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Nominees for vacant district judgeship named

FRANKFORT — Nominees to replace retired Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen were announced in Frankfort Friday.

According to the Judicial Nominating Commission, nominees for the District Court judgeship in the 31st Judicial District, Division 1 will include James D. Adams II, Brett D. Davis

and Jimmy R. Marcum II. Former District Judge James R. Allen retired from his position on August 16, of this year.

Supreme Court Justice Will T. Scott, who represents the 7th Supreme Court District, announced the commission's decision Friday on behalf of Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr.

Adams has worked as an attorney in Prestonsburg since 2004. He received his

juris doctor from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law.

Marcum is currently working as an assistant county attorney for Floyd County, and is also an associate with the law firm of Vanover, Hall & Bartley. Additionally, Marcum serves as the city attorney for the cities of Allen, Wayland and Wheelwright. He received his juris doctor from the University of

Dayton School of Law in Ohio.

"I applied for it," said Marcum. "I definitely want this job."

Marcum says that he has been practicing law in Floyd District Court for nearly 14 years. "I feel I am qualified."

Davis formerly served as deputy judge-executive under former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. He is currently head of Low

Income Housing Coalition of Eastern Kentucky (LINKS).

Phone calls to Davis and Adams were not immediately returned.

A notice concerning a vacancy was issued following Allen's retirement. According to the Supreme Court of Kentucky, in order to be eligible to serve as a District Judge an applicant

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brief

Pike won't be killed in two-car wreck

Ralph Davis
Managing Editor

MILLARD — A Pikeville woman is dead, following a two-car accident on U.S. 460 at Millard last week.

According to Kentucky State Police, Michael Lawson, 43, of Pikeville, was driving west on U.S. 460 in a 1997 Ford pickup truck, when his vehicle drifted onto the shoulder. The truck then veered back into the roadway and crossed the center line, where it collided with a 2012 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Gregory Ratliff, 21, of Powell's Creek.

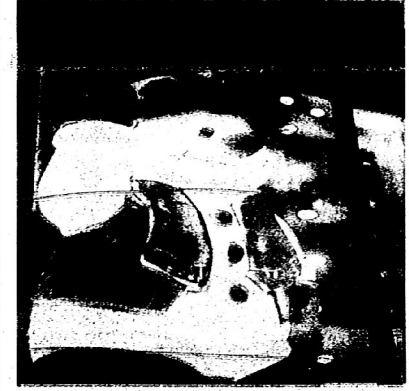
A passenger in Lawson's vehicle, Debra D. Hampton, of Pikeville, received fatal injuries in the wreck and was pronounced dead at the scene, by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts.

Lawson and Ratliff were both taken to Pikeville Medical Center to treat injuries they received in the accident. Ratliff was released later that day.

KSP Tpr. Eddie Crum continues to investigate the accident. He was assisted at the scene by the Millard Fire Department, Elkhorn City Ambulance Service and Coroner Roberts.



photos by Allen Bolling



Winter Wonderland

Archer Park is living up to the name of its annual "Winter Wonderland" display. The park is decorated with thousands of lights, attracting visitors from around the region each evening. Next up will be the annual "Christmas in the Park" event, featuring a visit from Santa Claus, on Dec. 15.

Turner files for re-election

Scott, Stumbo to face off again; Collins files

Ralph Davis
Managing Editor

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner filed for re-election Monday.

Turner, who represents the 29th District, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties, has been a member of the State Senate since 2001, after he upset former Sen. Benny Ray Bailey in a tightly-contested race.



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner

Turner touted what he called a strong record of significant progress concerning roads, education, protection for senior citizens, and water and sewer line extensions.

With the 2012 Legislative Session approaching, Turner said one of his top priorities will be to balance the state budget without making significant cuts, while preserving education, health care and public safety.

A retired teacher and coach, Turner has had a focus on education. He has sponsored successful legislation to make schools safer, improve drug abuse prevention and expand affordable housing opportunities.

Turner thanked his supporters. "I am honored by the confidence the citizens of the 29th District have

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2 DAY FORECAST Today

Rain changing to snow

High: 43 • Low: 27

Tomorrow

Partly Cloudy

High: 41 • Low: 26

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God's Pantry to feed hungry children over weekends, holiday breaks

LEXINGTON — As most school children spend the better part of their Fridays counting down to the final bell, preparing for a weekend of fun, there are many among them who dread this disruption in their daily routine. Not because they miss spelling tests and waiting to catch the school bus in the cool winter weather, but because a break from school means their most reliable source of food takes a break as well.

Sadly, for the 1-in-4 Kentucky children at risk of hunger and relying on the free and reduced-price meal program at their school, lunch on Friday might be the last meal they can count on until the

school bell rings again each Monday morning. These children face uncertainty on a daily basis — Will there be something on the table for breakfast today? Will I have a hot meal before I go to sleep tonight?

Fortunately, there is the Backpack Program to provide answers to some of these questions during weekend and holiday breaks for many Kentucky children. The Backpack Program sends at-risk children home during breaks with a small supply of kid-friendly, either ready-to-eat or easy-to-prepare foods to help fill the voids in their diet when regular meals are unavailable.

God's Pantry Food Bank

currently coordinates and supports 13 Backpack Program sites, including 11 Fayette County Public Schools, one in Fleming County and one in Floyd County. In addition, the food bank's member agencies are operating an additional 16 programs throughout the 50-county service area, helping to fill the need for children in communities where poverty rates are as high as 50 percent.

"The Backpack Program came about as a solution to a very real problem facing children in our country today," said Marian Guinn, God's Pantry Food Bank CEO. "Hunger is affecting so many families right here

in Kentucky, and while we know that many parents are sacrificing meals to feed their children, we also know that sometimes even the kids in these homes are forced to go without."

The program was implemented by God's Pantry in 2002 and sites have been added over time as funding has been secured. The program is costly as all of the food for this program must be purchased due to the specific needs (easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat, etc.) This week, the Food Bank is launching its 13th program at Northern Elementary School off Bryan Station Road in Lexington, a school where nearly 85% of students are eligible for free

or reduced-priced breakfast and lunch.

Each of the food bank's 13 sites receive 50 Backpacks per week to distribute to the children they deem to be in the greatest need. While there are far more children who stand to benefit from this program, funding limits the amount of Backpacks allocated to each school and the number of sites where the program is currently active.

"As far as expansion for this program, we are only limited by funding," Guinn said. "This is an expensive program for the food bank, since such specific foods are needed, but such a

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Obituaries



Clyde Burton Burchett
Clyde Burton Burchett, 90, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011.

Born August 17, 1921, near Prestonsburg, he was the son of Tom and Norma Rebecca "Becky" Burchett.

Mr. Burchett attended Alice Lloyd College before joining the United States Navy during World War II. He then graduated from the Western Horological Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa. where he met his wife Eileen. They moved back to Prestonsburg in 1956 to open "Ye Olde Jewelry Shoppe," which they operated for 35 years. After retiring, he built and ran a storage building business.

Along with his wife, Eileen Wolf Burchett, Clyde is survived by three sons, Randall Clyde (Martha) Burchett, Dr. Thomas John (Cindra) Burchett, and Dr. Blake Robert (Rebecca) Burchett; eight grandchildren, John Burchett, Mark Burchett, Dr. Andrew (Jaime) Burchett, Molly Burchett, Michael Burchett, Dr. Carlye (Christopher) Thacker, Charles Burchett, and Mary Burchett; two great-grandchildren, Eileen Sophie and Benedict Thomas Thacker; and five siblings, Ray (Linda) Burchett, Gayle (Rhonda) Burchett, Jack Burchett, Virginia Wallace and Tommie Richardson. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Thomas Burchett, and siblings Wade Burchett, Glenn Bernard Burchett, Blanche Cox and Geraldine Cisco.

