he was allegedly traveling east in the westbound lane of Rt. 80 last week. Three of those charges were addressed in a preliminary hearing on Monday: first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree criminal mischief and third-degree criminal mischief.

Only two days are left in this legislative session, but disagreements on same, noteworthy bills have yet to be worked out. For other pieces of legislation, the work is already being held. Members of the General Assembly have gone home for a break and are expected to reconvene

on April 11

There died: Otis Burke, 88, of Pikeville, Friday, March 31, at his residence; Joan Thornsberry, 46, of Belleville, Michigan, Sunday, April 2, at her residence; Sabra Akers, 82, of Dwaie, Thursday, March 30, at the Edgewood Manor Nursing Home, in Wellston, Ohio; Edith Smith Jacobs, 89, of Pippa Passes, Friday, March 31, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gertrude Kennedy, 87, of Albion, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, Friday, March 31, at the Parkview Memorial Hospital, at Albion; John Raymond Home, 74, of Okeschoke, Florida, Saturday, April 1, at his residence; Peggy Hall King, 43, of Lowmansville, formerly of Martin, Saturday, April 1, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisiana; Vernon Justice, 74, of Pikeville, Sunday, April 2; Charles Joseph Basse, 56, of Albion, Michigan, Wednesday, March 29, at the residence of his mother-in-law, Gladys "Pet" Adkins, of Langley; Menda Hamilton, 63, of Pikeville, formerly of McDowell, Sunday, April 2, at the HRMC, Prestonsburg; Jean E. Patrick Goble, 1, of Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday, March 23, at Grande Pointe Health Care Community in Richmond Heights; James (Jim) DeRossett, 86, of Martin, Saturday, April 1, at Thompson Hood Veterans in Wilmore; Tilden Allen, 86, of Martin, Monday, April 3, at his residence; Menda Hamilton, 63, of Pikeville, formerly of McDowell, Sunday, April 2, at HRMC; Zettie Johnson, 76, of Virgie, Tuesday, April 4, at the Pikeville Medical Center; Allie Mae Burke, 99, of Coryton, Tennessee, formerly of Myers lovers, at North Haven Health Ctr., Knoxville; Dorothy Hamilton, 74, of Tinker Fork, in Floyd County, Thursday, April 6, at HRMC; Katie Arnette, 79, of Clayport, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, Tuesday, April 4, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 4 & 6, 1990)

The Prestonsburg Tourism, Recreation and Convention Commission is looking to ways to increase tourism in the area, and one of those ways is a proposed plan to sponsor a fishathon May through October.

The start up of a Floyd County public transportation system may be only a few months away, potentially providing much needed, affordable transportation for Floyd Countians without access to privately-owned vehicles.

Prestonsburg man was arrested, late Thursday evening, after a phone call was received by Prestonsburg Police Department from the man's wife saying "her husband was getting her son drunk and she couldn't stop him," according to Officer Rick Com.

If all goes according to plan, heavy equipment should be moving into Wayland in May to begin the reclamation process of abandoned mining land, an unsightly and unsafe problem that has faced the Right Beaver community for a decade or two.

A woods fire in the hills above Mays Branch, in Prestonsburg, spurred by strong westerly winds, briefly burned out of control, Wednesday, threatening several homes with blowing hot ash and heavy smoke.

An elderly Beaver woman was seriously injured in Prestonsburg Thursday, when she was struck by a car as she crossed North Lake Drive in front of the Department of Human Resources building. Lizzie J. Hall was apparently crossing the road with family members.

A joint drug investigation between the Kentucky State Police and Prestonsburg Police Department resulted in the seizure and destruction of 55 marijuana plants.

There died: Birchie Yates Kilburn, 72, of Martin, March 30, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Jack Jefferys Shannon, 72, of Drift, March 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Randolph Parsons, 55, of Harold, April 3, at his residence; Fred Bryant, 57, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Hi Hat, March 23, at Albion Community Hospital; Mary Magdalene "Maggie" Lafferty McGuire, 65, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, formerly of Water Gap, March 29, en route to Beyer Memorial Hospital; Walter Meade, 59, of Printer, April 1, at University of Kentucky Medical Center; Beatrice Fraley, 66, of Johnson, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, March 28, at St. Anne's Hospital in Westerville; Mellie Stumbo, 65, of Flat River, Missouri, formerly of Floyd County, March 10, at the Bonne Terre Hospital; Victor Hall, 56, of Lexington, formerly of Deane, April 2, at St. Joseph Hospital; Irvin Allen, 72, of Minnie, March 30, at the McDowell ARH; Guy Taylor, 78, of Allen Park, Michigan, formerly of Martin, March 27, at Oakwood Hospital; John Wess Mullins, 60, of Clayport, Indiana, formerly of Manton, March 26, at South Bend, Indiana; Rhoda Dingus Crawford, 84, of Martin, April 3, at Our Lady of the Way; Mary J. Case, 73, of New London, Ohio, April 4, at Fisher-Titus Medical Center; Anna McCoy Collins, 77, of Cambridge, Ohio, formerly of Martin, April 3, at Guernsey Memorial Hospital; Aggie Smallwood, 68, of Bevinville, April 3, at her residence; Parrot Gayhart Spierling, 87, of Stuart, Florida, formerly of Med, March 27, at the home of a daughter; Mary Patton Moore, 73, of Dinwood, April 4, at Knott County Nursing Home.

(April 2, 1980)

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney R. Donald Goble, asked the court to postpone the trial of Kathy Johnson Phillips, 20, of Wheelwright, charged with murdering her husband, Eugene, in September 1978. "Until such time as the Court feels the effects of the publicity given this case has diminished to a point where the Commonwealth of Kentucky can receive a fair trial."

