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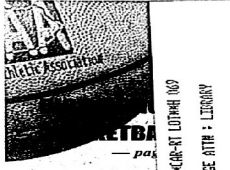
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### Officials sworn in today

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A number of elected officials in Floyd County will be sworn in for their new terms today at 10 a.m.

The officials include Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Clerk Chris Waugh, County Attorney Keith Bartley, Coroner Greg Nelson, Family Court Judge Stacy Marshall, Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris, and Magistrates Warren Jarrell and Hattie Owens.

Both Jarrell and Owens are new to the Floyd County Fiscal Court, with Owens having served the remainder of the term for her late husband, Jackie Edford Owens. Hattie Owens won election to the position of magistrate in District 2 as a write-in candidate in November. Warren Jarrell defeated Donny Daniels in November to become magistrate in District 3.

District 1 Magistrates John Goble and District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers have already been sworn in for their new terms.

The inauguration will also include a special father-and-son moment, as R.D. "Doc" Marshall will be sworn in as judge-executive by his son, Family Court Judge Stacy Marshall.



## 25 nabbed as sheriff conducts roundup

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## BIG PLANS



Officials with Mountain Comprehensive Care, First Commonwealth Bank and the Federal Home Bank of Cincinnati discussed the future plans of Mountain Comp on Tuesday in Prestonsburg. Mountain Comp recently received four grants totaling over \$1.4 million from the Federal Home Bank of Cincinnati.

## Grants to fund major expansion of Mountain Comprehensive Care

According to John Byczkowski, assistant vice president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Mountain Comprehensive Care was selected for the grants based on the special needs component of the population that it serves.

"We use a scoring system to take the politics out of it," Byczkowski said. "Mountain Comp scored very well because of the special needs component. We have done a lot of work in Appalachia, so we know those needs."

The first round of grants came in June, starting with a \$375,000 grant to help construct a 25-unit multifamily building for very low-income families.

## Former mayor, tourism chief dies at home

Ann R. Latta, the former secretary of the Kentucky Tourism Development Cabinet and the first female mayor of Prestonsburg, died Monday at her home. She was 73.

Latta was elected mayor of Prestonsburg in 1986. Among her accomplishments while in office, Latta created the first tourism commission in the city and began the construction of the Mountain Arts Center, a \$7 million project.

In 1995, Latta was selected by Gov. Paul E. Patton to be the secretary of the Kentucky Tourism Development Cabinet. Latta served in the position for eight years, and during her time as secretary, the annual impact of tourism in the area grew significantly.



Ann Latta

## UNITE meeting to discuss medicine security

Operation UNITE is continuing its efforts to bring awareness to area residents to properly secure their medications at home. Failure to do so, UNITE officials say, can result in these innocent individuals becoming what they are calling "accidental dealers."

Floyd County officials are set to launch a program raising awareness about the need to properly secure medications. This launch will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, at the Big Sandy Area Development District offices located on 100 Resource Drive in Prestonsburg.

"The majority of youth who experiment with prescription drugs for the first time obtain these drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets," said a UNITE representative.

## Miss East Ky. pageant to be held in P'burg

This year's 2011 Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Pageant will be held in Floyd County, with locals working to organize the event.

Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Director Mandy Stumbo and local Michelle Sode will be co-directing the event and say they are "excited about the pageant."

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# Ring in the New Year

# Obituaries

## Donald Ray "Don" Dale

Donald Ray "Don" Dale, 56, of Ivel, died Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at the Signature Health Care, in Pikeville. Born October 15, 1954, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Lewis and Lula Belle Osborne Dale and the stepson of the late Nellie Dale. He was an auto mechanic and attended the Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist Church, in Ivel.

www.pughfuneralhome.com. (Paid obituary)



## Ann Roberts Latta

Ann Roberts Latta, 73, of Prestonsburg, passed away Monday, December 27, 2010 at her residence. Born August 7, 1937 she was the daughter of the late A. Dudley Roberts, Sr. and Mary M. Roberts. She was the former Secretary of Tourism, the first female Mayor of Prestonsburg, and a member of St. James Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clifford B. Latta. She is survived by her children Clifford B. Latta III, Audrey Hudson Flanagan, and Jackson Dudley Latta, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Lyn Brooks, Alamogordo, NM; Dallas Huth, Langley, WA; and Kym Ingram, Jamestown, CA, nine nephews and nieces.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 30, at St. James Episcopal Church, with interment at Mayo Cemetery to follow.

Visitation to be held on Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Carter Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. James Episcopal Church. Pallbearers: Charles Atinay, William O. Goebel, Paul Flanagan, Jackson Latta, Beau Spurlock, Mark Wyatt, Steve Wyatt. Honorary Pallbearers: James A. May, Adam C. Williamson, and members of the Prestonsburg Bridge Club.

## Marie Osborne

Marie Osborne, 85, of Grethel, died Sunday, December 26, 2010, at her residence.

Born February 22, 1925, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Marilla L. Tackett Bentley. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Osborne.

Survivors include two sons: Gilford Osborne of Grethel and Phillip Osborne of East Point; two daughters: Glenda Tackett of Grethel and Peggy Newsome of Teaberry; three brothers: Arnold Bentley and Charles Bentley, both of Beaver and Mose Bentley of Michigan; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Osborne and brothers and sisters: Joe Bentley, Andy Bentley, Ernal Bentley, Troy Bentley, Bill Bentley, Orville Bentley, Opal Bentley, Bessie Dillow, Artie Birchfield and Ruby Adkins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Elliott Cemetery, in Beaver. Visitation is after 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 28, at the church.

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

## Clark Howard Vanover

July 7, 1942-Dec. 4, 2010  
Clark Howard Vanover, 68, of Dulton, Alabama,

formerly of Printer, passed away December 4, 2010.

He was the spouse of late Clark and Sarah Vanover and the son of the late Clark and Sarah Vanover of Auxier.

Clark Howard was a former miner and member of the UMW.

Survivors include three daughters: Veletha (Richard) Honea, Pamela (Kevin) White and Rachel McBride, all of Henegar, Alabama. Also surviving are seven sisters: Bertha Griffith of Prestonsburg, Barbara (Bob) Guillana of Brooklyn Michigan, Gayle Vanover of Prestonsburg, Tracy Williams of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mary (Joe) Gearheart of Prestonsburg, Lutie (Mike) Kocik of Ladylike, Florida and Deborah Rice of Winchester and two brothers: Jack (Janet) Vanover and Larry Vanover, all of Printer and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews that loved him.

Howard was preceded in death not only by his parents, but two brothers:

George Milburn and (Bev) of Hueysville and Teddy Vanover of Prestonsburg and one sister, Wanda Winter of Chehalis, Washington.

W.T. Wilson was in charge of funeral arrangements.

He was laid to rest in Pleasant View Cemetery with Rev. Paul McBride officiating. (Paid obituary)

## Dolores May Webb

Dolores May Webb, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, December 23, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 22, 1927, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late William Monteville May and Goldie Burchett May. She was former Phlebotomist of Dayton, Ohio and a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver Webb, Jr., on April 30, 2008.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Mary Jo Dobson of Maryland; a nephew,

Stephen May of Manchester; a brother-in-law, William (Bill) Webb of Smithfield, Virginia and several cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28, at 11 a.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Adams officiating.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Thomas Hereford IV, Mike Mays, Mike Garland, Richie Schoolcraft and Darrel Sparks.

Honorary pallbearers: Thomas Hereford III, David Hereford, John Hereford, M.D., Bill Webb, John Burke, Sr. and Stephen May.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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

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## Tricha Michelle Robinette Gibson

ASHEBORO, NC - Tricha Michelle Robinette Gibson, age 39, of 910 Uwharrie St., Asheboro, died Friday, December 24, 2010, at Randolph Hospital, Asheboro, North Carolina.

She was born February 5, 1971, in Prestonsburg. She was a native of Floyd County, and was saved and baptized in the Church of God in Betsy Lane. She worked as a CNA in Randolph County and was preceded in death by her father Michael Curtis Robinette.

She is survived by her husband, David Gibson and son, Cody Michael Tyler Gibson, age 17, at home; his mother, Judith Elaine Moore of Asheboro, North Carolina; and a sister, Jessica Dawn Robinette of Randleman, North Carolina; and a brother, James "Jamie" Curtis Robinette of Dana.

The funeral will be Wednesday, December 29, at 11:00 a.m., at Pugh Funeral Home Chapel, 437 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, NC.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, in Asheboro, North Carolina.

