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City, MAC officials dispute theater's letter

**by JACK LATT
STAFF WRITER**

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley Theatre's move to Pikeville under fire again, this week in Prestonsburg and Mountain Center officials took objection to statements made by JWT in the Floyd County Times.

In a letter to the Editor published last Friday, Jenny Wiley Theatre stated a need to clarify the facts regarding recent stories in The Floyd County Times. In the letter, JWT representatives say, "While Prestonsburg may lament the opportunity for JWT to create a year-round slate in another location, the city and the MAC were, in fact, approached last spring about this very issue."

The letter goes on to say, "Solutions offered by JWT to address those issues, including expanding the MAC to accommodate JWT more easily, were summarily rejected by the city of Prestonsburg."

However, according to Keith Caudill, director of the MAC, the

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PRESTONSBURG — A preliminary hearing of a Floyd County couple charged with abusing their five children was pushed back a week to allow the couple to obtain separate attorneys.

According to court records, Shawn L. and Ember Cordle's preliminary hearing with Judge Eric C. Hall, was rescheduled for next Monday, Sept. 19, after it was determined the two wished to have separate attorneys.

According to police reports, Shawn L. and Ember Cordle were arrested last week after an EMS call to their home at Cliffside Apartments.

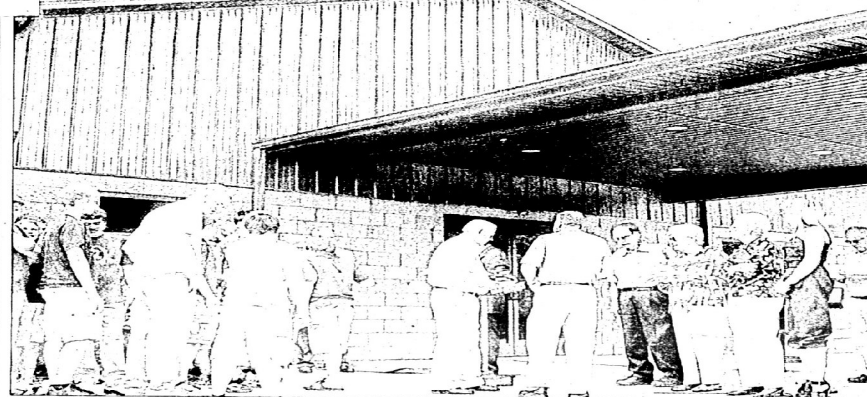
Prestonsburg Police say five children were found in the home, two of whom were locked in an upstairs bedroom. The two locked upstairs were identified by police as being "special needs children."

Police said the medication was scattered throughout the house in reach of the children, and that the home was littered with "animal and human feces."

According to the report, all five children were taken to Highlands Regional medical Center, where they were all admitted. Two children reportedly had severe infections from diaper rash.

The Cordles are charged with two counts of unlawful imprisonment, five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor and five counts of first degree criminal abuse of a child 12 and under.

Shawn and Ember Cordle are both currently being held in the Floyd County Detention Center under separate \$25,000 bonds.



Community members turned out in force, as Wesley Christian School officially opened its new high school building in August.

Wesley Christian opens high school

**by JACK LATT
STAFF WRITER**

ALLEN — A Floyd County school, one high school richer, after a new building was opened last month at Wesley Christian School.

Faculty, staff and community members were on hand in August for the opening of the new high school building at Wesley Christian School.

On August 14, students, faculty, board members, family and friends of Wesley Christian School gathered to celebrate the opening of the new high school building.

Construction of the building began in 2010, and the completed 17,000-square-foot facility will provide education to students in middle and high school grades.

Wesley Christian added a freshman and sophomore class in the 2010-11 school year, and now a junior and senior class has been added for the 2011-12 school year.

The ceremony consisted of a dedication service in the Allen Christ United Methodist Church, with special music provided and message by Dr. Kenneth Lemaster, pastor of Allen Christ United Methodist Church and superintendent of Wesley Christian School.

"The high school building is another example of how, with God, anything is possible," Lemaster said.

The ceremony concluded outside the front door of the new building, where a consecration service was held and led by Rev. Lemaster and Rev. Charles Douglas, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church.

For more information about Wesley Christian School, visit www.wesleychristianschool.org.

Piarist students excel on ACT

**by JACK LATT
STAFF WRITER**

Despite low state and county scores, students at one Floyd County school are exceeding academic expectations.

According to school officials, seniors at The Piarist School scored an average 26.3 on the ACT College Entrance exam, a score well above the national and state average.

The ACT test has become synonymous with college acceptance for Kentucky seniors, and a high score can mean entrance into the university of their choice and more scholarship money, while a low score can tip the admissions scale toward a rejection letter.

According to state records, the average Kentucky high school senior scores a 18.8 on the ACT, well below the national average of 21.1, and well below admissions standards for the state's two largest universities. Floyd County students' average score of 17.3 is nine points below the Piarist School.

School officials say students at the Piarist School have averaged above a 26 for the past three years, which meets or exceeds admission standards for the state's universities.

The Piarist School is tuition-free college preparation.

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2 DAY FORECAST Today

Chance of thunderstorms

High: 85 - Low: 59

Tomorrow

Partly cloudy chance of rain

High: 92 - Low: 70

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Paving underway in Johnson

Times Staff Report

Funding has been established for milling and paving work on Route 3387 in Johnson County, locally known as Chandlersville Road.

"This long-awaited work began this morning," said Deputy Fugate of Highway District 12, Paintsville Section Office.

"Milling began this morning around the two-mile marker and will continue through the three-mile marker near the mine entrance."

Fugate advised motorists to use caution when driving through this area and to expect delays.

"Delays could be significant," she said, "so if at all possible, people should find an alternate route for the next two or three days. We thank everyone for their patience, and we know the road will be smoother and safer once the work is finished."

The Civil War returns



The Civil War returned to the streets and shops of Prestonsburg Thursday afternoon, as Gen. John Hunt Morgan and his horse again rode Arnold Avenue and Court Street. The general visited Jim and Mary Carter and Rev. Jim Adams, tipped his hat to Wrights Barbershop and other businesses and pedestrians along the way, and adjourned to Billy Rayns Restaurant to dine with the Thursday crowd.

After finishing his meal, the general visited other diners, inviting them to attend the Battle of Middle Creek Reenactment over the weekend and providing them with a brochure detailing events to be held there.

Gen. Morgan, portrayed by John Isom, was accompanied by his wife, Regina, his son, Jacob, and Friends of Middle Creek members Patrick Davis, Floyd Davis, Nicholas Sparks, Shawn Mollette and Shawna's niece, Pixie. Gen. Morgan's ride was sponsored by The Friends of Middle Creek.

Elk Night is Sept. 17 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will kick off the elk viewing season, with its annual Elk Night on Sept. 17.

The evening will include a special buffet from 5-9 p.m., featuring elk roast carved on the line, hunter's chili, elk meatloaf, pulled pork with assorted sauces, fried chicken and catfish with hush puppies.

Vegetables include lyonnais potatoes, home-grown corn, green beans and cream of potato soup. The buffet will also feature assorted salads and Appalachian desserts.

The adult price is \$19.95 plus tax; children age 12 and under cost \$8.95 plus tax. (Price includes drinks)

Jenny Wiley is also offering an Elk Night lodging special. Get a lodge room for \$64.95 plus tax per night on Friday or Saturday night.

Other activities include elk tours on the mornings of Sept. 17 and 18. This trip may be early, but the best viewing time for elk occurs in the morning hours. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for ages 12 and under. Make reservations by calling 606-889-1790, ext. 2750.

On Sept. 17 at 5 p.m., the Friends of the Wapiti will be in the lodge lobby. Before or after you enjoy your elk buffet, meet with representatives from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and others. They will answer questions and hand out information on wildlife conservation. There will also be a wood carving demonstration on the lawn of the May Lodge and a wildlife art display in the lobby.

At 7 p.m., there will be an educational program on the elk restoration project in Kentucky.

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Obituaries

Thomas Dale Hall
Thomas Dale Hall, 63, of Harold, died Sept. 6, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center. Born Oct. 23, 1947, he was the son of the late Merion Hall and Juanita Hall Rogers, and had been disabled from masonry.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Larry D. Hall.

He is survived by one daughter, Debra (Hurley) Bryant, of Grethel; two brothers, Charles Hall, of West Virginia, and Billy Jo Hall, of Harold; one sister, Maxine Marshall, of Pikeville; two grandchildren, Kaneatha Bryant and Harley Bryant; and one great-grandchild, Hannah Hunt.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will follow at the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, at Harold.



Dexter S. Horn

Dexter S. Horn, 78, of McVeigh, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, in the Appalachian Regional Hospital, in South Williamson.

He was born April 2, 1933, at Prestonsburg, a son of the late Donald and Dorothy (Shepherd) Horn.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 33 years, Emma Lou Hunt Horn who died in 1988; two sons, Phillip Anthony Horn and Jeffrey Alan Horn; and great-grandson, Cameron Keith Crum.

Dexter was a surface mine grates operator for Adlington Mining Company, a member of the McAndrews Church of Christ and a member of the Zebulon Lodge #273 F&AM.

He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Kennedy Staton Horn; one son, Randall David Horn, of Stanville; three daughters, Sherry Horn (Larry) Crum, of Martin, Sandra Renee Horn Hammond, of Martin, and Angela S. (Terry) May, of McVeigh; special niece, Lisa Ann Smith, of McVeigh; seven grandchildren, Kevin Vincent (Tonya) Crum, Keith David Crum, Scott Alan Horn, Ashley (Ronnie) Harris, Sara Nicole Horn, Michael Blake Horn and Staton Michael Miles May; seven great grandchildren, Kyla Harris, Kellen Harris, and a host of loving friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, with David Parsley officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Kevin Crum, Keith Crum, Dewayne Scalf, Steve Scalf, Carl Tussey, Ron Hepler, Donnie Estep, Roger Bowen and Roger Clemens serving as pallbearers.

R.E. Rogers Funeral Home, of Belfry, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.rogersfuneralhome.com.

James Ryan 'Jim' McClung

James Ryan 'Jim' McClung, age 72, of Prestonsburg, husband of Wilma Wells McClung, passed away Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born Oct. 28, 1938, in Smoot, W.Va., a son of the late James Elton and Pearl Mae Witt McClung. He was a retired businessman, a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church and a Kentucky Colonist.

Jim started his financial career with Commercial Credit and, in 1967, became an employee of Eastern Kentucky Mack as Director of Finance. He continued a part of the company that later became known as Worldwide Equipment Enterprises until June 1985.

Jim served as Director of Finance, Chief Financial Officer, President, Chief Operating Officer, Owner and his final position, Board Member. Jim was a friend of the company until his death and will be remembered fondly by our people as one of our Founders.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Terri Lynn (Tim) Batten of Prestonsburg and Carla R. (Pete) Smith, of Jamestown; one sister, Alma Jean McClung, of St. Albans, W.Va.; four grandchildren, Jeremy Ryan Branham, Andrew Scott Branham, Timothy Brian Gayheart and Michael Lee Smith; two great-grandchildren, Kaleb Austin and Kaden Michael Lee Gayheart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Richard Lee McClung.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. in the Auxier

Freewill Baptist Church, at Auxier, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in the Gethsemane Gardens, of Prestonsburg, visitation is after 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Marvin Lee Salisbury

Marvin Lee Salisbury, age 60, of Maytown, son of the late Barbara Lona Webb Salisbury, of Maytown, and the late Lee Arnold Redf Salisbury, died Friday, September 9, 2011, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born May 2, 1951, in McDowell. Marvin was a member of the Maytown Volunteer Fire Department and was head custodian for the Floyd County School System, having been at Duff Elementary for many years.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two brothers, Kenneth Salisbury, of Maytown, and Darryl Salisbury, of Hager Hill; one sister, Wanda Nickles, of Wayland; nephews, Michael Salisbury, Johnathan Reed, Matthew Reed, Justin Salisbury and Patrick Salisbury; nieces, Abby Jervis and Molly Jervis; great nieces, Kassie Mae Salisbury, Jana Jervis, Tess Jervis, Emmalee Salisbury, Abbigayle Salisbury and Katelyn Salisbury.

Funeral services for Marvin Lee Salisbury were conducted Monday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Denver Meade officiating. Burial followed in the Webb-Moore Cemetery, at Langley, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

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by Big Sandy Area Development District.

"I was approached by Denise Thomas about a potential grant that would help fund the planning and designing of a remodel that would allow two arts organizations to share an existing building," Caudill said.

According to Caudill, the grant was for roughly \$20,000, which required an additional matching sum that neither the MAC nor JWT could provide. Caudill said the only discussion with the city was when Mayor Jerry Fannin suggested that they use a local architect, Randy Burchett, to design the remodel to spec, an offer which JWT rejected.

"The mayor suggested instead of paying that much money for an architect just for the drawings and then not have the money to sustain it, or follow up with construction, the possibility of getting a local architect to design it on spec, then if we were able to do that, we would follow through with paying the architect."

Caudill said that JWT's suggestion that these grant discussions were some form of negotiations that would determine whether or not the theater would continue operating in Prestonsburg is simply not the case.

"I was never presented to us, to me, that there was no urgency that if we don't get this we're moving, that we've had another offer," he said. "It was never presented as an ultimatum," said Caudill. "Even after we said we didn't have the money, there were no alternatives, [such as] Can we move in without construction? Is there a possibility? Can you ask the city if they wanted to find a building downtown that they'll work with us on?"

"None of that was ever brought up. It was about a grant, and that was all it had nothing to do with a counterproposal, or them making suggestions as to what they wanted to do. It was about a

grant," says Caudill. Denise Thomas, who was also at the meeting, says the grant proposal was the only topic of discussion.

According to Caudill, if there had been any discussion with JWT, people would have known about it. "Our board members would know about it. The city council people would know about it. You would involve the city attorney, certainly, if there was anything of this magnitude."

Mayor Jerry Fannin said that The Floyd County Times' call for comment on JWT's move to Pikeville was the first he had heard about the theater since that grant proposal discussion.

"At no time did they say, 'If you don't help us, we're going to move,'" Fannin said.

Fannin said after learning of the move by JWT, he called the Department of Parks, and neither Commissioner of Parks Gerry van der Meer nor Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's manager Julian Slone had any knowledge of the move.

"I'm really disappointed that they didn't come to us, especially after we leased them the land to build their living quarters," said Fannin, adding that the city has also given the theater \$20,000 a year through Tourism.

"I have a real hard time with them saying we haven't been supportive," said Fannin.

Fannin says he is uncertain what will happen now. "They've signed a contract."

Fannin speculates that the amphitheater could be used in the future for more community theater-type projects, to fill the void left behind by JWT's cutbacks.

Caudill says the move to Pikeville is obviously an opportunity for JWT, but they should not give the impression that there were ever any negotiations with the MAC or the City of Prestonsburg.

"I'm hurt and disappointed that they have used me and the Mountain Arts Center, and painted that meeting as a reason for leaving, and pointed us as being unreasonable or unwilling to cooperate."

