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**3 schools get grants**

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Allen Central High School, Betsy Layne High School and South Floyd High School have all been awarded \$5,000 College Access grants from the Kentucky Appalachian Higher Education Center (KY AHED).

The grants will be used to help prepare high school students for college and post-secondary education opportunities.

"It is exciting to see three of our four high schools receiving this grant, as it can only enhance our efforts to better prepare students in continuing their education," said Supt. Henry Webb. "Prestonsburg High School was a past recipient and was therefore not eligible at this time."

According to information provided by the Floyd County Board of Education, the purpose of KY AHED is to assist partner high schools to help students overcome cultural, social and academic barriers to post-secondary education. The KY AHED program emphasizes career exploration and awareness, as well as helping schools to develop programs to help students learn what to expect academically their first year of post-secondary education.

## COLD & SLUSHY



photo by Ralph B. Davis IV  
Floyd County and much of the rest of the state and region saw just about every type of precipitation imaginable within the span of a day, as snow, rain, freezing rain and sleet blanketed the area Wednesday night and throughout the day Thursday. The wintry mix made roads extremely slick, keeping many home-bound. However, as of press time, only minor problems associated with the storm had been reported.



## County blanketed in a wintry mess

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

With the county bracing for freezing rain, sleet and snow, along with power outages, Wednesday night's ice storm did arrive, but not with as much force as most expected.

As of early yesterday afternoon, freezing rain still fell across the county, but temperatures in the high 20s and low 30s allowed most of the ice that accumulated on roadways to break away, leaving mostly slush by midday.

"I think all roads are passable at this point," Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said yesterday morning. "We've still not reached up into the heads of hollows completely, but we will be working throughout the day and of course tomorrow."

Marshall, as have most others, said his county employees, along with state officials, believe if the temperatures stay at or just below freezing it could be key in avoiding a replay of last year's ice storm.

That storm left much of Floyd County without power, along with neighboring counties and elsewhere across the state.

According to Marshall, as of yesterday, the only area that

## Sex offender charged with theft, drugs

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sean Bobo, the former Allen resident who was sentenced in November 2008 to two years in prison for having sexual intercourse with an 11-year-old girl is behind bars again.

Bobo, now 39, and who had moved to Auxier after his release, was taken into custody at Prestonsburg Wal-Mart earlier this week after a call from store associates to the local police notified them that a man was shoplifting from the store.

When police responded to the call from store associates at Wal-Mart, they said the male subject mentioned in the complaint call turned out to be Bobo.

Bobo had allegedly tried to leave the store



Sean Bobo

## Clues sought to 1987 Pike murder

SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Officers at the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville are saying that an appropriate amount of exposure to the public regarding the six cold murder cases they currently have on the shelf could prove to be beneficial.

One case dating back eight years was solved two days after WYMT interviewed and talked with detectives seeking answers. That interview led to a phone call, according to police, from a man who said he had information about the case, which was a Magoffin County murder.

The cold murder cases at Post 9 span 28 years — from as far back as 1982 to the most recent, which was opened in 2000. One of those unsolved cases is the murder of Brian Keith Mullins.

Mullins was discovered by authorities on Dec. 12, 1987, on the front porch of his home in Gulnare, in Pike County.

General reports of the case say only that Mullins died "as a result of blunt force trauma to the throat and neck area."

According to Post 9's website for cold cases, the case is currently being handled by Det. Kevin Newsome. KSP Trooper and Post 9

**COLD CASES**  
Eastern Kentucky's unsolved murders

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## Spurlock named to Prichard Committee

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Susan Rose Spurlock, a resident of Prestonsburg, has been appointed to the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

Spurlock was one of 20 new members that joined the committee at a recent meeting.

"I am glad to participate as an Eastern Kentucky representative and do what I can to help improve our public school system," Spurlock said.

Spurlock lives in Prestonsburg with her husband, Beau, and daughters Julia and Libby. The couple has a baby on the way in March.

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, founded in 1980 as a 30-member citizen panel, is an independent, nonpartisan group of volunteers dedicated to improving education in Kentucky.

According to information provided by the Prichard Committee, "Over the past 25 years, the Kentucky public education system, from pre-kindergarten to post-secondary, has made enormous progress. Once considered to be at the bottom of the barrel, the system has moved to the middle of the pack. Today, based on a range of data, Kentucky is recognized as a national leader in improving schools. At the center of this transformation, advocating, negotiating, and holding together disparate interest groups, have been the citi-

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# For the Record

**Marriage Licenses**  
Whitney Jordan Hall, 22, of Drift, to Thomas Wayne Patrick, 24, of Drift.  
Nikki D. Keathley, 26, of Teaberry, to Nathan J. Hamilton, 26, of Teaberry.  
Michelle N. Newsome, 35, of Minnie, William G. Parker, 35, of Minnie.  
Angie D. Little, 39, of Minnie, to Michael A. Hurd, 30, of Minnie.  
Lisa Dawn Hall, 36, of Grethel, to Paul Edward Mitchell, 42, of Grethel.  
Hillary Nichole Ray, 20, of Harold, to Barry Joseph Justice, 22, of Harold.

**Civil Suits Filed**  
Christopher N. Carter vs. Guardian Life Insurance Company of America; complaint.  
Larry Greer vs. Matthew P. Tackett, complaint.  
Thedia Hamilton vs. Gregory L. Kossie; complaint.  
Tax Ease Investments LLC vs. Heather Little; complaint.  
American Express Centurian Bank vs. Wesley Howell; complaint.  
Mitchell Foster vs. Jerry J. Martin; complaint.  
Alice Sipple vs. Bruce Hackworth; complaint.  
Cavalry Portfolio Services LLC vs. Tiffany Hall; complaint.

**Landmark Financial Services vs. Tim Carter; complaint.**  
Sharon Kidd vs. Sadie Chaffins; complaint.

**Charges Filed**  
Sean Bobo, 39, Auxier; theft by unlawful taking, two counts of possession of a controlled substance.  
Michael Davidson, 37, Carrie; public intoxication, six counts of possession of a controlled substance, four counts of prescription not in original container.  
Gregory S. Crace, 46, Martin; receiving stolen property.  
Jack Singleton, 30, Carrie; public intoxication, four counts of possession of a controlled substance, four counts of prescription not in original container, possession of marijuana.  
Tamelia Renee Hill, 28, Melvin; public intoxication.  
Levi Silas Dameron, 43, Pikeville; theft by unlawful taking.  
Katie E. Prater, 21, Allen; alcohol intoxication.  
Josh N. Blackburn, 18, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.  
Samantha Patton, 21, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.  
Hollie Lafferty, 24, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

**Inspections**  
Country's Road House, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: no chemical test kit, unclear cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, improper storage of clean utensils, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly, the lighting intensity is not sufficient. Score: 94.  
Duff Elementary School, Eastern, regular inspection. Violations noted: outside dumpster in need of lids and cleaned, flooring, walls, and ceilings found with some damage in the restrooms, floor found with large crack in hallway. Score: 94.  
Fat Daddy's Inc., Bevinville, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, no hair restraints, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, outer openings not protected

against the entry of pests, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 89.  
Hamilton's Mobile Home Park, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: sites not numbered properly, areas in need of resurfacing, homes found not meeting the 15 feet setback, lot found with debris in yard, areas of overgrowth found around trailers. Score: 88.

