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BSAC moving to Allen

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — Big Sandy Area Community Action Program's Community Services office will soon have a new home in Allen, effective on July 1.

The office is currently located on East Court Street in Prestonsburg.

According to Dwayne Davis, communication and information representative for Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, the office is being consolidated with the Weatherization Assistance office at 60 Court Street in Allen.

The new phone number will be (606) 874-3595. Office hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tackett pleads guilty to 2006 murder

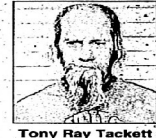
by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tony Ray Tackett, indicted in January 2007 for the 2006 murder of Margaret Hall, pleaded guilty Monday to the slaying and is expected to be sentenced to 25 years in prison as part of the plea agreement.

Tackett was scheduled to go to trial June 20.

Tackett, 49, of Printer, was originally charged with murder, first-degree rape and first-degree unlawful imprisonment. As part of the agreement, the charges of rape and unlawful imprisonment were dismissed. While the rape charge is an aggravator that, along with murder, could have made it a death penalty case, Tackett's IQ tested lower than 70 on multiple occasions before the murder, and Kentucky law does not allow a per-

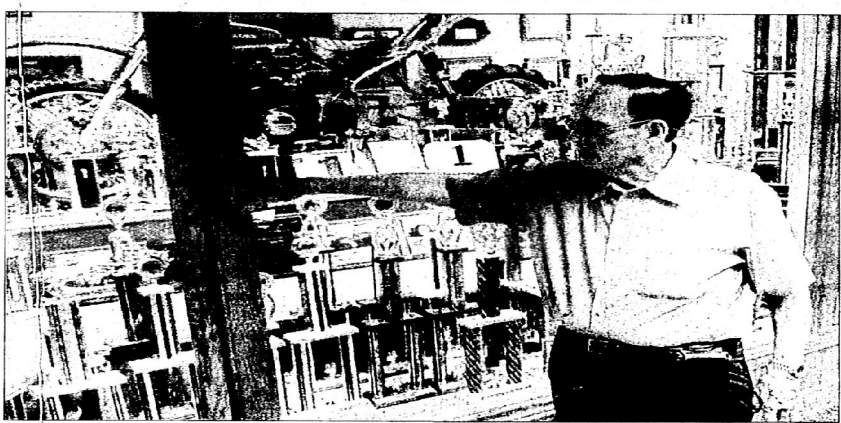
son with an IQ under 70 to be executed. According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Tackett was an acquaintance of Margaret Hall's sister, Hall, 36, of Tramm, was picked up by Tackett and another man and driven to Tackett's home. The man then reportedly left. Phone records show that Hall called her sister from Tackett's home the



Tony Ray Tackett

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NEED FOR SPEED



WORKING ON HIS BUCKET LIST: JW "Willard" Kinzer, pictured pointing to a trophy in his trophy room at Kinzer Drilling, checked another item off his bucket list on Thursday when he went over 200 miles per hour in a drag car at Tulsa Raceway Park in Oklahoma. Kinzer's official speed was 221.85 miles per hour. (See story in Sports, page B1.)

photo by Joshua Byers

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Florida passes bill to curb spread of prescription drugs

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Now that Florida has enacted a comprehensive bill officials hope will reduce the flow of illegal prescription drugs into that state and, as a result, possibly curb movement into Kentucky, those in the Bluegrass State are applauding the move.

"This bill strengthens Florida's prescription drug monitoring database, increases penalties for overprescribing narcotics, and requires new permitting processes for all pharmacies," said Gov. Steve Beshear in a statement. "All these steps will not only help Florida attack the epidemic of prescription drug abuse, but will also help us save lives here in

Kentucky."

Earlier in the year, Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway leaned heavily on Florida Gov. Rick Scott's proposal to eliminate the implementation of an electronic prescription drug tracking system in his state, saying he was "deeply concerned" and adding that an electronic tracking system of some form was in place at that time in more than 30 states.

Beshear said he has now spoken with Scott to encourage him to shut down what have come to be known as pill mills, as they can be directly linked to deaths in Kentucky, citing that more than 80 Kentuckians die each month from drug overdoses.

"We have acted aggressively by

ramping up law enforcement, enacting new policy initiatives and improving prescription drug monitoring efforts to stop the devastating effects of prescription drug abuse, but we must have cooperation from surrounding states," Beshear added.

"Choking off the pill pipeline from Florida is a key element of our strategy."

White House Drug Czar Gil Kerlikowske told The Associated Press this past spring he wants to shed light on the problems state such as Kentucky face from prescription drugs. Kerlikowske has called Kentucky the "epicenter" of the nation's prescription drug problems, saying, "It's heartbreaking what's going on there."

Hughes pleads guilty to sodomy

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Brandon Hughes, the former Floyd County resident charged with multiple counts of sex abuse and sodomy in September of last year, pleaded guilty Monday — the day of his jury trial — to three sodomy charges, as part of a plea agreement that will see the 23-year-old spending four years in prison and registering for life as a sex offender.

(See SODOMY, page 9)

2 killed in wreck at Hunter

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

HUNTER — Two Floyd County residents were killed in a two-vehicle accident at Hunter last week.

Floyd County Coroner Greg Nelson said Jeffery Hamilton, 36, of Allen, and Karen Mitchell, 43, of Bevinville, were killed in the collision.

According to reports, a 2000 Dodge truck driven by James Stone crossed the center

(See WRECK, page 9)

Big Sandy Regional Airport has open house

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

DEBORD — "Just about everything you see is new," said manager Gary Cox, beaming, as he explained the work performed that led Big Sandy Regional Airport to hold an open house Saturday.

The airport invited the public, along with numerous dignitaries, to visit its terminal and inspect the facelift that took place.

Cox said the renovations — the first since the airport opened 26 years ago — were important in promoting the region to outside visitors.

"For a lot of people, this is their first impression of Eastern Kentucky, and we want them to have a good impression," Cox said. "Eastern Kentucky has to fight enough negative stereotypes, as it

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Various official, airport board members and the general public toured the Big Sandy Regional Airport Saturday, during an open house to show off recent renovations.

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Obituaries

Sally Swiger Conn

Sally Swiger Conn, 51, of Banner, died on June 2, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. Born February 29, 1960, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Herbert L. Swiger, Jr. and Kitty Spurlock Swiger and Daiores Barbe Swiger. She was the wife of Michael D. Conn. She was a homemaker and member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell County.

Survivors include sons and daughters: Amanda Allison, husband, Bradley Gearheart, Harold, Ky., Katrina Larosa Justice, (David Conn) Banner, Ky., Charles Edward wife Lisa Justice, Garrett, Ky., Michael Conn Jr., Pikeville, Ky., Jamie Conn, Pikeville, Ky., Bredeanna Conn, Banner, Ky., Brothers and Sisters: Herbert K. Swiger, Ivel, KY., Anthony Q. Swiger, Tram, Ky., James A. Swiger, Eastern, Ky., Mark L. Swiger, Betsy Layne, Ky., Linda C. Vance, Wooster, Ohio, Amelia D. Shanley, Hazel Green, Ky. Grandchildren: Leiland, Zach, Dylan, Adam, Emily, Tristan, Autumn, Trinda, Tranda, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 5, at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell. Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jeffery Alan Hamilton

Jeffery Alan Hamilton, 36, of Allen, died on June 1, 2011, in Floyd County. Born September 8, 1974, in Floyd County, he was the son of Sie Jr. and Christine Collins Hamilton, of Hi Hat, the grandson of Roberta Collins of Price, the late Astor Collins, and the late Sie and Birdie Hamilton, and the late Kimberly Dawn Stephens Hamilton. He was a gas well driller for Crossrock Drilling, Inc.

Survivors include one daughter, Whitney Renee Hamilton of Allen; two sons: Christian Zachary Hamilton and Adam Shane Hamilton both of Allen; one brother: Jackie (Clara) Hamilton of Hi Hat, one sister: Lucinda (Jason) Mullins of Wheelwright; sister in laws: Kayla (Shawn) Hackworth and Lisa (Stanley) Howard both of Allen and nieces and nephews: Jessica Courtney, Andrew and McKenzie.

He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law: Debby Stephens and sister-in-law: Chrissy York.

Funeral services were held on Monday at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Henry Lewis officiating.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William "Billy" Walker Hayden

William "Billy" Walker Hayden, 70 years of age, passed away Monday, June 6, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born August 16, 1940, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Shirley Hayden and Alexander Hayden. He was a former maintenance worker with the Hawkins County Board of Education in Tennessee.

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William is survived by two sisters, Sharon Bernice Music and Jackie Lafferty; two brothers, Raymond Lee Hayden and James Edgar Hayden, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was the choice of the deceased.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Sarah K. Hicks

Sarah K. Hicks, age 86, of Garrard, wife of the late Sedge Hicks, passed away Saturday, June 4, 2011, in the Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville.

She was born May 23, 1925, in Magoffin County, the daughter of the late Bill Whitaker and Polly Ellen Hale Whitaker. Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and Retired from Bohn Aluminum, and a member of the Salt Lick Community Church.

Survivors include one son, Sedge Hicks Jr. and his wife, Pam, of Butler, Ind.; three daughters: Billie Marie O'Quinn and her husband, Danny, Maudie Sexton and her husband, Bob, both of Garrett, and Betty Blomeke and her husband, David, of Waterloo, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Hicks was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one grandson.

Funeral services for Sarah K. Hicks were conducted Tuesday, June 7, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Clergymen Dolvin Ratliff and Chester Ray Varney officiating. Burial followed in the Hicks Cemetery, at Hippo, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Arnold Avas "Buggs" Manuel Jr.

Arnold Avas "Buggs" Manuel Jr., 67, of Dinwood, died June 5, 2011, at Hazard Hospice Care Center.

Born on December 24, 1943, in Martin. He was the son of Ocie Isaac Manuel and the late Arnold "Duck" Manuel and the husband of Janet Sexton Manuel. He was a retired coal-miner and a veteran of the United States Army.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teabery. Burial followed at Hollybush Cemetery, in Beaver.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one sister, Wanda Symon.

He is survived by sons and daughters: Ronnie Mnauel, Larry Manuel, both of Martin, Ky., Pam (Chris) Hamilton, Grethel, KY., Janet Renee Sexton (Donnie Thacker) Hindman, Ky., brothers and sister: Roger Dale Manuel, Allen, Ky., Charles Edward (Sissy) Manuel, Martin, Ky., Brenda (Don) Ousley, Martin, Ky., 7 Grandchildren, 4 Great Grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted June 8, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Johnny Patton and Jim Stephens officiating.

Burial followed at Dingus Cemetery in Dinwood.

Karen L. "Shorty" Mitchell

Karen L. "Shorty" Mitchell, 43, of Bevensville, died on June 1, 2011, in Floyd County. Born January 3, 1968, in Clewiston, Fla., she was the daughter of Thomas "Tommy" Strickland, of Crystal Rivers, Fla., and Teresa Dupree Strickland, of Rutherfordton, North Carolina. She was the ex-wife of Gary Mitchell, of Bevensville. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons: David Irvin, Picketon, Ohio, Christopher (Sarah) Irvin, Waverly, Ohio, Sisters: Kim Wilson, Maryville, Tennessee, Kristine Stone Stuart, Florida. Grandchildren: Haylie Hodge, Zarek Hodge, Adnan Irvin, Trinity Irvin, Caleb Irvin, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teabery. Burial followed at Hollybush Cemetery, in Beaver.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Raymond F. Mynhier, Jr.

Raymond F. Mynhier, Jr., 61, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away June 3, 2011 in the loving arms of his wife of 31 years, Sophia Reece Mynhier. He was born

November 23, 1949 in Martin, KY to the late Raymond F. Mynhier and Agnes Faye Taylor Mynhier. In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, Cory Ray Mynhier, two daughters, Leslie Mynhier Jacobsen (Chris) and Amy Mynhier (Wilson), two brothers, Cecil Wesley Setser (Bethel) and Charles R. Mynhier (Margie) one sister, Ramona Mynhier Egbert (Gene), two grandsons, Vaughn Wolf Jacobsen and Luke Wilson Bordeaux. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Wilma Faye Setser.

Ray served as a US Army Ranger in Vietnam where he was assigned as a scout dog handler. He was wounded in combat and awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor.