A funeral mass for Mr. Burchett will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Saint Martha's Catholic Church in Prestonsburg. Interment will follow in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery, in Lexington.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Saint Martha's Catholic Church or to the local chapter of Boy Scouts of America: C/O Bluegrass Council of Boy Scouts of America 3445 Richmond Rd Lexington, Ky. 40509 Attn: Prestonsburg Scouting

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Oscar Paul Collins
Oscar Paul Collins, 77, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at the

Community Hospice Care Center, in Ashland. Born Nov. 25, 1934, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late William Jeff Collins and Sofie Charles Collins. Oscar was preceded in death by four brothers: Ivan, Tunis, Ulis and Chester, and a grandson, Shawn Ousley.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Kay White Collins; one son, Steve Collins; two daughters, Kaylee Francis Collins and Sandra Collins; one granddaughter, Tess Morgan Collins, and one great granddaughter, Aaleigh Ousley. Also surviving are four brothers, Garrett Collins and his wife Cledetta, Donald Collins and his wife Sue, Tony Collins and his wife Patty, and Janis Collins and his wife Elsie; and four sisters, Bonnie Deskins and her husband Charles, Avonelle Branham and her husband Lucian, Genevieve Chapman and her husband E.C., and Helen Charles and her husband Lem.

Oscar was a member of the 1st Baptist Church, of Prestonsburg. He was a member of the Masonic Zebulon Lodge #273 F&AM and the DAV. On arrival to Prestonsburg, he was first employed by the York Furniture Co. He later worked at UPS, before he owned and operate Collins Gulf Service Station. After retiring, he was warehouse manager for the Wes Blackburn Cycle Center.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4 at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Jerry Workman officiating. Burial was in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg. Serving as pallbearers were Hunter Brown, J.D. Adams, Dean Branham,

Scott Varney, Steve Blackburn, Travis Wallace, Nathan Slone and C. Jay Ousley.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Vance Ferguson, Shag Branham, Wes Blackburn, Ronald Adams, Roger Spradlin, Barney Walker, Hansel Cooley, Fred Goble, Bob White, Ed Ousley, Gary Wright, Lloyd Miller, Frank Adams, Barry Crum, Mike Spradlin and Dougie Adams.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.



Glema Collins
Services for Glema Boyd Collins will be Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 1 p.m., at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, in Grantport. Regional Medical Center. She was born Dec. 15, 1934, to Delzia and Emma Hall Boyd. She attended Betsy Layne High School, in Betsy Layne, and was a past employee of Fruit of the Loom and the "Old Garment Factory," as well as a waitress many years at the Farmers Kitchen. She was also a member of the New Life Worship Center. Her smiling face and caring attitude will be missed by many.

Glema was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her beloved husband of 50 years, Howard Collins; brother, Dawson Boyd; and great grandson, Justin Stanley II.

Survivors left to mourn her passing are daughters, Deborah Mitchell (Chris) and Shannon Smith; sons, David Collins (Susan), grandchildren, Justin Stanley (Megan), Marissa, Amy and Calvin Mitchell, Stephanie Starkey (David), Amy Dungan (Nick), Christopher, Matthew and Tara Collins; great grandchildren, Sierra and Emily Smith, Noah and Emma Grace Stanley, Maddie and Bryan Starkey and Macy and Sadie Dungan; brother, Ray Boyd (Pat); and sister, Brenda Bishop (Jackie).

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Justin Stanley, Chris Collins and Matthew Collins, along with Nick Dungan, David Starkey, Rara Justice and Frank McGowan. Honorary pallbearers are Michelle Stivers, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared via the

online guestbook at www.harrodbrothersfuneralhome.com.



Irene Gibson
Irene Gibson, age 91, of Betsy Layne, passed from his life on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center.

She was the daughter of Nora Hunt Hall Allen and Joseph Hall, who preceded in her in death. She was born Nov. 21, 1920, in Hunt Hollow of Boldman. She lived most of her life at Betsy Layne.

Irene married Millard Gibson, of Betsy Layne, on June 26, 1950, after a six-year courtship. Millard, a coal miner and World War II veteran, preceded her in death on March 30, 1996, at the age of 82.

To this union, Irene and Millard had two daughters, Georgia Rose Burton (Douglas), of Monticello, and Mary Elizabeth Korreck (Robert), of Palm Bay, Fla. Irene had one grandchild, Sarah Elaine Burton, of Monticello. Irene and Millard worked hard and knew the importance of education and sent both daughters to college. Georgia and Mary are graduates of University of Kentucky and the first college graduates in the family. Sarah is an Eastern Kentucky University graduate.

Irene's sisters include Barbara Parks of White House, Tenn., Dolly Gray (Robert) of Clarksville, Tenn., and Kathryn Ramsey of Pleasant View, Tenn. She had two sisters-in-law, Colette Williamson, of Carpentersville, Ill., and Helen Hall, of Nashville, Tenn. Also surviving are many first cousins, nieces and nephews.

Irene had three brothers to precede her in death, Joseph Hall Jr. and Ray Allen, both of Nashville, Tenn., and Jerry Allen, of Betsy Layne; and two sisters, Ora Beatrice Lawson and Martha Keathley, of Betsy Layne.

Irene was known as an excellent cook and was famous for her chicken and dumplings. She liked to see people well fed. She worked at the Betsy Layne School Lunchroom, Hayes Restaurant, Betsy Layne and Doris' Dairy Bars. Whether cooking for her family, friends, church, neighbors, or potlucks at Senior Citizens, she put spoonfuls of love in each recipe. She also was a skilled quilt maker, especially the flower garden pattern. She also had beautiful outdoor flower gardens. In her younger years she was involved as a volunteer with her daughters in their school activities of band, 4-H and PTA. She was a UK basketball fan. She and her husband helped establish the Betsy

Layne Senior Citizens Center. Irene was a faithful member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ. She always wanted to know how many people were at church every Sunday. Each Sunday after church she enjoyed watching the service of the Harold Church of Christ on TV. She will be missed by all her family, friends, and neighbors, but has joined her heavenly Father and loved ones.

Irene Gibson's funeral was officiated by Bro. Tommy Spears at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m. Burial was at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens P.O. Box 88 Betsy Layne, KY 41605 or the Betsy Layne Church of Christ P.O. Box 166 Betsy Layne, KY 41605. Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

James L. Allen, age 84, of Garrett, husband of Vera Allen, passed from this life on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.

He was born August 5, 1927 in Harlan Co., the son of the late Joe B. Allen and Phoebe Hale Allen. He was a retired salesman with a Veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy, and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Vera Cupp Allen; sons, James Litton Allen Jr., of Sicye, and Joseph McKinley Allen, of Corbin; brothers, Kenneth Allen, of Boston, and Sidney Allen, of Louisville; sister, Dorothy Allen, of Louisville; and grandchildren, Nicholas Mark Allen, Cory Patrick Allen and Kevin McKinley Allen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Allen. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, at the Garrett First Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Randy Osborne and Larry Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Resthaven Cemetery, at Loyal (Harlan County), under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, of Martin.

Richard Ernest "Dickie" Allen
Richard Ernest "Dickie" Allen, 68, of Wheelwright, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 1, 1943, to the late William Bill and Ora Mae McGlothen Allen. He was the husband of Yvonne Little Allen. He was a retired Bank Manager for Bank Josephine, a Wheelwright Volunteer Fireman, former member of the Governor's Staff, a member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge, teacher, Band Director and Guidance Counselor. He was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Allen.

He is survived by one son, Richard Allen II, of Huntsville, Ala.; two daughters, Amy Vanhose, of Shelbyville, and Becky Allen, of Florence; one brother, James "Jitter" (Emily) Allen, of Martin;

and six grandchildren, Courtney, Matthew, James, Ruth, Katie and Kasey.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 4, at Wheelwright Methodist Church, with Bobby Isaac officiating. Burial followed the service at Osborne Cemetery, in Bypro.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Maggie Aileene Adkins
Maggie Aileene Adkins, 80, of Malle, wife of the late Donald Adkins, died Monday, Dec. 5, at Signature Health Care, in Pikeville.