**Property Transfers**  
Brian K. Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Claude O. Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Dennis Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Elva May Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Ernest R. Blackburn to Adam R. Collins, property not listed.  
Mary Stone Blackburn to Adam R. Collins, property not listed.  
Rita Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Tieann Blackburn to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Brenda Burke to Kathy Prater and Michael Prater, property not listed.  
Brenda Cullison to

Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Caroly Cottrell Delbello to Fred R. Cottrell, Jr., property located at Richmond Memorial Cemetery.  
GMO Forestry Fund 3 LP to DUE South Investments LLC, property located at Rough and Tough Branch of Salt Lick.  
Melissa R. Hall to Julie Lawson and Paul Lawson, property not listed.  
Ricky Hall to Valerie G. Saylor, property not listed.  
Tommy Hall to Julie Lawson and Paul Lawson, property not listed.  
Rodney Howell to Jonathan Howell, property not listed.  
Sandra Howell to Jonathan Howell, property not listed.  
Sharon K. Jones to Larry B. Hite, property located at Allen.  
Michael Little to Ronnie Spence, property not listed.  
Robyn Little to Rome Spence, property not listed.  
Charlene Martin to Elderee H. Turner, property not listed.  
Gary L. Meade to Patricia Meade, property not listed.  
Carol Metzger to Saddle Justice, property not listed.  
Doyle Music to Forrest Music, property located at

Auxier.  
Teresa A. Music to Forrest Music, property located at Auxier.  
Brian Nelson to Don Fields, property not listed.  
Leslie Nelson to Don Fields, property not listed.  
Judy Newman to Cynthia Lynn Case and Wesley Case, property located at Hunter Branch.  
Roger Puckett to Paul D. Puckett, property not listed.

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Cinema 4—Held Over  
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Cinema 5—Held Over  
LOVE AND OTHER DRUGS (R). Mon-Thurs. 6:50-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:50-9:15; Sat-Sun. (1:50-4:15) 6:50-9:15.  
Cinema 6—Starts Friday, Dec. 17  
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Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Dec. 17  
HOW DO YOU KNOW (PG-13). Mon-Thurs. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:55-9:20; Sat-Sun. (1:55-4:20) 6:55-9:20.  
Cinema 9—Starts Friday, Dec. 17  
THE FIGHTER (R). Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.  
Cinema 10—Held Over  
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## Crisis heating assistance begins Jan. 4

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER  
**PRESTONSBURG**  
With the freezing temperatures in full force this winter, Big Sandy Community Action Program will begin taking applications for the crisis component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program beginning on Jan. 4.

The crisis component is designed to help poverty level families and individuals pay heating bills if they are in danger of losing their primary source of heat as a result of being unable to pay their bill.  
"We encourage all households who need help to apply and see if they qualify," said BSACAP Executive Director James

Michael Howell. "Oftentimes, people think that because they received help in the fall, they cannot get it again. In many cases, the household may be eligible for further assistance under the Crisis phase of LIHEAP."  
According to BSACAP, a household is considered to be in a home heating crisis if the household is within four

days of running out of bulk fuel, the household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source, or if the home heating costs are included in the rent and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent.  
For more information about the Crisis component of LIHEAP, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program in Floyd County by calling (606) 886-2929.

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media outlets about the cases, perhaps improving the chances of receiving helpful information that could lead to closing the books on these decades old files.  
Any information in the investigation to find the suspect or suspects in Mullins' case should be forwarded to Det. Newsome at (606) 433-7711 or email to kevin.newsome@ky.gov.

### Storm

had reported power outages in Floyd County was the David area.  
"The David area is experiencing power outages, but the rest of the county is not, so that's a plus," said Marshall. "Everybody's got

their plows out and we'll be doing the best we can and go from there, but I think if the temperature cooperates we might have dodged a bullet."  
The judge-executive's office will be open throughout the day today and

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Marshall said the sheriff's department will have dispatch personnel on hand in case any emergencies should arise in the coming days, as continued snowfall is predicted until after Monday.

### Arrest

with an item without paying. Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey searched him and reported finding a plastic pill bottle in his front pocket.  
Tussey said the bottle contained "two types of pills," yellow, oval pills and seven white, round pills.  
The 39-year-old was charged with the first unlawful taking and two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance. He was jailed on a \$5,000 cash bond.  
In November 2008, Bobo

was sentenced to two years in prison on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one count of unlawful imprisonment.  
Three months later, Bobo was strapped with an additional six months tacked to his sentence in February 2009 on a charge of contempt of court when he made an obscene gesture toward the victim and the family who attended his sentencing in 2008.  
During his sentencing, Bobo admitted to then-Floyd Circuit Court Judge

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Danny P. Caudill to engaging in sexual intercourse with the minor, who was 11 at the time of the offense in May 2008.  
From April 26 to May 19 of that year, according to the original indictment, Bobo said he engaged in sexual intercourse with the minor. He admitted the same when questioned by Caudill.  
On the new charges of theft and possession of a controlled substance, Bobo is next due in court for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 20.

### Case

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Little said Thursday that he has been and will continue to meet with the detectives at Post 9 who have been assigned the six cold cases across the five-county region. Little said it could be possible that in the near future these detectives may soon gather to talk with

### Spurlock

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zens who make up the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.  
For more information on the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, including a full list of members, visit [www.prichardcommittee.org](http://www.prichardcommittee.org).

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## U.S. Attorney's Office brings in \$704 million

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER  
**LEXINGTON**  
The Eastern Kentucky District of the U.S. Attorney's Office offered up the third-highest amount in financial collections in the past year among the 94 offices across the nation.  
And the bulk of those collections, which come from such sources as debts owed and fines taken as part of court cases throughout the year, came from a windfall amount following a civil settlement with the drug com-

pany Pfizer, which manufactures Oxycontin.  
In total, the eastern district office collected \$704 million. Of that total amount, \$692 million came following a civil settlement reached with the pharmaceutical giant.  
Pfizer paid the government \$2.3 billion for illegally promoting drugs to doctors in Eastern Kentucky and elsewhere, causing overpayments by the Medicare and Medicaid programs.  
"Our collections are more important than ever in this

economic environment," U.S. Attorney Kerry B. Harvey said in a statement yesterday. "We will continue to hold accountable those who seek to profit from their illegal activities."  
Department of Justice data also shows that the eastern district office tripled the national average for the number of assets forfeited to the United States in criminal cases. These assets included homes, vehicles and bank accounts that were either used to commit crimes or purchased with money made from criminal activities.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

Let's be naughty  
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—Gary Allan

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**Guest View**

## America needs better network neutrality proposal

by STEVE MACEK  
and MITCHELL SZCZEPANCZYK

When President Obama appointed Julius Genachowski chair of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Genachowski promised to introduce regulation that would prohibit internet service providers (ISPs) from discriminating against or blocking lawful online content.

Such "network neutrality" protections were needed because ISPs had been caught blocking their customers' access to cost-effective telephone services like Skype and intentionally degrading the performance of peer-to-peer file sharing software like BitTorrent. Now, the FCC chair has finally unveiled his long awaited network neutrality plan, with an expected FCC vote slated for December 21. Unfortunately, the plan will do very little to protect internet users against online discrimination and censorship by ISPs.

