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Obituaries

Clyde Hale

Clyde Hale, age 88, of Martin, husband of the late Avanelle Ratliff Hale, died Monday, March 28, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, at Prestonsburg. He was born September 22, 1922 in Martin, a son of the late James Hale and Sarah Prater Hale. He was a retired coal miner, member of the UMWA Local #1763, and a member of Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church. He is survived by one son, Clarence Hale and his wife, Judge of Martin, a brother, Lawrence Hale, of Prestonsburg; eight grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and a host of friends and family. Preceding him in death were his parents; wife; two sons, Roy Hale and Hershel Ray Hale; two brothers, Willie Hale and Ellis Hale; and five sisters, Virginia Adkins, Vernie Mae Hicks, Thelma Ousey, Pearlie Prater, and Okora Haywood. Funeral services for Clyde Hale will be conducted Thursday, March 31 at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Hale Family Cemetery, in Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Katherine Conn Page

Katherine Conn Page, age 59, of Dana, wife of Danny Ray Page Sr., died Saturday, March 26, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, at Prestonsburg. She was born August 5, 1951 in Betsy Layne, a daughter of the late Travis and Verna Mae Samons Conn. Katherine was a retired Social Worker, having been employed by the Ky. Cabinet for Families and Children, and was a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Betsy Layne. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, Danny Page Jr. (Deanna), of Richmond; one daughter, Monica Carlson (David Hall), of Dana; one brother, Dwayne Conn, of Dana; three sisters, Christine Bonar (Henry), of Dana, Connie Mathena (Ray), of

Springfield, Ohio, and Barbara Hall (Thomas), of Martin; and four grandchildren, Tasha Akers, Cody Shelby, Madison Page and Annelise Page. Preceding her in death were her parents, one brother, Danny Conn and one sister, Dianna Conn. Funeral service for Katherine Conn Page will be conducted Wednesday, March 30, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Tracy Patton officiating. Burial will follow in the Samsons Cemetery, at Dana, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. There will be a dinner at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church following the graveside service.

Angela Rae Shepherd

With the help of our Almighty God, I will try to write the obituary of our dear loved one - Angela Rae Shepherd. Angie was

born to Donna Shepherd at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky, on August 16, 1972. Angie was such a blessing to all of us. She loved life and enjoyed it as much as possible. She had a big



time with her friends and family - whether it was racing (Jeff Gordon), football Peyton Manning) or basketball (this year Josh Jarrellson). Each year for basketball, the name changed, but not for racing or football. Those stayed the same. Angie worked at the IGA in Martin for 19 and a half years. Then she decided she wanted to be a teacher's aide. She was a substitute teacher's aide at the time of her passing. We all worried about Angie changing jobs after she had worked at the grocery store for that long and then starting out as a substitute teacher's aide. But the

change was very good for her. She worked the majority of her time at Duff Elementary and she loved helping the little children. She loved them all so much. By working with those children, we saw a softer side of her. She was used to having her way and didn't like it if she didn't get it, but things like that were better after working as a substitute teacher's aide. Angie broke a bone in her foot about three weeks ago and she was so worried about it. Then, on February 16, 2011, she and her mom watched television for a lot of the day and then around 3 p.m. she said she was sick at her stomach.

We called 911 but she didn't last more than an hour or so. The most important part of all this is that while Lorrie, Michelle, and Claudine were with her, she was praying for God to have mercy on her and to help her. We don't know how we can go on without Angie, but by God's grace, we will make it. Angie was preceded in death by her grandparents - Mavis and Naomi Shepherd; one uncle, Phillip Shepherd; and one aunt, Ella Faye Shepherd. Survivors include her mother, Donna Shepherd; (See OBITUARIES, page 5)

Angie worked at the IGA in Martin for 19 and a half years. Then she decided she wanted to be a teacher's aide. She was a substitute teacher's aide at the time of her passing. We all worried about Angie changing jobs after she had worked at the grocery store for that long and then starting out as a substitute teacher's aide. But the

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THE FAMILY OF STEPHEN MARTIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Forrest Ray Moore would like to extend their appreciation to those who helped comfort them during the time of sorrow. Thank you to all those who sent flowers or just spoke kind words, all your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for this comforting message, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your love and support will never be forgotten.
THE FAMILY OF FORREST RAY MOORE

Card of Thanks

The family of Edwin Curtis Miller would like to sincerely say Thank You to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during this difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to the Elders of the Church for their comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always remember all the expressions of love and kindness to our family.
THE FAMILY OF EDWIN CURTIS MILLER

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Extension meeting
A special meeting of the Floyd County Extension District Board will be held Thursday, April 7, at the Floyd County Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please call (606) 886-2668 to register for this meeting.

Free clothes and household giveaway
Free clothes and household items will be given to anyone in need on Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department, on Route 114.

The giveaway is sponsored by the Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, contact Pearl Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525, or Faye Click, at (606) 889-0216.

Donations of any kind are accepted.

Free Tax Filing Available
Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again offering FREE help for eligible tax filers in preparing and filing tax returns. The service is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties for persons earning under \$49,000. IRS-certified BSACAP staff prepares and electronically files tax returns, screens individuals for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and offers the service free of charge to qualifying residents. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641 for Johnson, Floyd and Martin Counties; for Pike County, call (606) 218-2106, and for Magoffin County, call (606) 349-2217.

Free Parenting Classes
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Autism Awareness & Support Group
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Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation/ bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at: <http://www.benchmarkfamily-services.org/>

Auxiliary Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxiliary Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by the office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

Foster parent info

Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to help a child in need, this is your chance. Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. at Benchmark Family Services Office. For more information, please call (606) 886-0163.

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at

9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud,

(See CALENDAR, page 8)

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have saved you, you never would have died. In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still. In my heart you hold a place, that no one could ever fill. It broke my heart to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of me went with you the day God took you home.

Adam is now the angel of my dreams!
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We love and miss you very much, Mom, Dad, Justin and Family

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The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

— Abraham Lincoln

Guest View

Accreditation, transfer of credit, and consumer protection

by FRANK LONGAKER
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL COLLEGE

Attorney General Jack Conway named concern over inability to transfer credits as one of the primary reasons for his "investigation" into for-profit colleges in Kentucky. The Attorney General has directly linked this issue to that of accreditation, saying proprietary colleges "... [are] not accredited by the normal accrediting agencies, in many instances, that would allow them to transfer credits."

The fact is there is no "normal" accrediting agency. For-profit colleges, public colleges, and private non-profit colleges in Kentucky must be accredited by any of several agencies that are approved by the U.S. Department of Education (US DOE) in order for their students to receive federal student aid. US DOE standards for approval are consistent for all accrediting agencies. There are no differing standards for national accrediting agencies versus regional accrediting agencies.

In the mid-1990s, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the regional accreditor for Kentucky, changed its accreditation criteria to effectively prohibit credit transfer from students who attended nationally-accredited schools. SACS reversed this policy under pressure from the Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice. Today, SACS' policy on transfer of credit, like that of all 19 recognized accrediting agencies, acknowledges that "[i]nstitutions and accreditors need to assure that transfer decisions are not made solely on the source of accreditation of a sending program or institution."

The Department of Justice's role in this matter is instructive, as it was based on the same consumer protection interest cited by the attorney general in his assault on for-profit education. "The Justice Department submits these comments because of our concern that SACS' restrictive transfer of credit criteria may unreasonably injure...students attending or who have attended those institutions, and the federal and state governments that subsidize the education of those students." Indeed, the Department of Justice found that a transfer of credit policy based on a requirement for regional accreditation would "most adversely affect technical, occupational, and vocational students who wish to continue their education, but who may be the least able to bear the burden of unnecessary and redundant courses."

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Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The General Assembly returned to the Capitol last week a little earlier than expected, given that the normally quiet time was originally set aside as part of what is called the veto recess. Legislators weren't scheduled to return until Monday of this week, and only for one day to decide whether to override any vetoes the governor might have made.

Instead, the entire week was spent in a special legislative session debating an issue that we in the House felt should have been resolved during the regular session or, at the very least, on its last day this week.

The issue at hand is a large Medicaid deficit that has to be closed by June 30th, the end of the fiscal year. If the legislature doesn't act, Governor Beshear will have to start cutting reimbursement rates by 35 percent to hospitals and doctors that treat Medicaid patients, a situation no one wants to happen.

Governor Beshear offered a sensible solution last fall that would solve this problem within the Medicaid program, and the House supported the concept in early February. Senate Republican leaders, however, did not offer their plan until just a few days remained before the veto recess, and then they used the regular session's final day — without the House — to make it

impossible to return this past Monday. Their goal to close the Medicaid gap is to make across-the-board cuts, even to the classroom. Eighty percent of the House and Senate members, however, are on record against taking away anything from our children.

Last week, the House began taking a much more in-depth look at two scenarios: What would happen if the Senate's cuts were enacted on top of more than \$1 billion in reductions during the last three years, and what would happen if healthcare providers serving Medicaid patients took a 35 percent cut. Not surprisingly, neither was positive.

During a meeting of the House Judiciary Committee, for example, we heard from Justice and Public Safety Secretary J. Michael Brown, who testified that carrying out the just-passed landmark overhaul of the state's criminal code would be greatly hampered if additional cuts took place.

