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## Charge alleges sex misconduct

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

A Floyde man has been charged with sexual misconduct six months after an alleged incident involving an 11-year-old girl.

Ora D. Meadows, 21, was arrested on April 26. According to the police report, a woman called police on Sept. 17, 2010, and said a few days prior, she believed her daughter might have been sexually abused by Meadows, who was dating another member of the family at the time.

The report reads, "She advised that her daughter was sleeping on the couch and Ora Daniel Meadows was sleeping in another bedroom on the floor. She advised that she was woke up in the middle of the night by her 11-year-old daughter. She advised that she could not go to sleep and that she was woke up by somebody rubbing her body. She then attempted to roll over and act like she was sleeping. The subject did not quit and continued to touch her. She then rolled over and saw it was Ora Daniel Meadows and she told him to quit and he did."

According to the report, the child was interviewed at the Child Advocacy Center in Pikeville and made the same allegations.

Meadows is scheduled to be arraigned May 11 in Floyd District Court.

## an would merge Allen Central, South Floyd McDowell, Osborne would also consolidate

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — A new high school formed by the combination of South Floyd and Allen Central is part of the Floyd County School District Facilities Plan, and the

Floyd County Board of Education voted Monday to schedule a meeting for May 24 to allow community members to air their concerns and ask questions about the proposed merger.

According to the plan, which was approved this week by the

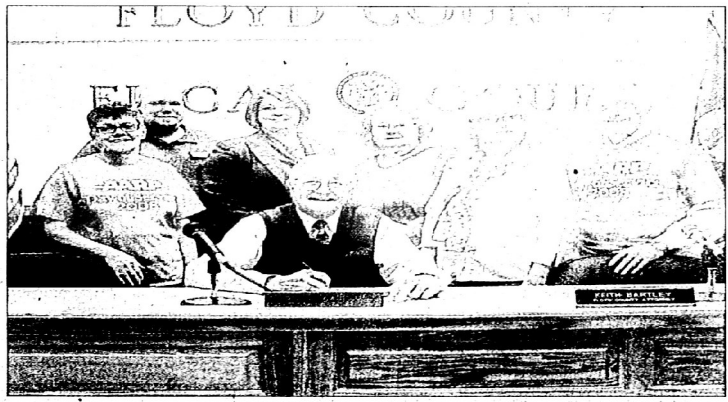
Local Planning Committee, Allen Central High School will be renovated to become a permanent Area Technology Center/District Transportation and Maintenance Department, and South Floyd High School will become the new home for students from McDowell

Elementary and Osborne Elementary.

"The last LPC plan four years ago was considering taking South Floyd students to Allen Central," said Supt. Henry Webb. "With the new plan, we will deal with our four transitional schools. McDowell and Osborne will get a great facility. For South Floyd and

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### RECOGNITION



Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation on Tuesday making the month of May "Older-Americans Month" in Floyd County. Pictured along with Marshall are Jane Bond, Derrick Fannin, Misty Pugh, Bertha Daniels, Vickie Boyd and John Rosenberg.

## Contributions of older Americans celebrated in Floyd County

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Every May since 1963, people in towns and cities all over the country have come together to celebrate the contributions of older American, and Floyd County is no exception.

Floyd County Judge-Executive signed a proclamation Tuesday morning designating May 2011 as Older Americans Month throughout the county, saying among other things that "our community can provide that recognition and respect by improving the quality of life for older Americans by combating ageist attitudes by honoring their past, present and future obligations."

According to recent statistics, older Americans are more active in community life than ever before, thanks in part to advances in health care, education, technology and financial stability over the last several decades.

The theme this year — "Older Americans: Connecting the Community" — points to the idea that

older residents are often valuable links to our own history by sharing diverse experiences and a wealth of knowledge which have made our culture what it is today.

Those interested in recognizing or taking part in some way this month are encouraged to contact their local area agency on aging or county officials to find out about volunteer programs that provide services for seniors to improve health, literacy, to help deliver food or to provide financial housing opportunities, as well as a host of other possibilities.

## Locals react to death of bin Laden

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County residents expressed mixed emotions in the days following the announcement that Osama bin Laden, the founder and leader of al Qaeda, had been killed by Navy SEAL operatives Sunday.

"I'm glad for a lot of people, because it's closure for everybody, really," said Jean Nelson. "I hope they find an end to all of this."

The most wanted man in America, bin Laden, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, was killed during a military operation in Pakistan that lasted about 40 minutes, from the time a small team of military special forces operatives touched down outside a fortified compound, to the time they left the area.

Following the announcement from President Barack Obama that bin Laden had been killed, a large crowd of revelers gathered outside the White House to cheer.

But some in Floyd County are still not sure if news of the terrorist leader's death can be believed.

"If he's really dead and all this, why couldn't I have seen it before that," said Karen Martin. "I just think it's stupid. I think the man's still alive and they're just covering up."

The military has sought bin Laden for 10 years, utilizing various leads, but the 9/11 mastermind was always able to avoid capture or death by being on the move and reportedly hiding in caves.

Still others in Floyd County, such as Cheryl Leslie, say with bin Laden now dead and there may be reason to feel some relief, the threat is not entirely gone.

"I'm happy, but I don't think it's over," Leslie said Tuesday. "I think we need to be on high alert. I think we've to look behind our shoulder because there's more to come. But I'm thrilled. Our military is awesome."

In his announcement, President Obama had offered a similar thought, saying bin Laden's death was "the most significant achievement to date in our nation's effort to defeat al Qaeda," but leaving room for the stance that the fight is far from over.

"Yet, his death does not mark the end of our effort," continued President Obama. "There's no doubt that al Qaeda will continue to pursue attacks against us. We must, and we will, remain vigilant at home and abroad."

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Clear  
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## Finance Hollow truck driver threatens hog farm if made to stop

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

FINANCE HOLLOW — Richard Ousley, the truck owner and driver living along Finance Hollow who has been the subject of discussions with county officials from his fellow residents, says he has done everything he can to be considerate of his neighbors, but that nothing has been good enough.

"I coast out of the hollow in the morning, and I have a boy who helps me drive and I tell him to coast," Ousley said. "He's told to be respectful to these people, but they will not leave me alone."

A group of residents from Finance Hollow approached the Floyd County Fiscal Court last month to complain about Ousley's truck traveling in and out of the hollow, asking them to set a weight limit for the county-owned road. However, court members tabled any action and suggested the residents file a civil suit, adding they would go along with whatever decision came from future court proceedings in the matter.

"My so-called friends are stabbing me in the back," Ousley said. "But things come back around. Election time is coming back around

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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Jane Bentley

Dorothy Jane Bentley, age 92, of Martin, wife of the late Delmar Bentley, passed away Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born November 3, 1918, in Allen, the daughter of the late Sam and Della Francis Hughes Jarrell. She was formerly employed by the Chelsea Milling Company.

Dorothy is survived by two sons, Michael J. Bentley, of Pikeville, and Larry Craig Bentley, of Bloomington, Ind.; six grandchildren, Kyle and Corbin Bentley, of Pikeville, Michaela Tussey, of Wayland, Ricky Bentley, of Lake Worth, Fla., Erin Bentley, Wyatt, of Bloomington, Ind., and Ryan Bentley, of Michigan; three great grandchildren; one brother, Reginald Jarrell, of Munnich, Mich.; and one sister, Lily Smith, of Delaware, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one son, Richard Alan Bentley, and one sister, Nellie White.

Funeral services for Dorothy Bentley will be held Wednesday, May 4, at 1 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

## Eastie Bentley

Eastie Bentley, 95, of Allen, died on April 27, 2011, at Prestonsburg Health Care. Born August 12, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Weeks and Mary Conn Sammons and wife of the late Curtis Bentley. She was a homemaker and member of the Martin House of Worship.

Survivors include: special great nephew, Ron Quisley, of Martin, and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister: Maltie Sammons Conn.

Funeral services were held May 1, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Patton and Bud Crum officiating. Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Dorothy Marshall Dotson

Dorothy Marshall Dotson, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the Masonic Home, in Shelbyville, at the age of 93-years-of-age. Born June 7, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Hiram Marshall and Nancy Ellen Crisp Marshall. She was a former teacher with the Floyd County Board of Education and was also employed by the U.S. Shoe Company.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis H. Dotson, on July 18, 2006, and also one brother, Virgil Marshall, and one sister, Arritta Baldridge.

She was a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Goble Roberts.

Survivors include one daughter, Nancy Eileen Campbell, of Shelbyville, three grandchildren: Chuck Campbell and his wife, Sabrina, of Boone, North Carolina, Chris Campbell and his wife, Susan, of Prestonsburg; Denise Campbell Howard and her husband, Jeff, of Shelbyville, three step-grandchildren: Dwayne Campbell, Joey Campbell

and his wife, Audrey, Tina Clark and her husband, Jeff, seven great grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren and two nieces: Libby Ann Baldrige and Willa Dean Centers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Carter Funeral Home with Rev. Clifford Coleman and Rev. Paul Austin officiating. Interment was at Davidson Memorial Cemetery, in Ivel.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

## Terri Jean Ferrell Hale

Terri Jean Ferrell Hale, 64, of Farmington, Md., died April 25, 2011, at her home.

Born March 27, 1947, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Mattie Sword Ferrell. She was a manager and clerk for Dickie's Dress Shop and a teacher for Childtime Learning Center, both in Hampton Roads, Virginia, where she lived for more than 40 years.

She was preceded in death by one brother Herbert Michael Ferrell and three sisters: Deborah Lynn Slone, Ilene Bertram and Johnna Post.

She is survived by one daughter: Charlotte L. Hale (Sean) O'Sullivan of Wilmington, Delaware; three sisters: Jeanette Ladd of Cromona, Ky.; Billie Joyce Burke of Martin, Ky.; and Sharon K. Jarrell of Dana, Ky. and one grandchild: Shannon O'Sullivan.

Funeral services were conducted May 1 at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Dr. Lee Boyd officiating.

Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Woodrow Hunter

Woodrow Hunter, 83, of Prestonsburg, died on May 1, 2011, in Martin. Born July 10, 1927, in Martin, he was the son of the late Isaac and Cordelia Slone Hunter and husband of first wife the late Irene Woods Hunter and second wife Lucy Morrison Hunter. He was a retired factory worker of Polock Paper Co.

Survivors include three sons: Aney (The late Brenda Jarrell) Hunter of Prestonsburg, Donald Ray (Robin) Hunter of Ypsilanti, MI and Columbus Gordon (Pearlie) Hunter of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Wanda Fay (Bill) Conn of Martin, KY, Helen (Larry) Conn of Lexington, KY and Roberta Ann (Elige) Thompson of Warsaw, IN; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by four brothers: Henry Hunter, James Hunter, Everett Hunter and Lum Hunter; two sisters: Polly Justice and Alma Ferguson and one step grandson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett officiating. Burial will follow at Woods Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Debra Lynn Jarrell

Debra Lynn Jarrell, 54, of Prestonsburg, died on April 28, 2011, at her residence.

Born September 28, 1956, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Jackie Joseph and Elvia Newsome Scott and the wife of the late Monroe "Popcye" Jarrell. She was a

disabled registered nurse and a member of the Trinity Church, Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include one son: James Jarrell of Prestonsburg; one daughter: Elizabeth E. Jarrell of Prestonsburg; one brother: Dewayne Scott of Prestonsburg; one sister: Jackalee Scott of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren: Tyler Mitchell Jarrell, Michia Jarrell and Blake LaBor; niece and nephew: Sureka Lynn Fleming & Timothy Lee Ferguson and great niece: Jadalee Elvia Rain Fleming.

She was preceded in death by one brother: Phil Edward Scott.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ellis Stevens officiating. Burial followed at Jarrell Family Cemetery, in East Point.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Freddy Wayne Johnson

Freddy Wayne Johnson, 55, of Flat Gap, died April 29, 2011, at King's Daughter Medical Center in Ashland.

Born April 18, 1956, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Fred and Kathryn Slone Johnson and the husband of Christane Adams Johnson. He was a disabled heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by sons: Fred Johnson, Richmond, Ky.; William Matthew Johnson, Irvin, Ky.; daughters: Amanda Gail Johnson, Kings Port, Tennessee; Michelle Brooke Sparlock, Irvin, Ky.; brothers: Larry Johnson, Auxier, Ky.; Ricky Johnson, Allen, Ky.; and Mark Johnson, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Gary Ray Johnson, David, Ky.; Donnie Johnson, Prestonsburg, Ky.; sisters: Marybeth Hughes, and Rose Brahanm, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; grandchildren: Alexis, Cameron, Jalin, Dominick, Benjamin, Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be conducted on May 3, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Paul Castle officiating. Burial will follow at Johnson Family Cemetery at Middlecreek.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Don Newsome

Don Newsome, 51, of Hi Hat, died April 27, 2011, at his residence. Born July 27, 1959, in Melvin, he was the son of Pearl Teaching Newsome of Texas, and the late Daniel Newsome. He was a disabled garbage collector for Floyd Co. Solid Waste.