Memorials may be made to: American Diabetes Association, 222 South Church St., Suite 336M, Charlotte, NC 28202.

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Vonetta and Larry Hancock of Printer are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Dustin Hancock, to Kimberly Moore, daughter of Clova Prater of Bosco and Benny Moore of Langley. The ceremony will take place Thursday, December 30, 2010.

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## Jobless rates down in 68 counties

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 68 Kentucky counties between November 2009 and November 2010, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 7.4 percent. It was followed by Fayette County, 7.8 percent; Oldham County, 8 percent; Calloway County, 8.1 percent; Carlisle and Laclede counties, 8.3 percent each; and Franklin, Hopkins, Jessamine, Madison, Robertson and Warren counties, 8.4 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 18.3 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 16.5 percent; McCreary County, 14.6 percent; Powell

County, 14 percent; Menifee County, 13.9 percent; Clay County, 13.8 percent; Grayson, Lewis and Wayne counties, 13.7 percent; and Leslie County, 13.5 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 at [www.workforce.ky.gov](http://www.workforce.ky.gov).

## Early filing increases college financial aid

FRANKFORT — Kentucky students who plan to attend an in-state college or university beginning in fall 2011 should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. Filing early increases the student's chance of receiving a state need-based grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The FAFSA is available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Students attending Kentucky colleges and universities may qualify for College Access Program (CAP) Grants. To qualify, a student must show financial need and be enrolled for at least half-time toward an associate's or bachelor's degree. The maximum CAP Grant award is currently \$1,900 per year.

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KTG is limited, with awards made to qualifying students on a first-come, first-served basis. Award amounts may change based on available funding.

For more information about CAP and KTG, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and click on Grant Programs for Kentucky Residents under Students and Parents or Adult Learners. You may also e-mail [grants@kheaa.com](mailto:grants@kheaa.com).

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Felix Frankfurter

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## Guest View

### Rogers' selection as chairman will change little

It seems lots of people in Eastern Kentucky are excited about the fact that Rep. Hal Rogers is set to become the next chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. We admit that it's good to see a Kentuckian in that role, though we're puzzled as to what will change for the better here in the Bluegrass state.

When it comes to playing an important role in the policy shaping of our nation, Kentucky falls behind most other states. With Rep. Rogers now to chair the most powerful committee in the House, and with Sen. Mitch McConnell as head of the Senate Republicans, we should expect that our Commonwealth will begin to swing its might in Washington. At least that's what Rep. Geoff Davis told reporters last week.

If only that were the case.

Though we do expect and look forward to Rep. Rogers continuing to bring home his fair share of the pie and then some to the 5th Congressional District, and despite the grumbling of TEA Party activists (we're more than happy to take the funding Rogers will bring to his home district), we're left scratching our heads as to what exactly is going to improve come January.

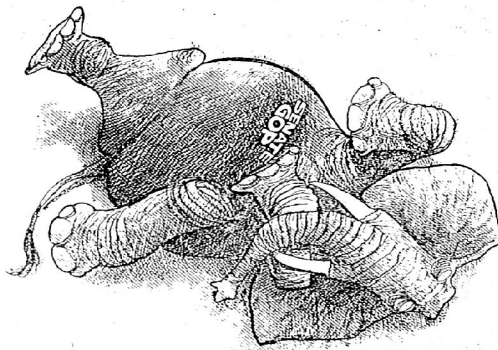
Is Rep. Rogers going to magically solve all the ills of Kentucky with this lone chairmanship? Of course not, and to his credit he's not claiming as much. But it seems that some believe Rogers' new job will indeed be a boon for Kentucky in a time when lawmakers have been given a message from the voters to rein in the spending.

By and large, little of Kentucky with its 2 million people is mostly forgotten on the national stage, despite the fact that our great Commonwealth contributes much to the rich history of our nation. Kentucky was the birthplace of President Lincoln, and his Confederate counterpart, Jefferson Davis. Our people birthed bluegrass music, made horse racing into a national pastime for about two minutes every May, and we even gave the world George Clooney and Johnny Depp. And what Rogers' selection will mean to Kentucky is that his new position will help catapult the Commonwealth more into the national consciousness, just as the election of Rand Paul did last month, and we're happy with that. But we're hesitant to say that his selection to head the Appropriations committee will be the boon many expect.

But then again, we hope we're wrong in that respect.

— Hazard Herald

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## Guest Column

### A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

When it comes to protecting our country, few states can match Kentucky's long record of service.

From the War of 1812 - where we accounted for two-thirds of the United States' casualties - to the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, we have been a major presence in virtually every conflict.

In 2005, we took on a major new mission as a result of the federal Base Realignment and Closure, or BRAC. This plan has streamlined the nation's military operations five times in the last 20 years, closing several hundred installations in the process.

Fort Knox, however, proved to be a major beneficiary in this latest round. Early this month, on Pearl Harbor Day, leaders who have played key roles in making this transition as smooth as possible gave the General Assembly's Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee an update on just what has taken place during the last five years.

By next September, when BRAC officially ends, the Fort Knox population will have jumped about a third, from 31,200 soldiers, civilian person-

nel, contractors and their families to 40,000.

This group is scattered across 28 Kentucky counties and Southern Indiana, but the region closest to the base has understandably seen the greatest growth. The school districts in Hardin and Meade counties and Fort Knox, for example, have added 2,500 students.

Overall, BRAC has created 7,800 net new jobs when you factor in the additional, soldiers and the boost to the local economy. That's about \$320 million more in salaries.

Getting ready for this took a considerable amount of construction, nearly \$1 billion overall. Among the new facilities is the Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude Human Resources Complex, which measures 883,000 sq. ft., making it the largest building in Kentucky and the second largest within the U.S. Department of Defense, behind only the Pentagon.

When Kentucky learned it would be getting additional responsibilities because of BRAC, the General Assembly made sure that the state would be ready to do its part. Since the process began, the state has budgeted more than a quarter-billion dollars for schools and infrastructure.

This investment is not only paying dividends now; it also lays the groundwork for Kentucky to gain an even bigger military presence if and when the Department of Defense

looks at another round of base realignment and closure.

The economic impact the military already has within our borders is considerable. Two years ago, the University of Louisville studied this issue and found that, in 2006, the military spent \$9.5 billion across the state. That was triple the total from just a decade earlier.

There were 48,000 active duty and civilian employees in 2006, plus 16,000 Reserve and National Guard personnel. Only nine states had a higher total at the time.

Both military contracts with the private sector and veteran benefits saw a dramatic increase from the mid-1990s to 2006. Contract spending went from \$870 million to \$5.4 billion, while retirement pay went up \$100 million, to \$405 million overall.

In addition to readying the Fort Knox area for BRAC, the General Assembly has worked to attend to the needs of those in uniform as well as those who served. That ranges from exempting all military pay from the state income tax to building a series of nursing homes and state-operated cemeteries dedicated only to them.

The state is poised to do even more when the need arises. As Fort Knox, Fort Campbell and our Guard and Reserve members take on greater responsibilities, it's imperative we do all we can to help those who never hesitate to help us.

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### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Children are often afraid to admit when they have done wrong. The fear of getting in trouble, or perhaps even being scolded, is just more than some young people can take.

Adults are supposed to be different. We are supposed to be grown up, responsible for ourselves, our families, our employers, and true to the law. In a word, we are supposed to be mature. But maturity is not always easy to come by, whether we are talking about one adult or an agency full of them.

The fact is that many people, adults and children, are hesitant to admit wrongdoing or any oversight that could potentially put them in hot water. The reason is simple: being accountable can be scary. But holding back the truth can be scary, too, because it can be dangerous - especially to children in foster care who are injured because of

a lack of transparency in state child abuse and neglect investigations. It can even cost a child his or her life and, indeed, has.

A Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services' case involving last year's poisoning death of 20-month-old Kayden Branhram at a Wayne County meth lab is case in point. Kayden and his 14-year-old mother had both been in foster care, and many argued that the public needed to know how the pair's lives had gone so tragically wrong in hope that similar tragedies could be prevented. But until a court ruling last May that required the Cabinet to disclose state records about Kayden's death and the death of any child who dies from abuse and neglect, state records about the death and similar cases were hands-off.

The ruling will change that by requiring disclosure, or at least more disclosure, to hold the Cabinet more accountable and, in doing so, hopefully protect other little ones who are in like situations. As the Lexington Herald-Leader stated in an editorial on the issue on Dec. 12, "Kentuckians need to

know why (Kayden's) mother had to choose between living with her toddler in a home that had no food, water and electricity or a home where methamphetamine was manufactured. We need to know how government agencies performed..."