Network neutrality is the principle that ISPs should treat all lawful traffic over their networks equally. Using that principle of openness, countless online applications and services (Google, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Wikipedia, etc.) have quickly gotten online and improved the daily lives of millions of users without having to first ask for permission from ISPs. And it's not just applications; thanks to the decentralized and nondiscriminatory nature of the internet, citizen journalists and nonprofits have been able to reach new audiences and draw public attention to stories and problems that would otherwise go ignored.

Major ISPs would like to eliminate network neutrality since they could increase their profits by prioritizing certain kinds of internet traffic. They want customers to pay more to get their websites delivered faster. But that opens the door for digital extortion, as recently occurred when Comcast arm-twisted the networking company Level 3 into paying new, exorbitant fees after Level 3 signed Netflix as a new customer. It would also make possible ISP discrimination against low-budget, grassroots web content providers like citizen journalists, bloggers and nonprofits who often post the most interesting stories and videos. These groups likely won't have sufficient funds to sustain an internet presence for very long.

Sadly, Genachowski's network neutrality proposal is fraught with loopholes. The proposal fails to restore FCC authority over ISPs, which all but ensures court challenges to any attempt at enforcing network neutrality. The proposal does offer nominal protections against "paid prioritization," but critics decry these protections as weak. They point out that the proposal exempts unspecified "specialized services" from network neutrality provisions, an exception which could lead to the creation of a tiered internet. What's more, the proposed rules don't extend to wireless broadband networks, so that as more and more internet services go wireless, the scope of network neutrality would be sharply reduced.

Strong protection of an open internet will require a number of key changes to Genachowski's proposed new rules. One change would be to restore FCC authority over the internet by reclassifying the internet as a "Title II" service, which would put the FCC on firmer ground for asserting its authority. A better proposal would also eliminate the "specialized services" loophole (why shouldn't everyone benefit from network neutrality?), disallow paid prioritization (paid discrimination in other spheres of life is illegal), and extend its rules to both headline and wireless internet serv-

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## Q: THE REAL REASON DEMOCRATS FAVOR STEM CELL RESEARCH?



## A: IT'S THEIR BEST SHOT AT REGENERATING SOME BACKBONE

### Beyond the Beltway

#### Invertebrate president

by DONALD KAUL  
OTHERWORDS

Well, the Democrats are finally showing some fight. They're fighting with each other, but it's a start.

The fading Democratic majority in the House has balked at accepting President Barack Obama's compromise with Republicans on the Bush tax cuts, which are set to expire with the New Year.

That's the deal where Republicans get enormous tax cuts for the rich and the president gets a bag full of brightly colored beans.

In it, people with a lot of money get enough to build additions to their Caribbean vacation homes (unless their Aspen retreats need expansion), while the laid-off auto worker in danger of losing his one-and-only home to foreclosure gets enough to put food on the table for his family for a few more months.

House Democrats, offered that trade, said, "no thank you very much."

I keep getting the feeling that none of this would be happening if Barack Obama were alive today.

I don't mean the sad-faced fellow with the same name you see on television these days, the one with the "Kick Me" sign on his back. I mean the Obama of the campaign trail, the inspirational figure who promised us

"Change we can believe in." That Obama.

He's gone, replaced by a guy who makes Jimmy Carter look like Vince Lombardi.

The real joke about the tax "compromise" is that the President insisted that the extension of the tax cuts last only two years. Apparently he feels that things will look better for him politically two years from now and that Congress will be able to do away with the budget-busting tax cuts then.

My only surprise is that no Republican leader has yet died laughing at that one.

I used to think that President Obama was a shoo-in for reelection in 2012. I based that on the old political axiom "You can't beat somebody with nobody." I reasoned that since the Republicans didn't really have a "somebody" among their presumptive candidates—and wouldn't nominate him or her if they did—Obama would prevail.

I'm no longer sure of that. If things go on as they are, Obama could conceivably get beaten by a Candidate to be Named Later.

There are die-hard Democrats who think that the president has an ace-in-the-hole: Sarah Palin. Egged on by the lunatic fringe of the party, the Republicans just might nominate the Lady Gaga of the political right, which would mean death for them in the election. That's the theory.

Good theory. But I'm not as convinced of it as I used to be.

Two years after running what many thought was a disastrous vice-

presidential campaign, Palin remains a star in a political firmament that doesn't have many.

Put her in a room with Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Newt Gingrich, Bobby Jindal, or any of her other probable rivals for the GOP presidential nomination in 2012—or with all of them at once, for that matter—and your eye (and attention) will go to her. She's not that movie star thing going for her.

Beyond that, she has a marvelous political instinct for survival. She came out of the train wreck that was the McCain campaign stronger than she went in.

The Republicans will spend the next two years beating Obama about the head and shoulders while he stands in the middle of the road saying: "Let us reason together."

They'll do their best to collapse the economy and then blame Democrats for the collapse. After that, they're going to raise taxes on the rich? I don't think so.

Am I being too pessimistic? I hope so, but I know this much:

A political party that can't sell the American people on increasing taxes on millionaires when unemployment stands at nearly 10 percent, with a deficit threatening to stifle the nation, is a party that couldn't sell hand-warmers to a duck-hunting club.

It is, in other words, a pathetic excuse for a political party.

*OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. www.otherwords.org.*

## The Usual Eccentric

### This cat must really have nine lives

by WILL E. SANDERS

Last Saturday went like any other day until I found myself assisting in the life-saving surgery of my cat, Thumper. Since I'm being serious, I'll pause while you reflect on that for a "Kick Me" sign because I need to grab a drink out of the fridge.

Pretty stupid of me, huh? If you enjoy puns, you might say that's a (SET ITAL) cat-astrophe (END ITAL) waiting to happen. But if you hated puns, you might say that's a great way for a fellow to kill his pet cat — period!

It all started last Saturday when Thumper (dramatized re-enactment) grabbed me by my shirt collar, shoved a gun in my face and told me to take him to the vet. "I haven't been able to urinate for two days now — thanks for noticing, by the way — because I have another bladder stone clogging my thingamabob." Thumper meowed as he puffed on a cigarette. "If you don't get me to a vet before Monday, there is a good chance I'll die."

Have I mentioned this took place on a late Saturday afternoon when all

but one vet was open? I tried every number in the phone book to no avail, except for the last number I called.

A man with what seemed like a thick Russian voice answered and explained he had just closed the office. However, the Russian voice also explained to me (in biological terms I won't mention here) that Thumper would probably not make it much longer. The vet voice told me if I left now, he would see Thumper in a gesture of kindness; he even agreed to waive the \$75 emergency fee.

After I arrived, I learned the Russian voice belonged to Dr. Anstadt. He was tall, old and hard of hearing. I SAID he was hard of HEARING!

"NO," I yelled for the second time to the good doctor, "I have never helped someone put a catheter into a cat before. I don't imagine you get too many affirmative answers to that question, do you, doc?"

"Would you mind helping?" Dr. Anstadt kindly asked rhetorically.