Prisons would lose more than \$7 million; public advocates would potentially lose more than 50 attorneys, pushing case-loads past 500 for those attorneys that remain; and Commonwealth's Attorneys would lose 20 more attorneys. Domestic violence programs would also be severely curtailed, as would substance abuse treatment.

Other agencies would take steep hits as well. If the Senate's original proposal for cuts were added to the current reductions, the Attorney General's office would have 20 percent less revenue from the

state next fiscal year than it had in 2009-10. Public health programs would have 16 percent less; Kentucky State Police would have 13 percent less; and our public postsecondary schools would have 10 percent less.

If no action is taken on this issue, however, the news would be even worse for many healthcare providers. Hospitals could lose as much as \$135 million in the next three months, and one nursing home operator said his seven nursing homes would lose nearly half of their income.

The House plan does require moving money forward that had been set aside for next year, but there is ample evidence that this could be made up in large part by expanding the type of managed care programs that have worked so well during the last dozen years in the 16-county Louisville area.

My hope is that we can wrap up our work this week on Medicaid and the session's other item: Raising the high school dropout age from 16 to 18. The House gave its approve to that latter issue on Wednesday last week, the third time we have voted in favor of this in little more than a year. If the Medicaid crisis is about today, the dropout issue is about tomorrow.

I will keep you updated on the session's progress next week. In the meantime, if you would like to leave a message for me or any other legislator, you can call, toll-free, 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Growing uncertainty about how things will play out -- but also a growing sense of House unity -- marked the first week of a special legislative session primarily on Medicaid funding, a session that convened last week and still has no clear end-date in sight.

You might recall March 9 was the day the Senate adjourned the 2011 Regular Session before reaching an agreement with the House on how the General Assembly would fill a \$166.5 million hole in Medicaid (and a nearly \$19 million hole in postsecondary education) this fiscal year. At the time the Senate adjourned sine die — ending the session for good — the House still had one remaining day for the two chambers to work out differences on the Medicaid bill or other issues. The House had planned to use that remaining day, on March 21, to vote on a Medicaid agree-

ment it hoped could be forged with the Senate during what would normally be a veto recess.

But the House couldn't convene, and certainly could not pass any legislation, without the Senate also in session. The Senate went home still holding firm to the idea that across-the-board state spending cuts were a better solution to the Medicaid dilemma than transferring \$166.5 million from fiscal year 2012 Medicaid budget to fiscal year 2011 to cover the current shortfall and filling the hole in 2012 with projected savings from enhanced Medicaid managed care. And the governor — who warned that not having this year's funds in place before April would lead to devastating Medicaid provider reimbursement cuts of at least 30 percent — said lawmakers had to solve the problem now.

So, almost as soon as the 2011 Regular Session came to an end, the 2011 First Extraordinary Session, or "special session", was officially called by the governor for Monday, March 14. And almost as soon as the special session began, grave reports of how potential Medicaid reimburse-

ment cuts — now estimated at 35 percent — would gut services at hospitals, community mental health centers and other providers began streaming out of the House budget committee. It is estimated that cuts to hospitals alone could reach \$135 million.

One provider of services for the developmentally disabled in Louisville and Oldham County that is 95 percent dependent on Medicaid for its budget said a 35-percent cut would reduce its revenue by \$18,000 per day and force the provider to cut 80 to 100 jobs. Even a 5-percent cut would hurt, reducing the million annually by over \$1 million. The budget committee were told.

A provider of mental health services in centers around the state said community mental health centers have already gone 10 years without an increase in their Medicaid reimbursement rate, and a 35-percent cut will make it even more difficult for the centers to operate since Medicaid is 55-to-60 percent of the centers' budget.

No decision has yet been made. (See HOUSE, page 5)

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Kentucky's jobless rate unchanged from Jan. to Feb.

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate remained at 10.4 percent from January 2011 to February 2011, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary February 2011 jobless rate is .5 percentage point lower than the 10.9 percent rate recorded in February 2010 for the state. The 10.4 percent rate recorded in February 2011 is the highest rate since May 2010 when it was 10.4 percent.

"Kentucky's unemployment rate held steady in February 2011. The manufacturing sector continued to show signs of strength. Factories are ramping up production as businesses restock inventories and companies undertake capital investments. However, the state economy is weighed down by weakness in the trade, transportation, and utilities, and professional and business services industries," said Dr. Justine Detzel, OET chief labor market analyst.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate decreased from 9 percent in January 2011 to 8.9 percent in February 2011, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure

trends rather than actually to count people working.

Five of the 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors reported an employment increase in February 2011, while six decreased, according to OET. A decrease of 1,800 jobs in February 2011 brought Kentucky's nonfarm employment to a seasonally adjusted total of 1,780,100. Kentucky's nonfarm employment has grown by 28,900 workers since February 2010.

"This marks the 10th month in a row of year-over-year increases in nonfarm employment. Prior to this, Kentucky suffered 26 consecutive months of year-over-year employment losses," said Detzel.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, Kentucky's manufacturing sector expanded by 2,000 jobs in February 2011. Since February 2010, employment in the manufacturing sector has climbed by 9,100 positions.

"The year-over-year job expansion occurred predominantly in the durable goods subsector, which is indicative of automobile parts plants opening and the openings of various producers from aluminum factories to steel cabinet manufacturers," Detzel said.

Construction sector jobs increased by 1,100 in February 2011. Since

February 2010, employment in the construction sector has dropped by 3,300 jobs.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector added 600 jobs in February 2011. Since February 2010, the sector has surged by 6,300 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodations and food services and drinking places industries.

"The rise in consumer spending is positively impacting leisure and hospitality establishments as households splurge more on restaurant meals and leisure activities," said Detzel.

Employment in the other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance businesses; personal and laundry services; religious organizations; and civic and professional organizations, increased by 400 positions in February 2011. This sector had 2,400 more positions in February 2011 than February 2010.

The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, rose by 200 jobs in February 2011. The sector has 3,000 more jobs than in February 2010.

Kentucky's trade, transportation and utilities sector lost 4,000 jobs in February 2011. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing businesses and utilities.

It is the largest sector in Kentucky with 357,700 employees. Since February 2010, the number of jobs in this sector has fallen by 2,000.

"Employment decreases in the trade, transportation and utilities sector in February 2011 occurred predominantly at wholesale trade enterprises. Layoffs at a pharmaceutical wholesaler factored into the decline in the number of jobs at wholesale trade establishments," Detzel said.

Kentucky's professional and business services sector declined by 1,100 positions in February 2011. This area includes professional, scientific and technical services; management of companies; and administrative support and waste management, including temporary help agencies. Since last February, jobs in the sector have jumped by 10,500.

"February 2011 represents the first decrease in employment at professional and business services companies since November 2010. The job losses are concentrated in administrative and support enterprises, which is a sign of the end of temporary jobs at call centers," said Detzel.

The financial activities sector dropped by 600 jobs in February 2011. This segment, which includes business services in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has 900 fewer positions than in February 2010.

The educational and health services sector reported a decrease of 200 workers in February 2011.

The sector has surged by 3,400 workers since February 2010. This sector includes private and non-profit establishments that provide either education and training, or health care and social assistance to their clients.

The information sector reported 100 fewer workers in February 2011. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities, data processing, broadcasting and news syndication, has decreased by 500 positions since February 2010.

Employment in the mining and logging sector dropped by 100 in February 2011. The sector has gained 900 jobs since February 2010.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for February 2011 was 1,884,786 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is up 6,162 from the 1,878,624 employed in January 2011, and up 26,858 from the 1,857,928 employed in February 2010.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for February 2011 was 218,292, down 207 from the 218,499

Kentuckians unemployed in January 2011, and down 8,860 from the 227,152 unemployed in February 2010.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for February 2011 was 2,103,078. This figure is up 5,955 from the 2,097,123 recorded in January 2011, and up 17,998 from the 2,085,080 recorded in February 2010.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary 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.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Obituaries

four aunts: Claudine Shepherd, Mattie (Kermit) Boleyn, Saralee (Archie) Jackson, and Stella (Anzell) Jackson; cousins: Tim Shepherd, Aaron Jackson, Cody Shepherd, Kelsie Jackson, Darrell (Jenn) Boleyn, Greg (Lisa) Boleyn, Jeff Boleyn, Travis Boleyn, Kelsa Boleyn, Emilee Boleyn and Karlie Boleyn.

We want to thank you all for all you have done for us. Our family owes you families. Thank you especially for your prayers. We love you all.

The funeral was held at Rock Fork Baptist Church on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 1 p.m. Officiating was Willie Case, Daryl Stone, Jerry Manns, John W. Potter, Jimmy Conley, Glynnis Warren, Gary Brown and Earl Stone.

Burial was at the George Boleyn Cemetery at Garrett, Kentucky.

Katheryn Lewis Sizemore

Katheryn Lewis Sizemore, age 88, of Lexington, formerly of Freeburn, and Banner, passed away Thursday, March 24, 2011, at the Taylor Manor Nursing Home, in Versailles.