Everyone makes mistakes, as we say, and what a true statement that is. But some mistakes we might as well just keep to ourselves. As sad as it sounds, we sometimes make the same mistake repeatedly because it is easier - perhaps even cheaper, in the short run - to repeat a behavior as it is to change it. But at the end of the day, a mistake is still a mistake.

By letting at least some sun shine on state child abuse and neglect cases, we are making it more likely that any errors that contributed to Kayden's death are addressed before another child is put in the same situation. We are, therefore, quite possibly saving lives. And that's worth everything.

This season, as we celebrate the holidays with our children, grandchildren and other family

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**Roundup**

two steps back because many individuals are obtaining the prescriptions legally and then turning around and selling them.

In May 2009, Blackburn spoke of the problem at length saying over the past 12 years he had watched the "new fad" of prescription drug abuse become a "full-blown epidemic." He said then that over the past several years, his investigators had reported as many as 300 controlled buys of prescription drugs from more than 160 people, adding that, at that time, nearly 50 percent of all cases handled by his office were drug-related, ranging from domestic violence cases to theft and fraud.

Blackburn said Tuesday that calls coming in from a concerned public about possible drug activity continue

to be a great help as his department and others go about the task of investigating the tips.

"We'd still like the calls to come in from people about drug dealing," Blackburn said. "We can't make an arrest right then, when they call, but we can start investigating it then and that could lead to arrests."

Monday, officers rounded up 25 suspects over the course of the morning and afternoon, spanning various areas of the county including Tram, Betsy Layne, Harold, Allen and Wheelwright. The 17 drug-related arrests and the remaining of the 25 on charges of theft and burglary.

Blackburn admitted during Monday's efforts that at times it seemed an uphill battle.

"It seems like they go from town to town, state to state and just keep on bringing drugs back," he said Monday. "It's hard to fight."

In Wheelwright, four of the 25 were taken into custody, including two for theft charges. Police Chief Randy Johnson spoke to media Monday, saying fighting the problem was a resources problem for the city and he was thankful for the city's help.

"We've had several young people that have died up there, and maybe we've saved somebody from dying," Johnson told WYMT in a brief statement.

Blackburn says his department will simply continue to fight against the growing problem as the years pass, hoping to eventually put a stop to the trend

entirely.

The following 17 Floyd County residents were arrested on drug charges during the roundup Monday, though not all information on their ages and locations were on hand as of press time.

- Burnis Jarvis, 53, of Endicott.
- Randy Bentley, 43, of Allen.
- Samantha Fyffe, age and residence unavailable.
- Harry Skeans, age and residence unavailable.
- Victor Rhea, 50, of Wheelwright.
- Mary Lou Burchett, 40, of Harold.
- Darvis Clarence Newsome, 37, of Prestonsburg.
- Ellis Little Jr., age and residence unavailable.
- Jina Renee Little, age and residence unavailable.
- Dwayne Stanley Pack, age and residence unavailable.

- Michael Lee Rogers, 26, of Harold.
- Larry Dallas Taylor Jr., 45, of Tram.
- Dusty Marie Sargent, 32, of Tram.
- Lisa Beth Shapiro, 56, of Wheelwright.
- Ricky Wayne Castellanos Jr., 23, of Tram.
- Jimmy John Adkins, 21, of Betsy Layne.
- Crystal Davis, 29, of Auxier.

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**Latta**

Kentucky grew from \$7 billion to more than \$9 billion.

Over the course of her life and career, Latta received many awards and recognitions, including the Governor's Award in the Arts in 2000 and the Floyd County Hall of Fame in 1998, and she was named as an outstanding person in public service by the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation.

Latta, the daughter of the late A. Dudley and Mary W. Roberts, was born on August 7, 1937, in

Lexington. She was married for 36 years to Clifford B. Latta, an attorney in Prestonsburg. Clifford Latta died in 2006. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky in 1959 and an honorary doctor of public service degree from Morehead State University in 2001.

Ann Roberts Latta is survived by her children, Clifford B. Latta, III, Audrey Hudson Flanagan and Jackson Dudley Latta, six grandchildren, and three

great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Lyn Brooks, Dallas Huth and Kym Ingram.

Funeral services for Ann Latta will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, at St. James Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at the Mayo Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Carter Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. James Episcopal Church.

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**Grants**

low-income tenants, including 15 special needs, in Pikeville, and a \$200,000 grant to help construct a four-unit multifamily building for very low-income tenants, including two who are homeless, in Pikeville.

Two more grants, both totaling \$450,000, were handed out in November. The project that will utilize these funds is a 30-unit multifamily transitional substance abuse treatment center and an additional 30-unit multifamily primary substance abuse treatment center.

The grants were awarded to Citizens National Bank and First Commonwealth Bank for the benefit of Mountain Comprehensive

Care.

"This is just the beginning of the process," said Scott Walker, substance abuse director for Mountain Comprehensive Care. "We are going to end up tripling our treatment capacity."

Greg Wilson, president and CEO of First Commonwealth Bank, spoke about the bank's involvement with the project.

"Mountain Comp operates many vital programs in our area that are making a positive impact on the lives of Eastern Kentucky," Wilson said. "Our region's struggles with substance abuse are well known and this adult substance abuse center will fill a critical

need. First Commonwealth Bank is honored to play a part with the assistance of the Federal Home Loan Bank in this project. As a local community bank in Floyd County, we realize the health of our citizens is very important and are pleased to assist Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in expanding their outreach to our community. This project has the power to change lives and strengthen our community. We are proud to assist in making this project a reality."

In total, 18 institutions will receive more than \$13.9 million in funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati's Affordable Housing Program.

**Pageant**

bringing this opportunity to the mountains."

Stumbo and Sode have recently announced the dates for the event.

The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization will host pageants on March 5 and March 19 at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. The pageant will be at the park's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

A preliminary for the Miss Kentucky Scholarship pageant. The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship will precede the current Miss Kentucky's upcoming pageant event later in the month.

The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization is open to contestants statewide, and also includes other divisions. Those divisions include Little Miss, Pre-Teen and Outstanding Teen contestants.

The winner of each division will represent the Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization at the state level of competition beginning in the summer of 2011. That competition will include pageants for Little Miss Kentucky, Miss Kentucky's Outstanding

Teen and Preteen divisions. The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization will be awarding scholarships at this year's pageants. All contestants in the Miss division will be required to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

For more information or to obtain applications to enter please contact Mandy Stumbo at (606) 949-6325 or by email at mandystumbo01@yahoo.com or Michelle Sode at (606) 478-5367 or by email at michelle.sode@hotmail.com.

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**Meeting**

from family members or friends' family members without consent, making them an 'accidental dealer,'" said Karen Kelly, director of Operation UNITE. "In southern and Eastern Kentucky the average age of first-time drug use is age 11, so this is a particularly critical issue."

What will be called the Accidental Dealer Community Campaign will be implemented from January through March and specifically target parents, grandparents and other

caregivers.

"We are in dire need of volunteers to help spread the word about the dangers of being an accidental dealer," Kelly said. "Volunteers are needed to assist with very specific tasks leading up to a community-wide awareness event."

During the one-hour meeting on Jan. 7 a UNITE representative will explain the various components of the campaign, provide all materials needed to carry it out, and assist the local coalition begin the organi-

zational process, according to UNITE spokeswoman Debbie Trusty.

To learn more about the meeting or about the campaign, contact Trusty at (606) 889-0422 or dtrusty@centertech.com, or visit the UNITE website at www.operationunite.org.

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# Stanley reaches plea deal

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A plea agreement has been reached between the state and A.W. Stanley, the man originally with two counts of first-degree rape, two counts of sexual abuse and first-degree sodomy from incidents that occurred from 1997 through 2002, and November 2008.

According to the plea agreement, Stanley will receive two years in prison,

must register as a sex offender and complete sex offender treatment, and is subject to a five-year period of conditional discharge as required by law for sex offenders. The two charges of sexual abuse were dropped as part of the plea.

The five-year period of conditional discharge is a prison sentence held over their head for five years, so that if they have any violations or don't comply with the sex offender laws they can be yanked back into

prison and made to serve five more years," said Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. "It can end up being a seven-year sentence."

According to the agreement, "The Commonwealth's offer was made after a review of all of the evidence and after consultation with the victims and their family who were in agreement with this offer and requested that it be made."

# Arrest made in drugstore robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

DORTON — The Care More Pharmacy at Dorton in Pike County was the target of an armed robbery Monday, and police say on that same day they had a suspect in custody.