One need not look any further than our own anatomy to realize putting a catheter in a human is probably no easy trick, but cats are much smaller. And so is ... everything else. It seemed like trying to thread a needle with an 18-wheeler.

You ever watch that alien autopsy footage? You know, that grainy, Zaprunder-esque black-and-white footage that shows a disturbingly

strange being tied down on a metal examining table as two guys poke and prod it? It was exactly like that.

Don't ask me how, but eventually the good doctor threaded the semi through the needle. He paused. Nothing happened.

"Ge-ive it a moment," Dr. Anstadt articulated.

"Give what a moment?" I wondered as I held the rubber hose that was attached to the end of the cat catheter. Foolishly, however, the hose was pointed directly back at me.

Thumper began spouting like a garden sprinkler. Like Jed Clampett, Dr. Anstadt and I struck liquid gold. By the time I paid the vet bill, I wish we had struck actual liquid gold though, and not the metaphorical kind that smells like cat urine.

So, now Thumper is exclusively eating specialty cat food to better suit his dietary needs, which means it's now much cheaper to feed myself than my own cat. And that wouldn't be all that bad, but Thumper's eating healthier than me now, too.

Here's the tale of the tape:

One bag of prescription cat food (yes, prescription cat food) runs about \$17, and it has higher protein and fiber percentages than most of the offerings at the fast food joints I frequent. Thumper's magical, mortgage-busting food has ingredients I've never heard of, like brewers rice.

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# Saint Joseph-Martin begins smoking cessation class

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — In what is now a years-long effort across the county and much of the state to help smokers drop the habit, Saint Joseph-Martin Hospital is now offering smoking cessation classes once a week.

University of Kentucky that is quickly gaining the attention of medical professionals.

The program is called the Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking, and was developed 25 years ago by two faculty members at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Thomas Cooper, a dentist and former heavy smoker, with the assistance of Dr. Richard Clayton, an expert on drug addiction.

Cooper smoked heavily for 36 years and has said he made repeated attempts to stop smoking but was not successful until he developed the Cooper/Clayton Method.

The method certainly has UK's seal of approval, so to speak. "Smoking is the leading actual 'cause of death' in the U.S., and these deaths are preventable," said Dr. Stephen W. Wyatt, current

dean of the College of Public Health at UK. "Science-based programs to help individuals stop smoking are important interventions for public health and the health care delivery community."

Wyatt adds that as a former director of Cancer Control in Kentucky he feels the program is "the most popular and respected cancer control initiative in Kentucky." Cooper and Clayton say

the program uses science-based and proven methods, which include education, skills training and social support. The classes consist of 12 one-hour weekly sessions followed by relapse prevention. Participants utilize nicotine replacement prod-

ucts such as the nicotine patch, nicotine gum or nicotine lozenge.

The classes will be held at Saint Joseph-Martin Hospital's Seton Complex in the basement level conference room. For more information, call (606) 285-6692.

# Board moves monthly meeting to Monday

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education has scheduled its monthly meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Prestonsburg High School. The meeting had originally been planned for Dec. 13, but inclement weather led to

the rescheduling. Items on the agenda include receiving a report on the implementation and progress of the school improvement grants for South Floyd High School and Betsy Layne High School from the months of November and December, a tutor position at South Floyd High School, a review of

school needs assessments, the 2011-2012 technology plan, a grant agreement between the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Floyd County Schools and the consideration of the date for the January 2011 board meeting.

The board is also sched-

uled to consider the selection of one board member and three business and community leaders to serve on the Local Planning Committee and to receive a report on the Floyd County 2010 Explore and Plan results.

# Eccentric

chicken, pork and eggs. My Big Mac meal has the stuff I'm more used to. Ingredients like good old-fashioned sodium stearoyl lactylate, calcium peroxide, and my personal favorite: ethoxylated monoglycerides — and that's just three of the 31 ingredients in the bun! (Look it up if you think I'm lying.)

I'm going to be completely honest with you. I've considered eating the cat food. You know, just trying it. I like rice, chicken and pork — it makes sense, you

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know? I put a piece of it in my mouth, but I won't tell you I swallowed. After all, the cat's got my tongue and my wallet, too.

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# Editorial

The major ISPs have considerable lobbying muscle, but defenders of full network neutrality have two key swing votes at the FCC — Commissioners Michael Copps and Mignon Clyburn. Both have called for provisions stronger than those embodied in Genachowski's proposal. Genachowski's new regulations can't pass the FCC without the votes of Copps and Clyburn, especially since the remaining two FCC Commissioners, both Republicans, have vowed to vote against any network neutrality proposal. Hopefully, Copps and Clyburn can leverage their votes for a stronger network neutrality law that can better serve and protect the public.

Public involvement in the net neutrality fight will be a critical factor in determining whether or not the FCC can pass an improved network neutrality law. Indeed, public involvement on network neutrality — perhaps best exemplified by the Save the Internet coalition — was critical in overcoming the flood of ISP lobbying money and keeping the issue alive over the past few years when pundits dismissed it as dead or at least on life support. This final phase of the policy fight over network neutrality is no different; the future of the internet is lit-

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ally in your hands.

Macek is an associate professor of speech communication at North Central College. Szczepanczyk is an organizer with Chicago Media Action.

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## Bruce, Reds agree to contract extension

Deal to keep OF with Cincinnati through 2016

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds President of Baseball Operations and General Manager Walt Jocketty today announced the signing of OF Jay Bruce to a 6-year contract

through the 2016 season with a club option for 2017.

Following last season, Bruce became eligible for arbitration under Major League Baseball's "Super 2" guidelines. In 148 games for the Reds in 2010 he hit 281 with 25 HR, 70 RBI and 5 stolen bases. In the dramatic 3-2 win vs the Houston Astros on September 28, his walkoff home run on the first pitch from Tim Lincecum clinched the

club's first National League Central Division title and playoff appearance since 1995.

At age 23, Bruce already has 68 career home runs and 180 RBI over three seasons in the majors. According to Elias Sports Bureau, among all active players under the age of 24 he ranks first in HR and second in RBI (Arizona Diamondbacks OF Justin Upton has 208 RBI).

"We recognize Jay as one of the exceptional young players who form the foundation of our team," Jocketty said. "He's an example of how we are committed to building our organization from within, first by drafting good players and then by holding onto and building around them."

Added team President and



JAY BRUCE

(See BRUCE, page two)

## Coaches create lasting relationships

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

This job, if you think about it, is about relationships.

Life is, really. We muddle through this world, sometimes with our heads down often complaining about how things are going, but in the end we stop and look back and see it wasn't too bad after all.

That's largely because of the relationships we cultivate along the way. The wealth we gain here monetarily pales in comparison to what we take from the friends we make.

Do this for a while and you get to know people. If you're blessed, some leave lasting impacts. We in the media often get to know players, parents and fans — of the players, not of our handiwork.

And we get to know coaches.

Coaches, I believe, are some of the most important people in our lives. Hopefully your relationship with God is a strong one, and your parents are your role models. A good, strong pastor can go a long way for someone, particularly a teen.

So can a coach. I'm 25-plus years out of high school now, but I still hold my coaches close to my heart. I liked them back in the day. I always had a good relationship with them, but now, all these years later, they're still men I idolize.