She was born June 16, 1922 in Banner, the daughter of the late Elder Lewis and Jessie Dillon Lewis. Mrs. Sizemore was a Retired School Teacher and a member of Freeburn United Methodist Church pasteurized the Eastern Star. She was a board member of Phelps Habitat for Humanities and member of the Phelps Helping Hands and Clothes Closet. A

woman of tremendous grace, humor, wisdom and compassion. Katheryn made a special impact on the world around her. A shining smile and quick-witted comment endeared her to all she met. Although her life was not always easy, she didn't complain, but worked hard to make it better. She was full of love for her family and friends, for the school children she taught over the years, and for the wonderful caregivers she had while moving toward the end of her journey on Earth. She loved God and served him throughout her life. She served others as well, being involved in many community organizations and always helping those less fortunate than she. Those of us whose lives she touched were blessed. And her family has

been blessed by the wonderful care she received from Taylor Manor Nursing Home staff and her personal caregivers. Katheryn lived an abundant life and made an indelible mark on many lives.

Survivors include a son, Rodney B. Sizemore, of Manchester; two daughters, Glenda Kay Simpson Graff, of Nicholasville, and Kathy C. Johnson, of Lexington; three brothers, James Lewis and Birkey Lewis, both of Banner, and Chester Lewis, of Michigan; a sister, Geniveve Lewis, of Banner; five grandchildren, Michelle Sizemore, Victor Sizemore, Heather Merritt, Lauren Johnson and Julia Johnson; six great grandchildren, Will and Joseph Merritt and Asa, Elijah, Evie and Sam Sizemore. Preceding her in death was her husband, Thomas Wootens Sizemore; four brothers, Fred, Glenn, Forrest and Bobby Lewis; and two sisters, Mary Lewis and Josephine Tate.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 29, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Sister Anna Schuck officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

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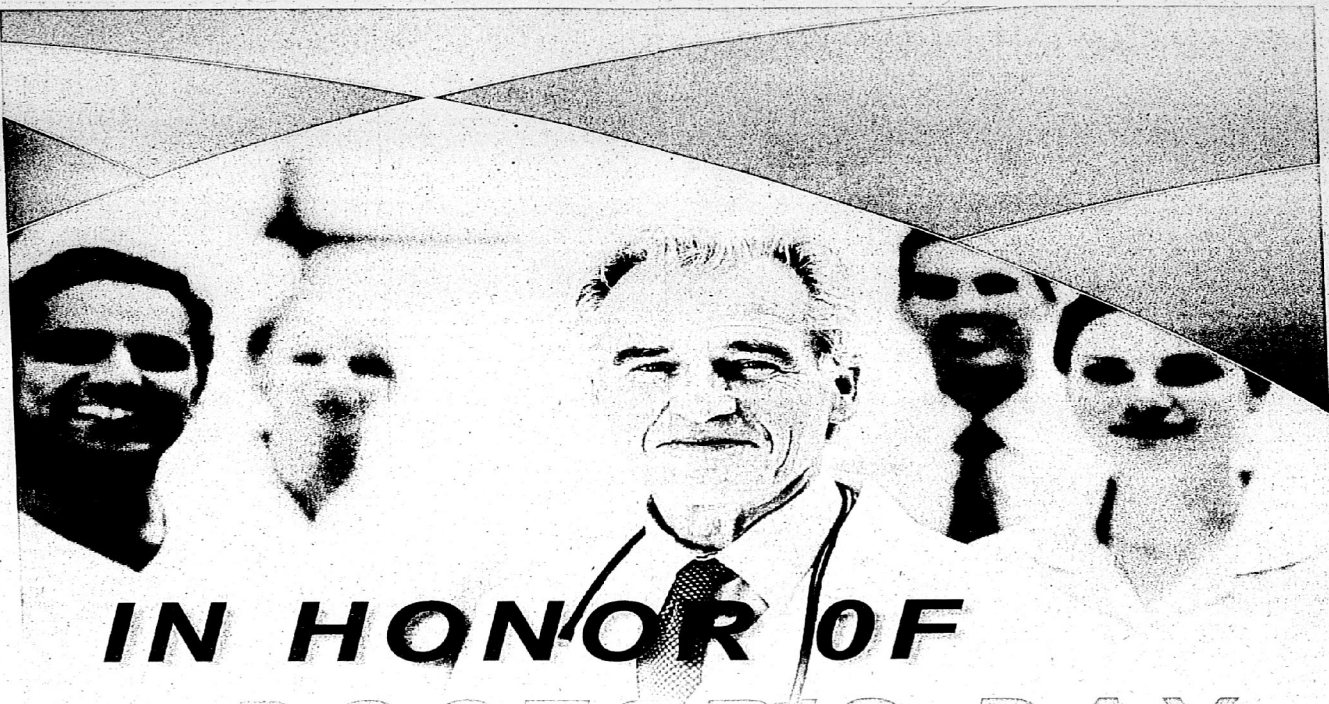
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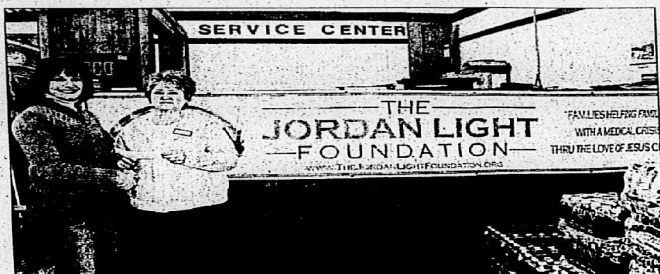
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Martin IGA manager Rita Boyd presented a check for \$1,235 to the Jordan Light Foundation.

Martin IGA raises money for Jordan Light Foundation

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — The Martin IGA recently collected \$1,235 in donations for the Jordan Light Foundation, and Rita Boyd, store manager, hopes to plan more donation drives in the future.

"These are local people and they are helping local people," Boyd said. "We want to encourage everybody to donate to them and help them because they have helped more than 15 families in this area."

"We asked customers if

they would like to donate a dollar to the foundation at checkout. We average around 600 customers a day at the store. IGA is about helping the community, and this was an opportunity for us to help those who help others."

Boyd, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, donated \$100 to the foundation. Boyd's brother also battled cancer and had to travel to Texas for treatment. The cost of travel and medical expenses exhausted the family's funds, so Boyd is well aware of the need for assistance during times of

medical crisis.

The Martin IGA conducted the donation drive throughout the month of February.

The Jordan Light Foundation was founded in July 2010 by Sam and Tina Hughes, of Martin. The couple lost their 7-year-old son, Samuel Jordan Hughes, to brain cancer. The foundation assists families with needs such as travel, food, and lodging expenses as it pertains to a medical crisis.

For more information about the Jordan Light Foundation, visit www.thejordanlightfoundation.org.

Competition hammer stolen

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

STANVILLE — A 60-pound sledgehammer has gone missing from the back of James Justice's truck, and Justice, the owner of the Justice Sledgehammer Competition, hopes that a \$50 reward will lead to the return of the massive mallet before the competition starts swinging again in April.

"I was sitting in the Huddle House in Stanville eating and talking and somebody drove up and stole the hammer and my toolbox," Justice said. "I hope we get it back. I called all the scrap metal places. It costs about \$250 to have one made. I kept it in the truck for two years and nobody bothered it. It's tough to get those things made. I can't believe it's gone."

Justice said police attempted to review the security video footage from the Huddle House and the adjacent convenience store, but his truck wasn't parked near the cameras.

"The lady that works at the gas station said that she knows some of the young men around that area that steal a bunch of things and she is going to talk to the state police," Justice said. "I really hope we get the hammer back. That's half of the competition. They didn't get the 100-pounder. I guess it was too heavy for them."

The first day of the 2011 Justice Sledgehammer Competition is scheduled for April 15.

Anyone with information about the custom 60-pound sledgehammer can call James Justice at (606) 213-2027.

Grants

also reserve focus for inmates who have faced, are facing, or could face criminal charges for a misdemeanor or felony that is a non-violent offense.

"We will hire folks to come into the jails," said Julie Paxton, who works as an ombudsman for MCCG, and under the agreement with the county. "It's a 16-week program through the Department of Justice."

Program activities will

include collaborating with the jail staff on confirming appropriate referrals, conducting program participant assessments and sharing data as appropriate by law.

Also, the program would conduct "evidence-based" mental health and co-occurring substance abuse treatment options, incorporate "cognitive-based trauma-informed treatment for female offenders," work with the jail staff to ensure

support after they are released from custody.

The center will also make referrals to its other existing treatment programs including outpatient individual, group, or family therapy, psychiatric services, substance abuse and case management, including both outpatient and residential services, veterans counseling, among many others.

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Training

we got the okay for that. They said it sounded like it a good idea and it would be an adventure for us."

Webb said it was the end result of his asking every year for more training. Until this past session, which took place at Sandy Hook, his deputies were only given two days of training by the cabinet, which consisted exclusively of watching instructional videos.

"I've preached for years that two days training wasn't sufficient enough and that they needed more than that."

Deputy Jailer Parker DeRossett and Larry Johnson were the first two Webb sent for the training, saying he will send others

as sessions come available until all 18 working deputies are trained in full.

"It's the best training I've had by far," said DeRossett, a five-year veteran at the detention center. "I've worked at Otter Creek (Correctional Center) and this is the best I've ever had — a lot of self-defense training and basic skills."

But DeRossett and Johnson both agree that one of the best aspects of the training was in how to deal directly with inmates.

"They spent time on how to talk to inmates," added DeRossett. "Talking to them at a normal level, not over their heads, and not standing there and just automatically accusing them, keeping an open mind. I would recommend this for every deputy jailer in the state. After taking this training, the biggest thing is that my stress level has dropped a lot."