The arrest of a Brown Produce Company employee, William J. Powers, 20, of Abbot Road, followed the discovery by the owners of the business of meats taken from the company's Third Street building and secreted in an outside trash bin. Powers was accosted later that night after he allegedly had loaded hams into his vehicle.

Cheryl Hickman of David, a hospital nurse, is accusing some off-duty nurses of "Price-Gouging" on ambulance trips to Lexington hospitals. She claims she knows of instances where "moonlight nurses have charged \$250-\$300 for the round trip to Lexington, a 10-hour journey at most."

Raleigh Barnett and his wife, Flora, of the Martin vicinity, were arrested, Friday, by Sheriff Doug Lewis and deputies when, according to the sheriff, they were seen pouring out whiskey at the approach of the officers. In a raid, last Wednesday, John D. Tackett, was arrested at the George Hamilton residence at Melvin, after officers confiscated 11 1/2 cases of beer and seven half-pints of whiskey, the sheriff reported.

Prestonsburg will have more restricted rights of annexation as a result of a bill passed by the state legislature this week says Mayor Harold W. Cooley. According to the bill, a proposed annexation must be voted in by referendum, if 50 percent of the residents in the affected area so petition. The annexation may then be blocked if 75 percent of the areas registered voters to oppose it.

Despite last minute parliamentary maneuvering by Senator Benny Ray Bailey, a bill which would restrict the type of coal mining permitted under broad-form deeds remained bottled up in a Senate committee this week, with its chances of passage this legislative session apparently dimmed.

There died: Juanita Dawson Prater, 54, of Cliff, Friday, enroute to Highlands Regional Medical Center, Darvin Goble, 62, of Ivel, enroute to HRMC, Sunday; Avalca Davis Cecil, 87, of Harold, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist

Hospital; Martha Osborne, 67, formerly of Floyd County, Feb. 23, in Wayne County General Hospital, River Rouge, Michigan; Sophia Herald Mosley, 78, of Cow Creek, Wednesday, at HRMC; Troah Campbell, 69, of Campton and Lexington, and formerly of Prestonsburg, March 24, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Tandy Martin, 72, of Drift, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Lexington, March 23; Roy Martin, 69, of Langley, Friday, at OLWH; Bessie Thompson Shannon, 87, of Ashland, formerly of this county, Thursday, at the home of her sister.

Forty Years Ago

(April 1, 1970)

Bootelegging, stealing and burglaries were listed by Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill, Monday morning, as the three crimes most seriously affecting Floyd County at this time. Upwards of a hundred old case regarded as cluttering the docket with no chance of trial have been removed in the early days of the current circuit court session, practically all of which are on child desertion, with most of the defendants never arrested and in several instances no attempt made at prosecution by the complaining witnesses.

Forty Big Sandians are in Washington, this week urging the importance of upriver flood control. They hope to get a \$301,000 federal grant to start construction of the proposed Fishtrap planning of the proposed \$41,700,000 project which includes a dam across Levisa Fork.

A Knott County woman, mother of two Floyd County men, was named Kentucky Mother of the Year. The 1970 title went to Mamie Cornett Moore, 71, wife of Mason Moore, and mother of Mollie and Mason Moore of Martin.

There died: Minerva H. Spradlin, 60, of the Middle Creek Road, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Louis Thornsberry, 45, of Hazard, at the Williamson Medical Center; Amy Caudill, 73, native of Bonanza, of Lafayette, Ohio; Nora B. Hall, 79, formerly of Prestonsburg, at Olive Hill; Henry Burke, 82, of Auxier, at his home; Frank Hall, 41, Topmost, at his home.

(See YESTERDAYS, page five)

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Thirty Years Ago

Yesterdays

Fifty Years Ago
(April 2, 1960)

County Judge Henry Stumbo said Monday that he recognizes the growing seriousness of the problem of solid waste disposal but see little hope of Floyd County coping with its particular situation without federal assistance.

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the Highlands Regional Hospital on new US 23 near Auxier, will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, with Congressman Carl D. Perkins as the principal speaker.

An April cleanup begins here Wednesday as the City Council is committed to the task of enforcing ordinances requiring cleanup and forbidding litter.

There died: David "Sonny" Hall, 72, of the Right Beaver section of Knott County, in a car wreck, last Thursday night, near Middletown, Ohio; Seanan Samson, 47, of Arkansas Creek, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Lonnie Gullett, 70, Monday, at his home at East Point; Miles Stone, 60, former mayor of Allen, Thursday, at Our Lady of the

Way Hospital, Martin; Dilard Bailey, 92, Thursday, at his home at Hueysville; Greeley Stephenson, 76, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highland General Hospital; Angelo DiIorenzo, 76, Monday, at his home at Wheelwright.

Sixty Years Ago
(April 6, 1950)

The United Fuel Company began work, Wednesday, on relocation of its gas lines in the vicinity of Dick's Creek, in the John's Creek reservoir area, and when the job is completed the last barrier to inundation of the valley will have been removed.

The government owns, or will eventually have title to, between 12,000 and 13,000 acres of land in the John's Creek valley. It may be advisable for the state to lease an additional 5,000 acres to make a larger square block of the game refuge.

Vendors owners and drivers of intoxicants, along with those driving under their influence, had a hard weekend of it as Floyd County offi-

cers jailed 32 persons on these offenses.

Nine school building and improvement projects for the 1950-51 school year were recommended by County Superintendent Palmer L. Hall to the County Board of Education at its Tuesday meeting, and the Board adopted a resolution endorsing his suggestions.