John Wesley Wright, 30, of Dorton, was arrested Monday on nonrelated warrants and charged also with first-degree robbery at the

conclusion of the Kentucky State Police's initial investigation.

According to KSP spokesman for Post 9 in Pikeville, Shaun Little, state troopers responded Monday, to a call from the pharmacy informing them the store was being robbed at gunpoint.

After interviews with pharmacy employees, it was determined by police that a male subject entered the

store during daylight hours wearing a mask, a hooded sweatshirt, coveralls and armed with a firearm. The man demanded drugs before leaving the scene on foot.

Through the course of that early investigation, police said they came up with Wright's name in connection to the robbery, at which time he was captured and detained at the Pike County Detention Center.

One employee explained that Wright allegedly held her at gunpoint and forced her to gather up three different types of pills before leaving the scene.

# House

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and friends. I will rejoice in knowing that thousands of Kentucky children have a better chance at life now than they did last year because of new transparency in child abuse and neglect cases. And I will hope

for even better lives for these children, and their children, in the years to come.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

## Knott County Central edges Bobcats in OT

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** - Visiting Knott County Central edged Betsy Layne 53-51 in overtime Thursday at the Dome.

In a balanced offensive effort, Zack Davis and Mikey Stone led Knott County Central with 13 points apiece. Nason Roberts added 10 points for the Patriots as the

Knott County Central boys pulled away for the win.

Knott County Central moved to 5-2 following the win.

Betsy Layne was dealt its first loss of the 2010-11 season, dropping to 4-1 after suffering the setback.

After the game was de-locked 47-47 at the end of regulation, Knott County Central owned a 6-4 scoring advan-

tage in overtime.

The Bobcats shot 56.7 percent (17-of-30) from the free throw line in the loss.

Betsy Layne edged Knott County Central 8-6 in the first quarter and owned a double-digit lead after outscoring the Patriots 14-4 in the second period.

Betsy Layne, however, couldn't build upon a 22-10 halftime lead.

Knott County Central started to can shots more frequently in the second half, connecting often on the offensive end. The Patriots outscored Betsy Layne 18-13 in the third quarter.

Knott County Central continued to push forward in the final quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 18-13 to force the game to go into overtime.

Nathan Martin netted a

game-high 26 points for the Bobcats. Casey Adkins joined Martin in double figures, adding 12 points. Adkins recorded a double-double, pulling down 10 rebounds.

Andrew Roberts chipped in six points and Derek Tackett added four. Dylan Maldonado netted two points on a field goal and Dylan Hamilton scored one point on a free throw attempt for the

Bobcats.

Knott County Central 53, Betsy Layne 51 (OT)  
Knott County Central (5-2): Davis 13, Stone 13, Roberts 10, Sparkman 3, Adams 9, Potter 2, Hall 3

Betsy Layne (4-1): Adkins 12, Roberts 6, Martin 26, Maldonado 2, Tackett 4, Hamilton 1

KCC.....6 4 19 18 6-53  
BL.....8 14 12 13 4-51

## East Carter holds off South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**RACELAND** - East Carter turned up its defensive pressure to defeat South Floyd 57-48 on Tuesday, Dec. 21 in the third-place game of the Raceland Derby Classic.

South Floyd, a solid three-point shooting team, found itself limited from long-range throughout the tournament game.

East Carter, however, drained four three-pointers during the first half to move out ahead 26-18.

The Raiders of East Carter used man-to-man defense to restrain South Floyd.

Junior guard Dylan Genung dumped in a game-high 20 points for the East Carter boys' basketball team. Genung hit for 14 points during the first half and was named Player of the Game. He was 10-for-12 from the free throw line.

Tyler Clay, a 6-4 senior, contributed 10 points for East Carter.

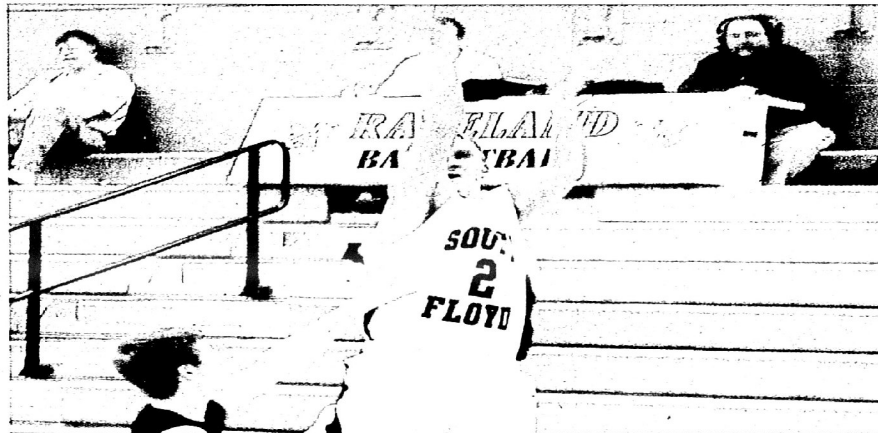
East Carter clung to a 42-36 lead with 5:50 remaining when it went on a 7-0 run.

South Floyd was forced to play from behind throughout the contest as East Carter carried a 16-9 lead out of the opening quarter and led 26-18 at intermission.

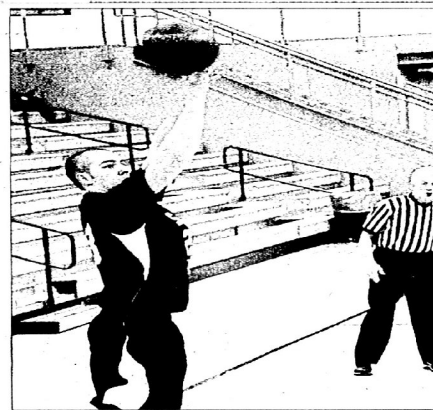
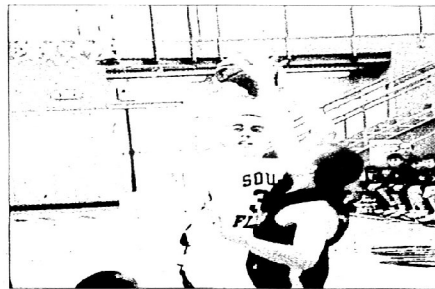
East Carter led 38-29 through three quarters.

For South Floyd (3-4), Shannon Turner scored a

## RAIDER BALL



The South Floyd High School boys' basketball team compiled a 2-2 record last week in the Raceland Derby Classic. Dakota Hall (above), Shannon Turner (below) and Brandon Marson (left) are pictured lofting shots for the Raiders. South Floyd will host Riverside Christian on Thursday in the final regular-season matchup of the 2010-11 season.



Dakota Newsome  
(See SOUTH, page two)

## Blackcats fall to Paris in Powell tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**STANTON** - Prestonsburg encountered some early offensive foes and couldn't recover from a slow start against Paris in Powell County's Red River Classic Monday. The Blackcats were limited to a dozen points in the first half as Paris pulled away and prevailed 71-49.

Prestonsburg (2-7) suffered its second straight loss following a setback to host

Raceland in the Derby Classic.

Prestonsburg claimed its first win of the season, moving to 1-6 thanks to the victory.

Griggs led Paris with a game-high 22 points. He was one of three Paris scorers in double figures as Davi Stanley tossed in 17 points and Aaron Jacobs added 16.

Paris set the tone early on in the contest, outscoring Prestonsburg 14-6. The Greyhounds raced out even ahead of

Prestonsburg in the second quarter, outscoring the Blackcats 27-6 to lead 41-12 at the break.

Prestonsburg outscored Paris in the second half. The Blackcats finished strong, outscoring Paris 20-14 during the final quarter.

Wesley Robinson paced Prestonsburg with 11 points. Robinson was the lone Prestonsburg scorer to reach double figures. Corey Carter and Cody Bentley netted nine points apiece for the Blackcats. Warren

Blackburn chipped in six points and Alex Griffith and Tyler Shelton tossed in two apiece.

Red River Classic at Powell County  
Paris 71, Prestonsburg 49  
Paris (1-6): Griggs 22, Rankin 2, Jacobs 16, Stanley 17, Stevens 1, Walton 3, Cloud 8.

