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briefs

Hearing slated in sex abuse case

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A pretrial conference is scheduled for Wednesday for a former Floyd County resident recently arrested on multiple charges of sex abuse.

Charles Brandon Hughes, 22, of Pine Top, formerly of Harrod, is charged with three counts of sodomy and three counts of sexual abuse in which the victim was under the age of 12.

Hughes was indicted on the charges on Sept. 28, and was arraigned on Nov. 2.

Cases that involve juvenile victims are often sealed, and no further information is currently available about Hughes and the charges that he faces. Hughes is currently being housed in the Floyd County Detention Center.

More charges pending in fatal wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Jeffrey Mullins, 26, the man police say caused a deadly crash on Dec. 17 that left an elderly woman dead and two others injured, may have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the fatal accident:

Mullins is currently being held on charges of manslaughter, driving on a suspended license and driving under the influence. However, prosecutors say more charges could be pending against the 26-year-old. According to police reports, Mullins was said to have been traveling on the wrong side of the road along U.S. 460 on the afternoon of Dec. 17, when he hit two cars. One of those cars held three women — Marie Stiltner, 76, who later died from injuries sustained in the crash, Janice Baker, 55, and Linda Walker, 57. Baker and Walker were seriously injured in the accident. During a court hearing on Mullins' case this week, investiga-

tors testified that when Mullins was taken to the hospital following the wreck, they found a bag of pills on him, leading them to believe he may have been under the influence when the crash took place. Police also said Mullins told one officer that he'd been snorting pills

(See **CHARGES**, page 6)

OATH OF OFFICE



Circuit Judge John David Caudill swore in Family Court Judge Dwight Stacy Marshall, District Judge Eric D. Hill and Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris on Wednesday. A number of other county officials were sworn in, including Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who was sworn in by his son, Family Court Judge Stacy Marshall.

State police to crack down for holiday

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — As in years past, the Kentucky State Police are other law enforcement agencies will be watching the roadways during the New Year's Eve holiday even more closely than before.

State police are gearing up to keep an eye out for drivers leaving those many celebrations that take place on New Years Eve who are under the influence of alcohol.

Every year law enforcement officials ask those who drink to stay off the road. While drunk driving is a terrible crime any day of the year, statistics show that the holiday season has the greatest incidence for crashes involving alcohol, they say.

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer announced earlier this week that his agency will be taking part in the "Over the Limit. Under Arrest" impaired driving campaign, which will be sponsored by the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety.

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Grant could lead to changes in tackling domestic violence

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A \$400,000 grant recently awarded to Mountain Comprehensive Care's Victim Services Program will enable the organization to make new hires that will, in turn, possibly lead to key changes down the road.

"The grant, referred to as an Office of Violence Against Women grant was awarded earlier this month and allowed Robin Gray, the victim service's program director, and Linda Sporlock, the program's volunteer coordinator, to hire

two victim advocates. These advocates — Kimberley Freeman and Sabrina Rose — were joined by a third new hire, Dustin Newsome, whose job will be to provide assistance to victims of violence. And the new employees are already brainstorming and forming ideas, gathering support in hope of seeing changes that reach all the way to Frankfort.

Freeman and Rose, with the help of Newsome, plan to implement training and other initiatives to improve community, police and judicial collaboration, as well as victim safe-

ty. One of the goals the group has already taken steps toward implementing is conducting training sessions for law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, advocates and medical professionals. This training will focus on improving response to the complexities of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

In addition to advocating for victims, the added staff will help serve and assist victims wishing to fill out emergency protective orders, while sup-

(See **GRANT**, page 7)

Stumbo looks ahead to session

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo spoke Wednesday about the upcoming 2011 General Assembly, noting a handful of issues that will be looked at, and at least one he says will likely not be discussed in Frankfort's current political climate.

Stumbo told the Lexington-Herald Leader that he felt the push to change laws to allow for video lottery terminals at state race tracks will not be brought up during the session. The proposal has been blocked by a Republican-controlled Senate the past several years.

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FCB to buy Paintsville's Family Bank

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Officials with First Commonwealth Bank have announced a plan to acquire Family Bank, a Paintsville-based bank with six locations throughout Eastern Kentucky.

"We are very excited to announce the completion of a purchase agreement with Family Bank," said Greg Wilson, president and CEO of First Commonwealth

Bank. "This is a great opportunity to combine the strengths of two sound community banks deeply rooted in the communities they serve."

First Commonwealth Bank was founded over a century ago and currently has locations in Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne, Martin and Pikeville. Family Bank was chartered in 1936 and has locations in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and

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John Blackburn, CEO of Family Bank, shakes hands with Greg Wilson, president and CEO of First Commonwealth Bank. First Commonwealth Bank recently announced the purchase of Family Bank, which will put the total assets of the bank at over \$300 million.

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Regional Obituaries

Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY
 ■ Donald Ray "Don" Dale, 56, of Ivel, died Wednesday, December 22, at the Signature Health Care, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Friday, December 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 ■ Tricha Michelle Robinette Gibson, 39, of Asheboro, North Carolina, a native of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 24, at Randolph Hospital, Asheboro, North Carolina. She is survived by her husband, David Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Pugh Funeral Home.
 ■ Fanny Martin, 78, of Harold, died December 16, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 ■ Ann Roberts Latta, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, December 27, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 30, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.
 ■ Clark Howard Vanover, 68, of Dulton, Alabama, formerly of Printer, died December 4. WT Wilson was in charge of arrangements.
 ■ Dolores May Webb, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, December 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY
 ■ Anna Adkins, died Saturday, December 25, at Bailey Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
 ■ Robert Joe Blackburn, 75, of Sevierville, Tennessee, formerly of Toler, died Friday, December 24, at LeConte Medical Center in Sevierville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.
 ■ Elliott E. Blankenship, 78, of Freeburn, died Thursday, December 23, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, December 27, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.
 ■ Farlon Damron, 80, of Virgie, died Thursday, December 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Mae Damron. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Ralph Carlos Hamilton, 32, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 25, at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Lester Keen, 83, of Burning Fork, died Friday, December 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Keen. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.
 ■ Elmer Cleveland Plummer, 34, of Huddy, died Sunday, December 26, at St.

Mary's Hospital, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 30, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.
 ■ Mary Lee Stanley, 88, of Sidney, died Thursday, December 23, at the South Williamson ARH. R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, is in charge of arrangements.
 ■ Keith Douglas Sullivan, 38, of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, December 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 29, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.
MARTIN COUNTY
 ■ Gregory Eugene Maynard, 42, of Beauty, died Friday, December 17, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Huntington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Joy Faye Mills, 69, of Inez, died Monday, December 13, at the Martin County Health Care Facility in Inez. She is survived by her husband, Hobert Mills. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Linda Goble Griffith, 62, of Inez, died Sunday, December 19, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Rebecca Stacy Jarvis, 79, of Pilgrim, died Saturday, December 18, at

her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
 ■ Steven Stacy, 82, of Beauty, died Sunday, December 12, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 16, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.
KNOTT COUNTY
 ■ Phillip Alvin Childers, 59, of Garner, died December 18, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 ■ Marlene Tuttle Hall, 58, of Kite, died December 17, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Mary Elizabeth Holliday, 80, of Ary, died December 17, at the Rockcastle Rehabilitation. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Justin Kyle Slone, 21, of Dema, died Saturday, December 18, at the Pikeville Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.
 ■ Debra Lynn Sparkman, 49, of Lott Carr, died Saturday, December 18, at Whitesburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Maria Lewis
 Maria Lewis, 66, of Tram, died December 28, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.
 Born April 1, 1944; in Dana, she was the daughter of the late Wilburn and Melvina Boyd Watson. She was a homemaker and a member of the Boleman, Freewill Baptist Church.
 She is survived by her husband, Marvin Lewis.
 Other survivors include her sons and daughter-in-laws: Tony Lee, wife Christine Lewis of Tram, Jackie Delane, wife Brenda Lewis of Allen, David Dwayne, wife Jessica Lewis of Tram; brothers and sisters: Jessie Watson, Larry Watson, Lucy Howell, all of Dana; Manuel Watson of Drift, Eunice Steele of Stanville, Linda Ratliff of Pikeville, Lois Frasure of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Pollyanna Bolen of Garrett, Connie Jo Poulter of Hudson, Florida, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
 In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Watson.
 Funeral services will be held Friday, December 31, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Sonny Boyd, Jack and Mark Hunt officiating.
 Burial will be in the Lewis Family Cemetery, in Tram.
 Visitation is after 6 p.m.,

on Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)
Foster D. Blankenship
 Foster D. Blankenship, 71, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, December 28, 2010, at his residence.
 Born March 2, 1939, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late George and Sadie Hamilton Blankenship. He was a disabled coal miner and of the Baptist faith.
 He is survived by his wife, Liza Jones Blankenship.
 Other survivors include one son, Foster Jr. (Jessica) Blankenship of Teaberry; one brother, Roger B. Blankenship of Taylor, Michigan; one sister, Fannie Story of Taylor, Michigan and two grandchildren: Michael Dustin Blankenship and Heaven Eliza Lynn Blankenship.
 In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Cline Blankenship.
 Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 1, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.
 Burial will be in the Edward Lee Blankenship Cemetery, in Teaberry.
 Visitation is after 5 p.m., Thursday, December 30, at the church.
 Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