After his military service, Ray worked as a truck driver for several years. Ray and his wife owned and operated R. & S. Dump Trucking, Inc. in Jacksonville for 23 years.

Funeral services will be held Wed., June 8, 10 a.m. in Ratford Road Church, Macclenny, Fla. with Rev. Eddie Griffis officiating followed by interment in Jacksonville National Cemetery with US Army honors. The family will receive friends at Fraser Funeral Home, 8168 Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville, Fla. on Tuesday, June 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Donnie Ed Ousley

Donnie Ed Ousley, age 60, of Denver, husband of Candace Patricia Moran Ousley, passed away on Sunday, June 5th, 2011, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Taylor Ousley and the late Renis Ousley.

Mr. Ousley was a retired Printer for Executive Printing, in Pikeville, and a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, of Denver.

Preceding him death were his parents and a sister, Fayette Ousley.

Donnie is survived by a son, Brent Allen Blake, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a daughter, Susan Ousley Goble, of Prestonsburg; a brother, Joe Ed Ousley, of Warsaw, Ind.; and a sister, Melinda Lou Hager, of Martin.

Funeral Services for Donnie Ed Ousley was conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin. Burial followed in the Taylor Ousley Cemetery, on Martin.

Lazelle Williams

Lazelle Williams, age 80, of Banner, widow of Pete Williams, passed away Monday, June 6, 2011, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born April 28,

1931, at Dana, a daughter of the late Allen W. and Myrtle Boyd Akers. She was a homemaker and a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Keith (Donna) Williams, of Dana; two brothers, Artis and Ray Akers, both of Dana; four grandchildren, Alan (Marsha) Williams, Rachel Williams (Tom) Linville, Brian (Andrea) Davis and Matthew Williams; five great grandchildren, Joshua, Benjamin and Lydia Williams, Juliana Linville and Annaleigh Davis.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by her daughter, Wanda Davis; three brothers, Ervin, Hoover and Evan Akers; and one sister, Juanita Akers.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 9, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Belmont Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Williams Cemetery, at Banner. Visitation was after 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.



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THE FAMILY OF TOBY S. COOLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Patricia Ann Cochrane Adkins 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 Jerry Garfield Adkins for his comforting message, the 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 PATRICIA ANN COCHRAN

Card of Thanks

The family of George Nick Clark 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 Freewill Baptist Ministers for their comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always remember all the expressions of love and kindness to our family.

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE NICK CLARK

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New laws take effect today

FRANKFORT — Higher dollar amounts for small claims court cases and the approval of wellness rewards for health insurance plans are among the dozens of new laws set to take effect this week.

Under the state constitution, most new laws take effect 90 days after the end of the legislative session. Laws passed during the 2011 Regular Session, which ended March 9, will become effective on June 8, except for those with emer-

gency clauses or with specific effective dates contained within the bills themselves.

Among the issues affected by legislation taking effect on June 8 are the following:

- African-American Heritage. Senate Bill 64 creates the Kentucky Center for African-American Heritage and outlines its board membership.
- Carbon dioxide. SB 50 includes pipelines for captured carbon dioxide in

the eminent domain process, allowing such a pipeline to be constructed through Western Kentucky.

- Courts. SB 108 increases the jurisdiction of district courts in civil cases from \$4,000 to \$5,000 and the jurisdiction of small claims courts from \$1,500 to \$2,500.
- Diabetes. SB 63 creates a collaborative group to identify goals and plans to reduce incidences of diabetes and improve diabetes care. SB 71 creates a licens-

ing process for diabetes educators.

- Doctoral programs. SB 130 allows the state's six comprehensive universities to offer certain advanced practice doctoral programs within limits.
- Education. HB 425 allows out-of-state veterans to qualify for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities.
- Eye care. SB 110 allows optometrists to perform certain types of laser surgery, including treat-

ments for glaucoma and cataracts.

- Firearms. HB 308 establishes a program for people who have been banned from purchasing a firearm due to mental illness to recover that right.
- Flu shots. SB 40 allows pharmacists to give flu shots to children ages 9-13.
- Government publications. HB 33 bans state agencies from mailing most publications to the public unless they are requested by the recipient.
- Homelessness. SB 26 reduces the fee for ID cards for the homeless from \$12 to \$4.
- Occupational and physical therapy. SB 112 limits health insurance copays on occupational and physical therapy sessions to no higher than that of regular doctor's visits.
- Prescriptions. HB 311 allows Schedule II prescriptions, including oxycodone and hydrocodone, to be transmitted electronically or by fax. The bill also allows Schedule III-V drugs to be transmitted by fax; those can already be transmitted electronically.
- Principals. SB 12 authorized local school superintendents to appoint principals after consultation with the school-based decision making council, a reversal of the current procedure.

- School board elections. HB 228 increases the contribution limits for school board candidates to \$200 for individuals and \$1,000 for organizations.
- Traffic laws. HB 289 adds fines for driving over the 70 miles-per-hour speed limit and clarifies that vehicle-integrated GPS units are exempt from the state's ban on texting or using other communications devices while driving.
- Voter registration. HB 192 requires high schools to provide seniors information on how to register to vote and related information.
- Wellness programs. SB 114 allows private health insurance plans to offer incentives and awards for wellness programs.

CAPITOL VISIT



On Wednesday, McDowell Elementary students who were either on the school's academic team or had perfect attendance visited Kentucky's Capitol in Frankfort. While there, they got the opportunity to visit with House Speaker Greg Stumbo, who spoke to them about the inner workings of the House of Representatives. Here, they're all pictured at the Speaker's chair in the House chamber.

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Viewpoint

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— Abbie Hoffman

Guest View

Fighting cancer and high costs

by DOUGLAS E. SCHOEN

Partisan fighting over skyrocketing Medicare costs has dominated the nation's healthcare discussion, overshadowing critical issues that must be addressed immediately.

We need a health care system that encourages medical innovation and drug creation. Ours is currently being constrained by regulatory complexity, patent expirations, budget cuts, and uncertainty about litigation exposure. At the same time, we need to determine ways to trim spending and cut costs on excessive and expensive parts of health care.

One issue of great concern is the rising costs associated with treating cancer. Although better cancer detection and decades of developing innovative cancer treatments are increasing cancer survival rates, this progress is also driving up the amount that is spent on cancer medicines.

The good news is that by 2020, the number of U.S. cancer survivors may rise 30 percent, to 18 million. Since 1980, life expectancy has increased about three years — 83 percent of those gains are attributable to new treatments. One study found that since 1975, medicines have accounted for 50-60 percent of survival rate increases.

A new report from the National Cancer Institute found death rates fell about 1.6 percent yearly between 2003 and 2007. Such a decline is immensely valuable for our healthcare system. According to research by University of Chicago economists, decreasing cancer death rates by 10 percent would be worth approximately \$4.4 trillion in economic value to current and future generations.

Last year saw great progress in the development of new cancer treatments. An American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) report identified 12 major advances last year, eight of which related to new medicines. Unfortunately, this improvement has resulted in higher costs.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that medical costs associated with cancer could rise to \$207 billion by 2020. Last year, according to Medco's annual Drug Trend Report, prices for oncology medications rose 11.5 percent.

This is in part due to increased use, but largely because the costs of the therapies themselves are increasing and there is a limited amount of generic equivalents for these specialty drugs. Over 90 percent of anti-cancer drugs approved since 2004 cost more than \$20,000 — and few generic equivalents exist.

This increase in costs is felt by consumers and negatively impacts patients' treatments. A new study by the Journal of Oncology Practice and the American Journal of Managed Care found 10% of patients failed to fill new prescriptions for oral cancer drugs.

People with high cost-sharing insurance plans and those taking several drugs were more likely to quit treatment.

Patients with prescriptions that had cost sharing of over \$500 were four times more likely to abandon their medication than those with cost sharing of \$100 or less, and 16% of new patients had out-of-pocket costs of over \$500.

These findings are alarming. How can we address the increasing costs of cancer treatments and subsequent abandonment by patients?

Policies must be developed to encourage treatment adherence. Continued and preventative treatments decrease serious illness and costly treatment down the road.

A study of diabetes patients found those who took their medicine improperly were 2.5 times more likely to be hospitalized than those who followed their treatment regimes. Reducing hospital stays will decrease health care costs, as they account for 42% of all medical spending.

Policy makers must develop policies that emphasize compliance with treatment protocols. The best way to contain health care costs is prevention — that combined with public and corporate programs focusing on reducing harmful behaviors, will keep medical costs from skyrocketing.

We must then work to develop and identify policies that reduce the impact of expensive prescription drug plans, as the correlation between cost sharing and drug abandonment is clear.

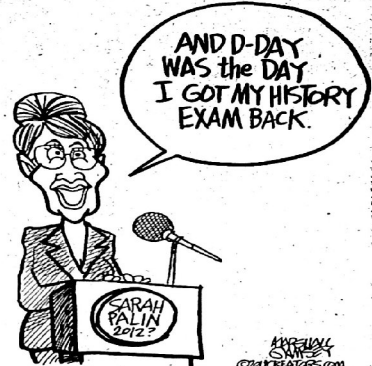
Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan to subsidize the costs of

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Worth Repeating ...

Revolution is not something fixed in ideology, nor is it something fashioned to a particular decade. It is a perpetual process embedded in the human spirit.

— Abbie Hoffman



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

With summer vacation now in full swing, the last thing students may want to think about is school. But that shouldn't stop the rest of us, because, overall, the report card is pretty good.

Consider the number of students who secured a degree or certificate from Kentucky's colleges and universities this past year. There were nearly 63,000 altogether, according to the Council on Postsecondary Education, an 11 percent increase when compared to 2009-10.

You can find even better news within that figure. KCTCS, for example, saw a 13 percent increase in associate degrees, and graduate degrees like doctorates went up nearly 10 percent.

This trend is anything but new. Over the past decade the number of associate degrees awarded annually has doubled, and graduate degrees have increased by more than half. The number of four-year degrees, meanwhile, is up 40 percent. In other words, a far greater percentage of Kentuckians is either going on to college after high school or is returning to the classroom to improve their career.

The numbers themselves aren't the only thing looking up; the college readiness of our high school seniors is improving as well. Last December, the Council on Postsecondary Education reported that the Class of 2008 was stronger in every subject academically than the Class of 2002.

A little more than 43,000 high school seniors received their diploma in 2008, and almost exactly two-thirds went right into college that fall, with most staying in the Commonwealth. There were one-sixth fewer students need-

ing to take remedial classes that year than in 2002, with English showing the most improvement over the six-year period.

We're seeing similar levels of success in other subjects within elementary and secondary education. In January, the National Assessment of Educational Progress — known informally as the "Nation's Report Card" — said that our fourth and eighth graders scored "significantly above the national average" in science.

The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a private, non-profit organization that has long played a pivotal role in education reform, said last fall that Kentucky has either already reached top 20 status in several categories when compared to the rankings of other states, or will be there by the year 2020.

Fourth and eighth graders have already crossed that threshold when it comes to reading, and several other areas projected to join them include fourth grade

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House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Electric rates across Kentucky would likely increase as utilities prepare to spend around \$9 billion over the next five or six years to comply with proposed or pending federal environmental regulations, a state legislative committee heard last week.

John Voyles with LG&E and KU Energy told the Interim Joint Committee on Natural Resources and Environment that his company applied June 1 to the Public Service Commission for a rate increase of up to 12.2 percent for KU's nearly 546,000 customers by 2016 and up to 19 percent for LG&E's 397,000 electric customers to help recoup its costs. Wholesale rates could increase 40 percent by 2015 for customers of Big Rivers Electric in Henderson to help that company recoup expected costs, said company spokesman John Talbot.

Big Rivers Electric, which distributes electricity and other services to more than 111,000 customers, estimates it will pay \$785 million initially to develop

equipment necessary for compliance with new federal regulations, Talbot said.

"It's a grave concern to our country and the western Kentucky economy," Talbot said, adding the increase would affect industrial employers such as aluminum smelters that pull much of Big Rivers' customer load.

"Anyone who has a job here may not have that type of job when these increases go through," said committee co-chair Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, who chaired today's meeting. Gooch said there is no way an industry will stay in the U.S. if it is required to pay an electricity rate increase of 20-30 percent or more.