Prestonsburg (2-7): Blackburn 6, Carter 9, Griffith 4, Cody Bentley 9, Shelton 4, Stapleton 2, Corey Bentley 2, Pety 2, Robinson 11.  
Paris.....14 27 16 14-71  
P'burg.....6 17 20-49

## Lamb, Knight earn SEC weekly honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LEXINGTON** - The University of Kentucky men's basketball team swept the Southeastern Conference's weekly awards this week as Doron Lamb was named SEC Player of the Week and Brandon Knight was named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

Lamb, a 6-4 guard from Queens, N.Y., scored 32 points in leading the Wildcats to a win over Winthrop. He went 11-of-12 from the field, making 7-of-8 3-pointers to break Kentucky's freshman record of 31 points set by Jamal Mashburn on Feb. 3, 1991, against Georgia. It marks the third time that Lamb has scored at least 20 points in a game this year. He set career highs for points, field goals and 3-pointers. Lamb's seven 3-pointers are tied for the most by a Southeastern Conference player this season.

Knight, a 6-3 guard from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., tallied 21 points, five rebounds and two assists in the win over Winthrop. He recorded his fifth 20-point game this season and has made at least two 3-pointers in six-straight games. He has scored at least 14 points in

(See HONORS, page two)



THE ALLEN CENTRAL High School boys' basketball team is currently competing in the EQT Classic (Pikeville Invitational) at Pikeville High School.

Micah Harlow (55) and Junior Handshoe (12) are pictured lofting shots for the Rebels against Somerset last week in the Monticello All "A" Holiday Classic.



## Waterfowl hunters should keep water safety in mind during winter

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard show more duck and goose hunters die every year from cold water shock, hypothermia and drowning than from accidents involving firearms.

"The thing about duck hunters is they don't see themselves as boaters," said Capt. Mike Fields, boating law administrator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "They see a boat as a tool to use while hunting."

— Kentucky law requires a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for every person on duck boats. In addition, there must be one U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable device (like a throw cushion) onboard for boats 16 feet or longer.

— Manufacturers produce camouflage life jackets made with the waterfowl hunter in mind. They have mesh in the upper body that allows you to shoulder a shotgun and also help to keep you warm when cold winter winds come blowing across the water.

— A life jacket, however, doesn't do much if it's stuffed in a decoy sack when the accident occurs. "If you aren't wearing a lifejacket when you hit the water, chances are you won't get it on at all," Fields said. "Waterfowl hunters worry about staying warm, but not nearly as much as hitting the water unexpectedly."

— You have about 10 minutes to get to safety in winter cold water with a lifejacket on before you begin to lose dexterity and major motor functions.

— "All of your blood leaves your extremities to protect your vital organs," Fields explained. "Find somewhere to get safe. You only have those few minutes to get to where you need to be. Knowing what to do in the first few minutes can mean the difference between you becoming a statistic or a survivor."

— If you fall in cold water without a lifejacket, you only have just a few minutes before you begin to lose your ability to maneuver. "In addition to lifejackets designed for waterfowl hunters, there are float coats, float suits and survival suits to keep you afloat," Fields said. "There is a good chance you will not survive if you fall in the water without a lifejacket at — Kentucky Fish and Wildlife discourages hunters from wearing hip boots or waders in the boat. Hunters drown while trying to take their waders off after falling into the water or their boat sunk or capsized."

— "Falling into deep water releases any air trapped in the boots and can have the effect of binding the victim's feet together so they can't kick or stay afloat," Fields said. "Once the hip boots or waders fill up with water, you can't move and they will only drag you down."

— If you do suddenly enter the water while wearing waders, pull your knees up to your chest. Air trapped in the hip boots or waders can act as a flotation device.

— Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recommends the following safety tips for waterfowl hunters:

- Wear a life jacket to and from the blind.
- Don't overload the boat; make two trips if necessary.
- Don't wear hip boots and waders in the boat.
- Stay near shore and avoid crossing large open water areas, especially during bad weather.
- Let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back; tell someone to call authorities if you don't return on schedule. Tell that person what type of boat you will be in and exactly where you plan to hunt.
- In case of capsizing or swamping, stay with your boat; even when filled with water, it will provide flotation and is more likely to be seen by potential rescuers.
- It is a good idea to bring your cell phone along in a waterproof, reclosable bag to call for help if you get into trouble. You can use the phone without removing it from the bag.

Duck season runs until Jan. 30, 2011 while the season on Canada goose, white-fronted goose and brant closes the next day. For more information on waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, consult the 2010-2011 Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl, available wherever hunting licenses are sold. You may request one by calling 1-800-858-1549 or log onto the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.gov.



**SOUTH FLOYD** was busy in competition last week at Raceland in the Raceland Derby Classic. South Floyd's Shannon Turner (33) and Brandon Marson (23) are pictured in action during the Raceland holiday event. The Raiders set a Raceland Derby Classic single-game record for made three-pointers during one of the tournament games.



## South

team-high 18 points and Dakota Hall added 15. Dakota Newsome scored eight points. Brandon Marson netted five and Tyler Daniels dumped in two for South Floyd in the setback.

South Floyd will host Riverside Christian on Thursday. Tip-off for the

South Floyd-Riverside Christian boys' basketball game is set for 7:30 p.m.

East Carter 57, South Floyd 48

East Carter (57): McDavid 4, Genung 20, Clay 10, Robinson 9, Stewart 8, Johnson 3,

Huddle 3.

South Floyd (48): Newsome 8, Marson 5, Turner 18, Hall 15, Daniels 2.

EC...16 10 12 19-57

SF...9 9 11 19-48

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## Honors

six-straight games and has scored in double figures and hit a three-pointer in 10 of 11 games this season.

The awards were Lamb's first and Knight's second this season and the fourth and fifth for Kentucky. It marks the first time this season a school has swept the league's weekly honors and the first time since November 23 last season

when UK's Patrick Patterson and John Wall were named the player and freshman of the week.

Additionally, Lamb was named National Freshman of the Week by The Hoops Report.

Kentucky was hosting Coppin State on Tuesday night. The Kentucky-Coppin State game ended too late to make this edition.

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## Bluegrass Sports Commission names Executive Director

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Bluegrass Sports Commission (BSC) recently introduced Terry Johnson as its new Interim Executive Director. Johnson will be responsible for all aspects of the organization, which include leading the efforts of the 2011 Bluegrass State Games, the annual Central Kentucky event that generates more than \$6 million in economic impact to the area each summer.

"We are excited to name Terry to this post," said BSC Chairman Alan Stein. "The Commission has taken great strides since its inception and I am confident his background and abilities will allow us to continue that growth."

Johnson most recently served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. Prior to his role with the 2010 Games, Johnson served as the first-ever Executive Director of the Kentucky Sports Authority in Frankfort, the agency responsible for working with Kentucky communities to attract events to the Commonwealth. Prior to that, he spent more than 12 years in collegiate sports marketing in various roles at the BIG EAST Conference, the University of Kentucky, Morehead State and HOST Communications.

"I am truly excited to accept this position," said

Johnson. "I've spent my career in sports and know first-hand the economic impact events can have on communities. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead our efforts in Central Kentucky."

Johnson received his undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University in 1991 and a masters degree from the University of Kentucky in 1994. He and his wife Cindy reside in Lexington and have two children, Matthew (10) and Drew (7).

The Bluegrass Sports Commission. As a result of the tremendous room night potential available, the pursuit of sporting events has become big business for tourist and economic development councils, on both the state and national level. The growth of sports commissions in the United States has grown to nearly 300, a testament to the tremendous benefits to be gained from an effort dedicated to the pursuit of sports.

Governed by a board of directors, the Bluegrass Sports Commission (BSC) is an independent, non-profit 501c3 responsible for recruiting, growing, executing and attracting sporting events of all sizes and types that serve the Lexington-Fayette County community by increasing economic activity and/or improving the quality of life for its citizens.

## 14th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

| Team                | Record |
|---------------------|--------|
| Knott Co. Central   | 6-2    |
| Barren              | 5-3    |
| Letcher Co. Cent.   | 5-3    |
| Hazard              | 4-1    |
| Leslie County       | 4-1    |
| Estill County       | 4-3    |
| Lee County          | 4-4    |
| Perry Co. Central   | 3-3    |
| Powell County       | 3-4    |
| Wolfe County        | 3-5    |
| Jackson City        | 2-5    |
| Jung Buchanan       | 1-0    |
| Breathitt County    | 1-2    |
| Riverside Christian | 1-5    |
| Cordia              | 1-6    |
| Owsley County       | 0-4    |
| Jenkins             | 0-5    |



We are getting ready to celebrate Christmas Day. This year, you are not with us, you have went away. The Lord sent His Angels to come and get you. He knew that you were getting tired and very weak, too.