Larry Johnson, who has worked at the jail for 10 years, said that he's attend-

ed the two-day sessions in the past and watched the videos, but that after a few trips, it was clear that it was little more than simply the same videos again and again and that very little was being learned, no matter his or others' best efforts.

"With this, it was hands-on," Johnson said. "We used to just sit and watch these same things over and over, but with this training, we learned something new every day."

DeRossett and Johnson are, at this time, the only two deputy jailers in the state to have taken the training, but more will follow as Webb sends his additional staff when sessions become available.

And other counties, having learned of Webb's success in seeing his deputies included in the full sessions, have started appealing for the same, including, at this time, Laurel County, according to Webb.

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Tires

will be used in a variety of ways, from being shredded for use on playgrounds to being prepared for use in blacktopping efforts for state and county roads.

Marshall said, "Though the collection effort only recently concluded, the agreement between the county and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet dates back to February, when

county officials agreed to provide workers to assist state highway employees in seeing the program finished.

Even with the stipulation that tires could not be dropped off at the staging area that included foamed-in tires, off-road construction equipment tires and solid tires with pressed on rims, as well as making clear that eligible partici-

pants did not include tire retailers or agricultural tire retailers, Marshall said he and other officials were pleased with the results.

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Detox

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patients with addition problems," Deskins said. "At this time Pikeville Medical Center is not accepting any new medical detox patients, and we will notify our current patients the last day of service will be April 30."

Deskins said hospital administrators and others will refer these patients to "other providers."

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 For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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Hope in the Mountains
 Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Prestonsburg City Hall

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UNITE

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

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

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the

center for meeting times.

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

Overeater's Anonymous

Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group

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

Domestic Violence Hotline

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

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

information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)

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

PARENTS!

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

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To apply for the scholarship, visit www.kheaa.com and click on Students and Parents. Then choose Scholarship Programs for Kentucky Residents and select the Mary Jo Young Scholarship. The deadline to apply is May 15, 2011.

KHEAA is the agency that administers state grant, scholarship and savings programs and provides free college and financial aid planning publications to Kentuckians.

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State to offer free GED testing for a limited time

FRANKFORT — Governor Steve Beshear, joined by Rep. Mike Denham, of Maysville, and Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) Chief Executive Officer, Richard L. McQuady, signed into law Monday a bill that will help families purchase and live in homes they can afford.

HB 256 enables KHC, the state housing finance agency, to create a new program for homeowners whose incomes are up to 175 percent of the area median income. Many two-income families had combined incomes that were above the income limits that

KHC could serve, which disqualified them from receiving a KHC home loan and the down payment and closing costs assistance only available through KHC. Without the down payment and closing costs assistance, homeownership was out of reach for these middle-

income families. "It was my pleasure to sponsor this legislation that not only assists Kentuckians in my district but throughout the state," said Rep. Denham. "Owning a home is the American dream. It will now be possible for more families because of HB 256."

is serviced in Frankfort, Kentucky."

"These new changes will be effective at the end of April 2011. Kentuckians who receive a loan from KHC work with one of 105 lending partner banks and mortgage companies located in communities throughout the state. More information is available on KHC's website at www.kyhousing.org under Homeownership or by calling toll-free in Kentucky (800) 633-8896 or (502) 564-7630, extension 291, or TTY 711.

The bill also enables KHC to refinance mortgages with affordable, fixed-interest rates for 15-year and 30-year terms and makes mortgages for second-time home buyers available through KHC. "These new programs will afford many Kentucky families the opportunity to own a home through KHC," said McQuady. "Home buyers who use KHC can feel safe and secure in their fixed-rate home loan, which

State rescinds pending Medicaid reimbursement rate cuts

FRANKFORT — The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services has rescinded all actions described in the public notice issued March 11, related to changes in Medicaid provider reimbursements.

The previous notice announced pending changes that would have reduced reimbursement to most Medicaid providers by approximately

35 percent for the period April 1 through June 30, 2011.

Legislation passed in the Special Session of the General Assembly and delivered to Governor Steve Beshear on March 24 provides funding to continue existing Medicaid reimbursement rates through June 30, 2011, eliminating the need for the proposed reimbursement changes.

"We are thankful these reductions

to provider reimbursement have been averted by the courageous actions of the Kentucky House last night," said Gov. Beshear. "We are now able to avoid negative impacts to the provider community and to ensure that health care services are not affected for many of our most vulnerable children, seniors and other citizens with disabilities."

Editorial

All accreditors agree that transfer credit should be based on quality, comparability, appropriateness, and applicability. Students deserve nothing less than a thoughtful evaluation of their academic work. However, history has shown that too often this is not the case. Out of what may simply be an elitist and self-serving prejudice against institutions different from themselves, many regionally-accredited institutions do not follow their accrediting agencies' mandates to look at the student's whole academic background when evaluating transfer credit. Many have effectively established closed-door policies toward students who have attended

colleges accredited by other than regional agencies.

In 1997, the Department of Justice noted that "SACS' restrictions on transfer of credits for coursework completed at non-regionally accredited technical colleges are not justified by differences in the standards applied by the national accrediting associations." In their world, regionally-accredited institutions are considered "better" by other regionally-accredited institutions because they themselves say their accreditation is better, not because of any difference in accreditation standards.

That regional accreditation is a "gold standard" is a myth perpetuated by

regionally-accredited institutions—and those who take them at their word. Distinctions between national and regional accreditation are not made by the US Department of Education, accreditation experts such as the Council on Higher Education Accreditation, nor those concerned with consumer protection such as the US Department of Justice.

The attorney general rightly understands that transfer of credit problems exist. The path to addressing the problems is not to attack the recognized accreditation of institutions. Instead, Mr. Conway should be investigating the transfer practices of receiving institutions to ensure

they follow the mandate of their accreditors to fairly evaluate transfer students and not create unnecessary and burdensome obstacles to those students and their opportunity for continuing education.

Frank Longaker is president of National College, which educates approximately 2,000 Kentuckians at six Kentucky campuses.

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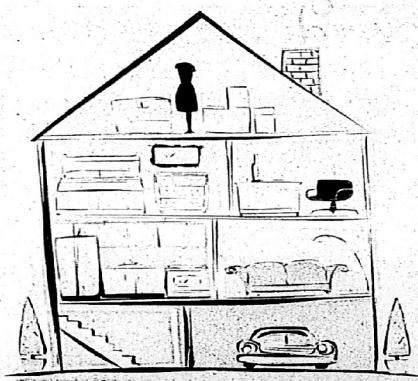
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Floyd H.S. baseball, softball teams open seasons

Lady Blackcats, Rebels compile 1-2 records during first week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Floyd County high school softball and baseball teams opened their respective 2011 seasons last week.

And some teams were busier than others.

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats softball team was the most active last week. Prestonsburg, under the direction of Coach John DeRossett, compiled a 1-2 record last week following three straight home games.

(See TEAMS, page two)



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NAIA BASKETBALL CHAMPS: Members of the Pikeville College men's basketball program are back in school following a run to the NAIA national championship just over one week ago. Now, the University of Kentucky is making a run for the NCAA Division I national title.

Simpkins takes over Blackcat baseball program

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Former Paintsville High School standout Shane Simpkins has landed his first job as a high school baseball coach early in his coaching career. Simpkins was recently named new head coach of the Prestonsburg High School baseball program. He replaced Jack Pack, who stepped down as PHS head coach earlier in the month.

Simpkins had the Blackcats headed in the right direction last Wednesday during a season-opener versus visiting Woodridge, Ohio. Prestonsburg led its Ohio opponent 3-0 in the first inning when the game was canceled due to lighting.

Over the summer, Simpkins enjoyed success as head coach of an American Legion junior team in neighboring Paintsville.

Prestonsburg opened the season on Saturday, failing to host Knott County Central in a road game. Former Mountain baseball power Knott County Central beat the Blackcats 13-3 in five innings.

Simpkins brings an impressive resume to the Prestonsburg High School baseball program as he played at St. Catherine College and Lipscomb University, an NCAA Division I program. He started in the outfield for Atlantic-Sun member Lipscomb. Simpkins was a member of an Atlantic Sun championship team during his successful stint with the Lipscomb baseball program.

Booth, Bevins earn All-State hoops honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — The Associated Press announced its All-State girls' basketball team late last week. Two players from the 15th Region, Sheldon Clark's Carla Booth and Belfry's Jillbell Bevins, earned All-State recognition. Booth earned a spot on the Second Team while Bevins was named Honorable Mention.

The 2011 Kentucky high school girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by members of The Associated Press (with school and position), follows:

Player of the Year: Sara Hammond, Rockcastle County, 6-2, F/C.

First Team: Rebecca Greenwell, Owensboro Catholic, 6-1, G; Michael Guess, DuPont-Missouri, 5-10, F; Sara Hammond, Rockcastle County, 6-2, F/C; Avere Fields, Calloway County, 6-0, F; Makayla Epps, Marion County, 5-11, G.

Second Team: Sydney Moss, Boone Co., 5-11, F; Chastity Gooch, Franklin-Simpson, 6-0, F; Kendall Noble, Perry County Central, 5-11, G; Carla Booth, Sheldon Clark, 5-7, G; Lauren Tibbs, Scott County, 6-4, C; Adrienne Tarrence, Bowling Green, 5-8, G/F.