There died: Arthur Blackburn, 49, at his home in Prestonsburg; Susan Goble Endicott, 82, at the home of a daughter on Buffalo Creek; Bud Ratliff, 69, of Prestonsburg, at his home; Nannie Hamilton, 75, at the Wayland home of a daughter; Henry F. Patton, 78, at the home of a daughter; Dolly Stephens Crisp, 72, at her home at Melvin.

Seventy Years Ago
(April 4, 1940)

One man dead and two others probably fatally wounded is the toll exacted in the county within the week by bullets, while a fourth man, a Knott Countian, was killed under cover of darkness within a scant half mile, of the Floyd-Knott line, near Lackey. Across the line in

Knott County, Bill Wicker, 37, restaurant owner, was instantly killed, Saturday night, from Drift, two other bullet victims—Deputy Dave Hall, 35, and Thomas Jones, 27, were taken to Martin hospitals, suffering possibly fatal wounds.

Two former Floyd County officials, Ex-Circuit Judge John W. Caudill and former Circuit Court Clerk, O.H. Stumbo, were seriously injured and Commonwealth's Attorney John Allen was less seriously hurt, Thursday night, in an auto wreck near Ezel.

"I have never been more impressed with a county school program than I was with yours," County Superintendent Town Hall was told this week in a letter from Dr. R.E. Jagers, state director of teacher training and certification.

Continuation of the work of both the Floyd County health department and the county agricultural agent was quickly voted by the fiscal court and appropriations were made to cover salaries for the two agencies.

There died: Marlene Smith, 67, of Weeksbury, a home; Lula Robinson, 60, of Martin, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Sallie N. Martin, 61, of Mousie, at the Stumbo Hospital, Lackey.

Calendar

There will also be a family outing scheduled for that morning. Cost for the reunion is \$40.00/couple or \$20.00/single. Tickets may be mailed to: McDowell Class of '90, P.O. Box 23, Minnie, KY 41651. If you should have information or questions, please contact: Stephanie (Allen) Johnson, 606-377-7811 sjxray@yahoo.com or Scott Shannon 606-377-7742 scott.shannon45@yahoo.com. You may also join the classmate groups on Myspace and Facebook.

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes
The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off I428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program
You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education
Narcotics waiver parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narcoson for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. www.drugsno.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have an 'Out of this World' day?
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

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

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

Need help with addiction?
Lifetime of Floyd County "Community Choices for Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

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

478-2836.

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

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

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

"Living Free"
A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Overeater's Anonymous
Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the

old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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


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

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S.

Homeschoolers
Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA)
Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher.cook@hotmail.com

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Allen Central handles Adams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central Middle School's A-, B- and C-Teams swept Adams Middle School squads in volleyball late last week.

The ACMS A-Team jumped out to a 9-1 lead and never looked back in the first set, winning 21-6. In the second set, Allen Central took a nearly 3-1 advantage and never relinquished the lead, winning 21-13. The Rebels improve to 5-1 in the Floyd County Conference and 6-2 overall.

DeShae Elliott, Katie Kendrick, Rachel Moore and Kelsie Jackson paced the Allen Central A-Team.

The Rebel B-Team won its fourth match on the season, playing .500 for the year with a 2-1 win over Adams. In the

first set, Allen Central rolled to an 18-1 win. Taking advantage of a flat Allen Central team, Adams doubled up the Rebels 18-9 in the second set. In the third and decisive set, Allen Central fell behind 8-3, but rallied back to win 19-17 in thrilling fashion.

The Allen Central C-Team's record went to 6-2 on the season, winning the match in three sets. In a seesaw set, the Rebs took the first one 15-12, lost the second game to Adams 9-15, then came back to claim the third set 15-10.

The Allen Central High School volleyball program sent another player to the next level on Tuesday as Kelsie Jones signed with Pikeville College. More on Jones' signing will appear in Friday's edition.

Herrick helps Bellarmine to 10th place finish in regional tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — The Bellarmine University men's golf team finished 10th out of 24 teams at "The Jewel" golf tournament at Cherry Blossom Golf Course, which is one of three designated regional tournaments.

The Knights got solid play from all five competitors, but none of the golfers had a breakout performance as all five players scoring within four strokes of one another. Doug Wilkinson and Nick Becht tied for team low honors at 149, followed by Adam Mallory at 150, Prestonsburg High School graduate Brooks Herrick at 151 and Bryan Ratnerman at 152. Bellarmine posted rounds of 293-304 to finish at 597.

A former 15th Region champion, Herrick is a senior for the Bellarmine University golf team.

The University of Indianapolis blistered the 7,007-yard layout with rounds of 280 and 282 to finish at 14-under par and win by 17 shots over runner-up Ferris State. The Greyhounds' Seth Fair took medalist honors with rounds of 67 and 69 to finish at 8-under 136.

Bellarmine will tee it up next at another regional tournament on April 11 and 12 at the Purgatory Golf Course in Noblesville, Ind.

Rebs post wins over Sheldon Clark, Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — The Allen Central High School baseball team has yet to host its first game in the 2010 season. However, playing on the road hasn't hindered the Rebels. After dropping a season-opener to Perry County Central one week earlier, Allen Central put together back-to-back winning efforts over 15th Region rivals Sheldon Clark and Belfry last week. More on each game follows.

Allen Central 6, Sheldon Clark 3; Chad Nelson pitched visiting Allen Central past Sheldon Clark on Wednesday, tossing seven strong innings while giving up only two earned runs. Nelson was strong over the course of the outing, registering 11 strikeouts.