Survivors include one brother: Daniel Newsome of Versailles; four sisters: Judy Newsome of Colorado; Hazel Thacker of Tenn. and Janice Walter of Texas and two half sisters: Geraldine Newsome of Maysville and Sue Newsome of Fla. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Paul L. Newsome and Harold Gene Newsome and one half sister: Mabeline Newsome.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 30, 2011, at 1 p.m. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Don Frealey, Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinville. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Bill Prater

Bill Prater, 62, of Prestonsburg, died April 29, 2011, at his home. Born February 1, 1949,

in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Josephine Coleman Prater and the late Ed Prater, and the husband of Ruth Thornsberry Prater. He was a contract laborer.

He is survived by son: Ronnie and Teresa Prater, Martin, Ky.; daughter: Tonya and Mickey Gayheart; Prestonsburg, Ky.; Sandy Prater, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Ruby and Steve Baldridge, Prestonsburg, Ky.; brother: Bob Prater; Prestonsburg, Ky.; sisters: Carol Keller, and Mag Bigalow, both of Indiana, one grandson: Mickey Lee Gayheart.

Funeral services were conducted May 2, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with prayer offered during the service.

Burial followed at Prater Cemetery in Prestonsburg. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Gilvia Lee Martin Reynolds

Gilvia Lee Martin Reynolds, age 89, of Allenton, Ky., passed away Friday, April 29, 2011, at her residence.

She was born September 27, 1922, in Hazard, the daughter of the late John L. and Laura Roberts Martin. She was a school teacher in the Floyd County School System for 10 years and co-founder of Reynolds Body and K&S Truck Body.

She is survived by her sons, Ricky (Linda) Reynolds, of Betsy Layne, Jimmy Joe (Libby) Reynolds, of Prestonsburg, and Johnny Reynolds of Allen; two daughters, Laura Frances Wilson and Carol Sue (William) Lyons, both of Stanton; one sister, Vera (John) Powell, of Clark, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren.

Gilvia was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one daughter, Dolores Smith; her brothers, Junior Martin, Dewey Martin, Bobby Joe Martin and Hallard Martin; sister, Edna Newsome; and one grandchild, Roger Garrett.

Funeral services for Gilvia Reynolds were held Sunday, May 1, at 1 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Shannon Reynolds, Rodney Garrett, Johnnie Reynolds, William Lyons, Joe Reynolds, and Delano May. Honorary pallbearers: Bill Smith Sr. and Bill Smith Jr.

## Hilton Eugene Roberts Sr.

Hilton Eugene Roberts Sr., 79, of Banner, died April 30, at his home.

Born October 27, 1931, in West Virginia, he was the son of Beulah Stump Roberts and the late George B. Roberts and the husband of the late Lorrene Yates Roberts. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the "Harold Church of Christ," as well as a veteran of the Korean War.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by brothers: John Roberts, Harold Roberts, Leonard Roberts, and one sister, Gladie O'Brian.

He is survived by one son: Hilton (Delene) Roberts Jr., Betsy Layne, Ky.; daughter: Drusella Roberts, Dana, Ky.; friends: Eddie and Erica Conn and Children, Paul Crider Jr.,

Sister: Emogene Snyder, Akron, Ohio, grandchildren: Andy Keathley, Shanna Hamilton, great-grandchildren: Trenton Hilton Tom Keathley, Caston Patrick Samuel

Andrew Keathley, Haley Hamilton, Hannah Hamilton and one on the way.

Funeral services will be conducted May 4, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Tommy Bush officiating. Burial will follow at Hunter Yates Cemetery at Harold.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Robertie Gay Shepherd

Robertie Gay Shepherd, 86, of Morehead, died April 29, 2011, at St. Clair Medical Center, in Morehead. Born March 6, 1925, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bill and Flora Ann Hale Shepherd and the wife of the late Alex Slone.

Survivors include Sons and Daughters: William Slone, Dean Slone, both of Sharpburg, KY., Kenneth Slone, Sadiesville, Ky, Alex Slone, Mt. Sterling, Ky, Timothy Slone, Martin, Ky, Mickey Slone, Carlisle, Ky., Jeanette Henderson, Morehead, Ky., Lois Bond, Mansfield, Ky., Linda Sue Halbert, Martin, KY, Mary Bond, Soldier, Ky., Bonnie McKinney, Auxier, Ky., Donna Kay Williams, Union Bridge, Maryland, Brothers: Lester Shepherd, Thurmap Shepherd, Jay N. Shepherd, Sisters: Alva Hail, Betty Scarbary, Margie Carroll, all of Mansfield, Ohio. A Host of Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Sons: Abram Slone,

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Tony Slone, Brother: A. B. Shepherd, Sisters: Alice Shepherd, Haley Carpenter.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 2, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman officiating. Burial followed at Shepherd Cemetery, in Printer.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## In Loving Memory of Dean Conn

Born May 30, 1954  
Died May 4, 1990



### Gone from us 21 years "The Bond"

Soon one year will have gone by so fast. And yet his memory in their minds will always last. For their love was a special one which is hard to conceive. But with their faith of God above it's plain to see. A mother's love for her son is stronger than steel itself. It's a bond which can't be put on a shelf. And though the physical body is around no more, The mental presence is from shore to shore. Because a special love is there that will never go away, And deep down inside you know you will be together soon some day.

We will always love you and miss you.  
Love, Mom & Dad  
Carlie Blackburn  
Virgil Conn and family

## Card of Thanks

The family of Delia Messer Stephens would like to sincerely say, "Thank you", to all of our friends and family who helped to comfort us during this very difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food, or just came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergymen Jim Stephens for his comforting message, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your love and support will always be remembered.

THE FAMILY OF DELIA MESSER STEPHENS

## Card of Thanks

The family of Gary Neil Blackburn 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 Clergymen Bill Collins and Bill Tutsey for their comforting message, the Floyd 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 GARY NEIL BLACKBURN

## Card of Thanks

The family of Michael Rodney Caudill 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 Church of Christ: Ministers for his 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 MICHAEL RODNEY CAUDILL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Burnis Mullins would like to sincerely say Thank You to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during this difficult time. All those who sent flowers, food or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergymen John Hopkins for his 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 to our family.

THE FAMILY OF BURNIS MULLINS

# 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](mailto: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.

**National Day of Prayer**  
The 60th annual National Day of Prayer services will be held on Thursday, May 5, at Garrett Park in Garrett, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Local ministers from different denominations will be praying for our national, state and local leaders, as well as, our nation, our youth and our soldiers. There will be a balloon release for personal prayer. DAV Chapter 28 will present Colors. There will also be entertainment. This is the 2nd annual NDP service held at Garrett. Everyone is encouraged to attend as we join with prayer warriors across the nation in all time zones as we pray through the noon hour.

**Jarvis/Jarvis Reunion**  
June 18, in the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church annex. Bring a covered dish.  
Contact Curt Jarvis, (606) 874-1103.

**Martin Purple Flash Reunion 2011**  
Date: May 27 and 28.  
Location: Downtown Martin, at the town center parking area and the Martin High School buildings.  
Events: Free registration at the Denzil "Hoss" Halbert Gym on May 27, from 4 to 7 p.m.; Martin Purple Flash Memories and Social, May 28, 8 a.m. to noon; main program, May 28, 2 to 4:30 p.m.; dance in the Denzil "Hoss" Halbert Gym, May 28, 8 p.m. to midnight.

**Joyous junk sale**  
The Auxier Center will hold a "joyous junk sale" on May 5, 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Furniture, clothing, appliances, baby items and more will be available. All proceeds will benefit the home repair fund. The center is located at 21 South River Street, in Auxier.

**Amburgey Family College Scholarship**  
A scholarship will be available again this year from the Amburgey Family Association. Students seeking information about the scholarship application must contact as soon as possible: Mrs. Margery P. Lammers, 720 6th Street, Bonneville, Missouri 65233, phone 660-882-2496, or you may contact her to request an application by email by [mlammers@SBCglobal.net](mailto:mlammers@SBCglobal.net). Applicants must show lineage to Amburgeys, and application must be completed and postmarked no later than May 1, 2011.

**Free Parenting Classes**  
To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

**Autism Awareness & Support Group**  
2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, [eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com](mailto:eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com)

## 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/>

## Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by 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

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.

## Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free train-

ing program.

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

## OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. [www.drugsno.com](http://www.drugsno.com)

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

## Free Bible Lessons

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

## Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Your Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live

drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

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

### State and local action needed to address prescription drug problem

by **ED BURTNER**  
 Mayor of Winchester  
 Member, League of Cities Executive Board

It would be difficult to find a local elected official in Kentucky who doesn't recognize prescription drug abuse as a major problem in his or her own community. The facts are staggering. According to the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy:

- The abuse of prescription pain relievers is now only second to marijuana.
- From 2006 to 2008, 96 of Kentucky's 120 counties saw an increase in the rate of prescriptions dispensed for controlled substances. Of those 96 counties, 24 saw a 20 percent increase. Two counties saw an increase of more than 45 percent.
- Prescription drug-related offenses increased more than 13 percent in 2008.

Although the statistics are overwhelming, the numbers do not even begin to scratch the surface of the slew of social and economic problems caused by prescription drug abuse. Theft, home invasions, robbery, increased violence, incarceration, expensive rehabilitation treatment, medical costs from overdoses and drug-related injuries all threaten the safety of citizens and affect the bottom line for taxpayers. Additionally, our communities absorb the economic impact of abusers' time lost from work and increased demand on social welfare programs. Pill abuse affects every single citizen in my city — certainly not just the abuser.

Law enforcement officials have detected a "pill mill" pipeline as the source for many of the pills consumed illegally in Kentucky. Traffickers are known to travel to get prescriptions at pain clinics in Florida and then sell pain pills to abusers in Kentucky. Governor Beshear recently testified before Congress that law enforcement officers estimate 60 percent of illegal pain pills on the streets of Kentucky are from Florida.

Many eastern and central Kentucky city and county governments have banned, considered banning or otherwise regulated certain types of pain clinics, to try to keep out "pill mill" facilities that could potentially introduce even more pills into our communities.

Last week, the Office of the Kentucky Attorney General issued an advisory opinion that concluded that city and county governments are prohibited from banning or regulating pain clinics. The advisory opinion stated these ordinances that attempt to do so "are beyond the legitimate authority of a unit of local government." The opinion carries no legal authority, but it does represent a major roadblock for local governments. It highlights the fact that local officials are limited to a reactive role in addressing the problems associated with prescription drug abuse. That's unacceptable. Not only do the state and federal government need to take more aggressive action, but also local governments need to be empowered to protect their citizens.

When the General Assembly met this year, the Kentucky League of Cities strongly supported three different pieces of legislation sponsored by Senators Jimmy Higdon, Ray Jones and Robin Webb that would have significantly tightened state oversight and prevented the proliferation of pill mills in our communities. Legislators also agreed that state and local partnerships are essential in policing this problem in a way that will actually help stem the epidemic. It is unfortunate that none of the bills was considered, and the General Assembly will likely have to wait until 2012 to address the problem.

City officials throughout the state are committed to working with legislators, the Kentucky Medical Association and other interested parties to develop legislation that tackles prescription drug abuse head-on so that when the General Assembly convenes in January it can take the swift and decisive action needed to help us get a handle on the drug scourge plaguing our communities.

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## Guest Column

### A legislative perspective

by **REP. GREG STUMBO**  
 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

In the wake of two devastating earthquakes - Japan's in March and Haiti's early last year - there has understandably been renewed interest in being better prepared if that type of disaster happens here.

This coming winter will mark 200 years since a series of earthquakes along the New Madrid fault system literally shook the eastern half of the United States. They caused the Mississippi River to run backward, and were felt as far away as New York City and Boston.

The fault system includes a sliver of far Western Kentucky but lies mainly in Missouri, Tennessee and Arkansas. The worst of its earthquakes in 1811-12 remains one of the largest ever to hit the continental United States. Nationwide, the biggest happened in Alaska in 1964, and it still is recognized as the second-strongest ever recorded, trailing only one in Chile in 1960.

Although there is no way of knowing when an earthquake might occur, or how severe it will be, officials across the region have long been fine-tuning preparations while making sure the public has a better understanding of what safety measures it should take.

