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Brief

Veterans can get assistance with benefits
by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local veterans can receive assistance filling out benefits forms next week, when a field representative will be in Prestonsburg.

The representative will be at the Floyd County Library, in Prestonsburg, on Wednesday Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state benefits.

The service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

To apply, veterans need to furnish a copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility.

For further information on help filing for benefits, call (866) 647-2926 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

Hand, foot and mouth disease spreading through county

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

Several cases of hand, foot and mouth disease, a little-known virus, have been making the rounds in Floyd County schools, and parents don't have to wait long

Jennifer Martin, Health Coordinator for Floyd County Schools, says, "We have heard of a few cases."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta states on its website that "hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a common viral illness of infants and children. The

disease causes fever and blister-like eruptions in the mouth and/or a skin rash."

According to the CDC, infection is spread from person to person by direct contact with infectious virus that is found in the nose and throat secretions, saliva, blister fluid, and stool of infected persons.

The virus is most often spread by persons with unwashed, virus-contaminated hands and by contact with virus-contaminated surfaces. According to Martin, "Any time we have a student with a temperature over 100 degrees, we send

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Meek is expected to plead guilty

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Kaitlyn Crum Meek, who was indicted on charges related to the death of a Prestonsburg man in June, is expected to appear in court today to enter guilty pleas.

Meek is charged with assault, evidence tampering and complicity to commit robbery. Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said Tuesday that she is expected to plead guilty to all three charges, as part of a plea deal that would see her receive three consecutive five-year sentences, for a total of 15 years.

The case against Meek centers around the death of Brian Jacob Gearheart, who was reported missing May 1 and whose body was found May 12 in the Big Sandy River near Catlettsburg.

According to reports, police have said a drug-related robbery is suspected as the primary motive in Gearheart's murder.

Meek's husband, Benjamin Meek, has been charged with murder in the case, as well as first-degree robbery, second-degree assault, theft and tampering with physical evidence.

Turner said that, as part of the plea agreement, Kaitlyn Meek has agreed to testify in the case against her husband.

Kaitlyn Meek is expected to appear in Floyd Circuit Court at 1 p.m. today to enter the plea.



Wendy's on the move

Construction on the new Wendy's began this week at the old Kentucky West Virginia Gas site, in Prestonsburg. Rumors continue to swirl as to what might join the restaurant chain at the location.

photo by Jack Latta

Big Sandy CAP awards scholarships

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Area Community Action Program handed out several scholarships in the region last week.

"In keeping with its mission of improving the lives of people throughout the region, the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program recently awarded five academic scholarships to students pursuing higher education degrees," said Angela McKinney, CSBG Program Manager.

Recipients received awards totaling more than \$7,000.

According to McKinney, BSACAP has been awarding the annual scholarships for more than 20 years, helping hundreds of students continue their education.

The scholarships are funded through the Federal Community Services Block Grant program, and are awarded based on a number of criteria.

The Community Services Block Grant provides states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and federal and state-recognized Indian Tribes and tribal organizations, Community Action Agencies, migrant and seasonal farmworkers or other organizations designated by the States, funds to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities.

Beneficiaries are typically low-income individuals who may be unemployed or receiving public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), at-risk youth, custodial and non-custodial parents, residents of public housing, persons with disabilities, persons who are homeless, and individuals transitioning from incarceration into the community.



Local Floyd businessman passes on

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

A well-known Floyd County businessman and entrepreneur died this week, leaving behind a legacy of economic and commercial growth.

Jack Andrew Absher Sr., 88, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 25, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, said of Absher, "He was a really good businessman who has done a lot for this community and other communities as well."

County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall echoed that sentiment, saying, "He

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Floyd County BSACAP Community Representative Verna Cole is shown presenting a scholarship check to Santana Stumbo.



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Obituaries



Jack Andrew Absher

Jack Andrew Absher Sr., age 88, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, August 25, 2011 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He was the son of the late John Andrew and Linda Adkins Absher. Jack was a World War II Army Veteran. From starting his own paper delivery business in Williamson, when he was twelve years old, to opening movie theaters, restaurants, hotels, and nursing homes, Jack Absher was a prominent businessman and entrepreneur. The businesses and restaurants he brought to Eastern Kentucky changed the face of the surrounding communities and created jobs for hundreds of people.

He is survived by one son Jack Absher Jr., of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence "Geraldene" Brannam, of Pikeville, Suzy Khatami, of Anaheim, Calif., and Peggy Sowards, of Wyandotte, Mich.; five grandchildren, Jack Andrew Absher III, John George Absher II, Robert Joseph Absher, James Michael Absher, and Laura Catherine Absher; and his companion, Patricia Akers.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his former wife, Catherine R. Absher; one son, John George Absher; and one grandson, Michael James Absher.

Funeral services for Jack Andrew Absher will be conducted on Wednesday, August 31, at 1 p.m. in the

Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Harold Dorsey officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

In lieu of flowers family suggests donations to the Highlands Regional Medical Center Autism Foundation, care of Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Deborah Carol Bradley

Deborah Carol Bradley, 43, of Drift, died Thursday, August 25, at McDowell ARH. She was born on March 22, 1968 to the late Arnold and Nova Hyden Bradley and she worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by brother: David Bradley.

She is survived by one son: Billy Joe DeRossett of Dwale; one daughter: Toni Louise DeRossett of Dwale; two brothers: Eddie Bradley of David, James Bradley of Martin; five sisters: Sally Sartorius and Holly Wright both of Martin, Barbara Bradley and Linda Burchett both of Dwale, and Brenda Griffith of Maytown.

Funeral services were held on Sunday August 28, at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Mark Hurd officiating.

Burial followed at Bradley Sammons Cemetery in Martin.

Steve Newsome Caudill

Steve Newsome Caudill, 53, of Eastern, died Tuesday, August 16, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born on Sept. 3, 1957, the son of the late Delmar Newsome and Betty Caudill.

He is survived by two brothers: Jeffery Caudill and Timmy Caudill both of MacArthur, OH; two

sisters: Debbie Spencer of Eastern and Lynn Brannam of Honaker VA.

Funeral Service was held Thursday August 18, 2011 at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Lori Vannucci officiating.

Burial followed at the Davidson Memorial Gardens.

Adien Diego Lopez Hall

Adien Diego Lopez Hall, 13 days, of Teaberry, died Wednesday August 24, 2011, at the Kentucky Children's Hospital, in Lexington, KY. He was born on August 11, 2011, to Diego Lopez and Misty Hall.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Clifford Hall and Juan Rodriguez Simbrana.

He is survived by grandparents: Dorothy Hall, Patrick and Donna Fannin, Billy and Lesha Rogers, Diane Triplett and Ronnie Hall, as well as a host of aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held on Saturday August 27, 1 p.m. at Pilgrims House Old Regular Baptist Church in Grotchel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was followed at Tackett Cemetery in Beaver.

Johnny Buford Hall

Johnny Buford Hall, age 70 of Knoxville, Tenn. formerly of Floyd County, passed away on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Cumberland Village Care and Rehabilitation Center in La Follette, Tennessee. He was born November 27, 1940 at Banner, Kentucky, son of Celia Ann Cook Hall, Ivel, KY, and the late Willard S. Hall.

He served in the United States Air Force, was a member of the VFW, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Along with his mother he is survived by his wife, Deborah Alice Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; one son, Johnny B. Hall Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn.; One Sister, Sarah Alice Holbrook of Ft. Myers, Florida.

Funeral Services: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. Hall Funeral Home with Tracy Patton officiating. Burial at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Kentucky. Visitation is after 5:00 p.m.

Monday, August 29, 2011 at Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky.

Donnie Ray Jones

Donnie Ray Jones, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 27, at his residence. He was born September 13, 1956, to the late Homer and Mae Jones. He was a member and minister of Living Water Ministers Church of Spurlough; and a disabled rotor.

He was preceded in death by brothers and sisters: Johnny Jones, Juanita King, and Sam Mullins. He is survived by sons: Donald (LaMikka) Jones of Garrett, Billy Witney of Prestonsburg; daughters: Argilla Smith of Mirnic, Savannah Robinson of Prestonsburg; brothers and sisters: Homer Jones Jr., of Frazier, Eddie Jones of McDowell and Glenda Pitts of Prestonsburg; grandchildren: Hope Gibson, Natalie White and Tyler Witney.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday August 31, 2011, 1:00 p.m. at the Living Water Ministries, with Larry Pitts and Kandy Mullins officiating.

Burial to follow at Living Water Ministries Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Delmas Gene Stone

Delmas Gene Stone, 63, of Bevinville died Saturday August 27, 2011 at McDowell ARH. He was born on April 20, 1948 to the late Tony and Gallie Stone and was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by children: Stephanie Ruby Stone, Natasha Dale Stone, and Delmas Gene Stone Jr.; brother and sisters: Ronald Dear Stone, Maudie Wendling, Roseale Dale Stone, and Whitney Stone.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday August 31, 1:00 p.m. at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Randall Holbrook officiating.

Burial will follow at the Hall Cemetery in Tackett fork of Beaver, KY.

Reon "Bo" Stone, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 27, at his residence. He was born December 31, 1955, to Hester and the late Rush Stone, and was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death

by a step son and daughter: Jimmy Tackett, and Carolyn Stone; and a sister: Virginia (Jenny) Cole.

He is survived by daughters: Hannah Stone and Christian Stone of Whitesburg; special friend and buddy: Isabella Swanson; brothers and sisters: Rush Stone Jr., Ellis Stone both of McDowell, Leon Stone of Melvin, Clark Stone of Knott County, Lisa Stumbo of Drift, Shirley Newsome of Melvin, Lily Morris of Martin, and June Stone of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday August 30 at the Martin Branch Free will Baptist Church, with Red Morris and Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial followed at the Stone Cemetery in Wayland.



Dolores Ann Thornsberry

Dolores Ann Thornsberry, so much more than a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Born on Sept. 9, 1937, and originally from Wayland, Dolores was the daughter of George and Alka Crager. She was a proud member of the Wayland Wasp graduating class of 1955, loved to sing at the Wayland Methodist Church, and was forever her family's biggest cheerleader.

Affectionately known as "DeDe", she took her last breaths in the arms of her devoted and loving husband, Jackie Thornsberry, with whom she celebrated 54 years of marriage on August 23.

DeDa and Jackie are the proud parents of four loving children: Kathy (Rick) Reiss, Rebecca (Michael) Hollon, Carolyn (Todd) Stacy, and Jack (Amity) Thornsberry.

DeDa was loved and adored by eight grandchildren: Lindsay (Dave) Knops, Tyler Hoetz, Brittany Stacy, Randi Thornsberry, Gordon Thornsberry, Audrey Thornsberry, Liam

Thornsberry, and Maggie Thornsberry. She was also a very proud great-grandmother to Lindsay's daughter, Ava Knops.

Always proud to be part of a large and loving family, DeDa had many siblings who preceded her in death: Willard, Mildred, Mary Elizabeth, Maggie, Dennis, Jack and Garner. Her sister, Avanelle, of Michigan, and brother, David Crager, of Kentucky, and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends survive her.

Because of the loving care DeDa received from her husband Jackie, daughter Rebecca, long-time family friend, Irene Roe, and Hospice Care of Middletown, the family was blessed to be at her side and in the comfort of her family home when she passed. The family is incredibly grateful for this compassionate and dignified approach to care and ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Dolores' name to Hospice of Middletown, Inc.

More information about their services and ways to donate can be found at www.yourhometownhospice.org

At the family's convenience, a private memorial service will be held at Buckingham Cemetery, in Wheelwright. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middletown, Ohio.

Vernon Ray Wood Jr.

Vernon Ray Wood Jr., 35, of Langley, died Thursday, August 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He was born June 1, 1976 to Vernon Ray and Reba Joyce Ratliff Wood, of Langley.

He was married to Samantha Collins Wood a disabled student, and member of the Faith Independent Church and the Hunting Club.

He is survived by son: Gregory Wood of Langley; two daughters: Chelsea Wood and Jewelce Wood; both of Langley; two sisters: Angela Gibson of Topmost and Rebecca Wood of Wayland, and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday August 29, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial followed at the Jim Ratliff Cemetery in Langley.

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College offers tour of China

Technical College faculty members will be taking a 12-day tour of China in June of next year, and everyone is invited.

BSTC officials say the adventure will include walking on the Great Wall, tours of the Terracotta Soldiers, floating the beautiful Li River on a bamboo raft, and walks along Nanjing Road in Shanghai.

The tour is scheduled to begin on June 11 and return June 22, 2012.

BSTC says the international program is organized through EF College Study Tours, in collaboration with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The Discover China tour includes flights, hotel accommodations, selected meals, and in country transportation. A full-time tour director will also be available from EF Tours to lead the tours.

To prepare for the trip, BSTC will offer a series of evening seminars at the Prestonsburg Campus of

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Disease

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the child home. Otherwise, we encourage the child to stay in school," says Martin. "Anytime they are not running a temperature, hand, foot and mouth will run its course, and they remain at school."
Infected persons are most con-

tagious during the first week of the illness.
The viruses that cause HFMD can remain in the body for weeks after a patient's symptoms have gone away. This means that the infected person can still pass the infection to other people, even though he or she appears well.
Also, some persons who are infected and excreting the virus, including most adults, may

have no symptoms.
The CDC says that HFMD occurs mainly in children under 10 years old, but can also occur in adults. Children are more likely to be at risk for infection and illness because they are less likely than adults to have antibodies to protect them. Such antibodies develop in the body during a person's first exposure to the enteroviruses that cause HFMD.