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This year marks the 48th presentation of the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival. Actually originating many years before by Mrs. Edith James, using local property around Prestonsburg, the milestone year was conducted in the new Jenny Wiley State Park Amphitheater. "Miss" Edith studied music at the Peabody conservatory and sang with the Baltimore Symphony. Her love of the hills was strong and so she returned to Eastern Kentucky. Her studies served to heighten her appreciation for the music and culture of our area. In order to preserve our music and present it to the public, the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival was begun. After her death, Chalmers and Kathryn Frazier and Mrs. Kathy Lowe worked tirelessly to continue the festival. In more recent years, Diana Donohoe, a long time performer of the Festival, Mrs. Lida Howard, Ms. Elizabeth Ramey, Ms. Dorothy Harris, Ms. Verlin Nichols and Mr. Fred James (Miss Edith's nephew) have worked hard to adhere to the original intentions of its founder, to present the traditions and music of our area. There are lessons to be learned from our past. The Festival Committee offers an open invitation to anyone who desires to serve on the Festival Committee. Contact the Prestonsburg Convention & Visitors Bureau at (606) 886-1341.

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paratory school in Martin, educating students in grades 6-12. The school was founded in 1990 as a college preparatory high school and opened its middle school three years ago.

According to school officials, since its first graduating class in 1994, every graduate has gone to college, most with full or significant scholarships.

The school is tuition-free and also provides free transportation for its students.

The school is operated by the Priest Fathers, a religious community whose members are dedicated to the education of youth.

According to school officials, in the span of one generation the United States has fallen from first to ninth in the proportion of young people with college degrees. The Priest School provides a quality college preparatory education and is dedicated toward the development of an educational community that promotes the physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of its students.

Students from the Priest School have picked up other accolades in recent years including: its academic team finishing first in the 57th district five consecutive years, and students traveling to Washington DC last year to represent the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the first National History Bowl.

BSCTC announces the 2011-2012 Big Sandy Singers

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College has announced the 2011-12 members of the Big Sandy Singers.

The Big Sandy Singers are the elite student singing group, whose members are all students at one of the four BSCTC campuses (Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Hager Hill) or on the Morehead Extended Campus at BSCTC. These students are chosen through an extensive audition process and receive scholarships to attend college.

The Singers were founded in the fall of 2004 by Director Laura Ford Hall and BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards, with help from Provost Dr. Nancy Johnson. Since their inception, the Singers have performed over 430 shows and have brought a go-to-college and idrug-free message to over 18,000 elementary and high school students across Eastern Kentucky with their school shows and Big Sandy Idol programs.

"I am very excited about this upcoming year," Hall said. "We have a very talented, wonderful group. More than anything, I am so proud that all of these excellent singers are from right here at home. You will not find better talent anywhere than what you will find in Eastern Kentucky."

In addition to Hall, the group is served by Technical Director Timothy Cooley, of Prestonsburg, and Assistant Director Clayton Case, of Betsy Layne.

The group is sponsored by premier sponsor Gearheart Communications.

"We are so thankful for the Gearheart family and their company," Hall said. "We are able to grow our program because of their generosity."

Hall also thanked gold sponsor Jennifer Reynolds State Farm Insurance, who supported the program for the past three years.

"We are glad Jennifer Reynolds State Farm decided to continue to help us grow."

The Big Sandy Singers sing all over Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties for college, civic, church and business functions, as well as perform at elementary schools and in the local high schools as they host the Big Sandy Idol shows. The new singers are already booked for several shows. Their first show will be held at the Apple Day Festival in Paintsville on the Courthouse-Main Stage at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Other shows will include shows at the colleges Gearheart Auditorium.

"We are also working on some shows in our campus planetarium," Hall said. "The audience can listen to beautiful vocal music while looking at the stars."

The Big Sandy Singers are now taking bookings for the 2011-12 year and are available to sing at business events, community func-

tions or private parties. The Singers have a Halloween Show, a 1960s-1980s Dance Show, and a Gospel Show. The Singers also perform for free to churches and non-profit organizations and for a minimal fee for for-profit businesses.

To book the Big Sandy Singers, call Hall at (606) 424-2498 or email laura.hall@kctcs.edu.

The Big Sandy Singers are currently recording their new album which will include songs by such U.S. 23 favorite artists as Loretta Lynn, Patty Loveless, Ricky Skaggs, Crystal Gayle and Keith Whitley, as well as many more country, bluegrass and gospel favorites originating from Eastern Kentucky. The album will be released at the end of October. To order Singers' albums or learn more about the group, visit www.bigsandysingers.com.

University of Pikeville to hold opening convocation Thursday

PIKEVILLE — On a joyous September day in 1889, the University of Pikeville Collegiate Institute opened for the very first time. David Blythe, a young Presbyterian minister and educator, had come to Pikeville to carry out the mission of the founder, Dr. William Condit and James F. Kendrick, who, along with the Ebenezer Presbytery, shared a vision to provide educational opportunities for the youth of the mountains.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, almost to the day, the first students gathered

for classes, the campus community will commemorate the institution's 123rd year and the inaugural Opening Convocation at the University of Pikeville.

Officially welcoming a record enrollment of more than 1,866 students, professors will don their academic regalia for the formal occasion, which is led by the bearer of the ceremonial mace.

The convocation address will be delivered by President Paul E. Patton. Board of Trustees Chairman Terry Dotson will be presented with an honor-

ary Doctor of Humane Letters degree, the first in the world by the University of Pikeville seal.

A native of Grundy, Va., Dotson grew up in Pike County and is an alumnus of Pikeville College. Dotson is president, chief executive officer, and chairman of the board of Worldwide Equipment Enterprises Inc. With 14 full service dealerships, 6 satellite parts stores and 14 leasing locations strategically located throughout Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia, Worldwide Equipment and its subsid-

aries make up one of the largest truck dealerships in the world.

A member of Pikeville Colleges Board of Trustees since 1987, Dotson has provided leadership as chairman for 16 years. Often calling his work on the board a true labor of love, Dotson was instrumental in bringing the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine to Eastern Kentucky. In the community and region, he has served on several boards and commissions, including the East Kentucky Exposition Center, Community Trust

Bank, Mountain Christian Academy, Boy Scouts of America and the Floyd County Board of Education.

Dotson resides in Knoxville, Tenn., with his wife, Judith.

The University of Pikeville's Opening Convocation ceremony on Sept. 15 will be held at 11 a.m. in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building. The campus and community are cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact the Public Affairs office at 218-5270.



Highlands Health System participated in United in Remembrance, an event to benefit the families of drug victims, on Saturday, the 10th. United in Remembrance took place during Heritage Days and Highlands joined other community organizations in supporting the event at the Mountain Homeplace in Paintsville. Food and beverages donated by the supporting organizations were provided free of charge to all attendees. Highlands provided all of the water for the event. Highlands Health System extends a thank you to all of the organizations who participated to benefit our community.

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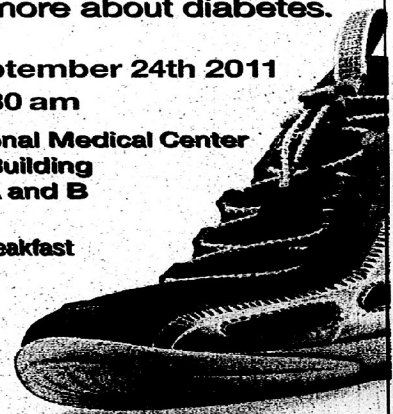
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Guest View A jobs crisis we can solve

by SARAH VAN GELDER

President Obama is proposing important steps toward doing what Americans have been asking for since the financial collapse of 2008: putting a focus on families and jobs.

To create real prosperity, though, Washington will have to deal with three main drivers of our economic malaise: massive inequality such that the super wealthy and big corporations are sitting on piles of cash while ordinary Americans can barely get by; enormous ongoing expenditures for wars; and assaults on our natural systems, including our climate, such that costs of everything from insurance to food is rising while our security is threatened.

Without families buying things, the economy can't revive and create jobs. That's why our solutions need to focus on ways to support small businesses, which create the bulk of the jobs and keep money flowing locally instead of flowing to distant corporate headquarters.

In Cleveland, a local foundation, inner-city residents, hospital and university collaborated to create locally rooted cooperatives for the urban and rural areas, which create jobs with solar energy, eco-friendly laundry services and locally grown vegetables. The workers from this rust-belt city are the owners, and they're creating jobs that can't be outsourced.

Despite the credit crunch afflicting businesses nationwide, there's one place where credit continues to flow: North Dakota, which has the nation's only state-owned bank. The Bank of North Dakota partners with community banks to get credit to the state's farms and local businesses. The results are the lowest unemployment rate in the country and a state budget surplus, when most other states are facing fiscal crises.

When local businesses and family farms thrive, the benefits ripple out into the community. These local enterprises buy from other local businesses, driving demand that creates even more jobs. This sort of economic activity results in prosperity based on real goods and services, not speculative bubbles.

Many young people are focusing less on jobs than on DIY livelihoods made up partly of paid work and partly of doing more themselves — growing food, making and fixing things, and starting micro-businesses. They're finding creative ways to make do with less and to share and exchange with friends and neighbors.

The best of these diverse livelihoods tap into the rising demand for goods and services that are sustainable, grown or made close to home without toxins and without pollution, produced by workers who are fairly compensated, and made by companies with a long-term commitment to the well-being of the human and ecological community.

But how about President Obama and the U.S. Congress? What can we expect from our federal government?

In a country still the wealthiest in the world, we should insist that our government invest in education, restore failing infrastructure and lead the transition to a clean-energy economy. Single-payer health care could provide security to would-be entrepreneurs while ending excessive premiums and out-of-pocket medical costs that are creating a major drag on the economy. Trade policies should be re-crafted to reverse offshoring of jobs. We could share jobs more broadly, so there is enough work and free time to go around. And we should preserve intact a safety net that keeps millions of seniors, children, disabled and unemployed from complete destitution.

With a fair tax policy like the tax rate for the wealthy in effect during the Eisenhower years, we could pay for these investments. And we could save money by diverting our tax dollars from corporate subsidies and the world's largest military budget to investments in our future.

These are policies that large majorities of Americans support. Groups like the recently formed movement to Rebuild the Dream are mobilizing hundreds of thousands of people to counter the lopsided clout of large corporations and the very wealthy and get these sort of family-friendly policies enacted.

We don't have to be satisfied with unemployment and a stagnant economy. By rebuilding our local economies, changing policies that only benefit the super-rich and investing in a transition to an environmentally friendly society, the United States can still achieve real prosperity.

Sarah Van Gelder is executive editor and co-founder of YES! Magazine. Her article on jobs and livelihoods appears in the Fall 2011 issue of YES! and at www.yesmagazine.org.



The Usual Eccentric House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

People who help other people are generally considered to be good folks. That is, if the people doing the helping are from anywhere other than a government.

Opposition to government assistance of most any kind has been growing among certain segments of the U.S. population for decades. You need look no further than the uproar that accompanied the passage of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for an example. The ARRA, also called the federal stimulus package, passed largely among party lines in early 2009. Those who opposed the stimulus package in Congress did so with gusto, blaming the bill for inflating government spending and doing nothing to help the nation's growing economic crisis.

The critics were right that the ARRA would cost money. It has cost upwards of \$800 billion to pay for stimulus programs under the ARRA, based on figures found on the detailed stimulus spending site — Recovery.gov. But if you listen to economic firms like Moody's and IHS Global Insight—which most policy makers do, regardless of party loyalties—the stimulus package is also creating jobs, which was the purpose of the ARRA from the start. The New York Times reported a year after passage of the ARRA that Moody's, IHS Global and other independent macroeconomic firms estimated between 1.6 to 1.8 million jobs had been saved or created by the stimulus package as of early 2010. Late in the year, the Congressional Budget Office said between 1.3 and 3.5 million people were employed who would have been unemployed had there been no stimulus.

In Kentucky, where the jobless rate of 9.5 percent in July 2011 was the lowest in the state since January 2009 according to state officials, Kentucky's share of the stimulus package has created over 10,800 jobs and left the state with billions of dollars for Medicaid, education, transportation and other community projects, reports the Kentucky Finance and Administrative Cabinet.

Overall, records show that the stimulus package has brought \$3.5 billion in federal contracts, grants and loans to the Commonwealth to date.

I like hearing about government working for the people, especially when it helps put people to work and improves living conditions in Kentucky. That is why I was so happy the other day to run across the 2010 annual report for Community Action Kentucky, the agency that oversees the 23 Community Action agencies across the state.

Right there, on page 3 of the annual report, is a statement that the ARRA has helped 48,000 Kentuckians and over 22,000 low-income Kentucky families through the use of an additional \$16.8 million in block grant money funded by the ARRA. The funds have helped create or retain jobs, offer skills training, provide child care and/or needed health care services and provide emergency food assistance through partnerships between Community Action agencies and their community and local businesses. The report certainly shows government dollars at work, if nothing else. Consider this: Stimulus funds were obtained

through Community Action Kentucky Rural Community Assistance Partnership Program for 19 drinking water and wastewater projects that will serve 39,383 households and benefit around 85,197 people, 20,315 of whom are in poverty.

Stimulus funds have allowed the federal Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program, which weatherizes homes to make them energy efficient, to serve an additional 2,334 single-family homes, 1,823 mobile homes and 57 multi-family units. As a result, families have reported big energy savings. One family served by the Daniel Boone Community Action Agency in southeastern Kentucky in 2010 saw its heating bill drop 45 percent, from \$157 a month to \$86.

Community Action spent \$24.4 million provided through the Department of Energy and ARRA on home weatherization services in Kentucky between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2010. I want to thank James Michael Howell and all those at Big Sandy Area Community Action Program in Paintsville for the great work that agency is doing in Johnson, Martin, Pike, Floyd and Magoffin counties. You can find out more about the agency and its services at www.kuca.org/AgencyList/BigSandyAreaCAP.aspx or by calling 606-789-3641.

Until our society can take care of the needs of the youngest to the oldest Kentuckian with private funds, government will have a role to play in good works. And I'm glad reliable agencies like our self-sustaining Action organizations are involved in the process.

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

While the classroom experience for Kentucky students invariably changes from decade to decade, there is still one constant that binds one generation to the next: A field trip to the state capital.

Thousands of children make the trek each year, seeing such common sites as the larger-than-life statue of President Lincoln in the Capitol Rotunda and the just a few miles away, the Old State Capitol's self-supporting staircase, which for more than 180 years has been anchored by a well-placed keystone.

But as you might expect, there is more history scattered around Frankfort than can be covered in a day-long field trip.

To begin with, the Capitol and surrounding grounds have a lot of hidden gems. There are two time capsules buried in front, for example, with the first scheduled to be unearthed in 2060 in the Capitol's 150th anniversary fit and the second in 2076, the 300th anniversary of the country's founding.