She was born Jan. 19, 1931, in Letcher County, the daughter of the late Garfield and Della Calhoun Maxie. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Gilley, and a grandson, Mickey Watson.

She is survived by two sons, Lurrie Collins, of Westland, Mich., and Steven "Rebel" Adkins, of Van Lear; two daughters, Carol A. "Susie" Gibson, of Malle, and Lynda C. Spradlin, of Paintsville; three brothers, Warren Maxie, of Cummings, Ga., Carl D. Maxie, of Elli Jay, Ga., and Alonzo Maxie, of Darville, Ala.; four sisters, Rhoda Hatalla, of Lincoln Park, Mich., Lola B. Stover, of Allen Park, Mich., Melba Lee Dudley, of South Gate, Mich., and Virginia Holderfield, of Hayden, Ala.; four special granddaughters; two special grandsons; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services for Maggie Aileene Adkins will be held at noon, Thursday, Dec. 8, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Watson officiating. Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel. Visitation will be held all day Wednesday.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Jane Osborne Bond
Carolyn Jane Osborne Bond, 65, passed away surrounded by loved ones on Nov. 25, 2011, in Lexington.

She was born Sept. 28, 1946, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of Ernest "Red" Osborne and Dora Goble Osborne. Jane was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and worked for many years as a Health Educator at the Floyd County Health Department, from which she retired in 2009. Jane was active in the church, serving in various roles through the years from Sunday School teacher to church elder.

She is survived by her daughter, Holly Bond, of Tacoma, Wash.; her son, Aaron Bond, and his wife, Jennifer, and their daughters Grace and Lexie, of Lexington; her brothers, William, Jim, Clay, Doug and Paul; and by her loving congregation at the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations payable to the First Presbyterian Church, 1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY, 41653.

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Rogers receives Washington Coal Club 'Achievement Award'

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers received the Washington Coal Club's annual "Achievement Award" during the organization's yearly banquet, held Nov. 30.

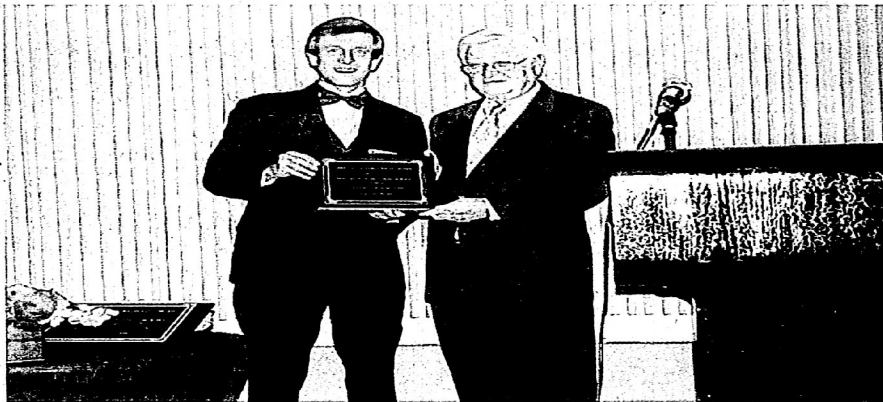
The Washington Coal Club is a non-profit organization consisting of 300 members with diverse coal-related interests and backgrounds ranging from producers, transporters, legislators, and policymakers.

Each year, the Washington Coal Club honors an individual who has recently made a meaningful contribution to the coal community and proven his or her dedication to the utilization of coal.

"If we are serious about rebuilding our economy, creating good-paying jobs, and ending our dependence on foreign oil, coal must remain a vital part of our country's energy mix."

Rogers said, "So many hardworking Kentuckians rely on coal mining and hauling jobs. I'm proud to stand by my colleagues and reaffirm my commitment to ensuring that coal remains a part of this great Nation's economic recovery and growth. While coal jobs and coal's future are under threat by this Administration, I'm pleased to see organizations like the Coal Club stand tall and promote the opportunity that coal represents."

Rogers has served Kentucky's 5th Congressional District since 1981. With a focus on economic development, job creation, fighting illegal drugs and preserving Appalachia's natural treasures, he has a reputation for listening to his constituents and fighting for the region he represents. For more information visit www.halrogers.house.gov.



Rogers received his award from Pat Cavanagh, vice president of the Washington Coal Club.

Obituaries

John William Compton
John William Compton, 72, of Shelbyana, husband of Pauline Sluss Compton, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011, at the St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

He was born August 23, 1939, in Pikeville, the son of the late Eugene and Gertrude Patton Compton. He was a mechanic for the city of Pikeville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy Compton and Charles Compton, one sister, Nancy Compton; and a granddaughter, Amanda Justice.

He is survived by a daughter, Vickie (Charles) Miller, of Harold; three brothers, Delbert Compton, of Michigan; Ralph Compton, of Tennessee; and Robert Compton, of Pikeville; two sisters, Joyce Robinson and Lois Bostic, both of Tennessee; and a granddaughter, Mary Miller.

Funeral services for John William Compton will take place at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church, at Island Creek, with Donnie Harris and Jackie Dials officiating. Burial will be at the Justice Family Cemetery, in Pikeville.

Visitation will be held after 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the church.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Estalene Hall Newsome

Estalene Hall Newsome, 59, of Teaberry, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at her residence.

She was born April 18, 1952, to the late Frank and Rhoda Mitchell Hall. She was the wife of Grant D. Newsome. She worked as a homemaker and was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Alex Hall, and three sisters, Bessie Hall, Irene Hall and Judy Hamilton.

She is survived by one son, Alex Joseph Newsome, of Teaberry; three daughters, Valerie Newsome and Anetta Stegall, both of Teaberry; and Brittany Neshia Tackett, of Harold; two brothers, John Hall and Bobby Hall, both of Teaberry; 10 grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one step grandchild; and one great grandchild on the way.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 5, at Samaria Old Regular

Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed the service at Hollybush Cemetery, at Teaberry.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bryan Edward Conn

Bryan Edward Conn, 49, of Centerville, Ohio, formerly of Dana, husband of Oma Charlene Lewis Conn, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, in Centerville.

He was born August 20, 1962, in Paintsville, the son of Herman and Thelma Howard Conn, of Dana. He was a retired deputy for the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, in New Albany, Ohio.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by one daughter, Brandy (Tommy) Cole, of Centerville; three brothers, Keith Douglas Conn and Brady James Conn, both of Dana, and Dallas Dwayne Conn, of Stanton; three sisters, Thelma Joan Hunt and Herma Lynn Kidd, both of Dana, and Nelma Faye Slone, of Salyersville; three grandchildren, Brenden, Brody and Brock; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services for Bryan Edward Conn were held Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Little Salen Old Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Conn Family Cemetery, at Banner.

Nelson Frazier Funeral

home is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry Newsome

Jerry Newsome, 60, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, at his residence.

He was born July 20, 1951, in Floyd County, the son of the late Belvie and Leona Johnson Newsome. He was a disabled laborer.

He was survived by three sisters, Joan Newsome, of Wayne, Mich., Celesta Merryman, of Waterloo, Ill., and Violet Teresa McKinney, of Bypro; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral services for Jerry Newsome will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Hitchcock Slone 1958-2011

Anna Hitchcock Slone, 53, of Wheelwright, passed away from this earthly life on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville.

She was born on Tuesday, May 27, 1958, the daughter of Ronnie and Ruby (Spears) Hitchcock, of Wheelwright.

Anna was preceded in death by her only child, Brandon Heath Slone.

Other than her parents, Anna is survived by three grandchildren, Brandon

James (B.J.), Brianna Paige and Zoe Makayla Slone; three sisters, Alma and her husband Danny Tackett, of Lifon, Carolyn and her companion Lisa Derossset, of Wheelwright, and Tonya and her husband Oss Farmer, of Nashville, Tenn.; and a brother, Ricky Hitchcock, of Minnie.