SCHOOL NEWS



Five Floyd County students participated in the KMEA Instrumental solo & ensemble festival at Pikeville High School on May 1. Three of the students were from Stumbo Elementary: Kendra Evans and Kaytlyn Short played a duet at the festival and received a distinguished rating. Kaytlyn Short and DeAnna Kidd, who are pictured above, also played a duet and they received a proficient rating. Kendra plays the trumpet, Kaytlyn plays the flute and DeAnna plays the saxophone. Two students were from South Floyd High School. Natasha Hunt played a solo from the last movement of Mozart's 40th symphony. Natasha plays the flute and received a distinguished rating. Chelsea Ord played a Bach Minuet. Chelsea plays the saxophone and also received a distinguished rating. Walter Ord is the band director at Stumbo Elementary and Sarah Joseph is the band director at South Floyd.



D'Anna Houston, Cindi Hughes, and Kellie Wolford attended and presented at the Kentucky Reading Association (KRA) Conference in Lexington, Oct. 28-30. The KRA conference is a yearly event attended by reading teachers and professionals from across the state. The three teachers from John M. Stumbo Elementary led a session entitled "Comprehension Strategies for Struggling Readers." Their session was intended for teachers of students that need extra help with reading. The session was well received and attended by a wide range of reading professionals, including primary teachers all the way to college professors. The Stumbo teachers plan to attend and participate in the next state wide reading conference in October 2011.

Wuchner pre-files bills dealing with education, childhood obesity

FRANKFORT — State Rep. Addita Wuchner, R-Florence (66th District), announced this week the pre-filing of several pieces of legislation as part of her 2011 "Kentucky Kids First" initiative. The bills deal with improvements in education, health and pediatric abuse for the commonwealth's children.
 "Our children are not only the future leaders of our state, but also our nation and our world," said Rep. Wuchner. "When it comes to our children, Kentucky's statistics are frightening. In 2007 Kentucky ranked number one for infant death due to abuse and neglect; 15 percent of our children struggle and fail in school due to learning disabilities and unaddressed differences like dyslexia; and over 1-in-4 Kentucky children are overweight or obese.
 In addition, one-third of Kentucky's children will develop type two diabetes in their lives, and many others will face chronic obesity related health problems like cardiac disease, high blood pressure, and stroke," Wuchner added. "These tragic statistics reflect not only their futures, but are taking their toll on Kentucky's economy. It is imperative that we as Kentucky's leaders of today do everything we can to assure tomorrow's leaders the best educational opportunities and health initiatives we can offer them."
 Wuchner's "Kentucky Kids First" initiative for the 2011 Legislative Session includes the following pre-filed bills and resolutions:
 ■ HB 159-Establish the goal of increasing physical activity to 30 minutes per

day or 150 minutes a week for all K-5 schools in Kentucky by November 2013. This bill is called the 'Healthy Kids Act 2011.'
 ■ HB 160-Initiates a change to current school health and physical examination entrance forms for kindergarten and sixth grade; physicians and practitioners would include Body Mass Index (BMI) measurements with height and weight. It would keep the information and health related discussions at the clinical level, with the data only available in aggregate form for statistical data.
 ■ BR 310-A concurrent resolution establishing the Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity, with the goal studying issues relating to the increasing epidemic of childhood obesity in Kentucky and presenting findings and recommendations to the LRC and the IFC on Health and Welfare by November 2011.
 ■ BR 311-Directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to establish nutritional and health related activity guidelines and standards for licensed child care centers in Kentucky.
 ■ BR 312-Encourage all birthing centers in Kentucky hospitals to provide parents and caregivers prevention and awareness education on pediatric head trauma prior to baby's discharge from the hospital following their birth in an effort to combat pediatric abusive head trauma, also known as Shaken Baby Syndrome or Death.
 ■ BR 197-Establishes district-wide use of a response-to-intervention system for students in kindergarten through grade three (3), that includes early

identification of various learning differences including dyslexia, dysgraphia etc., and provide a tiered continuum of scientifically based research interventions matched to individual student strengths and needs to improve learning outcomes.
 ■ BR 263-Directs the Department of Education to develop the pathway for an alternative diploma for high school students with special needs who can't meet all the requirements of a traditional high school diploma, but who demonstrate abilities and skills that the current certificate of completion does not fully recognize. The alternate diploma pathway would allow them to continue their skills training and education, enter the workforce and live productive lives.
 "It is my sincere hope that any colleagues in the House and Senate will support the 'Kentucky Kids First' initiative in the 2011 session," Wuchner added. "As a parent, grandparent, and a lawmaker I don't believe government can ever replace responsible parenting. Our children are the future, and I believe we can assist in shaping their futures and the future of Kentucky with sound education and healthcare policies."

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Brittney Brienne Biliier, 29, of Allen, to Ricky Jason Bentley, 31, of Allen.

Deborah Meade Patrick, 61, of Minnie, to Elbert Darrell Howell, 52, of Langley.

Lori Mae Turner, 38, of Printer, to Ronald Wright, 35, of Printer.

Kimberly Dawn Moore, 25, of Hueysville, to Dustin Hancock, 24, of Printer.

Marissa Irene Keathley, 16, of Betsy Layne, to Nicholas B. Stumbo, 17, of Harold.

Breann N. Akers, 18, of Dana, to William M. Stanley, 20, of Dana.

Elizabeth Colleen Howard, 20, of Louisville, to Corey Davis Terry, 19, of Louisville.

Cortney Le Anna Lynette Hall, 22, of Teaberry, to Howard Waddles, 21, of Teaberry.

Pamela Michelle Gibson, 19, of East Point, to Joshua David Randall Rowe, 22, of Martin.

Inspections

Betsy Layne High School, Stanville, regular inspection. Violations noted: outside garbage or refuse storage area not constructed properly, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not clean, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 97.

Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: non-food contact surfaces have accumulation of soil, floors, not clean, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 97.

Jerry's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, food contact surfaces and/or utensils are not durable, corrosion resistant, or non-absorbent, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, food contact surfaces are not resistant to pitting, chipping, crazing, etc., cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, non-food contact surfaces have accumulation of soil, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, handwashing sink is being used for other purposes other than handwashing, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly, floors not clean, walls and ceiling coverings not easily cleanable, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 89.

Osborne's Pizza, Teaberry, 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, no hair restraints, food contact surfaces and/or utensils are not durable, corrosion resistant, or non-absorbent, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable. Score: 95.

Stumbo Elementary, Gresham, regular inspection. Violations noted: unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, outside garbage or refuse storage area not constructed properly, outside garbage or refuse storage area not clean. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

Jimmy A. Akers to Akers & Akers, Inc. and Doris Akers, property not listed.

Joann Akers to Akers, property not listed.

Dallas Calhoun to Peggy Hall, property not listed.

Freda C. Calhoun to Peggy Hall, property not listed.

Teresa Carpenter to Akers & Akers Inc. and Doris Akers, property not listed.

Gwen Davis to Akers & Akers Inc. and Doris Akers, property not listed.

Barry D. Frazier to Mary L. Frazier and Monty S. Frazier, property located at Prater Creek.

Monty S. Frazier to Amy Frazier, Barry D. Frazier, and Mary L. Frazier, property not listed.

Ernie Gullett to Michelle Smith and Thomas Smith, property not listed.

Yvonne Gullett to Michelle Smith and Thomas Smith, property not listed.

Heidi Hackworth to Keshia D. Carroll, Jonathan Wayne Hackworth, Nikitia Hackworth, Alvin Spears, and Carol Spears, property not listed.

Jody Hackworth to Keshia D. Carroll, Jonathan Wayne Hackworth, Nikitia Hackworth, Alvin Spears, and Carol Spears, property not listed.

Ruby Kinzer to Denise Porter, Randala S. Porter, Shirley Porter, and Vernon E. Porter, property not listed.

David A. Layne to David A. Layne II, Malcom Layne, and Martha Layne, property not listed.

David A. Layne II to David A. Layne II, Malcom Layne, and Martha Layne, property not listed.

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AG announces grants for sex abuse prevention

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway announced Wednesday the availability of the Child Victims' Trust Fund's Annual Prevention Grant, which provides funding for regional sex abuse prevention programs.