Inside the Rotunda, visitors can now see the four new murals that were installed last year, but they may not know that plans were drawn up for that space just a couple of years after the Capitol opened in 1910. Unfortunately, the murals of a former governor classmate of the governor at the time I never had the opportunity to complete the work, because he was on the ill-fated Titanic.

But he would, he would have been painting about the same time that the current Governor's Mansion was be-

ing built just a short walk away. Anywhere from 12,000 to 15,000 visitors now take a tour annually, and some of the guests over the years have included many of Kentucky's best and brightest as well as presidents and even British royalty.

Not far from the Capitol grounds is another famous house, though this one is not open to tours. Still, the Jesse R. Zeigler House is noteworthy because it is the only home in Kentucky designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, considered the country's most famous architect. Legend has it that Wright never actually saw the home until nearly 40 years had passed, and he walked in as if he owned the place.

Down the road from the Capitol and high on the banks of the Kentucky River is the Kentucky Military History Museum. Built before the Civil War, it was used both as defensive post and as a munitions factory. It opened in its current form in 1974, but has been undergoing a four-year renovation that is due to re-open, appropriately enough, on Veterans Day.

A short distance from there is the Old Governor's Mansion, which pre-dates the White House and is believed to be the country's oldest executive-branch home still in use. Thirty-five governors lived there during Kentucky's early history, and thereafter lieutenant governors called it home until 2002. It is now used to host events.

Nearby, the Old State Capitol sits in the heart of downtown on the same site as the state's first two Capitols, both of which burned down. Outside, one can stand on the very spot where, in 1900, Governor Thomas D. Clark was shot, becoming the only governor in the country to die by an assassin. The Old State Capitol also was the only one in Union territory captured by the Confederates.

Between the Old State Capitol and the Old Governor's Mansion is the newest historic addition to downtown: the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. It boasts 167,000 sq. ft. of space and contains about 500,000 artifacts, including thousands of quilts and the just renovated Toyota Kentucky Hall of Governors, which features such items as Governor Goebel's undergarment from the day he was shot to the pocket watch carried by Governor Robert Letcher during his administration in the 1840s.

The Martin F. Schmidt Research Library on the Center for Kentucky History's second floor, meanwhile, offers tens of thousands of published works, microfilm and a variety of collected research for genealogists and others wanting to know more about our past.

With history in mind, the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives announced in July that it has spent about \$18 million over the mid-1980s helping local governments in every county preserve records. It was the first program of its kind in the country, and it is making sure that disasters like fire and flooding don't erase our heritage.

If you would like to re-trace some of the steps you took when in school, or have a student who wouldn't mind making a special trip to the capital, there is a good time coming up to take advantage of that.

On Sept. 24, the Kentucky Historical Society is taking part in the national Smithsonian Museum Day event that, here in the Commonwealth, provides a free ticket for anyone wanting to visit the Center for Kentucky History or the Old State Capitol. To register for a ticket that Saturday fit good for up to two people per household fit go to www.smithsonianmag.com/museum-day.

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Local Community College plans European vacation

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College is planning a European vacation, and community members are invited to come along.

In June 2012, Professor Matthew Smith will be taking Big Sandy students, faculty, staff and community members on a tour through areas of Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

The trip will be a guided journey with daily highlights that include castles, medieval villages, historical sites and urban areas. There will also be plenty of free time.

The trip is both safe and affordable, and the excursion will last nine days. An optional two-day extension can be added to stretch the trip to 11 days.

For more information, contact Professor Smith at (606) 889-4767 or by e-mail at msmith0588@kctes.edu. There will also be an informational event held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the main area of the Student Center on Sept. 20 at 6 p.m.

Governor launches

FRANKFORT — A new state website will allow visitors to search for veterans' events around the state, read personal stories from Kentucky veterans, and leave messages for veterans living in the state's veterans nursing homes. Governor Steve Beshear launched the 11-11-11 webpage today as part of his initiative to honor Kentucky's current and former military servicemen and women in the days leading up to Veterans Day on November 11, 2011 or 11-11-11.

"We can never repay the huge debt we owe our veterans or fully express our appreciation to them," Gov. Beshear said. "This website will allow all Kentuckians to plan visits to Veterans Day events, sign up for volunteer opportunities, or simply send a message to one of our veterans. The 11-11-11 initiative is a way to show our continued appreciation for the work of all of our state's veterans."

The new website allows visitors to add events planned in their communities to honor veterans.

The resulting list will show dates, times and locations for a variety of events for Kentucky service members, leading up to and including Veterans Day.

The site also features a rotating profile of outstanding Kentucky military service men and women and veterans are encouraged to submit their own essays about their work in the armed forces for possible publication to the site.

Finally, visitors to the website will also be able to leave a message of gratitude for Kentucky veterans. The notes will be collected and delivered to the state's three veterans nursing homes, which are home to more than 500 veterans.

"I am very pleased that Governor Beshear is emphasizing Veterans Day with so many activities and opportunities for everyone to honor our veterans," said Ken Lucas, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. "The 11-11-11 website provides a one-stop-shop for learning

11-11-11 website

about Kentucky's veterans and how you can volunteer to help them.

The website is accessible through the Governor's page at: <http://www.governor.ky.gov/11-11-11/>

Governor Beshear's 11-11-11 initiative, launched on Memorial Day, includes multiple events and programs and will be capped off with a celebration on Veterans Day.

The 11-11-11 initiative includes the following:

- Establishment of an honorary committee associated with the Capitol event on Veterans Day, Nov. 11
- Promoting volunteer opportunities to assist military families
- Working with Kentucky's business community to find opportunities honor veterans and military members
- Participation by the Governor and his administration in events throughout the year to honor the military and veterans

The Governor's Office and the

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs have shown their support over the last three years by helping soldiers, veterans and their families deal with financial hardships, overcome logistical nightmares and gain deserving recognition.

Gov. Beshear has also signed an array of legislation and has supported a number of initiatives to support servicemen and women, their families and veterans. These include:

- Exempting active duty military personnel from paying Kentucky income tax
- Giving veterans preference in state hiring
- Giving disabled veterans and Wounded Warriors free accommodations at state parks
- Expanding use of the Military Family Assistance Trust Fund
- Opening two new state-run veterans cemeteries
- Creating the Kentucky Medal for Freedom to honor soldiers killed since 1991 on active duty.

HPMC attends James River Coal picnic

Representatives from Highlands Health System attended the company picnic of the James River Coal Company on July 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The James River Coal Company has several operations across southeastern Kentucky, plus one in southern Indiana and is the sixth-largest coal producer in Central Appalachia.

Highlands provided health information covering tobacco awareness, diabetes, cardiovascular and behavioral health and also offered free blood pressure checks.

Participating in community events such as these is just one part of Highlands' mission to strive toward developing a healthier Eastern Kentucky and giving back to the community.

Entrepreneurs recognized at Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards ceremony

SOMERSET -- The regions top small business owners and entrepreneurs were recognized for their work in helping grow the economy of Southern and Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 12 at the 10th anniversary Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards (EIEA) program hosted at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

Award recipients in four EIEA business categories were honored by their peers during the 10th anniversary awards program and luncheon, sponsored by The Center, Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business and Technology and Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation.

U.S. Congressman Harold Halpern (KY-05), who was unable to attend the event, congratulated and encouraged the award recipients and finalists in a special video message played at the event.

"Entrepreneurs keep our rural region thriving with jobs and economic stability," Rogers said. "The last 10 years truly served as a decade of distinction as more partnerships developed between the local, state, and federal levels in support of entrepreneurs for job creation and retention in Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

The winners and finalists of the 2011 EIEA 10th anniversary awards program and their respective business categories include:

For-Profit Business EIEA Award Recipient: Jonathan Huston, President, TroilandToad.com, of Corbin.

Finalists: Gerald Poff, Todd Hopper and Aaron Hopper, Owners, Poff Carting Services/Legacy Carting, of Pittsburg; and Rick Thomas, Co-Owner, Sonny's Bar-B-Q, of Somerset.

For-Profit Small Business EIEA Award Recipient: Donovan Wadsworth, Owner, D&M Contracting, Inc., Richmond, Ky.

Finalists: Richard A. Howerton, Owner, Howerton Engineering & Surveying PLLC, of Greenup; and Patricia Cieslak, Owner, The Perfect Setting Cafe & Catering, of McDowell.

Start-Up Business EIEA Award Recipient: Sandra G. Dingus, Owner, President & CEO, Drug Testing Centers of America, of Paintsville.

Finalists: Nick Noble, President and Co-Founder, The Fortress Group Inc., dba Park Mammoth Resort, of Park City; and Dave Weddle, President & CEO, Wellhead Energy Systems LLC, of Somerset.

Not-for-Profit Entity EIEA Award Recipient: Cheryl & Mark Martin, Co-Directors/Instructors, Appalachian Foothills Therapeutic Equestrian Center, of McKeen.

Finalists: Dr. David Worthy, CEO, Grace Community Health Center Inc., of Gray; and Jeff Rubin, Executive Director, Body

Recall, Inc., of Berea. Dr. Robert Rogow, dean of Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business and Technology, opened the program and EKU President Dr. Doug Whitlock served as master of ceremonies.

In celebration of EIEA's 10th anniversary, a pre-event reception was held at The Center for all previous award winners throughout the program's 10-year history.

The selection of award finalists and recipients is determined by a committee of partner representatives and selected external stakeholders. Economic success of the enterprise, contributions to the community, and job creation and operational achievement as measured by innovative business practices, superior safety achievement, and superior technology are all factors considered when awarding the finalists.

EKU student Andrew Pennington of Richmond and EKU faculty sponsor and assistant professor Dr. Zek Eser were recognized as the winners of this year's Excellence in Entrepreneurship Collegiate Business Concept Challenge. Pennington won the competition for his innovative business idea, Contractor Yard Sale, an online classified database for contractors and suppliers.

Additionally, the First-Place winners of The

Center's Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) youth programs 2011 Business Concept Competition were honored for their business idea: an outdoor recreation and entertainment facility on Lake Cumberland. Each member of the Cumberland Adventure team comprised of Nathaniel Calloway, Bell County; Tim Taylor, Madison County; Katherine Wells, Johnson County; and Shelby Boyd and Faith Call of Pulaski County received an offer of a Presidential Scholarship from EKU.

Contributing partners for this year's program

were:

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Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, and Five Talents Financial Group.

For more information on the EIEA program, visit The Center's website at www.centertech.com and click on the EIEA link at the bottom of the homepage. A video library of previous EIEA award finalists may be viewed on the KEAN (Kentucky Entrepreneur Accelerator Network) website at www.kean.org or through a link on The Center's website. Full program information can also be found at www.eiea.eku.edu.

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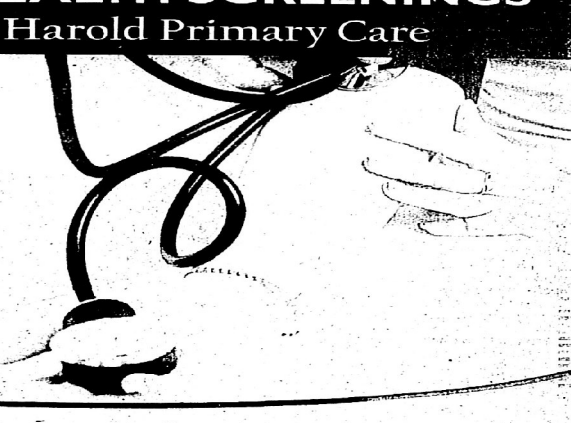
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Lawmakers get glimpse of expanded UK veterinary lab

LEXINGTON—The Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory sitting on the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Research campus has been involved in diagnosing animal disease for years. Now, it is gaining a national reputation for its work.

People listen to us and they respect the work we are turning out for animal agriculture," Carter told the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture during its meeting at the lab today. The committee members toured the facility following the meeting.

swine flu are among the diseases that have jumped the species barrier between humans and animals in recent decades, based on scientific reports.

blackleg clusters and reported the need to vaccinate for blackleg," said Carter. The following year, he suggested that the committee "down to nothing."

director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station Dr. Nancy Cox if the college hopes to expand its ever-growing undergraduate student base (now totaling around 2,300). Cox said the growing number of students has required more personnel, but also shows growing confidence in the college.

New census data: Poverty and uninsured rates remain high in Kentucky

An estimated 17.4 percent of Kentuckians live below the poverty line according to preliminary Census data released today, a substantial increase from 12.3 percent ten years ago.

Care system, said Jason Bailey, director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy. They highlight the need to jump-start job creation and recommit to moving forward on health care reform.

The steady decline of employer-sponsored coverage and the protective role of Medicaid illustrate the critical importance of implementing the new federal health law.

For too many Kentuckians, a middle class standard of living is out of reach because they lack jobs and health coverage, said Bailey.

The state figures from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey are preliminary. They are the only data currently available on state poverty and health insurance trends through 2010.

Health coverage for adults continues to decline in Ky, but increases for children

JEFFERSONTOWN — Over the last decade, the number of uninsured Kentuckians has increased by 3.1 percentage points, which mirrors trends in other states.

Our leaders in Frankfort in Washington must stop using health coverage and other critical supports for struggling families as part of re-election gamesmanship.

Washington account for the health challenges facing our kids. There are numerous threats that could severely curtail health coverage for children including funding cuts and scaling back of services.

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Woman robs Hindman Dollar General

HINDMAN — Kentucky State Police in Hazard are investigating an armed robbery at a Dollar General store in Knott County.

According to a police report, an unidentified woman entered the store on Holly Hills Mall Road Saturday night and, after walking around the store a bit, approached the counter and produced a semi-automatic handgun.

The robber then fled the store and was last seen driving a silver sport-utility vehicle toward Mallie, on Route 899.

No shots were fired during the incident, and no injuries were reported.

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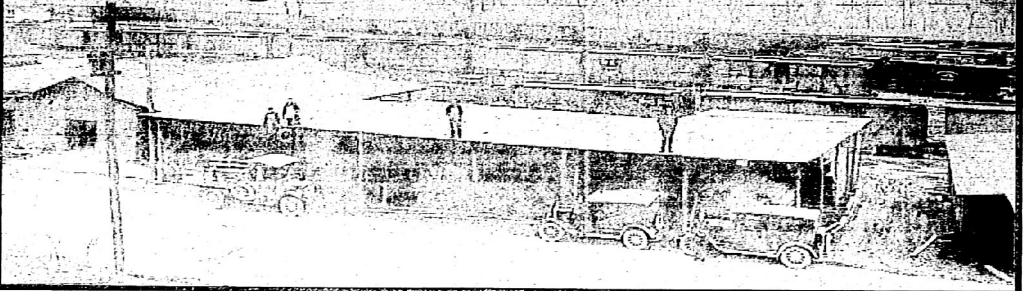
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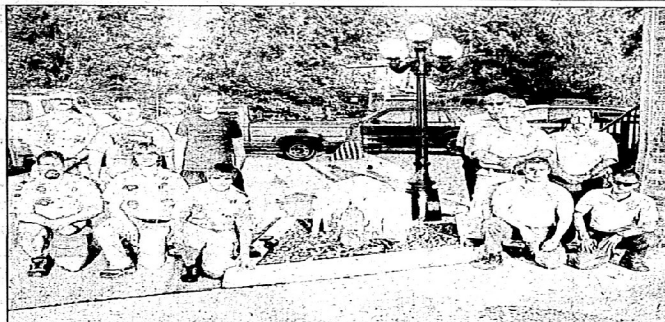
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Raiders nail Knott Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Weston Little took 21 carries for 320 yards and three touchdowns as South Floyd rolled past host Knott County Central 42-16 Thursday night in the Gingerbread Bowl.