East Kentucky Power Cooperative official Nick Comer said his company — which supplies power to 519,000 Kentucky customers — estimates compliance with the proposed regulations could cost his company at least \$700 million while forcing EKPC customer rates to rise by more than 20 percent. The company has already spent over \$1.8 billion in the past five or six years on clean coal technology and retrofitting, Comer said.

Similar reports of likely rate hikes were shared by officials from Kentucky Power, which

serves around 175,000 customers throughout eastern Kentucky, and Duke Energy, which serves approximately 3 million customers in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and the Carolinas.

Sen. Joe Bowen, R-Owensboro, asked officials from the utilities what role state environmental officials play, and opposed to the federal Environmental Protection Agency, in the regulatory process and how do the roles interact. Voyles said the federal rules are given to the states to be carried out, although states can approve regulations that are more, not less, stringent than the federal rules.

When asked by another lawmaker if utilities have taken action to extend the compliance deadlines, company officials said that their employees are taking such action. Jimmy Keeton with Kentucky Power said short timelines have his company asking questions like "do we switch to gas?" and "do we shut the plant down?"

All rate increases requested by regulated utilities must be approved by the PSC before they can take effect.

I will share more news from Frankfort with you in my next article. Until then, have a great week.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Twenty years ago

(June 5 and June 7, 1991)
 Allen Central High School will hold commencement Saturday, June 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium. One hundred fifteen students will graduate. Shots were fired at two Floyd County deputies Sunday night at David, while officers were answering complaints of gunfire in that area. Deputy Lloyd Powers and auxiliary deputy Roger Slone were shot at approximately six times by Lanie Shepherd, an elderly resident of David, said Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson. The deputies were not injured. Thompson said officers were investigating a report of shots being fired in the area when approximately six shots were fired in their direction. The shots came from the area of two homes in the vicinity, and a neighbor that was questioned that night, claims sheriff's deputies harassed him. The prospect of having a Morehead State University Extended Campus in Prestonsburg is quickly becoming a reality. The lease has been signed and the interim director has been appointed. If all goes well, classes will begin August 19. Representatives from MSU have been looking into locating the higher education facility in the old Hecks building at Highlands Plaza for some time now. A 30-year-old Floyd County man was sentenced Thursday, May 30, in Federal District Court in Pikeville by Judge Joseph M. Hood on a charge of mail theft. Franklin Delano Hagans received a sentence of six months incarceration, to be satisfied by serving three months in prison and three months in a halfway house, according to Assistant States Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor, who prosecuted the case. A preliminary autopsy Monday proved inconclusive in determining the cause of death of a 31-year-old Tram man found in his car Monday evening. Clay Webster Charles was found dead sitting in a 1987 Plymouth station wagon in the parking lot at Velocity Market at Betsy Layne, said Kentucky State Police. The Floyd County Board of Elections will begin a canvass of voting machine totals on Wednesday, June 5, beginning at 6 p.m., at the storage building on the West Mountain Parkway. Larry Forgy, Republican candidate for governor, and John Lackey, Democratic candidate for attorney general, filed a request to canvass all voting machines and absentee ballots. The Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre will be opening in two weeks, and once again,

promises an entertaining summer line for the residents and visitors of Floyd County. Opening night is scheduled for Friday, June 21, with "Gypsy" being the first production of the summer. A federal jury in Pikeville convicted a Knott County elementary school teacher, her husband and son, Tuesday, on eight charges relating to a drug conspiracy and growing 4,590 marijuana plants. Donna Gaye Brenner Hall, 57, of Kite was convicted on four charges and Claude Hall Sr., 64, and Claude David Hall Jr., 37, of Kite were convicted on eight charges. Arson has been cited as the cause for a fire that destroyed a home at Stone Coal early Wednesday morning. Kentucky State Police arson investigator Barry McKenzie said Wednesday that a fire at the same home last week was an apparent arson and, since the structure burned Wednesday, it would be further investigated by the KSP. Termination of security service contracts in the Floyd County schools will be discussed at Tuesday's board meeting at Prestonsburg High School. There died: Ruth Hall Moore, 65, of Wayland, Saturday, June 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sanford "Kelly" Layne, 77, of Ivel, Saturday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Helen Williamson, 59, of Waukegan, Illinois, formerly of Estill, Sunday, at the St. Theresa Hospital in Waukegan, Illinois; Ethel Mae Lafferty Burchett Boote, 76, of Allen Park, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, May 29; Roger Dale Bentley, 44, of Wayland, Thursday, at his residence, after an apparent heart attack; James McKinley Frazier, 69, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Maytown, Saturday, at Ypsilanti Hospital; James Darrell Slone, son of Bobby L. and Maggie C. Watkins Slone, was stillborn at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Saturday; Johnny Lee Lewis, 60, of Stratton Branch, Prestonsburg, Monday, at his residence; Topsis Evans, 62, of Greithel, Tuesday, at her residence; Ralph Blankenship, 87, of Lakeland, Florida, formerly of Wayland Monday, at the Lakeland Health Care Center; Minnie Jordan, 71, of

Beaver, Monday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; Charles Johnson, 63, of Melvin, Tuesday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Roxie Moore Horton, 85, of Portsmouth, Virginia, formerly of Wayland, Wednesday, at Maryview Hospital there; Alma Robinson Baldrige, 85, of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Bethel Park; Dester Hamilton, 61, of Beaver, Tuesday, at his home.

Thirty years ago

(June 10, 1981)
 Flooding took place this past weekend with \$3 million in damages reported, including \$1.5 million damage to roads, \$800,000 to county schools and \$500,000 to crops. Congressman Carl D. Pettit asked Governor Brown and President Reagan to declare Floyd and nine other surrounding counties as disaster areas. The Floyd County school system had its hiring meeting this week, assigning 468 teaching positions and 483 non-teaching posts. Prestonsburg High School remains without a principal after Bobby Wells resigned the post to return to classroom teaching. Ronald Stewart Wright, former Prestonsburg High School football player who was paralyzed in the 1976 Prestonsburg v. Morgan County game, was awarded \$7 million in damages at federal court in Covington. The 72-day-old coal mine strike ended Monday with the miners ratifying a new 40-month contract. The City Council of Martin acted Monday night to clear up its garbage collection and disposal problems through negotiation of a new franchise to Pete Grigsby Jr., who sublet the garbage service to Paul Slone. There died: Saul Perry, 85, of Prestonsburg, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Odie Hunter, 23, of Wellington, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, in a motorcycle accident near his hometown; Justin Tommy Tackett, 3-month-old son of Tommy and Kim Tackett, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Rutherford Bee Hayes, 75, of Betsy Layne, at his home; Steven Garrett, 10, of Betsy Layne at Pikeville Methodist; Rosina Moore

Crum, 87, of Wayland, at Louisa Community Hospital; Susan Tackett, seven-day-old daughter of Edgar and Darlene Tackett, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington.

Program had failed, at a June 1 meeting in Washington, to show cause why the OEO (See YESTERDAYS, page 6)

Forty years ago
(June 10, 1971)
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Yesterdays

grant financing it should not be at least temporarily withdrawn...The Floyd County Board of Education employed last Saturday 390 principals and teachers to staff the regular classrooms of the county school system...Sheriff Frank Leslie said Monday that eight persons are involved in the taking of cash and merchandise from a Cow Creek home and two Buffalo Creek stores last week...The annual anti-rabies clinic conducted by the Floyd County Health Department will begin Tuesday morning, June 15...Five students have been named to the dean's list at Eastern Kentucky University for the fall semester. They are Susan C. Roberts, Rebecca M. Haywood, and Joe B. Vance, all of Prestonsburg; Wallace G. Cook, of Drift, and Betty S. Hutchinson, of Martin...Governor Nunn has reiterated his opposition to imposing a severance tax on coal in Kentucky, in the absence of a similar levy in coal-producing states...There died: Mrs. Caldera Broglin, 61, of Wheelwright, at the McDowell Hospital, last Thursday; Willie J. Hall, 65, of the Lake Road near here, Sunday at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Clara Pruitt King, 76, of Harold, Wednesday, in a Pikeville hospital; Miss Hattie Martin, 89, of Martin, Friday at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Lawrence Hamilton, 85, at his home at Harold, Sunday; Harris Hackworth, 86, at his home at Brainerd, Tuesday; Mrs. Ecie Ellen Jackson, 84, of Cow Creek, last Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty years ago (June 8, 1961)

First of two contest actions expected as an outgrowth of the recent primary election was filed around noon Wednesday by Scott Collins, attorney for Lawrence Hale. A second, in which David B. Leslie would contest the nomination of Henry C. Hale for Sheriff, is expected to be filed before the Wednesday midnight deadline...Needs of the Big Sandy Valley and plans to cure the ill of the area will be studied here next Wednesday by valley and state leaders in a 1961 Program 60 Area Development Workshop at the high school cafeteria...The Floyd County Board of Education at its meeting here Saturday reaffirmed its intention to purchase the proposed 19.5 acres of land upon which it plans to build a consolidated school on Middle Creek...The special grand jury convened Monday morning by Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill to delve into rumors of extensive election law violations at the May 23 primary was in its third day of work Wednesday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn DeBoard, of David, a son, Thomas Wayne Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Herbert, of Denver, Colo., a daughter, Elizabeth Irene...There died: Richard (Dickie) Layne, 17, of Dema, Sunday, following injuries sustained in a swimming accident; Mrs. Gallie Ousley, 81, of Dock, Saturday at her home; Tilman Mullins, 49, formerly of the Left Beaver section, Saturday, at Huntington, West Virginia.

Sixty years ago (June 7, 1951)

The Floyd County Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday, authorized County Superintendent Palmer L. Hall to file application with the State Department of Education for a \$400,000 bond issue, the greater part of which will be spent on school construction...Trial of a Floyd

County man charged with whiskey selling, Saturday, here, resulted in a few minutes of tense courtroom drama when Sheriff A.B. Meade hurled a pint bottle of the whiskey offered as an exhibit in the trial at Burnis Martin, attorney for the defendant, while Martin was interrogating him. Martin retaliated by hurling a chair at the Sheriff, and a well-filled courtroom was in near-panic before order could be restored...Although there were almost 100 fewer new claims for unemployment compensation filed at the office here of the Kentucky Unemployment Service in May than in the preceding month, the labor situation remains far from bright, it was said this week...A ninth inning homer by Elmer Lafferty with two men on base broke a 4-all deadlock, Sunday, between Allen and Drift, and continued Allen's unbroken winning streak which began five games back with the start of the season...There died: Lee P. May, 85, former Floyd County Sheriff, Sunday, at his home here; W. H. (Bill) Wheeler, 52, former Prestonsburg man, last Tuesday, in California; Mrs. Elizabeth Patton Horn, 62, Friday at her home here; Henry Shell, 30, Saturday, here; Mark Lee Kade, 66, Sunday at his home at Honaker; Mrs. Sarah Ann King, 79, Monday, at her home at Osborne; Anderson Branham, 74, last Thursday, at his home at Sugar Loaf; Mrs. Sarah Meadows Hyden, 89, Sunday, at the home of a son at Katy Friend.

Seventy years ago (June 5, 1941)

Three hundred-ninety teachers and 23 substitute teachers were hired Tuesday by the Floyd County Board of Education for service during the coming school year in county and high schools...One of the 18 bullets fired in a revolver duel late Friday afternoon at Lacey between a policeman and his predecessor in office took effect, and Lacey's 20-year-old Town Marshal, Marvin (Jack) Triplett, fell dying...A school population of 16,817—and girls aged six to 17 inclusive—will net Floyd County, on the basis of the proposed school per capita of \$12.70, a total of \$213,575.90...Porter Motor Company, of Prestonsburg (Phone 2479), offered a brand new Nash four-door sedan in this week's paper for \$795...Scheduled to appear at both the Martin Theatre and the Broadway Theatre, Prestonsburg, in the next few days, are a person's Cousin Emma and Her Kinfolks...There died: Mrs. Wm. Arthur Beatty, former Prestonsburg resident, May 23, at her home at Nippa; Mrs. Maria Howard, 61, Sunday, at her home at Blue River.



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The local Floyd County chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently accepted new members including Sam Hatcher, David Taylor, Joe Burchett and Roger Ratliff as well as assigning new officers with Hatcher as Treasurer, James Spencer as Historian, Floyd Paris as Chaplain, Gary Howard as Secretary and Registrar, Sam Thompson as Vice-President and Dr. Larry Leslie as President.