The grant will also open up funds for projects educate citizens about crimes of sexual abuse against children, said Conway, who chairs the Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Board.

"This grant helps ensure that citizens across the Commonwealth know how to protect our children and that our children are armed with knowledge to combat sexual abuse," Conway said in a statement Wednesday. "The consequences of child

sexual abuse are significant and can last a lifetime."

In addition to the trust fund grant, the Child Sexual Abuse Medical Reimbursement Examination Grant will be open to the state's 15 regional child advocacy centers, as well.

Nationally, rates regarding child victims of rape or sexual assault range from 1.2 to 1.9 children per 1,000, while according to statistics from Kentucky Youth Advocates' Kids Count report, there have been 3,235 investigations of child sexual abuse in Kentucky this year.

Also, reports from Conway's office show that about one-third of all sexual assaults reported to law enforcement involved a victim under the age of 12 and it's estimated that only one in 10 victims of sexual abuse ever discloses the abuse.

Records from Conway's office show that many of the cases can be linked to internet use. Since starting the Cybercrimes Unit in 2008, Conway's office has seized more than 160,000 child pornographic images and videos from the internet, while opening more than 100 child pornography cases across the state.

Revenue for the grants comes from proceeds of the "I Care About Kids" special license plate, the Kentucky Income Tax Refund Check-Off and private donations.

The registration deadline for the child sexual abuse prevention grants is Jan. 31, 2011.

For additional information forms go to <http://ag.ky.gov/criminal/vic/tims/cvtf/> or call (800) 372-2551 or (502) 696-5312.

Workshop for nonprofit board members

SOMERSET — If you are thinking about serving or are currently serving on a nonprofit board, learn more about your legal and professional responsibilities as a board member at a Nonprofit Governance Workshop presented by The Center for Rural Development on Jan. 12 in Somerset.

Attorney Robert Rich, who focuses on nonprofit governance and counsel in his Cincinnati, Ohio, practice, will provide legal and practical "tips" that you should know if you choose to help improve your community and expand your professional connections by serving on a nonprofit board of directors. The free workshop, to be

held from 10:30 a.m.-noon (EST), will include information on such topics as: state law, duties and responsibilities of a nonprofit trustee and board member; federal and IRS guidelines, reporting requirements, and new Form 990 standards for a tax-exempt organization; the role of a public trustee and mission, faithfulness; prudent personal standards for investment and administration; reasonable compensation and avoiding public censure and criticism; protections from legal liability and bad publicity; and board orientation, training, and engagement as protection from liability.

"As part of our Leadership Focus Area, The Center is offering expert

training to new and prospective nonprofit board members interested in serving their home communities and the entire region," Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center, said. "Our workshop will help people learn their legal and professional responsibilities as a board member."

For more information about the Nonprofit Governance Workshop or to register for the workshop, contact Amy Ellis at The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or e-mail her at aellis@centertech.com.

The registration deadline is Jan. 10. The Center is located at 2292 South U.S. 27 (at Traffic Light 15) in Somerset.

Viewpoint

Amendment I
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Worth Repeating ...

Cruel leaders are replaced only to have new leaders turn cruel.

— Ernesto "Che" Guevara

Our View

Drinking and driving not worth the costs

New Year's Eve is traditionally known as a time when friends and family gather together to say goodbye to the year past and welcome the year ahead with fun and festivities.

Unfortunately, it is also known as a time when the revelry can get out of hand, as those who have had too much to drink cause tragedy when they get behind the wheel.

Thankfully, Kentucky State Police will be hitting the streets tonight and all weekend, with eyes peeled for those who are drinking and driving.

"Life is too precious to be lost in a senseless tragedy that causes indescribable hardship," says KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "KSP has a 'no-tolerance' policy. If you are caught driving under the influence, you will go to jail."

The message should be clear — drunken driving is dangerous, not only to the driver, his or her passengers and all those who share the road with him or her, but also to the driver's future. A DUI conviction can lead to thousands in fines and other costs, loss of driving privileges and potential loss of income.

It's just not worth it.

If you plan to drink this holiday, don't drive. If you have to drive, don't drink. It's that simple.

— The Floyd County Times



Beyond the Beltway

GOP: Man of the year

by DONALD KAUL
 OtherWords

Time Magazine has its Man of the Year Award; I have mine.

There was a bumper crop of candidates this year, a year marked by one bizarre turn of events after another.

Who would have imagined, for example, that President Barack Obama, having gotten a commitment from oil giant BP to set aside \$20 billion for damages caused by its oil spill, would be accused by a Congressman of "blackmail" or that the Republican Party would call it a "\$20-billion shakedown"? Or that the lawmaker, Rep. Joe Barton, could be the ranking GOP member of the House Energy and Commerce committee?

That's like letting a practicing alcoholic teach driver education.

Ultimately, I suppose, if you had to distill the year's madness into one award, you'd have to say that the Man of the Year is the Republican Party. (That's neither a man nor woman, I know. So sue me.)

The GOP this year accomplished a feat so extraordinary as to beggar the imagination. Nothing like it has been seen in living memory.

Two years ago, Republicans were sliding toward oblivion. Their presidential candidate had been trounced by a virtual unknown. They faced a filibuster-proof Democratic majority

in the Senate and an equally large majority in the House. The outlook was grim.

Until they hit on the strategy of acting as though they'd won the 2008 elections. They locked arms and voted as one against pretty much everything the President wanted to do, then blamed him for not getting it done.

But what was really extraordinary was that they did it by shamelessly taking the side of the rich against the poor, while claiming that they were speaking for the common man.

And even more extraordinary yet was the fact that the American people bought what they were selling. It was one of the great feats of political jujitsu of our time or any other.

As a long-time observer of American politics, I can only tip my hat in admiration and give them the highest honor it is in my power to bestow: the untimely Man of the Year Award for 2010.

As I said, there were other deserving candidates, so I thought I'd give them some love too.

The barely coveted It Pays to be Ignorant Award goes to none other than Sarah Palin, who managed to go through an entire year without saying one intelligent or knowledgeable thing while growing exponentially in political popularity (not to mention in riches). Watching her is like seeing a high wire artist who works not only without a net, but without a wire.

The competition for the Ignorance Award, by the way, was fierce. Right behind Sarah was Christine ("I Am Not a Witch") O'Donnell, the Republican Senate candidate in

Delaware who, during a debate on religion in public schools, said incredulously: "You're telling me that the separation of church and state is found in the First Amendment?"

Right behind her was Sharron Angle, the Senate candidate in Nevada, who thought that Dearborn, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, was governed by Sharia law.

Other notable achievers:

- Rep. Charlie Rangel, the New York Democrat who demanded a House ethics investigation of his finances, which then proceeded to prove he was a crook.
- Tiger Woods, who, robbed by divorce of the chance to cheat on his wife, went from being the world's greatest golfer to a middle-of-the-pack hacker. There's a moral in there somewhere, but I'm afraid to look for it.
- Rush Limbaugh, who disappointed millions of Americans by promising to leave the country if health care reform passed, then not leaving when it passed.
- Rep. John Boehner, the Ohio Republican who apparently can't tell the story of his rise from saloon keeper's son to Speaker of the House without bursting into tears, when it's the rest of us who should be crying.
- Judge Henry E. Hudson, the conservative Virginia judge who ruled that health care is unconstitutional. Who knew?

It was a heck of a year. I shudder to think of what's ahead.

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The Usual Eccentric

May God(zilla) have mercy on our souls

by WILL E. SANDERS

What problem does Godzilla have with Japan anyway? Is there some commonly held belief I'm unaware of? Did Japan do something to him during World War II or something? I mean, he emerges up from the ocean about a few hundred miles south of North Korea. Why doesn't he ever jaunt up north for a spell and do the world a favor by defusing that situation once and for all? What? You expect me to believe Godzilla doesn't keep up on current events in his cavernous lair beneath the Pacific Ocean?

Oh sure, he (at least I think it's a he) attacks America in that horrible Godzilla movie remake, but nobody considers that a true Godzilla remake anyway, or even an actual movie for that matter. I don't like computer-generated Godzilla. I like my Godzillas dressed up in green Godzilla suits and drunkenly stumbling through scale model cities.

But I think it's pretty obvious why Godzilla only attacks Japan. Godzilla is a racist.

Now I don't want to confuse you. I'm not talking just about the Godzilla movies here. I won't argue that the Godzilla movies, largely based on true accounts, are racist by today's government-mandated political correctness values — Godzilla isn't an illegal alien; he's an "undocumented destroyer." However, the similarities between the island-country's provocation — and subsequent awakening thereof — a sleeping giant relative to world history are too flagrant to ignore. If I was some self-righteous movie jerk, I'd add that Godzilla movies are more about the horrors of war and less about the clumsy and drunken antics of an overgrown green lizard tripping over Hot Wheels and matchbox storefronts.