After Sheldon Clark took an early 1-0 lead, Allen Central knotted the game in the fourth inning on a solo home run from Hunter Crowder. Later in the fourth inning, Austin Prater connected on a two-out double to push the Rebels out in front 4-1. Allen Central added two more runs on passed balls.

Allen Central 8, Belfry 5; Allen Central moved to 2-1 on Thursday after outlasting host Belfry 8-5 for its second straight win.

Logan Crowder posted the win for Allen Central. Crowder gave up two earned runs in five innings for the Rebels.

Zach Hall pitched two innings for Allen Central, allowing two hits and three unearned runs while notching three strikeouts.

Chad Nelson blasted a two-run home run for the Rebels. Chris Strambis, Justin Jackson and Austin Prater each had one RBI for the Rebels.

Allen Central, under the guidance of second-year head coach Josh Todd, was facing 58th District/Floyd County Conference foe Betsy Layne on Tuesday evening in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Paintsville.

The small school regional tournament got ended too late to make this edition.

Legislature recognizes Shelby Valley

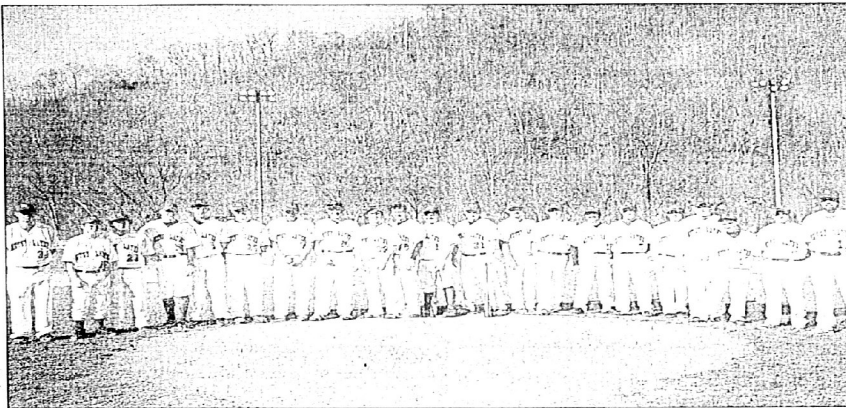
TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Senate recognized and honored the Sweet 16, champion Shelby Valley High School Wildcats Thursday on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate. Across the hall just moments later, the House of Representatives did the same.

"This tremendous team has made its mark in history and has made all of Pike County and Eastern Kentucky extremely proud," said Senator Ray S. Jones II, D-Pikeville. "I applaud each member of this team and the coaching staff on a job well done. This was not just a victory for Shelby Valley High School, but for all small high schools across Kentucky."

Senator Jones said the Shelby Valley area has a long tradition of basketball excellence. Shelby Valley High

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Betsy Layne reeled off three straight wins last week. The Bobcats were facing Allen Central on Tuesday evening in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Paintsville.

Bobcats compile three-game win streak

Betsy Layne defeats South Floyd, Jenkins, Jackson City

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Bobcats dominated on the diamond last week, defeating three opponents a combined 49-2. Betsy Layne got the best of 58th District/Floyd County Conference counterpart South Floyd and Jenkins in home games while defeating Jackson City on the road.

"Currently, we are on a good run with a three-game winning streak," Betsy Layne Coach Ricky Thacker said. "Our hitting has been great and unexpected this early in the season. The big key to our success is our pitching and defense. During practices, our coaching staff has emphasized the importance of pitching and defense. We are playing team ball and that has resulted in success. We have to continue improving because we have a

lot of season left."

Adam Davis (pitching coach), Bryan Dixon (infield coach) and Chris Newsome (outfield coach) serve as assistants to Thacker on the Betsy Layne coaching staff.

Here's a look back at last week's games.

Betsy Layne 13, South Floyd 0 (5 innings). Senior pitcher Brandon Mulkey tossed a complete game as host Betsy Layne rolled past South Floyd 13-0 in five innings on Wednesday in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference opener. Mulkey pitched a two-hitter, recording 12 strikeouts.

Offensively, Mulkey, sophomore shortstop Kory Jarrell, junior right fielder Jason Cases and freshman centerfielder Kameron Newsome each had two hits for the Bobcats. Jarrell recorded two stolen bases and Newsome had a pair of runs for the Betsy Layne baseball team.

Betsy Layne 19, Jenkins 1 (5 innings). Freshman pitcher Michael Henson tossed a one-hitter as Betsy Layne turned back Jenkins 19-1 in five innings on Thursday.

Henson walked one and recorded eight strikeouts for the Bobcats.

Henson, Kory Jarrell, Brandon Jarrell and Nathan Hall each had two hits for Betsy Layne in the convincing victory. Kory Jarrell and Watson burnt up the basepaths for the Bobcats, compiling five stolen bases apiece.

Henson had a triple for Betsy Layne in the impressive win.

Betsy Layne 17, Jackson City 1 (5 innings). Kory Jarrell pitched a complete game and went 4 for 4 at the plate as Betsy Layne upended host Jackson City 17-1 in five innings Friday. Jarrell was commanding from the mound, allowing only one hit and four walks. The Betsy Layne starting pitcher recorded 11 strikeouts.

Jarrell was equally impressive offensively as he had two singles, a double and a home run that he lofted over the left-center field fence in the fourth inning.

Brandon Mulkey and Andrew Roberts each went 3-for-3. Mulkey launched a home run over the left field fence in the third inning.