Sons of the American Revolution local chapter resumes meetings

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG
The Sons of the American Revolution Floyd County chapter met late last month for the first time in a long time, and members are hoping to again stoke interest in the organization at a local level.

Gary Howard, a member, said during a May meeting of the chapter, several new members were brought and that the organization's president was present to actually bring these new members in.

"It was a real honor to have the president of our organization be here to do that," Howard said. "I think it will mean a lot to seeing us get back up and going."

The new members included Sam Hatcher, David Taylor, Joe Burchett and Roger Ratliff, all of whom were sworn in by present president Forest Chilton.

The Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated on Jan. 17, 1890, in Connecticut and later chartered by Congress in the summer of 1906. The first Congress of the National Society, however, was held in Louisville on the 101st anniversary of George Washington taking the oath of office at the nation's first president.

"We're hoping to expand and bring in more members," continued Howard. "The whole organization has more than 20,000 members in total, but we'd like to see our local chapter grow."

The national headquar-



Rev. Forest Chilton, president of the Sons of the American Revolution, presided over the last local chapter meeting of the organization in Prestonsburg. The local chapter is hoping to expand and bring in new members in the coming months.

ters for the some 27,000 members is located in Louisville with societies in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and Switzerland.

Requirements to become a member are that the prospective individual be a man at least 18 and a lineal descendant of an ancestor who supported the war for

American Independence. These ancestors are referred to within the organization as "Revolutionary War Patriots" and include those who fought in the military or militia, who provided supplies to the cause, served on political bodies supporting the Revolution or who signed oaths of support and similar acts.

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may be eligible for membership can contact the headquarters in Louisville at (502) 589-1776.

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At 60, Vasvary begins new career, with help from National

PIKEVILLE — The economy may have downsized in 2009, but the dreams of recent national College Pikeville Campus graduate Carol Vasvary never did.

After working for an automotive company as a production facilitator for 15 years, Vasvary lost her job when the company scaled back in 2009 and eliminated several positions. As a result, she came home to Eastern Kentucky to find work, but chose to enroll at National College first.

At the age of 59, Vasvary enrolled in the pharmacy technician program at the Pikeville campus, and now, at the age of 60, she is a proud graduate working full-time for Economy Drug, a local pharmacy in downtown Pikeville.

As the daughter of a coal miner and a primarily stay-at-home mom, Vasvary knows the value of hard work and determination. "After I lost my job, I came home to look for more work. When I couldn't find meaningful employment, I decided it was time to continue my education. With the help of the Workforce Investment Act and the

knowledgeable, caring staff at National, I was able to enroll in the pharmacy technician program, a field that I felt was growing and expanding," she said with enthusiasm.

When asked about her time at National, Vasvary was all smiles. "I really enjoyed the small atmosphere. Everyone was so friendly. I was made to feel so welcome from the first day I walked in the door. I felt at home. The staff was amazing. They helped with my schedule, got me started on the right path. Everyone was wonderful. When you wait until your 59 years old to go back to school, that kind of atmosphere makes all the difference."

Outside of academics, Vasvary loves the friendships she made along the way during her time at the Pikeville campus. "The friends I made at National will become lifelong friends, and that is really important to me. I couldn't have asked for more."

Starting on the right path led Vasvary to her new job as a pharmacy technician at Economy Drug. Not only is it important to me, I couldn't have asked for more. "I loves what she does, which "makes all the difference,"



Carol Vasvary enjoyed her time at national College and loves her new job.

she shares when asked about her new job.

"You know, the people I work with are wonderful, the hours are awesome, and I get to help people. And all started with National," she says candidly. "Bobbi in the Career Center called

me with this job lead. I put in my application, got a phone call that same evening, and interviewed within the week. I was offered the job right after the interview, accepted the position, and started the following week. National College made all of this possible."

Carol, recipient of the Leadership Award at the Pikeville Campus' graduation on May 23, had one last National College memory she had to share. "You know the best part? My 95-year-old mother was able to watch me walk across the stage at graduation and receive my award and my degree, so it was very special. Definitely a super moment. And I owe it all to National."

Summa

math, the number of high school students getting credit for Advanced Placement courses that count toward college credit and the percentage of students who go on to postsecondary school after finishing high school.

Though the news in our schools is generally positive, there are still challenges. While the number of those going to college is growing, only about half of those who start a four-year degree program complete it within six years. In addition, more than a third of incoming college freshmen still need basic help in one or more subjects.

The Prichard Committee also notes that we are not making many gains compared to other states when it comes to academic improvement in high school and getting more young children enrolled in preschool.

Fortunately, the same drive that helped Kentucky

achieve what it has over the last decade is as strong as ever. In the last two years alone we have done such things as mandate more concrete and rigorous standards and require, sometimes-drastring measures with our lowest-performing schools. We have also done all we can to protect education funding during the toughest economic downturn in generations.

I was proud to help shepherd education reform through the General Assembly more than two decades ago, and to say I'm

pleased with our progress since then would be an understatement. We have come a long way during that time, but we're far from done. I'm committed to making sure that our best days still lie ahead.

On a personal note, I want to say how much I enjoyed meeting a group of students from McDowell Elementary in the Capitol this past week. During their visit, I got a chance to show them the House chamber, the room where so many positive laws affecting education got their start.

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Editorial

prescription drugs for seniors, must be preserved.

As we work to restructure our health care system in light of the increasing and unsustainable costs of the system, we must ensure cancer patients get access to newer therapies.

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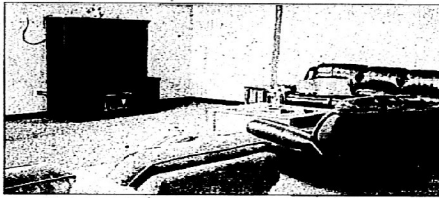
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Airport

The terminal now sports new furniture, flooring, paint and ceiling tiles. The bathrooms have been completely redone, and a fire place has been added to greet visitors with a warmth that extends beyond room temperature.

But it is the outside of the building for which Cox shows the most pride. Formerly a drab stucco, the outside has been covered in rock.



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One of the improvements made at Big Sandy Regional Airport is a lounge where pilots can rest after their flights.

All of the improvements were paid for with coal severance tax dollars. Floyd and Martin counties chipped in \$50,000 in coal money each.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who attended the open house and took advantage of a plane ride over the region, said it was important to support the airport, because of how lucrative such facilities are to the communities they serve.

"The thing I am most proud about is that this is a link for economic development, which will entice corporations to come into our region," Marshall said. "The first question we're asked [by companies considering locating in the area] is, 'What size airport do you have?'"

Coupled with last year's extension of the airport's runway to 5,000 feet, Marshall said he believes the improvements at Big Sandy portend good news on the horizon.

"We're sitting on the bubble for some good things to happen to us," Marshall said.

State Rep. Hubert Collins, who was also on hand for the festivities, agrees that the airport is pivotal to the region's economic future.

"They did a survey across the state and found, where you find an airport, you find economic development," Collins said. "So, hopefully, that will be incentive enough for people to support the airport."

Teen charged with passing funny money at flea market

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WATERGAP — A Prestonsburg teen is now facing charges alleging he passed counterfeit money to four separate vendors at Water Gap Trade Center.

Christopher Diskey, 18, of Big Branch of Bull Creek, was arrested and is now set to appear for arraignment on June 15 on four charges of possession of a forged instrument.

Police allege that, on May 28, Diskey visited four vendors exchanging what was later found to be four counterfeit \$50 bills on each occasion.

During the first three exchanges, police said Diskey was given change back totaling \$4, \$43 and \$47, respectively.

During the fourth exchange with Christa Kimbler, Kimbler made a \$13 transaction but later noticed the bill was a fake and notified police.

The four bills did not have watermarks and three had the same serial number, police said.

The police report reflects that the alleged offenses took place at about 4 p.m. and that Diskey was arrested less than 20 minutes later. All four vendors later identified Diskey, according to police.

Diskey was jailed on a \$2,000 surety bond and was later released under the stipulation that he have no more arrests or violations, not consume alcohol or illegal drugs, have no contact with the complaining witnesses and that he report to pretrial services.

He is next set to appear for arraignment at 9:30 a.m. in Floyd County District Court on June 15.

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Wreck

line on Route 122 and collided with a truck driven by Hamilton. Mitchell was a passenger in Stone's vehicle.

Hamilton and Mitchell were pronounced dead at

the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Wesley Gayheart.

Other injured passengers in both vehicles were flown to a hospital located in Holston Valley, Tenn.

Sodomy

Hughes, of Pine Top, pleaded guilty to committing the act of first-degree sodomy with three victims under the age of 12. Two of the victims were male and one was female. As part of the plea agreement, three charges of first-degree sexual abuse were dropped.

"After the jury was picked, Mr. Hughes indicated he was willing to enter a plea," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Jordan Turner. "He wasn't willing to enter a plea at all up until that point."

Because of Hughes' age

and the severity of the charges, Turner is pleased with the plea agreement.

"It's a huge victory to get him to admit to those charges," said Turner. "The family of the victims is also happy. From the beginning, they wanted to resolve it to keep the children from going through the trauma of having to testify."

After serving four years, Hughes will be released on a five-year conditional discharge. He must also complete a sex offender treatment program.

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Pike nursing home on list of most deficiencies

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County nursing home has been included as one of the facilities throughout the state with the most deficiencies found during recent inspections.

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pikeville was found to have 19 deficiencies in a recent survey that found more than 340 such problems in nursing homes statewide.

Parkview had the second most deficiencies among all the state's facilities, behind only Bluegrass Care &

Rehabilitation Center in Lexington, which had 20.

The data from the survey was obtained through an open records request by the statewide advocacy group, Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform, and covers the first three months of 2011 and is the latest information on the quality of nursing home care at this time.

According to a federal official, the average number of deficiencies for nursing homes in Kentucky is six for each inspection. This latest report shows that 20 nursing homes recently inspected had more than six

deficiencies and that seven nursing homes had 10 or more.

Across the commonwealth, only two nursing facilities had no deficiencies.

Detailed information on what the deficiencies covered is available. The state Office of Inspector General — at the urging of Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform — is now publishing the results of inspections on their website, <http://chfs.ky.gov/oig/LTCinspections.htm>, along with ownership information for each facility.

Murder

next day.

"She never came home," Turner said. "Several days went by and her sister found Tackett's phone number and called him to ask where she was. He told her that she had left on Saturday night with the other man. She knew that wasn't true because Margaret had called her from the house on Sunday."

Hall's sister filed a missing person report on March 30. On April 1, ATV riders discovered Hall's body near a strip mine in Honaker. Tackett's DNA was found on the body.

"She had been strangled with a rope or wire," Turner said. "Her hands were tied behind her back with a red bandana. She wasn't wearing shoes or socks. The leaves around her body were disturbed, so I believe she was alive and struggling at the scene."

Less than a year after the indictment, the investigat-

ing officer in the case, KSP Det. Joey Howard, died unexpectedly. Last year, the man who was with Tackett when he picked up Hall, and who was considered an important witness in the case, also died. The two deaths caused the case to slow down, as Tackett appeared not to be interested in entering a plea. Hall's sister also died recently. With the upcoming sentencing scheduled to be the end of the case, Turner said the victim's family is ready for closure.

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"It's been a long process for them," Turner said. "Everybody is happy there's been some justice in the case and he's going away."

Tony Ray Tackett is scheduled to be sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court at 1 p.m. on July 14.