But what I'm also telling you is that Godzilla exists. A Wikipedia account backs this claim up, too, so there's no reason to deny it. And he or she or it — or whatever Godzilla is — is a total racist. I know, I know, where is Jesse Jackson when we need him the most?

Sometimes when I'm in polite company and I raise the issue of the existence of Godzilla (and his racial

tendencies), people scoff and remind me that I'm a complete moron. I guess that's better than being a complete racist like Godzilla.

Why is it that lots of people subscribe to the notion of the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot and global warming without actual evidence, but they laugh at you when you tell them that Godzilla is real? Nobody questions that dinosaurs roamed the world long ago, so it's not hard to imagine one possibly surviving. And then developing some unknown grudge against the country of Japan.

Besides, everyone knows the government has covered up the true existence of Godzilla for decades, just like they've done with aliens and leprechauns.

And while I'm on the subject: I think Americans have grown far too unappreciative that dinosaurs are extinct. Just think if the dinosaurs survived. It seems to me they would impede the continual progress of humankind, eating lots and lots of people alive along the way.

I do admit that sometimes I wish I was Godzilla, but less racist — preferably not racist at all, if that's possible (and I don't know that it is). I have lots of scores to settle, and the

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Stumbo

Though that issue will be placed aside, Stumbo said others will be deliberated, including proposals that would require pregnant women to have ultrasounds prior to an abortion and

another that would allow state residents to carry concealed weapons without first getting a permit being among those mentioned. But talk will, of course, not be limited to whether or

not to enact new laws. Stumbo has also said that the creation of new jobs across the state will also top the list of issues to be talked about the session. And though it has been

widely reported at the Republican house rolled out a far-ranging agenda for 2011 plans, Stumbo has said that people shouldn't expect the same on the other side of the aisle, considering Beshear is running for reelection as governor and has had a full term to make known his intentions for the future of the state. And the continuing problem with both prescription

drug abuse and methamphetamine use will not be left out of discussion, Stumbo said. There is sufficient support, Stumbo said, for a measure that would see people seeking cold medicines to be required to get a prescription for those containing high amounts of pseudoephedrine, a main ingredient for making meth. Also, despite the fact the meeting of the House

Democratic caucus was canceled due to the recent bad weather, Stumbo says once that takes place, ideas would become more focused on what would be presented during the legislative session. At least one of those issues would be a move to up Kentucky's dropout age from 16 to 18, legislation that has been shot down in previous sessions.

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Kilburn named to KAPE

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Solomon Kilburn, a teacher at Prestonsburg High School, has been named to the Kentucky Association of Professional Educators (KAPE).



Solomon Kilburn

According to Russ Green, with KAPE, Kilburn will be recruiting new members, organizing local chapters and building the capacity of the association to fulfill its mission in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Knott, Perry, Lee, Owsley, Breathitt, Magoffin, Harlan, Letcher and Leslie Counties.

education for all Kentucky students through initiatives that recruit, develop, retain, and recognize highly accomplished educators. The benefits of membership to KAPE include access to legal assistance at the onset of problems, professional support, teacher and student scholarships, professional development resources, interactive participation to influence education policy and education law, discounts through affiliate partnerships and more.

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More information about KAPE is available at <http://www.kentuckyteachers.org>.

Anticipate that the deal will close in the second quarter of 2011.

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Bank

Pike counties. Family Bank reports total assets of \$110 million, and combined with the \$195 million in total assets of First Commonwealth Bank, the total assets will be over \$300 million.

"Family Bank's board and management have built a strong franchise and customer base," Wilson said. "We are very pleased to welcome them to the First Commonwealth Bank family. Family Bank customers will have the reassurance of continuing to do business with the professional people to which they are accustomed. Our goal is to complete this merger as seamlessly as possible for all customers and employees."

According to information provided by First

Commonwealth Bank, the bank's mission is to be a sound, locally-owned, community bank committed to exceeding the expectations of customers, shareholders, employees and the community, and the merger will allow the bank to execute its mission in three new markets.

"I am pleased to become a part of First Commonwealth Bank," said Family Bank CEO John Blackburn. "The two institutions share the same commitment as a community bank to be focused on the specific needs of our customers, employees and communities."

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anticipate that the deal will close in the second quarter of 2011.

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Eccentric

ability to squash my foes beneath my boot heels would seem to come in handy.

I wonder how People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) views the existence of Godzilla. I sent a detailed e-mail to their headquarters asking that question, but I received no reply. However, it's fair to assume the animal rights organization is not enthusiastic about the mutant lizard's enduring perseverance. Let's face it: Godzilla has to be a public relations nightmare. Such a nightmare, in fact, that PETA might have to change the

meaning of their acronym to mean People for the Eventual Termination of Amphibians.

That might spell disaster for Kermit the Frog, the Geico lizard and possibly even Lindsay Lohan (once and for all), but we're talking about Godzilla here, folks. I think the ends justify the means. Because it goes without saying that once Godzilla awakens, which could be any day now, he's going to attack other countries without warrant or reason. Like, zoinks! Scooby, who does this guy think he is anyway — an American president or something?

Just remember, if Godzilla ever gets you cornered, tell him a joke. Godzillas love being told stupid jokes, which reminds me: What does Godzilla eat when he goes out to a restaurant? Everyone!

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Charges

the morning of Dec. 17 when the accident took place.

Mullins, whose case was sent to the grand jury this week, has taken a blood test,

according to court records, but the results of that test have yet to be determined. He remains in jail on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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Motorcycle club makes annual Christmas gift

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Brothers of the Wheel, a motorcycle fraternity that participates in charity work, brought shoes and toys to the Floyd County

Board of Education to be handed out to children in its head start program on Dec. 22.

The Brothers of the Wheel have helped provide Christmas items for head start children for 10 years. "Each year, the number

of families needing help increases," said Dean Franklin, chapter president of the Brothers of the Wheel. "It's a pleasure knowing we can play our part in helping put smiles on the faces of all these children."

The motorcycle club also provides gifts for other household members that live with the head start children from the age of 12 and under.

"Having groups who regularly step up and help others is evidence of the

strength of our community," said Supt. Henry Webb. "We would like to thank the Brothers of the Wheel for their work and for their example in making Christmas the special time it should be for our kids."

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porting victims during court appearances, following up with them and providing community service referrals as needed.

"The overall focus and goal of this project is to make sure victims exposed to domestic violence and sexual assault are much safer than before," Rose said. "Emergency protective

orders need to be served in a more timely manner, and that's what we want to see improve."

Freeman and Rose will be responsible for developing a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). Both say they hope that once the team is established and trained, all police departments in Floyd County, the

Kentucky State Police, hospitals, and the Floyd County judicial system will helpfully work in strong collaboration with one another on the issues.

"Domestic violence and domestic abuse are serious issues in this county. The definition of domestic violence itself is a very unclear and debatable one among

some of the members of the different agencies mentioned," added Rose. "It's our goal to create training

and awareness, providing a clear, concrete definition so that victims receive better care and justice."



Sheriff's deputies were administered their oath of office Dec. 22.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Police

"Life is too precious to be lost in a senseless tragedy that causes indescribable hardship," said Brewer.

"KSP has a 'no-tolerance' policy. If you are caught driving under the influence, you will go to jail."

Increased enforcement begins Thursday, Dec. 30, 2010 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011.

Brewer said his officers will increase road patrols and operate safety checkpoints statewide during the holiday period.

"Make no mistake, our message is simple. If you are caught driving impaired, you will be arrested. No exceptions, no excuses. We will be out in force to take drunk drivers off the road and save lives that might otherwise be lost," added Brewer.

KSP Spokesman Trooper John Hawkins State police officers urge friends and family members to take the keys away from anyone who drinks alcohol and arrange

for them to be driven home, said KSP spokesman Trooper John Hawkins.

"We know there are going to be holiday celebrations and office parties this time of year where alcohol will be consumed, so your best bet is to always designate a sober driver before the parties begin," Hawkins

said.

During this campaign last year, state police arrested 30,430 drunk drivers statewide. For this year, they have established a toll-free number, (800) 222-5555, that citizens can call to report impaired or erratic drivers.

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Bobcats fend off Scott in Republic Bank Classic

Martin nets 30 or more points in back-to-back tournament games

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Senior guard Nathan Martin netted a game-high 30 points on

Tuesday as Betsy Layne fended off Scott 63-62 in the Republic Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic. Junior guard Andrew Roberts joined Martin in double figures, dumping in 12 points for the Bobcats. Senior forward/center Casey Adkins contributed nine points and Derek Tackett tossed in eight for the Betsy Layne boys' basketball team.