Honorable Mention:

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JULIE COMPTON TO PIKEVILLE COLLEGE: Prestonsburg High School volleyball standout Julie Compton recently signed with Pikeville College. Pictured from left to right are Kim Compton (Mother), Jackie Day Crisp (Head Coach), Julie Compton, Anna Bevins (Pikeville College Head Coach), Tommy Poe (Prestonsburg AD) and Donald Compton (Father). Compton joins her high school teammate Taylor Bragg at Pikeville College. Bragg signed with Pikeville College earlier in the school year.

Wildcats give Heels a case of Big Blues

UK advances to Houston, Final Four

by JOSEPH DUARTE
HOUSTON CHRONICLE
(MCT)

NEWARK, N.J. — DeAndre Liggins had just hit the biggest shot of his career, one that Big Blue will be talking about and remembering for years to come.

As Liggins walked to the Kentucky bench, coach John Calipari was waiting, ready to give him a smooch on the forehead.

"He didn't kiss me back, I can tell you that," Calipari said.

"We still had a game to play," Liggins said. "The game wasn't over."

Brandon Knight had 22 points, and Liggins drained a 3-pointer from the corner

with 37 seconds remaining, as fourth-seeded Kentucky withstood a late surge by second-seeded North Carolina for a 76-69 victory Sunday in the East Regional final before a crowd of 18,278 at Prudential Center.

After a 23-year absence, Kentucky is heading back to the Final Four for the first time since winning the national title in 1998.

The Wildcats (29-8), college basketball's winningest program, will play Connecticut on Saturday night in the national semifinals at Reliant Stadium.

"We got Kentucky back," senior forward Josh Harrellson said. "A lot of people doubted us this year. A lot of people really didn't think we would be the team we are. We really pulled it together as a team, and we're back."

Some might argue a year late -- or a year early. The Wildcats came within one victory of a trip to the Final Four last season with a ros-

(See WILDCATS, page two)



Photo by Robert Willard/Raleigh News & Observer/MCT
Kentucky freshman guard Brandon Knight (12) chased a loose ball before colliding with North Carolina coach Roy Williams in the closing seconds of play in the men's NCAA East Regional Championship game on Sunday, at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

McCoy honored as Second Team All-State selection

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — High-scoring Pike County Central senior guard Hobo McCoy was rewarded for an outstanding senior season late last week when he was named Second Team All-State by The Associated Press. McCoy helped Pike County Central reach the 15th Region Tournament semifinals where the Hawks nearly pulled off an upset win over eventual champion Shelby Valley. The explosive McCoy has ranked as one of the state's leading scorers in each of the last two seasons.

McCoy was the only player from the 15th Region to receive All-State recognition from the Associated Press.

The 2011 Kentucky high school boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by members of The Associated Press (with school and position), follows:

Player: Anthony Hickey, Christian County, 5-11, G.

First Team: Chane Behanan, Bowling Green, 6-6, PF; George Fant, Warren Central, 6-6, PF; Benjell Bell, Eastern, 6-4, SF; Devante Parker, Ballard, 6-3, G; Anthony Hickey, Christian County, 5-11, G.

Second Team: Timmy Knipp, Elliott County, 6-8, F; Lyonell Gaines, Eastern, 6-6, F; Hobo McCoy, Pike County Central, 5-10, G; Tony Kimbro, Jeffersonton, 6-5, F; Robbie Stenzel, George Rogers Clark, 6-4, G.

Honorable Mention: Ben Madon, Bell County; Jordan Akins, Whitley County; Jordan Shanklin, Warren Central; Ryan Taylor, Western; Chris Freeman, Muhlenberg County; Donovan Kates, Christian County; Kameron Woods, Eastern; Taylor Martin, Lexington Catholic; Ryan Fucci; Tates Creek; Codi Roberts, Clay County.

Knipp claims Ky. Gatorade Player of the Year award

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SANDY HOOK — Elliott County High School senior Timmy Knipp has been named Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year.

The 6-foot-8 Knipp averaged 25.6 points, 9.5 rebounds, 6.8 assists, 5.7 blocks and 3.0 steals a game during his senior season for the tradition-rich Elliott County High School boys' basketball program. He led the state in scoring as a junior.

Knipp drew heavy recruitment from several NCAA Division I men's basketball programs throughout his prep career.

The talented Knipp will have an opportunity to perform on the D-I level next season. Knipp has signed with Eastern Kentucky University.

Sara Hammond named Miss Basketball

All-American led Rockcastle to state title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — Rockcastle County High School senior Sara Hammond has been designated as the state's top girls' basketball player. Hammond, a University of Louisville signee, has been named

Kentucky Miss Basketball. The Miss Basketball announcement was made Friday in a news release from the Kentucky Lion Foundation.

A McDonald's All-American, Hammond led Rockcastle County to the girls' Sweet 16 title two weeks ago and was named state tournament Most Valuable Player. She averaged 16.2 points, 11 rebounds, 3.7 blocked shots, 2.2 assists and 1.5 steals for Rockcastle County as a sen-

ior. Hammond is the 12th-best player in the nation according to ESPN's Hoopgurlz.com.

She also was the first female from the state to be selected to compete in the McDonald's All-American Game.

Hammond will wear the No. 1 jersey for the Kentucky All-Stars this summer. The Kentucky team will play Indiana on June 10 at Bellarmine and June 11 in Indianapolis. The annual try-

outs for the Kentucky All-Star team will be April 15-16. Chris Stalling of Bullitt East will coach the Kentucky All-Stars, Franklin-Simpson's Lex Lindsey will serve as an assistant coach to Stalling as a member of the Kentucky All-Stars coaching staff.

Eastern Kentucky University signed Carla Booth, a Second Team All-State selection, will vie for a spot on the Kentucky All-Stars during the tryouts in mid-April.

Wildcats

ter that included five future NBA first-round picks. Calipari, like the coach seems to do, filled the holes with three talented freshmen.

One of those freshmen, Knight, saved some of his biggest moments for the NCAA Tournament, making a layup in the final seconds to beat Princeton in the second round and hitting the game-winner to beat top-seeded Ohio State in the regional semifinals.

While Knight again dazzled with five of Kentucky's 12 3-pointers Sunday, it was a pair of upperclassmen who stepped up to send the Wildcats to their 14th Final Four.

Exit big stage right
Harrellson, a reserve on last year's squad, held his own against the Tar Heels' talented and formidable frontcourt with 12 points and eight rebounds. Liggins, known more for his defensive presence, was inserted into the starting lineup and answered by calmly hitting the 3-pointer - with Dexter Strickland's hand in his face.

"Coach said if there is a kick-out then shoot it," Liggins said. "I shot it with confidence and made it."

So much for the young Wildcats being nervous on the big stage, even when the Tar Heels threatened to take the lead. Kentucky jumped ahead in the opening minutes with hot shooting and seemed to answer every UNC threat with a 3-pointer en route to building a 38-30 halftime lead.

The Tar Heels also were hurt by three early fouls by

6-10 forward John Henson, the Atlantic Coast Conference's defensive player of the year. Henson had four points, nine rebounds and no blocks in 23 minutes but "couldn't play the way he wanted," UNC coach Roy Williams said.

North Carolina, seeking to add to its record 18 Final Four trips, rallied to tie the game at 67 on a pair of free throws by Tyler Zeller with 3:18 remaining. Knight responded with a 3-pointer to give the Wildcats the lead for good.

Resiliency shines through
"We had a lot of momentum at that time, and (Knight's 3) was just a momentum-buster there," said Zeller, who led the Tar Heels with 21 points and nine rebounds. "It was a tough shot, and he knocked it down."

Zeller had a tip-in off a miss to give the Tar Heels within 70-69 with 1:52 left. Calipari made the decision to put his best defender, Liggins, on North Carolina point guard Kendall Marshall. Liggins came up with a critical block on Marshall and followed with the 3-pointer to stretch the lead to 73-69.

Knight hit three free throws down the stretch, and North Carolina missed badly on its final 3-point attempts in the closing seconds.

"The resiliency this team showed was unbelievable," said Calipari, who joins Rick Pitino as the only men's coaches to lead three different schools to the Final

Four. "It got late, they tied it up and we didn't back away."

That is, only when he put a kiss on Liggins' forehead. "I love him as a coach," Liggins said. "He made me the player I am now, and I respect him and I love him to death."

Why the Wildcats won: A team that couldn't close out games earlier in the season found the resolve to answer when the game was on the line.

Key player: Brandon Knight. The freshman knocked down some key 3-pointers, including one to break a 67-all tie with less than three minutes remaining. Knight had a game-high 22 points and was named the East Regional's Most Outstanding Player.

Key moment: DeAndre Liggins came up with a big block on Kendall Marshall with 1:02 remaining and went down to the other end and drained a 3 pointer to give Kentucky some breathing room at 73-69 with 37 seconds to play.

Key stat: The Wildcats, hit 12 3-pointers and made them hold up to advance to the Final Four for the first time since 1998.

Quotable: "Is it draining to try to keep coming back? It's like the Little Engine That Could... 'I think I can, I think I can, I think I can.' And sometimes when you get there you can't get over the hump. Brandon Knight made it hard for us to get it over the hump." - North Carolina coach Roy Williams.