"Usually this time of year, in the summer months and the fall, there are cases of hand, foot and mouth disease, and we just encourage thorough hand washing," said Martin.
There is no specific preventive for HFMD but the risk of infection can be lowered by following good hygiene practices such as:
Washing hands frequently and correctly, especially after

changing diapers and after using the toilet.
Cleaning dirty surfaces and soiled items, including toys, first with soap and water and then disinfecting them by cleaning with a solution of chlorine bleach.
Children should also avoid close contact (kissing, hugging, sharing eating utensils or cups, etc.) with persons with HFMD.



photo by Jack Latta

Businesses founded by Jack Absher Sr. paid tribute to him this week, following his death.

Energy research at UK earning awards, lawmakers told

FRANKFORT — The Center for Applied Energy Research at the University of Kentucky is raking in federal grants for everything from work on synthetic fuels for NASA to improving the cost and efficiency of carbon capture at coal-fired power plants.
A \$14.5 million grant awarded to the university by the Department of Energy (DOE) earlier this month will help the Center develop a system that uses a plant's waste heat to improve efficiency and hold down electricity costs created by carbon capture's use, the legislative Special Subcommittee on Energy heard today. Researchers hope the project will remove at least 90 percent of generated carbon dioxide emitted by the plant, while holding down increased electricity costs to 35 percent or less, according to a DOE release.
The project will be carried out at the LG&EKU Brown power plant in Mercer County.

current 43,000 square foot facility and nearly double current lab space.
The lab should be in operation by next February, he said.
Andrews credits legislation passed by the 2007 General Assembly for giving UK the ability to pursue construction of the lab building. Most federal grants require the state to provide some money to share in the cost of a project, he explained.
"Without the money we received directly from the university, we would be limited in the number of awards we could go after," said Andrews.
Some lawmakers on the committee took time at the beginning of the meeting to voice their strong support for the coal industry and the state's Eastern and Western Kentucky regions that have been affected by holds on

new coal-fired power plant permits and EPA regulatory practices. Senate Majority Floor Leader Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said regulation also played a role in a 17-percent increase in electricity rates for many Eastern Kentuckians in 2010.
House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said another round of EPA regulations would "have a devastating impact on the rates that the people in the Commonwealth have to pay for electricity." Right now, he said, Kentucky produces some of the least expensive energy in the U.S.

CAER Director Dr. Rodney Andrews said the project is part of the Center's goal to find cost-effective technologies that can reduce carbon dioxide emissions related to coal-fired power plants. The testing of solvents for processes like corrosion will also be part of the project, he said.
Other projects underway at the CAER include the creation of synthetic aviation fuels for NASA, using algae to capture carbon dioxide, and using algae in the production of biofuel.
Algae has become another "possibility" for carbon capture, although Andrews said its use is not dramatically cheaper than using what are called chemical "scrubbers" to remove carbon.
"The biggest issue with algae is the amount of land it takes," he said. "We don't know the answer yet of whether it is going to be practical."
Energy Co-Chair Rep. Keith Hall, D-Phelps, praised the work of CAER and the university.
"I'm very proud of the fact that UK...is addressing those issues and concepts," Hall said.
The CAER is also set to open a new 36,000 square foot laboratory for biomass and biofuel research, research and development for Kentucky-Argonne Battery Manufacturing's lithium-ion product, state-of-the-art transportation fuels and work in solar energy. Andrews said the lab, built at an approximate cost of \$20 million, will free up significant space at CAER's

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had a vision for developing businesses and promoting our county, and he will be missed... I just feel another pillar of the community has been lost."

Absher proved to be a go-getter early on, establishing his own paper delivery business in Williamson when he was 12 years old.
When World War II broke out in Europe, Absher enlisted in the Army to serve his country. Returning home to Eastern Kentucky, Absher resumed his entrepreneurial career, building restaurants (Jerry's), movie theaters (Riverhill 10 and Strand Twin), hotels, and nursing homes.
The businesses and restaurants he brought to Eastern Kentucky changed the face of the surrounding communities and created jobs for hundreds of people.
"He was a really good guy, and this community is going to miss him," said Fannin.

Absher was the son of the late John Andrew and Linda Adkins Absher.
He is survived by one son, Jack Absher Jr., of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Mrs. Lawrence Geralddean Branham, of Pikeville, Suzy Khatami, of Anaheim, Calif., and Peggy Sowards, of Wyandotte, Mich.; five grandchildren, Jack Andrew Absher III, John George Absher II, Robert Joseph Absher, James Michael Absher, Laura Catherine Absher, and his companion, Patricia Akers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his former wife, Catherine R. Absher; one son, John George Absher, and one grandson, Michael James Absher.
Funeral services for Jack Andrew Absher will be conducted on Wednesday, August 31, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Harold Dorsey officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Visitation will be after 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 30, at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

In lieu of flowers family suggests donations to the Highlands Regional Hospital Autism Foundation, care of Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

China

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Big Sandy. These seminars will be led by Dr. Chenzhao Vierheller, professor of biology at Big Sandy. Dr. Vierheller, who will also be assisting as a guide on the trip, grew up in Beijing and has previously traveled to all the sites we will be visiting.
A review travel plans discussion of Chinese culture and an introduction to be-

gining Chinese language (such as how to greet people and ask where to find a restaurant) will be offered at the seminars.
Those interested in a trip to the Far East and who would like to travel with others from Kentucky need to be present at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, in the student center at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.
A slide show and hand out brochures, as well as an explanation of travel plans and costs, will be available during the meeting.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time, but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

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Our View Drug-testing welfare recipients misguided

State Rep. Lonnie Napier last week announced his intention to once again file a bill seeking to test welfare recipients for drug use. The bill, which would cut off benefits for those who test positive, already has broad support from voters and from key members of the legislature, including House Speaker Greg Stumbo.

The bill attempts to curb potential pitfalls by stipulating that only those who a caseworker suspects of drug use will be tested, and children of those who test positive would continue to receive benefits.

But with all that said, the proposal is still a thoroughly bad idea. Drug addiction is a disease, and it should be treated like one. Most legal, medical, corrections and law enforcement professionals now agree that punishing drug addicts does not work. The only method that helps drug addicts overcome their problem is treatment.

Kentucky made significant strides last year when it reformed its criminal code to reduce the penalties for a large number of drug crimes. Under our current criminal justice system, treatment is now considered a far more favorable option than incarceration.

Rep. Napier's bill, however, is a step backward, stemming from the viewpoint that drug addicts must be "bad people," deserving of punishment. But instead seeking to punish them through the court system, Napier's bill would instead hit them -- and their families -- in the pocketbook.

Drug addiction is certainly a problem, one that not only affects the afflicted, but also has repercussions felt by those around them and by the community at large. No one believes that addiction should be ignored or condoned.

However, seeking to punish addicts does not address the problem. Punishment is about as effective in eliminating addiction as it would be in eliminating cancer, heart disease or mental illness.

We understand that both Napier's intent and popular support for the bill must stem from the frustration of watching the problems of addiction continue and grow. However, we would much rather see our state focus on solutions that work, rather than the same old failed policies that do nothing more than satisfy our most base emotions.

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Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

When it comes to being "green," Kentucky is taking a leading role in proving that, environmentally speaking, less is really more.

Our recycling rate, for example, has doubled over the last decade, and in 2008, we passed the national average for the first time. Now, nearly a third of our recyclable materials - such things as aluminum, plastic, glass and paper - are being re-used rather than shipped off to the landfill. Altogether, it amounts to about two million tons annually that are being saved.

That helped our state post a seven percent decline in the amount of garbage taken to landfills in 2009, though part of that was undoubtedly due to the country's economic decline.

Still, it's a step in the right direction, and one that state government is taking to heart. In recent years the General Assembly has set stricter energy-saving requirements for new government buildings, and we've offered tax incentives to companies that produce alternative energy equipment.

In June, the state awarded 70 grants worth \$3.5 million to expand not just recycling, but also drop-off options for hazardous household waste. Other grants have gone to remove waste tires, which when shredded can be

used to help pave roads or make athletic fields safer. Our state government office paper recycling program in Frankfort, meanwhile, now nets about three million pounds annually.

One area where we really excel environmentally is in our schools. Education officials say Kentucky is the first state to have two schools designed to produce nearly as much energy over a calendar year as they use. Many others are meeting high energy efficiency standards as well. It was just a few years ago that we only had 17 schools certified by the federal Energy Star program. Now, there are more than 100.

That commitment to conserving energy doesn't stop at the school door, either. Thanks to a federal \$13 million grant, districts are adding hybrid school buses to their fleets. These buses go about twice as far on a gallon of fuel and can hold more students as well. More than 200 buses are expected to be bought with this money.

Not surprisingly, our postsecondary schools are taking similar steps to conserve energy and recycle more. Western Kentucky University, for one, is ramping up efforts to limit how much waste it generates. Over the next five years it will try to increase its recycling rate from 13 percent to at least 35 percent.

Berea College is helping some of its students become fully immersed in its conservation efforts. Its Ecovillage contains 50 apartments, and in addition to relying in part on alternative energy sources like wind and solar, this complex is cutting its per-person use of water by three-fourths, recycling or composting up to 50 percent

of its waste and largely treating sewage on-site.

Incidentally, the city of Berea gets high marks in another area environmentally: It has the world's largest facility dedicated solely to recycling aluminum cans. It's only fitting Kentucky is home to this, since we lead the nation in aluminum production.

Kentucky also ranks well above average in the number of auto jobs that produce alternative energy vehicles. We have nearly 9,800 employees overall who qualified in this survey, putting us fifth among the states.

In the years ahead, we could find ourselves playing a leading role in another area: electronic waste recycling. Several weeks ago, a high-ranking official with the federal government's procurement agency - which oversees \$65 billion in purchases a year - toured a Central Kentucky company that specializes in recycling e-scrap. It's estimated that the federal government goes through 10,000 computers a week, and a new rule requires that all of this equipment be recycled properly. As electronic gadgets continue working their way into our lives - and seemingly become obsolete the day after they're bought - it's easy to see how much growth is in this field.

It wasn't that long ago that few saw much value in conservation or recycling, but those days are long past. Recycling alone brings in more than \$200 billion annually.

That's a lot of gold for being "green," and Kentucky is in a good spot to capitalize on this trend. We've made a lot of strides in recent years, but there is reason to believe that this decade will be even better.

Letter to The Times

Article was one-sided

I am very disappointed in The Floyd County Times for their blatantly one-sided, biased article of August 10, 2011, regarding Dr. Milot Faria. It is worth more than free advertisement for a law firm and a tawdry attempt at sensationalism in order to boost newspaper sales. The article attacks and insults Dr. Faria's ability and character, as well as every physician who refers to or works with him, and the

facilities where he practices.

I have been a family practice physician in Floyd County for the last 15 years. I feel very privileged to have a surgeon of Dr. Faria's caliber at my disposal. He is a skilled, qualified surgeon and has made himself available for patient care at any time, day or night. He has done many procedures on my family, my friends and my patients. I have every confidence in his surgical abilities and would not refer my patients, friends and family if I felt otherwise.

Your article states that Dr. Faria could not be reached for comment, because he was in surgery. How many times did you try to reach him? Did you try to contact his attorney for

a statement? Did you try to contact a representative from the hospitals where he works? Did you try to contact anyone who knew him, or had knowledge of his education and training? How many laparoscopic cholecystectomies has he performed? What was the complication rate? How does that compare to the national average? The expert witness was from California? The prosecution had to go all the way to the west coast to get that opinion?

We cannot expect to improve our area or attract professionals if we allow such vicious attacks on individuals.

Debra K. Hall, M.D.

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State to leverage nearly \$155 million in small business loans

LEXINGTON — Gov. Steve Beshear announced Monday a major small business initiative that will provide Kentucky's small businesses with access to nearly \$155 million in new loans to help with job creation across the state.

The Kentucky Small Business Credit Initiative involves three new small business programs implemented by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to facilitate increased private lending to Kentucky's small businesses. The programs include: the Kentucky Capital Access Program; the Kentucky Collateral Support Program; and the Kentucky Loan Participation Program.

Gov. Beshear announced the initiative at the Coldstream Center, part of the University of Kentucky's Coldstream, Research Campus, in Lexington with lawmakers, business leaders and United States Treasurer Rosie Rios. The Coldstream Center houses 25 small businesses with more than 300 employees. Several of these businesses are recipients of federal small business grants.

This program is great news for the Commonwealth and another critical step in the right direction toward improving the Kentucky economy, Gov. Beshear said. We want all of our families working, and we know small businesses are incubators for new jobs in our state. The small business credit initiative gives these small businesses an easier path to create those new positions. Economic de-

velopment officials and business leaders deserve credit for working closely to establish the overall program.

The increased access to capital stems from the state's successful application for \$15,487,998 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury through the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The funds, which will be leveraged 10-1 with private lender funds to generate almost \$155 million, are part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 passed in September 2010.

Under the Small Business Jobs Act, Kentucky can access \$15.5 million in SSBCI funds. Kentucky expects to generate a minimum bang for the buck of at least \$10 in new private lending for every \$1 in federal funding. As such, this \$15.5 million allocation for Kentucky is expected to support nearly \$155 million in new private lending to small businesses in that state.

Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Larry Hayes filed the application on behalf of the Commonwealth. In planning the program, cabinet staff consulted with private lenders of all sizes, public-policy makers, Kentucky small business organizations, U.S. Department of Treasury officials and other states' economic development officials.