It will be five months since you passed away. You are on my mind several times every night and day. I don't know how much longer we will be apart. But you are always, always in my heart.

I thank God for allowing me to be there to hold your hand. As you prepared to cross over and meet our Lord I know one day we will meet again. Because, I trust His Word.

God's Word says that you cannot come back to me, But I can go to you, One day, Granny, you will see. We will be made new.

I have so many good memories about you. The good Lord above is helping me to get through. I know I was your favorite and always will be. I love you too, because you were MY VERY OWN GRANNY.

**Merry Christmas, Granny**

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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## From ugly duckling to belle of the biodiesel ball

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
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It's not every day that you find yourself thinking of Frank Zappa and biofuels in the same thought. (And no, I haven't totally lost my marbles in the holiday season pandemonium although it's easy to see how that could happen).

It's just that recently I learned about some Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists who are figuring out how to turn a common roadside weed into a potential source of biofuel. That brought to mind the old saying about "necessity is the mother of invention," and if you're of a certain age (which I am), you just might recall that Frank Zappa played in a band called "The Mothers of Invention," later shortened to "The Mothers," in the late 1960s and early '70s. So you can see this is a logical mental progression—more or less!

The weed in question is field pennycress, which is a more elegant name for what many folks call "stinkweed" (that really puts into perspective this weed's prestige factor, doesn't it?). This is a weed that not even a mother could love, so if those ARS scientists could find a way to turn this weed into some form of fuel, that would certainly deflect the "food-versus-fuel" debate.

Field pennycress actually has a lot going for it. First, it's a prolific producer of oil-rich seeds; this may surprise you, but it's in the same plant family, Brassicaceae, as canola, camelina and mustard.

It can be grown during the winter, which means farmers aren't filling up their fields with this weed when they could be growing corn, soybeans or other food crops. And its proliferation during the winter means it helps protect the soil from erosion during a season when the ground might otherwise be bare. Other advantages: It requires minimal pesticides, fertilizers and water.

But how does one go about turning a weed into biofuel?

First, the ARS scientists extracted the oil from the pennycress seeds and treated that oil with acid. They then used a type of alcohol called methanol to treat the oil, produce both biodiesel and glycerol.

After some additional refining, the pennycress-based biodiesel was tested to see if it met the biodiesel fuel standard established by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The results indicate that with a little extra tweaking, pennycress oil could become a commercial commodity!

Pennycress biodiesel offers other pluses. All diesel-based oils start to gel at some point as temperatures drop. This is called the "cloud point," the temperature at which crystals become visible in the fuel, and it's a critical factor in both biodiesel production and the making of petroleum-based fuel. Another key point is the "pour point," the temperature at which the fuel won't pour because it's started to solidify.

The ARS scientists discovered that the average cloud point for field pennycress biodiesel was 14 degrees Fahrenheit, and the average pour point was negative 4 degrees Fahrenheit, well below the cloud and pour points for soybean-oil-based biodiesel. This means that biodiesel from pennycress oil would be better suited to use in cold climates than most of the other biodiesel fuels available.

Another good mark for pennycress biodiesel: Fuels have what's called a cetane number, which indicates how quickly the fuel will combust once it's injected into the combustion chamber of a diesel engine, and the higher the cetane number, the better the performance. For field pennycress biodiesel, the cetane number is 59.8, which is

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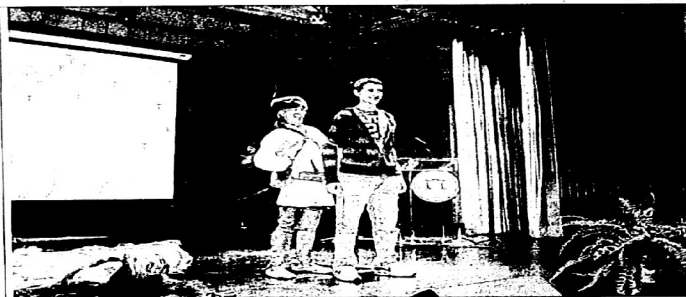
Doug Wood, a biologist employed by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, conducted a presentation about Native Americans during the "National American Indian Heritage Month" event held on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College earlier this month.

# NATIVE HISTORY

## High school students learn about American Indians

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Big Sandy Community and Technical College continues that tradition as they hosted over 150 area high school students from (South Floyd and history students from Mr. Herman's history class) during National American Indian Heritage Month festivities. Doug Wood, who is a biologist employed by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection in its Watershed Assessment Program earned a bachelor-of-science degree in Wildlife Management from West Virginia University in 1977. He has been researching 18th century eastern American cultures and their environments since 1987. His ancestral threads intertwine from Cherokee, Scotch-Irish, English, and German homelands. One of his two major areas of interest is characterized by the questions, "How did such diverse cultures impact the Appalachian Mountains environment, and how did that environment alter those cultures through the 18th century 'frontier' phase of history?" His other major interest is in the exchange of technologies, goods, ideas, and cultural practices between the diverse cultures, that occupied the frontier during the 18th century.



Doug and his wife, Dianne Anestis, regularly conduct historic and nature interpretation workshops for interpretive staff of the National Park Service and state parks in several states. They also have made such presentations at a variety of professional development workshops in the Mid-Atlantic region. In 2003, Doug was awarded a research fellowship from the WV Humanities Council to study Man Killer-Ostenaco, a Cherokee war captain who fought on behalf of the British colonies during the French & Indian War. The fellowship research culminated in his acceptance

to the council's roster of History Alive! Presenters. In that role, Doug has made over 50 presentations in four states to raise awareness of French & Indian War history in general and Cherokee involvement in the war in the mid-Atlantic region in particular.

The presentation was sponsored by the Office of Cultural Diversity at Big Sandy Community and Technical College under the direction of Tina Terry. For more information about the Office of Cultural Diversity, please contact Tina Terry by phone at 606-886-3863 Ext. 67374 or by email at TTERRY0025@kctcs.edu.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Women's Council recently held its December meeting at Riverview Health Care Center in Prestonsburg. Riverview Health Care administrator Missy Allen, pictured above, spoke to the council and gave a tour of Riverview Health Care Center. Any women interested in joining the council may contact Mandy Stumbo at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce for more information at (606) 886-0364.



# OUR YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,  
70 years ago)

## 10 Years Ago (Dec. 24, 27 and 29, 2000)

Although a work stoppage at Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company ended earlier this month, ramifications from the 36-day standoff continue. A criminal complaint has been filed in Floyd District Court by a North Carolina resident in connection with an incident that occurred during the strike.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Sue Blackburn shops with a child that was chosen from among the area's schools to participate in the Prestonsburg Police Department's annual "Shop with a Cop" program. The children were treated to a pizza party at City Hall sponsored by a shopping spree at Wal-Mart.

Several dozen readers of The Floyd County Times have rallied to make Christmas brighter for a former resident battling illness in a Chicago hospital. As of Thursday, Ethel Tipton, 80, had received 37 cards, letters and gifts after her nephew made a heartfelt appeal for "words from home." Tipton is a former resident of the Harold area who left in the 1950's.

Those of us who have ever spent much time watching late night television are most likely familiar with the phrase, "good cop, bad cop." The Prestonsburg Police Department, just celebrated Christmas a little early by holding their second annual "Shop with a Cop" activity.

with the services of a federal lawsuit filed against them by 12 current and former city firefighters. Lou Parks took upon herself to producing "Lou Bears" for Judge Paxton to give out to children involved in cases that come through her court. Paxton says that "the children's faces just light up" when she presents them with a "Lou Bear."

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Scott Tackett is an inspiration to everyone who has the privilege of meeting him. On April 17, 2010, 46 year old Scott Tackett lost control of his Dodge Dakota pick up following a seizure and ran into a brick building. He was transferred to Cabell Huntington Hospital by helicopter. Upon arrival to the Emergency Room he was non responsive. After evaluation by the trauma team he was found to have multiple facial fractures as well as fractures to his spine, ribs, and both legs. Scott received oxygen through a tracheotomy and was on a ventilator. A tube was inserted into his brain requiring the hospital to closely watch the pressure inside his skull due to brain trauma with bleeding. He was fed through a feeding tube.

While at Cabell Hospital Scott underwent two major surgeries in an attempt to repair his multiple fractures. On May 5 he was transferred to Select Care, a division of Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation. Upon arrival to Select care Scott had uncoordinated movement to his right arm. He was unable to move his left arm and legs. Scott would respond by opening his eyes when his name was called.