Last week, Kentucky and 10 nearby states took part in what was called the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, which is like a fire or tornado drill but on a much larger scale. More than

2.6 million people signed up to take part.

Less than a month from now, meanwhile, an earthquake training exercise that has been in the planning stages since 2008 and is the largest of its kind will bring together first responders and state and federal officials alike from across the central U.S. They will walk through their plans to address the devastation a major New Madrid earthquake could cause.

All told, there are about 44 million people in an eight-state region who would be most affected; about 12 million are in the high-risk area.

In Kentucky, it's estimated that a major earthquake could cause up to several hundred deaths and 6,500 injuries. About 235,000 people would need shelter, almost 330,000 homes would have no electricity and 76,000 would have no treated water. Nearly 70,000 buildings would be damaged.

To ensure we have as much knowledge beforehand as possible, state officials are playing a lead role in measuring seismic activity.

Early this year, the Kentucky Geologic Survey (KGS) - a research center based at the University of Kentucky - announced that a nearly 2,000-foot deep, four-inch wide hole had been dug in Fulton County and filled with monitoring equipment. It's the deepest of its kind in the eastern part of the country and now joins 25 other seismic monitoring stations managed by KGS.

As its name implies, the organization is involved in many other activities occurring beneath our feet. It is playing a lead role, for example, in the

state's work to test the feasibility of storing deep underground carbon dioxide generated by coal-burning power plants.

One of its most noteworthy studies in this area is a test well dug in Hancock County as part of a project the General Assembly authorized in 2007; it also has helped store the gas in declining oil wells, to boost production. Projects like this are why my legislative colleagues and I adopted two new laws this year that call for further studies of storing carbon dioxide underground and that would make it easier for coal-burning power plants to ship this gas to the storage sites.

KGS also does such things as track the amount of oil and natural gas resources that are on state-owned lands, as the General Assembly requested in 2009. It found that about 181,000 acres - a little more than half of the available land - have potential, and the five-year projected revenue from this could be more than \$100 million.

KSG also studies such things as landslide locations - more than 2,100 across the state at last count - that help such agencies as the Transportation Cabinet do their job. In addition, KSG is a valuable resource for these needed maps related to geology. More than 100,000 users accessed its databases last fiscal year.

All in all, there is much more happening underground than we may at first realize. From earthquake preparation to landslide and groundwater studies, the state is doing its part to learn as much as we can about a subject that affects our lives in so many ways.

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## House week in review

by **REP. HUBERT COLLINS**

We often hear that Kentucky is a poor state.

It's not that we have the highest unemployment rate in the country. California, Florida and Michigan have higher unemployment rates than we do. There are also states with much more debt. But few states have been as historically reliant on federal financial support for low-income families as Kentucky.

The KIDS COUNT data book report released last year by Kentucky Youth Advocates reports that Kentucky receives more federal assistance per resident than 46 other states, ranking 4th nationally per capita in the amount of total federal dollars received in 2008. Such

heavy reliance on federal aid has been a way of life for Kentucky's "working poor" for generations. But not every family eligible for assistance is getting it. In fact, KIDS COUNT reports Kentucky's low-income working families with incomes below 200 percent poverty are all eligible for federal Medicaid, food stamps and child care assistance, but most only receive one of the three, if any.

Consider the following:

— Only 58 percent of eligible Kentucky children participated in the federal Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in 2008;

— Almost half of food bank users in Kentucky in 2009 did not receive federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, or SNAP (formerly referred to as food stamps), indicating many eligible families are not participating in SNAP;

— Between 15 and 25 per-

cent of Kentuckians eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (a tax credit to supplement low-income working incomes) do not claim the EITC on their tax returns.

Workers might not be applying for assistance for a number of reasons including a lack of awareness about assistance programs, trouble applying for benefits, or a distrust of government. Then there is the stigma attached to receiving federal assistance, especially for families who never needed government support until being laid off from work or experiencing other hardships in the recent recession.

"The misconception that accessing work supports is no different from being on the welfare rolls has led to a stigma that discourages many families from seeking assistance, and real or perceived expectations of unfavorable treatment by staff add to

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**Mollie Jane Tackett**  
Mollie Jane Tackett, 85 years of age, passed away May 2, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 18, 1926, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Tackett and Annie Brown Tackett. She was a member of the Little Paint First Church of God at East Point.



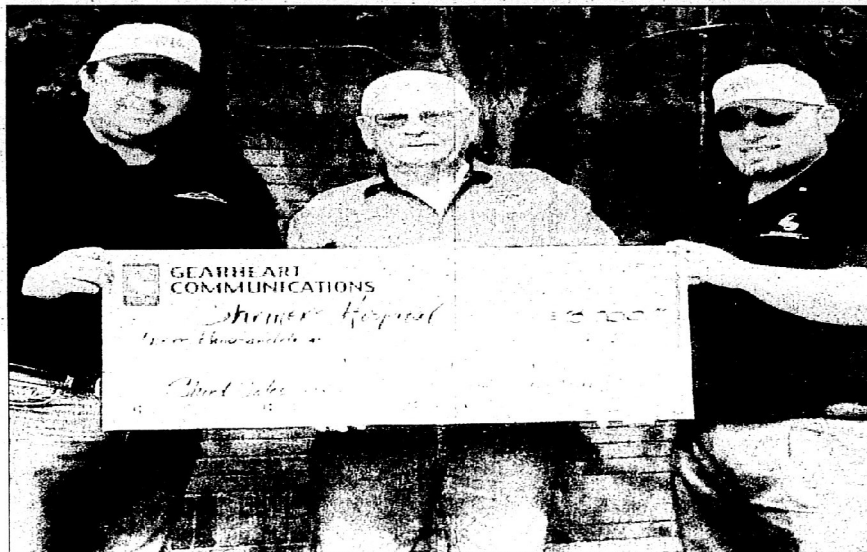
Mollie is survived by three sisters: Malta Arms of East Point, Evelyn Marie Morgan and Clara Mae Kearby both of Lake Station, Indiana; one brother, Parsie Clarence Tackett of East Point, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Little Paint First Church of God with Pastor Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial will be in the Tackett Family Cemetery, Left Fork of Little Paint, East Point.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the home.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.



Hillbilly Days 2011 was a great success for the Shriners Hospital of Lexington. Many donations were raised to help with funding. Gearheart Communications, along with Inter Mountain Cable, was able to contribute to the cause with a \$3,000 donation. Pictured above left are Adam Gearheart and Heath Wiley, donating the check this past Wednesday.

**Calendar**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

**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. 30, 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.

**Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!**

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

**Communities Against Drug Addition**

Floyd County

Communities Against Drug Addition meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Allen Baptist Church.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made 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!**

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

**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers**

Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more informa-

tion, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**

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# KSP asking motorists, bikers to 'share the road'

FRANKFORT — May is national 'Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month' and law enforcement is asking motorists to be aware of increased motorcycle traffic on the roadways. KSP is hitting the airwaves to get the message out to both drivers and riders — the importance of 'Sharing the Road.' The agency also announced plans for their Fourth Annual Motorcycle Safety Day Event that will be held June 21, 2011 at KSP Headquarters in Frankfort.

A full day of activities is scheduled that include motorcycle safety exhibits, vendor displays, a free safety seminar, news conference and motorcycle ride.

KSP Spokesperson, Lt. David Jude, says with warmer weather and increasing fuel prices, motorcycles will be on the roads more than usual.

"It's crucial that motorists always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections," says Jude. "Because of their smaller size, motorcycles are often hidden in a vehicle's blind spot."

Motorcyclists have responsibilities, too," says Jude. "They should follow the rules of the road, be alert to other drivers, never ride while impaired or distracted, and always wear a helmet and protective gear."

"Unfortunately, already this

year, we have experienced 252 motorcycle crashes resulting in 8 deaths.

In 2010, Kentucky had 1,881 crashes involving motorcycles with 80 of those crashes resulting in death. Of those, 46 of the victims were not wearing helmets.

Jude is reaching out to riders, the motoring public and the motorcycle industry in an effort to bring all parties to the safety event in June.

"Our principle concern is to increase driver recognition of motorcyclists in traffic, while at the same time encouraging cyclists to engage in the overall safe operation of their bikes."

"We already have representatives from the cycle industry onboard for this event and many of these vendors will feature the latest safety apparel and equipment available to riders," adds Jude.

In keeping with tradition, KSP will escort a contingent of bikers on the 'Cruise for Safety Awareness' ride, traveling from Frankfort through scenic Woodford County.

Jude said the event will close with a free motorcycle safety seminar taught by a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation Rider Coach.

"There's often an obstacle facing new riders," says Jude. "They'd like to buy their first bike or maybe upgrade to a newer, more powerful one, but worry



Kentucky State Police emphasized the importance of careful driving during the recent Motorcycle Safety Day event in Frankfort.

about their ability to handle it safely. Rider education programs are the answer for both beginning and seasoned riders. We advocate attending refresher courses that help riders keep their edge by sharpening their skills."

Jude advised that space is limited for the free seminar to the first 100 participants who register.

Information about the seminar and other scheduled events for 'Motorcycle Safety Awareness Day' can be found on the KSP webpage at [http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/hsp/pdf/2011\\_mc\\_invite.pdf](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/hsp/pdf/2011_mc_invite.pdf) or by contacting the office at 502-782-1781.

All event activities are open to the public and free of charge.

They will take place at KSP Headquarters located at 919 Versailles Road in Frankfort and begin at 11:00 a.m.

To hear KSP Public Service Announcement about Motorcycle Safety please click on the following link [http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/media/ksp\\_psa.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/media/ksp_psa.htm)

## Allen receives scholarship to Georgetown College



GEORGETOWN — Wilson Kingsley Allen, son of Robert and Kathy Allen of Prestonsburg, has been awarded the Trustee and Cliff Childers Christian Leadership Scholarships to attend Georgetown College.

Wilson, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, will receive the scholarship upon matriculation in the fall.

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# Pikeville College to become 'University of Pikeville'

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — Pikeville College will officially become the "University of Pikeville" on July 1.

Pikeville College President Paul Patton and Board of Trustees Chairman Terry Dotson announced the unanimous decision to change the name on April 30.

"Pikeville College is important to the area and the region, but this has not been done lightly," Dotson

said. "The conversation actually began about eight years ago. The University of Pikeville was the popular choice of all our stakeholders. It is also an opportunity to remember our past and embrace our future. We think it is a good, solid, positive move for the college."

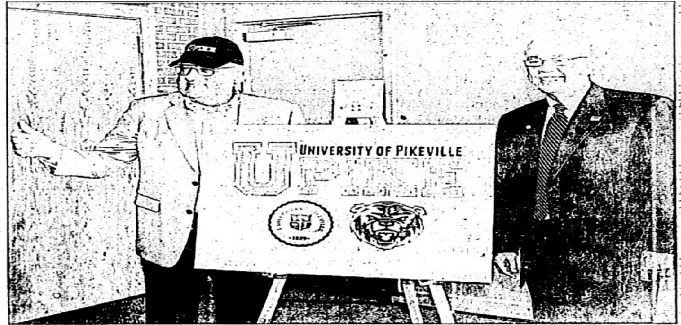
The board voted to add a Masters of Business Administration program in February, and the decision allowed the college to meet the definition of university, through the programs it offers.

About 20 names were

proposed during the selection process, and as the discussion progressed, Patton said it became evident that the majority favored leaving Pikeville in the name.

"Next, we'll be looking at the organization and mission, and the needs of the region," said Patton.

"Pikeville College has the potential to become the leading institution of post-secondary education in Central Appalachia within 10 years. There's much more work to do, but this is a positive move. The energy is high."



Pikeville College President Paul Patton and Board of Trustees Chairman Terry Dotson announced the unanimous decision to change the name on April 30.

# Deadline extended for comment on proposed coal dust rule

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

ARLINGTON, Va. — Representatives with the

U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration said Tuesday the agency will extend the comment period

on a move to lower miners' exposure to what is known as "respirable" coal mine dust.

The comment period was first set to end Monday, but has now been reset for May 31.

"Our goal to end black lung is a long-standing one and was one of the commitments I made when I came to MSHA," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "Not surprisingly,

there has been an overwhelming response to this proposed rule. The additional time hopefully will give everyone who wants to comment the opportunity to do so."

The proposed rule is referred to formally as "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Coal Mine Dust, Including Continuous Personal Dust Monitors."