Based on our research of other states existing credit support programs and Kentucky's small business programs, we anticipate these new programs will offer the

broadest solution to the current credit issues facing Kentucky small business owners and entrepreneurs, Hayes said.

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA), a board established within the cabinet, has been designated to accept the \$15.5 in funds and administer the new credit support programs.

As one of the largest Kentucky-based community banks and a leading lender to small businesses, we are confident that the SSBCI programs will provide much needed capital to ensure continued growth opportunities for home grown businesses that play such an important role in communities throughout the Commonwealth, said Steve Trager, chairman and CEO of Republic Bank.

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation has worked closely with the cabinet for economic development on numerous projects to help attract, start and expand businesses, said Jerry Rickett, president and CEO of Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation. These three credit enhancement programs developed within the Kentucky Small Business Credit Initiative are sure to improve many entrepreneurs ability to access funding, grow their operations and hire workers. We fully support the Kentucky SSBCI programs and applaud the governor and the cabinet for economic development for their hard work in applying for these funds.

The Kentucky Small

Business Development Center works side by side with entrepreneurs across our Commonwealth and understands the challenges that they are having when it comes to acquiring the funding necessary to grow operations and hire workers, said Becky Naugle, state director of the Kentucky Small Business Development Center. With that in mind, we look forward to working closely with the cabinet for economic development and are very pleased to support the new credit enhancement programs developed within its Kentucky Small Business Credit Initiative.

These funds will provide a powerful spark for investment, growth, and job creation in Kentucky, Treasurer Rios said. This initiative will help ensure that more Main Street small businesses have access to the loans they need to expand, invest, and hire in their local communities.

The initiative is the latest of several recent small business programs implemented by Gov. Beshear's administration. In January 2011, KEDFA began accepting applications through the Kentucky Small Business Investment Tax Credit program, part of the Governor's 2009 INK legislation. Additionally, the Governor's Kentucky Export Initiative, launched in late 2010, is helping

to increase exporting activity among Kentucky small and medium-sized businesses. Gov. Beshear also recently launched Kentucky's first Minority and Women Business Enterprise Certification Program, as well as unveiled a specialty license plate promoting Kentucky small business.

The One-Stop Business Portal is also in development, which will provide small businesses with one resource for starting and running a business in the Commonwealth. In order to make all of these programs effective, the governor has tasked the cabinet to partner with private and public sector small business assistance agencies across the Commonwealth to assure a consistent and comprehensive network that will meet small business needs.

We must continue to look for ways to encourage the growth and stability of small business, said Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, of Lexington. I know small businesses are the lifeblood of Kentucky. By strengthening them, we can keep jobs in Kentucky and recruit more jobs to our state.

Gov. Beshear is working hard to guide Kentucky through these tough

economic times, said Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo, of Lexington. These monies will provide millions of dollars for small businesses to create new jobs in our Commonwealth.

As a longtime advocate for small business, I can see this initiative helping to create jobs all over Kentucky, said Rep. Tanya Pullin, of South Shore. This announcement could not come at a better time for small business. I want to thank U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios, Gov. Beshear and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for their attention to small businesses. Today's announcement will long be remembered as a high point for small business job creation.

For further information about the State Small Business Credit Initiative, visit <http://www.usstreasury.gov/offices/domestic-finance/ssbc/>.

Information on Kentucky's economic development efforts and programs is available at www.ThinkKentucky.com. Fans of the Cabinet for Economic Development can also join the discussion on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ThinkKentucky or follow on Twitter at www.Twitter.com/ThinkKentucky.

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Yesterdays

20 years ago

(August 28 and 30, 1991)
An Ashland businessman has pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of bank fraud in a case involving a Floyd County bank. Eric Charles, a car and coal dealer, pleaded guilty to 12 counts, including one charge that he defrauded more than \$1 million from the Bank Josephine in Prestonsburg. The local issue involved Charles' alleged execution of a scheme to defraud a federally insured bank, and of submitting false documents in support of loans.

A quick response by the Prestonsburg Fire Department can be credited for saving the V&R Market at Goble-Roberts from more extensive fire damage than it received on August 26. According to assistant fire chief, Mike Wells, a call came into Station Two at 9:45 p.m., Monday. Firefighter Mike Moore was attending church down the street from the market and was the first on the scene, radioing to the other firefighters that smoke and flames were visible. Wells said,

Dewayne Bush takes pride in his work, and now he can take pride in knowing he's the best in Kentucky. Bush won the title of Kentucky's best bagger at the Kentucky Grocers Association trade show at Heritage Hall Sunday, August 25. He received \$200, a \$500 scholarship, and will compete at a national contest in Orlando, Florida, in February.

Talks between Floyd County teachers and school administrators reached an impasse, Tuesday evening, leaving questions about school finance unresolved less than 48 hours before district teachers are scheduled to vote on a possible

strike. Representatives of the Floyd County Education Association (FCEA) met three hours, Tuesday evening, with a district budget committee, school finance officer Russell Frazier, board chairman Ray Shag Campbell and superintendent Ronald Hager, before reaching a state-wide over budgeted expenditures.

A break-in last weekend at the Floyd County Board of Education's book depository at Wayland school resulted in a loss of school equipment and destruction of school property. The thieves stole approximately \$1,000 worth of student calculators and caused more than \$4,000 in damages, said assistant superintendent Gary Frazier, Monday when the break-in was discovered.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce sees child care as the fastest growing business in the next decade. The State Cabinet for Human Resources says it will be the favored benefit of the '90s. To help Floyd Countians become more informed about their options in this area, Carol Lewandowski, human services coordinator for Big Sandy Area Development District, coordinated a seminar, Tuesday, entitled All About Business and Child Care and invited area businesspeople and child caregivers.

It appears that the 1991-92 school year could start as scheduled, even though a majority of Floyd County teachers voted Thursday to strike. The Floyd County Board of Education decided at a special meeting, Thursday, to ask the state Department of Education for assistance in solving a budget impasse between the district's budget committee and the school board's representatives.

Preliminary construction could begin this fall

on the Prestonsburg connector from new Route 23, but full-scale development won't begin before the spring of 1992. Tentative approval was given last Friday, August 23, to a \$15.4 million bid for the ambitious project, which calls for construction of an overpass near Glyn View Plaza. The construction bid, offered by Bizzack Bros. Construction, has not yet been awarded.

A keen eye by a Prestonsburg Police officer, Tuesday evening, led to the recovery of a vehicle stolen from Ohio and the arrest of a Floyd County man under indictment. Patrolman Mike Conn observed a suspicious vehicle at Greer Meat Company on South Lake Drive, at 10 p.m., Tuesday and his investigation resulted in the recovery of the vehicle reported stolen from Warren, Ohio, and two arrests.

Larry Hardin, 44, nephew of Prestonsburg resident Pat Mills, became the first Martin County to successfully undergo a heart transplant operation, having survived the critical first 48 hours in good shape in the University of Kentucky intensive care unit at Lexington. He's a miracle, said Hardin's surgeon, Dr. Michael Sekela, who headed the seven-man operating team.

A cry for help was heard and heeded this week, as more than 175 people turned out at the Central Kentucky Blood Center in Prestonsburg to give for the Great American Blood Drive. According to Billy Biddle, donor resources consultant, three records were broken during this week's drive, which was conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The single day record is now set at 66 registering to donate; the blood-drive total record was passed with 178; and the Rotary vs. the Jaycees on-going battle surpassed the past three drives total collection.

There died: John Lee Crum, 58, of Martin, Saturday, at his residence; Ruby Mae Hackworth Bradford, 66, of Blue River, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Richard Wyatt, 69, of Galion, Ohio, Tuesday, at Galion Community Hospital; Williba Hall,

74, of Virgie, August 22, at his residence; Doris Ann Spradlin Lafferty of Prestonsburg was incorrectly listed in last Wednesday's edition as 56 years old at her death. She was 53. Also: Sheldon Maggard, 83, of Hindman, Wednesday, at his home; Bonnie Tackett, 61, of Escorse, Michigan, formerly of Virgie, August 26, at the Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan; Geraldine Allen, 59, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Langley, Thursday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jeffer James Damron, 65, of Allen, Wednesday, in the emergency room at Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin.

30 years ago

(August 26, 1981)
Elisha Branham Jr., the last person known to have been with 17-year-old Michael Dwayne Cline on the night of Cline's abduction and murder, was arrested early Tuesday morning in Texas City, Texas.

Douglas Fleming, a Prestonsburg man, has been named defendant in a \$2.75 million suit alleging theft of trade secrets from a medical equipment supply firm.

Suspected arson resulted in considerable damage to a near-completed home at Lancer Friday, while a blaze the following day forced the evacuation of one wing of Riverview Manor Nursing Home. Turning down a recommendation of the chief executive officer, the Floyd County Health Department board voted, Monday, to seek consolidation with three other counties in a single health district. Etta Mae Gearheart, 44, of Printer, died Sunday, as the result of an auto accident near Martin.

Citizens' complaints against sex-oriented contests at the Prestonsburg Drive-In were again brought before the city council at its meeting.

When the first day of registration for 1981 fall semester at PCC ended Monday night, a total of 595 students had enrolled: There died: Greenbury Tackett, 39, August 13, in Pasadena, California; Jimmy Ray Stone, 45, of Tram, Monday, at Harold; Okie

Mae Damron, Monday, at Wabash County Hospital; Oakra Haywood, August 21, at Warsaw Community Hospital; Stella E. Thomas, 58, of Martin, Friday, at McDowell; James Ellis Hamilton, 51, August 25, in Columbus, Ohio; Oma Hall Thompson, 63, of Topmost, August 22, at McDowell; Sylviana Tackett, 79, of McDowell, Monday, at Methodist Hospital; Virgie F. Ratliff, 71, of Langley, at UK Medical Center; Cecil Halbert, 56, of Printer at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Roy Pack, 66, of Martin, August 18, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Edith Branham Cherry, 56, of Jacksonville, Florida, July 25, at Baptist Hospital.

40 years ago

(August 26, 1971)
The curtain fell, Saturday night, on the Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre, with the final performance of Jenny Wiley! and there are those who wonder if future productions will be staged there.

Disabled miners from Floyd and two other eastern Kentucky counties filed a lawsuit, Monday, in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., which could reopen almost all the black lung benefit cases which have been denied by Social Security.

Seventy-seven students of the Upper Frasure's Creek section began the new school year by playing hooky, and with their parents blessing. Parents have protested the condition of the Frasure's Creek road to the county highway department.

Mr. Cato's store will become the newest member of the Prestonsburg business community when its doors open at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Ten years ago Ball Brand Mason jars sold for \$1.27 a dozen, on sale at a local store.
Born: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hall, of Galveston, August 11; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dean Arnold, of Minnie, August 13; a son to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Clemons, of Topmost; a daughter, Suzanna Maria, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donahoe, of Ashland, August 6; a daughter, Dina Faye, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Conn, August 14.

There died: Farmer Duff, 63, of Garrett, Sunday, at Huntington, West Virginia; Bill Osborne, 47, of Ivel, Monday, when he was crushed beneath a slatefall on Turkey Creek; Laura Clay, 78, Sunday, at her home at Ligon; Antha L. Blackburn, 65, last Tuesday, at her home at Endicot; Bert T. Hall, 75, formerly of McDowell, Monday, at his home at Greenup; Goldie

Howard Stephens, 65, of Pyramid, Saturday.

50 years ago

(August 31, 1961)
School allotments for the 1961-1962 school year announced last week by State Superintendent of Public Instruction show that Floyd County will receive \$181,018 more this year than last, or a record total of \$2,330,809.

Governor Bert Combs headed a plane-borne group on an inspection tour of Kentucky parks, last Friday, including a visit to Jenny Wiley State Park, and the site under preparation for the park lodge.

The State Department of Highways, this week, advertised for bids on five Floyd road projects, including one extending from Bosco up Salt Lick Creek a distance of 1.35 miles.

There died: the Rev. Joseph E. Durham, 72, of David, former pastor of the David Community Church, and for 30 years, a minister in West Virginia and Kentucky; Irma Lee Bowers, 17, of Sitka, by drowning in Dewey Lake; Benjamin Matthew Lewis, 62, of Water Gap, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mint Prater Hopkins, 75, of Kingston, Ohio, formerly of Abbott Creek; and Elizabeth Clark Etzig, 65, of Pikeville, formerly of this county.

60 years ago

(August 30, 1951)
Classroom work begins, Tuesday, for the approximately 7,500 youths who will enroll in the grade and high school departments of the county's later schools.


Floyd County will send to the armed forces next month, upward of 50 men, it was learned this week as Draft Board 25 here notified 23 of its registrants to report for induction, Sept. 6.

If the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company continues its program of conversion from coal-burning to diesel locomotives for its train-pulling power to the extent that all its trains dispense with coal, mines of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn coal fields will lose a market of approximately half a million tons of coal a year, according to an estimate made here this week.

Floyd County's proposed War Memorial Hospital remained, this week, a thing of the future, with its location yet in question, after a meeting of the Hospital Advisory Council in Louisville last Thursday.

There died: Irvin Tackett, 34, of Drift, fatally injured in a car wreck on

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SCOKY rules against cities in firefighting pay lawsuit

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SOMERSET — Somerset City Attorney Carrie Weisse says the city council will soon need to decide how to proceed with the city's part of a lawsuit contesting a ruling which determined Somerset and several other Kentucky communities are responsible for paying back several years worth of overtime pay to firefighters.