J.W. Kinzer remains king of Street Fights

Bounty now stands at \$200

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — For the second week in a row, Floyd County racer J.W. Kinzer drove all the way to the bank by claiming the top spot in the Street Fights Outlaws at Bristol Dragway. It will be a large payday for anyone who can knock him off on Thursday, as the bounty on Kinzer now stands at \$200.

Anyone with a love for money will want to head to Thunder Valley for the Fas Mart Street Fights Thursday. Bristol Dragway will dust off the famous "money machine" and let fans step in for a chance to catch some cold, hard cash. Jason Haynes

also took top honors in the Street Fights Baddest Bike for the second week in a row.

Gates will open Thursday evening at 5 p.m., with action beginning at 10 a.m., while tech inspection takes place at 10:30 p.m. Spector admission is \$5, while it is just \$10 to race.

The DER Racing Series will also return this weekend, with a test and tune session on Friday night. A full weekend of racing takes place with action on Saturday and Sunday.

Gates will open at 4 p.m. on Friday night, with tech inspection at 4:30 p.m. and runs beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Gates will open Saturday at 10 a.m., while tech inspection takes place at 10:30 p.m. Trials will begin at noon, with eliminations following. On Sunday, gates open at 9 a.m., with tech at 10 a.m., and time trials at 10:30 a.m.

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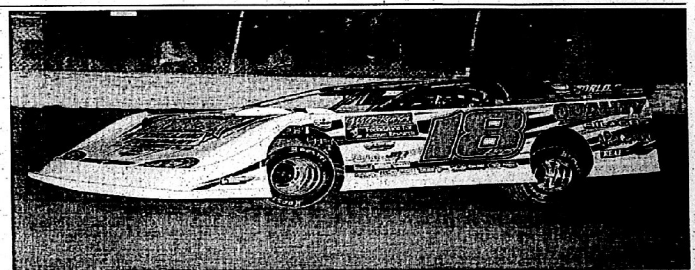
Kinzer finishes ninth in SRRS feature race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHATSWORTH, Ga. — The Kinzer Motorsports team invaded the North Georgia Speedway on Saturday. The Southern Regional Racing Series (SRRS) sanctioned a \$3,000-to-win feature race at the northern Georgia speedplant. Veteran Kinzer Motorsports driver Brandon Kinzer won his consolation race to advance into the main event. Kinzer ultimately finished ninth, claiming a Top 10

finish at the competitive Georgia track. The Floyd County racer finished one spot ahead of 10th place Bo Shirley. Ray Cook won the SRRS feature race. Other drivers finishing in the Top 10 were Randy Waven (2), Billy Ogle (3), Ronnie Johnson (4), Lee Sutton (5), Tony Knowles (6), Derek Ellis (7) and Skip Arr (8).

The Kinzer Motorsports team will venture to Talladega Short Track on April 23 for the first of two races.



Brandon Kinzer is due to return to action on April 23 at Talladega Short Track. photo by Thomas Hendrickson

Eagles defeat Pikeville for eighth straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior right fielder Adam Adkins smacked two home runs and collected four RBIs to lead visiting Alice Lloyd College to a 13-3 victory over Pikeville College Wednesday night. The win was the Alice Lloyd's eighth straight.

ALC put five runs on the scoreboard in the second inning and led 10-3 through five.

Adkins received plenty of help from his teammates. Leftfielder Kyle Potter assisted, knocking in three runs on two hits including a homerun to left center field. Third baseman Joe Roanake added three hits of his own while catcher CJ Lynn and first baseman Will Leonard swatted two hits apiece for the Eagles.

Pitcher Trevor Corns went the distance on the mound for the Eagles. The sophomore scattered five hits over eight innings of work. After allowing the Bears three runs in the bottom half of the second, Corns pitched six flawless innings the rest of the way. For the contest, Alice Lloyd outslugged Pikeville 16-5.

Justice, Booher garner AP honors

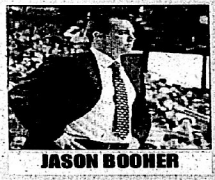
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The honors continue to roll in Shelby Valley player Elisha Justice and coach Jason Booher. Justice has been named the Associated Press Player of the Year. The AP has named Booher the state's coach of the year.

Justice averaged 20.1 points for the Wildcats during a senior season that included both All "A" Classic and Sweet 16 championships. The reigning Kentucky Mr. Basketball and Sweet 16 Most Valuable Player averaged 24.3 points per contest during Shelby Valley's four-game state tournament run.

Booher claimed his second straight AP Coach of the Year award after guiding Shelby Valley to a 32-4 record.

Associated Press Honorable Mention selections included Shelby Valley's Ashley Hatfield and Taylor Newsome and Knott County Central's Tate Cox.



JASON BOOHER

CAMPS: Dates set for John Calipari Basketball School

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The summer is approaching and with that, so too is the second annual John Calipari Basketball School.

University of Kentucky Coach John Calipari will offer this year's UK basketball camp circuit beginning with Team Camp on June 4-6.

The summer camp schedule is as follows: (Date, Camp): June 4-6, Team Camp; June 11-13, Team Camp No. 2; June 18-19, Father/Son Camp; July 19-20, Lil' Wildcat Day Camp; July 22-23, Wildcat Day Camp; July 25-28, Overnight

Camp. For more information, call 859-257-1916, go online to www.ukathletics.com/camps or email Jason Walberg at jason.walberg@uky.edu.

MSU Men's Basketball Team Camp: 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 KHSAA 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 jzimmerman@moreheadstate.edu.



PAINTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EMILY CASTLE recently signed to play softball at nearby Pikeville College.

UK Football: DE Evans avoids serious injury

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The best news reported by University of Kentucky Coach Joker Phillips after Monday's practice was something that didn't happen on Saturday.