All comments must be received or postmarked by

midnight eastern time on May 31. They must be marked "RIN 1219-AB64" and can be sent to MSHA electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov>; by fax to 202-693-9441; by mail to MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 1100 Wilson Blvd., Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209-3939; or hand-delivered to the same address. For hand delivery, sign in at the receptionist's desk on the

21st floor.

For further information, contact Roslyn B. Fontaine, acting director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, by email at [fontaine.roslyn@dol.gov](mailto:fontaine.roslyn@dol.gov); by telephone at 202-693-9440 or by fax at 202-693-9441.

The proposed rule is available at <http://www.regulations.gov> and on MSHA's website at <http://www.msha.gov/REGSPROP.htm>.

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Allen Central, there will be a new modern facility and the curriculum will be a tremendous asset. Also, we will have a larger building for the vocational program. We will have more kids there getting certifications, and they will also have on-the-job training. There are a lot of positives."

The new high school is estimated to cost over \$24 million and have a 750-student capacity. The site for the 112,853 sq. ft. high school is yet to be determined. A new alternative school is also part of the plan at an estimated cost of over \$5 million. The plan is subject to approval by the Kentucky Board of Education, with a tentative date set for June.

Webb is aware of the

concerns and possible resistance some community members may have about the plan.

The four-year plan is designed to develop ideas that need to happen in the school district," Webb said. "We expect people to be concerned about change, but we hope they take a step back and look at what's best for the kids and support the plan. We encourage people to share their ideas and concerns with us."

According to Webb, the plan is dependent on funding and could take up to 10 years to complete.

The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at May Valley Elementary School on Tuesday, May 24.

Volunteers sought to drive cancer patients

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

The American Cancer Society is searching for volunteers to drive cancer patients to and from treatment in Floyd County.

The volunteer program, known as "Road to Recovery," is one of the American Cancer Society's efforts to remove the transportation barrier and help people overcome cancer.

"Road to Recovery ensures that patients have transportation when they need it the most," said Ellen Schroeder, the Society's health initiatives director for Kentucky. "We average about 65 requests per week in Kentucky, and for these patients, our drivers are a life-

line. It's a valuable service, but one that requires tremendous volunteer manpower, which means we're always looking for new people."

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 24,000 residents in Kentucky will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and getting to treatment could be one of the most difficult parts of their fight.

"Just one patient receiving radiation treatment may require 20 to 30 trips for treatment in just a few weeks," said Schroeder. "Road to Recovery reduces the burden felt by many patients and allows them to focus on getting well."

Last year, more than 3,259 rides were provided through the volunteer pro-

gram in Kentucky.

To volunteer as a Road to Recovery driver, one must have a valid driver's license, access to a vehicle and personal automobile insurance. Volunteers may drive as frequently as their schedules permit them to transport patients to and from area treatment centers.

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about Road to Recovery or to volunteer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

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and people who said this wasn't going to happen need to remember that."

Ousley, who has lived in Finance Hollow for well over a decade, owns 45 acres along the hollow and said he drives only one of his five trucks to his home. He said he goes to great efforts to see that there is no coal or oil spillage along the road. But he says this goes unnoticed and that he's about to be pushed too far.

"This is the way I make my living and feed my family," he said. "They can work with me or we can get down to the nitty gritty on it, because they're interfering with my way of life."

If the problems continue, Ousley said he would just as well convert his land into a pig farm and "see how they like that." Or there are other options, he said.

"I'll do something these people will not like," Ousley added. "I've got 30 hogs I can bring up here and take my truck out. I own the property and I should be

able to do with it what I want. It's for sale. If they want to buy me out, I'll leave."

Ousley said he has received word that a civil suit has been filed by his neighbors. He spoke with county officials, including all the sitting magistrates, but has heard nothing about a resolution to the dispute.

A lifelong trucker, husband and father of two, Ousley, who at one time owned 15 trucks, said he does more for the community than any other resident of Finance Hollow, including work with both baseball and basketball leagues, as well as involvement with the local Boy Scouts.

So, have Ousley and his neighbors tried to talk about the complaints, which include accusations that his truck causes ditch lines to fill with water, resulting in flooding and destruction of the road? Not according to him.

"They don't talk to me," he said.

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# Rain barrels available from PRIDE

**SOMERSET** — PRIDE is partnering with schools to offer rain barrels to thirsty homeowners as a fundraiser for environmental education and a safeguard for water quality.

Proceeds from rain barrel sales will benefit PRIDE environmental education programs across the region. Ten percent of the funds will go directly to the schools that participate in the rain barrel project.

The 35-gallon rain barrels are assembled and

paired with environmental themes by students in PRIDE Clubs, which are service-oriented, environmental organizations at schools across the region.

PRIDE, a nonprofit organization, will provide the materials to the schools and sell the rain barrels.

"This is a perfect fit because it fulfills two of PRIDE's goals at the same time: improving water quality and promoting environmental education," Tammie Wilson of PRIDE, which

promotes environmental cleanup and education in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky.

"Our school is participating because we love finding new ways to get our students involved in the community," said Shannon Ball, who sponsors the North Laurel Middle School PRIDE Club, which was the first to assemble rain barrels. "This project has benefited our students by showing them different ways to help the environ-

ment."

"People need rain barrels to conserve water," said Whitney McCowan, an eighth-grade member of the North Laurel Middle School PRIDE Club. "They are easy to use, artistic and very convenient."

When attached to downspouts, rain barrels capture and store water.

They help the environment by reducing rainwater runoff, which can cause flooding and carry pollutants, such as automotive

fluids and fertilizer.

PRIDE rain barrels have faucets, which make them ideal for watering flowers, gardens and lawns. This can be especially handy during dry summer months, especially if there are water restrictions.

"Watering from a rain barrel will cut your water bill," Wilson said. "The savings can really add up because watering lawns and gardens accounts for nearly 40 percent of total household water use during the

summer."

"When you pick up your rain barrel at our office in Somerset, it will be fully assembled and ready to attach to your downspout," Wilson said. "We will give you instructions for installing and maintaining it. You can start making a difference in your water bill and local water quality right away."

The price for unpainted rain barrels is \$100. Rain barrels decorated by students cost \$150.

# Police seize 16 lbs. of marijuana

By JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — A Pikeville man was arrested Thursday and charged with trafficking in mari-

juana after officers with Kentucky State Police allegedly located 16 pounds of marijuana during a search of two residences.

Gary "Bo" Vamey, 27, was arrested at a residence on Stratton

Fork in the Canada community of Pike County, after officers executed a search warrant. Officers conducted another search at a residence on Third Street in Pikeville, where they seized 15 pounds of

marijuana and a large amount of cash from the residence.

Ricky Varney, 30, of Olive Hill, was also arrested and charged with trafficking in marijuana.

Both Gary and Ricky Varney were transported to the Pike County Detention Center.

The incident is still under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

# Pike County looks to raise occupational tax

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — A recent proposal by the Pike County Fiscal Court to raise the occupational tax

across the county by 1 percent is an attempt to put a dent in the overall budget, says Pike Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford.

However, some residents have expressed concern about the pro-

posal, calling it unfair in some instances, and even suggesting county officials look other places, such as their own salaries, if they need to cut back and save money.

Rutherford and the fiscal court

have said the 1 percent increase would help lower the county's \$3 million deficit, with Rutherford saying it came down to either making cuts or increasing revenue to fix the deficit.

The proposed tax increase would raise an estimated \$5 million, county officials have said, and would not apply in Pikeville, Coal Run and Elkhorn City.

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their reluctance," the KIDS COUNT report states.

Also, as the economy has worsened, recertification required to receive benefits has become more rigid. An example given by KIDS COUNT is a busy working parent who might have to attend several interviews and provide duplicate documentation to caseworkers in order to continue receiving federal aid. Not everyone, especially low-income workers who may lack transportation or find it difficult to take off work at will, can meet those requirements.

Knowing how many children are living in poverty in our counties and other factors of economic well-

being including median family income, county unemployment rates, the number of children receiving SNAP, infants and children receiving WIC, children on Medicaid and child care subsidies received in our counties helps us determine whose needs are being met in our communities and whose aren't. We will now take a look at a few of these factors for Johnson, Martin, Floyd and Pike counties, beginning with the number of children living in poverty in 2008 compared to 2000. Keep in mind that the recent recession is a factor in most increased numbers below:

■ Children in poverty. The number of children liv-

ing in poverty in Johnson County totals 1,861, down slightly from 2,002 in 2000. Martin County reports 1,312 children in poverty versus 1,591 in 2000, with 3,559 living in poverty in Floyd County in 2008 versus 3,992 in 2000 and 4,590 in Pike County versus 4,950 in 2000.

■ Children receiving SNAP benefits. Children receiving SNAP in Johnson County on average monthly totaled 2,080 in 2009 compared to 1,947 in 2000; 1,359 in 2009 in Martin County compared to 1,580 in 2000; 4,174 in 2009 in Floyd County compared to 4,187 in 2000, and 4,986 in Pike County in 2009 com-

pared to 4,852 in 2000.

■ Children on Medicaid (monthly). 3,078 in Johnson County in 2009 compared to 2,690 in 2000; 1,876 in Martin County in 2009 compared to 1,942 in 2000; 5,790 in Floyd County in 2009 compared to 5,311 in 2000; 7,100 in Pike County compared to 6,693 in 2000.

■ Number of children receiving child care substi-

dies per county in 2010. Johnson: 245 in licensed centers, 7 from registered providers (Note: registered providers are not state regulated, but must meet requirements of the state child care assistance program), two in certified homes; Martin: Five in licensed centers; Floyd: 141 in licensed centers, 10 in licensed homes, and six

from registered providers; Pike: 642 in licensed centers, three in licensed homes, and 18 from registered providers.

Next time we will look at what Kentucky can do to ensure maximum access to federal benefits in the Commonwealth, as well as successful benefit-access programs in other states. Have a good week.

# Business portal bill becomes law

**FRANKFORT** — Gov. Steve Beshear today joined members of the Kentucky General Assembly at the state Capitol to sign SB 8 into law, creating a one-stop shop to conduct business in the Commonwealth.

The bill authorizes the establishment of an electronic portal that will serve as a single, unified entry point for business owners to access information about state, services and requirements for operating a business in Kentucky. Additionally, the portal will allow Kentucky companies to submit forms and applications, make payments and complete other required transactions as part of doing business in the state.

"SB 8 sends yet another clear message that Kentucky is open for business and that we want to ease as many burdens as possible on our corporate citizens, both large and small," said Gov. Beshear. "The joint effort on the part of several state agen-

cies will provide a streamlined process for Kentucky companies to do business in the state."

As part of SB 8, an advisory committee was created to oversee the implementation of the one-stop business portal. The committee is comprised of the Secretary of State; secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet; secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development; secretary of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet; secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet; secretary of the Transportation Cabinet; secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; and the secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet.

A complete assessment and recommendations for the portal are due from the advisory committee by Dec. 31, 2011.

"As a small business owner, I know how important it is to streamline the way Kentucky business work with the Commonwealth," stated Secretary of State Elaine Walker. "I see One Stop as a great opportunity for the Governor and me to create more jobs here in Kentucky."

"The Kentucky Business One-Stop web portal seeks to minimize the reporting burden for Kentucky businesses and maximize government efficiency," said Sen. David Givens, of Greensburg. "My legislation establishes the portal, targets the effort toward high-use, readily implemented filings and requires that elements of the Internet-based, interactive system be functional before July of 2012. With this digital foundation established, government can nimbly meet the changing needs of business with less administrative cost."



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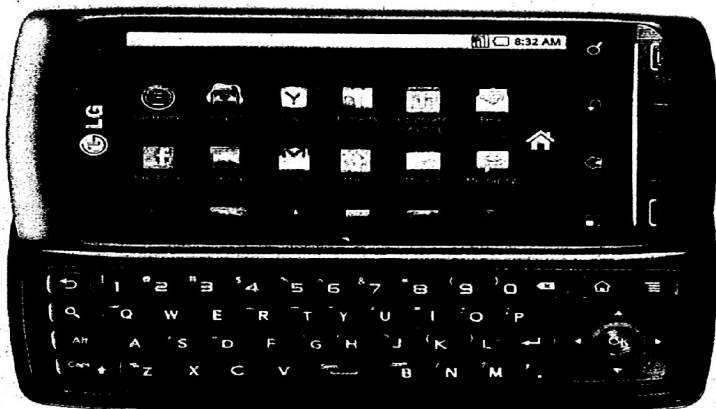
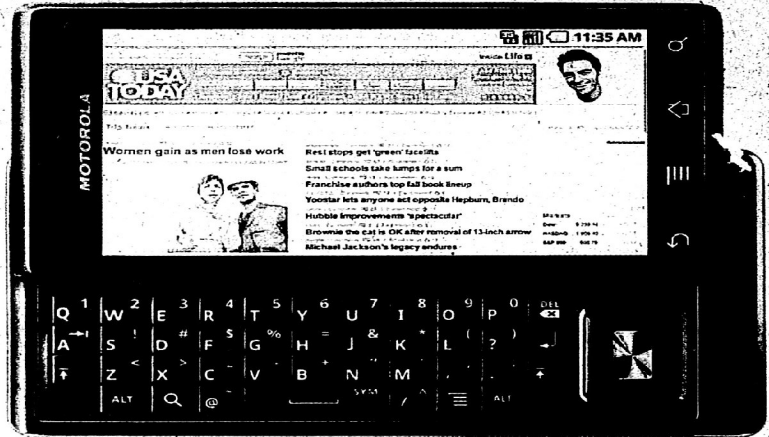
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## Calipari tours area mines, visits miners

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

University of Kentucky Coach John Calipari toured coal mines and greeted miners in Martin and Pike counties Friday. Calipari visited Eastern Kentucky less than one month after guiding the Wildcats into the Final Four.