Teams

The Lady Blackcats rolled past Knott County Central 14-0 in five innings on Monday, March 21 in a season-opener. Prestonsburg, however dropped games to Hikeville and Belfry later in the week. Pikeville pulled away to beat the Lady Blackcats 19-7 on Tuesday, March 22. Belfry blanked Prestonsburg 17-0 on Saturday.

With highly-successful former head coach Don Burke back in the dugout, Allen Central played two

games last week. The Lady Rebels fell to a pair of perennial powerhouses. Letcher County Central blanked Allen Central 10-0 in six innings on Monday, March 21 in a season-opener. Pikeville dealt Allen Central a second straight loss on Friday, defeating the Rebels 9-2.

Magoffin County beat the host Betsy Layne Ladycats 16-1 on Friday. The matchup versus Magoffin County served as a season-opener for Coach Gloria

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Mullins and the Ladycats. The South Floyd-Lady Raiders were hosting 58th District/Floyd County Conference foe Allen Central on Tuesday in a season-opener. Coach Tiffany Turner guides the Lady Raiders. Results from the South Floyd-Allen Central softball game were unavailable at press time.

The Allen Central Rebels compiled a 1-2 record last week, edging Letcher

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We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Taxes for the period April 16, 2009 through May 15, 2010. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for the Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. As described in Note I, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2009 through May 15, 2010 in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2010 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Auditor of Public Accounts

November 4, 2010

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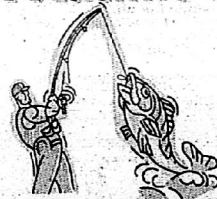
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Wildcats conduct first full-pads spring practice in cold temps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team had its first full-pads practice of the spring with a two and one-half hour workout Saturday morning at the Nutter Training Facility.

"Spring" practice was a misnomer, as temperatures in the 30s and strong winds led to winter-like wind chill conditions. The Wildcats went through positions drills before coming together for some 9-on-9 running-game practice and 11-on-11 passing-game work. Led by the veteran offensive line, the offense

seemed to run the ball well in 9-on-9. However, hampered by the wind and cold, the offense was inconsistent in the 11-on-11 passing session.

"Today wasn't very good, in my opinion," Kentucky Coach Joker Phillips said. "We weren't real efficient in the passing game, which is what we have to get better. That's one of our goals coming into the spring and we were not very good in the throwing game. You can't line up and run the football every down. You have to be able to throw and catch and be more efficient in that area."

"The same thing on defense. We have to be able to stop the run and at times I don't think we played the run as well as we can. Those are two areas that we have to get better, stopping the run and also being more efficient in the passing game and I don't think we did very good with that today."

"Spring is still young guys are still learning a lot, especially on defense. A lot of young guys are working on offense. There's some young backs that put the ball on the ground that we have to get better. We have to come out on Monday and be better than we were today,"

Phillips summarized.

Spring practice is always a time for experimentation and one of the defensive looks has strong safety Winston Guy playing close to the line of scrimmage and cornerback Martavius Neloms moving into a deeper role at safety. Neloms had an interception during the 11-on-11 portion of practice.

"We think he (Neloms) is probably a better over-the-top player (at safety)," Phillips said. "We think Winston's probably a better player 'in the box' (close to the line of scrimmage). We're trying to get our athleticism on the field. Winston, at

215 pounds, is really a 'Will' (weaksie) linebacker type of size, so we'll play him a little closer to the ball. Safeties are nothing more than linebackers when you put them down in the box. He'll play more in the box than he has been. He won't play over the top as much."

Spring practice continued Monday morning when the Wildcats hosted the fourth of seven open practices this spring. The first seven practices are open to the media and the general public.

Fans

Kentucky would win the championship if the team made it through Sunday's game against North Carolina. He said he had cried when the team lost in the tournament's regional finals last year.

"Cats really are the most important thing in my life," Sebastian said.

Fans leaped on chairs at Winchell's Restaurant on

Southland Drive, where there was not an empty table just before halftime.

"It's been crazy," said Brooklyn Taylor, a host at the restaurant, as the game continued after halftime. "I love being able to come in here and watch the game with the fans."

Nell Honican of Lexington sat with several friends at a table in the cen-

ter of the dining room. She wore a foam basketball mask over her head as she shouted and pointed to the television during the game.

The group of friends had watched every tournament game while at the same table at Winchell's. And they all wore the same clothes during each game. Honican said she'd washed her T-shirt. Others, she said, had not.

Taylor said there were several regulars at the restaurant. She mocked a patron who had gone hoarse and predicted that she would probably lose her own voice before the night ended.

It became impossible to move through the center of the restaurant when the game ended as fans embraced and danced in the aisles. March were cut into jorts — a nod to

UK player Josh Harrellson, whose nickname is "Jorts."

Deborah Anderson of Lexington laughed about being accidentally punched in the face as someone reached to hug another fan. "I took a hit for the team,"

she said.

Brandon Brashears of Richmond said he was going insane and then expressed a sentiment likely on many other minds Sunday night: "This is the greatest day of my life."

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County Central 8-7 in between losses to Perry County Central and Powell County. Perry County Central upended the Rebels 7-5 on Monday, March 21 in a season-opener. The Rebels, however, bounced

back with the one-run victory over Letcher County Central on Thursday. Powell County sent Allen Central back under the 500 mark on Friday, defeating the Rebels 8-2.

Coach Josh Todd com-

mands Allen Central.

Floyd County's other three high school baseball teams entered the second week of the regular-season carrying 0-1 records.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats are 0-1 following

a loss to Knott County Central on Saturday. First-year head coach Shame Simpkins is guiding the Blackcat baseball program.

The Betsy Layne Bobcats are also 0-1 and under tutelage of a first-year head coach, Bryan Dixon is in his first season as skipper for the Bobcats, defeated Betsy Layne on in a season-opener.

South Floyd fell 0-14 to Magoffin County in five innings on Monday, March 21 in its season-opener. Byron Hall coaches the Raiders (0-1).

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NASCAR Sprint Cup Series: Harvick saves his best for last in Auto Club 400

by LOUIS BREWSTER
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SUN (MCT)

FONTANA, Calif. — Kevin Harvick ended years of frustration at Auto Club Speedway as he passed Jimmie Johnson on the last turn to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Auto Club 400 on Sunday afternoon.

A surprising crowd of 75,000, many of whom sat through an early-morning rain shower, stood on their feet as the Bakersfield driver, who had hit the wall in a similar situation a year ago, slid past his fellow Chevrolet driver from El Cajon and outtraced him to the checkered flag.

Harvick's margin of victory was 0.144 seconds. He averaged 150.849 mph for the race, which lasted two hours, 39 minutes, 6 seconds.

On the final restart of the 200-lap race just nine laps from the finish, Harvick was ninth, but had pitted for tires while

Johnson and Kyle Busch stayed on the track. Johnson finally passed Busch three laps from the finish, but Harvick kept moving up.

"Those guys just started to race," Harvick said. "They got side by side, and we were able to pull up in there. The more laps we got on our tires, the better we were, but I was really nervous about that last call — staying out — but it all worked out in our favor, and we were able to make up ground."

Matt Kenseth and Ryan Newman were in line to complete the top five. There were 18 lead changes among 10 drivers. Busch led five times, and Tony Stewart, the winner of the inaugural Auto Club Speedway 400-mile race last fall, led five times for 11 laps.

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- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
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- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PEOPLE

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- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Carpenter _____
- Employed at _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygienist _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Candles _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Eye Glasses _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Furniture _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____

BEST BUSINESS

- accounting _____
- antiques/Collectibles _____
- appliances _____
- artwork/Framing _____
- athletic Supply _____
- auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- bookkeeping/Tax _____
- building Contractor _____
- building Supplies _____
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- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Dental Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- financing _____
- floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture Store _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Heating/Air Conditioning _____
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- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Plant breeding that's plum-perfect

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

If you want to embark on a truly mind-blowing experience, try learning a new language in your "old age" (and by that I mean anything past mid-30s).

If you're past the 35-year mark, that means you've been out high school (or grades K-12, for that matter) longer than you were ever in it. And it's probably been a while since you've sat in a classroom and had to think very hard about the difference between an adjective and an adverb (one modifies the other), or direct and indirect object pronouns, or the horrors of tenses.

I tackled learning Spanish well past the ripe old age of 40, because I needed to know technical and scientific Spanish for my job (doesn't that sound like fun). So all of a sudden, I was plunged once again into the pool of the perfect tense, the imperfect, the subjunctive ("If I were a rich man"--thank you, Teyye!), and some nightmare called the "pluperfect."

"The pluperfect is perhaps the strangest of all, because it talks about something in the past that didn't even happen. Not to give you a migraine or anything, but whereas, at least in Spanish, the subjunctive imperfect talks about something that might happen in the future and how you'll deal with it ("If X happens, then I will do Y"), the subjective pluperfect is about what didn't happen: "If X hadn't happened, then Y wouldn't have happened, either." Yikes!

Maybe it's just because I'm naturally silly, but I've never been able to get past thinking of this tense—which doesn't come up very often in my life, thank goodness—the "pluperfect." So of course I started thinking about those darn tenses when I read the other day about some new and very exciting plum research by plant breeders with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

Did you know that plums, peaches, cherries, apricots and even almonds are all "kissing cousins"? They're all members of the Prunus family. Another thing they have in common is the long, long time it takes for these trees to mature and produce fruit, and that has a direct bearing on how quickly plant breeders can come up with new varieties.