Martin pulled down 11 rebounds and dished out six assists as en route to a double-double. Betsy Layne used a 23-14 run in the third quarter to push past Scott, which edged the Bobcats 15-14 in the opening quarter. The Bobcats carried a slim 32-31 lead into half-time.

Scott fell short after outscoring Betsy Layne 17-8 in the fourth quarter. Freshman forward Dylan Hamilton and sophomore guard/forward Michael Henson rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points apiece. Scott utilized a balanced offensive attack with Kellen Smith scoring 16 points, Ryan Stivers tossing in 11

and Austin Roberts adding 10. Betsy Layne returned to the win column following back-to-back losses to Knott County Central and Lexington Catholic. Seneca 70, Betsy Layne 57; Betsy Layne faced a deficit against Seneca at the conclusion of each quarter on Wednesday in Republic Bank Classic. Seneca dou-

bled up Betsy Layne 20-10 in the fourth quarter, defeating the Bobcats 70-57. Senior guard Kevin Shaw scored 24 points and senior forward Jeron Harris added 23 for the Redhawks. Seneca led at the end of each quarter. The Redhawks packed a 34-23 lead into halftime.

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Sports 2010: year in review

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

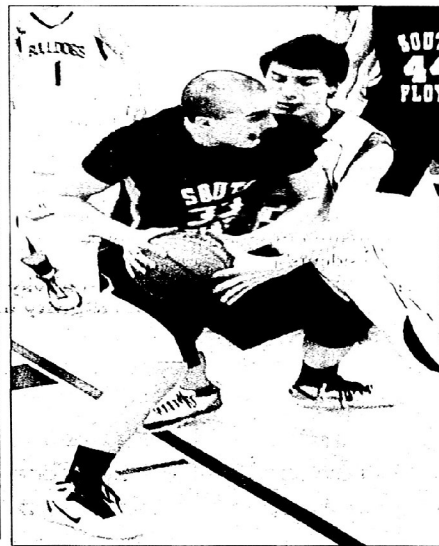
So 2010 is now in the rear-view mirror. How was it for you? For the sports fan, it was memorable for many good things, some bad and others, sadly, very ugly. 2010 was ... Derek Jeter's negotiations ... Randy Moss is a Patriot, um, Viking, er, Titan ... Brett Favre missed a game ... Brett Favre comes back, again ... Brett Favre is, um, a little too revealing ... Jets' strength coach gets a little too involved in the return game ... Pete Carroll leaves USC, and suddenly, at long last, the NCAA comes down hard on OJ's alma mater ... Big Ben has a little too much fun with the Georgia Peaches ... Tiger comes clean ... Tiger is sorry (probably just because he got caught) ... Tiger just can't win ... Vuvuzelas ... The Super Bowl Saints ... The Butler nearly did it ... The rise and sudden fall of Steven Seagal ... The improbable collapse of the Metrodome ... Dallas Braden's perfect game (stay off his mound, by the way) ... Armando Galarraga's nearly-perfect night in Detroit ... The magical year of the Cincinnati Reds ... The V in MVP? Stands for Votto ... Roy Halladay's first post-season game ... A Giants/Rangers World Series ... In Kentucky, a Great Wall was built ... Mr. Basketball returns to the mountains ... Mr. Basketball takes Louisville by storm ... Steve Fride and a freshman help carry Pikeville baseball to the state semifinals ... Philip Haywood makes another state-championship appearance ... All the nets in Kentucky belong to Jason Booher and Shelby Valley ... Five, count 'em, five, first-round draft picks ... Lane Kiffin falls head first into another plum job for no really good reason ... Mark Sanchez puts the J-E-T-S back on the M-A-P, but his coach takes all the credit ... Washington hires Mike Shanahan, which turns out to be a great move for its best defensive player and the quarterback it traded for,

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SFHS BASKETBALL

SOUTH FLOYD COACH BARRY HALL (above) talked with his team during a timeout last week as the Raiders played in the Raceland Derby Classic. Dakota Hall (2) and Shannon Turner (33) are pictured below during other tournament games. South Floyd entered Christmas break 3-4.



Bears start fast, finish strong in win over TBC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Leading by 20 at the half, Pikeville College opened the second stanza with 18 unanswered points to roll past Temple Baptist College 118-57 on Wednesday afternoon from the Pikeville College Gym. Five Bears reached double figures in scoring on a day the Bears had 19 offensive rebounds and were credited with 20 steals on 27 Ram turnovers. Temple Baptist shot only 27.6 percent in the second half, which led to Pikeville rolling to a 64-23 scoring advantage. Senior guards Justin Hicks and Vance Cooksey led the way with 19 points on the board, adding 5-of-7 from the arc, moving into 15th place on the school's all-time scoring list, passing Hall of Fame member Danny Moses. Cooksey was solid across the board, adding 10 assists, seven rebounds, and three steals in the win. Junior Kyan Hines came off the bench for 15 points, adding five rebounds and a team-best five steals. Junior Kane Belcher responded to getting his first start of the season with 14 points and six rebounds, while senior Andre Thornton scored 12 and grabbed six rebounds. Temple Baptist was led by Ontiwon Primus, who had 11 points. Demetrius Sommerlin and Milen Kostov added 10 points each. Pikeville, 12-3, will be back in action on New Year's Eve when it visits Montgomery, Ala., to play Faulkner University. The Bears knocked off the Eagles 85-68 at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Nov. 27. The Bears and Eagles will tip off at 3 p.m. EDT.

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	7-3
Johnson Central	6-1
East Ridge	6-2
Sheldon Clark	6-4
Betsy Layne	5-3
Magoffin County	4-6
Shelby Valley	3-3
Belfry	3-3
South Floyd	3-4
Allen Central	3-6
Phelps	3-6
Prestonsburg	3-8
Paintsville	3-8
Pike Co. Central	2-5
Priest School	1-1
Lawrence Co.	0-9

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Magoffin County	7-1
Shelby Valley	7-2
Paintsville	6-2
East Ridge	6-6
Betsy Layne	5-5
Belfry	4-1
Sheldon Clark	4-3
Pikeville	4-4
Johnson Central	3-3
Prestonsburg	3-5
Pike Central	3-6
Lawrence County	2-7
Phelps	2-7
South Floyd	2-3
Allen Central	2-6
Priest School	1-8

Blackcats roll past Jackson City

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

STANTON — The Prestonsburg Blackcats snapped a two-game losing streak on Tuesday, knocking Jackson City 86-57 in the Red River Classic at Powell. Senior center/forward Cory Bentley pushed in a game-high 25 points and senior guard Warren Blackburn added 20 for the Blackcats during the tournament game. Prestonsburg set the tone in the first quarter, outscoring Jackson 28-16. The Blackcats managed to stretch their lead out to double digits in the second quarter, outscoring Jackson City 23-11 to lead 51-27 at the break. Senior center/forward Seth Carter joined Bentley and Blackburn in double figures for the Blackcats, chipping in 12 points. Ten different Prestonsburg players — including Bryson Williams (six points), Wesley Robinson (six points), Alex Griffith (four points), Caleb Petry (three points), Corey Carter

(three points) and Tyler Shelton (two points) — provided scoring. Senior forward Justin Stacy led Jackson City, scoring a team-high 19 points in the setback. Junior center Joshua Hollon added 17 points for the Tigers. Sophomore guard Chad Davidson and freshman center Ryan Back chipped in eight points apiece for Jackson City in the loss. East Carter Raiders 54, Prestonsburg Blackcats 41; Prestonsburg slipped back into the loss column on Wednesday as East Carter gradually pulled away to win 54-41 at Powell County's Red River Classic. Junior guard Dylan Genung netted a game-high 20 points and senior forward Tyler Clay contributed 10 for the Raiders. East Carter edged Prestonsburg 11-10 in the opening quarter and outscored the Blackcats 18-12 in the second period to lead 29-22 at the break. The Raiders enjoyed a 15-9 scoring advantage over Prestonsburg in the final quarter.

For Prestonsburg, Seth Carter scored a team-high 16 points. Cory Bentley netted nine points and Bryson Williams added five. East Carter led 39-32 at the end of the third quarter. Red River Classic at Powell County Prestonsburg 86, Jackson City 57. Prestonsburg (86): Blackburn 20, C. Carter 3, Griffith 4, Bentley 25, Williams 6, Shelton 2, S. Carter 12, Stapleton 5, Petry 3, Robinson 6. Jackson City (57): Hollon 17, Stacy 19, Davidson 8, Riley 2, Combs 3, Back 8. Jackson City.....16 11 23 7-57. Prestonsburg.....28 23 9 26-86. East Carter 54, Prestonsburg 41. East Carter (54): Robinson 6, Genung 20, Clay 10, Johnson 7, Stewart 4, Huddle 6, Burchett 1. Prestonsburg (41): Blackburn 2, C. Carter 4, Bentley 9, Williams 5, S. Carter 16, Petry 3, Robinson 2.