Alliance Coal CEO Joe Craft told his workers if they made it 400 days without time lost due to an accident, he would bring the UK men's basketball coach to the mines. The workers came through and Craft held up his end of the deal Friday.

"I enjoy going to the mines because obviously my grandfather was a miner," Calipari said. When I'm there with the workers and miners, they're like the neighbors I grew up with, hard working guys. What they've accomplished in 400 days and not one hiccup in 300 days, those numbers are staggering. I'm glad I did it. And it's rewarding to see the response that Eastern Kentuckians have to this program."

Craft, a Hazard native, is president and chief executive officer of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. He received an undergraduate degree in accounting in 1972 from the University of Kentucky before earning a law degree in 1976.

The Joe Craft Center, a practice facility for the University of Kentucky men's and women's basketball teams, was named for him after he pledged \$6 million toward the completion



photo courtesy of MCT Direct  
Kentucky head coach John Calipari visited miners in Martin and Pike counties Friday.

## Satellite camp returning to Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky has announced the schedule for Coach John Calipari's Satellite Camps that will take place in June. The Calipari Satellite Camp is scheduled to return to Pikeville High School June 24.

Calipari and his staff will travel around Kentucky teaching the game of basketball to children with a series of instructional day camps.

The camps are open to boys and girls in kindergarten

(See CAMP, page 2)

## Allen Central beats district rival Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Central posted its second straight win on Friday, defeating 58th District foe Betsy Layne 9-2.

Austin Prater claimed the win from the mound as he pitched Allen Central past the Bobcats.

Prater, Junior Handshoe and Gage Parsons each had a double for the Rebels. Parsons delivered a game-high three RBI while Hansford drove in two runs for the Allen Central baseball club. Handshoe, Prater and Jake Prater added an RBI apiece for the Rebels.

Allen Central improved to 7-10 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District. Betsy Layne carried a 1-10 overall record out of the district/conference contest. The Bobcats slipped to 1-2 in the district.

Allen Central was scheduled to visit Sheldon Clark Tuesday. The Rebels have

(See CENTRAL, page 2)



IN THE BIGS: Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland argued a call with home plate umpire Jerry Layne in a Major League Baseball game last season. Layne, a veteran MLB umpire, hails from Betsy Layne.



COUNTY CHAMPION: South Floyd Middle School (pictured above) captured the 2011 Floyd County Volleyball Tournament title. SFMS defeated Allen Central Middle School in the county championship match at Betsy Layne one week ago.



The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team concluded the 2011 season as the Floyd County Conference Champion. ACMS was 24-5 overall and 14-3 in the conference. The Rebels finished as runner-up in the Floyd County Tournament.

Left: ACMS eighth-grade volleyball players Taylor Moore, Emily Watkins, Heather Burdette, Lanah Gibson and Bethany Crum are pictured.



## StoneCrest hosting Women's Golf Clinic on Mondays in May

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — StoneCrest Golf Course started hosting a women's golf clinic Monday. The StoneCrest Women's Golf Clinic will continue on every Monday in the month of May that weather will allow. Dr. Gerald A. Walford is conducting the clinic. The charge is \$10 per person per session.

Walford is a longtime golfer and hockey player. As a hockey player, Walford was a member of the 1959 NCAA Division I championship team. After minor league hockey, Walford coached in youth leagues and guided

high school and university teams. As a former member of the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association, Walford returned to the United States to earn his Doctorate from the University of Maryland. He became a member of both the Professional Golfers' Association of America and the World Golf Teachers' Federation. Walford was elected as one of the World Golf Teachers' Federation's top 60 teachers.

For more information on the StoneCrest Women's Golf Clinic or to sign up, call the StoneCrest proshop at 606/886-1006.



## Blackcats top Pike Central for third straight win

Stapleton pitches Prestonsburg past Hawks

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Blackcats continued to win on the baseball diamond Friday evening. Prestonsburg, returning home to StoneCrest to entertain 15th Region rival Pike County Central, Prestonsburg delivered another solid performance. Sophomore pitcher Trey Stapleton was strong from the mound and multiple hitters delivered at the plate as Prestonsburg defeated Pike County Central 13-3 in six innings.

Stapleton registered eight strikeouts in a complete game win.

Prestonsburg leadoff hitter Grant Anderson scored the first of his four runs for the Blackcats in the opening inning as Prestonsburg moved ahead 1-0.

Prestonsburg scored three more times in the second inning to lead 4-0.

Pike County Central got one run back in the top half of the third inning. The Hawks added two more runs in the fifth inning before falling short.

Prestonsburg separated itself from Pike Central in the fifth inning, plating four runs. The Blackcats scored four more runs in the sixth inning to force the game to end via the KHSAA 10-Run Mercy Rule.

Kyle Welch and Corey Carter each had three hits for the Blackcats. Carter delivered a pair of doubles in back-to-back plate appearances.

Welch had three singles for the Blackcats.

Anderson had two hits, one of which was a triple in the second inning. Both Anderson and Welch reached base in each of their four at-bats.

Leadoff batter Robbie Hopkins, a junior catcher, led Pike Central with three hits, including a double.

Prestonsburg was due to host Knott County Central on Monday but the game was canceled.

The Blackcats are scheduled to visit Pikeville Thursday. Prestonsburg is slated to host Allen Central Friday in a key 58th District/Floyd County Conference contest.

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# Johnson native Ratliff selected for KHSAA Hall of Fame

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LEXINGTON** — Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials, administrators or contributors to the 25th class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class will first be recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Wednesday, June 22 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

The class of 2012 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2012, at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 403.

Among the honorees is former Johnson Central High School boys' and girls' basketball coach Alvin Ratliff.

A breakdown of the 2012 class follows — Burr was a high school cheer coach for 28 years and a member of the KAFOS board for 33 years. Her squads won 12 district championships, two region championships and were five-time winners of the K-Pep Award. She was honored as the National Cheer Coach of the Year in 1992 and the NFFHS Spirit Award winner in 2007. She also coached track for 15 years, and her teams won three regions and one sectional state meet.

Tim Cahill — Cahill's illustrious swimming coaching career included 20 regional championships and 10 state champions and nine high school All-Americans as the coach at Model from 1979 until his death in 2010. Cahill was honored as the state's swim coach of the year on numerous occasions and in 2010 was named the National Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. Cahill also served on the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee and assisted with the KHSAA with the state swim meet for more than 25 years.

Randy Embry — Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1961, Embry enjoyed a highly successful career as a player and coach. Embry led Owensboro's basketball team to a 1960 state tournament appearance and the baseball team to back-to-back state berths in 1960 and 1961. Later as a baseball coach Embry led Daviess County to the 1971 state championship, and as boys' basketball coach

Owensboro, his teams won 12 district and eight regional titles from 1981-99.

Maxine Graham — Graham was one of the state's greatest female track and field athletes starting at Fleming County High School in the mid-1970s. A 10-time state champion in the high jump, long jump, 440 yard relay and 880 yard medley relay, Graham set several class and state records. Her state record in the long jump — 20 feet, 4 inches set in 1975 — still stands today.

Joe Hood — A keen football mind who enjoyed tremendous success wherever he went, Hood was the first coach to be honored as the Courier-Journal Coach of the Year at two different schools. Hood coached the 1979 Butler team to the state Class 4A championship and later enjoyed tremendous success at Warren Central, leading the Dragons to Class 4A state championship game appearances in 1980 and 1990.

Kim LaBelle — LaBelle was instrumental in getting girls' soccer its start in Kentucky. As a freshman and sophomore, LaBelle played on the boys' team at Eastern High School in Louisville, as the school had no girls' team. Her junior and senior years with a girls' team to represent, LaBelle earned All-American honors in 1991 and was named the state's first Miss Soccer in 1994 while setting a standard for girls' game action at the state.

Jim McDaniels — McDaniels seemingly did it all during a storied career at Allen County. McDaniels is one of only four players in state history with more than 3,000 career points and 2,000 career rebounds. His senior season in 1967, he was named the state's first Miss Soccer in 1994 while setting a standard for girls' game action at the state.

Marvin Moore — One of the Commonwealth's most decorated referees for more than two decades, Moore enjoyed a highly successful career that included 18 regional finals assignments, five state tournament games in 23 years. Moore also served as a baseball umpire for four years and volleyball official for four and has devoted more than 35 years to school administration.

Jim Perrin — A coach of six different sports as well as an administrator during his 34-year career at the high school

level, Perrin was one of Kentucky's softball pioneers at Christian County. Perrin led the Lady Colonels to four state championships and four runner-up finishes during his tenure. His teams won three slow-pitch championships, including back-to-back in 1990-91. He then led his program through a seamless transition to fast-pitch with a championship in 1996. He also captured a state title and two runner-up finishes as coach of the Colonel wrestling program.

Alvin Ratliff — One of Johnson County and Eastern Kentucky's finest prep standouts, Ratliff enjoyed a record-setting career at Meade Memorial High School in the early 1960s. The school's all-time leading scorer, Ratliff earned All-State and All-America honors in 1965 and signed with the University of Kentucky. Ratliff later enjoyed success as a coach, winning more than 400 games. He led Johnson Central's girls to a pair of 15th Region championships and later won a 16th Region All 'A' Classic championship at Bath County.

James Tucker — A legendary player in the Kentucky High School Athletic League, Tucker was a standout at Paris Western High School in the late 1940s. After graduating from Paris Western in 1950, Tucker became an All-American at Duquesne University, Black College All-American and one of the first African American athletes to play on an NBA championship team with the 1955 Syracuse Nationals.

Randy Wyatt — Wyatt enjoyed one of the greatest careers of any Kentucky student athlete at Simpsly. Wyatt did not lose. Wyatt was a 15-time state champion at Paducah Tilghman High School in track and field and never lost an event that he entered at the state competition. He also made his mark on the football field as he earned All-State honors and was named one of the top 100 football players in the nation as a senior. Wyatt led Paducah Tilghman to three consecutive state championship game appearances from 1987-89.

Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor is accepted.

# Central

58th District games scheduled later in the week on the road versus South Floyd (Thursday, May 5) and Prestonsburg (Friday, May 6). The remain-

der of Allen Central's regular-season schedule shapes up as follows: May 9 — Pikeville, May 10 — Knott County Central, May 13 at Paintsville,

May 16 — at Lawrence County, May 18 — at Magoffin County, May 20 — at Perry County Central.

# Rebels level Leslie County

by STEVE LAMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**ALLEN** — The Allen Central Rebels halted a three-game losing streak on Thursday, defeating visiting Leslie County 14-4 in five innings. Allen Central managed to claim an early lead and pull away from Leslie County in the non-district game.

Junior pitcher Tyler Cole recorded the win from the mound for the Rebels.

Allen Central plated 14 runs via nine hits. The Rebels also benefited from 11 walks. Allen Central only had three strikeouts in the convincing win.

Seniors Chase Hansford and Austin Prater were both 2-for-3 for the Rebels. Junior Handshoe, Jake Prater, Gage

Parsons, Cameron Hamilton and Josh Handshoe each had one hit for the Allen Central baseball club.

Austin Prater provided a game-high four RBI for the Rebels. Hansford and Jake Prater each had two RBI as Allen Central prevailed.

Prior to defeating 14th Region member Leslie County, Allen Central had dropped back-to-back-to-back games to familiar 15th Region foes Pikeville, Belfry and Johnson Central.

Allen Central and Leslie County are not scheduled to meet again during the regular season. Allen Central has regular-season games remaining versus 14th Region contenders Knott County Central (May 10) and Perry County Central (May 20).