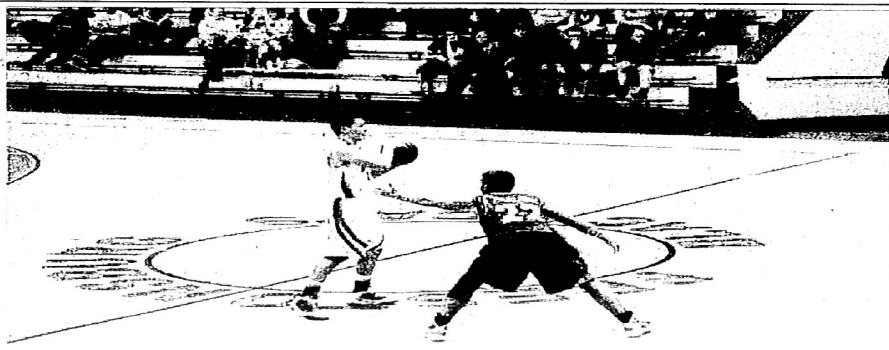
I hope you can say the same.

This week I happened upon Richard Maynard, for whom I played during his final season as basketball coach at Millard. After his coaching days were through, he was promoted to assistant principal, where he could leave a mark on many more young people.

Coach had a term for us who played for him. He called us "knot heads." Many would see that as an insult, but it was a term of endearment for us. He loved his boys — didn't always like us every day, but he loved us — and we loved him.

He has many, many sto-

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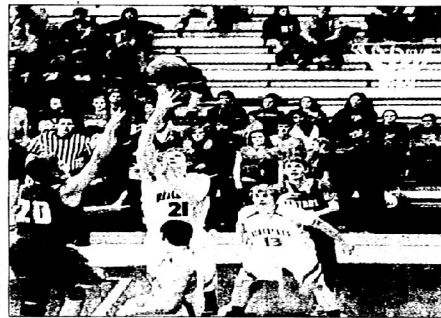
## HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS HALTED

Floyd County boys' and girls' high school basketball teams have had to alter their schedules throughout the week due to a pair of winter storms. Prestonsburg and Allen Central are pictured in a Floyd County Conference/58th District boys' high school basketball game played one week ago. Dates and times for the majority of the makeup games are still pending.

## WYMT Sports Overtime Mountain Top 10 Basketball Polls

Girls: 1. Rockcastle County; 2. Perry Central; 3. Clay County; 4. North Laurel; 5. Sheldon Clark; 6. Southwestern; 7. Betsy; 8. Magoffin County; 9. Knott Central; 10. South Laurel.

Boys: 1. Clay County; 2. Hazard; 3. Johnson Central; 4. Perry Central; 5. Bell County; 6. Betsy Layne; 7. Knott Central; 8. Letcher Central; 9. Whitley County; 10. Buckhorn.



## Knight named SEC Freshman of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball player Brandon Knight was named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

Knight, a 6-3 guard from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., averaged 19.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists in wins over 23rd-ranked Notre Dame and Indiana. Knight recorded his fourth 20-point effort this season against the Irish. In the rivalry-win over Indiana, Knight scored five points and pulled down five rebounds over the final 10 minutes to help UK come from one-point down to pull away for the 81-62 win. He went 10-10 from the free throw line against the Hoosiers and has hit 14-straight and 19 of his last 20 from the charity stripe.

The award is his first of the season and the third for UK this year. Knight is the eighth Wildcat to earn SEC Freshman of the Week honors since the SEC started the award in the 2006 season.

Terrence Jones has been named the SEC Freshman

(See KNIGHT, page two)

## Taylor excited about 2011 baseball season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Coach Robert Taylor has announced the official release of the 2011 Pikeville College baseball schedule.

It includes weekend series at Faulkner University in Alabama and at Shorter College in Georgia — two schools that are members of the Mid-South Conference in football only — as well as home series against Notre Dame College and Bryan College. The mid-week games will feature teams such as Asbury University, Indiana-Southeast, Virginia Intermont, and Cincinnati Christian.

The Bears will also travel to play NCAA Div. I Morehead State for a single-game contest on Wednesday, March 23.

The Mid-South Conference will be split into East and West divisions with the baseball Bears competing in the East Division against competition of the University of Rio Grande, Shawnee State, U.Va.-Wise and WVU Tech. The Bears will also play the University of the South, Cumberland, Lindsey Wilson College and Campbellsville University from the West Division.

The season will end with all teams participating in a play-in game for the Mid-South Conference Tournament with the division winners playing in the best of three series to decide the conference champion.

"Our schedule is challenging and exciting," Taylor said. "The Mid-South Conference is one of the best baseball conferences in the nation and we are looking forward to competing in the new divisional format. Our team is working hard to prepare for the challenges ahead."

## Pikeville leads list of Class A, District 8 football honorees

### Panther player, coach earn top nods

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Champion Pikeville leads the list of gridiron honorees for the 2010 Class A, District 8 All-District Team. Pikeville's Randy Maynard was named the Class A,

District 8 Player of the Year. Pikeville mentor Chris McNamee was named the Class A, District 8 Coach of the Year.

Fellow football players from Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Allen Central, South Floyd and Phelps joined Pikeville Panthers as All-District and honorable mentions honorees.

A rundown of the Class A, District 8 All-District Team follows.

Pikeville: Madison Coleman, Ben Stagg, Chase Hall, Ross McCoy, Taylor Ratliff, Zack Burg-

VanHoose.

Betsy Layne: Casey Adkins, Corey Jarrell, Nathan Martin, Landon Tackett, Austin Hall.

Paintsville: Dustin Caldwell, Josh Hall, Mark Nordin, Tyler Spriggs.

Allen Central: Shane Hamilton, Micah Harlow, Sheldon Rice.

South Floyd: Dakota Newsome, Weston Little.

Phelps: Garrett Page.

A breakdown of the Honorable Mention selections follows.

Pikeville: Gage Morrison, Taylor Mullins,

Mark Branham, Kolby McPeck, Caleb Campoy, Tolliver Heffner.

Betsy Layne: Tyler Recznik, Dylan Maldonado, Josh Salisbury, Dylan Hamilton, Ryan Lawson.

Paintsville: Jimmy Jude, Cory Sexton, Bryan Murray, Andy Adkins.

Allen Central: Mickey Parsons, Jon Carroway, Josh Handshoe.

South Floyd: Tyler Moore, Gordon Hall, Jacob Truman, Dylan Hall.

Phelps: Dakota Smith, Mike Fonne, Colby Hatfield.

## JW State Resort Park to host mobility-impaired hunt

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will be open to a select group of deer hunters Jan. 8-9. Hunters who meet the mobility-impaired eligibility requirements set forth by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife will be able to take advantage of the two-day hunt (limit two deer, either sex). Hunters are required to check in at the park office during business hours on Jan. 7. A Mobility-Impaired Access Permit is required at the time of check-in.

Hunters must also check in and out on hunt days. Also, hunters must telecheck deer taken. Hunters may be accom-

panied by another person, but that person will not be permitted to hunt. A hunter, however, will not be permitted to take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches at any time.

Persons with one of the following physical conditions are eligible to apply for a mobility-impaired quota hunt.