The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled late last week against several cities involved in a lawsuit regarding overtime on a state level. The ruling was intended to provide incentive pay for firefighter training.

According to the Kentucky League of Cities, the latest ruling in the case states that the training supplement for firefighters employed on a schedule of 24-hours on/48-hours off should have been reduced to an hourly rate for calculation of overtime pay based on a 40-hour work week, thereby requiring overtime pay on the supplement for scheduled overtime hours worked prior to the 2009 legislative amendments.

This opinion means that cities with firefighters employed on a schedule of 24-hours on/48-hours off will likely collectively owe up to as much as \$25 million in overtime pay to their employer. The amount of settlements that are made. Further, the city would owe the Kentucky Retirement Systems retirement contributions plus eight percent interest, compounded annually, for those employees who received back pay.

J.D. Chaney, attorney for the Kentucky League of Cities, explained that the state's Department of Labor originally said cities would not have to pay overtime on the \$3,500 annual supplement for training, but when the Supreme Court ruled otherwise in a 2007 case in the City of Louisville, the Department of Labor then began enforcing the new ruling in all cities.

Several of those cities joined together in the current case to challenge the authority of the Department of Labor to enforce the Louisville decision. Those cities claim they should be protected under the doctrine of sovereign immunity because they were acting as agents of the state in distribution of the state supplement.

The Supreme Court rejected those arguments, holding that the cities were not entitled to immunity because immunity had been waived by the General Assembly under state law. The Supreme Court further held that the wage and hour statutes and firefighter supplement statutes were not inconsistent and could both be enforced without creating a statutory conflict.

"The Supreme Court's decision is disappointing and frustrating since the potential liability for cities comes at a financially challenging time and after more than 20 years of cities precisely following the specific instructions given to them by the Kentucky Department of Labor on how to disburse the firefighter pay supplement," Chaney said.

Cities involved in the appeal can still petition for a rehearing or for a modification of the opinion, Chaney said.

"If no petitions are filed, the underlying administrative actions and/or lawsuits against each city with pending claims will reactivate," Chaney said.

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Kentucky school groups to receive discounts for blockbuster exhibition

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Horse Park's International Museum of the Horse (IMH), in collaboration with the American Museum of Natural History, announced today that it will host the exhibition, The Horse, from October 22 through April 6. The IMH is a major lender to the exhibition.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring this world-class exhibition to Kentucky," said Bill Cooke, director of the Kentucky Horse Park's International Museum of the Horse. "The American Museum of Natural History is truly one of the world's great natural history museums, and they did a masterful job in developing an exhibition that not only illuminates the timeless union between humans and horses, but does so in an amazingly entertaining way. We are excited that this will be our first blockbuster exhibition while schools are in session. I have no doubt that both teachers and their students will love The Horse."

From the horse's earliest ancestors grazing on

the plains of what is now Nebraska, to a magnificent contemporary Deborah Butterfield horse sculpture, the eternal bond between horses and humans is explored in the largest equestrian traveling exhibition ever assembled. The Horse graphically portrays the horse's impact on trade, transportation, labor, warfare, culture, and sports. It showcases spectacular fossils, models, dioramas, and cultural objects from around the world, including many from the American Museum of Natural History's world famous collections.

The New York Times called this exhibition "charming and illuminating" and "a uplifting example of how horses enrich our lives." The New York Post said, "You absolutely must see it."

The Horse is divided into six major sections: The Evolution of Horses; Horses and Hunters; Domesticating Horses; The Nature of Horses; How We Shaped Horses and Horses Shaped Us; and, An Enduring Bond.

These themes are illuminated by more than 140 artifacts and cultural objects from around the world including a complete Samurai saddle from Japan, a full suit of 15th-century German horse armor, and Native American horse accoutrements. Bringing the exhibit to life are a stunning 220-square foot diorama that depicts the horse's ancestors, a high-definition video that captures in slow motion the rippling muscles of a Thoroughbred race horse, and an interactive video of a life-size horse where visitors can investigate a horse's pulmonary and digestive systems and other biological traits.

"This extraordinary, entertaining and informative exhibition is a perfect fit for the Kentucky Horse Park, which exists to celebrate man's relationship with the horse; a relationship that has endured through the millennia," said Kentucky Horse Park Executive Director John Nicholson. "This amazing and most beautiful of creatures has never lost its ability to look for the good - and bring out the best - in mankind as a partner, teammate and friend. That's why we never lose our fascination with them, and why we are so excited to have this exhibition coming to our park."

The Horse is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York, in collaboration with the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage, United Arab Emirates; the Canadian Museum of Civilization, Gatineau-Ottawa; The Field Museum, Chicago; and the San Diego Natural History Museum. Curator of the exhibition is Ross MacPhee.

"The human-horse relationship was almost predestined," MacPhee said. "Punny but clever, entertaining humans needed an animate energy source that was both mobile and controllable - hence the domestic horse. What no one could have foreseen was that, over the millennia, while we molded the horse to our ends, the horse also

modeled us by changing the scale and scope of what could be carried, traded, fought over, or used to make life better - in short, civilization as we know it."

For more information on The Horse, go to www.amnh.org/exhibitions/horse, www.imh.org, or www.kyhorsepark.com.

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Events

U.S. 23, the fourth member of his family to die in the last five months; Cpl. Charles D. Carr, 71, of Wayland, in the wreck of a jeep in Japan; Frank Meade, 57, at Orkney; James Hubert Cantrell, 48, of Wheelwright, of a heart attack.

70 years ago

(August 28, 1941)
The Jones Fork Mining Co., which recently acquired ownership of Mine No. 3 of the Central Elkhorn Coal Co. on Jones Fork, will resume operation of the mine next week.

Approximately 700 men began work on the 10-inch pipe line from Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company's compressor station at Dwale to upper Johns Creek.

Troy Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Hall, of Allen, sustained a skull fracture

Friday, when hit by a wheel at a Ligon coal mine.

The marker erected on the courthouse grounds by members of Greenville Davidson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was unveiled recently.

There died: J. D. Hatfield, 55, well-known Wheelwright merchant, Tuesday, at the Stumbo Hospital, Lackey; Anna Virginia Cooley, 57, last

Friday, and on the following day her 72-year-old brother, James Stone; Thurose Zanzonico, 9, of Wayland, a victim Tuesday of measles; Barbara Ann Nelson, 6, Sunday, at the Dwale home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson; Lyda Winger Grantman, 40, sister of Mrs. Arthur Blackburn, Friday, in an auto accident, at Springfield, Ohio.

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Community Calendar

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Dwale Homecoming

The 2011 Dwale Homecoming will begin Friday, Sept. 2, at 6 p.m., with a 101st birthday celebration for Richard Mosley. On Saturday, Sept. 3, there will be a memorial service at 10 a.m. and dinner at noon, at the Dwale shelter.

Shepherd family reunion

The Shepherd family reunion will be held at the Dewey Dam shelter no. 4, beginning at noon, Sept. 5. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Also, guests are asked to bring a new towel or washcloth for ticket basket. For questions, call (606) 377-0519.

Hughes family reunion

A reunion of the Linda K. Hughes family, Mary Darus Hughes family, Sarah (Sally) Hughes family, John Malcolm Hughes family and James Henry Hughes family will be held Labor Day, Sept. 4, at the home of Dea. Faye Hollbrook, 413 Hollbrook Hollow Road, in Prestonsburg, beginning at 3 p.m. Please call about a covered dish if you plan to attend. (606) 886 3481 or (606) 226-3525.

Volunteer mentors wanted

Mentoring for a Second Chance is a jail-based service program designed to help reduce recidivism and

promote positive growth, by linking nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or jkinzer@M2Comp.org.

Joyous junk sale

The Auxier Center will hold a "joyous junk sale" Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will be held at the center, 21 South River Street, in Auxier.

Furniture, clothing, appliances, baby items and more will be sold. All proceeds will benefit the home repair fund.

PHS Class of 1961 50-year reunion

Sept. 23 and 24. Contact (606) 886-2774, 886-0990 or 874-2526, or email garredsee@msn.com for details.

Veterans service officer

VFW Post 5839 in Lancaster will have a service officer available every Wednesday, from noon until 4 p.m. Some services offered will be initial claim filing, upgrades, appeals, permanent and total claims and others. Contact (606) 886-9428 or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Communities Against Drug Addition

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addition meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each

month, at Allen Baptist Church.

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.benchmark-familieservices.org/

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.

Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applica-

tions 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.

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.

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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:

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CINEMA 2 SPY KIDS: ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD (PG) Mon-Thurs 7:20 - Fri 4:20 - 7:20 Sat-Sun 2:20 - 4:20 - 7:20
CINEMA 3 FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R) Mon-Sun 9:20 ONLY
CINEMA 4 OUR IDIOT BROTHER (R) Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:30 - Fri 4:25-6:30 Sat-Sun 2:15-4:30-7:15-9:30
CINEMA 5 THE HOT Chick (13) Mon-Thurs 7:30 - Fri 4:30 - 7:30 Sat-Sun 2:30 - 4:30 - 7:30
CINEMA 6 RISE OF THE PLANET OF THE APES Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:30 - Fri 4:30-7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:15 - 9:30
CINEMA 7 FRIGHT NIGHT 3D (R) Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:30 - Fri 4:30-7:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:15 - 4:30 - 7:15 - 9:30
CINEMA 8 SHARK NIGHT: Big (PG) (Info: P 878) Mon-Thurs 7:10-9:28 - Fri 4:28-7:10-9:28 Sat-Sun 2:18 - 7:18 - 9:28
CINEMA 9 APOLLO 18 (PG) (Info: P 878) Mon-Thurs 7:15-9:30 - Fri 4:25-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10 - 4:25 - 7:10 - 9:25
CINEMA 10 DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK (G) Mon-Thurs 7:05-9:20 - Fri 4:20-7:05-9:20 Sat-Sun 2:00-4:20-7:05-9:20
CINEMA 11 THE STRAIGHTS (PG) Mon-Thurs 7:10-9:28 - Fri 4:28-7:10-9:28 Sat-Sun 2:18 - 7:18 - 9:28
CINEMA 12 CONAN: THE BARBARIAN (R) Mon-Sun 8:45 ONLY
Wednesdays 8/31/11 We will be closed for Jack Daniel's Fall Festival. See local news for details.

Mondays, at Minnie (be-side 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 Davis 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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Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information

in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Home initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment

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

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc.

to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW! licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227. (toll free). Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homechoolers 'Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info, contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119, or christophercook@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

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Abandoned rail could again help fuel parts of eastern Kentucky

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For nearly 100 years, the Dawkins Line helped to fuel the local economy by hauling out natural resources from the hills of Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt counties.

Soon, the abandoned line could again prime the region's economic engine by carrying visitors on foot, horseback and bike into the region, to experience, rather than extract its rich natural wealth.

If completed, the 36-mile long Dawkins Line in eastern Kentucky's longest Rails to Trails project, quadrupling the current mileage of completed rail-trails in the state. Supporters say the Dawkins Line will not only bring tourist dollars to the area but will provide a recreational facility for residents in an area plagued by obesity, diabetes and heart and vascular disease.

But opponents — mostly property owners along the rail line — argue the Dawkins line is not the best place for a recreational trail and are vowing to stop it in its tracks.

A public meeting, aimed at gathering input and sharing information about the trail, was held last night.

The Dawkins Line, which stretches from West Lee in Johnson County just past Evanston in Breathitt County, is named for the former Dawkins Lumber Company. The company began building the line after incorporating the Big Sandy and Kentucky River Railroads in 1912, according to a trail feasibility study compiled by Summit Engineering in 2007. The study, titled The Big Lovely Mountain Trail, was commissioned and paid for by the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council and is available on-line.

In 1930 following the stock market crash of 1931 the line, which had not been completed, was acquired by the C&O Railroad. It eventually extended the line into Breathitt County and to Evanston in the late 40s.

The railroad continued to haul lumber and later coal, even as it changed ownership as railroads consolidated over the next 60 years. CSX Transportation sold the line to its last private owner, Corman in 2002. Corman filed paperwork to abandon the line in 2004.

At that time, the Kentucky Rails to Trails Council, which advocates for the development of trails in Kentucky, became aware of Corman's intent and was able to railbank the line, said chairman Keith Lovan said.

Railbanking is the process established by state and federal laws, in which abandoned railroads' right-of-way is allowed to remain intact so that a recreational trail can be developed, Lovan said.

Otherwise, when a railroad line is abandoned its right-of-way reverts back to individual property owners, who can then refuse to allow use of their land for a trail. Railbanking is a common practice nationwide and has been used numerous times in Kentucky to aid in the development of trails, according to data available through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

The Dawkins line was also railbanked by the Big Sandy Area Development District and then eventually the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The state officially purchased the line from Corman in May for \$500,000.

The General Assembly first approved the funds for the purchase in 2006 but the sale was not finalized until this spring, said Gil Lawson, a spokesman for the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Council.

Lawson said the state has already allocated \$2.5 million in funds for development of the trail including a \$500,000 severance grant to the Kentucky State Parks, who will manage it, as well as up to \$2 million in transportation program funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. It is unclear, however, what the total cost of the project will be.

The Big Lovely trail report estimated the trail will cost approximately \$2.1 million to develop, another approximately \$278,000 to maintain and operate annually but Lawson said the state will do its own study in

the coming months. He said there is no current timeline for the project but said a portion could be opened as early as next year.