Phillips said on Monday that defensive end DeQuin Evans incurred a mild knee sprain, but no serious injury, during Saturday's practice.

"He'll be ready to go in about three or four days," Phillips said. "He got lucky. He got rolled up on, but rolled out of it, so he'll be fine. It didn't swell at all, so we'll give him a couple of days and see how it goes."

Evans, who will be a senior in the 2010 season, is the team's top returning defensive lineman. He totaled 38 tackles last season while leading the team in tackles

for loss (12.5) and quarterback sacks (six).

Phillips continues to be pleased with the team's effort and pace in practice. Now he's looking for improved efficiency.

"Next thing we have to do is home in our assignments, find out where our eyes are," Phillips said. "Your eyes will take you to your assignments."

The coach also gave an update on the competition between quarterback Mike Hartline, Morgan Newton and Ryan Mossakowski.

"All of them did some good, we're progressing the right way," Phillips said. "The ball has to come out of our hands a little bit better but the thing is, they're throwing the ball where it is supposed to be. All I want to do is see if they are throwing the ball to the right spot. We'll get it coming out of their hands better later."

Another area of emphasis this spring has been in the offensive line, where four starters must be replaced from last season. Early results have been encouraging.

"I feel good about what they're doing up front," Phillips said. "We're trying to find the right five but we have numbers, that we're working with, which is good. Moving (former defensive end) Chandler Burden over there will definitely help us have some competition on the left tackle. We're rotating a few centers in there. Sam Simpson, Marcus Davis and Matt Smith, so there's some heavy competition there. There's competition all the way across the board. I'm liking how they're playing, trying to play fast."

The team practiced for two hours, 20 minutes Monday morning in full pads. The Wildcats will return to practice Wednesday.

Legislature recognizes Mr. Basketball Elisha Justice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Senate today, Thursday, April 1, adopted a resolution by Senator Ray S. Jones II recognizing Elisha Justice of Pikeville, Kentucky Mr. Basketball for 2010.

Moments later, the House of Representatives adopted a similar resolution by Rep. Leslie Combs, D-Pikeville.

"I speak for all of Pike County when I say that we are extremely proud of Elisha," said Senator Jones, D-Pikeville, sponsor of Resolution 252.

"Elisha is an outstanding basketball player, an excellent student and an exemplary young man, who has brought honor to all of Pike County and Eastern Kentucky. He is very deserving of being selected as Mr. Basketball."

Justice, a member of the Shelby Valley High School Wildcats basketball team that won the state All "A" Classic and KHSAA Sweet Sixteen titles, etched his name into Kentucky high school basketball lore at the Sweet Sixteen.

During the four games, he scored 97 points, had 15 assists and made 15 of 32 three-point shots, and was named Most

Valuable Player.

"This young man has shown a lot of hard work and dedication," said Rep. Combs. "I commend him for an outstanding basketball career."

As a senior, Justice averaged 20.1 points, 5.9 assists, 3.9 steals and 3.9 rebounds per game. He shot 43.5 percent from the three-point range and 82.3 percent from the free-throw lines. He finished his career with 2,086 points, 633 assists, 47.9 rebounds and a state-record 540 steals. He led his team to back-to-back All "A" Classic state titles and three Sweet Sixteen appearances. The team finished this season 32-4.

Justice will continue his basketball career next year, playing for Rick Pinnio at the University of Louisville. Pinnio introduced the guard to the UofL team as "The Bullet."

"I am honored to introduce Elisha on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate," said Senator Jones. "I'm sure we will be hearing more about this young man in the future."

Justice is only the second player from Pike County to receive the Mr. Basketball Award. Virgie's Todd May received the honor in 1982.

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, a retired coach, praised Justice and the members of the Shelby Valley team.

"It was a great experience for me and my team to get to coach and play and advance to the elite eight in the Sweet 16 in 2009 and I can only imagine what it would have been like to have won the greatest high school basketball show on earth."

Senator Turner, who coached 1977 Mr. Basketball Geri Grigsby from Floyd County, said Justice makes the sixth player from the 15th region to earn the Mr. Basketball title. Along with Justice, the others are King Kelly Coleman in 1956 the first ever Mr. Basketball, from Floyd County; Irvin Stepp in 1969 and Todd May in 1982, both from Pike County, and John Pelfrey in 1987 and J.R. Vanhoose in 1998, both from Johnson County.

Along with Justice, Senator Jones and Rep. Combs also recognized the Shelby Valley Wildcats basketball team for its historic season. Citations were also presented to the Shelby Valley cheerleaders and dance team.

April is Crappie Time in Kentucky

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The warm, sun-drenched days we're now experiencing in Kentucky signals the start of spring crappie season.

This splendid weather motivates crappie anglers to visit the waters in force. Several Kentucky reservoirs, such as Green River Lake, Cave Run Lake and Barren River Lake, are on the cusp of a crappie boom.

"There are some really big black crappie in Barren right now," said David Wyffels, southwestern district fishery biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The fishing is still a little slow, but they should start heading up in the creeks and into the shallows with this warm weather. The black crappie in Barren are big and they are fat. The lake holds lots of white crappie in the 9- to 11-inch range right now. Barren is going to be really good this year."

Green River Lake is another reservoir in south-central Kentucky producing good crappie fishing. "They are catching lots of small ones right now with some big ones mixed in," said Phillip Mallock, a fisheries technician for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife who works on Green River Lake. "The fishing should get better as the water warms. They are fishing shallow cover right now."