Anna also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and other family, friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. She will be sadly

missed by all who knew and loved her.

Myrene McCoy

Myrene McCoy Collins Savone, 69, of Cambridge, Ohio, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011.

She was born Sept. 2, 1942, in Inez, daughter of the late Warnie and Joanna (McCoy) Collins.

She was a direct descendant of the McCoy family involved in the

Hatfield and McCoy feud.

She is survived by a son, Michael A. Savone; two daughters, Lucia A. Savone-Lacey and Rachel R. Savone; a sister; three grandchildren; 11 nieces; 19 nephews; and three sisters-in-laws.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 5, at Thorn-Black Funeral Home, in Cambridge.

Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.thorn-blackfuneralhomes.com.

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Guest View Restore democracy to the people

John Bonifaz

America is at a crossroads. Shall we be governed by people or by corporations? If you thought we had already answered that question more than two centuries ago, you're right. The framers of our Constitution were clear: we were to be a government of, for and by the people. They recognized that corporations were not people and that the Constitution did not guarantee corporations rights intended for people.

Yet, five justices of the current U.S. Supreme Court think otherwise. In their January 2010 Citizens United vs. FEC decision, they ruled that corporations have the same free-speech rights as people and can spend unlimited amounts of their corporate money in our elections. No matter that corporations are artificial entities created through state corporate charters laws. No matter that corporations do not breathe, do not think and do not have consciences. No matter that corporations have advantages you and I do not: limited liability, perpetual life and the ability to aggregate and distribute wealth. According to these five justices, corporations are people.

This was not the first time the Supreme Court ruled this way. For the past 30 years, corporate America has worked to create a fabricated corporate-rights doctrine under the First Amendment that has eroded free-speech principles and undermined our self-government. While the notion of "corporate personhood" dates back to an 1886 ruling of the court, it is through this one-day fabrication that we now face the threat of unchecked corporate power subverting our democracy. The Citizens United ruling is the most extreme extension of this corporate-rights doctrine, allowing corporations to invade our elections and effectively control their outcomes.

But we can fight back. Article V of the Constitution sets forth the process by which the people can enact a constitutional amendment. We have done this before — 27 times in our nation's history and 17 times since the original Bill of Rights. And seven of those amendments overturned egregious Supreme Court rulings.

We can, and must, do this again. We must fight for a 28th Amendment — a People's Rights Amendment — to make clear that corporations are not people, and that people are not corporations, govern.

Recent polling we conducted with Peter Haddock and Research Associates confirms that this idea has broad support across the political spectrum. Overwhelming majorities of Americans, whatever their ideologies, oppose the Citizens United ruling and support a constitutional amendment to overturn it. In fact, a constitutional amendment is supported by 85 percent of independents, 87 percent of Democrats and even 68 percent.

As dangerous as the Citizens United ruling is, it also presents us with a historic opportunity to build a trans-partisan movement that can unite America.

If you think this isn't possible, consider Doris Haddock. Otherwise known as "Granny D," she decided, at the age of 100. When I heard the news, I thought about the fact that when she was born the Nineteenth Amendment, walking 10 miles a day. She had no grand plan as to how she would do it, where she would stay or what she would eat. But people nationwide housed her, fed her, walked with her for part of the way. Fourteen months and 3,200 miles later, turning 90 in the process — she reached Washington, D.C.

On March 9, 2010, Doris "Granny D" Haddock died at the age of 100. When I heard the news, I thought about the fact that when she was born the Nineteenth Amendment, walking 10 miles a day. She had no grand plan as to how she would do it, where she would stay or what she would eat. But people nationwide housed her, fed her, walked with her for part of the way. Fourteen months and 3,200 miles later, turning 90 in the process — she reached Washington, D.C.

In the name of Granny D, it is time to enact a 28th Amendment to the Constitution that restores democracy to the people.

Bonifaz is co-founder and director of Free Speech For People (www.freespeechforpeople.org), a national nonpartisan campaign working to overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling and the corporate rights doctrine.



A Legislative Perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

One of the country's most persistent challenges is finding ways to help those struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues beyond their control.

Federal figures show the number to be significant. In 2008, it was estimated that 30 million Americans had received treatment for a mental health issue in the previous year, and about 22 million were believed to be addicted to drugs or alcohol.

Earlier this summer, meanwhile, a worldwide study found that the United States and France had the highest percentages of citizens facing depression.

A fifth of adults in both countries say they have suffered from this disorder at least once in their life.

It has been nearly 50 years since the United States began taking a different approach when it comes to diagnosing and treating these types of cases. Believing that the best solution was a local one, Congress established a nationwide system of community mental health and mental retardation centers.

In Kentucky, that became the 14

regional boards that now roughly align with our area development districts. In 2010, they helped 178,000 people, which was a fourth more than they saw in 2001. The number of services provided, however, went up almost by half.

Three out of four people served by these agencies have a mental health diagnosis, while those working to overcome substance abuse make up about 13 percent.

The remainder includes those diagnosed with mental retardation or acquired brain injuries.

In addition to supporting these agencies financially, the General Assembly has taken several other steps in recent years to improve care. In 2007, for example, we called on the Dept. for Mental Health and Mental Retardation to work with the Justice Cabinet to update training procedures for law enforcement; we did this so that the officers would be better equipped when interacting with those having a mental illness, developmental disability or a substance abuse disorder.

In 2008, we authorized a new Eastern State Hospital in Lexington, replacing a campus that was the nation's second-oldest psychiatric care

facility, pre-dating even the Civil War. The new location will feature more than 200 beds and include specialized care for those with acquired brain injuries.

Earlier this year, my legislative colleagues and I urged Congress to increase resources for those in the military — and veterans as well — who are battling traumatic stress disorder caused by combat.

In recent months, the legislature's Program Review and Investigations Committee has taken a closer look at ways the state can do more when it comes to treating those with mental health or substance abuse issues. One suggestion is to make it easier for the various agencies involved to coordinate their long-term needs so we have a more comprehensive outlook statewide. That's especially important in an era of stretching tax dollars.

While the holiday season is often a happy time for many of us, it can also be a difficult period for those coping with such things as depression. If you or someone you know could benefit from our local community health center, please take the time to call. The toll-free number is 1-800-928-8000.

Letter to the Editor

Christmas for my special needs sister

My sister was born March 1, 2005. Her name is Livia Kellie Burchett. I was anxious to see her. My family and I were the only ones in the waiting room. I was 6 when she was born. The doors were shut and all I could see were doctors, nurses and patients. There was me, my nana and poppy, aunts and uncles. Then the doctor came in and said, "Who would like to see her first?"

I got to see her and my mom. Before I did, while we were waiting, I went to the gift shop with poppy. I bought my mom a necklace and some balloons. I also got something to drink while we were waiting. I was so happy when I got to see my baby sister. She

is special needs, because her whole left side is weak. She can hardly do anything on that side. I went home that night with my nana and poppy.

The next morning, I was so excited to see my sister. So, when my mom and dad walked in the house, I rushed right over and gave them a huge hug. She also couldn't open her left eye. After a while, my mom was feeding her through the tube in her nose, and I went to get something. Then, all of a sudden, my mom yelled, "Puddy! Puddy! Come in here! Hurry!" I said, "What?" "Look, she opened her eye!" I was amazed.

The next year on her birthday, I bought her some toys. She has to have toys that light up and talk. She can't walk, talk or feed herself. Her brain hemorrhaged when she was 2 days old.

On Christmas, she said her first word, which was, "Daddy." We were all so proud and emotional, happy. Her favorite thing about Christmas is the Christmas tree and opening

presents. She loves to look at all the lights and shiny ornaments. I have to help her open her presents.

Her room is full of toys. There is hardly room to walk. We keep everything that she plays with in there.

That way, she always knows where her toys are. All her therapy equipment, we keep in another room.

When she eats breakfast, and her midnight snack before she goes to bed, she has to take her medicines. When she eats, she always, and I mean always, has to have dessert after every meal. When she sees her dessert, she is the happiest baby in the world. I like feeding her anything chocolate.