Lovan said he believes state leadership on the issue — most notably that of First Lady Jane Beshear, an avid equestrian trail-rider who has crisscrossed the state promoting adventure tourism initiatives — has been a major component of the proposed trail moving forward. Early on, the council struggled to build a consensus of support among local officials in the various counties whose administrations have frequently changed.

"I think it's a great thing. It just simplifies everything," said Lovan. "The three counties have more pressing needs and it was very difficult to convince the county officials that they needed to invest in a trail when they have needs for water and sewer," he said.

Lovan added the Dawkins Line could become a good model for to be used in developing additional Rail-Trails in the state as well as an example of the economic potential recreational trails have.

"It is like bringing a factory into a community because of all the jobs that are going to be generated from the tourists that are going to be coming in," Lovan said. "They are going to eat in your community, maybe buy a bike, spend the night. Small

businesses are going to pop up all along the trail," he predicted.

"As far as what it will do for eastern Kentucky — it is huge," said Paintsville Tourism Director Cindy Wheat.

Wheat, Lovan, and Lawson have all said they believe the Dawkins Line has the potential to become a "premier Rails to Trail destination that could eventually draw thousands of visitors to the region each year."

The scenery is incredible," Lovan said. "There is so much about it that is going to attract so many people."

Officials have frequently compared the Dawkins Line to the well-established Virginia Creeper Trail in southeastern Virginia in terms of its scenery and potential for spurring economic growth.

According to a 2004 study conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the VCT draws more than 130,000 users annually, almost half from out-of-town, injecting an estimated \$1.5 million into the local economy and \$2.5 million into the economy statewide.

But this comparison does not sit well with Johnson County resident Robert

O'Bryan, who lives along the trail in the community of Leander. O'Bryan points out that the Virginia Creeper Trail crosses through the exceptionally scenic Mount Rogers National Recreation Area and is joined for a section by the Appalachian Trail, the nation's most prominent footpath.

In contrast, he said, the Dawkins Line not only bisects his property but travels within 30 feet of numerous homes, churches and businesses along its route in addition to crossing many roadways. He "worries the trail will infringe on property owners rights to privacy and force them to modify their property."

"I've said many times if it ran through the backwoods and not close to the homes I wouldn't oppose it at all," O'Bryan said. He said there are more than 400 individuals who own property along the line but he does not know of a single one that supports the trail.

O'Bryan has become the de facto spokesman for the opposition. The retired educator, member of the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation board and president of the Johnson County Farm Bureau, is well respected in the community and has written two published letters to Paintsville Herald expressing opponents' position.

Safety along the trail

is another major concern. "Park rangers will just get the job done. It is just too much to ask of a Park Ranger — asking them to patrol something 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When you open it up you are making it a public thruway for anybody. Good and bad," O'Bryan said. "I can see it being a drug trail going into Magoffin and Breathitt counties."

He also believes the line's trestle bridges exacerbate flooding along Jenny's Creek. They have long trapped debris, which causes the creek to swell its banks during heavy rains, O'Bryan said. Flood damage, he added, was given by Corman in his explanation for abandoning the line.

"That is the big reason I'm opposed to it... the trestles will remain right where they are — whether or not the state will keep them clean or not they will be responsible for doing that," he added.

O'Bryan said a lack of communication between the state and property owners was followed when the line was abandoned and the trail proposed.

"It would have made us feel much better if someone would have met with the property owners and let us know what was going on instead of us reading the news-

paper," he said.

He also claims the media has also not accurately portrayed the project in its coverage, and said property owners were barred from asking questions at a recent press conference attended by Gov. Steve Beshear.

"The property owners have not gotten any respect at all. They are just ramming it down our throat regardless if we want it or not and that really doesn't sit well with us," O'Bryan said.

Wheat and Lovan said they are aware of the opposition but believe the trail will be built and in time its success will show property owners their fears were unfounded.

"I think a lot of the fear, is fear of the unknown," said Lovan.

Wheat agreed. "I truly feel once the residents see how much this is going to enhance their property, their neighbors and the community they are going to have a change of heart."

She said she hopes residents will eventually become involved with the Rail-Trail, perhaps building amenities such as campsites or small businesses that cater to users. "I think it is an opportunity to put our best foot forward and welcome everyone we can and make them understand what a great area we have in eastern Kentucky," Wheat said.

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Judge limits access to evidence in terror case

by DEBORAH HIGHLAND
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U.S. District Judge Thomas B. Russell signed an order prohibiting the public disclosure of evidence in a terrorism case against two Iraqi refugees arrested in Bowling Green on charges of trying to send weapons and money to al-Qaida in Iraq. Waad Ramadan Alwan, 30, and Mohamad Shareef Hammadi, 23, have pleaded not guilty to the charges in a 23-count federal indictment that accuses the men of attempting to support terrorism in Iraq. Federal authorities arrested them May 25 in Bowling Green. A federal grand jury indicted Alwan and Hammadi on May 26. Both entered the country legally as refugees. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Bennett and Bryan Calhoun, along with Lawrence Schneider, trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, asked a federal judge last month to order defense attorneys in the case to share

evidence only with people directly involved in the defense of the two men. Defense attorneys Scott Wendeisorf and James Earhart did not object to the motion, according to court records.

In the order that Russell signed Aug. 17, evidence in the case must be segregated into two categories: general discovery materials and sensitive discovery materials. Federal prosecutors must clearly mark any evidence that is considered sensitive.

None of the evidence in either category can be released to anyone not directly involved in the case, the court order said. Sensitive materials include information that the federal government has declassified or other material deemed sensitive. Sensitive materials also include information obtained through the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

Court documents show that federal prosecutors intend to use information obtained pursuant to FISA. Portions of that act were amended by the Patriot Act. FISA tools allow law enforcement roving wiretap authority

and access to business records.

Russell also ordered that all evidence and copies of evidence are to be stored in a secure place and returned to the federal government at the conclusion of the case. Any papers that include sensitive material served on the court must be filed under seal, which means that the public will not be able to access these documents.

"In this case, the nature of the evidence subject to discovery makes it appropriate to enter the proposed protective order, and the entry of such an order may well expedite the resolution of this case," according to the motion filed by federal prosecutors asking for the order. "A substantial number of calls in this matter have been identified to be declassified, yet many others remain classified. One of the factors that influences the FBI's decision to declassify this type of evidence is its concern -- shared by the Intelligence community -- with whether there are adequate protections in place to address the non-disclosure of the materials to those who are a not a party to the criminal proceedings.

When such protections are not in place, the prosecution's ability to obtain prospective declassification is diminished," the motion says. If the protections are not in place, information that could be declassified and provided quickly to the defense could be delayed, the motion argues. Alwan is accused of

conspiring to kill U.S. nationals overseas, conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction against U.S. nationals overseas, distributing information on how to manufacture and use improvised explosive devices, attempting to provide material support to terrorists and to al-Qaida in Iraq, and conspiring to transfer, possess and export Stinger missiles.

Hammadi is charged with attempting to provide material support to terrorists and to al-Qaida in Iraq, as well as conspiracy to transfer, possess and export Stinger missiles.

In January, the FBI's Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center identified two latent fingerprints that belonged to Alwan in a component of an unexploded improvised explosive device that U.S. military personnel found in Bayji, Iraq, in September 2005, according to federal court records. Alwan worked in a power plant in Bayji at that time.

Alwan lived in public housing on Gordon Avenue with his wife and children and worked for a friend in a supermarket. Alwan entered the United States in April 2009 and settled in Bowling Green. By September of that year, the FBI was investigating him.

Hammadi lived in Section 8, government-subsidized housing on Flannigan Court. He worked for Perdue Chicken until about two months before his arrest. Hammadi entered the country in July 2009 in Las Vegas and moved to Bowling Green in December 2009.

Enrollment hits record number at University of Pikeville

PIKEVILLE -- When University of Pikeville President Paul Patton says there has never been a better time to be a UPKICK bear, he may be referring to a second straight year of record enrollment. It could be the institution's move to university status, the addition of an MBA program and an RN-BSN, or new projects geared toward enhancing campus life. As classes began on Aug. 22, the University of Pikeville welcomed more than 1,860 students, including 311 in the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"These numbers are a significant achievement and have exceeded our expectations," said Patton. "All across campus, we have worked very hard to encourage prospective students to take a look at the quality of our programs, which we believe provide as good a liberal arts education as you can get at any similar institution."

To accommodate the increase in enrollment, new instructors and classes have been added and residence halls have been renovated and expanded. Earlier this year the University partnered with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers to operate the campus bookstore, providing access to cost-saving benefits such as rental textbooks and e-books. An in-depth freshman studies curriculum and volunteer mentoring program are also geared toward student success and a positive first-year experience. "The heart and soul of this University is the classroom," said Patton. "We

also provide a comprehensive experience that will prepare our students for a promising but competitive world. More importantly, we are doing it in a small and personal atmosphere. That is what makes us special."

Jake Cyrus, a junior communication major at the University of Pikeville, says he is "super pumped" about the fall semester. "Cyrus, who plays baseball for the Bears, recently moved into Spilman Hall, one of two buildings renovated this year to accommodate the anticipated increase in students. Cyrus shares a suite with five other members of the baseball team and is excited to be among the 70 students who are the first to live in the new dormitory. "It is really cool," he said. "It's like living in an apartment."

A summer internship at UPKICK, the new government television channel, kept Cyrus close to campus this summer. It also gave him an opportunity to document the historic change to university status through the camera lens. "I feel great that I actually experienced Pikeville College, but I am excited about the transition to the University of Pikeville. I think other schools are going to take us more seriously. We're getting more students and more friends and more of that university atmosphere," he said. "With all the progress we've made we're rising exponentially. It seems like nothing is holding us back."

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Sophomore Grant Anderson (11) led Prestonsburg in rushing Friday night as the Blackcats defeated host Sheldon Clark. Anderson is pictured taking a handoff from Prestonsburg quarterback Adam Crisp.

Blackcats bounce back: P'burg 34, Sheldon Clark 12

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — The Prestonsburg Blackcats didn't dwell on a 34-35 loss they had suffered to Perry County Central one week earlier. Instead, Prestonsburg went back to work Friday night (Aug. 26). Playing on the road for the second straight week early in the 2011 season, Prestonsburg matched its scoring total from the season-opener but allowed much fewer scoring. The Blackcats gradually pulled away from host Sheldon Clark, defeating the Cardinals 34-12.

The Blackcats scored first in the opening quarter and never had to play from behind. Prestonsburg packed a 7-0 lead out of the initial period and entered halftime ahead 21-6.

Sheldon Clark was able to limit Prestonsburg standouts Joseph Jamerson and Bryson Williams. Jamerson, drawing heavy defensive pressure, picked up only five yards via four carries. Williams netted 50 yards and one touchdown through seven carries. Then there was Grant Anderson and Kain Collins, both of whom ultimately stepped up in the early-regular-season matchup. Anderson led Prestonsburg in rushing with 103 yards and one touchdown (53 yards)

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Bobcats upend South Floyd

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Two familiar Floyd County foes hooked up on the gridiron Friday night with the visiting team pulling away to win convincingly. Austin Hall and Kory Jarrell both rushed for over 100 yards Friday night as Betsy Layne defeated county rival South Floyd 38-6 in a non-district game.

Hall paced South Floyd on the ground, rushing five times for 120 yards and one touchdown. Jarrell ranked second in rushing for the Bobcats, racking up 105 yards and one touchdown via six carries.

Josh Salisbury took two rushing attempts for 15 yards and one touchdown while four other Betsy Layne players rushed one time each.

The Bobcats moved to 2-0 after posting the win. Betsy Layne defeated Braekon County 38-7 in a season-opener played Aug. 19.

South Floyd opened the campaign 0-1 after absorbing the setback in its season-opener. Donnie Daniels is in his third stint as South Floyd head coach.

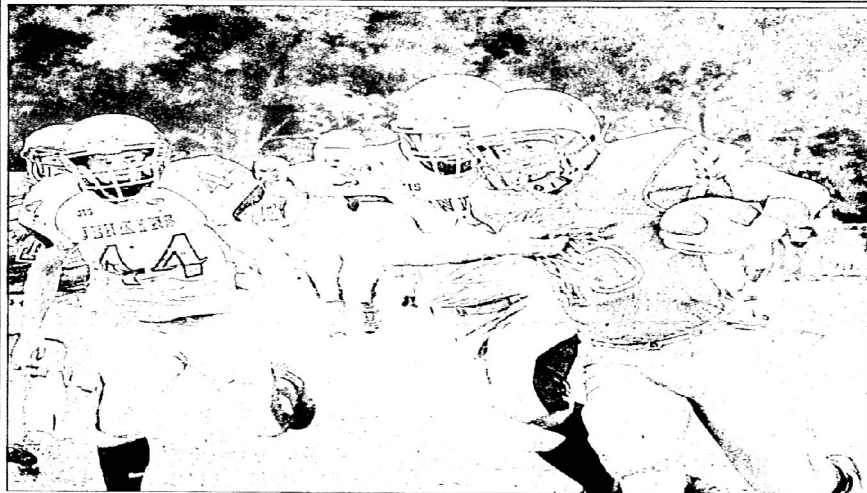
The Bobcats were able to mix in a few passes as part of an offensive attack that churned out 264 rushing yards. Betsy Layne sophomore quarterback Dylan Hamilton completed three-of-five passes for 45 yards. Kory Jarrell completed his lone pass attempt for a 35-yard touchdown. Ryan Lawson was on the receiving end of the Betsy Layne scoring toss.