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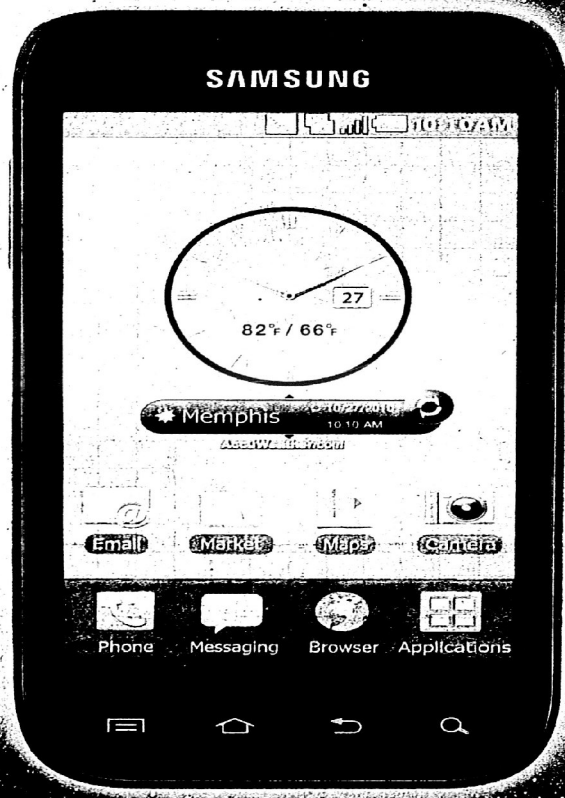
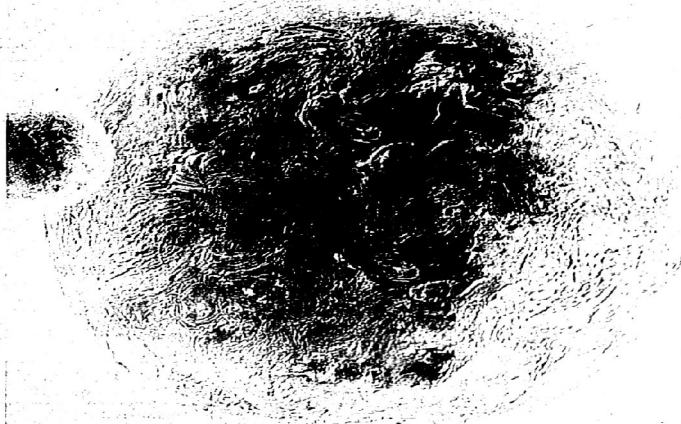
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Ambrose to drive Kinzer car in Prelude race

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROSSBURG, Ohio — For the second straight year, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Marcos Ambrose will be behind the wheel of a Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Late Model in the Prelude to the Dream race at Tony Stewart-owned Eldora Speedway. Late-Monday afternoon at the team's race shop in Allen, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports race team members Jimmy Cabral and Todd Moser were busy preparing the car for the NASCAR driver. The sev-

enth annual Prelude to the Dream is set for Wednesday at racing's most famed dirt track.

The event will feature stars from the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR Nationwide Series, NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, the IZOD IndyCar Series and the NHRA Full Throttle Drag Racing Series. All will join two-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series champion Tony Stewart in piloting 2,300-pound dirt Late Model stock cars around Eldora's half-mile oval.

The Prelude to the Dream is a team event. There is still an individual race

winner, but there is also a race within the race, with the field broken up into four teams, each representing a children's hospital. A breakdown of the teams follows.

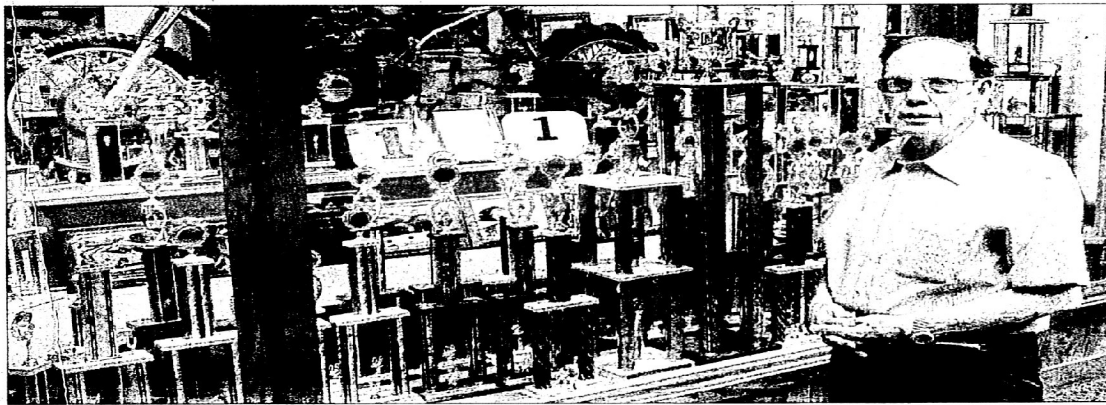
Team Levine (Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, N.C.; www.LevineChildrensHospital.org): Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Bill Elliott, David Reutimann, Austin Dillon, Ray Evernham and Cruz Pedregon.



Brandon Kinzer Motorsports crew member Todd Moser worked on the car NASCAR driver Marcos Ambrose will pilot in the Prelude to the Dream tonight.

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NEED FOR SPEED...OVER 200



J.W. "Willard" Kinzer stood in front of his trophy case at Kinzer Drilling Monday afternoon. Last Thursday, Kinzer went 221 miles per hour in his new Ford Mustang (pictured below). The Allen native is one of the NHRA's oldest licensed drivers.

Checking off his bucket list: Kinzer reaches 221 MPH in NHRA Unleashed event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — J.W. "Willard" Kinzer is 83 years young and faster than ever. Kinzer, one of the oldest licensed drivers in the NHRA (National Hot Rod Association), marked another item off of his bucket list on Thursday during an eventful day at Tulsa Raceway Park in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Allen native had going over 200 miles per hour on his bucket list. He was able to mark that item off of his bucket list last week. Kinzer, a Navy veteran, shattered the 200 miles per hour mark at the Oklahoma track. Competing in the NHRA Unleashed series, Kinzer went 221.85 miles per hour behind the wheel of his Ford Mustang, freshly acquired from fellow drag racer David Wolfe. Kinzer accomplished the feat during his first time out on the Tulsa track. But don't call it beginner's luck.

Kinzer admits, he's always had a need for speed. That push to go fast led him to turn the 221.85 miles per hour in the Twin Turbo Ford Mustang.

"I've always loved speed," Kinzer said. "Speed has always been my weakness all of my life. When I get old, I'm gonna slow down."

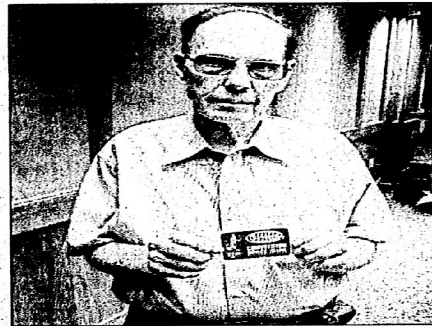
For now, there's no slowing down for the hard-charging Kinzer. He also competes in area burnout competitions in Prestonsburg

and Pikeville. This Saturday, area burnout competition and muscle car fans can catch Kinzer and some of his cars at the Riverfill area in downtown Pikeville. The event in downtown Pikeville is scheduled to get underway at 5 p.m.

Kinzer will make a short trip to the Mountain Arts Center on July 2 for the next Prestonsburg-hosted burnout competition. Drag racing, however, continues to keep the 83-year-old Kinzer busy. While the Mustang is currently undergoing maintenance in Pennsylvania, Kinzer is already anxiously anticipating the chance to get behind the wheel of one of his cars during another upcoming event. Kinzer is due to return to his home track, Bristol Motor Dragway, June 30. A legend at the track dubbed Thunder Valley, Kinzer continuously takes on challenges from competitors half his age and even younger. They all want to beat the "Old Man" or the "Man in Black" as many have called him.

Kinzer will compete in another NHRA Unleashed series event later in the season. In addition to traveling to Egypt, another item on Kinzer's bucket list is winning a "Wally" — a trophy named after Wallace Gordon "Wally" Parks, founder of the NHRA. Winning an NHRA event ensures a racer of capturing a "Wally" — one of drag racing's

(See KINZER, page four)



StoneCrest to host annual youth golf clinic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Later in the month, StoneCrest Golf Course will host its fourth annual youth golf clinic at Jenny Wiley Executive Golf Course. The free clinic is open to all youth, ages 6-16. The dates are set for June 28, 29 and 30. The clinic will start each day at 8:30 a.m. and conclude after lunch is served.

Professional instruction will be provided throughout the clinic. Applications may be picked up at the StoneCrest Golf Course Pro Shop. For more information, call Morris Copley or Paul Hughes at 606-886-1006.

Pikeville men's basketball announces team camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College men's basketball program will be host a team basketball camp Monday, June 20 (Thursday), June 23. Games will be played at the Pikeville College Gym, Pikeville High School Gym, Pike Central High School Gym, Mullins Elementary and the Blue Cross. Other sites will be added if needed.

Games will start at around 10 a.m. and run until 10 p.m. each day. Each team will be guaranteed eight games each (two per day). Changes in schedules can be worked out in advance.

The cost is set at \$400 per varsity team. Junior varsity teams will be charged \$350 apiece and a third team will also cost \$350.

Each team will play eight 32-minute games (16-minute halves). Officials from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions, KIAAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and MSC (Mid-South Conference), three men crews when available, will officiate the games.

For more information, call Kelly Wells, (606) 205-8661; Brett Rector, (606) 454-4542 or High Compton, (276) 689-8074.

The University of Pikeville is the defending NAIA national champion. The Bears compete in the Mid-South Conference.



PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR BRYSON WILLIAMS participated in the FBU (Football University) event held over the weekend. The event featured players from across the state. Williams will enter the 2011 high school football season as one of the state's top players.





BIG TURNAROUND

The Prestonsburg High School baseball program, under the direction of first-year head coach Shane Simpkins (middle), compiled an 18-11 record. The Blackcats fell to Pikeville in the semifinals of the 15th Region Baseball Tournament. Above: Standout sophomore Trey Stapleton hurled a pitch to home plate as teammate Seth Carter (first base) prepared to field any ball put into play. Below: Stapleton is pictured at the plate for the Blackcats. photos by Jamie Howell

15th Region Baseball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	35-4
Lawrence Co.	28-4
Johnson Cent.	21-9
Belfry	20-14
Prestonsburg	18-11
Paintsville	15-14
Shelton Clark	13-16
Phelps	11-6
Allen Central	11-18
East Ridge	10-14
Magoffin Co.	10-16
Betsy Layne	6-14
Pike Central	5-17
Shelby Valley	5-18
South Floyd	1-16
Champion	



Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2011 announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Seven individuals will be recognized at a banquet in Louisville, Wednesday, June 8 as inductees into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame. The seven individuals making up the 2011 class are Rex Chapman, Artis Gilmore, George Tinsley, Jerry May, Phil Roof, Ed Kallay and Bunny Daugherty.

Chapman was one of the most electrifying basketball players in the history of the Commonwealth. He played two years at the University of Kentucky and had a 12 year NBA career. In 1998, Chapman became the first draft pick for the expansion Charlotte Hornets. During his professional career, Chapman averaged 14.6 points and 2.7 assists.

Daugherty was more than just a coach. She was a team player in trying to better things for young girls across Kentucky. Every girl who has played sports in Kentucky owes a small debt of gratitude to Daugherty, say two of her former players at Sacred Heart. In her 49 years in athletics, she coached 200-plus seasons, including 40 of basketball, 37 of field hockey and volleyball, 25 of track, golf and tennis, as well as 10 each of gymnastics and swimming. The coach won 13 state titles in basketball, golf, tennis and field hockey.

Gilmore shocked the basketball establishment by shunning the NBA to sign with the Kentucky Colonels of the renege ABA in 1971. By the time he left the Commonwealth, Gilmore had teamed with Dan Issel and sharp-shooting guard Louie Dampier to lead the Kentucky Colonels to the 1975 ABA Championship. Gilmore went into the NBA, first with the Bulls, then the Spurs and briefly the Celtics, and averaged a double-double (points and rebounds) in eight of his first nine years in the league.

In three decades as a beloved Louisville TV and

radio personality, Kallay was truly a jack-of-all-trades. He became the first television sports broadcaster in the state of Kentucky when he signed on with WAVE in 1948. During his career he did play-by-play for Louisville Colonels baseball, University of Louisville football and basketball, Kentucky Colonels ABA basketball, Louisville Blades ice hockey and the annual Male-Manual football game on Thanksgiving Day.