Cobb claims another First-Team All-America nod

Sideline seats available for bowl game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky wide receiver Randall Cobb has been named first-team All-America as an all-purpose player by ESPN.com.

Cobb leads the Southeastern Conference in pass receiving with 79 catches for 955 yards and seven touchdowns but his value far exceeds those numbers. 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.

The junior from Alcoa, Tenn., returns punts and kick-

offs as well, 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 rushing, passing and receiving.

"About the only thing Randall Cobb didn't do for

Kentucky's offense this season was snap the football to the quarterback," wrote Mark Schlabach on ESPN.com.

In addition to ESPN.com, The Associated Press and SportsIllustrated.com chose Cobb as first-team All-America as an all-purpose player.

Cobb is also a finalist for the new Paul Hornung Award, which goes to the nation's most versatile player.

Sideline seats available through UK: Tickets are available to all tickets from the Compass Bowl for both season-ticket holders and the general public. Fans are encouraged to buy directly from the Kentucky ticket office, as all tickets from the UK allotment are sideline seats. All tickets are \$50 each.



RUNNIN' REBELS: Junior guard Braxton Tackett (42) lofted a shot for the Rebels during a Pikeville Invitational matchup earlier in the week. Allen Central dropped games to Scott (W.Va.) and Hurley (Va.) during the Pikeville tournament.

Year

and, um, just signed to an extension ...

Canada and the United States put hockey back on the national stage at the 2010 Winter Olympics ... The return of Michael Vick ... The many new meanings of the phrase "take my talents to South Beach" ... The 11-hour, five-minute, three-day Wimbledon opening-round clash in which American John Isner defeated France's Nicolas Pietrangeli ... The rise of Cam Newton ... The fall of Cam Newton's father (and the NCAA's already-shaky credibility) ...

The retirement of Kurt Warner, and Bobby Bowden, and Urban Meyer

... oh wait ... yep, and Urban Meyer, and Lou Piniella, and Bobby Cox, and Junior Griffey, and the Big Unit, and Lance Armstrong, and Big Hurt, and Jennie Finch, and Billy Wagner, and Rich Brooks, and longtime NBA coaching legend Doc Meyer.

How 'bout them Cowboys? ... How 'bout Jimmie Johnson ... How 'bout them Yankees ... How 'bout Jim Joyce ... How 'bout the Patriots ... How 'bout the National League ... How 'bout Jason Werth ... How 'bout Pikeville College's own Donnie Jones ... How 'bout Landon Donovan ...

The loss of George Steinbrenner, and Hall of

Fame pitcher "Rapid Robert" Bob Feller, and Dandy Don, and Ron Santo, and Hall of Fame announcer Dave Niehaus, and Sparky Anderson, and George Blanda, and Jim "Catfish" Hunter, and Bobby Thomson, and Jack Tatum, and Ralph Houk, and Bob Sheppard, and Bob Probert, and Don Coryell, and Manute Bol, and John Wooden, and Jose Lima, and Robin Roberts, and Ernie Harwell, and Mike Cuellar, and Merlin Olsen, and the one and only Randy Jones.

Yes, some good, some bad. Some happy, some sad. Farewell, 2010. For better or worse, we'll never forget you.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Winter fishing opportunities

by LEE MCCLELLAN KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — With ice covering yards for a good part of the last month, common sense dictates that fish would dawdle in an early winter slumber during such weather.

In this case, common sense fails. The ice and snow bother us much more than the fish swimming in the lakes and rivers of Kentucky. Now is the time to fish for striped bass, crappie and smallmouth bass.

"I didn't even get all of my lines out before they hit," said Joe McWilliams, an avid striper angler who fishes Lake Cumberland year-round. "I put out two lines with bobbers and I just put out a third line with a planer board when one of the bobbers went down. It was a 28-inch striper."

subtle hues of brown, green and orange. You have to keep your bait on the bottom and fish it super slow with a crawling retrieve. You don't want any extra action on the jig."

Miles also eschews jig trailers with flapping appendages. "Use a smaller trailer that doesn't have much action," he explained. "I also trim the skirt if it is puffy. You want a small profile on your jig."

He also uses the temperature gauge to determine the water temperature. "A degree or even a few tenths of a degree makes all the difference in the world," Miles said. "We started fishing the back of creeks because they are usually warmer, but found the water near the main lake just a tad warmer. That is where we caught our fish."

over them. Stop and fish if you catch a crappie, no matter the size. Work the minnow deeper to catch larger crappie on Cumberland Lake.

On Taylorsville Lake, crappie crush minnows fished amid the flooded timber during the winter months. Keep working the minnow deeper until you hit pay dirt. Crappie gather in schools in winter, so work an entire flooded section of timber if you happen upon some fish on Taylorsville.

The lake holds many crappie around the 9-inch minimum size limit. There is a 15-fish daily creel limit for crappie on Taylorsville Lake.

McWilliams landed the fish on Dec. 27. "I just got my fourth line out when one hit the line with the planer board. It was a 30-incher," he said. "I started fishing at 4 p.m. By 4:20 I had my limit of strippers."

McWilliams slowly trolled spinners in the mid-section of Faubush Creek in the upper lake. "I caught them up by the split in Faubush," he said. "I fished 20 to 24 feet up in 5 to 6 feet of water. The spinners were in excellent condition."

He also uses his sonar unit to find concentrations of baitfish. "We found baitfish often in the middle of the cove," Miles explained. "Fish the point closest to the baitfish."

He also caught some smallmouth recently on Laurel River Lake using 3-inch pearl-colored boot-tailed grubs fished on the bottom, resembling an unawake shad.

Drift crappie minnows along channel drops near the mouths of major coves on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley for winter crappie. Also, target bridge abutments for winter crappie on these lakes. Those abutments closest to a channel drop or cove often hold the most crappie.

A mid-winter warming trend sends black crappie to the shallows on these two lakes. Cast small white, blue or chartreuse tube jigs along the banks during these warming trends. This fishing pattern gathers more steam from late winter into early spring. Black crappie spook easily, so keep boat noise to a minimum.

Smallmouth bass fishing also warmed up as the temperatures dropped. Laurel River Lake, Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow Lake all produced quality smallmouth bass fishing over the past couple of weeks.

"We caught some really good smallmouth bass on Dale Hollow on December 22," said Chad Miles, administrative coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "I caught a 5 pounder and my fishing partner caught one over 4 pounds. We fished football jigs in very natural,

Anglers also report catching smallmouth on Lake 20 in the middle of the cove. "They are catching the crappie on the brush," Miles said.

Check points, flats and channel breaks for crappie by slowly drifting a minnow

Winter may be the most consistent time of year to catch crappie. Due to the drawdown of the lake stemming from ongoing repair work on Wolf Creek Dam many points, flats and channel breaks once too deep for crappie are now crappie holes.

"A lot of people sank brush since the drawdown," McWilliams said. "They are catching the crappie on the brush."

Check points, flats and channel breaks for crappie by slowly drifting a minnow

Bobcats

Betsy Layne thrived in the third quarter, outscoring Seneca 24-16. The Bobcats, however, faltered against a hot-shooting Seneca team during the game's final quarter.

Betsy Layne wasn't without its share of highlights in the tournament game. Senior guard/forward Nathan Martin poured in a game-high 36 points for the Bobcats. Casey Adkins, a senior forward/center, added 12 points for Betsy Layne in the setback.

Republic Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic Betsy Layne 63, Scott 62
30, Adkins 9, Tackett 8, Roberts 12, Hamilton 2, Henson 2.
Scott (62): Roberts 10, Haynes 8, Smith 16, Stivers 11, Farris 5, Jackson 4, Pouncy 4, Morrison 1, Daugherty 1, Rothfuss 2.

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BL.....14 18 23 8-63
Scott.....15 16 14 17-62

Seneca 70,
Betsy Layne 57
Seneca (70): Harris 23,
Shaw 24, Abell 4, Alexander 7,
Davis 10, Gordon 2,
Betsy Layne (57): Martin 36,
Newsome 3, Roberts 4,
Adkins 12, Recznik 2.
Seneca..14 20 16 20-70
BL.....12 11 24 10-57

14th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Buckhorn	7-3
Estill County	6-3
Knott Central	6-4
Letcher Central	6-4
Perry Central	5-3
Leslie County	5-4
Letcher County	5-5
Hazard	4-2
Powell County	4-5
Wolfe County	3-7
Jackson City	2-7
June Buchanan	1-0
Breathitt County	1-3
Riverside Christian	1-5
Cordia	1-6
Owsley County	0-5
Jenkins	0-5

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON 'Ice Queen'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An almost deserted lodge is the setting for this low-budget monster movie that blends elements of a killer caveman movie (don't laugh, it's a justifiable genre that generated a payday for Joan Crawford with "Trog"), with a vulgar sex comedy. The result is entertaining, if not very illuminating. The film begins like an episode of "The A-Team," with a heist sequence involving a group of mercenaries and a military convoy. It turns out to be a pretty cool scene that sees the gang employ a rocket-assisted missile launcher to good effect.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

It also underscores how dumb these proceedings are going to get as our band of mercenaries are there to recover a delicate specimen. Turns out the group was transporting an ancient life form that was discovered in the ice. It's the "Ice Queen" of the title and she's one scary-looking lady. Meanwhile, we meet our hero, Johnny. He's a bit of a lunkhead and the movie makes no bones about it. He is introduced in a club scene, where, he is recruited by blonde in a tight shirt to sponsor her entry into a wet t-shirt contest. Cut to the next day, when he wakes up alongside a note from the blonde, which thanks him for giving her his rent money. This

(See LAGOON, page 6)

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.