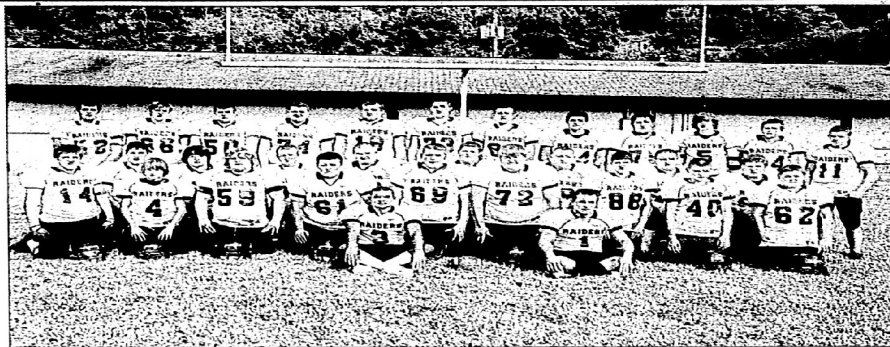
South Floyd scored over 40 points for the second straight week, improving to 2-1 overall. The Raiders notched their second straight win.

Knott County Central dropped to 1-2 after suffering the loss.

Numerous South Floyd players got involved offensively as the Raiders pulled away to win easily.

Blake Dye netted 72 yards and one touchdown on eight carries for the Raiders in the convincing win.

Tyler Moore was the third-leading rusher for the Raiders, racking up 66 yards and one touchdown via 12 carries.



South Floyd has registered back-to-back wins, defeating Jenkins and Knott County Central over the last two weeks.

(See RAIDERS, page B2)

Rebels reach State All A semifinals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PADUCAH — Allen Central made history over the weekend, becoming the first 15th Region volleyball team to reach the semifinals in any state tournament. The Rebels reached the semifinals of the All A Classic statewide tournament. Eventual champion Holy Cross eliminated Allen Central in the semifinals. State powerhouse Holy Cross defeated Allen Central 2-0, prevailing 25-15, 25-10 in back-to-back sets.

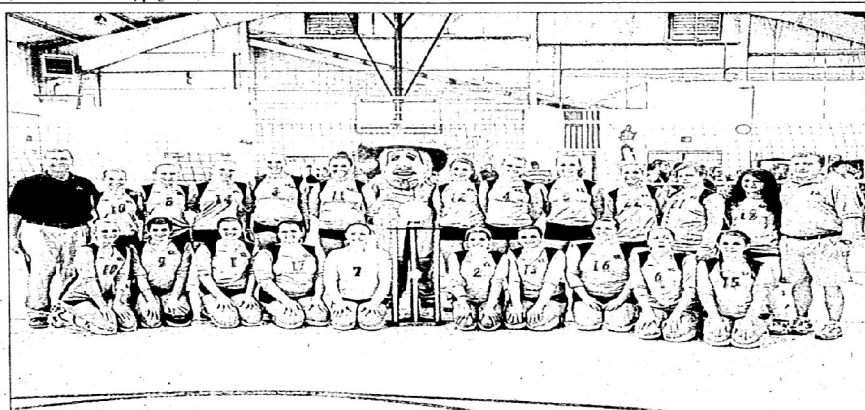
Following his team's loss to Holy Cross in the semifinals, Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard was asked if he and his group was going to stay for the championship match. Maynard replied, "We just played it."

Holy Cross beat Bethlehem 2-0 (25-16, 25-11) in the championship match.

Allen Central defeated Burgin (2-0; 25-22, 25-17), Trimble County (2-0; 25-14, 25-10), Bethlehem (2-1; 14-25, 25-21, 21-19) and Monroe County (2-1; 25-20, 21-25, 25-20) during the All A Classic statewide tournament.

"I was an am proud of them," Maynard said, applauding his team's collective effort in the state tournament. "We traveled from 3 until 11:30 p.m. to get to Paducah, got up at 6 a.m., was in the gym at 7:25 a.m., and playing matches at 8 a.m."

(See REBELS, page B2)



Allen Central reached the All A Classic statewide tournament semifinals.

Allen Central blanks Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — Allen Central, following a loss to Holy Cross in the All A Classic statewide tournament, returned to the win column on Monday, defeating host Sheldon Clark 2-0. The Rebels opened the match with a 25-8 run in the first game. Remaining in control, Allen Central more than doubled up Sheldon Clark in the second game, winning 25-12.

Allen Central returned to its familiar winning form after falling in the All A Classic state semifinals. Offensively, Brooke Risner registered 10 aces and Katie Ken-

drick supplied three kills for the Rebels. As a team, Allen Central registered 15 aces and 17 kills.

Larry Maynard-coached Allen Central and Sheldon Clark met on the volleyball court for the first time in the 2011-12 school year. The Sheldon Clark volleyball program is under the direction of first-year head coach Ken Carriere, a Floyd County native.

In other area matches played Monday night, it was Belfry 2, Mingo Central 0; Pikeville 2, Phelps 0; East Ridge 2, Shelby Valley 0; Greenup County 2, Lawrence County 0 and Johnson Central 2, Pike Central 0.

Allen Central was hosting 58th

District/Floyd County Conference foe Prestonsburg Tuesday evening. The Allen Central-Prestonsburg match ended too late to make this edition. Allen Central is due to visit South Floyd (Thursday, Sept. 15) and Prestonsburg (Tuesday, Sept. 20) for upcoming 58th District/Floyd County Conference matches.

- 15th Region Volleyball Top 10:
1. Allen Central (17-6); 2. East Ridge (14-3); 3. Belfry (11-5); 4. Pikeville (11-7); 5. Paintsville (10-4); 6. Johnson Central (9-5); 7. Betsy Layne (8-8); 8. Prestonsburg (7-9); 9. Magoffin County (7-10); 10. Lawrence County (3-11).

South Floyd shifts focus to Morgan

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — This isn't the first rodeo for South Floyd head coach Donnie Daniels. The veteran high school football coach is back at the helm of the South Floyd program that he built and has the Raiders 2-1 through their first three games. South Floyd has won back-to-back games, defeating non-district foes Jenkins and Knott County Central. This week, much-improved Morgan County awaits the Raiders. The two teams will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in West Liberty as South Floyd makes its second road trip in as many weeks.

Morgan County is also 2-1. The Cougars moved to 2-1 following a 66-23 win over Pendleton County Friday night. The Cougars opened the season with a convincing 32-0 victory over Boyd County. Es-till County edged Morgan County 34-30 when the Cougars returned to the field one week after the season-opener.

Offensively, Morgan County has been able to mix in passing while relying mainly on rushing thanks to multiple productive running backs. Through three games, Morgan County quarterback Larrin Collins has completed 11-of-17 passes for 213 yards and three touchdowns. The Morgan County offense has generated 777 rushing yards. Kerrick Kidd

(See FLOYD, page B2)



Prestonsburg quarterback Adam Crisp passed for nearly 300 yards Friday night in the non-district home game versus Belfry.

Blackcats drop non-district home game to Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Belfry managed to upend host Prestonsburg Friday night as the two gridiron rivals hooked up for the latest meeting in a longstanding Kentucky high school football series. The Pirates used a punishing ground game to get past Prestonsburg, defeating the Blackcats 48-30.

Belfry moved to 3-0 after posting the win. Prestonsburg dropped to 2-2 after suffering the loss. Belfry rolled up 512 rushing yards. Cameron Johnson led the way for Belfry, rushing six times for 165 yards and three touchdowns. Josh Richardson followed with 156 yards and one touchdown via 11 carries for the Pirates. Complimenting the Belfry rushing attack, Trey Willis took 13 carries for 113 yards and three touchdowns.

Belfry only tried to pass twice in the non-district game. Prestonsburg trailed at the end of each quarter before eventually falling. Belfry edged the Blackcats 7-6 in the

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Rebels

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10:15 a.m., and 12:30 p.m., winning all three over Burgin, Trimble County and Bethlehem. Then in the championship bracket quarterfinals, playing Monroe County, beating them and landed in the semifinals against Iota Cross.

Raiders

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South Floyd backs Luke Rhea, Josh Clemmons, Byron Caudill, Ethan Johnson and Jacob Crager also packed the football for positive yardage in the non-district game. Offensively, visiting South Floyd didn't really solely on rushing the football. Freshman receiver Brett Daniels hauled in a 22-yard scoring reception for the Raiders. Crager hooked up with Daniels on the scoring pass in his lone passing attempt of the night. Defensively, South Floyd also turned in a solid effort. Jimmy Helton registered a team-high eight tackles for the Raiders. Mack Little made six stops while Dylan Hall and Corey Thornsberry recorded five tackles apiece. Blake Dye, Blaine Little, Weston Little and Rhea each had four tackles. Trent Blevins and Dwane

Floyd

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has rushed 23 times for 186 yards and one touchdown. Joe Holbrook has received the most touches to date, rushing 31 times for 156 yards and a team-high four touchdowns. Kody Thornsberry and Jordan Whitt have also taken 20 or more carries apiece out of the Morgan County backfield. Defensively, Kody Thornsberry, Walker Crase, Holbrook, Kidd and Whitt lead the way for the Cougars. Morgan County is under the direction of head coach Brian Turner. The Cougars concluded the 2010 season 5-6. Morgan County was picked to finish second behind longtime powerhouse Breathitt County in the preseason Class 3A, District 7 poll. The Cougars were predicted to finish out in front of Magoffin County, Jackson County and Knott County Central. South Floyd standout Weston Little is quickly closing in on 1,000 yards rushing. Little has rushed 68 times for 724 yards and eight touchdowns in three games for the Raiders. Tyler Moore (245 yards, three touchdowns) and Blake Dye (235 yards, one touchdown) have also proven to be key performers in the South Floyd backfield. Quarterback Luke Rhea continues to guide the South Floyd offense. Defensively, Jimmy Helton has registered a team-high 25 tackles for the Raiders. Freddie Ousley has notched a team-best two interceptions. Rhea has also picked off a pass for the Raiders. South Floyd and Morgan County did not meet during the 2010 season.

Game

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opening quarter and carried a hard-fought 21-18 lead into halftime. The Pirates toughened up defensively in the second half, limiting Prestonsburg to one touchdown in each of the last two quarters. Belfry packed a 34-24 lead out of the third quarter. Prestonsburg was held to 72 yards rushing through 25 attempts. Prior to suffering a season-ending injury, Grant Anderson gave Prestonsburg an early lead, scoring on a nine-yard run

with 3:49 remaining in the opening quarter. Kain Collins led Prestonsburg on the ground as he took 12 carries for 49 yards. Prestonsburg quarterback Adam Crisp also rushed for one touchdown. Crisp found success through the air, completing 23-of-42 passes for 298 yards and three touchdowns. The Blackcat signal-caller was only intercepted once in the home game. Bryson Williams led Prestonsburg in receiving, reeling in nine receptions for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

Jarred Jarrell grabbed six catches for 83 yards and one touchdown in the setback. Linemen Chris Cook and Kinsy VanDine led Prestonsburg defensively, registering seven and six tackles, respectively. Collins contributed five tackles while Williams, Anderson and Wes Robinson recorded four stops apiece for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg will visit Casey County on Saturday for another non-district game.

Leading the team



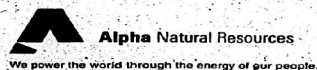
Junior Brittany Hodge helped to lead the University of Pikeville volleyball team late last week in a tri-match.

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Late score moves Pikeville Bears to 2-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Junior quarterback Trevor Hoskins hit senior Axel Rivas from 21 yards out with 53.3 seconds remaining to give the University of Pikeville a 24-17 win over Kentucky Wesleyan College Saturday night.

The score was Wesleyan's third of the night — the second to Rivas — and was his 32nd career scoring pass, which set a new school record for touchdown passes for the university.

The win made UPIKE 2-0 on the season and was its fourth straight after an 0-3 start a year ago. Wesleyan fell to 0-2 on the season.

Hoskins finished 19-of-34 for 238 yards along with his three

scores. He did throw three interceptions in the win.

Rivas finished with 85 yards and two scores on six catches. The Panthers got on the scoreboard first with the assist of Hoskins' picks, as sophomore Jeff Ward hauled one in at the five and rambled 95 yards for the touchdown. Matt Wilson's PAT made it 7-0, the only first-period touchdown, with 8:14 left.

Hoskins evened the count with the only second-quarter score, a 34-yard pass to senior Chris Joseph, with 7:46 left in the half. Freshman Grayson Quick's PAT tied it at 7-7.

The turning point in the game came in the final minute of first half when the Panthers got the ball

first-and-goal on the four-yard line. Thacker led a penalty, and got seven tries to score, with the final three coming from the one-yard line but were turned away to keep the game tied at the half.

Wilson gave the Panthers a 10-7 lead with 7:15 left in the third on a 38-yard field goal, but the Bears responded with the first of Wilson's scoring catches, this one from 22 yards out to make it 14-10 with 3:17 left in the third.

Kentucky Wesleyan wasn't finished and regained the lead when senior Chris Owen found junior Shawn Mooney on a three-yard scoring play, ending an eight-play, 65-yard drive that took 5:29 off the clock. Wilson's extra-point

made it 17-14 with 9:55 left. But the Bears tied the final 10 points of the night. The final three came on a 20-yard field goal by Quick to tie the score with 4:00 to play, followed by the game winner, which ended an 8-yard play that took six plays but only 1:24 off the clock.

Owen, the Panther quarterback, was 14-of-31 for 150 with the score and no interceptions. He hit Mooney six times for 68 and the score.

Freshman John Dudley Hilton was the leading tackler for the second straight week for the Bears, finishing with eight tackles, all but one were covering a fumble. Senior Marc Sweet hit six tackles, including one for loss

and recovered a fumble. Kentucky Wesleyan was led by senior linebacker Ken Stokloss's eight tackles. The all-conference selection had one tackle for loss and recovered a fumble.

Ward had six tackles and recovered a fumble in addition to his interception for a score.

Pikeville will be back in action next Saturday when it hits the road for the first time, heading to Rome, Ga., to take on 1-0 Shorter College. Kentucky Wesleyan will play its first home game next Saturday when Sienna Heights travels to Owensboro. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

UPIKE volleyball team drops two in tri-match

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The University of Pikeville women's volleyball team faced a double header Saturday, losing the first match to Midway College 3-2 and the second match to Bluefield College 3-0 on the season.