In addition to the plants' long "juvenile period," which can stretch to 10 or more years, during which the trees don't bear fruit, it takes a lot of land and the right cold and heat requirements to get temperate fruit trees to flower and bear fruit.

So wouldn't it be great if someone could somehow come up with a "mini-me" version of these trees that would speed things along? That's exactly what those ARS scientists have done, with an advanced fruit tree breeding system they call "FasTrack."

With FasTrack, they've found that, instead of taking anywhere from 15 to 20 years to breed new plum trees with a combination of desired traits, such as disease resistance and high-quality fruit, they can pull off the same feat in as little as three years.

How does this work? It all comes down to a gene called PIF1, whose party trick is to convince plants to flower earlier. When the scientists "borrowed" this gene from the California poplar and introduced it into the plum cultivar Bluebyrd, they got early and continual flowering that led to production of 196 plum plants, many of which flowered and set fruit within a single year.

These plum plants don't look like trees; they look more like shrubs. And nobody's going to be putting these in their backyards anytime soon, because they're strictly experimental. But by using the FasTrack technology and other techniques, the scientists ultimately will be able to produce a new plum variety in less than half the time it now takes.

At the very last step of the process,

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SCOUTS HONOR

Allen receives Distinguished Citizens Award

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Denzil Allen was named the 2011 Floyd County Distinguished Citizen by the Boy Scouts of America on Thursday, and the ceremony included an impressive amount of accomplishments starting when Allen became the youngest newspaper editor in the nation at the age of 16.

After completing one year of college, Allen came back to his native Leslie County and established the Leslie County News. The newspaper is still in publication today. Later, he became an educator in Perry County and organized a Cub Scout and Boy Scout unit. In 1978, Allen was recruited to become a member of the Civil Air Patrol under the direction of the United States

Air Force. Allen eventually became wing commander of the Kentucky Civil Air Patrol, an organization with 700 members. Continuing with his work and volunteerism, Allen, along with his wife, Janice, established the Eastern Kentucky Walking and Racking Horse Association to help promote the equine industry in the area. Allen is the owner and operator of the Hutton-Allen Insurance Agency, in Prestonsburg. "Denzil Allen has always been one of the greatest volunteers," said Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "Denzil's life has been a shining example of the Boy Scout law to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent."

A resolution from the

Kentucky House of Representatives was read at the ceremony. The resolution included, "Whereas, as a loyal supporter of Floyd County's businesses and charitable causes, Denzil Allen, along with his wife, Janice Blackburn Allen, and his children, Patrick and Renee, have always graciously given back to their community and gone above and beyond to preserve the natural beauty of Prestonsburg and Floyd County, This Honorable Body commends Mr. Allen for his charitable and civic good work, and congratulates him on being named the 2011 Floyd County Distinguished Citizen; now, therefore, Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky: The House of Representatives

commends Denzil Allen for being named the 2011 Floyd County Distinguished Citizen and wishes him the very best in all of his future endeavors."

When Allen walked on the stage to receive the award, he spoke briefly about his life and the importance of the Boy Scouts and volunteerism.

"I am honored to join the ranks of other individuals who have received this award," Allen said.

Kelly Hampton, scout executive for the Blue Grass Council, closed the ceremony with a brief comment that summed up the reasons that Allen was named the Distinguished Citizen for 2011.

"Denzil, you are one of our natural resources," Hampton said. "You mean the world to us and honor us with your service."



On display at the banquet were several items chronicling Allen's service to Scouts and the community.

OUR YESTERDAYS

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

20 years ago
A published account of an audit of the Floyd County Circuit Clerk's office brought protests from Circuit Court Clerk Frank DeRossett, and from the Administrative Office of the Courts. The audit, released by State Auditor Bob Babbage, cited problems with bank procedures, with cash closeout and with court cost assessments. Geoffrey S. Reed, Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), confirmed the accuracy of the Times' report, but said it needed to be clarified. A Pike County woman will be a contestant for the title of Miss Kentucky following her selection in the Miss Sandy Valley pageant, Saturday night, at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center. Conda Gail Meade, daughter of James Allen and Diana Meade, of Pikeville, performed a modern lyrical dance performance during the talent segment of the competition before judges chose her to represent the area in the Miss Kentucky Pageant. Thomas Tackett,

principal at the James D. Adams Middle School, is encouraging teachers to use school field trip funds to make up for a lack of teaching supplies at the school. Floyd County Assistant Superintendent Russell Frazier said Tuesday, he received a report that teachers are being asked to use field trip money to purchase toner for copier machines at the school. Construction crews began work recently to link the new Rt. 23 with old Rt. 23 near East Point. The road will connect with a bridge near Highlands Regional Medical Center on the Auxier Road section of Rt. 23. The bridge and road will cost approximately six million dollars upon completion. There died: Manis Hackworth, Tuesday, at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton, Ohio; Leo Sturgill, 83, of Pikeville, Thursday, at his residence; John Music, 75, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Phelps Community Medical Center; Nora (Donnie) Johnson, 84, of Meally, formerly of Hi Hat, Friday, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville; Halle

Woods Allen, 83, of Sizemore, in Leslie County, Thursday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Lawrence (Buddy) Brown, 68, of Martin, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Larry Calhoun, 35, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, victim of a gunshot wound; Forrest Stanley Curry, 63, of Banner, Tuesday, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Burns Osborne, 81, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Martin, Wednesday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Addie Lewis Miller, 81, of St. Mary's Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at her residence.

30 years ago
Two-17-year-old juveniles were charged in connection with an explosion which damaged parts of Prestonsburg High School, injuring one student. Police investigators said the juveniles used a water gel explosive which was equal to one stick of dynamite. Commonwealth Attorney James R. Allen filed separate motions to deny bail for Denver Patrick and James Noel. Patrick and Noel are accused in the October murder of James Niemi. Approximately 240 union employees at Highlands Regional Medical Center are set to go on strike against the hospital tonight. Mays Branch residents asked the Prestonsburg City Council to withdraw a resolution to annex that area. A tentative

agreement between the United Mine Workers Union and the bituminous coal industry will delay much feared strikes and walkouts on several area coal company sites. There died: Lullie Ratliff Frater, 91, of Pyramid; Waverly Eugene King, 63, of Toler Creek; Bud Gibson, 72, of Estill; Maudie Belle Harris, 66, of Melvin; F.D. Cole, 54, of Ligon; Joe McKenzie, 73, of Prestonsburg; Earl Cline, 76, of Prestonsburg; Hayes Johnson, 82, of Melvin; Richard S. Neal Jr., 34, of Elda, Ohio; Jacqueline K. Bartley Huan, 27, of David.

40 years ago
A fire last Tuesday damaged a section of the historic Garfield Place, Prestonsburg home of Mrs. Claude P. Stephens. Students from the nearby grade school pitched in to help remove the many antiques and items of historic interest from within the structure. Bids on construction of a five-story, 32-unit housing facility for the elderly at Martin have for the second time been rejected as too high. McDowell High School's Daredevils upheld the prestige of 15th Region basketball in strong fashion at last week's Kentucky state high school tournament which was won for the second year in a row by Male of Louisville. The Floyd County team missed a place in the semi-finals by an eyelash in its overtime game against Anderson County. Coffee was \$1.49 for a 5-lb. bag in grocery ads this week. Born: to Mr.

and Mrs. Jim Carter, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Susan Raye, March 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, of Melvin, a son, March 10. There died; Tony Calhoun, 46, of Water Gap, last Thursday; Alpha (Speck) Mullins, 71, of Drift, Friday; Paul C. (Cute) Hager, 59, of Auxier, Monday; Johnnie Stegall, 66, of Hi Hat, Saturday; Mrs. Icie M. Dannon, 47, of Long Beach, Calif.; formerly of Weeksbury, Tuesday; John (Spider) Dillon, 68, of Water Gap, Saturday.

50 years ago
Congressman Carl D. Perkins last week urged support for his bill to authorize a Youth Conservation Agency to provide employment and training for young people. Floyd County landowners, after several years effort, have finally gone "over the top" on forest tree seedling planting with 1,025,000 ordered. The Prestonsburg Ministerial Association each year sponsors three

community-wide services, at Thanksgiving, and during Holy Week. This week the Good Friday service will be held at the Irene Cole

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Cinema 1—Hold Over
LIMBLESS (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25
Cinema 2—Starts Fri., April 1
SOURCE CODE (R), Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30
Cinema 3—Hold Over
PAUL (R), Mon-Thurs. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:55-9:15; Sat-Sun. (1:55-4:15) 6:55-9:15
Cinema 4—Hold Over
RANGO (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:30-4:30) 7:15-9:30
Cinema 5—Hold Over
BEASTLY (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 6:50; Fri-Sat-Sun. (4:10) 6:50
Cinema 6—Starts Fri., April 1
HOP (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:15; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun. (2:20-4:30) 7:15-9:15
Cinema 7—Hold Over
SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25
Cinema 8—Starts Fri., April 1
INSIDIOUS (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20
Cinema 9—Hold Over
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES (PG), Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20
Cinema 10—Hold Over
THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R), Mon-Thurs. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:55-9:15; Sat-Sun. (1:55-4:15) 6:55-9:15

Science

the trees that are selected for breeding don't have the PtFT1 gene. They flower normally, and they're no different than if they had been produced through traditional breeding practices. While FasTrack technology helps speed up the early phases of cultivar development, in the end, it's good old traditional crossbreeding that will bring us new plums, from

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trees that are not genetically modified.
That's what I'd call the best of both worlds!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at www.ars.usda.gov/news.