I have learned a lot from having a baby sister with special needs. I've learned how to feed her, how to fix her food, how to play with her. But the most important would be to love her.

Nicole Burchett
Age 12

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Hospice of the Bluegrass to add 10-12 nursing positions

LEXINGTON — Hospice of the Bluegrass announced Tuesday that it is changing staff caseloads to increase the availability of nurses to patients and families. This move will create 10-12 additional nursing positions by early next year.

However, to offset the cost, the move will mean the elimination of up to 20 social work positions across the state in Hospice's 32-county service area.

Patients, families and the medical community have relied on Hospice for end of life expertise for more than 30 years.

Hospice of the Bluegrass is committed to compassionate quality patient care. This commitment to patients requires Hospice to continually evaluate how care is provided to ensure that services the terminally ill patients receive remains at an exceptional level.

"Through feedback from staff and families, we have determined that patient needs require increased nursing interventions. This caseload modification will increase the time nurses can spend with patients," said Gretchen Brown, president and CEO.

Hospice of the Bluegrass has offices in Lexington, Nicholasville, Frankfort,

Cynthiana, Florence, Hazard, Corbin, Harlan and Pikeville. The Corbin, Harlan and Pikeville offices will not lose any social work positions.

Employees affected by the change will be offered a severance package and given at least 60 days notice in order to make appropriate arrangements.

"This was not an easy decision, nor will it be an easy process in the coming months. We would prefer attrition as a way to achieve the targeted caseload assignments, but social workers have the lowest turnover rate of all disciplines and it could take

several years to reach the appropriate staffing level," added Brown. "Ultimately, Hospice makes decisions based on what will improve the quality of the care received by patients and families. At the same time, we care about the employees who are losing their positions and will do what we can to make a difficult situation more bearable."

Brown added that this move is not financially motivated because the personnel costs for the new nurses will be about the same or greater than the costs of the displaced social workers.

BSCTC board honors Blankenship

Jennifer Bailey
BSCTC Public Relations

PRESTONSBURG — Peggy Blankenship Stepp was honored for her leadership by Big Sandy Community and Technical College Board of Directors on Thursday.

According to BSCTC, Stepp began her role as a board member in 2001 and has served as the Board Chair from 2006-2011; one of the longest terms for a board chair in the history of the college.

During the regular meeting held this month, a resolution in honor of her service to higher education was read and presented to her.

The resolution reads, in part, "Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has served the students and employees of Big Sandy Community and Technical College as a Board member, and as a Board Chair in a manner inspiring professional admiration and has a distinguished career as an educator and business

person in Martin County, the Board wishes to officially express appreciation to Peggy Blankenship Stepp. This resolution is executed in the highest esteem and with sincere best wishes."

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of the College made the presentation to Stepp and expressed his personal appreciation for her strong leadership and participation as a board member.

"The dedication of Peggy Blankenship Stepp to serve as a volunteer board member to Big Sandy Community and Technical College is a fine example of dedication to higher education," said Edwards. "During her years of service, the college has experienced growth and prosperity that has directly benefited the students, faculty, and staff. We owe you a debt of gratitude."

For more information about the many programs and services offered at Big Sandy, visit, <http://www.bigandy.kctcs.edu/> or call (606) 886-3863.

Highlands CCU receives recognition for excellence

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center's Critical Care Unit has received an award for excellence in preventing central line associated bloodstream infections as a result of transfusion.

The program in which Highlands CCU is participating, "On the

Cusp: Stop BSI", lays out a list of measures and guideline which prevent the risk of BSI.

Sharon Dingus, Director of Critical Care and Risk Management, said the implementation of the new measures was very easy since the Highlands CCU has operated under many of the same guidelines for

years. The number of bloodstream infections for Highlands CCU was already at zero prior to this project.

However, implementing the guidelines has been a good opportunity to participate in the cooperative effort to prevent BSI nationwide.

Also, operating under the project guidelines gives us a lot of information to the steps we've already been taking."

Highlands leadership congratulated the Highlands CCU on their stellar achievement and thanked them for their outstanding service to the community.

Turner

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placed in me," said Turner, who serves in leadership as Senate Minority Caucus Chair. "We've had a lot of success, but there's more to do and I look forward to the challenge."

Turner currently serves on the following committees: Education, Natural Resources and Energy, Transportation, State and Local Government, Rules and Committees on Committees. He also

serves on the Energy Special Subcommittee. As a member of Senate leadership, he holds a seat on the Legislative Research Commission.

Turner, 61, taught and coached in Floyd, Johnson and Magoffin counties for 28 years. He holds a bachelor's and a master's degree from Morehead State University.

Other races Three others have filed for offices that represent

Floyd County.

The 7th District Supreme Court race will feature a rematch of the 2004 race, as Justice Will T. Scott, of Pikeville, will again square off against former Justice and current Court of Appeals Judge Janet Stumbo, of Van Lear. In their last matchup, Scott eked out a win by little more than 2,000 votes, in a race that saw over 158,000 votes cast.

The 7th District includes Boyd, Breathitt, Carter,

Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

In the 97th District race for state House of Representatives, which includes three precincts in northern Floyd County, Rep. Hubert Collins will be seeking re-election. No others have filed in that race.

Feed

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worthwhile investment." Those interested in supporting the program can sponsor a child's Backpack for an entire school year for just \$143.56.

Gifts can also be made in honor of a friend or loved one this holiday season and

the Food Bank will provide the donor with a great printable gift greeting to share the news of this truly life-changing gift.

The total cost to operate a Backpack Program site for one school year is \$7,178. Generous funding has been provided for

this program through the years by groups such as the Easthill Foundation, AT&T Foundation, Central Baptist Church, Jerome Alexander Foundation, Partners for Youth, PNC

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Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has been an instrumental force in the continuous development of Big Sandy Community and Technical College since her appointment to the Board of Directors in 2001; and

Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has served Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the official capacity as a Board member; and as Board Chair from 2006-2011; and

Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has served the students and employees of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College as a member, and Chair of the Board of Directors in a manner inspiring professional admiration; and

Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has had a distinguished career as an educator and business person in Martin County; and

Whereas, Peggy Blankenship Stepp has been an active community participant and officer in the Big Sandy Community and technical College service area in such organizations as the Rotary Club of Martin County, the Historical Society, Big Sandy Community Health Care, and Eastern Star;

Whereas, the Board of Directors of the Big Sandy Community and technical College wishes to officially express appreciation to Peggy Blankenship Stepp; now therefore

Be It Resolved by the Board of Directors of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, that in gratitude for numerous years of distinguished service to the College and in recognition of outstanding achievement as Board Chair; the Board hereby commends Peggy Blankenship Stepp and further directs that she receive a copy of this resolution, executed in Highest esteem and with sincerest best wishes.



I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on December 1, 2011 and presented on this the 1st day of December 2011

Karen Sellers
Karen Sellers
Chair, Board of Directors

Kentucky Power to invest nearly \$1 billion at Big Sandy plant

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Power Company announced plans today to invest approximately \$940 million in its Big Sandy Power Plant near Louisa to meet increasingly stringent federal EPA environmental regulations. The investment is needed to construct a dry flue gas desulfurization (DFGD) or "scrubber" system on the plant's 800-megawatt electricity generation unit. The current plan for the plant's other generating unit (the older of the two, rated at 278 megawatts) is to retire it at the end of 2014. However, we continue to evaluate alternative options.

The announcement followed a formal filing today of an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity before the Kentucky Public Service Commission which must approve the project and investment. The case seeks to recover the costs — which will be collected from customers until after the system is operational (sometime in 2016) — associated with building the DFGD system from Kentucky Power's ratepayers. If approved, a Kentucky Power residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt hours per month would see an increase on his/her bill of approximately \$31 per month, or about 31 percent. Currently, that customer pays about \$98 per month and after the increase would pay approximately \$129 per month.