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run. Midway slowly eroded UPIKE's lead until finally handing the Bears a 25-23 defeat. Game three was competitive early, but Midway eventually pulled ahead to take a 25-17 victory.

The Bears showed their fighting spirit in game five, keeping the lead early and going point-for-point with Midway until the very end. The show of determination was sadly not enough, as UPIKE fell 16-14.

In the match, sophomore Paige Thacker continued to put up points by logging 17 kills. Junior Brittany Hodge

(Allen Central High School) helped out the cause with 11 kills of her own. Defensively, senior Shelby White was stalwart with 39 digs and 42 receptions. Sophomore Bailey Hamilton displayed her leaping ability with three solo blocks, while Thacker had two solo blocks and one assist.

Bluefield College came into its match with UPIKE fresh off a victory against Midway earlier in the day. They showed no signs of fatigue early, as UPIKE was forced to call a timeout after 11-4.

Midway took a 21-20 lead. The timeout failed to spark any change however, and UPIKE eventually lost 25-15.

UPIKE transferred its newfound momentum into game three, playing Bluefield closely until falling behind 11-7. A UPIKE timeout only slowed down, and UPIKE would go on to lose the game 25-16.

The fourth and final game was a back-and-forth affair for the most part. With the Bears on the verge of defeat 24-23, Anna Bevin called one last timeout to give her team the Bears fell short though, losing the game 26-24 and the match 3-1.

Thacker led three Bears in double digits in kills with 20, giving her 37 for the season. Hodge followed with 11 and freshman Audri Ray added 10.

Junior Brooke Parrott had 24 assists while freshman Alexis Howard added 17. On defense, White finished with 27 digs while Thacker added 10.

The Bears will be back in action on Thursday with an away game against Bluefield State. The Bears' next home game comes on September 22, when they will face WVU Tech.

Pikeville Bears get first votes in football poll since 2006

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Dudley Hilton was a household name in the Commonwealth when he came to the University of Pikeville last spring to be the new football coach.

He is starting to garner some national acclaim as well.

UPIKE, which ran its record to 2-0 with a 24-17 win over Kentucky Wesleyan College on Saturday night, picked up six votes in the NAIA Football Coaches' Top

25 Poll that was released on Monday night.

The poll came nearly five years to the day since the last time the Bears — then Pikeville College — was mentioned in the poll. That came on Sept. 11, 2006 when they got two votes in the first coaches ratings of the regular season.

In that year's preseason poll, Pikeville was ranked 26th the year after it made the 2005 playoffs for the first and what is still the only time in school history.

The last time the Bears were in the Top 25 was in the final ratings of the 2005 season, dated Jan. 17, 2005, when they were 15th in the country.

Pikeville is 2-0 on the season with a convincing 63-18 win over Southern Virginia in the season opener, a week prior to last week's win over KWC. The latter of the wins came on a 21-yard touchdown pass with 53.3 seconds left from Trevor Hoskins to Axel Rivas.

It was the second time in the game the pair had hooked tip for a score, and gave Hoskins the school's all-time record for touchdown passes in a career with 32. He established the mark in only his 12th game as a Bear.

The road to 3-0 won't be easy, however, as the Bears play their first road game on Saturday afternoon when they face Shorter College at 1:30. The Hawks broke into the Top 25 and stand tied for 21st in the country this week.

Three Mid-South Conference teams are ahead of Shorter in the poll. Georgetown (1-0) is No. 8, while Cumberland (2-0) is 10th and Campbellsville (2-0) is 17th.

Cumberland University, which fell to 1-1 after a 30-27 loss to Campbellsville, picked up 13 votes in the poll, followed by the Bears.

Union College became the seventh Mid-South school in the poll by picking up one vote.

Wearing a full-body harness is the first rule of treestand safety

by ART LANDER JR. KENTUCKY APFELD

FRANKFORT — A fall from a treestand is no laughing matter.

The consequences can be life-changing, much worse than a sprained ankle or broken arm. Each season deer hunters are paralyzed for life or killed in falls because they overlooked the most important safety precautions.

When really pushing the importance of wearing a full-body harness and attaching a safety line to the tree, said Bobby McKee, bowhunting education coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. A fall from a treestand can happen to any hunter, even the most experienced.

Falls from treestands are the most prevalent hunting accident in the southeastern U.S., McKee said.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife annually receives about five to six reports of falls from treestands, but McKee suspects that many more go unreported. We usually don't find out about them unless it's a serious injury or fatality, he said.

A fall can happen at any time for a number of reasons. Snow or ice can make treestand steps slippery and platforms can break or come apart where they're attached to the tree. Several years ago, there was a fatal accident in Lewis Besweater's Lakes when a hunter nodded off and fell head first out of his treestand.

Falls typically occur at the platform level, when the hunter is stepping onto or out

of the treestand, McKee said. About 25 percent of our hunting incidents are falls from treestands and 25 percent of these falls are fatal.

A full-body harness is the only approved safety option because the harness weight is supported evenly by padded chest and leg straps. Waist belts or chest harnesses can cause severe trauma and are not approved. Blood flow and compressing the chest, affecting the ability to breathe. McKee recommends hunters get a foot or two off the ground and practice hanging in the full-body harness to get used to how it feels.

At ground level, hunters should practice re-entering the stand if they fall off the seat.

It's important that there's no slip in the tether that connects the harness to the tree belt, McKee said. It should be set so that the hunter can fall below the platform. Put the tree belt around the tree at eye level or higher when standing in the treestand.

The danger of hunting from treestands is compounded by the heights to which some deer hunters climb to escape the eyes and nose of their quarry. The higher a hunter climbs, the higher the risk.

There's no recommended height to climb, McKee said. In heavy rain, with adequate foliage for cover, 10 to 14 feet is usually high enough. A more important question might be whether the tree is capable of supporting me at the height I

want to climb. Avoid dead or diseased trees and never trust wooden steps nailed into trees. Don't put your weight on tree limbs when climbing.

Some treestand safety tips from the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA):

- Read and understand the manufacturer's warnings and instructions before using the treestand. Practice with the treestand at ground level prior to hunting. Save your treestand instruction booklets for later review or to pass on to anyone borrowing (or buying) your stand.
- Never exceed the weight limit of the treestand as specified by the manufacturer.
- Inspect the treestand, full-body harness and safety line for signs of wear or damage before use.
- Be aware that prolonged suspension in the most comfortable full-body harnesses could result in serious injury or death. Have a plan for rescue. Take along a cell phone or two-way radio to call for help, if needed. Before you leave home, let others know your exact hunting location and when you plan to return.
- Never leave a treestand installed for long periods of time since damage could result from winter weather or prolonged exposure to sunlight, which can rot the nylon straps that hold to the stand to the tree.

Use a haul line to pull up your gear, unloaded treestands or bow and arrows to your treestand once you have reached your desired hunting height. Never climb with anything in your hands. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree.

Know your physical limitations. Don't take chances. Take your time when using a climbing treestand; make slow, even movements of no more than 10 to 12 inches at a time. Make sure you have proper contact with the tree and your treestand every time you move.

On ladder-type treestands, maintain three points of contact with each step — two hands and one foot, or two feet and one hand.

When hunting from fixed position treestands, use the linemen's belt feature of the full-body harness when ascending or descending the ladder or climbing sticks. Remember to climb up above the platform and step down onto it.

To view a treestand safety video, download a list of safety recommendations and find out about treestand recalls, visit the TMA website at: <http://www.tmastands.com>.

Author Art Lander Jr. has been writing about the outdoors since the 1970s. He is a staff writer for Kentucky *Apfeld Magazine*.

Holland, Eidson, Jones re-sign with Drillers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Eastern Kentucky Drillers have re-signed three key players from their inaugural season. Allan Holland, Daniel Eidson and David Jones will once again be suiting up for the Drillers in the 2012 season. All three players were instrumental in leading Eastern Kentucky to the UIFL's first-ever Ultimate Bowl.

Holland, the starting quarterback for the Drillers, passed for over 2,300 yards and 53 touchdowns last season. The Perry County native topped off an outstanding season by passing for nearly 300 yards and nine touchdowns in the Ultimate Bowl.

Eidson was a triple threat for the Drillers in the team's first season, hurting opponents with his passing, rushing and kicking abilities. Eidson was the team's leading rusher and starting kicker, excelling

in both roles. The true test came for Eidson when he had to take over as starting quarterback when Holland got injured in Week 12 against Canton. The Drillers went 4-1 under Eidson as he threw for over 800 yards and 19 scores. The versatile Eidson also rushed for three touchdowns.

Eidson led the league in made field goals and finished second in PATs. He earned second team All-UIFL honors as a kicker. Jones was a starting defensive back for the Drillers last year. The former Belfry High School standout finished the season third in tackles and also ranked in the top-five for interceptions. He earned first team All-UIFL honors for his efforts during the 2011 season.

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Community Calendar

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

1966 Class Reunion

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1966 will hold a reunion Oct. 14-15 in Lexington. A gathering will be held Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Keeneland Race Track. On Oct. 15, a picnic will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Jacobson Park, Shelter #3. All class members as well as all PHS graduates and friends are invited. For more info., contact Brenda Hughes Vanderpool at vangreen@yahoo.com or Norma Justice Tompkins at njtompkins@aol.com.

Free movie in Auxier Park

The Auxier Center will present a free family movie in Auxier Park on Friday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. There will be free drinks, snacks, popcorn and games, and an open house at the Auxier Center. Call 886-0709 for more information.

AARP to Hold Dinner

Jenny Wiley Chapter #3528, AARP, will have a pot luck dinner at their regular month meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, at First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. All members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Fried chicken will be provided, but you may bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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 Kinzer@MtComp.org.

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 Lancer 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 Addiction

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction 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-familyservices.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 2 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 applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application. Applications are accepted at 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. on Mayfield just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

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

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

Outpatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. www.drugsnono.com

Auxier Community Center

Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministries, 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 Depen-

deny" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

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

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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Hope in the Mountains

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

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets noon to 2 p.m., at Made From Coun-

try at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354. **'Earn While You Learn'**

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

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times. Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 890-3920 for more info.

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

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

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

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

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kids) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship), foster parents and all other interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Derby Inn for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Deddi Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

East 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, Pikeview Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com

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Everybody's Science

Where the wild things roam

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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It may sound to you like wild bees would be a problem, but in fact, they're more likely a solution ... if we all want to continue to eat, that is.

There are hundreds of crops—everything from almonds to peppers—that require pollination to complete the production process. Pollination by honey bees alone is critical to American agriculture, and adds more than \$15 billion annually to the value of our crops.

But as you've no doubt heard, a mysterious ailment called Colony Collapse Disorder, or CCD, has been taking a horrendous toll on our honey bee populations. It's difficult to pin down the exact cause of CCD, because there are no dead bees left behind to probe; with CCD, the bees simply disappear without a trace.

A national survey covering the winter of 2010/2011 showed total losses of managed honey bee colonies were 30 percent from all causes, roughly similar to total losses in similar surveys done in the two previous years. The survey is conducted each year by scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in collaboration with the Apiary Inspectors of America.

While scientists sort out the causes of the honey bees' woes, fortunately we have some other pollinators to fall back on, including the jumbo-sized bumble bee. Bumble bees have their own pollination chores in the Great Outdoors, but they're also good "office workers," used to pollinate greenhouse plants like peppers and tomatoes.

But, alas, the bumble bees also are falling on hard times. The ARS scientists say anecdotal evidence over the past 10 to 15 years has suggested that several bumble bee species are disappearing and their range is shrinking.

Fortunately, bumble bees have their own ARS champion: an entomologist who's been studying various bumble bee species that could serve as the next generation of proficient commercial pollinators.

One of the most reliable of the pollination workers used to be *Bombus occidentalis*, the western bumble bee. According to the ARS entomologist, just 20 years ago, *B. occidentalis* was one of the most common bees found in western North America. Its native range runs from Alaska and the Aleutian Archipelago south to the mountains in Arizona and New Mexico.

This bee could also be found from the Pacific coastline of the United States and Canada east to the plains of central Canada and central Colorado, and it's been detected in the Horn Mountains of Wyoming and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Companies used to grow colonies of *B. occidentalis* for commercial pollination of greenhouse crops. *B. occidentalis* was popular because it wasn't picky; it's what is known as a "generalist forager," which means it doesn't have a narrow preference for one type of plant it pollinates, so it could be used on a wide variety of crops.

But in the 1990s, the commercial colonies were hit by disease, and the end result was that the companies stopped raising this bee.

More recently, companies have turned to another generalist pollinator called *Bombus impatiens*, which is native to the midwestern and eastern U.S. and Canada. Companies are shipping this bee to the western United States for use in greenhouses there.

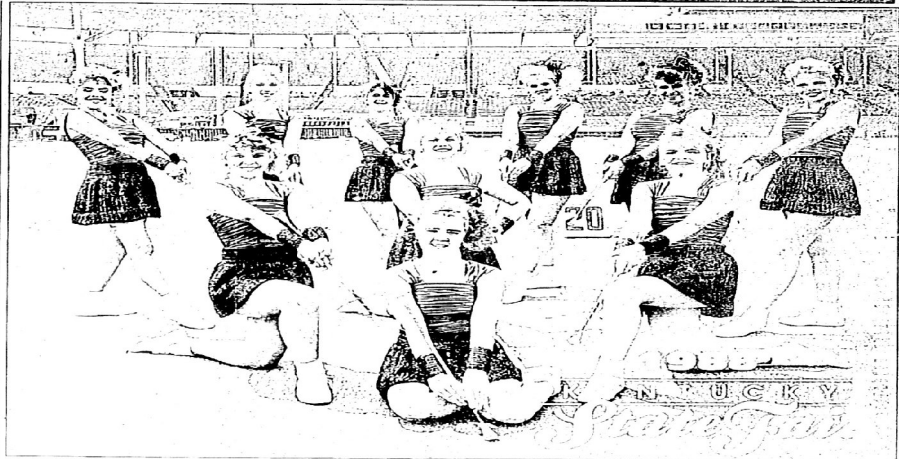
But some folks worry about introducing a bee into an area that's not part of its native range. One concern is that the "new" bee might escape into the wild and start competing with native bees for food and resources. Also, the imported *B. impatiens* could expose the native bumble bees to pathogens they're ill-equipped to fight.

So the ARS scientists are investigating an alternative called *Bombus huntii*, a pretty bee with big orange stripes. Like *B. occidentalis*, it's a generalist pollinator, and best of all, it's native to the western half of the country, so it wouldn't be an intruder.

The first hurdle is figuring out how to grow *B. huntii* in the lab, a vital part of its commercialization. The ARS entomologist and his colleagues are on the case, and hopefully *B. huntii* will be ready to report for work in greenhouses in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, if you like to eat, thank a bee!

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>.



The 1988 majorettes, shown at the Kentucky State Fair, where they placed first in competition, included, first row, Angie McKenzie; second row, Betty Taylor, Leslie Roberts and Katie Harmon; back row, Helen Hammonds, Beth Hamm, Angie Hazelette, Edith Prater, Stacy Calhoun and Robin Burchett.