# Camp

through sixth grades. The fee for each camp is \$75 per child.

The camp will also make a stop at Perry County Central High School in Hazard.

A schedule for the Calipari Satellite Camps follows:  
June 22: Morning - London (North Laurel HS), Afternoon - Danville (Danville HS).  
June 23: Morning and Afternoon (1-4 p.m.) - Louisville (Christian Academy).

June 24: Morning - Pikeville (Pikeville HS), Afternoon - Hazard (Perry Central HS).

# P'burg track competes in Area 9 Meet

by STEVE LAMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** — The Prestonsburg High School track and field program's boys' and girls' teams competed in the Area 9 Meet Thursday evening. The Prestonsburg boys' track and field team placed third among 11 teams. In the girls' division in the annual Area 9 Meet, Prestonsburg placed sixth among 11 teams.

"We ran well again at the Area 9 meet, Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson confided. "The third-place finish was a surprise."

PHS track and field athletes returned to competition after competing at Pikeville two days earlier.

For the Prestonsburg girls'

HS).  
June 21: Morning - Newport (Newport Central Catholic HS), Afternoon (1-4 p.m.) - Independence (Twenhofel Middle School).

June 22: Morning - London (North Laurel HS), Afternoon - Danville (Danville HS).

June 23: Morning and Afternoon (1-4 p.m.) - Louisville (Christian Academy).

June 24: Morning - Pikeville (Pikeville HS), Afternoon - Hazard (Perry Central HS).

**Cinema 1 — Starts Fri., May 6**  
RIO (G), Mon-Sat, 7:00-9:00; Sun (1:30) 7:00-9:00.  
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THOR (PG-13), Mon-Fri, 7:00-9:00; Sun (1:30) 7:00-9:00.

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**Cinema 2 — Starts Fri., May 6**  
JUMPING THE BROOM (PG-13)  
Mon-Thurs, 7:00-9:25; Fri (4:25) 7:00-9:25; Sat-Sun (1:00-3:25) 7:00-9:25  
**Cinema 3 — Held Over**  
MADEAS BIG HAPPY FAMILY (PG-13)  
Mon-Thurs, 7:05-9:20; Fri (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20  
**Cinema 4 — Held Over**  
SOUL SURFER (PG), Mon-Fri, 7:00; Sat-Sun (2:00) 7:00  
INSIDIOUS (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 9:20; Fri-Sat-Sun (4:20) 9:20  
**Cinema 5 — Held Over**  
HOODWINKED TOO (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:15; Fri-Sat-Sun (4:30) 7:15  
SCREAM 4 (R), Mon-Fri, 9:30; Sat-Sun (2:15) 9:30  
**Cinema 6 — Held Over**  
RIO (G), Mon-Thurs, 7:05-9:20; Fri (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20  
**Cinema 7 — Starts Fri., May 6**  
THOR 3D (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 7:00-9:25; Fri (4:25) 7:00-9:25; Sat-Sun (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25  
**Cinema 8 — Starts Held Over**  
FAST FIVE (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 6:40-9:15; Fri (4:10) 6:40-9:15; Sat-Sun (1:40-4:10) 6:40-9:15  
**Cinema 9 — Starts Fri., May 6**  
SOMETIME IN THE SUN (PG-13)  
Mon-Thurs, 7:10-9:30; Fri (4:30) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun (2:10-4:30) 7:10-9:30  
**Cinema 10 — Held Over**  
PROM (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:05-9:20; Fri (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20

# Kinzer runs well in WOO event

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

**ALLEN** — Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports team entered their second event of the 2011 racing season on Saturday at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardonia, Tenn. Kinzer held the third and final transfer spot throughout the entire consolation race until the final lap when another competitor literally moved

timed in 12th-fastest of the 42 entries during the WOOLMS qualifying session, starting strong.

The Allen driver slipped back to sixth in his stacked heat race before putting forth a solid effort to finish in his B-main. Kinzer held the third and final transfer spot throughout the entire consolation race until the final lap when another competitor literally moved

aside. The Floyd County-based driver wound up exceeding the checkers fourth, one spot out of a coveted transfer position into the 50-lap main event.

The Kinzer Motorsports team is scheduled to visit Boyd's Speedway, a Georgia track, Friday.

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# Plybon signs with Pikeville College women's basketball program

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PIKEVILLE** — A Boyd County product has signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College.

Kelsey Plybon, a 6-1 post, will continue her education and play basketball at the private, liberal arts school. Plybon averaged 9.4

points and six rebounds per game for the Lady Lions, champions of the 16th Region. She hit 44 percent from the field and 67 percent from the line while being named all-area and to the 16th Region All-Tournament Team and to the all-tournament team at the Timberwolf Tournament in Las Vegas. She helped Boyd County

to a 21-11 record en route to the regional title. She joined the Lady Lions team in January of her junior season, during which she averaged six points and five rebounds per game. Prior to that she attended Spring Valley (W.Va.) High School where she averaged 10.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

She was named to the Mountain State All-Conference Team and was Honorable Mention All-State. As a freshman at Spring Valley, she averaged six points and six rebounds per game.

## LIONS AND BEARS

Boyd County High School senior Kelsey Plybon recently signed with the Pikeville College women's basketball program. Before thriving in Boyd County, Plybon starred at Spring Valley High School in neighboring West Virginia. Pikeville College head coach Bill Watson (pictured standing on the left) attended the recent signing.



# Cobb picked in second round of NFL Draft by Green Bay

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**LEXINGTON** — Former University of Kentucky football great Randall Cobb was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the second round of the 2011 National Football League Draft on Friday night in Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Cobb becomes Kentucky's highest selection since 2003 when defensive tackle Dewayne Robertson was taken in the first round by the New York Jets. Cobb will join another former Wildcat, punter Tim Masthay, on the team that won the 2011 Super Bowl.

Cobb, who gave up his senior season of eligibility to enter the draft, played wide receiver, quarterback, punt returner, kickoff returner and placekick holder during his three seasons with the Wildcats. He earned first-team All-America honors in 2010 from The Associated Press, ESPN.com and Sports Illustrated.com. As a junior, Cobb caught 84 passes for 1,017 yards and seven touchdowns while rushing for 428 yards and five touchdowns, throwing three touchdown passes and returning a punt for a TD. He broke the Southeastern Conference single-season record for all-purpose yardage by totaling 2,396 rushing, receiving and kick return yards.

Despite playing only three seasons, Cobb set the UK career touchdown record with 37, including 22 rushing, 13 receiving and two on punt returns. Cobb also exits Kentucky ranked fourth all-time in all-purpose yardage with 4,674 yards, fourth in career scoring with 226 points, fifth in career pass receptions with 144 and sixth in receiving yardage with

(See COBB, page four)

# Drillers blank Canton, record first UIFL shutout

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**PIKEVILLE** — The Eastern Kentucky Driller notched the first Ultimate Indoor Football League shutout on Saturday at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center. Eastern Kentucky blanked Canton 45-0. The Drillers remained undefeated at home, moving to 5-0.

Eastern Kentucky moved into a third-place tie with Huntington in the UIFL standings.

Canton, following the loss, finds itself on the verge of being eliminated from playoff contention.

Jason Conner delivered two of the Drillers' three rushing touchdowns. Eastern Kentucky pulled away late, scoring 25 points in the first quarter.

Canton quarterback Ray Marrow was injured in the first quarter. Receiver Tim Smith replaced Marrow under center for the remainder of the regular-season contest.

WYMT aired the Eastern Kentucky-Canton game.

**Northern Kentucky 44, Huntington 23:** At Highland Heights, Northern Kentucky scored the final 20 points of the game to secure a home game in the 2011 UIFL playoffs. Northern Kentucky defeated Huntington 44-23.

River Monster quarterback Jared Lorenzen was 23-of-42 for 239 yards and three touchdowns. He added two more rushing touch-

downs in the game. More than half of Lorenzen's completions went to Ricardo Lenhart, who had 12 catches for 120 yards and one touchdown. His 12 receptions tied a UIFL single-game record.

Jon D'Angelo, the league's leading tackler, registered a six-tackle. D'Angelo also caused and recovered a fumble for the River Monsters. Safety Tez Morris added six tackles and an interception for Northern Kentucky in the victory.

## UIFL STANDINGS

Team	Record
N. Kentucky	9-1
Saginaw	7-3
E. Kentucky	5-5
Huntington	5-5
Saginaw	3-7
Canton	1-9

# McClinton named UIFL Defensive Player of the Week

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**CANTON, Ohio** — The Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL) has announced its weekly honors for the week ending May 1. Among the honorees is an Eastern Kentucky Driller.

Marcus McClinton was one of the key performers as the Drillers recorded the first shutout in UIFL history. Eastern Kentucky blanked Canton 45-0. McClinton is the first Eastern Kentucky

Driller to earn the Terry's Tire Town Defensive Player of the Week. The safety from the University of Kentucky had six tackles and two interceptions, one of which he took back for a touchdown.

For the second straight week, Ricardo Lenhart was named the Conquest Cards Offensive Player of the Week honor. The veteran receiver tied a UIFL record with 12 receptions. He had 12 catches for 120 yards and one touchdown in the win

over Huntington. Northern Kentucky has claimed six UIFL Offensive Player of the Week awards.

For the fourth time this season, Dustin Zink earned the Edge SportsWear Special Team Player of the Week. He was 5-for-6 on extra points and converted his lone field goal attempt. Zink averaged 46.5 yards on kickoffs.

Eastern Kentucky will visit Canton on Sunday.

# Online: StoneCrest Golf Course introduces new website

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**PRESTONSBURG** — StoneCrest Golf Course has an all-new website. The Prestonsburg course may be found online at [www.stonecrestgolfcourse.com](http://www.stonecrestgolfcourse.com).

Earlier in the spring, StoneCrest hosted the Mid-South Conference men's and women's tournaments. On Tuesday, StoneCrest was hosting the Mountain Golf Trail tournament. The Prestonsburg course has events scheduled throughout the remainder of spring and into summer.

StoneCrest Golf Course is under the leadership of General Manager Morris Copley. Bryan Balch serves as the course's superintendent. StoneCrest Golf Course is owned and operated by the City of Prestonsburg. The course sits on 700 acres of mountain top land and offers amenities such as a pro shop, club repairs, practice green, driving range, clubhouse and lounge. Built on a reclaimed strip mine, StoneCrest

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- AT STONECREST GOLF COURSE
- May 6: Riverview Health Care (9 a.m.)
- May 12: Reach Outing (9 a.m.)
- May 14: Musselman-Dunne Golf Tour (9 a.m.)
- May 15: Musselman-Dunne Golf Tour (9 a.m.)
- May 16: Kentucky Bankers Association Outing (12:30 p.m.)

# P'burg boys prevail at Pikeville meet

**by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR**

**PIKEVILLE** — The Prestonsburg High School boys' track and field team finished first in a meet at Pikeville on Tuesday, April 26. In the same meet, Prestonsburg's girls' track and field team finished third.

The Prestonsburg boys finished first in a meet for the

first time this season.

"We ran well at Pikeville with the boys winning for the first time this year," Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson commented. "The girls' placed third and also ran well."

Caitlin Kidd delivered a personal record in the 100 Meter Dash and Long Jump.

The following members of the Prestonsburg boys' track

and field team registered personal records: Bryson Williams (100 Meter Dash), Nathan Slone (100 Meter Dash and Long Jump), Griffin Baker (1600 Meter Run), Wes Robinson (400 Meter Dash) and Chris Cook (Discus).

Results for the Prestonsburg High School track and field team will be added online at [www.floyd-countytimes.com](http://www.floyd-countytimes.com).

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## INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The May 4 County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 4 through May 25, 2011. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2011, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2011 will be due about November 1, 2011.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- 1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- 2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- 3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- 4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

*Connie Hancock*  
Property Valuation Administrator  
Floyd County

# Stallons, Ransdell honored as statewide sportsmanship winners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Jared Stallons of Trigg County and Katie Ransdell of Villa Madonna were named the statewide winners in the Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Program at the annual banquet held on Sunday at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.

Both winners receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of the Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance. Each of the 32 regional winners were recognized and honored at the banquet. Each winner received an award courtesy of the KHSAA Officials Division and a \$200 book scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance.

This year's banquet marked the 15th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship. KHSAA member schools selected one girl and one boy as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners were then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners (one girl and one boy from each of Kentucky's 16 regions), the statewide winners were selected. Selection criteria included grade point average, letters of recommendation, a verification of no game ejections, leadership roles/honors, and written response to a case study essay.