May suffered a hip injury during a pickup basketball game and was so fascinated by the treatment he thought preventing injuries was something he would like to do. When he graduated from Valley High School in 1970, athletic trainers were not commonly a part of sports teams. Sports medicine, as it is called today, wasn't really part of the curriculum back then, so May earned a Master's degree in physical education. May was also among a group of professionals who pushed for

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EK Drillers advance to inaugural Ultimate Bowl

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Eastern Kentucky's defense proved why it was ranked first in the UIFL (Ultimate Indoor Football League) at the end of the season, keeping the Huntington offense off the scoreboard Saturday night. The Drillers advanced to the 2011 Ultimate Bowl I, presented by Trophy Awards, following a 20-4 victory over Huntington at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Eastern Kentucky remained unbeaten at home this season. The Drillers will have to travel to Saginaw

(Mich.) for the third time this season on Friday, June 10. The Sting advanced to the UIFL championship game with a 48-47 victory over Northern Kentucky on Friday.

Huntington got off to a 4-0 start thanks to two safeties before Eastern Kentucky finally got on track offensively.

UIFL Northern Kentucky River Monsters part ways: The Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL) and the Northern Kentucky River Monsters have mutually agreed to part ways effective June 6.

Northern Kentucky finished the inaugural season in the UIFL with a regular season record of 11 wins and 3 losses.

The River Monsters are free to join another league. The UIFL can also place a team in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area for the 2012 season.

The Ultimate Indoor Football League finished the regular season at the end of May. Ultimate Bowl I will be played Friday, June 10 in Saginaw, Mich.

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Prelude

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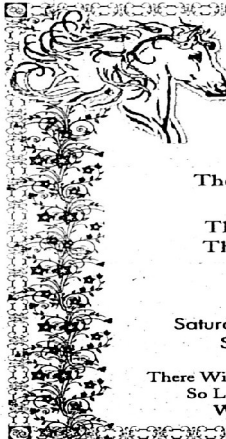
Each hospital will receive a donation, with the payout breakdown as follows: Winning team receives 30 percent of net proceeds raised from the pay-per-view telecast; Second-place team receives 25 percent of net proceeds raised from the pay-per-view telecast; Third- and fourth-place teams each receive 20 percent of net proceeds raised from the pay-per-view telecast.

The lowest team score wins, and only the top-five drivers from each team will be scored. In the event of a tie, the sixth driver will be scored.

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Meeting to nominate Seventh District Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Member
June 14th in Hazard

FRANKFORT, KY.— A meeting to nominate candidates for the Seventh District representative on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. EDT Tuesday, June 14, at The Forum at The Hal Rogers Center, 101 Bulldog Lane, Hazard, KY.

The Seventh Wildlife District includes Breathitt, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry and Pike counties.

Residents of the Seventh Wildlife District who for the past two consecutive years, have either: purchased a Kentucky hunting or fishing license; or hunted or fished in Kentucky, but were not required to purchase a license, may participate in the nomination process. The names of up to five nominees chosen at the meeting will be submitted to Gov. Steve Beshear, who will appoint one of the nominees to a four-year term.

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a doctor to be on site at all high school football games.
 From Roof's days playing at tiny Paducah St. John High School in the 1950s to 15 years as a major-league catcher to more than 30 years as a coach and manager at various levels, Roof has been a student and teacher of the national pastime. When his playing career ended in 1977, the doors opened to become a Major League coach and minor-league manager, working eight seasons as a coach with the San Diego Padres, Seattle Mariners, and Chicago Cubs. Fifteen seasons

as a minor-league manager in the Twins' system — compiling a 1,040-971 record, earning Pacific Coast League's Manager of the Year in 2000, and guiding Minnesota's Triple-A teams to post-season play in four out of nine years.
 At Kentucky Wesleyan, Tinsley helped the Panthers reach the championship game of the NCAA's Division II tournament all four years, winning the title in 1966, '68 and '69, and finishing as the runner-up in '67. He was named an All-American in 1968 and '69. He was named to the NCAA

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 Division II's 50th anniversary team, along with such players as Walt Frazier, Earl Monroe and Jerry Sloan. He also was picked as an alternate on the '68 U.S. Olympic team. Tinsley was drafted by the Oakland Oaks of the ABA in 1969 and played four seasons with the Oaks, Washington Capitals, Miami Floridians, Kentucky Colonels and the New York Nets.

Celebration of MSU Athletics Golf Outing a success
 TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University Athletics' annual fundraising golf outing, the Celebration of MSU Athletics, was held Saturday at Eagle Trace Golf Course and was again a success.
 The team from WKYT won the scramble-format event with a 23-under par. There were 26 total teams at the tournament, plus numerous hole sponsors.
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prizes given away at the end of the event. MSU basketball coaches Tom Hodges and Donnie Tyndall hosted the luncheon portion of the tournament.

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UPike women's soccer team volunteers for Special Olympics

TIMES STAFF REPORT
 RICHMOND — The University of Pikeville women's soccer team participated in an event for the Special Olympics over the weekend.
 The Kentucky Special Olympics were held Saturday, June 4 on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

For Coach Gary Warford, it was his sixth opportunity to participate in the event.
 "The UPike women's soccer team has made community service an integral part of the program and will continue to volunteer at the Pikeville Medical Center, Judi's Place and other local events," said Warford.



Left: University of Pikeville Coach Gary Warford is pictured with Special Olympics Coordinator Erin Young and UPike senior goalkeeper Becky Davenport.

Fishing: Good places to fish now that it's hot

by LEE MCLELLAN KENTUCKY AFIELD
 FRANKFORT — It seems Mother Nature just flipped a switch. It was jacket wearing cool just two weeks ago and now the daytime highs flirt with the 90s.
 Summer fishing patterns are upon us. Although hot, the summer weather is a well-

come relief after the spring of crazy weather we've had. We can finally look forward to stable water levels and predictable fishing.
 Bass fishing now revolves around light, or the lack of it. The best times to sling a lure are pre-dawn to mid-morn-

(See FISH, page four)

15th Region Softball Standings

Team	Record
Johnson Central	29-6
* Magoffin County	28-10
Pikeville	25-10
East Ridge	23-9
Lawrence County	18-16
Shelby Valley	17-13
Belfry	16-15
Allen Central	11-13
Paintsville	11-16
Prestonsburg	11-21
South Floyd	10-12
Sheldon Clark	8-17
Pike Central	4-16
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Betsy Layne	2-22
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Farm ponds make for great low-light bass fishing because they're much easier to navigate than a huge reservoir. Target weed edges with a floating plastic frog or a Jitterbug in the pre-dawn, dusk and at night. A steady retrieve usually produces strikes, but switch speeds or pause the lure for a time if they don't cooperate.

A weightless minnow-shaped soft plastic jerkbait is a good lure choice for low-light, but not dark, conditions in a farm pond. Rig this lure on an offset worm hook to make it weedless and cast it into fallen tree tops, brush or along weed lines. You can practically work this lure in place using short, quick jerks of the rod tip, driving any nearby bass crazy. You can also reel it over the top of weeds and into holes in the vegetation that often hold some of the bigger bass in a pond.

The lack of weight and weedless nature of this rig make it easy to work in a shallow, weedy farm pond. Light lures are the way to go, leave the Carolina rigs and 1/2-ounce jigs at home. A medium-power spinning rod spooled with 8-pound test line works great for this presentation.

As the days turn steamy and uncomfortable, fishing from mid-morning to early evening makes for a sweat-drenched, uncomfortable

experience. You can catch panfish and the occasional small back bass, but fishing in the heat of the day usually leads to frustration.

Head to the Lake Cumberland tailwater and wade for brown, rainbow or brook trout. Fishing the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam in summer feels like you are surrounded by natural air conditioning. You'll fish in waters that stay in the 50s and 60s year round and trout bite willingly the day long, no matter how hot the air temperature.

Since the drawdown of the lake due to ongoing repairs to Wolf Creek Dam, the water releases in summer calm down, presenting the best wading conditions on the river of the entire year. Still, the Cumberland can grow from a gentle flow to a flood-level torrent when the turbines in Wolf Creek Dam start churning. Check the predicted water releases at the Nashville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website at www.lrn.usace.army.mil/recreation.htm and click on the "Fishing Information" tab and then the "Lake Cumberland" tab.

Also, you can find a detailed map of the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' homepage at fw.ky.gov. After reaching this page, click on the "Fishing and Boating" tab, then the "Blue Water Trails" tab. This map features

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the major access points and floating mileages from Wolf Creek Dam to Winfrey's Ferry.

You'll likely need waders to wade the river because of the cold water temperatures, but many hardy souls wet leg the Cumberland during summer. A light-power spinning rod armed with small shaded colored suspending jerkbaits, a few in-line spinners dressed in white or red along with a couple of small silver casting spoons will put trout in hand.

Fish suspending jerkbaits over a rocky or pebble bottom across the current with a stout, erratic retrieve. If this retrieve doesn't produce strikes, slow way down. After reeling to get the lure down, let the suspending jerkbait float downstream and gently twitch your rod tip every once in a while. Trout that ignored your lure earlier often hit this presentation, especially brown trout.

Cast in-line spinners and spoons at a 45-degree angle upstream and simply reel them back, making sure they give off lots of flash. Skill isn't required for fishing these lures; their action draws strikes from trout. Keep them up off the bottom on the retrieve or they will get hung and lost. These lures will almost always produce rainbow trout and maybe one of the newly stocked brook trout.

Head to a farm pond at dark or the Cumberland tailwater on a weekend morning to escape this summer's heat and enjoy bountiful fishing.



MORGAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ASHLEY WATSON signed with the University of Pikeville softball program during a recent ceremony at her school in West Liberty.

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Kinzer

most coveted piece. Kinzer came within 1/100th of a second from claiming a "Wally" during his stint in Tulsa.

Kent Rose, along with others, accompanied Kinzer on the trip to the Tulsa track. Rose was in attendance as a friend. A former drag racing champion himself, Rose lent a helping hand, or hands, as Kinzer raced to surpass the 200 miles per hour milestone.

Most of Kinzer's drag cars are black. His racing gear is black. It's a safe bet that the Mustang could be painted black.

"In the pits, you'll hear them saying - 'that's that old man out there' and you know, they all want to beat the old man," Rose said. "We're getting together and supporting this man. My main goal is to keep this man safe."

Rose was amazed to see the stoic Kinzer after he registered the 221.85 miles per hour time.

"Willard stood there

strong in his black suit," Rose added. "I had to run up and hug him. It was amazing."

Two of Kinzer's other drag cars are a Corvette and a Cobalt. Both of the Chevrolests are black. The Cobalt is Supercharged. The Corvette, like the Mustang, is Twin Turbo.

Prior to drag racing, Kinzer competed in hill climbing. Kinzer began hill climbing in the 1970s after his sons, Terry and Jerry, competed in the sport. The highly-competitive Kinzer captured his first AMA title at age 50. In all, Kinzer claimed three goal medals. He retired from the sport of hill climbing in 1984.

Drag racers of all ages view Kinzer as both an inspiration and a role model.

"In the pits, Willard always takes time for everyone and he guides them, whether it's the younger kids or the adults," Rose confided. He's very inspirational.

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Hillclimbing and drag racing are two much different sports and Willard Kinzer has been able to thrive in both, three decades apart. He has no plans on to stop drag racing any time soon.

The inaugural Hillbilly Arm Drop Drags have been scheduled for Sept. 2 at Corbis Airport in Hagerhill. A group, including Rose and several other area residents, formed to get access to the facility for the one-day event. Kinzer is supporting the inaugural drag racing event.

An ambassador to the sport of drag racing, Kinzer is quick to give advice to fellow competitors or anyone who seeks his guidance.

"Put your trust in God; treat your fellow man like you would want to be treated; work hard and try to prosper; and share with your fellow man, church and schools," said Kinzer.

Raymond, Hall named to CFPA Preseason Watch List

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University senior defensive linemen Terence Raymond and Mark Hall have each earned nods on the College Football Performance Awards Preseason Watch List.

The MSU defensive end pair were two of just 38 linemen projected to be the best in the country in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) in 2011. Hall and Raymond were among five defensive linemen from the Pioneer Football League listed as well.

Raymond, from Lawrenceville, Ga., led the Eagles with 19.5 tackles for loss for 188 yards last season. Among his tackles for loss were a team-best 11.5 sacks. He also led the defense with three fumble recoveries and had 59 total tackles.

Hall, native of West Chester, Ohio, registered 55 total tackles, including 16.5 tackles for loss to go along with three sacks. Hall also posted four knock-outs. Blocked a kick, and created MSU's lone defensive safety.

MSU ranked second nationally in TFLs per game and 20th in the nation in sacks per game. Prestonsburg native John Gilliam guides the MSU defensive unit.