If approved by the Commission, the DFGD project should be completed sometime in 2016. The company estimates that as many as 700 jobs will be created during the construction period, most of which will be directly utilized in building the DFGD

system. Those jobs will have a direct, positive impact on the local and regional economies over the course of the next few years.

"Kentucky Power looked long and hard at the best way to meet its environmental obligations at Big Sandy Plant and after much study and analysis, the scrubber system emerged as our least-cost option," said Greg Pauley, president and chief operating officer of Kentucky Power. "By investing in the plant and the new scrubber system, we will be able to comply with environmental regulations as well as retain local jobs. It will also enable Big Sandy Plant to continue burning millions of tons of coal each year and ensure that Kentucky Power remains a large part of the area's economy for years to come."

"In this trying economy we are conscious of the impact any rate increase will have on our customers. However, this investment is in the best interest of our communities overall and will permit job retention, a significant contribution to the tax base and the continued use of coal which employs so many individuals in eastern Kentucky," Pauley said. "Customers should know that Kentucky Power will make every effort to bring the project in on time and within budget, thus lessening any further rate impacts."

A scrubber or DFGD system uses chemical and mechanical processes to remove sulfur dioxide (SO₂) produced by burning coal. It does this by scrubbing the gas produced from coal combustion when making electricity. Scrubbers can remove up to 98 percent of the SO₂ from the flue gas stream. Scrubbers have been shown to remove

oxidized mercury as well. Kentucky Power is an operating unit of American Electric Power and provides electricity to approximately 173,000 customers in all or parts of 20 Eastern Kentucky counties. The company is headquartered in Frankfort and has major operating facilities in Ashland, Hazard, Louisa and Pikeville.

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more than 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

Tommy Money Orchestra to perform at Sipp Theater

PAINTSVILLE — Appalachian Artists, Inc. will present a special Christmas concert by the Tommy Money Orchestra at the historic Sipp Theater on Tuesday, December 13th at 7 pm. As a part of the ongoing Rural Roots Series, the performance will consist of mostly Christmas music for the season. This special Christmas concert is sponsored by McDonald's of East Kentucky.

The Tommy Money Orchestra was formed in St. Louis in 2005. Since that time, the band has earned the reputation as being "one of the hottest swing groups in the Midwest." Patterned after the Big Bands of the 1940's, the 17-piece ensemble pays tribute to some of the great jazz legends of all time, including Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Harry James and many others. This style of swing music was a much-needed moral booster during the years of World War II and still stands as a cornerstone for American music culture and heritage even today. While mindful of the



rich music legacy of an era gone by, the Tommy Money Orchestra is equally comfortable with performing modern jazz selections. The orchestra serves as a collaboration base for some of today's most creative and experienced musicians, resulting in a fresh new sound appreciated by younger audiences as well. Female vocalist, Misty Daniels adds a nostalgic touch, reminiscent of the popular cabaret singing style of the 40's. The Tommy Money Orchestra debut album "Unblued" was released in February 2010 and has received airplay in

over 13 countries. The CD is available at CD Baby. Music samples can be listened to at www.tommymoneyorchestra.com

The concert ticket price is \$20. Tickets are available at U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum and Paintsville City Hall.

Participating sponsors for the Rural Roots Series at the Sipp Theater include Appalachian Wireless, Care More Medical Management, Citizens National Bank, Hatch Buick/Chevrolet/GMC, McDonald's of East Kentucky, Ramada Inn and U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-0874 A#1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that King Acquisition Group, LLC, 2005 Webster Road, Summersville, WV 26081, has filed for an application for an amendment to an existing (surface/underground) coal mining and reclamation operation. The amendment proposed to add an additional 77.78 acres of surface disturbance (and underlie an additional 26.43 acres), and delete 4.17 acres of surface area for a total permit acreage of 299.94 acres located The miles southwest of Hartley in Pike & Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1469's junction with State Route 610. The proposed operation is located on Marshall Branch of Long Fork of Shelby Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the surface contour and auger/highwall, methods of mining. The surface & underlying area to be disturbed under this operation is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 May Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2000 Blackhawk, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Rodney Kern Patton, 581 Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647 owns property located at McDowell, Kentucky and has filed an application with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately .50 mile east of the intersection of KY Route 680 near the community of McDowell on the waters of Frasure Creek of Left Fork of Beaver Creek in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Phone: (502) 564-3410

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 877-7006

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 99.56 acres located approximately 1.75 miles south-southeast of Arthursville in Mingo and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.75 miles south-southeast from the junction of Kentucky 7 and Kentucky 404 and located at the mouth of Mody Branch. The latitude is 37° 34' 43" and the longitude is 82° 55' 04".

The proposed operation is located on the David USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map. The operation will be comprised of a coal haul road. The surface area is owned by David L. Francis Testamentary Trust, Torie Wireman Heirs, John Arnett Heirs, Big Branch Holding, LLC, and Frasure Creek Mining, LLC.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mark Halbert, Mailing address 1314 KY Route 122 Martin Kentucky 41649. Hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a liquor and wine wholesaler license(s) no later than December 15, 2011, for business to be licensed will be located at 1314 KY Route 122 Martin Kentucky 41649 doing business as Vino Distributing.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application 836-5546 Original

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Blackhawk Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, KY 41580 has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.6 miles South of Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.0 surface acres and underlie 851.5 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 853.5 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles South from Sanson Fork junction with KY 1426 and located 0 miles East of Sanson Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground mining method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Teddy R. and Janice Akers and will underlie land owned by Teddy R. and Janice Akers, Charles Ray Boyd, Brady James Conn, John B. Hall, Margie L. Conn, Charley S. Tarsas Akers, George Ed Akers, Michael, Healy & Charles Akers, Ed & Joyce Miller, Ed Miller & Mont Gibson, Jr., Ed Miller, Angela Akers Sturgill, Bobby & Sherry Colman, Christopher Alan Kidd & Hese Director & permit Lee & Loretta Conn, Betty Rose & Willie Newsome, Carlie Avis Jarrell, Tavis Boyd, Geneva Boyd, Layne Christianse, Bert Jarrell, Jr.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY POWER COMPANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE TARIFF

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) will file an Application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the Commission) in Case No. 2011-06401 on December 5, 2011. Pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, the Application will request approval of an amended compliance plan (2011 Environmental Compliance Plan) for the purpose of recovering the capital and operation and maintenance costs associated with new pollution control facilities through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers bills rendered on and after July 31, 2012, under KPCo's Tariff E.S., also known as the environmental surcharge. This tariff contains the environmental surcharge rate-making formula and other terms and conditions. The proposed changes, if approved, will allow KPCo to apply a surcharge to all customer bills rendered on and after July 31, 2012, to recover additional costs of complying with the Federal Clean Air Act, as amended, and other federal and state or local environmental requirements which apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products from facilities utilized for the production of energy from coal in accordance with KPCo's environmental compliance plan.

Federal, state, and local environmental regulations require KPCo to build and upgrade equipment and facilities to operate in an environmentally sound manner. Specifically, KPCo is seeking Commission approval of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to build a Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization (DFGD) system for Unit 2 at its Big Sandy Generating Station in Lawrence County, Kentucky. The 2011 Environmental Compliance Plan also includes KPCo's share of an Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) system put in-service in September 2009 at Rockport Generating Station Units 1 and 2. Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR) systems put in-service in December 2009 at Tanners Creek Generating Station Units 1, 2 and 3. Dry Fly Ash Disposal Conversion put in-service in August 2010 at Amos Generating Station Unit 3. Mercury In-Pond Chemical Treatment put in-service in July 2011, as well as Ash Pond Discharge Diffusers and Flue Gas Desulfurization Mercury Waste Water Treatment facilities to be built by the fourth quarter of 2012 at Amos Generating Station Common Plant. Additional required environmental allowances to meet the Cross State Air Pollution Rule are also included in this filing. The capital cost of the new pollution control facilities for which KPCo will seek cost recovery at this time is estimated to be \$1.07 billion. Additional operation and maintenance expenses will be incurred for these projects and are costs that KPCo is requesting to recover through the environmental surcharge in its application.