- Has permanent paralysis of at least one (1) leg;
- Has at least one (1) foot amputated;
- Is permanently confined to a wheelchair or must use crutches or a walker as a means of support to pursue daily activities;
- Is restricted by a lung disease to such an extent that the person's forced respiratory expiratory volume for one (1)

second, when measured by spirometry, is less than one (1) liter, or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty (60) mm/Hg on room air at rest;

- Requires portable oxygen;
  - Has a cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified in severity as Class 3 or Class 4 according to standards set by the American Heart Association; or
  - Has a diagnosed disease which creates severe mobility impairment.
- Lunch, courtesy of the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club and the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, will be available at noon.

For more information on

the hunt, call Joe R. Bolton at 606-496-8683.

## Twenty-five Ky. residents drawn for late season quota cow elk hunt

Twenty-five hunters from Middleboro, Whitesburg, Hazard, Lynch, Hindman and other areas in southeastern Kentucky have a second chance to hunt elk in Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources recently drew 25 names for a late season cow elk hunt,

which will begin next month. "The late season hunt targets areas where people have had ongoing problems with nuisance elk for years," said Tina Brunjes, deer and elk program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "This season can help solve those problems while providing hunters in the region an opportunity to put meat in the freezer for their families."

Hunters can check online at the department's website, fwky.gov, to see if they were drawn for the late season quota elk hunt on private land. The 14-day late season begins Jan. 22, 2011, and ends Feb. 4, 2011. Drawn hunters also will be notified by mail.

(See HUNT, page two)



Coaches

ries about those he coached through the years, and we about him. I spent a long time last week talking with his wife Judy, who was a top-notch English teacher at Millard, and we swapped many of them. I've been blessed that, after graduation, I was able to maintain a great relationship with Coach. I often feel sorry for the two of them, because a trip to Walmart can last three, maybe four hours, and that's before they get in the checkout line. So many of us think so highly of them that we don't pass up the opportunity to spend a few minutes catching up, and they wind up standing and chatting longer than they shop. I was there one day and saw them on my way in. I spent some time shopping and doing some talking myself. When I left I realized I'd been there an hour and a half. The two of them were still standing in the same place they were when I got there. I also got to catch up with one of the coaches I've

worked with at Pikeville College this week. Randy McCoy and I began this level of our careers together, so to speak. He was already a top-of-the-line college coach and recruiter before he came to Elkhorn City to be its boys' basketball coach. That year, I was in my first year in the media, working for WBCL in Elkhorn City. Years later when he came to Pikeville College, there was no period of getting to know each other. We'd long traveled together. I'd covered hundreds of his games and we knew each other pretty well. Randy and I went to bat for each other several times through the years. I was always glad to have him in my corner. The day my brother died, when I walked out of the hospital Randy was standing right beside the door. Throughout his funeral, Randy was there, as was Coach Maynard. When I was walking into the church the first night of his visita-

tion, I broke down in the parking lot. I felt someone put a hand of my shoulder, it was Coach. If you're blessed, you'll have people come and go in your life and make a mark. If you have a coach, I feel assured you have someone who will last forever if you choose. I'm very fortunate to have many of them. Some I work with daily and still have a very high regard for. Some, like these two gentlemen, I see less frequently. But I know they're there, and I know the solid impact they've had throughout my life. Life is about relationships. Coaches, for me, are some of the very best people I've ever been around. Coaching isn't always about wins and losses. As I look back, I remember very few specific games I played in or covered through my career. But I remember vividly all the coaches for whom I played or that I covered through the years. Those are the memories that will last a lifetime.

Bruce

Chief Executive Officer Bob Castellini, "We are very proud of the way Jay handles himself not only on the field but in the community and in front of the media. He represents himself and the organization in the respectful manner consistent with our goals and philosophies." The Reds' first pick (12th overall) of the June 2005 first-year player draft, Bruce was Baseball America's Minor League Player of the Year in 2007. The following season he

made his Major League debut and finished fourth among rookies in the National League's Jackie Robinson Award voting and was a TOPPS Major League Rookie All-Star.

UK FOOTBALL: Cobb, Trevathan named All-America

Cats busy preparing for bowl game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The versatile talents and performances of Kentucky wide receiver/quarterback/punt returner/kickoff returner Randall Cobb have been rewarded with first-team All-America recognition as an all-purpose player by the Associated Press and Sports Illustrated.com. In addition, Wildcat linebacker Danny Trevathan is an honorable-mention All-American by SI.com. Cobb leads the Southeastern Conference in pass receiving with 79 catches for 955 yards and seven touchdowns but his value far exceeds those contributions. He also plays quarterback in the "WildCobb" formation and has rushed for 401 yards and five touchdowns and thrown three TD passes in that role. In addition, Cobb returns punts and kickoffs, including a punt return for a touchdown this season. Cobb has 2,192 all-purpose yards, ranking second in the nation and breaking the Kentucky single-season record. During the season he broke the UK career record for touchdowns with 37. Cobb's versatility as an all-purpose player is underscored by the fact that he is the only player in the nation who ranks first or second on his team in rushing, passing and receiving. He has put points on the board eight different ways this season - rushing, receiving and passing for touchdowns; returning a punt for a TD; throwing for a TD on a fake field goal; and notching two-point conversions by nishing, passing and receiving. Cobb is also a finalist for the new Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the nation's most versatile player. Cobb is the first Wildcat to earn first-team All-America honors since kick returner Derek Abney and punter Glenn Pakulak in 2002. Trevathan, an honorable-mention All-America choice, leads the Southeastern Conference in tackles with 130 stops, including eight consecutive games with double-figure tackles. He also rates third in the SEC in tackles for loss with 16. The Kentucky football team is currently preparing for its bowl game on Jan. 8, 2011.

Hunt

Each hunter is randomly drawn from the pool of those who applied for the regular quota elk hunts. Hunters must reside in the 16-county elk restoration zone to be eligible for this hunt. Only two Elk Management Units (EMUs) are open for this hunt: Stoney

Fork EMU and Knott County EMU. Only private lands are open for this hunt. All public lands within these EMUs are closed to elk hunting. Hunters who check online can follow links to maps of these areas. Hunters drawn for the 25 permits will have the choice

this year of hunting Stoney Fork EMU or Knott County EMU rather than being limited to just one of these units. The permits for this hunt cost \$30 for Kentucky residents, the same as for the regular elk quota hunts. Hunters must also possess an annual Kentucky hunting license.

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Knight

twice this year. Last season UK won the award 11 times, led by John Wall's five, DeMarcus Cousins' four and

Eric Bledsoe won it twice. Kentucky returns to action on Saturday, Dec. 18, hosting the Mississippi

Valley State Delta Devils. The game is scheduled for an 8 p.m. ET tip and can be seen live on CSS.

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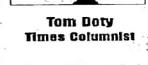
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## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON 'Dead Space'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

In the future, a scientific team, assigned to fighting a deadly space disease, accidentally creates a monster in this low-budget charmer from the prolific Roger Corman.