The following were recognized as regional winners: Region 1 — Jason Straub (Heath), Peyton Vaughan (St. Mary); Region 2 — Jared Stallons (Trigg County), Janell Cooper (Caldwell County); Region 3 — Kai Prince (Owensboro), Paige Kramer (Davies County); Region 4 — Nelson Price (Cumberland County), Taylor Watson (Cumberland County); Region 5 — Bryan Goottee (Marion County), Valerie Whitlock (LaRue County); Region 6 — Jacob Read (Bullitt East), Shelby Ritchie (Presentation); Region 7 — Chris Lawrence (St. Xavier), Jenna Rogers (Christian Academy-Louisville); Region 8 — T. Luke Magness (Henry County), Rebecca Saylor (Grant County); Region 9 — Parker Ryle (Conner), Katie Ransdell (Villa Madonna); Region 10 — Jake Schultz (Campbell County), Mandi McLean (Nicholas County); Region 11 — Hunter Stewart (Lexington Christian), Alexandra Kubala (Model); Region 12 — Colby Hall (Somerset), Charissa Burkett (Pulaski County); Region 13 — Jeffrey Poston (South Laurel), Kayla Sears (Whitley County); Region 14 — James M. Reed (Powell County), Hillary Moore (Leslie County); Region 15 — Noah Hamilton (Pikeville), Mikayla Charles (Phelps); Region 16 — Tyler Farley (Reecland), Chelsey McDermott (Bath County).

### UPCOMING KHSAA EVENTS/MEETINGS

- May 15: KHSAA Officials Recognition Awards Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington.
- May 19: KHSAA Regular Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington.
- May 26-28: Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Championships, Boone/Downing Tennis Center, University of Kentucky and Sayre Athletic Complex, Lexington.
- May 26-28: Boys' and Girls' State Track and Field Meet, Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville.

# Kentucky National Insurance named new KHSAA baseball tournament sponsor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2011 KHSAA State Baseball Tournament will have a new title sponsor - Kentucky National Insurance. The announcement was made during the draw show for the 2011 state baseball and softball tournaments at the KHSAA office on Tuesday.

"Kentucky National is proud to be the sponsor of the Kentucky State baseball tournament," said Enoch Roberts, President of Kentucky National Insurance. "We realize these young folks are the leaders of the Commonwealth in future years. We're happy to be a part of it."

The draw, televised live for the second consecutive year on www.khsaa.tv, set the first-round matchups for the state baseball and softball tournaments by blind draw. The Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament will be played at Whitaker Bank Ballpark, the home of the Lexington Legends, for the 10th consecutive season. The event moved to the venue in 2002 and has continued to set attendance records since, including the 2010 tournament won by Harrison County. The complete tournament bracket is available on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/baseball/2011/statebaseballbracket.pdf>

"It's no secret that with our state events, we try to find communities and venues that can grow with us and really become a home to the event," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "The attendance figures, especially last year with the first year of the 16-team format, have proven the event has found a home in Lexington."

The KHSAA State Softball Tournament returns to Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro, though the tournament schedule has been expanded to three days, with first round games contested on Thursday evening, June 9. The complete tournament bracket is available on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball/2011/2011statefastpitchbracket.pdf>



PIKE COUNTY NATIVE ON THE HOT CORNER: Baltimore Orioles third baseman Mark Reynolds, a Pike County native, went airborne to retire Dustin Pedroia of the Boston Red Sox in the third inning at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Maryland on Thursday. The Red Sox defeated the Orioles, 6-2.

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### Cobb

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During his time at Kentucky, Cobb was a first-team All-Southeastern Conference performer in 2009 and 2010, while also earning SEC All-Freshman team honors in 2008. Cobb has a history of making clutch plays after securing five game-winning, fourth-quarter, touchdowns during his career at UK — vs. Arkansas in 2008; vs. Louisville, Auburn and Georgia in 2009; and vs. South Carolina in 2010. Cobb also helped lead Kentucky to three consecutive bowl games.

A native of Maryville, Tenn., Cobb played his high school football at Alcoa (Tenn.) High School. Alcoa won four consecutive state championships during his time there, including the first two with Cobb as the starting quarterback.

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#### 15th Region Baseball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	14-2
Lawrence County	16-3
Johnson Central	15-5
Belfry	14-8
Prestonsburg	9-5
Sheldon Clark	9-9
Phelps	7-2
East Ridge	7-9
Allen Central	7-10
Paintsville	7-12
Magoffin County	6-10
Pike Central	3-11
Shelby Valley	3-12
South Floyd	1-9
Betsy Layne	1-10

#### 15th Region Softball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	20-2
Johnson Central	17-5
Magoffin County	16-8
East Ridge	15-2
Lawrence County	14-10
Belfry	11-10
Shelby Valley	10-10
Paintsville	7-11
Prestonsburg	7-12
Allen Central	6-9
Sheldon Clark	6-11
South Floyd	5-8
Phelps	3-6
Pike Central	1-11

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- "A little dab'll do ya."
- "Takes a licking and keeps on ticking."

And one of my all-time favorites: "Where's the beef?" (In case you're wondering about the identity of the little snowy-haired darling who uttered those famous "three little words," it was Clara Peller, a lifelong Chicago-area manicurist who became, in her 80s, a character actress. It just goes to show you're never too old to try something new!)

These days, though, we might find ourselves altering the immortal Clara's catchphrase to, "Where's the beef from?" The truth is, that burger we're savoring for lunch or dinner might not have started life on your typical all-American farm—at least, not North American.

And oh, how we Americans love our burgers ... and our meatball subs and our homemade meatloaf and all sorts of other tasty treats made from ground beef. So from whence cometh that ground beef?

It's not that complicated: When a side of beef gets carved up into steaks and roasts, there are bits and pieces of meat left over that started life on your farm—those delectable, higher-value cuts. In a beautiful piece of logic, those bits are known in the meatpacking industry as "trim."

They may not be T-bones or filet mignon, but in burger-loving America, there's such high demand for lean ground beef that the United States imports about 3 billion—yes, that's "billion" with a "bi"—pounds of beef and veal every year.

So perhaps it's not surprising that questioned a few years back, about whether our American produderes for monitoring the safety of imported beef were adequate for detecting illness-causing microbes—the "fancy name" for them is "pathogens"—the trim. That's because foodborne pathogens aren't necessarily the same from one part of the world to the next.

Here's a good example: In the northern hemisphere—here in the good old USA—a nasty character called E. coli O157:H7 is the number one species of E. coli implicated in foodborne illnesses. But in the southern hemisphere, other toxin-producing E. coli types such as O111 have been associated with outbreaks of foodborne illness.

And what about when we've mixed imported ground beef with American ground beef? Then it becomes even harder to figure out where the source of food contamination began—a process called "traceback," that's a standard part of investigations that occur during and after major outbreaks of foodborne illness.

Fortunately for all of us burger fans, the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) decided to take a close look at whether the techniques used in this country to "profile" imported beef trim—microbiologically speaking—adequately address the potential differences between foreign and domestic beef in terms of cleanliness and safety.

The ARS scientists examined 1,186 samples of beef trim from the United States and from Australia, New Zealand and Uruguay—three nations that, perhaps surprisingly, provide more than half of America's beef imports.

The scientists were looking for

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## FIRST CLASS

### Big Sandy student looking to school of pharmacy

by MARY S. WALLEN  
BSCTC FACULTY

The Midway College School of Pharmacy will welcome its first students in the fall of 2011 in Paintsville, and one Prestonsburg resident and Big Sandy Community and Technical College graduate is hoping to be among the inaugural class.

"That would be the icing on an already sweet cake," said Bryan Lafferty, 35, who waited nearly 14 years after graduating from Prestonsburg High School to pursue his dream of becoming a pharmacist. He earned both the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees with high distinction in May 2010. "During this last year, while preparing to apply to pharmacy schools, he enrolled in advanced chemistry classes at Hazard CTC and continued to take classes at BSCTC and Morehead State University—Prestonsburg Campus.

For Lafferty, this year affords time for reflection, and he's quick to acknowledge the help he has had along the way, beginning with his spouse: "My wife Jessica convinced me not only to pursue my dreams but also to reach my ability. My dream of being a pharmacist seemed farfetched to some but never to us. Jessica has been so supportive and encouraging throughout not only my return to school but in everything I do."

It has been nearly 18 years since Lafferty graduated high school. "In some ways that seems like a million years ago and in others it feels like only yesterday. I look around and come to the realization that most of my classmates were not even born when I graduated!" he said. "I remember how I was when I was fresh out of high school, and now I try to convince other students that they need to work hard and take this seriously. Hopefully most will understand this opportunity which has been afforded to them and take full advantage of it, but some, like me in my life at that time, will not."

Lafferty admits that his "first go around" at then Prestonsburg Community College "involved more attention to ping pong and pool than science and math." He said, "I left college after a couple semesters for what is notoriously known as 'the break.'" He explains, "Perhaps you have heard of, or maybe have even used that familiar excuse as a way to get out of school, 'I'll only sit

out a semester and then I'll come back."

His hiatus began with a job at Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg. "I loved working, earning money, and meeting various people within the community," he said. But his time there was short lived because he landed a job with CSX Transportation. "In the blink of an eye I was hired by an elite employer in my community, married, and had my first daughter Christian. What a whirlwind of a break!" he said.

Lafferty excelled at CSX with numerous promotions—from brakeman to conductor to engineer to yardmaster to assistant trainmaster, and finally to trainmaster. Sounds like a great life for someone without a degree, but Lafferty always had an empty feeling. "I did enjoy my tenure with CSX and made some lifelong friends along the way, but I wanted to do more," he said. "I saw my peers go on to become doctors and lawyers. I felt as if I was watching my opportunity to fulfill my dreams slip away."

"I had thought about returning to school for a few years but needed to gather the courage to do so," said Lafferty. He found that courage and with his wife's support, he enrolled at BSCTC in fall, 2006. He did very well in classes and his confidence was boosted. Soon he was taking courses such as biology, chemistry, and physics. He excelled in classes and was nominated into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

"I was so honored to be invited to be a member of such a prestigious organization. While in this honor society I was one of two people from our school nominated to the All USA Academic Team and made the All Kentucky Academic Team. Those recognitions and honors are some of the best memories I've had in my life," he said.

Lafferty also felt "very fortunate" to participate in the Ready to Work program and said he was thankful to former coordinator Rose Smith and current coordinator Cassandra Crum: "The program has been simply amazing and so have the coordinators. Any time that I need anything they are always available," he said. "The program will allow you to earn a paycheck, which is a very important thing, especially to non-traditional students with a family."

"The RTW program has enabled me to work a flexible schedule at the school in the

department I love, biology. I get to work hands on in the labs under the supervision of former professors and current mentors Dr. Shirley Thomas and Professor Tina Ousley. These ladies, along with other faculty members such as Dr. Thomas Vierheller, have enhanced my knowledge of the equipment and tools used in the biology labs. They are always available for advice and guidance. I am always amazed with their dedication to the students and the passion with which they teach."

He said, "I have had a wonderful experience with BSCTC. I have made many lifelong friends. "While Lafferty feels thankful for the first chapter in his academic career, his focus is now clearly on the second half: "I hope to fulfill my dreams of being a pharmacist for various reasons." First, he wants to provide a secure living for his family, which has grown. His daughter Willow is now two, and he and his wife are expecting their third daughter in May.

As well, Lafferty hopes to help others, and he has given it considerable thought: "I want to have the ability and resources to help the people within my community. I want to give back to local charities and look into participating in possible scholarships for non-traditional students to return to a medical field. I want to be able to help our seniors find the most cost-effective way of purchasing their medicines as well as any possible alternatives. I would like to help local kids and adults with a tutor/help center within my pharmacy or clinic someday."

Many BSCTC students describe Lafferty as a "people person," and for several semesters he has tutored various students in math and science. In this way, he has already started giving back to his community. To him, this is important, and works to fuel his dream of becoming a pharmacist.

"He will learn in August 2011 if he will be accepted into the Midway College School of Pharmacy. "I look forward to the infinite possibilities that lie ahead upon completion of pharmacy school. I am also just as eager to help my fellow mountain people reach their potential with any and all help that I can provide. I am proud of and love my mountain heritage. Helping Appalachia succeed is important to me because it is my home, my family, and my life."



# OUR YESTERDAYS

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

## Twenty years ago (May 1 and May 3, 1991)

A long-awaited report on a state review of school construction projects in Eastern Kentucky apparently will be released today, May 1, in Frankfort, to a legislative subcommittee. Officials in the office of State Auditor Bob Babbage declined, Tuesday, to discuss specific details of the report. Nine members of Babbage's Public Integrity department visited schools in Floyd and Pike counties in February and March after school construction projects in those counties were questioned. The auditing team reviewed construction procedures and policies concerning projects built, or under construction, using funding provided by the state School Facility Construction Commission.