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Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed changes to the environmental surcharge tariff, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2011-06401. That motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

Intervenor may obtain copies of the Application and supporting testimony by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101A Enterprise Drive, P.O. Box 5150, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5150, attention Ranie K. Wornhas. A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public inspection at KPCo's district service buildings located in Ashland, Hazard, and Pikeville.

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The Center's youth programs, which serve youth throughout 42 Southern and Eastern Kentucky counties, are supported solely by tax-deductible donations and other charitable contributions.

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All three summer youth leadership programs are provided free of charge to participants.

The Center believes the region's youth are our future and the next leaders and entrepreneurs in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," Lonnie Lawson, the organization's president and CEO, said. "And in the words of U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers, 'no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future.'"

To make a charitable donation to Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, or ELI, call The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or email fortheyouth@center4rural.com.

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must be a citizen of the United States, have been a resident of both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and of the district in which they seek appointment for at least two years before taking office, and be licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth as well as a licensed Attorney for at

least two years. All submissions for consideration were due no later than Nov. 16.

The Kentucky Constitution requires that three names be submitted to the governor for the position of District just. In some cases the commission may submit an attorney's name to fulfill that requirement.

Gov. Steve Beshear now has 60 days to review the

nominees and appoint replacement.

Marcum says he suspects the governor will make his nomination sometime around the first of the year.

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Rebels rout Piarist, Short wins in debut

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN - First-year head coach Brad Short guided the Allen Central Rebels to a win in his debut Friday night. Allen Central opened up with a 30-0 lead over 58th District/Floyd County Conference foe Piarist in the first quarter and never let the Knights creep back in the contest. The Rebels rolled to a convincing 81-37 win over Piarist.

Senior guard Braxton Tackett led four Allen Central scorers in double figures. Tackett tossed in a game-high 18 points for the Rebels.

In other Allen Central individual scoring, senior guard Jacob Prater pushed in 13 points and teammates Micah Harlow (C. Sr.) and Dalton Lawson (G. Fr.) added 10 apiece.

Allen Central led 41-16 at halftime and 66-29 through three quarters.

Senior guard Seth Jarrell

finished just outside of double figures, adding eight points for the Allen Central boys' basketball team. Tyler Cole, a senior forward, tossed in six points, senior guard Travis Atkins flipped in four and junior forward Josh Wiley added three.

Allen Central was 33-of-62 (53-percent) from the field. The Rebels shot 40-percent (6-of-15) from 3-point range.

Allen Central was 9-of-18 (50-percent) from the free throw line in the season-

opener.

Thirteen different Allen Central players dented the scoring column in the impressive win.

Sophomore guard Blake Dean led Piarist with nine points. Junior guard John Gullett followed with eight points for the Knights. Senior center Rahul Annabathula and freshman guards Subhash Gutti and Michael Williams chipped in six points apiece for the



Allen Central head coach Brad Short talked to his team prior to tip-off Friday night.

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Blackcats drop opener to Letcher Central

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WHITESBURG - Senior forward Kendall Ballou scored a game-high 22 points and senior guard Logan Johnson added 17 more to lead Letcher County Central past Prestonsburg 73-40 Saturday. First-year Prestonsburg head coach James DeRossett fell in his debut as the Blackcats dropped their season-opener.

Ten different players provided scoring for Letcher County Central in the convincing win. Senior center Konee Stewart, a player who averaged a double-double in the 2010-11 season, contributed eight points for the Cougars. Junior point guard Cody Gregory was also instrumental in the Letcher Central win. Gregory added seven points for the host Cougars.

Letcher County Central steadily pulled away from the Blackcats. Setting the tone in the opening quarter, Letcher Central outscored Prestonsburg 19-7. The Cougars continued to control the contest in the second quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 20-11 to lead 39-18 at the intermission.

Letcher County Central, ranked third in the 14th Region preseason poll, carried a 59-28 lead out of the third quarter.

Junior forward Trey Stapleton paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 12 points. Stapleton was one of two Prestonsburg scorers to reach double figures. Senior forward Joseph Jamerson added 10 points for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg was visiting 15th Region rival Paintsville Tuesday night. Results from the Prestonsburg/Paintsville game were unavailable at press time.

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL 73, PRESTONSBURG 40
Prestonsburg (40): Robinson 1, Jamerson 10, Bentley 5, Crisp 4, Shelton 2, Stapleton 12, Jarrell 4, Williams 2.
Letcher Co. Central (73): Johnson 17, Stewart 8, Ballou 22, M. Boggs 4, Gregory 7, Robinson 5, Kincer 2, Frazier 2, J. Boggs 2, Sexton 4, Prestonsburg.....711
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Parsons, Jamerson receive Class 2A, District 8 awards



Betsy Layne Coach Jon Parsons and Prestonsburg player Joseph Jamerson received Class 2A, District 8 yearly awards last week during the State Football Finals in Bowling Green. Parsons was named the Class 2A, District 8 Coach of the Year. Jamerson was honored as the Class 2A, District 8 Player of the Year.

Bobcats edge Greenup County

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne moved to 2-0 on Saturday night after holding off visiting Greenup County 44-42 at the Dome.

Sophomore guard Dylan Meade, a transfer from neighboring Pike County Central, paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 19 points. Junior guard Garra Newsome netted eight points for Betsy Layne in the victory.

Betsy Layne shot only 29.8-percent (14-of-47) from the field in the low-scoring game. The Bobcats shot 50-percent (11-of-22) from the free throw line. Betsy Layne grabbed 21 rebounds in the defensive battle.

Betsy Layne prevailed in the low-scoring contest after defeating 15th Region counterpart Phelps 61-41 in a season-opener earlier in the week. Both teams enjoyed multiple leads. Greenup County edged Betsy Layne 15-13 in the opening quarter but trailed at the midway point. Host Betsy Layne packed a hard-fought 26-23 lead into halftime.

Senior forward/center Landon Hale scored six points while senior guard/forward Andrew Roberts and senior guard Cody Luster added three apiece for the Bobcats. Freshmen Peyton Case, Charles Daniels and Dustin Rogers chipped in two points apiece and junior Coby Harmon connected on a free throw in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

As team, Betsy Layne had 18 steals, eight assists and grabbed 14 rebounds on the offensive end. Senior forward Hayden Stephenson led Greenup County with 13 points. Stephenson was the only Greenup County scorer to reach double figures. Senior guard Dustin Lintinich and senior guard Justin Holsinger narrowly missed double figures, netting nine points apiece in the loss.

Junior guard Justin Bond scored five points, senior guard Tanner Willis tossed in four and sophomore guard Robbie Dillon added two for the Musketeers.

Betsy Layne will be back in action Friday at home against Floyd County foe Piarist.

BETSY LAYNE 44, GREENUP CO. 42
Greenup County (42): Lintinich 9, Willis 4, Bond 5, Holsinger 9, Dillon 2, Stephenson 13.
Betsy Layne (44): Roberts 3, Hale 6, Newsome 8, Meade 17, Case 2, Luster 3, Harmon 1, Daniels 2, Rogers 2.
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Betsy Layne.....131312 6-44

Lindsey Wilson controls game late, defeats Pikeville

Times Staff Report

COLUMBIA - Lindsey Wilson College scored 10 of the last 14 points in the final five minutes to knock off the University of Pikeville 76-73 Saturday night at Biggers Sports Center.

The Bears, 7-3 overall

and 1-3 in the Mid-South Conference, took a 69-66 lead with 5:23 to play when senior Shane Burrell sank two free throws after classmate Kyan Hines had done the same.

But the next trip downcourt the Blue Raiders got to the line for two, on

Pikeville's 10th second-half foul, and junior Josh White sank them both to cut it to one.