White crappie dominate the population in Green River Lake. "Green has a little bit of a pile-up around the 9-inch minimum size limit," Wyffels explained. "In the next couple of years, a lot of fish will be 10 inches or better - and the number of 9-12 inchers in there should make for good fishing."

Crappie fishing at Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley is picking up. White crappie are still sulking in the channel drops in 8 to 20 feet of water while they wait for the water to warm. Anglers catch them by drifting live minnows along these channel drops. Black crappie are located in the shallows and will stay that way until early summer.

Cave Run Lake is a sleeper lake for good crappie fishing. "We did our crappie sampling last fall," said Tom Zimmerman, northeastern fishery district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "It was more than double than our best year in the past 20 years."

The deep weed beds in the mouths of Beaver, Skidmore and Leatherwood creeks hold some big black crappie. The flooded timber near Bangor Boat Ramp and the fallen trees on the island near Poppin' Rock Boat Ramp also hold nice crappie.

The drought conditions in the late 1980s and again in the 1990s changed the nature of crappie in many Kentucky reservoirs, especially the two most well-known Kentucky crappie haunts, Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley. Droughts, combined with improved agricultural practices that contained silt-laden run-off, cleared the water in these lakes. Clearer water favors black crappie, and their numbers boomed while white crappie numbers declined.

Black crappie generally are slightly thicker and shorter than white crappie. Black crappie have a spotted pattern on their side. White crappie have distinct vertical bars on their side.

Although both types are crappie, fishing for each is like fishing for two different species. Fish for black crappie like you would largemouth bass. Use pea gravel banks and banks with submerged brush hold black crappie. Cast a 1/8-ounce leadhead tipped with a lime green, chartreuse, blue or white grub onto these banks and slowly reel back, similar to the way you fish a spinnerbait for bass.

Feather jigs and small spinners like the Road Runner also work well. Black crappie spook easily, so you must stay well off the bank you plan to fish.

This is a radical concept for many crappie anglers. For decades, they found shallow cover or mid-depth drop-offs and drifted over these areas, or jigged bait in the area. These are white crappie tactics. They still work, but on lakes with burgeoning populations of black crappie, these tactics should be just part of your fishing arsenal.

Many state parks offer lodging and camping near the state's best crappie lakes. These are great base camps for anglers. Visit parks.ky.gov on the Internet for more information. For more information on boat ramps and fishing reports, visit the Web site of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife at ky.gov.

Both black and white crappie taste great. April is the best time of year to get a limit - and few states offer better crappie fishing than Kentucky.

Herd Racing entry misses cut at Nashville Superspeedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEBANON, Tenn. — The debut of Herd Racing's No. 75 DuVita Chevrolet will have to wait a while longer as the team's entry failed to make a qualifying run at Nashville Superspeedway on April 3.

The Chevy Impala SS, which had suffered major electrical problems in practice on Friday, fired for the team several times in the garage and on pit road before qualifying, but would not run when it counted as driver Brett Rowe prepared to make two qualifying laps on the concrete oval.

"Everybody did a great job and worked so hard all weekend, but we beat ourselves today," Herd owner Dana Tomes said after qualifying. "When you are a small team you have to be 100 percent ready to go when you get to the track and we just weren't there this weekend."

Herd's weekend started badly on Friday as major cutting and welding was required to change a fuel cell framing issue to satisfy NASCAR inspectors. The team believes

the grinding, welding and cutting on the car's fuel cell area caused electrical currents to pass through the car's chassis and damage the electrical system. Rowe said the team installed a new ignition system before qualifying on Saturday, but the problem persisted as the team attempted to qualify.

"We had to wait to test the car under load on the track since there were no more practice sessions," said Car Chief Morris Van Vleet. "The motor would run, but would cut off as soon as you put it under load."

Rowe said the car's entire electrical system will need to be gone over before heading back to the track for another qualifying attempt.

Herd owner Dana Tomes said a timetable hasn't been determined as to when the team will be at the track next and that staff cuts have become reality. The team was forced to cut its media and public coordinator position due to lack of income from failing to qualify at Daytona and Nashville.

"We are working with DuVita to get back to the track for them for a few more

weeks this year," Tomes said. "We wanted so badly to be able to perform for them this weekend and let them see how NASCAR racing can grow their business. They were disappointed but understanding. We just hope to have the chance to represent them at the track again later this year."

Tomes said the team has a superspeedway car ready to race at Talladega on April 24, but would need at least \$15,000 in sponsorship support to make a commitment for that race.

"It is the last race for current superspeedway cars and we have one ready to go," Tomes said. "We feel like we have a good car and if the weather would have cooperated we should have been racing at Daytona in February. The car is ready to go, we just need some support to get to the track."

Tomes said the team would also consider selling the Dodge Charger superspeedway car and engine package if sponsorship can not be found and another team may be interested in racing it at Talladega.

Kentucky Afield TV to air turkey call-in show

TIMES STAFF REPORT

With wild turkey season slated to open statewide Saturday, April 17, "Kentucky Afield" television will give hunters an opportunity to ask the experts questions during a special half-hour call-in show Saturday, April 10.

A panel of wildlife and law

enforcement specialists, including Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Turkey Program Coordinator Steven Doherty, will join host Tim Farmer to answer questions from viewers. Any turkey-related query is welcome.

"Kentucky Afield" is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

Resources. It is the longest continuously-running outdoor television show in the nation. The wild turkey call-in special airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern/7:30 p.m. Central and will be repeated on Sunday at 4 a.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central on KET 1.

Valley

School was formed in 1991 with the consolidation of Virgie and Dorton high schools.