In the 1990sm Corman bought a new studio and proceeded to remake all of his films for the growing direct-to-video market. Here he offers a remake of "Forbidden World," which was itself an attempt to cash in on the successful "Alien" franchise.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

The flick starts with a scientist accidentally exposing himself to an experiment (which looks like an enormous pile of breakfast cereal glued to carpet shavings). Apparently, we will become pretty lax about safe laboratory conditions in the future. Be that as it may, we now have an excuse to bring in space hero Kriegar. He's a butch troubleshooter type that we first meet while lounging on his ship in a thong. He is awakened by his trusty robot sidekick, Tinpan. His assistant announces that the scientist colony is in trouble, but first they must engage in a dog-fight with three enemy ships that popped up for no reason other than to have a fight scene.

This sequence actually works, as well it should, because they use the same footage that appeared in

(See LAGOON, page 5)

## HONORED FOR SERVICE



Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin congratulated Homer Hall for his over 50 years of service in the library system of Floyd County during a special event in Hall's honor on Wednesday.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

# DEDICATION

## Homer Hall congratulated for 50 years of service

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Homer L. Hall, who has served as the director of the Floyd County Library for over 20 years, was honored for his service during a special celebration on Wednesday.

A large crowd of local and state officials, along with Hall's friends, family, and co-workers, staged a surprise party that included Elvis impersonator Eddie Miles who sang the song "Big Boss Man" as Hall arrived at the library.

Hall has worked for over 50 years in library services and as an educator.

"Mr. Hall moved the library into the technological era bringing free computer access and electronic resources to the public while serving as director," said Randall Reno, mobile librarian. "Mr. Hall had the vision and direction to plan and see to

fruition the remodeling and addition to the Floyd County Library in 1995, and to expand services in southern Floyd County and set in motion the building and completion of the Floyd County Library Branch in Minnie in 2009."

Hall also served as chair of the Kentucky Public Library Association in 1967, and was the state's regional librarian from 1954 until 1990.

According to Reno, Hall had the vision and drive to purchase a new mobile library in 2010 to give outlying residents access to technology and library services found on campus.

At the celebration, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall presented Hall with a proclamation making Dec. 15 "Homer L. Hall Day" in Floyd County. State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin also gave thanks to Hall and House Speaker Greg Stumbo issued a citation honoring Hall.



Floyd County Library Director Homer Hall was greeted by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall during a special event in Hall's honor on Wednesday. Marshall issued a proclamation making Dec. 15 "Homer L. Hall Day" in Floyd County.

### DINNER DIVA

## How safe is your kitchen?



Dirty dining reports are becoming quite popular with local news stations all around the country and are grossing out America at the same time. I'm sure you've seen it before; local reporters go into the kitchens of restaurants to see what health code violations they can find. I'll spare you the gory details, but it's usually one more reason I prefer to cook my meals at home.

But let me ask you— how would your kitchen stand up to one of these inspections? I like to keep my sink shiny (thanks to FlyLady) and my pantry neat (thank you

Rubbermaid) but as you may have seen in my pantry makeover blog just about a year ago, I found an old sprouting potato hiding in the dark recesses of my pantry. It happens!

So how safe is your kitchen? When is the last time you gave your fridge and freezer a good disinfecting? How old is the shelf liner in your cabinets? Are there crumbs in your flatware drawer? What's hiding on your cutting board, under your stove, or behind the fridge?

There are some great inexpensive basic household cleaners you can use to get your kitchen sink

(and everything else) shiny and safe.

### Sanitize & Disinfect

Keep surfaces, counters, cabinets, appliances, floors and your fridge clean with plain old household vinegar. I like plain old white vinegar. It is effective at preventing bacteria growth. For your counters, just put straight vinegar into a bottle and spray directly on the counters. Wash with a wet cloth that you rinse often in hot water. If you let

(See DIVA, page 4)

## This Town, That World

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

### GREETINGS

It's that time again when the old year winds down and the season of joy and good cheer seizes upon each of us and, we hope, makes us just a little more decent people...a time when we do a little stock-taking and tincture the merry holiday with a bit of sadness when we think of all the friends we remember but neglect. These kind remembrances from others in the form of Christmas greetings are appreciated but they do little for our self-esteem. Which is to say, we have sent not one.

If we were to let every individual know of our regard in this way, we would be sending many thousands of cards. And when we were through, there would be some whom we missed. And again we would be sorry about that.

So at this time Christmas season we simply send sincere best wishes, laboriously pecked out in our own patented two-finger style, to every one who reads this.

### THE GREATEST MAIL-CARRIER

I think again of a friend whom I have neglected...A man named Cal Robinson is a patient at the Golden Years Rest Home at Lackey. He is another whom I failed to see this year, although my intentions were good.

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### CAR TALK

Loose bolts may cause major excitement

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 The proposed operation is located approximately 1.8 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Salltick Creek. The operation is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the surface area, auger and contour methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Reed Brothers Holding Company, Inc., John F. Hoover, Lisa & Edmond Watkins, Martin Vanderpool, Larry Conley, Wayne Gearheart, Elden Bailey, Marwood Land Co., Inc., Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Thelma & Lurie Hoover, and G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Reed Brothers Holding Company, Inc., John F. Hoover, Lisa & Edmond Watkins, Martin Vanderpool, Larry Conley, Wayne Gearheart, Elden Bailey, Marwood Land Co., Inc., Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Thelma & Lurie Hoover, and G.M.O. Forestry Fund 3, LP.  
 The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

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**Tax Lien Investments, LLC vs. Josephine Scarberry, et al**  
 Floyd Circuit Court  
 Division I

CA No.: 10-CI-01242  
 BE IT KNOWN, that J. Gregory Allen, a practicing attorney in the Floyd Circuit Court, has been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court Division I to act as a Warning Order Attorney to notify the unknown heirs of Marsha L. Scarberry as a civil action he has filed in Floyd Circuit Court Civil Action 10-CI-01242 Division I by Tax Ease Lien Investments One, LLC. The civil action concerns enforcement of tax bills for the years 1999 through 2005 on a certain piece or parcel of land located in Langley, Kentucky and being the same property conveyed to Josephine Scarberry, Emogene Scarberry, Imogene Scarberry, Gary H. Scarberry, Linda G. Scarberry, Ricky Scarberry, Jr., Malcolm R. Scarberry, Marsha Scarberry, Dollamy Scarberry and Lowell D. Scarberry by deed dated October 31, 1870 of record a deed book 203, page 504 in the Floyd County Clerk's office. Any heirs of Marsha L. Scarberry should take that the purpose of the lawsuit is to enforce delinquent tax liens that have been purchased by Tax Ease Lien Investment One, LLC for the purposes of obtaining possession of the property described above. Any unknown heirs of Marsha L. Scarberry should take note they have 50 days from and after November 23, 2010 in which to file an answer or other responsive pleading in the Floyd Circuit Court. Failure to do so may result in the relief requested in the complaint of Tax Ease Lien Investments One, LLC. Further inquiries should be directed to the above Warning Order Attorney at Riley and Allen, P.O. Box 1350, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

**Diva**

the vinegar sit on the counters a bit it will help further sanitize. You can use this product safely on any surface and it's inexpensive, does not pollute the environment and there is no risk of chemical exposure like with bleach. You may want to dilute a little for floors. Always pay attention to cracks and crevices because that is where bacteria can hide and thrive. Use an old tooth brush to get to those hard to reach spaces.