Jarrell reeled in a team-high two receptions for 25 yards.

Betsy Layne scored via offense and special teams as Hall returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown.

Hall was Betsy Layne's leading defender, registering a team-high 12 tackles.

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Allen Central senior quarterback Micah Harlow picked up yardage Friday night during a rushing attempt versus visiting Jenkins. The Rebels won, improving to 2-0.

Allen Central routs Jenkins in opener

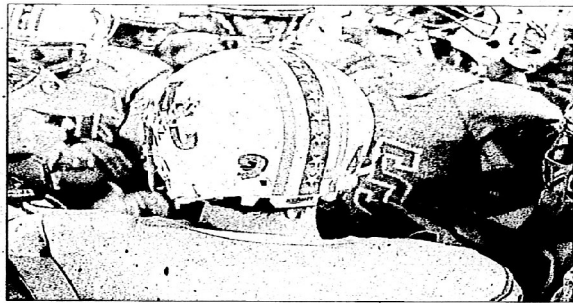
by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central secured an early lead during its debut on the gridiron Friday night and never faltered. The Rebels rolled past visiting Jenkins 60-8, defeating the Cavaliers convincingly in a season-opener.

Allen Central rushed its way past Jenkins as five different rushers took multiple carries out of the offensive backfield. Seth Jarrell led Allen Central in rushing. Jarrell averaged 20 yards per carry as he took five rushing attempts for 100 yards and two touchdowns. He scored on two runs of 30 or more yards.

Travis Atkins, Zach Murphy and senior quarterback Micah Harlow rushed for one touchdown apiece.

(See CENTRAL, page B2)



Rebels advance to sixth straight All A regional title match

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Allen Central defeated South Floyd 2-0 (25-13, 25-22) on Monday to advance to its sixth straight 15th Region All A Class championship match. The Rebels were facing Paintsville at press time Tuesday night.

Katie Kendrick paced Allen Central in the winning effort. Kendrick slammed in six kills on .667 hitting and also delivered an assist. Ciara Jones pounded in five kills for the Rebels. Rachel Moore and Brooke Risner delivered four kills each for the Rebels. Courtney Hodge dished up nine kills and also landed three kills and recorded three service aces. Laker Tackett also had three service aces along with one kill for the Rebels.

Allen Central served at 94-percent, committing three errors in 50 serves. The Rebels recorded 12 service aces. Allen Central also hit for 453 percent, committing six attack errors in 53 tries. The Rebels registered 24 kills.

Defensively, Julie Halbert dug up six to lead all Allen Central backrow players. Hodge and DeShea Elliott earned four digs each for the Rebels. Kendrick paced Allen Central's net game, earning three blocks. Tackett had one block and one dig. Mandy Hodge was credited with a block-assist in the victory.

The Rebels returned 97-percent of the South Floyd point-attacks, committing two reception errors in 60 attempts while earning 18 digs.

Rebels sweep Betsy Layne, advance to All A

(See REBELS, page B2)

Eastern Kentucky lakes benefit from special stockings of fish

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Four Eastern Kentucky lakes will receive special stockings of fish in the coming months.

Whenever our hatcheries produce extra fish, we select various lakes around the state for bonus

stockings of fish, said Ron Brooks, fisheries director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

We've received requests for more fish in Eastern Kentucky, so this week we're stocking 25,000 channel catfish among Dewey Lake, Carr Creek Lake and Yates-

ville Lake, he added. We think anglers are really going to enjoy this extra opportunity.

The catfish average a quarter-pound apiece. They are being stocked at a rate of six catfish an acre.

In October, Paintsville Lake will receive more than 22,000

black-nosed crappie as a bonus stocking. Stocked fish will be three inches long. Also, as part of an ongoing study, researchers will stock more than 14,000 white crappie in Carr Creek Lake this fall.

Dewey, Carr Creek and Yatesville routinely receive stockings of fish that may vary among catfish,

bass, crappie, walleye and sunfish. Tailwater areas of these lakes are stocked with rainbow trout as well.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists are currently attempting to increase smallmouth bass populations in Paintsville Lake with fingerling fish hatched from broodfish taken out of Dale Hollow Lake.

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Bobcats

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Salisbury provided Betsy Laynes biggest pressure from the defensive side, recording two sacks in addition to nine tackles.

Austin Kidd blocked a punt in Betsy Laynes win. Betsy Laynes has this week off. The Bobcats have now turned their collective focus to another county rival, Betsy Layne will visit Allen Central Sept. 9.

South Floyd will return to regular-season competition Friday night, visiting Jenkins for another non-district game.

Back

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through five carries. Collins rushed nine times for 57 yards and a team-high three touchdowns. Prestonsburg senior quarterback Adam Crisp completed 50-percent of his passes. Crisp was seven-of-14 for 95 yards.

Five different receivers Jamerson, Williams, Anderson, Collins and Adam Griffith were on the receiving end of a Crisp-thrown pass.

Prestonsburg led 27-12 at the conclusion of the third quarter. The Blackcats tacked their final score on with 1:06 remaining in the non-district contest.

Freshman Jarredd Jarrell paced the Prestonsburg defensive unit. Jarrell had two interceptions and a fumble recovery for the Blackcats. Williams also notched an interception for Prestonsburg in the non-district victory.

Chris Cook delivered a game-high 19 tackles (12 solos) for the Blackcats. Other leading tack-

lers were Jamerson (16), Griffith (13), Collins (12), Alex Garner (9), Wes Robinson (7) and Kinsey Van Dine (7).

The Prestonsburg defense forced Sheldon Clark running back K.P. Skyles to fumble three times. Skyles lost two of the three fumbled footballs. As a team, Sheldon Clark fumbled five times, losing three of the dropped balls to visiting Prestonsburg.

Sheldon Clark quarterback B.J. Jarrell completed seven-of-13 passes for 119 yards and one touchdown in the setback. B.J. Jarrell threw two interceptions in the loss.

Tim Smith was Sheldon Clarks go-to receiver, reeling in six receptions for 115 yards and one touchdown.

Smith also led Sheldon Clark in rushing, gaining 90 yards through 13 attempts. He accounted for Sheldon Clarks lone rushing touchdown.

Prestonsburg will entertain Lawrence County (1-1) this week in a home opener. Betsy Layne graduate Joey Ceel is in his first season as Lawrence County head coach.

Scoreboard

High School Football Scoreboard
Results from Friday, Aug. 26

- Betty 34, Harrison County 7 (Community Trust Bank Pike County Bowl)
- Pike County Central 57, Phelps 6 (Community Trust Bank Pike County Bowl at Betty)
- Allen Central 60, Jenkins 8
- Ashland Blazer 58, Hazeland 12
- Bath County 45, West Carter 12
- Betsy Layne 38, South Floyd 8
- Bracken County 50, Knott County Central 6
- Breathitt County 35, Letcher County Central 14
- Fairview 32, East Carter 7
- Hartan 41, Williamsburg 22
- Hazard 32, Clintwood, Va. 7
- Karns, Tenn. 22, Corbin 21
- Lawrence County 41, Jackson County 7

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Rebels

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semifinals: Allen Central swept Betsy Layne, winning 2 0, 25 17 and 25 18, to advance to the semifinals of the 15th Region All A Classic volleyball tournament at Clarist.

Courtney Hodge, who slammed in seven kills on 368 hitting and dealt out four assists, paced Allen Central. Katie Kendrick rounded in five kills for the Rebels. Clark Jones thumped in three kills for the Allen Central varsity volleyball squad. Brooke Risner dished up nine kills and also landed two kills.

Julie Halbert paced the side-out attack with six service aces and Risner skidded in three. Allen Central served at 86-percent, committing seven errors in 49 serves and had 12 service aces. The Rebs also hit for .355, committing only four attack errors in 62 tries with 22 kills.

Defensively, Julie Halbert dug up 13 to lead all back row players. Risner and DeShea Elliott earned three digs each. Laken Tackett paced Allen Centrals net game, earning five blocks and one block-assist. Kendrick had two blocks for the Rebels. Mandy Hodge was credited with a block-assist. The Rebels returned 87-percent of the Bobcat point-attempts, committing six reception errors in 53 attempts while earning 27 digs.

Allen Central advanced to face South Floyd in the 15th Region All A Classic semifinals.



YOUTH HUNT/CAMPOUT

Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, all the 7th District Fish & Wildlife Officers, the Big Sandy Trail Riders Club and the Floyd County Fiscal Court joined together to host the 12th Annual Youth Hunt/Squirrel Hunt Campout Aug. 19-20 at German Bridge Campground. A total of 98 young hunters attended this years event.

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Results

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- Leslie County 40, Magoffin County 10
- Middlesboro 62, Harcock County, Tenn. 7
- Montgomery County 91, Mason County 14
- Morgan County 32, Boyd County 0
- Nicholas County 46, Fleming County 45
- Painville 34, Paris 12
- Ferry County Central 35, Johnson Central 27
- Pikeville 20, McCreary Central 14
- Prestonsburg 34, Shelton Clark 12
- Rockcastle County 45, Frankfort 8
- Russell 35, Greenup County 14

Results from Saturday, Aug. 27
 Community Trust Bank Pike County Bowl
 Pikeville 55, Talico Plains, Tenn. 9
 Shelby Valley 55, East Ridge 6

UPike season tickets available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — How easy is it to follow the national champions? As simple as one telephone call.

Your opportunity to follow the national champion, University of Pikeville men's basketball team all season long is here, with your easy, affordable season tickets for the 2011-12 season.

Last year was a dream come true for all of us, and we're excited about building on it, said Coach Kelly

Wells, who guided the Bears to their first 30-win season in school history last year. We know there is a lot of enthusiasm all around the community for what we're doing right now, so we wanted to get word out to our fans early of this opportunity.

We're very excited about our team this season, which will be a good mix of returning players and very talented newcomers. We believe our fans will be excited about the team, and we hope they will take advantage of

our season-ticket plans.

Wells' team will play 17 home games this season, and your season tickets will include every one of them, as well as all 13 home games played by the women's basketball team.

In addition, bonus games will be included in the BB&T Classic on Nov. 6 and the Appalachian Wireless Classic on Nov. 11-12. Also, Appalachian Wireless will hold its third-annual car giveaway during the season, and with the final entrant

for the automobile coming from the crowd in attendance that evening, season-ticket holders guarantee them an opportunity to win this vehicle.

All of these games and events are available through the East Kentucky Expo Center box office for \$90 per ticket in the lower arena and \$60 in the upper level.

Ticket forms are available online at www.upikebears.com or at the Appalachian Wireless Box Office at the Expo Center.



Jewell signs with Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — University of Pikeville men's golf coach Kevin Auton has added a standout from Hazard to his roster.

Charles Victor Jewell of Hazard High School has signed a scholarship agreement with UPike.

We're very excited about bringing Jewell to our campus and to our family at the University of Pikeville, said Auton. We think he'll be a solid addition to our program. Our desire is to bring a champion to 'The Hill' and we think this signing is a step in the proper direction.

Jewell was a 2010 state amateur

qualifier medalist.

Jewell was a member of four straight All A Classic 14th Region champion teams at Hazard. In 2009 the Bulldogs won the regional crown and was the runner-up the following year. In addition, he was the All A regional champion.

Wildcats continue to impress in practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team continued to perform well on the practice fields Saturday morning, holding its second Tuesday-type practice in as many days at the Nutter Training Center.

Kentucky head coach Joker Phillips was all smiles after practice, saying he continues to be pleased with his teams effort and focus after a very sharp practice on Saturday.

This is our second Tuesday-type practice and we had a really good practice, Phillips said. We had a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of zip. We did change some things in terms of some of the plays and looks we gave the guys. But they were really sharp today and we need to be even sharper tomorrow.

The Wildcats were back at practice Tuesday.

It is game week, definitely, Phillips said when asked if the team was getting excited with the season-opener under a week away. The coaches are different, too, in game week. We are getting after them (the players) a little bit more this week because we understand what this week is. Its game week even some of the veterans are taking a little bit more charge this week also. They know what time it is.

Overall, Phillips is enthused heading into the season opener because of the positive attitude and dedicated effort he is getting from his team on a daily basis.

I feel really good, Phillips said. A lot of it has to do with the attitude and the effort we are getting. We are getting more effort. As fast as we practiced last year, we are practicing faster this year.

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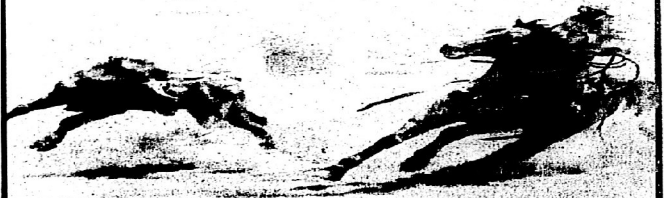


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Phillips also announced after practice Saturday that offensive lineman Stuart Hines has been getting increased practice repetitions as he continues to recover from a sprained knee. Phillips said Hines is expected to play in the WKU game but might not start and is not expected to play the entire game.