When admitted to Riverview Health Care Center, Scott was still being fed by a feeding tube, oxygen was delivered through his tracheotomy and he could only respond to voices by opening his eyes. Due to his multiple fractures he was confined to bed and had movement to his right arm only. At Riverview, he has received treatment from Speech Therapy, Occupational

Therapy and Physical Therapy. Although Scott has received first class care which has included nursing, therapy, dietary, housekeeping, activities, social, and spirituality services, it is recognized that even the most dedicated team cannot replace the support and love of family. Through out Scott's slow and difficult recovery his sister Betty Cook has been at his side and has completed the team that has been dedicated to Scott's well being and recovery. This Christmas, Scott will be up in a wheelchair enjoying his family and holding a conversation with them as he is no longer confined to his bed. He can wheel himself around and enjoy the company of others. His feeding tube is gone. He is eating and no longer requires oxygen.

According to Jamie Castle, Physical Therapist, Scott's recovery in a true miracle. On the therapy department wall is a quote from Plato that says "never discourage anyone...who continually makes progress, no matter how slow". Jamie also states that it isn't uncommon to hear a staff member say to Scott, "you are amazing." Scott will reply, "Thank you so much." Scott continues to work with physical therapy as he is learning to walk again. Scott sings the praises of his sister several times a day. When Betty was asked what has made the difference since Scott came here to Riverview Health Care, Betty replied, "You people didn't give up on him." In addition to his sister Betty, Scott is married to his wife Norma and has two children, Nicky and Anastasia.

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I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before Jan. 29th, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.

| Settlement | Case Number | Estate Of:               | Fiduciary                          | Date Filed |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Final      | 05-P-207    | Mirta Kidd               | Earl Kidd                          | 11-15-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-199    | Phillip Horn             | Constance Horn                     | 11-17-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-319    | In Re:                   |                                    |            |
|            |             | Leeann Hightower         | Jackie Hightower, Guardian         | 11-18-10   |
|            |             | Ronnie Conn              | Eric Douglas Conn                  | 11-19-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-195    | Paul Sifton              | Lola Thacker                       | 11-19-10   |
| Final      | 95-P-351    | Sparell Russell Stratton | Rosemary Meade & Edith Steele      | 11-18-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-162    | Michael Ferguson         | Zondra Ferguson                    | 11-22-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-216    | Ailene (Akers) Kidd      | Chris Kidd                         | 11-24-10   |
| Final      | 08-P-370    | Barbara Martin           | Creed Martin                       | 11-29-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-196    | Kathryn Johnson          | Mary Lynn Hughes                   | 12-01-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-112    | Velva W. Hall            | Donna Cary                         | 12-07-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-448    | James R. Steffey         | Margaret Steffey                   | 11-29-10   |
| Final      | 08-P-456    | Cecelia Hamilton         | Pluma Branham & Euglene H. Ratliff | 11-29-10   |
| Final      | 09-P-226    | Susie Cusley Wright      | Phyllis Wright Elliott             | 12-02-10   |
| Final      | 08-P-397    | June Gearheart           | Laura Baldridge                    | 12-03-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-325    | Tishie Johnson           | Curtis Johnson                     | 12-03-10   |
| Final      | 08-P-382    | Monroe Newsome           | Monica Newsome                     | 12-10-10   |
| Final      | 08-P-411    | Annette McCoy            | Harry L. McCoy                     | 12-10-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-222    | Rebecca C. Preston       | Darrell R. Preston                 | 12-10-10   |
| Final      | 09-P-197    | Mildred Martin           | Patricia Ann Conley                | 12-14-10   |
| Final      | 10-P-249    | Henry Henderson          | Iona Henderson                     | 12-17-10   |

### LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
COUNTY OF FLOYD**

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

| Date of Appointment | Case Number | Estate Of:              | Fiduciary                 | Attorney            |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 11-19-10            | 10-P-445    | Merlin Okie Conn Senior | Melissa Michelle Conn     |                     |
| 11-22-10            | 10-P-447    | Ardith Ann Harper       | Robert Steven Harper      | Anthony Craig Davis |
| 11-23-10            | 10-P-448    | Robert Morris Frenick   | Elizabeth McCormb Frenick |                     |
| 11-24-10            | 10-P-449    | James Fuiks Jr.         | Betty Johnson Fuiks       |                     |
| 11-30-10            | 10-P-450    | Dennis Sexton           | Dennis Jody Sexton        |                     |
| 12-01-10            | 10-P-452    | Leonard Kidd            | Josephine "Jo" Newsome    |                     |
| 12-01-10            | 10-P-453    | Edna Bryant             | Bethel Martin             | B. D. Nunney        |
| 12-01-10            | 10-P-454    | Harold A. Baldridge     | Alberta Baldridge         | B. D. Nunney        |
| 12-02-10            | 10-P-455    | Ruby J. Southfield      | Elizabeth Barnett         |                     |
| 12-05-10            | 10-P-459    | James Stumbo            | Carol Stumbo              |                     |
| 12-07-10            | 10-P-460    | Annie M. Johnson        | Clinton Moore             |                     |
| 12-09-10            | 10-P-461    | Earl S. Perrigo         | Carlyn Perrico            | John R. Triplett    |
| 12-10-10            | 10-P-465    | Stephen A. Anderson     | Lindsey Anderson          |                     |
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The permit area is along KY Route 680, approximately 0.5 miles southwest from the intersection of KY Routes 680 and 979. The latitude is 37 degrees 27' 27". The longitude is 82 degrees 27' 48".

The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$22,100. For Increment 5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$261,000. For Increment 6 is a surety bond in the amount of \$35,600 and for Increment 7 in the amount of \$89,600. Approximately 60% of the original bond amounts are included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed for Increments 3, 5, 6 and 7 include: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in the spring of 2006. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.

Written comments, objections, and request for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 1, 2011.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 1, 2011.

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Yesterdays

oath of office this weekend. The swearing-in ceremony will take place at 1 p.m., Saturday, in the McDowell Elementary gymnasium. The newly-elected senator is inviting family and friends to witness the occasion.

The merger of Prestonsburg's Police and Fire Department is now official. Councilman Trent Naim presented an ordinance to merge the police and fire departments for its second readings.

In Floyd and three connecting counties, half of the adults do not have a high school diploma, 37 percent of children live below the poverty level and the median family income is less than \$20,000. Also, in the four counties little more than half of graduating seniors enroll in any kind of post-secondary education. ACT scores are below the state average, and more than half of the students who do go on to college need to remedial work.

Eastern Kentucky will not see the return of the old seventh Congressional District, according to information released Thursday. The first numbers from this year's census are in, with the U.S. Census Bureau releasing population figures on a statewide level, Thursday.

A man who works as a bus driver for a local Christian school was one of two people arrested during a drug raid conducted early Wednesday morning by the Martin Police Department. Assistant Chief Fred Myhrner said Wednesday, that Martin Police descended on the home of Larry Greer and his live-in girlfriend, Diana L. Svacina, shortly before 4 a.m., Wednesday.

There died: Andrew Granville Childress, 96, of Banner, Friday, December 22, at his residence; Betty Mosley, 36, of Hillsboro, Thursday, December 21, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Betty Mae Porter Patton, 87, of Belleville, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 15, at the Whitehall Nursing Home; Billie Price, 24, of North Manchester, Indiana, Thursday, December 21, at the Community Care Center, in Wabash, Indiana; Juanita Brown Gibson, 89, of Weeksburg, Saturday, December 23, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center; Mary Moore, 90, of Louisville, formerly of Melvin, Saturday, December 23, at her residence; Bobby Roger Stacy, 40, of Garrett, Saturday, December 23, at his residence; Don Cook, 80, of Topmost, Sunday, December 24, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Everette Newsome, 64, of Harold, Sunday, December 24, at Varney, John, Wallace, 71, of Waterville, Ohio, December 15, at Heartland of Browning Care Center; Louise Hicks, 62, of Hueysville, Monday, December 25, at the Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, Ohio; Lonnie Bowling, 94, of Martin, Tuesday, December 26, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center; Abbie Gail Akers Shultz, 82, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mervil Ilene Williams, 63, of Homer, Michigan, Sunday, December 24, at her residence; Beulah Stapton Allen, 91, of Langley, Sunday, December 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clara Hughes, 86, of Willard, Ohio, Sunday, December 24, at the Willard Mercy Hospital; Goldie B. Vincent, 95, of Wayland, Thursday, December 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Marion Yates, 88, of Printer, December 21, at McDowell ARH; Matthew Watkins, 60, of Teaberry, Saturday, December 24, at his residence; Edna Johnson Akers, 99, of Louisville, December 20; Earl Lee Honaker, 47, of Ashland, formerly of Floyd County, December 27, at Meadowville Regional Medical Center, in Maysville.