One of my own predictions has already been 100 percent on target; namely, that after a layoff of a week I would be as barren of ideas for this column as I was last time I undertook it.

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Be that as it may be and is, the jury is still out on some of us who wanted to see some snow again.

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Ring out the old, ring in the new. And my ears are still ringing after somebody dropped a bomb—or could it have been one of those M-80s?—a block or so from our peaceful environs.

THE DAY

Christmas is a great time for us all, even if I do insist it's for the youngsters. There's the gathering of the clan; it's something to remember...the air of excitement, if not wonderment. By some magic most of us are yanked outside ourselves, rescued at least temporarily from the commonplace. Now that the tree is gone, the fire that crackled so cheerily is cold all the remembrances are more or less stowed away, and most of us have gone our separate, humdrum ways, there remain the blessed intangibles.

(See ALLEN, page 4)



COMING HOME

Loretta Lynn to perform in Prestonsburg

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Country music legend Loretta Lynn is scheduled to perform at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on January 29.

Lynn, 78, a native of Van Lear, signed her first recording contract in 1960.

"To make it in this business, you either have to be first, great or different," Lynn said. "And I was the first to ever go into Nashville, singing it like the women lived it."

According to Lynn's biographical infor-

mation, "For 50 years now, Loretta has fashioned a body of work as artistically and commercially successful, and as culturally significant, as any female performer you'd care to name. Her music has confronted many of the major social issues of her time, and her life story is a rags-to-riches tale familiar to pop, rock and country fans alike."

Lynn has written over 160 songs and released 70 albums, with the most recent being a tribute album titled "Coal Miner's Daughter: A Tribute to Loretta Lynn" that Lynn also performs on. Lynn's most recent

solo album was "Van Lear Rose" released in 2004. The album was produced by Jack White, of The White Stripes. The collaboration with White allowed Lynn to reach a new audience.

Loretta Lynn was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1988.

Tickets for "An Evening with Loretta Lynn" are on sale now and cost \$39 plus a \$1 per ticket fee. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Mountain Arts Center website at <http://macarts.com>.

DINNER DIVA

Eating in home in 2011



If you're looking to get healthy in 2011 be sure you've signed up for my Daily Dish (you get a free menu when you do) at www.SavingDinner.com. We've got great things to help you on your journey this year.

Did you know that the average American family spends nearly \$2,599 a year eating out? Do the math... that's OVER \$200 a month! As you reflect on your goals for 2011 consider "eating at home" this year.

Let's think for a minute what \$200 a month could do for your family:

- 1) Get you out of debt.
- 2) Get your family a nice, debt-free, paid-in-advance, family vacation.
- 3) Save for a car or other large purchase.
- 4) Money for your children's college funds.
- 5) Invest in your own retirement

or savings account.

That's just five things. You could probably make your own list of things you could do with an "extra" \$200 a month. My point is there is a way to make that kind of money without having to go out and get another job - eat at HOME.

Years ago I took a course on goal setting. The mantra repeated by the facilitator of that course would say over and over again, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Nothing could be closer to the truth when it comes to meal planning - and it shows up on your bottom line in more ways than one, if you get my drift.

Meal planning doesn't need to be ridiculously time consuming with every bite tediously planned out. I have found that planning main meals, counting how many side dishes I will need (and then buying fresh and frozen veggies on sale to correspond with those dishes)

is easiest. I also do this with lunch and dinner - I eat leftovers for lunch from dinner the night before OR I use my Body Clutter soup (see below for the recipe).

I have a breakfast pantry that works for my breakfasts - steel cut oats, a variety of frozen fruits for my smoothies, as well as kefir, milk and juice. Peanut butter (please don't email me about peanut butter), eggs, egg substitute (makes great omelets!) and of course, frozen whole grain waffles - my go-to, breakfast-on-the-way-to-the-gym breakfast, topped with some kind of nut butter.

Being aware of your spending will help you realize that \$200 a month eating out is a substantial bite out of your budget (pun intended). PLAN your meals so you don't end up short of money at the end of the month!

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For oil changes, hot is better — but be careful

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

Dear Tom and Ray:
I always change my own oil on my car. I let the car sit overnight and change the engine oil the next day. My daughter said that it would be better to change the oil when the engine is hot, like when I get home from work. So... which is the preferred method? — Will

RAY: Your daughter's right, Will. The reason we change the oil when it's warm is because it flows better and comes out faster.

TOM: It's not a big deal. But when the oil is cold, it's more viscous (it's thicker), so it drains out more slowly. And even if you're willing to wait longer for it to drain out, it's likely that a bit more oil will remain coated on the inside walls of the engine when you're done. Not a lot more than if the oil was warm, but a little more.

RAY: So I'd say a warm oil change is a little bit better.

TOM: Now, there is one major disadvantage to a hot-engine oil change: It hurts! First of all, when you remove the drain plug, if you don't know what you're doing, hot oil can run down your arms. And it's not as pleasurable as the

room-temperature arm grease you get from eating one of those delicious In-N-Out (of the cardiac unit) burgers.

RAY: A lot of today's cars also have oil filters that are really buried and hard to reach. So the chances of burning yourself while trying to unscrew one of those is quite high.

TOM: So, for that reason, here's what we recommend. First, don't do the oil change when the engine is red-hot. Let it sit for half an hour or an hour before starting your work. The oil will still be warm enough to flow easily, but the exhaust manifold won't be glowing red and 800 degrees.

RAY: Success! Wear a protective glove, like a welder's glove or a large kitchen mitt (they make

some with fingers) to protect your hands and forearms.

TOM: Or just change the oil when the engine is cold. You'll have to wait a little longer for it to drain if you want to get most of the oil out. And a small amount will be left behind. But you'll still get 98 percent of the benefit of the oil change. And you'll be able to keep all of your arm hair.

New suspension will keep Batmobile on the road

Dear Tom and Ray:
My third, black Mercury Grand Marquis, "Batmobile," is a 2002 with 80,000 miles on it. Yesterday my dealer told me that the air bags have aged — lost their elasticity, inflatability and serve. My mind leapt to my 62-year-old breasts as the service manager described the problem. If they were not replaced, he said, one day I would see my car riding very low and hear a pump, which inflates the bags, running hopelessly. The cost of replacing these bags is \$1,200. I plan to keep the car at least another two years. A good new bra is \$30. That's a big difference. What is your advice? Shall I make the repair? — Fee

TOM: \$1,200 is a lot of money, Fee. That's 40 bras.

RAY: The air bags your dealer is talking about are not the driver and passenger air bags that protect you in an accident; they're the rubber air bladders that serve as springs in this car's air suspension system.

TOM: That's what gives you that pillow, tush-coddling ride you know and love. But it has a downside.

RAY: Over time, the rubber degrades and starts to leak, and then the air pump has to run more and more frequently to try to keep the bladders inflated. In the worst-case scenario, one or more of the bladders fails completely, and it'll be like driving without springs.

TOM: But if the dealer is

just warning you that they're starting to wear out, and he's suggesting that you replace them in advance of any problem, I'd hold off. They may degrade slowly enough that your problems during the next two years will be minimal, or even nonexistent.

RAY: If the bladders are actually leaking, then you have a couple of choices: You either can pony up the big bucks and pay the dealer for a whole new system, or you can replace the system with a more traditional set of springs.

TOM: There are "conversion kits" available for cars with air suspension systems. Why? Because when people find out they have to fork over \$1,200 for a new system, they freak

out.

RAY: So your other option is to find an independent shop you like (try searching at www.cartalk.com/mechanics) and ask a mechanic there to give you a price on the purchase and installation of a conversion kit. It'll still cost you hundreds, but at least you'll be able to afford underwear. Good luck, Fee.