**Contain**

Store your food in only BPA free containers. I recommend Rubbermaid for a multitude of reasons. By putting your dry ingredients like rice, flour, cereals, mixes, etc. in containers

with sealable tops, you keep them fresher longer and prevent infestations from critters hitching a ride home from the supermarket (like weevils or roaches, ewww!). Keep food off the floor by installing shelves in your pantry. By using shelving and keeping your food in sealed containers, you will shun the creepy crawlies that want to get in!

**Toss**

Most cooked food does not last very long in the fridge... 2, 3 days, 4 days, tops. If you are not sure that you are going to eat it right away and want to avoid waste, freeze leftovers in single serving freezer safe containers. This can be handy when you are in a

rush or even if you have unexpected guests and need to add a serving to your meals. Make sure you mark what is in your containers with a Sharpie or other marker and don't forget to date it.

**Schedule**

Create a cleaning schedule that the whole family can follow. Schedule tasks like cleaning the oven, going behind the fridge, and giving each cupboard a wipe down throughout the year so it is not such an overwhelming task. Certain maintenance cleaning tasks can be done daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly. Decide what works best for your family then schedule them out. With the New Year

approaching, now is a great time to get these things on the calendar for next year. Remember, it is much

easier to keep things clean than to let them get out of control. You can actually save time keeping this task

up and the whole family will benefit from food prepared in a safe and clean kitchen.

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**Allen**

This man may have been the greatest mail-carrier this country has ever had. Certainly, he was the greatest I have ever known. I at one time roughly added up the thousands of miles he had ridden horseback over rough, muddy hill roads between Elm Rock on Quicksand Creek in Knott county and down our creek in this county to Hueysville, in every imaginable weather, 20 miles or more... days a week, and never stopped by anything except flood.

I think of all the extra services he rendered the people along his route. A carrier, these days, might lose his job. If he attempted to do for an ordinary citizen what he did. His memory for names and amounts of money still amazes me. If those days many of us ran out of stamps. But that was no problem. No need to go to the postoffice, miles away.

You simply put your letters in the mailbox with a quarter or a dollar or any amount available, and Cal Robinson took those letters to the postoffice, bought the stamps, stamped the envelopes and mailed them. And, an hour or so later your change—your change to the penny was in your mailbox.

Zip codes and distribution centers and computers and all the other gadgetry together aren't worth one steady, cheerful, faithful, helpful carrier such as this man who now lies, sick and confined to the walls of his room by age.

When the U.S. Postal Service, or whoever is in charge, these days, goes looking about for somebody to honor, it might consider Cal Robinson.

I know perhaps a few hundred others who deserve an accolade, but I have a feeling that after 50 years it's

time I remember this particular individual who might sometimes feel he is forgotten.

Perhaps the New Year will find me making my resolution to visit him a bit stronger than it has been in the past.

Lenna Moore is back in circulation and he declares the report that folk ventured out in their cars while he was in the hospital with an unusual sense of security and that insurance rates were about to drop is not only untrue but a base canard aimed at his driving ability. Asked what kept him longer in the hospital than expected, he explained that "they're finding it hard to find parts for some of these old models, these days."

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As we said some paragraphs earlier. A good Christmas for you all.

**Lagoon**

the previous version of this film. Actually, this dogfight scene also turns up in several other Corman projects, such as "Battle Beyond the Stars," "Galaxy of Terror" and even "Not of This Earth" (which doesn't even take place in space, but does manage to cram this footage into an opening montage that has nothing to do with the rest of the movie).

Kriegar arrives on the planet just in time to witness the victim from the start of the film mutate into a worm-like creature. It then proceeds to mutate into a larger and larger critter, while whittling down the cast of characters. The goofiest stage is when it is puppy-sized. That version of the monster has to be held very closely by its victim in order to simulate an attack. It doesn't work very well.

The largest version of the beast is pretty impressive, however. Unfortunately, it can't move well, so the director tries camera tricks to compensate. It mostly works but I can't recommend this film if you have seen the other version, as they are shot the same way and there is no variation in the scripts.

That said, this version boasts more elaborate effects and a pair of fine actors. Marc Singer (star of the original "V" series as well as "Beastmaster") is a decent Kriegar. He certainly looks rough and can handle arch dialogue as well as the physical stuff. Bryan Cranston is also good in an early role as the lead scientist who is suffering from the disease that they are seeking to cure. He is miles away from the kind of work he'd deliver as another dying man on AMC's "Breaking Bad," but every-

one has to start somewhere.

Corman's films almost always returned a profit. There's a lesson to be learned here for our troubled economic times. Perhaps it's time we let a B-movie producer take a whack at our economy. He

couldn't do any worse than a B-movie star.

Best lines: "My problem is I can't believe I slept with such a worm."

"How much trouble can a couple of scientists get into?"

1991, Rated R

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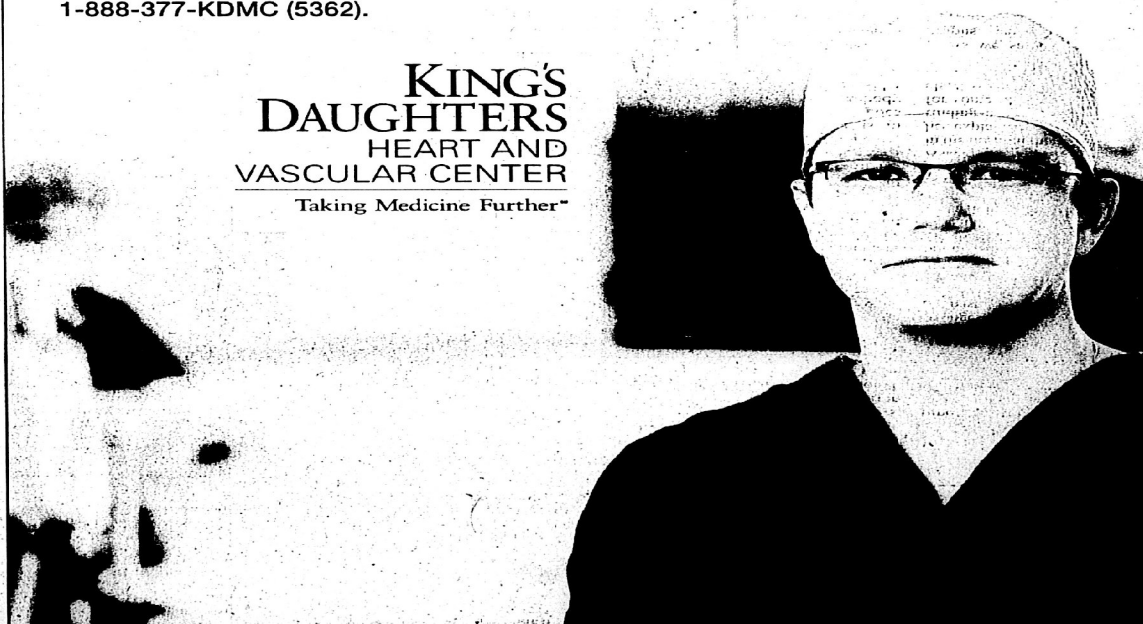
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