Twenty Years Ago (Dec. 26 & 28, 1990)

An usual Christmas Day fire at the Floyd County Jail was the only holiday run reported by the Prestonsburg Fire Department during the holiday weekend.

A late night fight at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg, Friday, resulted in the arrest of three people and two Prestonsburg policemen were assaulted while attempting to make the arrests.

Prestonsburg police officer Gerald Clark caught a suspected thief the old fashioned way, Wednesday afternoon, on foot. An emotional Loretta Lynn came home Saturday to officially name Johnson County's portion of U.S. 23 in her home.

Five people were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center following a two vehicle accident on Rt. 23, shortly before 5 p.m., Wednesday.

There died: Herbert Weddington, 61, of Frankfort, formerly of Emma, Monday, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Lessie Owens, 81, of Middle Creek Road, Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; James Branham, 71, formerly of Floyd County, Dec. 15, at the Clermont Mercy Hospital; William Richmond (Bill) Cooley, 85, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital of Pikeville; Otto Elam, 69, of Gahanna, Ohio, formerly of Martin, Thursday, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; Oma Kelly Ensminger Parsons, 79, Dec. 4, at Memorial Hospital in Deland, Fla.; Dennis Fleet Warrix Jr., 49, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (December 31, 1980)

The new trial of John Henry Newsome, accused of killing Gerald Brayer here four years ago, has been set for March 3, in Circuit Court Newsome, 52, has been returned to the Floyd County Jail. A conviction of first degree manslaughter in 1977 was overturned by the State Supreme Court last month.

William H. May, the former Prestonsburg man who is chairman of the board of Brighton Engineering Co., Frankfort, is retiring Wednesday from active participation in the company which he founded 31 years ago.

Suspicion of murder by poisoning voiced after the Dec. 13 death at Highlands Regional Medical Center (HRMC) of Paintsville policeman Bill Holbrook and a subsequent autopsy ordered by Coroner James J. Carter resulted in a Louisville pathologist's report that arsenic in abnormal amounts had been found in his body. The policeman's wife, Lynn Holbrook, was later arrested in connection with the death.

The recent discovery of Type A influenza, "The Bangkok Flu," in Huntington has prompted some observers to predict a possible flu epidemic for the region this year. Dr. Mark Watson, a physician at HRMC, estimates he has treated about twice as many flu patients this year as this time last year. A long standing dispute between the city of Martin and its police and fire chief, Hershel Lester, wound up in circuit court this week with the filing of a complaint against the city. According to the complaint against the city, according to the complaint, the city owes Lester \$25,000 in unpaid wages.

State Trooper Jerome S. Clifton was posthumously awarded the Kentucky State Police Guthrie Crowe Medal for troopers wounded in the line of duty. Clifton was the victim of a gunshot wound while he was

assisting other officers in disarming a suspect who had barricaded himself and his two children in his house after allegedly shooting his wife. Clifton was a Floyd County native who attended Prestonsburg High School.

There died: Molly Gearheart Allen, 88, of Hueysville, at her daughter's home; Sherman Prater, 82, of Abbott Road, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Marion Lafferty, 103, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of Water Gap, at Beyer Memorial Hospital, Ypsilanti; Fred A. Martin, 82, of Mansfield, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, at his home; Melvin Click Sr., 82, of Emma, at HRMC; Florence Hall, 82, of Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor, John E. Wheeler, 64, of Paintsville, at HRMC; Lena Branham, 73, of Sebring, Fla., formerly of Edgar, at Highlands County Hospital, Sebring; Elizabeth F. Jones, 72, of Prestonsburg, in a fire at her home; Rev. Stewart Howard, 74, of Hueysville, at the UK Medical Center; Henry L. Crum, 87, of Troy, Mich., formerly of Banner, at Crittenden Hospital, Rochester, Mich.; George Prater, 97, of Hueysville, at his home; Michael P. Blackburn, infant son of Richard and Vivian Blackburn, at Norton Children's Hospital, Louisville; Merida B. Williams, 92, of Lafayette, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, at the Oaks Convalescent Center, Lafayette; Henry Ward, 75, of Bypro, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elsie Moore, 70, of Raven, at her home; William C. Pittman, 91, of Manchester, in a Manchester Hospital; Magdalene Calloun, 61, of Dwale, at her home; Curtis Newsome, 65, of Ashtabula, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, at Brown Memorial Hospital, Conneaut, Ohio; Draxie Johns, 85, Charlestown, Ind., formerly of Martin, at Clark Community Hospital, Charlestown; Jeanie Kidd, 84, of Honaker, at her home; Michael Hornsby, 27, of Manchester, at his home; Ezra Stone, 75, of Grethel, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (December 24, 1970)

Evaluation totaling \$706,500 of Floyd County lands on which the Department of Highways is seeking right of way for the new four lane US 23 were appealed last week to circuit court by the department.

The Floyd County Comprehensive Health Services Program is preparing its grant proposal for the next six months period, and its leaders are hopeful that the progress shown, in coming months will be such that the pilot proposals will become a permanent health effort in this part of Kentucky. Dr. Arnold Schechter, director, said last week.

Although special commissioners from the United Mine Workers of America have recommended a course of action calculated to end the jurisdictional dispute between two local unions of David, the work stoppage continued there, Monday.

There died: Emma Harris Osborne, 93, of Prestonsburg, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Paul Conn, 28, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of Banner, in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Carson Hackworth, 54, formerly of West Prestonsburg, in Beckley, W. Va.; Sammie Moore, 69, of Pyramid, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Alta Elizabeth Clark Frazier, of Prestonsburg, at Prestonsburg General; Glenn D. Burton, 57, of Minnie, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Billie

Imogene Baldrige Adams, 47, of East Point, in Lexington; Garland S. Martin, 59, of Langley, at Our Lady of the Way; Nancy Jane Caudill, 85, of Hi Hat, at her home; Elmer E. McKenzie, 58, of Prestonsburg, in Huntington; Viola Allen, 72, of Printer, at Our Lady of the Way; James Arthur Brown, 84, of Weeksburg, at McDowell Appalachian Regional; Frankie Jane Hall, 78, of Weeksburg, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Melva Erick Wright, 52, of Huntington, W. Va., formerly of Toler Creek, at her home.

Fifty Years Ago (December 22, 1960)

This month, Floyd County became free of bonded indebtedness for the first time in 38 years.

A program divided into two categories—one consisting of immediate stipends to afford temporary relief; the other a long range plan to solve the major economic difficulties besetting this area—was submitted this week to Myra Feldman, legislative assistant to President-elect John F. Kennedy, by C.B. Latta, vice-president of the First National Bank.

Floyd County families were defrauded of some \$762,000 in the past year by way of lost purchasing power caused by inflation.

The administration of justice efforts to enforce the law against bootlegging in Prestonsburg, police activities and an implied ineffectiveness of City Council leadership were subjects of heated discussion at the regular Council meeting Monday evening.

There died: Robert Troy McKenzie, 24, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Auxier, in an auto accident; Gilbert Martin, 55, of Galveston, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Minty E. James, 73, of Endicot, at her home; Ella J. Ramsey, 64, of McDowell, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Ida Wallen Wright, 73, of Pikeville, at Pikeville Methodist; Susie Freeman Mirns, 53, of tram, at her home.

Sixty Years Ago (December 21, 1950)

Child welfare services were inaugurated in Floyd County this week with the arrival of the worker assigned to the county by the Division of Child Welfare and the opening of an office in Prestonsburg, according to County Judge Henry Stumbo.

Next month's induction calls will take the largest number from this county into the armed forces since the fighting in Korea began. Draft Board officials said this week.

As had been freely predicted, the State Board of Education on Friday with the appointment of John Campbell, Garrett merchant to the Board to succeed Ray Freley of Wayland.

There died: Moore Hughes, 61, of Cliff, at her home; Haley Howell, 60, of Dony, at her home; Samuel J. Tilton Vaughan, 71, of Cliff, at his home; Hillard Burke, 39, of Weeksburg, of Virgie, at his home; H.D. Has Click, 50, of St. Marys, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, at his home; Thomas Jefferson Music, 70, of Cliff, at his home.

Science

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Agatha Christie's famous character Miss Marple once remarked, "A weed is simply a plant growing where you don't want it to grow." To put it another way, "weediness" is in the eye of the beholder. I'd say

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