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Policing the produce section

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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That's where the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are about to surprise you (they certainly surprised me).

In a study conducted in Texas, the ARS scientists exposed spinach leaves to light similar to the 24-hour artificial fluorescent light received by spinach in packages located at the front of the display case. A second group of spinach leaves was enclosed in two-layer-thick, brown-grocery-bag paper to represent the "dark treatment."

Both experimental groups of spinach leaves were housed in market-type, light-transmissible polymer tubs with snap-tight lids, and were kept in walk-in storage chambers at around 39 degrees Fahrenheit, which is the same temperature at which your local supermarket currently displays packaged spinach. The light reaction of photosynthesis in the leaves is not temperature-dependent and can occur at 39 degrees F in the right type of light.

It turns out that just like the rest of us, spinach leaves prefer to not be left in the dark! The researchers found that the continuous light affected the spinach leaves' photosynthetic system, resulting in a significant increase in the leaves' levels of carotenoids and vitamins C, E, K and B9, also known as folate.

While the simulated retail light conditions did help the stored spinach leaves accumulate content of several vitamins that are definitely a plus for human health, some wilting occurred after three days of storage in flat-leaf spinach, but not in the crinkled-leaf types.

So no need to strain yourself to reach for that packaged salad way in the back of the shelf—just check for signs of wilting in those packages that are closer to the front, and if you don't see wilting, do yourself a favor and go for the "enlightened spinach!"

Of course, this isn't ARS' first foray into the area of bagged salad safety. At the agency's flagship facility in Beltsville, Md., ARS scientists have pinpointed the proper storage temperatures to ensure that your bagged salad doesn't come with a little "bonus" of more microbes than you'd care to meet on your plate.

In that study, the scientists looked at differences in bacterial levels on cut lettuce leaves that had been bagged under very low oxygen levels, an atmosphere that's known to extend the time that bagged salad appears to be fresh.

The scientists investigated whether the lack of oxygen would make it more difficult for the bacteria to survive the shock of a dose of synthetic gastric juice, imitating what those microbes would face once they arrive in your stomach.

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Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, along with his wife, Judge Janet Stumbo, recently met with University of Kentucky Football Coach Joker Phillips at a reception for God's Pantry.

NO JOKING MATTER

Pillersdorf, Stumbo meet with UK coach during event supporting God's Pantry

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf recently met with University of Kentucky Football Coach Joker Phillips at a reception for God's Pantry, and Pillersdorf learned more about the organization that has helped a number of his clients in Pike County to recover from the devastating floods that hit the area earlier this year.

"God's Pantry has been real active in helping my clients over in Harlan Creek," Pillersdorf said. "That's how I came to have con-

tact with Joker. The football players from the University of Kentucky volunteered supplies to help Pike County. Joker came to the reception and talked to all the people to educate us more about God's Pantry."

Pillersdorf, along with his wife, Judge Janet Stumbo, help to coordinate the Kentucky Bar Association's work with food pantries.

According to the God's Pantry website, "For 56 years, God's Pantry has been collecting and distributing donated food to agencies across central and Eastern Kentucky. Today, God's Pantry

works with over 320 partner agencies to fight hunger and alleviate the symptoms that accompany it."

Floyd County has multiple God's Pantry locations, including CAP-Outreach, Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry, and the Middle Creek Community Pantry, all in Prestonsburg. Jacob's Ladder Food Pantry, in Allen Heaven's Harvest, in Martin, Saint Vincent Mission, in David, the Auxier Food Pantry, Bread of Life, in Betsy Layne, and many more.

For a complete list of locations, visit godspantry.org.

South Floyd student selected for Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Joslyn Isaacs, a student at South Floyd High School, has been selected to attend the summer youth leadership program under the direction of the Center for Rural Development's Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

"ELI focuses on creativity, teamwork, and the development of business skills, and encourages participants to consider starting their own business as a career option," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of

the Center for Rural Development. "As a team, they work together to develop a business plan and present that plan to a panel of potential investors in a business concept competition on the final day of the program."

Isaacs, the daughter of Denise and John Isaacs, of Hi Hat, will attend ELI during the week of June 12-17 in Somerset. She will work with business professionals to receive the tools to launch a start-up business.

"The Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) program is such a rewarding experi-

ence for these students," Lauren Hayes, youth programs coordinator. "They have the opportunity to learn how to develop a business, work on product, marketing, and financial plans and see firsthand the benefits of being an entrepreneur by meeting with local and state entrepreneurs. I look forward to watching these students' creativity. I know many of them will succeed, and I wonder how far they will reach with the knowledge they learn during this program."

High school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors within the center's 42-county primary

service area are eligible to apply for ELI. Program expenses are provided free of charge to participants and their parents.

Members of the first-place business concept team are eligible to receive a Presidential Scholarship from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. The winning team also will be recognized at the 10th anniversary celebration of 2011 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards (EIBA) "Decade of Distinction" awards luncheon program on Sept. 12 at the Center for Rural Development.

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@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Pratt family reunion
(Descendants of Celia & Henry Pratt)
The Pratt family reunion will be held June 25, in the Old Maytown school lunchroom.

The luncheon is reserved from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Meats, bread, drinks and dinnerware will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert or specialty.

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PHS majorettes reunion
A reunion of former Prestonsburg High School majorettes, drum majors and field commanders is being planned. The next planning meeting will be 3 p.m., Sunday, June 12, at Allen Baptist Church, in the education building. The church is located on U.S. at Watergap, near the Route 80 intersection.

Send addresses to Carol Jo May at caroljo@mikrotec.com, or call her at (606) 874-2244.

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

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

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes
The Floyd County Health Department offers Body

Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.
Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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 training 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.drugso.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 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.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The

David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR RN'S

The Floyd County Health Department has Partial-year openings for Local Health Nurses II (LHNI) General Functions: Will provide nursing care to clients in school based settings during school calendar year and any additional days requested by the agency for clinical and or Public Health emergencies. Must possess knowledge of scope of practice for RN with considerable skill in application of nursing procedures and the ability to learn policies/programs of assigned area. Screening criteria will include past experience in home health, pediatrics, and emergency room care.

Minimal Education: Must have RN license in KY or compact state and one year RN experience. BSN or MSN in Nursing, or Public Health may substitute for the one year experience. Successful applicant will be required to take a pre-employment drug test and criminal background check. Starting salary: \$16.30-\$20.54 negotiable with additional experience.

Applications may be picked up at the Floyd County Health Dept at 283 Goble Street in Prestonsburg KY 41653 or may be completed and printed online <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>. Completed applications should be returned to the health department with transcript and copy of current nursing license by 4:30 pm June 15, 2011.

Applications for LHNI will be considered for Positions only if lack of candidates for LHNI II are received. Minimum Requirement: Current RN license or compact state/provisional license in KY meeting all requirements of KRS 314.041 and approved to practice. Salary range for LHNI \$14.07-\$17.56.

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The take-home message? Don't leave your salad lying out at temperatures of 59 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, even though it's still "in the bag." And it might be wise to make sure your fridge temperature is 40 degrees F or colder.
Bon appetit!

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.

Job Opening

The Floyd County Health Department is accepting applications for a full time Epidemiologist to be housed in Prestonsburg, Kentucky and perform work in Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Pike counties.

General responsibilities include the performance of complex epidemiological studies on the distribution and determinants of bioterrorism events, infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies (epidemic and endemic). Work involves assisting in devising methods of surveillance, implementation, and analysis of epidemiological investigations or studies; participating in general data management and report writing for epidemiological studies and investigations within a specified geographic area of the state.

Minimum Requirements: Masters Degree in Epidemiology, Public Health, Biostatistics, nursing, or closely related field. Course work should include at least one course in epidemiology and a second course in a closely related subject area such as Biostatistics, Vital and Medical Statistics, Informatics, Survey Sampling and Design, etc. Masters or Doctoral candidate in a field mentioned in the educational requirements may be considered so long as the graduate work is completed within one year of employment.

Starting Salary is \$15.79/hour negotiable with additional experience. The position includes a full benefits package, such as health, dental, and life insurance, and retirement, as well as 401K options.

Applications may be obtained at the Floyd County Health Department or at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/lhdapp.htm>. Completed application and transcript must be returned by close of business June 15th, 2011 to Floyd County Health Department 283 Goble Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Resume will not substitute for completed application. Criminal background and pre-employment drug screening required.

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ATTENTION: FLOYD COUNTY BID PROPOSALS

Floyd County Fiscal Court is advertising for sealed bids for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Bids for the following items are being accepted:

1. Grade placement of concrete slabs & footers.
2. Bridge materials.
3. Food for Floyd County Detention Center.
4. Construction of concrete bridge.
5. Diesel fuel.
6. Grease and other vehicle materials.
7. Double valved plastic.
8. Cement.
9. Custodial Supplies.
10. Heating & Cooling.
11. Park supplies.
12. Pipe & gation baskets.
13. Asphalt and/or placement of asphalt.
14. Equipment with hourly rates.
15. Electrical, Lighting, installation, and hourly rates.

Bid packets may be picked up at the front desk of the Floyd County Judge/Executive Robert Marshall's office at 149 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. 2nd floor of the Old Court House. Sealed bids can be picked up beginning 05:27-11 and will be accepted no later than 4:00 pm June 23rd (Thursday) 2011. The sealed bids will then be opened at the special meeting scheduled on June 24th (Friday) 2011 at the hour of 10:00 am. All bids must be sealed when dropped off.

PO# 89125

Land (Acreage)

Property for sale. Located in Cow Creek. Call 874-9715.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Ricky Layne has filed an application with the National Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a residential structure in the 100-year flood plain located along Kentucky Route 1428 approximately 1.1 miles west of the intersection of Kentucky Route 1428 and Kentucky Route 3. The proposed site is located on the North side of the Lavis Fork of the Big Sandy River at latitude 37.6deg, 40' 18.15" N and longitude 82.6deg, 44' 50.85" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Stoney and Lois Ann Newsum have filed an application with the National Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place fill in the floodplain of Left Fork Beaver Creek as part of the reconstruction of KY 122 project. The fill site will be outside the designated floodway. The project is located approximately 0.3 miles south of the community of Hi Hat. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Public Notice

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS - SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for technology items declared surplus. Items declared surplus below:

- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Printers
- Copiers
- CPUs

Projectors to obtain a detailed listing of items or to schedule a viewing, contact Fanius Spradlin at 606-886-4577, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday, prior to the time and date specified for the bid opening. Sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wierman, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 North Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All envelopes must be marked on the back of the envelope, "SURPLUS PROPERTY SEALED BID". Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00 P.M., June 22, 2011 and publicly opened that date at 1:05 P.M. in the central office, located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bids will be subject to board approval during the regular scheduled board meeting which will be held at 6:30 P.M., John M. Stumbo Elementary 636 KY RT. 973, Grethel, KY 41631. All bids must be received by the time designated and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. You are invited to be present at the bid opening. Items sold will be awarded to the highest bidder(s) meeting all specifications and conditions, and subject to all applicable laws and regulations, on a per item basis and/or a group basis, or on a total batch basis, whichever is determined to be in the best interest of the Board of Education. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all sealed bids.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on June 24th, 2011 at the Guaranty Bank 39 Triangle Street Martin KY 41649 at 11:00 AM, 2003 Oldsmobile Alero GL. Vin # 1GAKL52F43C179304. All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid and reject any or all bids. Items to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty Bank
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Martin KY 41649

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Therapeutic Foster Care Agency has opening in Hazard for a Program Director. Must have a master's degree in a human services discipline. Five years of experience in the human services field preferred. Salary based on experience and credentials. Job duties include but are not limited to: Day-to-day supervision, setting goals for the office and individual employees, overseeing reporting processes, participating in the development of youth service plans and providing supervision to office personnel. Employee benefit package offers the opportunity to participate in medical, dental, vision and life insurance. 401K and cafeteria plan. Resumes should be submitted to the attention of Eric Morton by fax 859-264-9957 or by email: emorton@necco.org. Necco is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Apartments/Townhouses

New apartment, upstairs, two bedroom, full kitchen, living room, private 600 per month. 600 deposits required, references required, furnished or unfurnished. Call 886-6245

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HIGHLANDS CENTER FOR AUTISM

Come Grow With Us!! At full student capacity summer 2011! Highlands Center for Autism in Prestonsburg Ky, has established a year-round, private day-school for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and is currently recruiting for a Speech Language Pathologist to join our team. Full Time. The ideal candidate will provide all aspects of direct patient care; administer evaluations; design and carry out treatment plans; participate as a member of the patient's treatment team to facilitate service delivery, participate in the clinical education program, and provide caregiver education. Minimum qualifications include: Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology. Pediatric experience preferred. Self motivation, enthusiasm and patience with the students are required. Clinical fellowship year (CFY) applicants welcome. Interested applicants may apply to the Highlands Center for Autism 5080 Kentucky Route 321 Prestonsburg KY 41653 (606) 889-6115 Fax (606) 889-6131 E-mail: kbrown@hrcm.org Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky.