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Allen

First of all, I was handed a bag of walnuts and told I would crack some — enough, say, for a cupful of kernels for the cake. That required two sessions of about an hour each — and I did not. I maintain, eat as I cracked. The only cracking I did was when I arose in my basement nutcracker suite and returned to full stature slowly, by sections, you might say.

There followed a variety of other chores. One required a second doing when I did a bit of mopping without using Comet. I lost a

bit of aplomb on that one.

Then there was the Tree, which suddenly decided to lie down as all trees put to the axe should. Before it was back, firmly anchored, there was a slight loss, let us say, of equanimity.

Followed bits of sweeping, dishwashing, firebriding, dusting — you name it.

No, I have not acquired either dishpan hands or housemaid's knee. But I wouldn't be surprised if I shouldn't have a first-class physical to determine if I am really in shape for retirement.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The 1970s were back this week with three films that were inspired by the remake of, that creative period in American cinema.

■ "And Soon the Darkness" — This is a straight-up remake of a 1970 suspense yarn about two cyclists who run afoul of a serial killer. This remake moves the action to Argentina and makes the young protagonists American women. They get the suspense right in this one and it works on several levels, though the most basic would be the fear that stems from being far from home.

■ "The American" — Americans abroad are also the focus of this drama that follows an American assassin to Italy, where he hopes to find a moment's peace. He does not count on many things, which include making a friend, falling for the prostitute he frequents, and

being asked to construct a weapon for a younger killer. This one feels like it was made during the 1970s. It most resembles Francis Ford Coppola's "The Conversation" in tone. Definitely more of a character study, though there are some action sequences. It works thanks to a consistent tone and a strong central performance by George Clooney.

■ "Legacy" — Anyone who is tired of mindless action cinema will be happy that you get two thoughtful examinations of the consequences of a violent lifestyle this week. This character-driven piece is like the previous film, only here the killer comes back to America to heal from a botched black ops scenario in Eastern Europe. Idris Elba stars as the weary soldier, who hides out in Brooklyn but can't escape the demons that plague him. Dark, but well acted and worth your time. There is also a solid turn by Clarke

Peters who co-starred on HBO's "The Wire" with Elba.

■ "Resident Evil: Afterlife" — The fourth entry in this video game-inspired franchise definitely owes a debt to George Romero's "Night of the Living Dead." Come to think of it, you can't swing a dead cat without hitting a zombie in media these days, so everyone owes Romero something. Anyway, this time Milla Jovovich is back as Alice and she is tasked with helping survivors of the zombie virus get to sanctuary in L.A. The joke is on her, as L.A. is filled with the living dead. This time out they focus on the evil machinations of "The Umbrella Company." Turns out that this global company has a master plan and the virus could be part of it. Fun and dumb.

Next week look for equal amounts of chills and thrills with the release of "The Last Exorcism" and the action media "Machete."

Lagoon

puts Johnny in a bad way with his girlfriend, Tori. He opts to borrow the dough from his boss, but steps in it anyway when he walks in on Tori interviewing the blonde for a job.

Back in the movie's better half we follow the hardened mercenary who orchestrated the heist going about his plans to double cross the scientist who hired them. He plans to collect his fee and then kill the scientist so he can sell the Ice Queen to a pharmaceutical company. Unfortunately, he didn't factor in that the Ice Queen was going to wake up and rip his arm off. This is even worse news for the scientist, who is not much of a pilot. The resulting crash sets off an avalanche that swamps the ski lodge where Johnny works and improves the overall movie as our Ice Queen is now free to feast on Johnny's inane cronies.

The crash sequence is so well executed that you almost forget how dumb all of the drama parts have been and this finally turns into an all-out horror movie. You wind up with everyone trapped in the lodge and on the run from our titular terror.

The Ice Queen is a decent monster. She rocks long white hair and gray skin. She can't talk but she does belt out some growls and groans that sound like Andre the Giant trying to pass a kidney stone. She is also a messy eater who rips people to pieces like they were made of "Legos."

This one is a lot of fun. It's got gore, thrills and even a few snow bunnies as eye candy. The monster is unique too. The only thing that hurts this flick is the occasional scene where characters talk to each other — in other words, the dialogue is just terrible. The acting is mediocre, too, but the editing and pacing are pretty good. The special effects are also on target. Unfortunately there is an attempt at drama that doesn't work, but that only takes up a third of the movie. You could do worse.

Best lines: This one has so many howlers that it's impossible to settle on just one, so here are the choice bits.

"You are going to be puking guilt for months, for this."

"It's narrow thinking like that that keeps us in a collective morass."

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"I'm not a hooker. I'm in law school."

"There's nothing cool about mutilated people."

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 dency of a certain lawsuit filed on or
 about December 15, 2010 in which
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 ber II of the Floyd Circuit Court and is
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ant of the nature and pendency of
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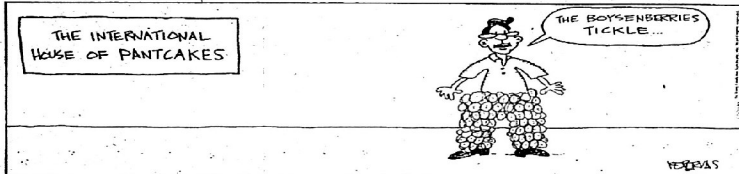
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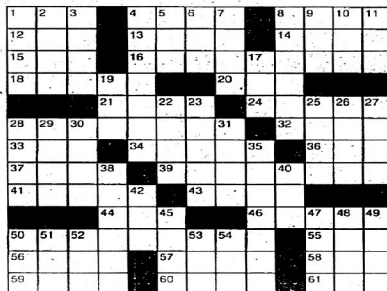
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- 16 "The Clue in the Crossword Cipher" solver
- 18 Asian leader who inspired a jacket style
- 20 Small barrel
- 21 "Oh, woel!"
- 24 Antitoxin
- 28 Tapped
- 32 Ripped
- 33 Tatter
- 34 Binge
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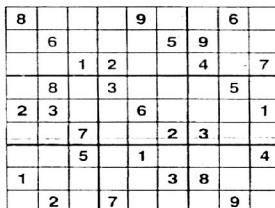
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- 49 Von folks
- 50 Insult
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- 52 reek vowel
- 53 "Flying own to —"
- 54 Ostrich's cousin

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by Linda Thistle



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* Moderate ** Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spoolies are missing. 2. Boy is wearing shirt. 3. Girl's scarf is different. 4. Tree has been added. 5. Window is missing. 6. Girl has shoes instead of boots.

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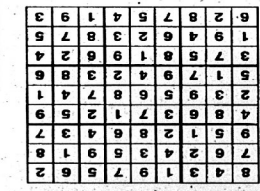
- 1 GEOGRAPHY: Of 10 countries that have only four letters in their names, which are the only two that begin with the letter "C"?
- 2 ART: Which sculptor created the work titled "The Kiss"?
- 3 ROYALS: The Hohenzollern dynasty ruled which country until 1918?
- 4 TELEVISION: On "The X-Files," what was Mulder's nickname?
- 5 LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Babbalanza"?
- 6 MUSIC: Who composed the show tune "Puttin' on the Ritz"?
- 7 ACRONYMS: What does the acronym WAN stand for?
- 8 MOVIES: What famous actor played a cameo scene as the school principal on "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" — a part that was cut by director Steven Spielberg?
- 9 SCIENCE: The field of paleobotany is the study of what?
- 10 MATH: What does the formula $2L + 2W = P$ yield?

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1. Cudd and Chad
2. Poland
3. Germany
4. Spooky
5. Sheelar Lewis
6. Huang Bohin
7. Adolf Hitler
8. Harrison Ford
9. Fossil plants
10. The perimeter of a rectangle



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Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip

This is a single substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X means C, B will equal D throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals E

ATK N VAYHSKHYXW LSHS
 OXYLX KYH TWV IHSNZ
 INOSHTSV, DYJ BYJUZ BNUU
 TW WAS DSNVW BYNVV.

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If a shoreline were known for its bread bakers, you could call it the Yeast Coast.

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I want to personally thank all the citizens of Floyd County that participated in any one of our fundraisers at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Our residents had a wonderful Christmas because of you! Thank you Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause for taking time out of your busy schedule to stop in and give our residents their gifts. During this season of giving, I would also like to acknowledge our many dedicated and caring staff members who work diligently to provide for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of our local residents who turn to us for care at their greatest time of need. It has in-

Dear Lynn,

I have had my mother in Prestonsburg Health Care for the past 3 1/2 years, and am very pleased with the services she gets here. I chose P.H.C. because of the convenient location compared to where I live and worked. Plus some of my co-workers had relatives here who also gave you a good recommendation. I come at various times of the day, and have always been very satisfied with what I find. There are family dinners and holiday parties which are always nice.

I would recommend P.H.C. to anyone.

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deed been a privilege to serve the families of Floyd County with quality services at Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

***From us to you,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!***