Evans leaves Eastern Kentucky, joins Northern Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS — Receiver Aric Evans is moving back home, sort of. The former Eastern Kentucky Drillers receiver will play the 2012 season for the Northern Kentucky team.
A Cincinnati native, Evans was a first-team Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL) selection last season. Evans was third in the

UIFL in scoring with 33 touchdowns. He was sixth in receptions (5.3) and receiving yards (73.6).
It is all about weapons and Aric is one of the best WR weapons around, said Northern Kentucky head coach Brian Schmidt. His ability, along with other weapons we are bringing in, will allow us to have the opportunity to take this offense to another level.
For Evans, the decision to play

four hours north of his 2011 home was two-fold.
Well, I felt like I had a better chance of not just winning games, but winning a championship, said Evans. Also, my family wanted to be able to see me play a lot more. Last year, they only got to see two of the 16 games.
I also like the way Coach Schmidt is doing things to make the team better. I feel like I have

a better chance of making it to the next level being a part of the Northern Kentucky organization than others, whether its the NFL, CFL, UFL or AFL.
The Northern Kentucky team, which will be named soon, will play its home games at the Bank of Kentucky Center on the campus of Northern Kentucky University.

UPIKE volleyball team opens season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEBANON, Tenn. — The University of Pikeville women's volleyball team opened its season with four matches in the Volledawg Classic last weekend.

The Bears finished 0-4 in the classic, losing two times to host Cumberland University 3-0, falling to Reinhart (Ga.) 3-0 and Faulkner (Ala.) University 3-1.
Sophomore Paige Thacker

led Pikeville with 30 kills over the weekend while tossing in six blocks, three solos and three assists. She was followed on the front line by freshman Taylor Watkins with 17 kills, freshman Audrianna Ray with 12 and junior

Brittany Hodge with 11.
Freshman Alexis Howard had 33 assists, while junior Brooke Parrott added 30.
Sophomore Bailey Hamilton had four block assists.
Senior Shelby White had a tremendous weekend defensively,

finishing with 56 digs.
Pikeville will host its home opener on Thursday night when it entertains Mountain State at the UPIke Gym.

UPike tennis program lands Mozambique star

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The latest player to sign to play tennis at the University of Pikeville is a standout

from Mozambique, Katia Lara Mpfumo, who speaks eight languages, chose UPIke over such schools as the University of New Orleans, Xavier of

Chicago and Berea College. She is from Maputo in Mozambique.
We're very excited to add Katia to our program here at the University of Pikeville.

said Coach Tim Alderman. She is a fascinating young woman who has a lot of dreams to fulfill, both on the tennis court and off. We're thankful she chose Pikeville

as the place to make those dreams a reality.
Mpfumo is interesting in pursuing a career in medicine or business. I love to play and hope to gain much

skillful insight in regards to tennis, she said. I'm looking forward to my stat at the university. It should be an unforgettable learning path in my career.

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Tops-Cats rivalry just beginning

by CHAD BISHOP
DAILY NEWS, BOWLING GREEN
MCT INFORMATION SERVICES

The Western Kentucky-Kentucky football rivalry hasn't had much of a chance to develop. That's partly because, in a historical sense, the two programs have only met twice.

Those two meetings have also been painfully lopsided. WKU lost by 38 in 2008 and by 35 in 2010. This year's Hilltopper squad is hoping to change that starting Thursday in Nashville.

A win would be significant, even more so for one Topper.

"(The rivalry) means a lot," Mike Federspiel said. "My dad played there, had a good career and has his number retired up there. I grew up a UK fan. But I came here and I'm looking forward to playing them. I think we've got a shot against them and I'm looking forward to it."

Federspiel, a sophomore linebacker from Lexington, has grown up with tales of his father's playing days at Kentucky. Joe Federspiel was named an All-American his senior season at UK in 1971 and went

on to play eight seasons with the New Orleans Saints.

If that wasn't enough extra motivation, current UK quarterback Ryan Philippi, wide receiver Aaron Boyd and offensive lineman Sam Simpson played at Henry Clay High School in Lexington with Federspiel.

"They like to run their mouth a little bit because they got us last year," Federspiel said. "I just tell them I think we've got a good shot against them. We're ready for them. I think we're a lot better than we were last year, and we're ready for them."

The one thing Federspiel and his teammates aren't concerned with is how others think the Hilltoppers will fare the third time around against the Wildcats.

"I don't really know about that," Federspiel said. "All my buddies from back home are rooting for UK, but I know everybody here knows we can do it. We really believe that we can do it. It's a season-maker for us. It'd set the tone for us. It would show everybody that we're ready to play, that we're up to the level that everybody's competing at. We're ready to do it."

Said running back Bobby Rainey: "I really don't get into that. As long as we believe, we're good. It doesn't matter what other people think. As long as this team is out here playing, if they believe, that's the only thing that matters."

Rainey update
Rainey has been wearing a wrap on his right hand for most of fall camp due to an undisclosed injury. Thursday, the senior emerged from the locker room wearing only a glove and said he had stitches removed from that hand.

Rainey was never in question for the season opener against Kentucky and has been going full speed at every practice.

How important is a healthy Rainey to the Hilltoppers' offense?

"That's the easiest question in America," quarterback Kawaun Jakes said. "That's like the best thing, just to hand off the ball and know he can take it the distance. It takes a lot of relief off the quarterback -- any quarterback. Everybody knows he can make something happen. Bobby's like a golden ticket. Just give it to him and watch him go."

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Keeping our future from blowing in the wind

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Have you ever noticed that whenever anyone thinks they are the reincarnation of someone, it's always someone famous? For example, people are always the reincarnation of Cleopatra, or Napoleon, or George Washington; they're never the reincarnation of Mr. Weller, who ran the local butcher shop in an out-of-the-way English village in 1838.

As for me, I'm a paragon of ordinariness. Medium height, medium weight, medium everything—I were the reincarnation of anyone, it would likely be a German peasant woman grubbing potatoes out of the soggy ground in the Middle Ages.

I can't even manage to have exotic allergies, like an allergy to Beluga caviar or expensive perfume. No, I'm allergic to ... dust.

Now, dust is nothing to sneeze at (I'm sorry, I just couldn't resist). Dust storms can be a serious health hazard. People who inhale particulates—the fancy word for "very small bits of something"—that have a diameter of 10 microns or less, known as PM10, can develop respiratory problems. (A micron is one-millionth of a meter.)

And there's a growing concern that the smallest dust particles pose the biggest health threat, because they're small enough to penetrate deep into people's lungs.

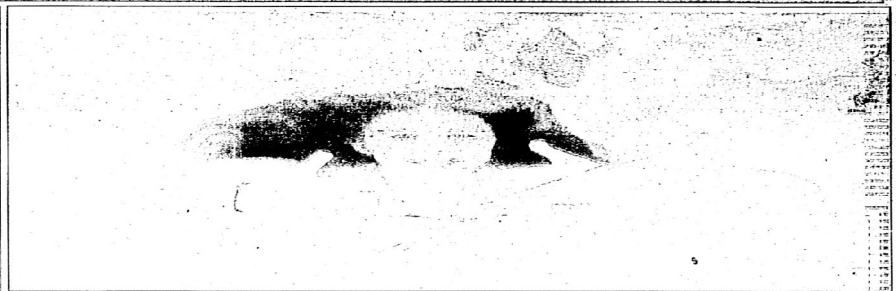
That's why, in 2006, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the limit on average PM2.5 emissions over a 24-hour period from 65 to 35 micrograms per cubic meter. As you may have deduced, PM2.5 refers to particulate matter that's less than 2.5 microns in diameter; that's about 1/30th the thickness of a human hair.

These regulations affect every aspect of agriculture, from cotton gin emissions to dust blowing from cattle feedlots and farms. One area where this is a serious concern is the Columbia Plateau region of the Pacific Northwest, where rich topsoil is blowing in the wind, making it more difficult for farmers to make a living and for everyone to breathe.

So the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are busy identifying practices that will keep that valuable topsoil from blowing away. As part of this work, they've found a way to "fingerprint" soil so they can pinpoint fairly precisely from whence came the windblown soil.

This isn't as farfetched as it might sound; the identification is based on analyzing the lipid (fat) content of the microbes

(See WIND, page B10)



May Valley Elementary student Lauren Wright enjoyed swim class.

4-H camp goes 'pro'

by HEATHER J. NELSON
EXTENSION OFFICE

LONDON — Floyd County youth had an exciting week July 25-28, at the J.M. Feltner 4-H Camp, located in London.

The theme of this year's camp was "4-H Camp Goes Pro." Over 200 young people from Floyd, Martin and Magoffin counties were able to spend a week having fun in the sun.

Campers had the opportunity to go swimming, hiking, fishing, and canoeing, as well as participate in our new high ropes course, and many more fun classes. Along with taking part in classes, campers were also able to learn practical living skills and acquire knowledge in such areas as citizenship, communica-

tion, self-expression, leadership and responsibility. Campers were divided into teams to make new friends and to help build teamwork. Teams earned various points by competing in a sports team t-shirt contest, winning prizes at the carnival and playing on inflatables and placing in the Field Games, Talent Contest and the Swim Olympics. To go along with our sports theme, team names included Lakers, Celtics, Galaxy, Reds, Patriots, Steelers, Bulls.

(See CAMP, page B10)

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Advertisement for Fast Lane Discount Tobacco, featuring 'NOW OPEN' and 'DRIVE THRU AVAILABLE'. Lists various tobacco products and prices: Marlboro (\$4.41 pack, \$41.99 carton), Pyramid (\$2.89 pack, \$27.99 carton), Red Buck (\$7.99 roll, \$12.99 carton), and others. Includes a Surgeon General's Warning: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, and May Complicate Pregnancy.

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PLAINTIFFS, JAMES HARRIS and LOMA HARRIS, DEFENDANTS, RE NOTICE OF COMMISSEIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 16TH day of May, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, (1) for the sum of \$209.15 as of December 28, 2007; \$295.45 as of June 11, 2008; and \$437.00 as of September 16, 2009, with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Dgar, South Central Avenue, Prestonburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of September, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Beginning at a point on South edge of concrete walk on a line midway between House No. 1121 and House No. 1122, wicessed N: 51.10 W 18.02 feet to the Southeast corner of House No. 1121; and N 61.30 E 18.02 feet to the Southwest corner of House No. 1122; thence with line midway between House No. 1121 and House No. 1122, N 2: 10 E 92.20 feet to a stake on the South right of way line of the C & O Railway; thence with the line of the C & O Railway N 74.34 W 43.87 feet to a stake; thence S 5: 10 W 18.02 feet to a point on South edge of Concrete walk; thence with South edge of concrete walk S 84.50 E 43 feet to the beginning and containing 0.10 acres more or less. Being the same property conveyed to Kenneth Sizemore from Steve Howard and Eilreeda Howard and Don Howard and Audra Howard, by deed dated May 9, 1996 in Deed Book 399, Page 458; records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days. In which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid in full on the date of sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner.

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NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hal, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before October 1, 2011, at _____ am.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	10-P-460	Annie M. Johnson	Clinton Moore	07-19-11
Final	09-P-264	Francis Dean Webb	Marlene Webb	07-26-11
Final	10-P-327	Hazel Bates	Madonna Bates	07-29-11
Final	09-P-246	Clifford R. Gross	Jane Gross	08-2-11
Final	09-P-255	Della Crum	Anna Marie Crum	08-5-11
Final	09-P-171	Pauline Mckinney Paige	Michael Mckinney	08-10-11
Final	10-P-327	Rastus Howell	Maggie Howell	08-15-11
Final	11-P-36	Alvin Little	Alvin Little	08-15-11
Final	10-P-453	Edna Bryant	Bethel Martin	07-25-11
Final	11-P-55	lee Ester Slone Manns	Gladys Manns Gibson	08-17-11
Final	10-P-284	Helen Branham Clark Chaffin	Laura Sellfrs	08-22-11
Final	09-P-284	Ada Lou Combs	John Carl Combs	

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	Joe Ryan	P.O. Box 5; Banner, KY 41803-0055
	Gary Perkins	100 Muddy Branch; Wayland, KY 41666
	Debra Stone	5080 Spawneck Creek Road; Prestonburg, KY 41652
County Judge Executive	Robert O. Marshall	148 South Central Avenue, Room B; Prestonburg, KY 41653 (Address)

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL PERIOD July 1, 2010 TO June 30, 2011

Revenues	
Taxes (all categories)	\$ 388,020
Charges for Services	\$ 750
Other Revenues	\$ 0
Interest Earned	\$ 0.665
Receipts and cash	
Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year	\$ 738,003
Bonded Debt	\$ 0
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ (0)
Transfers from Other Funds	\$ 0
Borrowed Money (Notes)	\$ 0
Total Receipts and Cash	\$ 738,003
Receipts, Cash & Revenues Total	\$ 1,124,838
Expenditures	
Personnel	\$ 145,734
Operations	\$ 87,655
Administration	\$ 18,428
Capital Outlay	\$ 326,728
Debt Service	\$ 0
Total Appropriations	\$ 578,444

I, the undersigned, Treasurer of _____ County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct record of the accounts of the _____ County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
C.A. NO. 10-CI-021
TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS I, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS.
EDMONA CALHOUN, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDMONA CALHOUN, KY LIEN HOLDINGS, LLC AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment, In Rem, Summary Judgment, In Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 27th day of June, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the sum of \$2,302.84 plus accrued interest of \$77.76 through June 30, 2011, plus accrued interest pursuant to KRS 34.125 from June 30, 2011 until paid, with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of September, 2011 at 9:45 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:
Property Address: Center Street, Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky

BEGINNING on Center Street and running with Center Street to the line of Leo Music; thence along Leo Music's line to the line of Howard Wholesale to the line of Edd Hall; thence along the line of Edd Hall to Center Street, the beginning. This is the lot where the Fire House is located on.