PHS majorette reunion draws near

PRESTONSBURG — As an all-decades reunion of Prestonsburg High School's majorettes approaches, all former majorettes living in the area are being urged to attend the next reunion meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a rehearsal for reunion performances during the meeting. Attendees are asked to meet at the front of the school.

The reunion committee has been able to contact nearly all former members, but still needs help locating some. If anyone has addresses, phone numbers or other contact information for the following people, they are asked to contact Carol Jo May, at (606) 226-2565.

- Jane Holstead Durham, 1949
- George Lockwood, 1951
- Emma Lee Rice, 1953
- Judy Allen McCreary, 1957
- Shirley Preston, 1958
- Patty Smith, 1958
- Brenda Kay Hicks, 1961
- Carole Lewis Cottogin, 1965
- Carleen Sue Patton, 1967
- Debby Burchett, 1968

- Teresa Allen, 1977
- Janet Outley, 1978
- Lisa Johnson Howard, 1979
- Maleta Hicks, 1982
- Jennifer Gilbert, 1982
- Beth Hamm, 1986
- Beth Horn, 1987
- Dalena Meadows Bartley, 1987
- Edith Prater, 1988
- Heather Hall, 1990
- Amy Lewis, 1992
- Shanna Shepherd, 1997

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- Malina Wiley, 1997
- Tonya Estep, 1997
- Jessica Selsor, 2000
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Yesterdays

20 Years Ago

(September 11 and September 13)

An issue raised recently about the disparity in salary rates, compensation, and work schedules, for city employees, particularly fire department, police department and street department workers, could be solved within the next 60 days. Prestonsburg City Council members voted Monday night to hire Paul Combs and Associates Inc., a personnel consulting firm, to address the city's plan. The firm plans to begin by reviewing all job specifications with department directors and other employees. In order to ensure equal pay for equal work, the employee classification plan must also be reviewed and/or updated, as well...A suspect in the Saturday night shooting of a McOwens, 50, of the American Legion Post 283 in Martin, apparently warned a patron he was going to return to the bar with a weapon. Floyd County sheriff's deputy Linsie Hunt said a witness told him that Frank DeRossett, 50, of Allen, made the statement he was going home to get (a) gun and clean this place out about 45 minutes before Clive Case, 34, of McDowell, was shot five times with a .38 caliber handgun...A hearing Monday in Floyd County Circuit Court, conducted by special Judge Stephen Nick Frazier, produced a lot of testimony, but no ruling in a dispute between school superintendent Ronald Hager and the Floyd County Board of Education. Judge Frazier has asked for additional information on the suit, and is expected to issue a ruling after September 16...A 66-year-old Floyd County man was killed, Tuesday morning, after the car he was driving was struck by a coal truck that jackknifed near Harold. Willie Tackett of Grethel, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County deputy coroner Glen Frazier. Tackett was driving south on KY 979 in a Buick Regal when his car was struck

by the coal truck driven by D.J. Hollins that jackknifed and crossed into the northbound lane, a spokesman for the Kentucky State Police said. Tackett's vehicle then struck a Chevy S-10 pickup truck driven by Hillard Newman of Grethel. Newman nor Hollins were injured...Floyd county students and taxpayers are apparently the winners in a drawn out debate over school finances, employees salaries and instructional programs. Disputing parties reached a tentative agreement, Tuesday afternoon, that could head off a threatened teachers' strike and cooled off fears of new taxes...Picket lines were expected at all Floyd County schools, Friday morning, after the system's classified employees called for a work stoppage. The strike was called after Floyd County Board of Education chairman Ray IShagi Campbell declined, Thursday evening, on a request that the board recognize the employees as members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters...An agreement reached Tuesday, between teachers and school administrators was approved Thursday night by the Floyd County Board of Education, but not without some hesitation and alteration. Following an extended closed-door session Thursday, board members voted 5-0 to accept an eleven-point plan to resolve employee differences, adding a point of their own and deleting one supplementary recommendation. The unanimous approval came with a stipulation that funds be allocated to pay for the employment of three assistant principals at three county high schools...Two investigations being closely watched in Floyd County are expected to be brought before a Floyd County Grand Jury during its November session. Floyd Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton said Wednesday, that a traffic fatality at Lancer in July and an investigation into

(See YESTERDAYS, page B6)

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Yesterdays

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an alleged illegal bingo operation at Prestonsburg High School will be brought before the grand jury...Murder indictments were returned Wednesday by a Floyd County Grand Jury against three persons, including an Allen man who is the suspect in the Saturday night shooting death of a McDowell man, Frank DeRossett, 50, of Allen, was charged with murder for Saturday's shooting death of Clive Case, 34, of McDowell at the American Legion club at Martin. DeRossett was also charged with first degree assault for shooting Larry Spears, 34, of McDowell, who was hit by a bullet during Saturday's incident...The curtain will go up soon on the first act of a local story about a small town which aspires to become the arts and entertainment center of the Kentucky hills. With some success, the story could unfold well beyond those boundaries. After months of discussion, the first phase of a project to develop the Kentucky Opry in downtown Prestonsburg is shifting gears, moving into high gear. There died: Southa Branham Breechne, 72, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, at the Anderson Mercy Hospital in Cincinnati; Russell Blackburn, 62, of Martin, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James Tomi Stone, 62, of Bevsinsville, September 8, at his residence; Al-

leen Bentley Collins, 68, of Wayland, Thursday, at her residence; Alva Saunders Collins Hamilton, 75, of Honaker, Thursday, at the Knott County Nursing Home; Hindman; Harold Roscoe Prater, 50, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at his home; Judy Carol LeDue, 48, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, formerly of Rock Fork, Friday, at the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne; Laura Stone, 71, of Pippa Passes, Friday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Willie Tackett, 66, of Grethel, Tuesday, at Harold, from injuries received in an automobile accident; Verna Mae Shepherd Ratliff, 68, of Hager Hill, Sunday morning, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clive Allen (Bubby) Case, 34, of McDowell, Saturday, at the American Legion Club in Martin; Milton Dwane Magoo Little, 47, of Minnie, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Myrtle Thomsbury Wallen, 76, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, at the Heritage Hospital in Taylor, Michigan; Paul Tackett, 69, of Virgie, Wednesday, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Prestonsburg; Viola Bates, 77, of Bevsinsville, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; James W. Evans, 68, of Auxier, Wednesday, at St. Josephs Hospital in Lexington; Hillard Jones, 72, of Virgie, Thursday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Stephanie Ann Morgan, 21, of Hardin County, Sunday, from in-

juries sustained in a car accident.

30 Years Ago

(September 9, 1981)
In an amended plan submitted by the slate for local school board comment, top priority for school construction was given to a new Middle School in the Prestonsburg area...Results of a school test administered in the spring show Kentucky students scoring above the national average, but Floyd students lagging well behind... Kentucky State Police have been notified of the arrest, at Huntington, Indiana, of two men who are believed responsible for burglaries of post offices at Price and Minnie...The Floyd County Board of Education should not adopt a rule requiring the dismissal of a teacher who admits using illegal drugs, according to an opinion by the state Attorney-General...It is thought a new Sheriff Henry Hale's description of his job last Friday, two days after he had been inducted into office to fill the vacancy space created by the resignation of Sheriff Doug Lewis... theatre will be the site of the 16th annual Kentucky Highlands Folk Festival...There died: Narcie Harris Kendrick, 75, of Lancer, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Raymond B. Woods, 66, of Emma, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William Robert Smith, 50, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Darcus Patton Cole, 78, of Al-

len, Wednesday, at Methodist Hospital; Martha B. Cooley, 88, formerly of Wayland, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Guy E. (Serge) Daniels, 73, of Garrett, Thursday, at Good Samaritan Hospital; Everett Ratliff, 78, of Martin, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Garner D. Crager, 46, of Wayland, Tuesday, at McDowell.

40 Years Ago

(September 9, 1971)
The Floyd County Fish and Game Clubs annual fish fry, Sunday, drew its usual heavy attendance, with several states being represented...U.S. Senators Cooper and Cook announced last week that the Appalachian Regional Commission has approved a grant of \$155,400, to assist in the construction of an access road to serve the Goble Branch campground and Jenny Wiley State Park...Bootlegging in Floyd County is the most wide-open I have ever seen! Circuit Judge Hollie Conley told the grand jury which he had empanelled, Tuesday...During July, 8,108 low-income persons in Floyd County received food stamps valued at \$199,893...John David Wallen, son of Mrs. W.W. Wallen, and the late Mr. Wallen, who is a member of the Department of Surgery, University of Kentucky Medical Center, presented a paper at the Biomedical Instrument Society of America symposium in Milwaukee, Wis., August 30...Count Basie, who has played two com-

mand performances before Queen Elizabeth, will open the East Kentucky Concert Series here, September 21...A major effort to discover new reserves of natural gas in rock formations deep in the Appalachian area will get underway this month when drilling is begun by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Warfield, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., their first child, a son, Scott Ronald, Mrs. Warfield is the former Melanie Conley, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Hollie Conley...Miss Caroly Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Little, of Wheelwright, will represent Prestonsburg Community College in the Apple Queen contest, Saturday in Paintsville... There died: Edwin Cochran Dorsey, shot to death on his 20th birthday Saturday, night, at Owensboro. Dorsey, a ministerial student, was the son of Dr. Harold W. Dorsey; Virgie C. George, 80, last Thursday, at her home here; Elzie Bowling, 65, of Langley, Sunday, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Hattie Mature, 75, last Thursday, at her home at Grethel; Caroline Harrington, 59, Saturday, at her home at Martin; John Fields, formerly of Wayland, in Pompano Beach, Fla.; Edyth H. Bevsins, 52, of Printer, last Tuesday, at a Martin hospital; Hager Prater, 64, Sunday at his home at Garrett.

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(2) The operation is located 1.5 miles north of Craynor in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 mile west of KY 979's junction with KY 680 and is located immediately south of Hamilton Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(3) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's "Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Legals
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5604 (Transfer)

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to transfer permit 836-5498 to The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will be 836-5604. The operation disturbs 96.71 surface acres, and underlies 967.1 new acreage is affected by the transfer.

(2) The operation is located 10 mile north of Hunter in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.1 mile north of KY 1225 junction with the U.S. 80 and is located 200 feet west of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Martin and Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

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(2) The operation is located 2.0 miles southeast of Drift in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.25 miles southeast of KY 1225's junction with Simpson Martin Branch Road and is located 2.0 miles east of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

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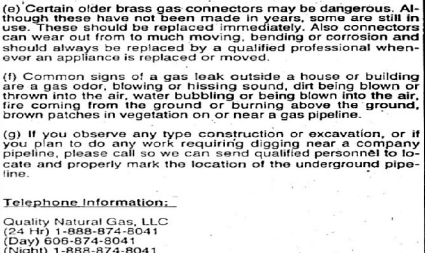
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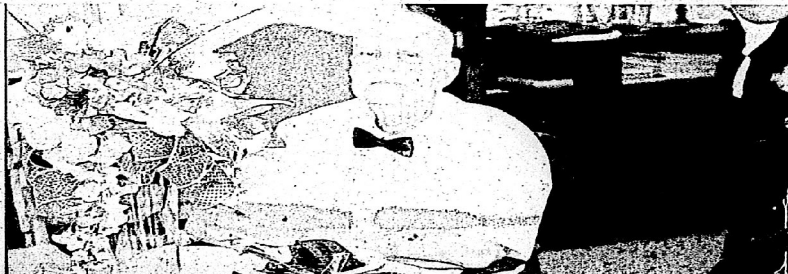
The valuable residents of Prestonburg HealthCARE Center were invited to participate in a memorable dining experience on August 25, 2011. The staff of Prestonburg HealthCARE Center were pleased to provide formal wear for the men and women who participated and assisted each of them individually in preparing for the special occasion. The dining area was beautiful, decorated with white linen tablecloths, purple satin placemats, and lavender topiary centerpieces. The women were provided with facials, makeup, manicures, hairstyles, and dressed in formal gowns. The men were assisted with grooming and dressed in white formal shirts and bow ties. The residents were adorned with pert cor-

sages and boutonnieres that were donated by Jenny Wiley Florist. At mealtime, the residents were given beautiful menus with selections for Scrumptious Steak, Mesquite BBQ Chicken, Baked Potatoes, House Salad with Ranch Dressing and multiple decadent desserts, including Triple Layer Chocolate Cake. As the classical music played in the background, the residents were served by the facility department heads in white shirts and black

aprons. During the mealtime hour, several residents were noted to be reminiscing about their past, including past occasions they had opportunity to participate in special mealtime events with family and friends. After the dining experience was over, the resident's lingered in the dining area for several hours in their formal wear, enjoying each other's company, socializing, and sipping their tea and coffee. All residents were photographed in their formal wear. The res-

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Attacks on 9/11 changed the nation

by CRIS RITCHIE
Editor

It was a clear and seemingly normal Tuesday morning in America. The New York City buses and subway trains were running on schedule. President George W. Bush sat in a Florida classroom, visiting with elementary students. Todd Beamer, Sandy Bradshaw and 43 others boarded United Flight 93, bound for California.

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United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into the south tower at 9:03 a.m., 18 minutes after American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north tower.

'Freedom Tower' rising

by CRIS RITCHIE
Editor

Ten years after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, construction continues at the site where more than 2,600 people lost their lives in the worst strike on American soil in the nation's history.

In November 2001, as Americans across the country continued to mourn the many lives lost, then New York Governor George Pataki began the process of renewal with the establishment of a board to oversee the reconstruction of buildings lost at the World Trade Center site in Manhattan. Chief among

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First responders remember 9/11 attacks

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

Sept. 11, 2001, changed a lot of things in America, but for emergency first responders, it changed everything.

On that day, 418 firefighters, police officers, port authority officers, paramedics and EMT's were killed. Another 2,000 first responders were injured.

"I never make a response to an incident without thinking. 'Could this be something more than routine?'" said Prestonsburg Fire Chief Bobby Carpenter. "The fear of the unknown."

Carpenter, who had left the service of Lexington Fire Department in 2001 and was just getting settled into Prestonsburg, remembers thinking, "This is going to change things."

"We could no longer do everything alone. It was going to take 100 percent from all responders," said Carpenter. "9/11 forced us to do together what none of us could do alone."

Larry Adams, who worked for Prestonsburg Fire Department in 2001, and now works for Transtar Ambulance, said he remembers being so engulfed in what was happening in New York and Washington, D.C., that when he learned that the Dairy Cheer was on fire that same morning, his first thought was that it was the work of terrorists. "Did they attack the Dairy Cheer?" said Adams. "That day I was numb. Total shock and disbelief."

Adams recalled being at a training session the week before, in Paintsville, that discussed the possibilities of an attack on America where the instructor cautioned the students, "It's not a matter of if, but when."

"It hit you like a ton of weight, that we're under attack, we're at war," said Adams.

According to Adams, the events of that day changed a lot for first responders.

"We were pretty complacent before," said Adams, adding, "We all got surprised."