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It appears that someone is spreading a rumor that I will not run again for the office of Floyd County Judge/Executive in four years.

I want to publicly squelch that rumor once-and-for-all. After receiving the wonderful vote of confidence that resulted in a great victory for and by you the good people of Floyd County.

I will be, with your help, your Floyd County Judge/Executive for many years to come and look forward to doing my very best to represent Floyd County at the highest level possible.

I love Floyd County and my loyal and true supporters. May we grow in numbers so that we can work hard and lead our county for many years in the future.

My family and I felt it was time to put down any rumors. So you know that I want to continue to be your Judge/Executive for many years to come.

May God Bless.
R.D. Marshall
R.D. "Doc" Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive
Paid for by R.D. Marshall

Yesterdays

Memorial Baptist Church, at 1 p.m. The Easter Sunrise Service will be conducted at 6:30 a.m., Sunday, at the Stratton Branch area on Dewey Lake...The Attorney General's office said Monday, in an opinion given Charles Clark, superintendent of Floyd schools, that the Floyd County Board of Education exceeded its authority in hiring two short-hand reporters and

a director of pupil personnel...Promotion of W. Arnold Maggard, formerly of Maytown, from the post of assistant director to director of the Veterans Division of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, was announced this week...Army Recruit Johnny Greathouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Greathouse of Wayland, recently completed a line-

man's course at Fort Gordon, Georgia. There, died: Mrs. Sallie G. Horn, 66, of East Point, at a Prestonsburg hospital, Sunday; Mrs. Ruth Greer, 39, formerly of Bonanza, in Phoenix, Ariz., Monday; Willie George Salmons, 61, formerly of Allen, in Detroit, last Tuesday; William Ray Collins, 88, formerly of Big Mud Creek, Sunday at Robinson Creek; Clifford Tackett, 44, of McDowell, Friday, in Ohio; Mrs. Louana Johnson, 82, of Weeksburg, at a McDowell hospital, Tuesday; Mrs. Dorothy M. Craft, 36, formerly of Prestonsburg, in Carey, O., March 16.

Lillis DeRossette, and Anna McComas...Virginia's famed Barter Theater players will present "The Heires" at the Prestonsburg Grade School auditorium on Saturday, April 7...The number of inductees required to meet the quota set for Local Selective Service Board No. 25 has been reduced by 21...Born: a daughter, Christa Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crum Jr., of Munster, Ind., formerly of Prestonsburg...There died: George Ryan, 62, at his home in Martin, Friday; Glover Collins, 68; Tuesday at Emma; Richard Cook, 58, of Wayland, Monday at a Lackey hospital; Lilburn H. Frazier, 96, at Brainard today (Thursday).

a bus up Middle Creek to within a mile of the mine site on Lick Fork...Vaughan Lee McCoy, Wheelwright High School graduate is being groomed by Morehead State Teachers College to represent it in the 90-yard relays at the state swimming meet...Born: To Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Martin, of Prestonsburg, on March 16, a son, Grover

Franklin...There died: Ora Davidson, 37; Drift miner, Saturday, believed to have been a train victim; Mrs. Jennie Wells Elliott, 75, Eastern Kentucky teacher, for 50 years, Sunday after a long illness; Mrs. Nancy Warrens, 82, Friday at the home on Rock Fork of her daughter, Mrs. John Wes. Chaffins.

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Diane Blankenship Fish, of Prestonsburg, and Jimmy Fish, of Inez, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Nicole Fish to Charles Bowling, the son of Sheila Bowling and the late Owen Bowling, from Manchester. Ashley will graduate from the University of Kentucky Pharmacy School in May. Charlie is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and is employed in Lexington. A May wedding is planned.

60 years ago
Unless state highway officials make a change of plans, the David-Northern road will lie uncompleted through this year...One hundred fifty persons have signed blood donor cards, pledging blood next Wednesday when the Red Cross mobile blood unit comes to Prestonsburg...Building a roadway to the proposed Boy Scout camp on Dewey Lake will be the first major work to be undertaken on the project...Four Prestonsburg High School students received ratings of superior on their performances in the Eastern Kentucky Speech Festival held at Pikeville Junior College, Friday and Saturday. They are Franklin Conley, Delano Stumbo,

70 years ago
The Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. announced that it will soon begin construction of a \$500,000 compressor station at Dwale. Big Sandy REA announces that half of its \$100,000 allotment this year will be spent in Floyd County...The Sparks Brothers Bus Line announces that it will begin operation, next Monday, of



Emily Grace Mayo celebrated her third birthday on March 19 with a Dora the Explorer party at the Knott County Sportsplex. She is the daughter of Shanna Shepherd and Matthew Mayo and the granddaughter of Deborah Allen and Truman Shepherd and John and Sheila Mayo. She also has a big brother, Logan McKenzie.

Special Delivery

If you are a member of Big Sandy RECC, watch your mailbox for a special letter this April.

This letter contains the Co-op Connections Card, the card that lets you save on everyday purchases for you and your family. Plus, it offers savings of 10 to 60% off prescriptions at participating local pharmacies.

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We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Unmined Coal Taxes for the period August 15, 2009 through August 13, 2010. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2010 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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November 4, 2010
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Unmined Coal Taxes for the period August 21, 2008 through August 14, 2009. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited and paid for the period August 21, 2008 through August 12, 2009, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

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We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2009 Oil and Gas Taxes for the period April 16, 2009 through May 14, 2010. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for the Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement in accordance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 16, 2009 through May 14, 2010 in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2010 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our test of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Auditor of Public Accounts

November 4, 2010
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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 APRIL 30th, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
FINAL	09-P-7	ELMER GREER	BERTHA GREER	2-17-11
FINAL	10-P-320	OPAL M. BOYD	JODELLA BARTRUM	2-17-11
FINAL	10-P-211	JO AGNES SMITH	DONALD H. SMITH	2-17-11
FINAL	10-P-298	GARBHIE WATSON	DENNIS WATSON	2-18-11
FINAL	10-P-260	VENICE REYNOLDS	JOYCELEEN HALE	2-15-11
FINAL	10-P-345	SAUNDRA JOHNSON	DANITA JOHNSON	2-28-11
FINAL	09-P-21	HANSETTA RENA FEDERSPIEL	EVELENE J. EDMONDS	2-28-11
FINAL	08-P-23	GRACIE M. YATES	ELIZABETH JOSEPH	2-28-11
FINAL	09-P-20	PAMELA RIZZO GANNON	DELENA G. RATLIFF	3-04-11
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FINAL	09-P-43	HELEN TACKETT HALL	JAMES MONROE HALL	3-10-11
FINAL	07-P-13	JAMES EDWARD DONTA	MATTIE DONTA	3-16-11
FINAL	10-P-42	ORBY NEWMAN	FREDA BURKE	3-16-11
FINAL	10-P-373	BENNY DWANE SPENCE	RONALD RAY MCKINNEY	3-18-11
FINAL	09-P-46	MILDRED JOHNSON	ANNA RUTH THORNSBURY	3-22-11
FINAL	10-P-358	CARLTON MULLINS	HELEN MULLINS	3-17-11

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

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DATE OF APPOINTMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
2-18-11	11-P-66	Norma Jean Shepherd Tackett	Michael Vance Jr. and Irene Shepherd	James D. Adams II
2-18-11	11-P-67	Rosie Hicks Stidham	Clarence Ray Ritchie	
2-18-11	11-P-68	Howard Stidham	Clarence Ray Ritchie	
2-18-11	11-P-71	Carl Henry Wright	Martin Dee Wright and Tracy Lind Wright	
2-18-11	11-P-72	Chloetta Adams	Harold Crager and Wendell Crager	
2-22-11	11-P-73	Larry Gail Ratliff Sr.	Rebecca Ratliff	
2-24-11	11-P-75	Hershel Stone	Katie Howard	
2-24-11	11-P-77	Thelma L. Stone	Katie Howard	
3-2-11	11-P-82	Donald L. Ward	Nora J. Ward	
3-2-11	11-P-83	Harold Loyd Conn	Paisy W. Conn	
3-3-11	11-P-84	Pamela Sue Burton	Joann George	Timothy Parker
3-3-11	11-P-85	Ruby Hughes	Earl Hughes	
3-3-11	11-P-86	Ruby K. Welch	Phyllis Gail Isbell	William S. Kendrick
3-4-11	11-P-87	Rebecca A. Brown	Elmer Johnson	
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3-10-11	11-P-95	William Frank Gilliam	Cleta Haywood	
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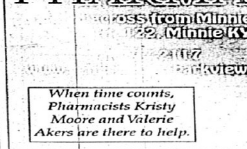
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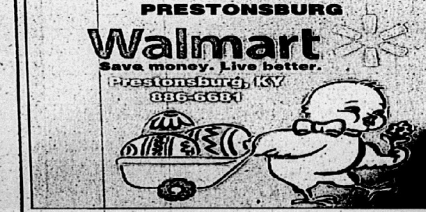


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