With all the soldiers returning from Saudi Arabia, the word "hero" has become commonplace in the American vocabulary. But, the word "hero" does not only apply to those who fight wars. It can also say something about those everyday people who perform brave and rare acts. Prestonsburg, and more specifically, the Job Corps Center, has their own local hero in Alexander Smith. The 17-year-old Job Corps student said he knew at some time he would be required to use the life saving skills his mother had taught him a year ago, and on Sunday, April 28, he proved his knowledge with flying colors.

A Floyd County husband and wife were killed and two teenagers were injured in a head-on collision with another car on Ky 22, at Salisburg, on Thursday, April 25. According to Trooper Ghomer Prater, Pamela Webb, 17, of Martin, was traveling west on Ky 122 when she lost control of her 1981 Pontiac in a curve, crossing into the eastbound lane and striking a 1983 Toyota Celica. Driving the Toyota was Harold Conn, 45, with his wife, Shelby Conn, 43, as a passenger. The Conns of Hunter, were pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Glenn Frazier.

A head on collision between a coal truck and a passenger vehicle resulted in a Floyd County woman's death on Thursday, April 25. Bonna Patrick, 27, of Hunter was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Jay Hinkle, after the vehicle in which she was a passenger crossed a center line and struck a coal truck, according to Trooper Gomer Prater of the Kentucky State Police.

A former Prestonsburg High School cheerleader has filed a lawsuit against the school's cheerleading sponsor, principal and the Floyd County Board of Education alleging negligence which resulted in physical injury. Alrita Shepherd filed suit April 17, in Floyd County Circuit Court, on behalf of her daughter, Karla Darice Phipps. The suit alleges Phipps was required to perform certain cheerleading routines which caused severe injuries to her knees.

Dr. Henry A. Campbell Jr., a mountain educator whose wit and wisdom have earned him the respect and love of his faculty and students at Prestonsburg Community College, will deliver his last Commencement Address as PCC president Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m., in Jenny Wiley State Park's Amphitheatre. Campbell will retire from his presidential post on June 30, at the mandatory retirement age of 65.

A tour of several Floyd County schools by board of education members Thursday, proved enlightening, and gave members a close-up look at problems in schools. The tour

began at 10 a.m., at Betsy Layne Elementary gym, with board member Tommy Boyd voicing his concern about lack of maintenance at the gym and the schools. Boyd pointed out that the gym's ceiling was covered with dirt because filters in the filtering system had not been changed regularly. Boyd also pointed out weeds growing on the campus and the need for a fence behind the school, since it is so close to the Big Sandy River.

A week-long review of school construction projects in Floyd and Pike counties in February and March by a team of state auditors has resulted in a 36-page report and a list of 16 recommendations for changing the ways schools are built in Kentucky. State Auditor Bob Babbage presented the report, Wednesday, to members of the state's Special Legislative Subcommittee on Education Accountability. Babbage told the Times Wednesday, that the review uncovered "the evidence of criminal wrongdoing," but added that the state's Office of Education Accountability will pursue other aspects of our reports and make recommendations to the Legislature.

Six Floyd County high school juniors have been selected to participate in the 1991 Governor's Scholars Program this summer. Named as Governor's Scholars were: Stephanie Biliter, Steve Clark, Brian Jones, Anthony Little, Brian Newman, and David Piggman.

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Violence associated with the six-week-old Highlands Hospital strike took an uglier turn last week with an alleged attack outside of IGA on Helen Smith, 45, a hospital employee. As the United Mine Workers union and coal industry negotiators disputed

the prospects of resuming contract this week, scattered incidents stemming from the 40-day-old coal strike were reported in this and neighboring counties. Ground will be broken for the planned \$3.9 million Betsy Layne High School building this Saturday.

More than 60 Dana residents rallied in defense of Sandy Boyd, a teacher and coach accused of selling marijuana to a student, during a PTA meeting last week. Lieutenant Governor Martha Layne Collins, will address 136 students eligible to receive their degrees from Prestonsburg Community College, Friday.

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## Forty years ago (May 6, 1971)

The threat of a crackdown on Floyd County for non-compliance with state solid waste disposal laws and regulations was at least temporarily averted here, Wednesday afternoon.

The Davidson Lumber Company at the old Potomac camp, near Lackey, was destroyed by fire at 2:30 a.m., last Friday.

The sixth annual commencement activities, at Prestonsburg Community College will take place Sunday, May 9.

The troubled affairs of the Floyd County Comprehensive Health Services Program are expected to come to a study and possible action at a joint meeting here, Thursday evening, of its board of directors, the Big Sandy Community Action Program and the staff of the health program.

Floyd county's high schools will present their prettiest girls and their best in music here Saturday at the annual Band Day observance.

There died: Cora Hall, 74, of Dry Creek, last Wednesday at a Martin hospital; Bessie Collins Woods, 79, of Endicott, last Thursday at the home of Virgil Jarvis; Joe Davidson Crisp, 85, formerly of Martin, April 10, at Lehigh Acres, Fla.; Farlin Johnson, 56, of Virgie, last Wednesday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Hazard Collins, 39, Monday at his home at East McDowell; Clyde Bryan Stephens, 57, of the Auxier Road, Monday, April 26; Anzie Branham, 87, Monday, at her home at Gretel; Sheldon Spradlin, 72, of Portsmouth, Ohio, formerly of this county, April 9; Lack B. Mayo, 63, of Norfolk, Va. formerly of Prestonsburg, last Friday, in a hospital here.

## Fifty years ago (May 4, 1961)

Certification of Floyd Countians now benefiting from the surplus commodities programs and those who are state public assistance recipients, began at 9 a.m., today (Thursday), in preparation for the inauguration, June 1, of the pilot food stamp plan in this

county. A recent outbreak of rabies in the Clear Creek-Hi Hat area has resulted in a quarantine on all dogs, and in three emergency anti-rabies clinics been held here.

Music, Prestonsburg business and civic leader, was one of three men to receive this year, the coveted Silver Beaver Awards of the Lonesome Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the Council's annual Appreciation Dinner, April 21.

The voters of Floyd County will be asked at the November election, to approve a tax of 5¢ per \$100 property evaluation for support of the county library work includes operation of the county library, its two bookmobiles and related activities. Mrs. Roy Souleyrette, of Wheelwright, was named recently to conduct the drive for cancer funds in Floyd County.

More than 200 people honored Dr. M. V. Wicker, at a dinner held at Wayland, April 25.

Jay Darwin Bond Jr. Prestonsburg native who will be graduated from the University of Kentucky (Vax) in June with Phi Beta Kappa honors, has been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to the Law School of Duke University.

There died: Guy Horn, 73, former Floyd County Jailer, last Wednesday at a Prestonsburg hospital; Henry L. Collins, 76, at his home here Sunday; Sam Franklin, 51, of Wayland, Monday, at the home of a brother-in-law, Dec Adkins, 69, Wednesday at his home at Galveston; Raymond V. Emerick, 62, of

Louisville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday in Louisville; Ellis Shepherd, 47, of Hueysville, Friday in a Martin hospital; Ed Carr, of Grant, NM, formerly of Allen, Tuesday in Albuquerque, NM; Ted Reasor, 58, of Melvin, Friday at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Sixty years ago (May 3, 1951)

Left and Right Beaver schools have within the week staged their own sectional music festivals as full-dress rehearsals for the fifth annual Floyd County festival, which will be held May 4 and 5 at Martin and Prestonsburg.

Two companies Monday night contracted to build or install within the next year for the Wayland Water District a waterplant, steel storage tank, water lines and other installations for a total of \$164,146. The induction on May 16, of 32 registrants of Draft Board 25, will include the work of Selective Service for the month as pertaining to Floyd County.

Beginning next month, polluters of Kentucky streams must procure from the Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission permits which will give them a year of grade to eliminate sources of water contamination.

Some serious food-poisoning culprits, including Staphylococcus aureus, Campylobacter, Salmonella, Listeria, and E. coli, specifically the close relatives of E. coli O157:H7 that can cause severe food-borne illness.

Now for the good news: Their results indicated that the pathogen-monitoring procedures we use in the United States, today are indeed adequate for evaluating the safety of that imported beef trim.

This work was done at ARS Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, known as USMARC, in Clay Center, Neb. The ARS scientists who did the work have since presented information about USMARC's leading-edge

technology for detecting and identifying foodborne pathogens to scientists at several of Uruguay's national laboratories and at the Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria, which is Uruguay's equivalent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also, food safety specialists from Uruguay have come to USMARC to see the science in action.

Now that's an international collaboration we can all feel good about!

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](http://www.ars.usda.gov/news).


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# UK grad teaches For East Ky.

LEXINGTON — "Back home ... there's nothing like it."

To say that University of Kentucky biology graduate Kellie Farthing loves Eastern Kentucky is an understatement.

Farthing is as proud of her accent as she is her hometown. She's proud of her sister, who graduated from the University of Kentucky last year with a 4.0 GPA in psychology. There's also her mom and three other siblings, and the nieces and nephews, many who have remained in Martin.

"Martin probably has a couple thousand people. I graduated high school with a class of 83, to put it in perspective," Farthing said. "I say that I'm halfway between Pikeville and Hazard; people usually know one place or the other."

Farthing will gladly be moving back in with her mom after graduation, having accepted a two-year contract with Teach for America in its inaugural year in Whitley, Floyd and Knox counties.

There's even a chance that Farthing will work at Allen Central, her old high school.

"When I interviewed last fall, I was definitely interested in working in a rural area," Farthing said. "I love the land and the people, but I was really hoping that everything worked out for Teach for America in Kentucky."

Farthing will be teaching high school science at one of four possible schools where she's optimistic that her experiences will help future students. "I know where these kids are from, and I know what they're going through," she said. "I was really nervous to come



UK biology graduate Kellie Farthing will gladly be moving home to Eastern Kentucky this fall to begin a two-year stint with Teach for America in its inaugural year in Whitley, Floyd and Knox counties.

to UK, but it was a great experience, and I want to show others that they can go, too."

As a fourth generation UK student and lifelong Wildcat fan, Farthing will be able to tell her students exactly what they need to do to get to Lexington. Teach for America training this summer will provide Farthing with the basics, but she'll have ultimate control in managing the class environment.

"What I've noticed most from observing Teach for America classrooms is the importance placed on making sure that kids know the material. They don't have just one shot," said Farthing. "It's more than memorization, which doesn't really help anyone."

One of the nation's largest providers of teachers for low-income communities, Teach for America has put faith in Farthing. Not only was she chosen as one of 5,400 out of 48,000 applicants nationwide, but she is also an Amgen fel-

low, qualifying as one of the top 50 Teach for America corps members in math and science education. As a result, Farthing will be awarded a \$1,000 signing bonus as well as \$1,000 for classroom supplies.

With all of the honors, Farthing is most excited to help out back home and to introduce her Teach for America peers to a new part of the country.

"Most people have never been to this part of the country. We wear shoes! We don't all have tons of missing teeth," Farthing said. "Kids are the same back home as they are here at UK. It's just in the country. And it's beautiful."

There's that pride again. "People think that we're backwards. Well, I want to prove them wrong," she said, satisfied. "Don't hide where you're from. If people think I'm stupid because of where I'm from or what I sound like, it's just fuel for me."

Farthing has a mission. "So many people want to leave town and never come back," she said. "But I think it's so important to better yourself and then come back and better where you're from."

## Engagement Announcement for Lesley Ann Stout and Joseph A. Bilby



James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Anne, to Joseph Alexander Bilby of Louisville, Kentucky. Lesley is the granddaughter of the late John and Helen Ison of Martin and the late Steve and Wilda Stout also of Martin. Joe is the son of John and Faria Bilby of Louisville. He is the grandson of the late John and Mary Bilby of Lexington and the late Earl and Sarah McKinney-Smith of Paducah. Lesley is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Centre College, the University of Cambridge and the University of Kentucky College of Law. Lesley clerked for U.S. District Judge Annul Thapar. She previously worked in Washington, D.C. For U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield. Joe is a graduate of St. Francis High School, the University of Virginia and the University of Kentucky College of Law. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 2003 to 2007. Joe will be employed by the firm of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC. A summer wedding is planned and the couple will reside in Louisville.

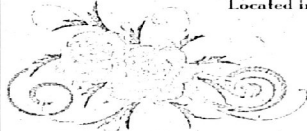
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