According to Adams, one change to come out of 9/11 was the creation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training that all first responders are required to undergo.

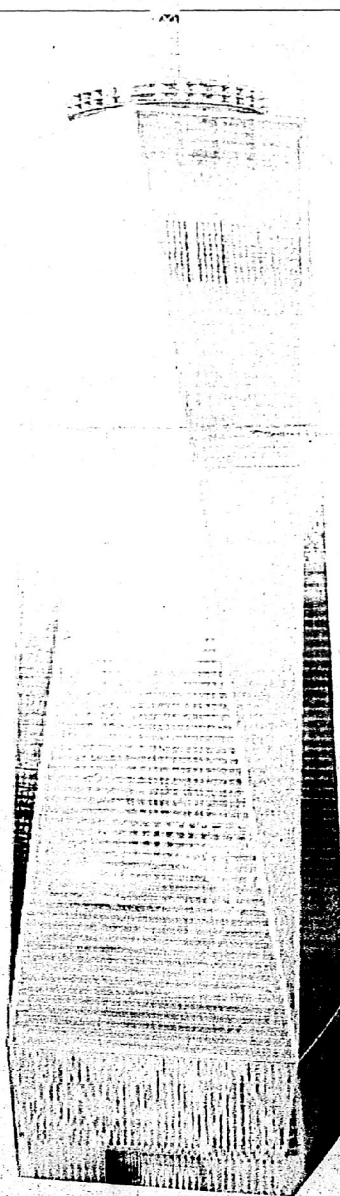
NIMS acts as a guide to help departments and agencies at all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life and property and harm to the environment.

"It got everyone on the same level, everyone speaking the same language," said Adams.

It was obvious after the tragedy of 9/11 that first responders would be on the front lines when the next attack comes, and for first responders, preparation is everything.

"The mock disasters and things that we practice," said Adams, "we are gearing up to be ready for anything."

"We must never forget," says Carpenter. "When we forget, we become unprepared."



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How we remember says a lot about who we are

by DR. DOUGLAS E. HERMAN
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As the United States approaches the 10th anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001, there will and should be

much reflection on the significance of that day for our country. One scholarly concept that I think is useful here is called historical memory. Some social scientists, particularly social psychologists, have delved into this area, but it's primarily the province of my

discipline, history. The contention about historical memories is that there are certain events which are remembered by large groups of people in a particular way that they use for a purpose. There are three such tragedies in modern American history

which I think are outstanding examples of this idea: I'd like to compare Sept. 11 with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and the assassination of President John Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963. Pearl Harbor happened before I was born, but I thought of that disaster and the Kennedy assassination as I learned of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. Possibly their most distinctive common characteristic is that most Americans of at least early-grade school age at the time remember exactly where they were and what they were doing when they first learned of the event.

In 1941 my parents were college seniors, and Sunday, Dec. 7, was the day before fall quarter-final exams began. My father was in his room studying, and he heard the news on the radio when the music program was interrupted. My mother was working on the college switchboard, and she said that "the board lit up" when students began to call each other and home as they learned about the surprise attack. Then the Administration Building, where the switchboard was located, began to ring wildly. Athletic wins were "few and far between" at that university, so Mom said it was an unusual feeling to have the bell clanging.

In November 1963, I was a high school sophomore, and about 12:30 p.m., I had just started my first afternoon class, World Civilization (ironic, given

the profession that I'm now in). The principal came on the public address system to announce, "The President of the United States has been shot." An hour later, as the class ended, the principal came on again, and in an even more somber voice, intoned, "The President of the United States is dead." He was a staunch Republican, and so was the teacher of my next class, but she shook her head and said, "I can't teach." Our class sat there for an hour, trying to talk out the meaning of what was happening.

I was also in a classroom in 2001 when I heard that a plane had flown into the World Trade Center. That time, I was the teacher, and a student came in a little late. She apologized, noting what she had just seen on TV. I said something like "that's bad" but went on with the class. However, when we finished the class and went into the hallway, we started learning about a second plane crashing into the Trade Center and a third plane hitting the Pentagon. I went to the temporary student center and started watching TV coverage with a group of students. Yes, these are all clear memories.

These iconic events have other similar characteristics. They seem to occur about once a generation. They play out on American soil, in contrast to tragedies overseas. Even in the 21st century, this startles us. To a degree, we subconsciously maintain the old perception that the

United States is invulnerable because we have oceans on both sides. We somehow think that "they wouldn't dare attack us." But the aggressions still happen, suddenly. They're unexpected and initially seem unpredictable. Later, however, we begin to reflect that maybe we should have foreseen them (a point at least about Pearl Harbor and Sept. 11). Then we start to search for causes and often try to assign blame.

Many other similarities appear as responses to the disasters. One of the first is a massive surge of patriotism. Partisan differences are minimized, and citizens come together to meet the threat to the country. In this area, there is exceptional attention to elements of American heritage, those deeply-felt features of our culture that most draw Americans closer to each other. This cultural nationalism also characterized the economic emergency of the Great Depression of the 1930s.

In contrast to patriotic introspection, the three crises also produced outward-looking clamoring for revenge. This was easiest to envision and to pursue after Pearl Harbor because Japan is a nation-state, so war could be declared in a well-structured context. Even isolationists, a strong faction in 1930s America, felt overwhelming pressure to bow to the national impulse to strike back. Because Lee Harvey Oswald, the Kennedy assassin, had

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It was business as usual at the World Trade Center as well, where nearly 50,000 people were employed. All in all it was an uneventful September morning.

And then the clock ticked 8:46 a.m. That's when a hijacked American Airlines jet traveling nearly 500 miles per hour and loaded with 10,000 gallons of fuel crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center. America as it had been quickly and without warning emphatically changed.

Eighteen minutes after the first plane struck, a second jetliner roared above the New York City skyline before it ominously turned toward the south tower. The resulting collision produced a massive fireball as the plane disappeared from view and glass and concrete rained down. Everyone on board was killed, as were several inside the building.

Dark, thick smoke billowed from the twin towers. The nation was under attack, but the enemy wasn't done yet.

An hour after the first Boeing 767 crashed into the north tower, a third plane zoomed low over Washington, D.C. before it crashed into the west side of the Pentagon, the nation's military headquarters, killing 64 people aboard and 125 people inside the building.

As emergency personnel responded to the horrifying scene in the nation's capital, police and firefighters in New York City were rushing into the crippled twin towers in an attempt to evacuate the buildings. But just 15 minutes later, as a stunned nation watched, the south tower, unable to withstand the intense heat of the inferno raging inside, collapsed in on itself. All 110 stories crashed to the ground in a torrent of concrete, steel and dust. The north tower would follow suit less than an hour later.

A fourth plane, United Flight 93, had taken off from Newark International Airport in New Jersey that morning. It was hijacked shortly after by a small group of Islamic extremists wielding small knives or box cutters smuggled through airport security.

Through cell phone communications, the passengers on board learned of the attacks in New York. A small group formed a plan to ensure that their flight would not ultimately become a guided missile as had the jets in New York. Todd Beamer was one of those passengers, and was heard on an open line, talking to his fellow passengers before their attack on the hijackers began, saying simply, "Let's roll."

They are thought to have stormed the cockpit, and United 93 is believed to have flipped over before it hurtled toward the ground, crashing in a field in rural Pennsylvania and killing all 45 people aboard. Officials later said the hijackers were likely targeting sites in Washington, D.C., possibly the White House or Capitol.

More than 2,600 people lost their lives in the attacks on New York City, including 343 New York firefighters, in what was later determined to be a well coordinated terrorist attack perpetrated by 19 hijackers, many from Saudi Arabia working on orders from the then little known terrorist group al-Qaeda and its leader, a Saudi Arabian native named Osama bin Laden. In all, 2,975 people lost their lives, the most of any attack on American soil, including Pearl Harbor.

The response from the federal government was quick. President Bush addressed the nation that evening, acknowledging the attacks as a strike against America's ideals of democracy and a free society.

"Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts," the President said. "The victims were in airplanes or in their offices: secretaries, business men and women, military and federal workers, moms and dads, friends and neighbors. Thousands of lives

were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror."

President Bush directed the full force of the federal government's intelligence and law enforcement agencies to track down those responsible for the attacks, which officials quickly traced back to al-Qaeda.

The nation's lawmakers, meanwhile, dispensed with politics and displayed a show of solidarity. Sen. Mitch McConnell, a Republican from Kentucky, was at home when he heard of the attacks.

"Like most Americans, I was glued to the television and watched the attacks unfold before my eyes," he said. "I saw the second plane go into the second tower."

McConnell said there was no mistaking what had happened that day. America had been drawn into a new kind of war, with a new kind of enemy.

"I saw the reports about the plane striking the Pentagon and the plane that went down in Pennsylvania that we now believe was intended to hit the Capitol," he continued. "By the end of the day it was clear America was at war, and things would never be the same. I joined my colleagues on the Capitol steps to sing 'God Bless America' to show the nation and the world that our government was united and unafraid."

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R-Ky

Less than a month after the attacks, the American military led an international force to begin Operation Enduring Freedom with the aim of toppling the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan, a regime that gave safe harbor to bin Laden and al-Qaeda in the years prior to the September 11 attacks. But President Bush was also clear that the war on terror was a broad conflict and not exclusive to the Taliban.

"Every nation has a choice to make," President Bush told the nation during an address on October 7, 2001. "In this conflict, there is no neutral ground. If any government sponsors the outlaws and killers of innocents, they have become outlaws and murderers themselves. And they will take that lonely path at their own peril."

The Taliban's grip on power fell quickly, with their leader, Mullah Omar, going into hiding. Eventually, Hamid Karzai gained power over a new democratic government, but America's presence in the war-torn country remains even today, 10 years after the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

By March 2003 America was led into a second conflict, this time in Iraq where the Arab country's dictator, Saddam Hussein, fell from power following an American-led assault on Baghdad, though an American presence also presently remains there as well.

The search for al-Qaeda's leader bore little fruit in the years following the September 11 attacks. Many estimates placed bin Laden in the lawless border region of Pakistan and Afghanistan where American drones continually launched missile attacks against terrorist targets.

Then, in April 2011, a team of Navy SEALs acting on orders from President Barack Obama raided a sprawling compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan 30 miles outside of the capital of Islamabad. After a fire fight that lasted nearly 40 minutes, bin Laden lay dead, bringing to a close at least one chapter of the aftermath of 9/11.

As America forges ahead, the nation's people continue to look back on that day 10 years ago that altered the national consciousness. During an address in 2010 to mark the 9th anniversary of the attacks, President Obama paid homage to those who lost their lives, but noted that America must push ahead with the same resilience and fortitude that our nation displayed in the days that followed.

"So let us grieve for those we've lost," the President said, "honor those who have sacrificed, and do our best to live up to the values we share — on this day, and every day that follows."

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Lesson learned, lesson forgotten

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

It is hard to believe that 10 years have passed since that horrible day when our country was attacked.

The world stopped. And everything changed. Certainly, no one can forget where they were or what they were doing when they learned the news: Foreign terrorists had struck America, targeting some of our nation's most visible symbols and killing nearly 3,000 people. The attacks left all of us feeling shaken, vulnerable and afraid. Our tears seemingly would not stop flowing. Our anger knew no limit.

And yet, despite the tragedy, there were signs of hope. America was united, our resolve strengthened by our indivisibility.

As indelible as the images of the Twin Towers falling was the sense of the American people rising. Our hearts ached as we watched New Yorkers comb the smoke- and dust-filled streets for lost loved ones, but they were warmed to watch countless men and women volunteer their time and risk their lives in aid of the search. We prayed for miracles as we watched rescuers tunnel through the debris of Ground Zero, and we gave thanks when we saw an American flag rise above the ruins.

As terrible as the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were, the one glimmer of hope that emerged came from the knowledge that America could rise above its troubles, simply because it was populated by Americans. Suddenly, we remembered how to be a nation. Not a nation of Democrats and Republicans. Not a nation of liberals and conservatives. Not a nation of various races, faiths, beliefs or any other label that divides us. A nation, period.

Ten years later, we wonder if that lesson has been lost.

As we watch our leaders, in

Washington and elsewhere, question the patriotism of their colleagues, simply in an attempt to rustle more votes for one bill or another, we wonder what happened to the notion that despite our differences, we are all Americans.

As we watch the talking heads on television scream insults and hyperbole at one another, simply due to minor disagreements over public policy, we wonder what happened to the idea that, though we may disagree on the method, we assume that everyone has the goal of building a better, stronger country.

As we watch ideologically-driven, though obviously mentally-disturbed, individuals open fire on members of Congress or crash planes into government buildings, we wonder what happened to the unified America.

Our country was delivered a serious challenge in the wake of the terrorist attacks. The success we have had in meeting that challenge is a direct result of our ability to act as one people, willing to respect and embrace our differences, and even gathering strength from them.

Our country faces many challenges today, and we worry that our ability to meet them is being hampered by the inability of some to accept as Americans those who differ with them on the slightest of grounds.

One of the most hopeful images we can recall emerging from Sept. 11, 2001, was when members of both houses of Congress, from both sides of the aisle, gathered that evening on the steps of the Capitol for an impromptu singing of "God Bless America." Unfortunately, given the partisan and ideological divide that exists in this country now, we cannot envision a similar episode occurring today.

Yes, everything changed on Sept. 11, 2001. The question we need to ask ourselves on Sept. 11, 2011, is whether we are going to allow the most positive change to disappear?

A different world ... for 17 minutes

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

And then there was another plane.

That's how I remember it. The world on pause for 17 minutes, as we waited and watched.

I turned on the TV around 8:50 a.m. that morning, after getting word through an internet message board that something had happened in New York.

Switching on CNN I was engulfed in the confusion, all the news anchors trying to figure out the same thing — what happened?

Television cameras rolled as debris and broken glass were raining down on the street like so many pieces of paper in a city known for its ticker-tape parades. Fire and smoke rose out the north tower, shielding the causal viewer from what was surely hell on earth for those trapped inside.

Honestly, the notion that it would ever fall ... it never crossed my mind. I mean the damage didn't look that bad, from the outside. From my couch in southeast Louisiana, things looked bad, but, I don't know ... doable.

Minutes ticked by, as reporters continued to speculate on what had happened. The theory that most seemed to

agree on was that a plane had "accidentally" crashed into the tower.

That's the important part — accidentally. This had all been a mistake.

In the early minutes after the initial explosion, there was plenty of speculation as to a possible missile strike, that it had been an attack. But once the airplane story had enough witnesses for confirmation ... they, I, we thought it was an accident.

A horrible accident.

There would be funerals. How many people died? How many does a plane that big hold ... 50, maybe 80? Then there were the people who were in the building. In the history of humanity, this was the worst case of wrong place at the wrong time. John Smith, sitting down to a desk littered with pictures of his family, a post-it reminder to pick up something for Susie's birthday on his computer screen. Coffee in one hand, bagel in the other, preparing to start another ordinary day; and then Death Itself comes crashing through the wall at 300 miles per hour. The cynic in me probably made a tasteful quip. Gallows humor: It's how I deal.