"We are extremely proud of these young athletes and their coaching staff," said Rep. Leslie Combs, D-Pikeville. "They have brought honor to their school and community."

The Shelby Valley Wildcats, coached by Jason Booher, finished the season with a record of 32-4, achieving 53 consecutive wins at home. The team won the WYMT Classic Championship, the 15th Region All "A" Classic for the second consecutive year, the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic for the second consecutive year, the KHSAA 59th District Championship for the fourth consecutive year, and the KHSAA Region Championship for the third time in the past four years. Most notably, the team won the KHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen State Basketball title, the first in

the history of Shelby Valley, the 15th District and Pike County.

"I commend the Shelby Valley Wildcats and my friend Coach Booher," said Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, a retired coach. "You have represented your school, your community, the 15th region and all of Eastern Kentucky very well."

Leading the team was senior guard Elisha Justice, named Kentucky Mr. Basketball 2010. Other team members are Jacob Robinson, Logan Lucas, Zach Ramey, Ashley Hanfield, Kevin Tackett, Taylor Newsome, Jonathan Berger, Cody Varney, Rusty Roberts, Tanner Tackett, Tyler Newsome, Trey Roberts, Dillon Tackett, Cody Bentley, Evan Tackett, Jared Kiser, Johnny Mullins, Jordan Rayson, Steven Adkins, Trent Tackett and Zach Collins.

Along with Booher, other members of the coaching staff are Greg Newsome, Ronny

Wright and Ronnie Johnson. Connie Cornpton is the athletic director.

Team managers are Joey Hall, Harrison Booher and Kobb Brown.

Senator Jones and Rep. Combs also presented Senate citations to members of the Wildcat cheerleaders and dance team.

"They led the largest contingent of fans at the state tournament and did an outstanding job," he explained, acknowledging the entire group from Shelby Valley. "Congratulations to all of you."

Senator Jones represents the 31st district, which includes Pike, Martin and Johnson counties. Senator Turner represents the 29th district, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties. Rep. Combs represents the 94th district, which includes Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5511, Renewal
 in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 4.0 acres and will underlie an additional 1,142.00 acres, for a total permit acreage of 1,146.00 acres.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 09-CI-00476 CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC TIFF VS. HARRY LAWSON DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
 BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 23rd day of June, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$109,593.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 8th day of April, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5515

Renewal (1)
 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.15 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 18.61 surface acres and will underlie 518 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 536.71 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.4 miles southeast from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Branch Road and located on Gunstock Branch. The latitude is 37°30'47". The longitude is 82°42'40".
 (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Marion Roberts Estate C/O Frank and Ida Conn. The operation will underlie land owned by Marion Roberts Estate C/O Frank and Ida Conn, Albert and Lackie Stephens, Elk Horn Coal Corp., Ola B. & Bee Halbert, James Wisner, Merle Lawson, Norma Jean Matus, Martha Yates, Cecil & Martha Hunter, Douglas Gene and Wanda Akers, Anna Mays Parkins, Brigham and Dorothy Mearns, Oscar and Opal June McKinney, Lowell Thomas Carroll, Ray and Geraldine Spurlock, Donald and Lois Adkins, Edgar and Lucinda Kidd, Charles and Pamela Hatcher, Eddie L. Kidd, Robert Anthony and Dale Kidd, Ronald Spurlock, Del-Wayne McKinney, Walker and Ruby Gayheart, Kenny and Janet Greer, Steve and Phyllis Hall, Harry and Phyllis Lawson, Clyde Greer, Elmer and Phebe Case, Beverly Wright, Michael and Rita Hancock, John and Ethel Elliott, Dwayne and Sue Carroll, Ivan and Ethel Carroll, Johnny and Sally Meade Heirs.
 (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 10-CI-0297 Tax Easement Investments 1, LLC, Plaintiff

Unknown Heirs of Jerry Neil Tackett, Defendants NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION
 By virtue of the order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated March 24, 2010, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order to notify the Unknown Heirs of Jerry Neil Tackett of the pendency of a Complaint which involves property located at Left Fork of Tackett Fork in Floyd County, Kentucky and the property is described as follows:
 Beginning at the main creek on a marked rock; thence out to the County Road; thence across the road following the old fence row up the hill to a marked black oak tree; thence up the point to Noah Tackett's line; thence back down the hill with said Tackett's line to the County Road; thence down the county road to a drain; thence down Tackett's line to the main creek; thence down the creek to the marked rock at the beginning.
 Being the same property conveyed to Jerry Neil Tackett, by Loretta Tackett Miller and Kenneth Miller, wife and husband; Judy Tackett Vance and Hayes Vance, wife and husband; Debbie Tackett Hall and Pamela Tackett, husband and wife; Jackie Tackett and Marietta Tackett, husband and wife, by Deed dated January 3, 1979, recorded in Deed Book 433, Page 285, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Notice is hereby given that Unknown Heirs of Jerry Neil Tackett are directed to come forward and present any defense to the Complaint regarding the above-described property they may claim or be forever barred.
 Signed,
 A. David Blankenship
 Warning Order Attorney
 Kinner & Patton Law Offices
 328 East Court Street
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
 (606) 886-1344

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5505, Renewal (1)

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 9.0 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 3.04 surface acres and will underlie 1,594.13 acres, for a total permit acreage of 1,597.17 acres.
 (2) The proposed operation is approximately 9.0 miles Southeast from KY 2030's junction with KY 122 and located 0.2 miles North of Gunstock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'24". The longitude is 82°43'22".
 (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Black Diamond Land Company.

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

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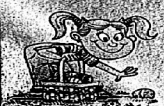


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