Come grow with us !!
Director of Patient Registration Full-Time

Highlands Regional Medical Center - The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky, has an opening for Director of Patient Registration. Highlands is seeking a motivated, experienced individual that is responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of all Registration interviewers, maintaining efficient and orderly admission of inpatients and the registration process of individuals having hospital services as well as for promoting positive customer relations. The Director of Patient Registration must demonstrate the ability to deal with pressure to create a positive work environment; deal with a variety of people; deal with stressful situations and handle conflict. > The ideal candidate will have an Associate of Bachelor's degree or formal training in business and/or healthcare setting preferred. A minimum of 2 years experience in hospital or other related registration position with 2 years supervisory experience. > * Nine (9) Paid Holidays > * 401k Retirement Plan > * Medical/Dental Insurance > * Life Insurance > > Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department - Highlands Regional Medical Center - 5000 Kentucky Route 321 - Prestonsburg, Ky 41653- (606) 886-7531 > Fax (606) 886-7534 > E-mail: tclark@hrcm.org > > Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.>

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky.

Come grow with us !! Director of Marketing/Public Relations Full-Time

Highlands Regional Medical Center - The Medical Center of Eastern Kentucky, has an opening for Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Highlands is seeking a motivated, experienced marketing professional to lead the organization's marketing, advertising, and public relations activities. The Director of Marketing is responsible for crafting, marketing and promotional relations plans, preparing and managing marketing, advertising, and public budgets and managing all creative processes. The Director is also responsible for the development of all promotional materials for the medical center as well as website management. > The ideal candidate will have a bachelor's degree in marketing, public relations, or communications with experience in a health care setting preferred. In addition, the ability to work on multiple projects with definite deadlines is required. Experience in public speaking, writing and advertising are a plus. > * Nine (9) Paid Holidays > * 401k Retirement Plan > * Medical/Dental Insurance > * Life Insurance > > Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department - Highlands Regional Medical Center - 5000 Kentucky Route 321 - Prestonsburg, Ky 41653- (606) 886-7531 > Fax (606) 886-7534 > E-mail: tclark@hrcm.org > > Highlands is an equal opportunity employer.>

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NATURAL GAS FACTS

Natural gas is lighter than air, non-toxic and contains no poisonous ingredients. Breathing natural gas is not harmful as long as there is adequate air to breathe along with it. Natural gas will not burn by itself. Combustion can occur only when there is a mixture of gas and air containing between 5 percent and 15 percent natural gas and between 95 percent and 85 percent air. Because of its unique qualities of being lighter than air with a narrow band of combustion, natural gas is one of the safest energy sources available. It is also one of the most economical sources. Understanding and following safety procedures will make natural gas an even safer choice.

THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF NATURAL GAS

Gas accidents can be avoided if you understand the potential hazards.

FIRE

Natural gas can be a fire hazard, if you let it. Don't let it. A very hot stove, open flame or pilot light can ignite any combustible materials that happen to be near. Keep paper, curtains, paints, solvents, etc., away from gas appliances.

EXPLOSION

Natural gas can be ignited by open flames or sparks. That's why unburned natural gas should never be allowed to escape into a room. A spark, flame, lit match or cigarette, even the flick of a light switch may be enough to cause an explosion.

(3) CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Even though natural gas itself isn't poisonous, gas burners that aren't adjusted properly can produce deadly carbon monoxide. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but it's a killer. To avoid its dangers, always make sure that any natural gas appliances in your home are properly adjusted and vented to the outside...so they'll burn safely and efficiently.

SUFFOCATION

Natural gas can cause suffocation if it replaces air containing oxygen. (Only air that has oxygen can sustain life.) This is another reason why natural gas should never be allowed to leak from appliances or build up in an enclosed area or room.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON SENSE SAFETY RULES... IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE SAFE GAS APPLIANCES AND TO USE GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY!!!
KEEP COMBUSTIBLES such as papers, fluids, paints, curtains and rags away from furnaces, water heaters, gas ranges and dryers.

TEACH CHILDREN never to light or play with the controls of any gas appliances.
KEEP PILOT LIGHTS of your gas range lit. If you put them out to save energy, a dangerous gas build-up can occur if someone accidentally turns on the range.

KEEP GAS RANGE CLEAN --make sure burner bowls are free of used matches, grease, paper, etc.
AND, NEVER USE YOUR GAS RANGE to heat your home or apartment, this practice creates a serious fire hazard and puts you and your family at risk from dangerous carbon monoxide fumes.

MAKE SURE APPLIANCES ARE VENTED --Natural gas needs air containing oxygen to burn safely and efficiently. Without enough air, dangerous carbon monoxide is produced. For this reason, always make sure that your gas furnace and water heater are vented to the outside of the building. If you're not sure your appliances are vented properly, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor or plumber.

KEEP FLUES AND CHIMNEYS CLEAR--Have your fluepipe and chimney checked to make sure they're not blocked with debris such as nests, branches, or ivy. (Your heating contractor can inspect and clean fluepipes for you.)

SIGNS OF POOR FLUE VENTILATION --indoor wetness (condensation); unusual smell in your home that doesn't go away; sick houseplants; yellow or wavering appliance flames; soot in your home; pilot light that keeps going out.

CERTAIN OLDER GAS CONNECTORS MAY BE DANGEROUS!
Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions, resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in the process used to join their tubing to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

Warning: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!!

HOW DO I KNOW IF A GAS HAZARD EXISTS??? -- YOUR SENSE OF SMELL SHOULD TELL YOU

A GAS LEAK IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS!!--Gas may leak from faulty appliances, broken pipes or broken mains. Make sure all members of your family know what to do if they smell gas.

IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:

Do not light matches.

Do not turn lights on or off.

Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.

Do not use the telephone.

Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.

If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest.

Do not re-enter the building for this purpose.

Call the utility company or fire department from a nearby building or house. Do

Not use the telephone in your house.

Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.

Never take chances! If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION

Phone Number--606-886-6871 Day or Night

Phone Number--606-886-2900 Day or Night

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUT-SIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING -- Gas leaks out-side are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:

A gas odor.

A blowing or hissing sound.

Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.

Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.

Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.

Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.

If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining and repairing their service lines.

If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.

Buried gas piping should be:

Periodically inspected for leakage.

Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.

Repaired, if any unsafe conditions are discovered.

Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.

When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.

Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.

Continuous patrolling of gas system.

Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.

Annual/ semi-annual leak surveys.

Immediate response to any reported problem.

Proper operation and maintenance of system.

Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/ accidents.

Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES

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David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission



SAVOR the Season

FAMILY FEATURES

Grilling can bring so much more to the table than basic brats and burgers. In these recipes, cookbook author and celebrity chef Nick Stellino uses a few key ingredients that add new dimensions of flavor to seafood, steak and even salad. He calls on olive oil and vinegars from Pompeian to make savory marinades and zesty seasonings that will make you truly savor the grilling season. Olive oil, a key component of the Mediterranean Diet, is a great way to follow the 2010 USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which urge people to cut back on saturated fats and recommend an increase in monounsaturated fats. For more of Chef Stellino's recipes, as well as how-to videos, visit www.pompeian.com and "Like" Pompeian on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Pompeian.



Chef Nick Stellino

Nick Stellino's Grilling Tips

- Grease grates of grill with Pompeian Extra Light Tasting Olive Oil before heating.
- Pre-heat barbecue with cover down (high for gas) for 15 minutes.
- Never cook fish or seafood over direct heat on a grill (gas or coals), as it scorches the exterior while leaving the interior undercooked. Shut down half of gas grill (or move coals from one half of grill to the other side) and put fish/shrimp on cool side of grill. Cover grill to cook.



Grilled Salad with Goat Cheese

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Serves 4 to 6

- 2 large heads radicchio, cut in half
- 2 large heads Belgian endive, cut in half
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into quarters and seeded
- 2 yellow bell peppers, cut into quarters and seeded
- 6 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided
- 5 ounces baby arugula salad
- 8 tablespoons goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 1/2 tablespoons Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar

Preheat grill or broiler to high.

Brush radicchio, endive and peppers with 4 tablespoons olive oil.

Cook on a hot barbecue or under the broiler for 2 to 3 minutes per side, until they start to color on each side. Place on a cutting board while still hot and cut into 1-inch pieces.

Place arugula salad and goat cheese in a bowl with the radicchio, endive and peppers; mix well until the cheese starts to melt.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and balsamic vinegar; mix well and serve.

Skewered Shrimp with Black Bean-Lemon Rice

Serves 4

- Marinade/Dressing:**
- 3/4 cup Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil
 - 1/4 cup Pompeian Red Wine Vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 2 medium garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 3/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper

Skewers:

- 24 large raw, headless, peeled shrimp, with tails on (about 1 pound)
- 24 whole green onions, trimmed to 6 inches in length
- 24 cherry tomatoes
- 2 poblano chili peppers, seeded and cut into 24 pieces
- 8 12-inch bamboo skewers, soaked in water

Rice:

- 3 cups hot cooked brown rice
- 15 ounces canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 3 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Whisk marinade ingredients in small bowl. Reserve 1/2 cup mixture in separate bowl and set aside. Place shrimp in a resealable plastic bag, pour marinade over shrimp, seal tightly and coat well. Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning frequently.

Remove shrimp from marinade (reserving marinade). Place shrimp on skewers, alternating with tomatoes, chilies and onions (folded in half).

Preheat grill on high heat. Brush skewers with reserved marinade and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side or until shrimp are opaque in center. Place remaining marinade in a small saucepan on the grill to heat slightly. Toss rice with black beans, cilantro and lemon zest.

To serve: Top rice with skewers and spoon remaining marinade over skewers.



Grilled Skirt Steak with Tomato-Infused Marinade and Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad

Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad

Serves 4 to 6

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 4 large tomatoes, preferably heirloom
- 4 ounces baby arugula salad
- 3 tablespoons Pompeian Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon Pompeian Balsamic Vinegar, divided
- 6 to 8 ounces burrata cheese, cut into 4 pieces, OR fresh mozzarella, cut into slices
- 1 ounce shaved Parmesan cheese

Mix dry spices and sugar together in small bowl.

Cut tomatoes into slices about 1/2 inch thick; place on a tray and sprinkle with the spice mixture on each side. Let slices rest and absorb the flavor for about 10 to 15 minutes.

Dress arugula salad with 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil and 1/2 tablespoon vinegar.

To serve: Place dressed salad in the middle of each plate; top with tomato slices, then with pieces of burrata or mozzarella slices. Drizzle each plate with remaining olive oil and vinegar. Top salads with shaved Parmesan.

Grilled Skirt Steak with Tomato-Infused Marinade

Serves: 4 to 6

- 2 1/2 to 3 pounds skirt steak

Marinade:

- 5 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup fresh mint, loosely packed
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 1 cup fresh parsley, loosely packed
- 1 cup fresh basil, loosely packed
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh rosemary
- 1 28-ounce can Italian-style peeled tomatoes
- 1/2 cup Pompeian Pomegranate Infused Balsamic Vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar

To marinate meat: Place all marinade ingredients in food processor and process for 2 minutes into a smooth liquid paste. Place meat in a large resealable plastic bag and cover with the marinade. Seal bag and switch marinade around to make sure it coats all of the meat. Let the meat marinate in the refrigerator for at least 5 hours — preferably overnight — turning twice.

To cook meat: Preheat grill or broiler to high. Cook the skirt steak 4 to 6 minutes per side, according to your liking. Cover with foil and let it rest for a few minutes before slicing.

To serve: Cut steak into slices and serve with Tomato, Burrata and Arugula Salad.