My thoughts turned to the aftermath. Time to think about recovery. Obviously, the building

would have to be closed for several months while it was retrofitted and secured. It may be too damaged. Might have to be torn down.

No worry. Something bigger and more impressive will take its place within five years. The tragic irony of all those early thoughts that floated through my mind as I watched the news reports come in still haunts me.

For 17 minutes, I was free to imagine a world very different from the one we see today. For those 17 minutes, we were still America, untouchable behind our technological superiority. For 17 minutes people, in the south tower looked out the window at their neighbors, counting their blessings and calling friends and family to let them know that they were okay, that they were ... lucky. For 17 minutes, it seemed as though the worst of the storm had passed.

As the networks switched to the panoramic view of the city from across the bay, smoke billowing off one of its two trademark towers, for a few moments one could entertain the notion that at the end of the day, we'd all be okay.

And then there was another plane.

We would like to take this opportunity to remember those who lost their lives on September 11th 2001.

We are also grateful for the first responders and the nation's military for putting their safety at risk in honor of our country's freedom.



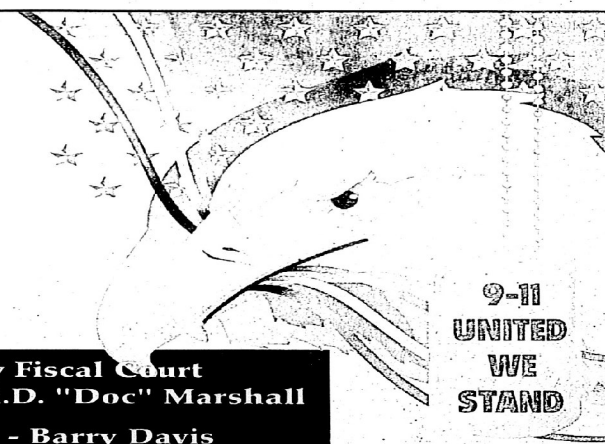
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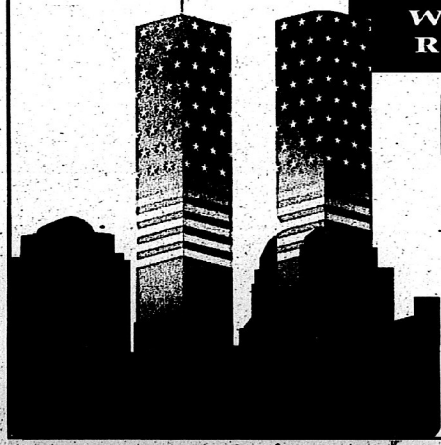
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"Our enemies have made the mistake that America's enemies always make. They saw liberty and thought they saw weakness. And now, they see defeat."

--George W. Bush, President of the United States 2001



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Timeline of Sept. 11 Events

8 a.m. EDT	AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11, A BOEING 767 WITH 92 PEOPLE ON BOARD, TAKES OFF FROM BOSTON'S LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR LOS ANGELES.
8:14 a.m.	UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 175, A BOEING 767 WITH 65 PEOPLE ON BOARD, TAKES OFF FROM LOGAN FOR LOS ANGELES.
8:21 a.m.	AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 77, A BOEING 757 WITH 64 PEOPLE ON BOARD, TAKES OFF FROM WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR LOS ANGELES.
8:41 a.m.	UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93, A BOEING 757 WITH 44 PEOPLE ON BOARD, TAKES OFF FROM NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
8:46 a.m.	AMERICAN FLIGHT 11 CRASHES INTO NORTH TOWER OF WORLD TRADE CENTER.
9:03 a.m.	UNITED FLIGHT 175 CRASHES INTO SOUTH TOWER.
9:08 a.m.	FAA BANS ALL TAKEOFFS NATIONWIDE FOR FLIGHTS GOING TO OR THROUGH ITS NEW YORK CENTER AIRSPACE.
9:21 a.m.	ALL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS INTO MANHATTAN ARE CLOSED.
9:26 a.m.	FAA BANS TAKEOFFS OF ALL CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT.
9:31 a.m.	PRESIDENT BUSH, IN FLORIDA, CALLS CRASHES AN "APPARENT TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR COUNTRY."
9:40 a.m.	AMERICAN FLIGHT 77 CRASHES INTO PENTAGON.
9:45 a.m.	FAA ORDERS ALL AIRCRAFT TO LAND AT NEAREST AIRPORT AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. MORE THAN 4,500 AIRCRAFT ARE IN AIR AT THE TIME.
9:48 a.m.	U.S. CAPITOL AND WHITE HOUSE'S WEST WING EVACUATED.
9:59 a.m.	SOUTH TOWER OF TRADE CENTER COLLAPSES.
10:07 a.m. (approx.)	UNITED FLIGHT 93 CRASHES IN PENNSYLVANIA FIELD.
10:28 a.m.	NORTH TOWER OF TRADE CENTER COLLAPSES.
11:00 a.m.	NEW YORK MAYOR RUDOLPH GIULIANI ORDERS EVACUATION OF LOWER MANHATTAN.
1:04 p.m.	BUSH, AT BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE IN LOUISIANA, ANNOUNCES U.S. MILITARY ON HIGH ALERT WORLDWIDE.
2:51 p.m.	NAVY DISPATCHES MISSILE DESTROYERS TO NEW YORK, WASHINGTON.
3:07 p.m.	BUSH ARRIVES AT STRATEGIC COMMAND AT OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE IN NEBRASKA.
5:25 p.m.	EMPTY 47-STORY 7 WORLD TRADE CENTER COLLAPSES.

Source: The Associated Press

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them was 1 World Trade Center, formerly dubbed the "Freedom Tower."

Though several were initially considered, the final design for the Freedom Tower calls for the structure to reach 1,776 feet into the air. It will offer 2.6 million square feet of space for offices, restaurants and other venues. The exterior design of the building incorporates a glass panel facade with tapered corners.

Construction began on the tower in April 2006, with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey taking over development of the project in the fall of that year. By December 2006, the first concrete was poured to prepare the foundation on a project that is expected to come with a final price tag of \$3.1 billion. A completion date for the tower is currently expected in late 2013, and by the beginning of August 2011, the build-

ing stood nearly 80 stories tall. According to the New York Times, construction is progressing at about one floor per week.

The building itself will include environmentally friendly technologies such as renewable energy and a water recycling system, but there will also be several safety features incorporated based on information gleaned a decade ago.

When two Boeing 767 jetliners crashed into the north and south towers of the World Trade Center on 9/11, it took less than two hours for the buildings to collapse. A fire in both buildings, resulting from the impact of the airplanes, is believed to have caused the interior structures of the towers to weaken considerably.

The new tower will include fireproofing materials in its construction as well as structural redundancy to add extra elements of support. There will also be fireproof ele-

vators, biological and chemical filters in the air supply system, and triple-wide stairways.

A greater emphasis was also placed on the facilitation of emergency response. The interior architecture of 1 World Trade Center will include enhanced emergency communication cables and a dedicated stairway for firefighters.

"These safety measures can be used in conjunction with enhanced elevators, housed in a protected central building core, which will serve every floor of the building," according to information from Silverstein Properties, the tower's original developer.

At present, four other buildings are planned at the World Trade Center site, while a fifth tower, 7 World Trade Center, became the first to open to the public at the site where the original structures were destroyed on September 11.

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lived in the Soviet Union for several years, the fact that the United States was in the midst of the Cold War came into many persons' minds. They guessed that somehow the Russians had helped the killer, and they wanted revenge on the communists. I think that the urge for retaliation is also part of the explanation for the persistence of conspiracy theories about the murder. Finally, the war on terrorism that followed Sept. 11, though it is less state-oriented, is nevertheless fueled by the desire to hit back at an enemy. The

invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq make less sense apart from the reaction motive. Greater suspicion of Muslims, at home and abroad, and more challenges to cultural diversity in America have also resulted from the 2001 attacks.

A final thought: the responses to the three tragedies have faded but have not been forgotten. A collective memory persists and percolates in the American consciousness about each event. It is aided by monuments to the episodes and their mean-

ing. For Pearl Harbor, that is the U.S.S. Arizona, a sunken cemetery in the middle of the naval base that still seeps oil in silent reminder. For the Kennedy assassination, it's the Texas School Book Depository and the "grassy knoll." And for Sept. 11, it's Ground Zero. They continue to call us to historical recollection.



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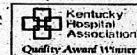
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Kentucky leaders remember day of attacks

Few people will ever forget where they were on Sept. 11, 2001. I was in Dawson Springs for a few days visiting my parents, as their health had been deteriorating. We were watching television together that morning after breakfast and saw the terrible events as they occurred. Like many people, we stayed in front of the TV set for the rest of the day, trying to figure out what was happening and what these attacks meant for our country.

I remember feeling mixed emotions — sorrow for all the people who lost their lives and for their families, and anger at those who would perpetrate such a horrendous act.

The war on terrorism certainly escalated that day, and it's a war that continues even today. I just returned from a visit to Iraq and Afghanistan, where thousands of Kentuckians are continuing the fight to protect our freedoms. Those servicemen and women deserve our continued support and gratitude.

— Steve Beshear
Governor of Kentucky

second plane hit, and we knew for sure.

"Nobody seemed to know what to do. Would there be more attacks on government buildings? They closed the courthouse, we closed my law firm, and I told my legislative staff at the state Capitol to go home. It was a total feeling of frustration and fear. Then you began to feel, as the details emerged throughout the day, that fear turned into sorrow for the victims and then anger."

— Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker, Kentucky House of Representatives

I was in Louisville on September 11 and it was during the early stages of my campaign for Congress. I was working when Elizabeth called me and told me to turn on the television immediately. In an instant I was shocked, saddened and stunned. It is a day that made us all want to hug our families a little closer and commit to being stronger Americans.

— Jack Conway

Kentucky Attorney General

On the morning of September 11, 2001, I was still at home preparing to go to the U.S. Capitol when I heard that a plane had struck one of the towers of the World Trade Center. Like most Americans, I was glued to the television and watched the attacks unfold before my eyes. I saw the second plane go into the second tower. By then, I communicated with the Capitol Police and they advised me to stay away from the Capitol, to not come into the office. I then reached out to my staff to ensure they, like the thousands of others who work in the Senate and House, had safely evacuated the Capitol grounds. My wife, Elaine Chao, came home from the Department of Labor and brought some of her employees with her, and we continued to watch everything on television. I saw the reports about the plane striking the Pentagon and the plane that went

down in Pennsylvania that we now believe was intended to hit the Capitol. By the end of the day it was clear America was at war, and things would never be the same. I joined my colleagues on the Capitol steps to sing "God Bless America" to show the nation and the world that our government was united and unafraid.

— Sen. Republican Leader Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senator/Kentucky

In the moments before the first plane hit the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, officials from 18 states had gathered for the annual Southern Governors' Association conference in Lexington. As Governor of Kentucky and chairman of the association, I was hosting the event.

Around 9 a.m. we learned that a plane had crashed into the North Tower. At the time, we believed it to be a terrible accident. Within minutes, we were told the South Tower had also been hit. Quickly finding a room

with a television, I, along with West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise, Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov. Mike Foster of Louisiana, and several others, watched with horror and disbelief the destruction and devastation unfolding on the streets of America's most famous city.

When news of a jet crashing into the Pentagon came across the wires we knew our nation was under attack. The governors needed to get home, but couldn't fly since all planes had been grounded. We began sending them out with Kentucky State Troopers who coordinated their safe return with law enforcement officers across the south.

In the days that followed, we came together as a country and a Commonwealth to pray for those who had paid the ultimate cost in these acts of aggression. September 11, 2001, was a date carved in time for each of us... a date when our blankets of security and shades of innocence were abruptly swept

away by the acts of a few crazed terrorists... a date when time stood still as millions of Americans were held spellbound as modern technology electronically transferred them to a scene of horror only experienced on one other occasion in our nation's history. Never again will any of us watch an airplane soar or gaze upon New York City's altered skyline without thinking of these horrific events.

Over the past decade the world has observed firsthand the spirit of the American people, a spirit that others have described as a "sleeping giant," and a giant that reveals its strength and greatness during times of duress and peril. As we mark this significant event in our history, let us pause to remember the bravery and sacrifice of so many heroes and let us continue to ask for God's blessing on this great nation.

— Paul E. Patton,
Governor of Kentucky
(1995-2003)

Organizations continuing aid a decade later

Families of September 11

The organization was founded within a month of the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The organization gives money toward funding policies that fight terrorism world wide, as well as supporting the families of victims of the September 11 attacks. Donations can be made at www.FamiliesofSeptember11.org.

Run to Remember
September 4 marked

the third Run to Remember. In the first two years of the run the group raised \$45,000 that was put toward several different organizations that help support the families of victims, and memorials and police and firefighters of New York. While the run takes place in New York City, anyone can donate online at www.WTCruntoRemember.com.

Families of Freedom
Scholarship fund
The fund gives scholar-

ships to children of the victims of September 11. To date the fund has given over \$60 million in scholarship money to nearly 1,700 students. Donations can be made at FamiliesofFreedom.org.

Tuesday's Children

Tuesday's Children donates money to children affected by 9/11. The money goes toward support groups and programs that help children and families of the victims. Donations can be made at www.Tuesdayschildren.org.

Voices of September 11

This group works to keep the memory of 9/11 alive by creating and hosting commemorative events in honor of the victims, survivors, families, and emergency workers of September 11. Donations are accepted at www.voicesofseptember11.org.

Robin Hood Foundation

The Robin Hood Foundation was founded in the 1980's to help combat poverty in New York City. Following 9/11, the

foundation set up a separate fund just for the poor families affected by the tragedy. You can donate to either of their two initiatives at www.RobinHood.org.

9/11 Memorial

The 9/11 Memorial was built on ground zero and has two square fountains that represent where the towers had been as well as a museum dedicated to the towers and the attacks. The museum accepts donations at www.911Memorial.org.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

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<p>Saturday, September 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *10:00 a.m. - Camp Opens to the Public *12 Noon - Ladies Lemonade Social (Period Dress Encouraged) *2:00 p.m. - Battle of Ivy Mountain *5:00 p.m. - Camp Closes to the Public *7:00 p.m. - Barn Dance - Open to the Public *8:00 p.m. of Dark - Cannon Night Fire 	<p>Sunday, September 11th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *10:00 a.m. - Camp Opens to the Public *11:00 a.m. - Church Service *12 Noon - Meet the Generals (Patrick Cleburne, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, James M. Morgan) *2:00 p.m. - BATTLE OF MIDDLE CREEK
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A decade has passed since the terrorist attacks of September 11 struck our nation and the world forever changing so many lives and the course of history. Today we pause to honor the sacrifices of those who perished, and thank those who served on the 9/11 day. Their love for a just and free society will never be forgotten.

On September 11, 2011, we remain grateful to the heroes of 9/11 and to our men and women in uniform. We remain committed to the ideals of freedom, liberty and justice for all. We remain united as Americans.

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