Being the same property conveyed to Edmond Calhoun, by deed dated December 23, 1999, of record in Deed Book 283, Page 152, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of sixty (60) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may be issued, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
C.A. NO. 10-CI-256
MORTGAGE SUNTRUST PLAINIFFS VS. JEFFERY BUCHANAN AND NICOLE WALKER DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
By virtue of a Default Judgment, In Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 27th day of September, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$94,337.05 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), on the 1st day of September, 2011, to the highest and best bidder,

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at public auction, on the 28th day of September, 2011, at 9:00 A.M., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:
Property Address: 797 Sunlit Branch, KY 41603
Certain tracts or parcels of land, more or less, being on the waters of the Left Fork of Rice Branch in Floyd County, Kentucky, containing two tracts of land, approximately 1 acre and 1/4 acre, respectively, more or less, which are more particularly described as follows: TRACT NO. 1, beginning at an iron stake on the bank of the branch at an elm tree; thence running down the creek with Victor Lewis and wife Evelyn Lewis line one hundred sixty-three (163) feet to an iron stake; thence two hundred (200) feet to iron stake on hill with Leonard Akers and with Susan Akers line; thence one hundred and twenty (120) feet up the branch to iron stake; thence two hundred (200) feet back to the beginning.

TRACT NO. 2, beginning at an iron stake on the branch of Robert Spake's line and running down creek forty (40) feet to iron stake; thence running with Leonard Akers line one hundred and twenty (120) feet to an iron stake; thence forty (40) feet running with Robert Spake's line; thence running one hundred (100) feet back to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Jeff Buchanan and Nichole Walker, single, from Christopher Reid and Joanna Reid, on September 15, 2005, and recorded on October 22, 2005, in Deed Book 528, Page 337 of the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office A. The successful bidder shall pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may be issued, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
On September 2, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. of the above described property, a 2009 STERLING TRUCK #27ZNXXV84AA46894, 1988 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #2HTTGAD15JC015134, 1990 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #2HTTGAD15JC015134, 1990 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #2HTTGAD15JC015134, 1982 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #1HTD31171CG813209, 1986 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #2HTTGJXTGCA12762, 1986 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK #25HHGJUT3E CA12815 will be sold as is where is at 24800 SOUTH LEVISA RD. MCLEANSVILLE, KY 40458, under the terms of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. The Bank Reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees. For questions pertaining to this sale, please contact the Collection Department, community trust Bank, at 888-896-2245 ext 3226 or 806-643-2245.

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LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify the Unknown Occupants, if any there be, of a tract of land identified by the Office of the Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) as Parcel/Map ID# 045-80-006.00, of the nature and pendency of a Complaint filed against them on August 4, 2011, in Floyd Circuit Court.

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Said lawsuit is styled Tax Easement Servicing, LLC vs. Adron H. Ratliff, Jr., Unknown Spouse of Adron H. Ratliff, Jr., Mark Ratliff, Unknown Spouse of Mark Ratliff, Jr., Banner Occupants of South Lake Drive; United States of America Department of Revenue; Internal Revenue Service; Kentucky; Property Tax Services; Commonwealth of Kentucky; City of Prestonsburg; County of Floyd; and has been assigned Civil Action No. 11-CI-0937. The real property at issue was most recently conveyed to

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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF FLOYD
I, Douglass Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, Do Hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six(6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of :	Fiduciary	Attorney
07-27-11	11-P-286	Buddy Wallace Iemaster	Geraldine J Lemaster	
07-27-11	11-P-285	Atha Stephen Damron	Billie L. Damron	Franklin Heaber-
07-27-11	11-P-288	Elvin Fletcher	Wanda Fletcher	
07-26-11	11-P-284	Frank Vaughn Jr	Leva Kay Vaughn	
07-26-11	11-P-281	Daniel Edd Hamilton	Quila Hamilton	
07-26-11	11-P-280	Draxie Hamilton Newsome	Town Newsome	
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07-29-11	11-P-291	Jimmy T. Little	Megan Little & Bradley Little	
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08-2-11	11-P-295	Paulene W. Vanover	Keith Taylor	
8-4-11	11-P-297	Gene Ray Hinton	Kenneth Hinton	
8-8-11	11-P-299	Walter Stillner	Johnny Williamson	Daniel P. Strat-
8-9-11	11-P-300	Julie E Wilson	Jane Goble	William-G. Fran-
8-10-11	11-P-302	Derick Dewayne Thomas	Guardian: Hightower Jackie Hightower	Michael Fleet John-
8-10-11	11-P-303	Anthony Newsome	Edith Newsome	
8-15-11	11-P-309	Joel Stumbo	Shirley A. Hall Stumbo	
8-16-11	11-P-312	Veda N. Hamilton	Gliva Horn	
8-17-11	11-P-313	Taylor Douglas Harris	Florene Harris	
8-18-11	11-P-315	Dalton R. Conley	Laneva Hall & Janet Conley	
8-23-11	11-P-319	Larry Spencer	Phyllis A. Cannon	C. Phillip Wheeler Jr.
8-24-11	11-P-321	Paul Douglas Kilburn	Debra Kilburn	

Legals

Adron H. Ratliff, Jr., and Mark Ratliff, by deed dated November 15, 2010, and lodged in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Deed Book 573, Page 525. Therein, the property is described as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
DIVISION NO. IIC.A. NO. 10-CI-01025BETTY ANN HICKS, ARNOLD LEE HICKS and HATTIE M. HICKS, EDDIE ARNOLD HICKS and MARY HICKS, VERLIE M. DUNCAN, and HEATHER RENEE HUBBARD PETITIONERS VS. RICHARD F. WRIGHT DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 30th day of June, 2011, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of September, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: Stone Coal Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky (Tract #1) Beginning at the line of the Charlie Allen property bordering on the Highway; thence running 50 feet up the highway to the line of Charlie Allen; thence running with the property line of Charlie Allen to the top of the hill; thence running along the top of the hill 50 feet to the corner of the line of Charlie Allen; thence with the property line of Charlie Allen down the hill to the highway; thence beginning point Tract #2 Beginning on a stake and center of Elk Horn Coal Company's mine spur tract from which the southeast corner of said company's substation bears N 46°00' 17" E 172 feet thence N 12°00' W 282 feet to a stake on top of the ridge between Stone Coal Creek and Can Estep Horn Coal Company's mine spur tract; thence with same S 79°15' W 50 feet to the beginning. It is hereby set forth and understood that the oil and gas rights on the above described property have been previously excepted. It is further set forth and understood that a road crossing the front of this property shall remain open at all times. Being the same property conveyed to Willie Hunter and Ida Hunter (both now deceased) from Katherine Yanketaker and Jack Whitaker by deed dated April 17, 1971 and of record at Deed Book 208, Page 154. Reference is made to the Will of Willie Hunter of record at Will Book S, Page 180, which was re-nounced by Ida Hunter as evidenced by Renunciation of Will of record at Deed Book 509, Page 440; the Will of Ida Hunter appears of record at Will Book Z, Page 110 wherein she devised the hereinabove described property to her six surviving children and one granddaughter, Arnold Lee Hicks, 17, Billie Ray Hicks 17, Eddie Arnold Hicks 17, Betty Ann Hicks 17, Verlie M. Duncan 17, Mary Jane Wright, 17. Reference is also made to a deed from the Estate of Willie Hunter dated November 23, 2005 and of record at Deed Book 511, Page 404. By deed dated May 10, 2010 Mary Jane Wright and Caswell Wright and Billy Ray Hicks and Anna May Hicks conveyed their 27% interest in the hereinabove described property to the Respondent, Richard F. Wright. Said deed appears of record at Deed Book 509, Page 171. All records and instruments mentioned herein are of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may be issued, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

Legals

A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Big Sandy River and thus described: Being a lot of land with improvements thereon located in the City of Prestonsburg, Ken-

Legals

lucky. Beginning at the upper corner of the house and running with the fence 33 feet to a fence post back of the house; thence running a straight line to the line of Kathryn Ruffett and Bill Hale; thence with the fence approximately 40 feet to a post, thence up the alley to the beginning corner.

Being the same property conveyed to Adren Radtiff and Peggy Radtiff from Troy Farnell and Sandra Farnell by Deed dated January 11, 1977 and recorded in Deed Book 227, Page 502; records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The Complaint alleges that the defendants have not paid ad valorem taxes imposed by the taxing authority in Floyd County, Kentucky, and are now delinquent. The Plaintiff is seeking to secure Judgment against said real property, and have it sold to satisfy all monies owed, including interest, penalties, reasonable attorney fees, commissions, cost, expenses and charges incurred. The Defendant, Unknown Occupants of the property identified as parcel/map ID# 045-50-03-008.00, must file an Answer to the Complaint with the Floyd County Clerk's Office on or before October 03, 2011. Otherwise, a judgment may be entered against them and any interest they may claim in the property may be lost.

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Yard Sale

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Help Wanted- General

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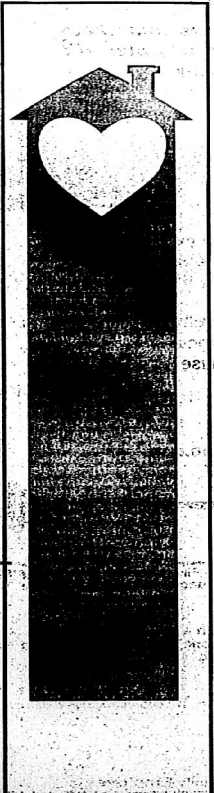
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Wind

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living in the soil. It turns out that every microbe community has a unique fingerprint that can be used to identify the soil. This means that sediment deposited far downwind from a field can potentially be traced back to its source.

For this project, ARS scientists from all around the country are swapping soil samples. One thing

they've discovered is that microbial communities from dirt and gravel roads differ from agricultural soils, whether those microbes hail from deep in the heart of Texas or far out west in Washington state. That's because the microbial communities found on those dirt and gravel roads apparently change with time because of the lack of plants and the restricted water filtration.

The researchers' goal is to uncover how soil and crop management affects the amount of soil

and PM10 that's eroded from fields during high winds. For example, how farmers plow the fields, and the types of crops they grow, can influence the roughness of the soil, the size of the soils' clods, and the amount of crop residue that's left on the surface to help hold everything down in a high wind.

One technique that looks promising is called "undercutting," using a special tool to slice just below the soil surface, lifting up the top layer of soil and then setting it

back down. Undercutting severs the roots of weeds in the field, but it doesn't turn the soil upside down as a plow does.

The ARS scientists say undercutting has reduced soil and PM10 loss from fields during high-wind events by as much as 65 percent, compared to conventional tillage practices in the drier parts of the region. The slicing opens up compacted layers of soil and breaks up harmful fungi, but leaves intact the soil and organic matter, which is

good news for beneficial microbes in the soil.

That could mean more food from more productive farm fields—and fewer sneezes for dust-allergy sufferers like me!

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 <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.



Betsy Layne Elementary student Matthew McKinney enjoyed our new high ropes challenge course.

Camp

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Earnhardt, Colts and Dolphins.

Plans are already in the works for next year's 4-H camp. If you would like to be a teen counselor next summer, come join the Floyd County 4-H Teen Council -- a teen program in Floyd County for students in grades 7-12.

For more information on this and oth-

er 4-H Programs in Floyd County, contact Heather J. Nelson, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development, at (606) 886-2668 or hnelson@uky.edu. You may also visit her at the Floyd County Extension Service Office at 921 South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.



Diet vital in protecting against effects of harmful pollutants

LEXINGTON — While government authorities and the private sector work together to make our living environments safer and healthier, is there anything the average per-

son can do to fight back against the potential harmful effects of exposure to pollutants?

The answer is yes, based on research being led by Bernhard Hennig,

program director for the University of Kentucky Superfund Research Program (UK-SRP) and professor in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences, College of Agriculture.

Hennig recently delivered the 2011 SRP Distinguished Lecture hosted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences/National Institutes of Health (NIEHS/NIH). Hennig and his UK-SRP team work together to pinpoint the science behind the interaction among environmental toxins, nutrition, and disease.

"There is evidence that

chronic diseases, such as cardiovascular disease, are linked to environmental pollution," said Hennig.

Our research indicates that diet can play a key role in fighting back against the effects of pollutants on vascular dysfunctions and related pathologies.

As an example, work in Hennig's lab demonstrates that fruits and vegetables, rich in antioxidant and anti-inflammatory nutrients or bioactive compounds, may provide protection against environmental insults induced by PCBs, which are highly toxic compounds. PCBs have been found to contaminate water supplies

near what are now Superfund Cleanup sites in Kentucky, such as in Paducah and Harlan County, and elsewhere around the U.S. Conversely, certain dietary fats may increase the risk of diseases related to environmental pollution.

"There is a great need to further explore this nutritional model in environmental toxicology and to improve our understanding of the relationship between nutrition and lifestyle, exposure to environmental toxicants and disease," said Hennig. "Nutritional interventions may provide the most sensible means to develop primary prevention

strategies of diseases associated with many environmental toxicants."

Hennig and the UK Superfund Research Program team are dedicated to raising the public awareness of their research results through the Community Engagement and Research Translation Core, which reaches out to educate residents about the importance of diet for overall health and protection against the harmful effects of exposure to pollutants. In addition, UK-SRP collaborates with UK's state-wide Cooperative Extension Service.

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Highlands Regional Medical Center is proud to seek accreditation through DNV Healthcare. NIAHO (National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations) standards focus on quality requirements set forth by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid and is the only accreditation process that includes the ISO 9001 quality management system.

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- ISO 9001 is the leading industry standard for quality management
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