It was the first two of 10 free throws in the final five minutes for the Raiders, while the Bears - a 77 percent shooting team this season - went only 2-of-4

down the stretch.

The Raiders, 7-3 overall and 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference, took the lead with two free throws by senior Chase Spreen with 1:45 left on senior Shane Burrell's fifth foul to go up 70-69.

Pikeville regained the

lead twice, including at 73-72 when senior guard Chris McHenry nailed a jumper from atop the three-point stripe with 57 seconds left.

But 16 seconds later junior Kalen Kimberland put the Raiders ahead

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Isaac Wilson helped to lead Alice Lloyd to an overtime win over longtime rival Union.



Alice Lloyd fends off Union in OT

Times Staff Report

PIPPA PASSES - Senior guard Casey Dalton drained a three-point field goal with 1.2 seconds remaining in overtime to propel the Alice Lloyd College Eagles to a thrilling 90-87 win over the visiting Union College Bulldogs Tuesday night (Nov. 29). The first half belonged to the Eagles as they jumped out to a quick lead. Sparked by Dalton

and fellow senior Brandon Hayes, ALC led 33-18 with 4:55 remaining. By intermission, Alice Lloyd owned a 42-29 advantage. Union, however, battled back. The Bulldogs moved out in front in the second half. Both teams swapped leads on numerous occasions before Dalton drained the game-winning shot. Sophomore point guard Isaac Wilson led Alice Lloyd

with 26 points. Dalton followed with 20 points.

Senior guard/forward Brandon Hayes and sophomore forward Shawn Thompson were also in double figures, adding 19 points apiece.

Alice Lloyd moved to 6-3 overall after registering the win.

Union carried a 3-7 record out of the non-conference contest.

Big first half leads Lindsey Wilson women past Pikeville

Times Staff Report

COLUMBIA - No. 14 Lindsey Wilson used two double-figure runs in the first half to blow by Pikeville 75-60 Saturday afternoon at the Biggers Sports Center.

Wilson improved to 6-3 on the season and 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference with the win. Pikeville, 2-7 on the season, is winless in four conference games this season.

Consecutive layups by senior Jalisa Jones, the last coming with 12:21 to play in the first half, cut the deficit to 17-16. But the Raiders then scored 12 points in only 1:22, with three coming on free throws

by sophomore Jasmine Brimm, to stretch the lead to double figures at 29-16 with 9:52 to play.

Pikeville struggled to maintain possession with 18 first-half turnovers and got no closer eight the rest of the way. That was the spread after freshman Whitney Belle Jackson sank two free throws with 4:30 left to make it 35-27.

But then the Raiders ripped off 10 more in a row, using 2:38 to do it. It began with consecutive layups by Brimm and was finished by back-to-back three's by senior Michelle Copley to make it 45-27 with 2:52 left.

Lindsey, which had more made field goals (18) than Pikeville had attempts (17), led 50-30 at the half.

Jackson, the freshman from Manchester, led the Bears with 25 points and added six rebounds. She was 8-of-10 from the floor and 9-of-11 from the stripe.

Jackson was the only Bear in double figures. Senior Jalisa Jones followed with nine. Junior Lanae Shouse-Stacey added six points and a team-high nine rebounds as the Bears won the rebounding battle 40-31.

Brimm led all scorers with 26 points for Lindsey Wilson. Freshman Monny Niamke followed with a solid game across the board, scoring 14, pulling down six rebounds and handing out seven assists.

UPIKE Softball conducts food drive



The University of Pikeville softball team led a food drive during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to the generosity of those in the community, the team helped those less fortunate with more than 70 bags of food. The supplies not used in the drive were taken to the local homeless shelter. "We're very pleased to have had this level of participation," said Coach Robert Staggs. "We want to thank all those who donated and those who helped with this. We hope we were able to help make someone's Thanksgiving a little better through this. We're very fortunate to live in a community such as ours."



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Letters must be in by December 8th in order to get them to Santa in time for Christmas.

All Letters that we receive by December 8th will be published in the December 23 issue of the Floyd county times. Don't delay Santa is waiting for them!



Wesley holds off Lakeside

STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - The Wesley Christian High School boys' varsity basketball team continued its busy schedule last week. Wesley Christian defeated region rival Lakeside Christian in a home game. More on Wesley Christian's win follows.

Wesley Christian 75, Lakeside Christian 66: The Riders hosted KCAA 4th Region opponent Lakeside Christian in the JW Kinzer Gymnasium on Tuesday night and came away with a 75-66 win, improving to 2-0 in region play.

The Riders currently sit atop the Region 4 standings. Chance Little paced Wesley Christian

with a team-high 35 points and 11 rebounds.

Freshman guard Matt Kidd followed with 14 points for the Riders. Stephen Goble tossed in nine points and Devin Kendrick added six while Corey Dillon and Matthew Ison each tossed in four apiece. Ian Hall rounded out the Wesley Christian scoring with three points.

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to stay with a baseline jumper. Kimberland led all scorers with 26 and added four rebounds and as many assists.

Lindsey's lead went to 75-73 when senior Justin Archie split a pair of free throws with 16.7 seconds left.

The Bears had a chance to tie with 2.3 seconds to play but missed a free throw and then committed a lane violation on the second. Spreen sank one with 0.9 seconds left to set the final score.

The game was tight the entire way. Pikeville used a 16-4 run - with the

final seven coming from McHenry - to go up 25-18 with 8:18 left in the first half.

McHenry finished with 16 points and six steals in the loss and gave the Bears what would be the biggest lead either team would enjoy with a three to end the stretch.

The Bears matched the seven-point lead twice in the second half, including with 8:34 left after a dunk by junior Chris Watson to make it 63-56.

But the Raiders tied the game with the next seven points, including a three-point play by Spreen with 7:26 left, to set the stage

for the furious finish.

Kimberland was joined by three teammates in double figures. Spreen had 15 thanks to 10-of-11 shooting from the line. Junior Darren Ballou scored 12 and Archie added 11.

Pikeville was led by Burrell off the bench with 19 points and 11 rebounds for his first double-double as a Bear. Junior Trevor Setty followed with 18.

The Bears dominated the glass 40-25, getting 18 of their own misses.

But while the Raiders hit half their 14 three-point tries the guests were only 4-of-15.

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Knights in the loss. Junior center Ben Dennison rounded out the Piarist scoring with five points.

Piarist managed to make

8-of-27 attempts from behind the 3-point line. The Knights, however, struggled from the field (12-of-57) and did little to make the most of their chances at the free throw line (5-of-15).

Piarist dropped to 0-2 after suffering the district/conference loss.

Allen Central was visiting Pikeville Tuesday night. The Allen Central-Pikeville game ended too late to make this edition.

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Ashland golfers sign with UPIKE

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — It's been a very good run for the boys' golf program at Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland recently. Perhaps that can turn into a solid run for the University of Pikeville men's golf program.

Ashland has won back-to-back regional championships, while the year before that it finished second.

Now, two of players who have helped lead that program have signed to play collegiate golf and continue their education at UPIKE.

Kelly Porter and Drew Rothenstine will play golf for the Bears beginning next fall.

Porter averaged 77 for his senior season. He shot a 73 in the Bellefonte Invitational, in which Ashland played host. Porter also recorded

scores of 75 in both the Kentucky Invitational and the Kentucky Cup, hosted by Lexington Christian Academy. His top scores, however, came in the Rowart County Invitational and the EKJGA, recording 69s in both. He won the BKJGA and was tied for third in the Rowan Invite.

Rothenstine has played on Paul G. Blazer's varsity golf team since the fifth grade (eight years). As a member of the Tomcat golf team, Rothenstine has participated in five consecutive Region 12 golf tournaments and three consecutive state golf tournaments which culminated with the Tomcats' sixth place finish in 2011.

Rothenstine was selected to the All-Area Golf Team in each of the past two years and was most recently named to the Region 12 golf team by the Kentucky



Ashland golfers Kelly Porter and Drew Rothenstine signed with the University of Pikeville last week.

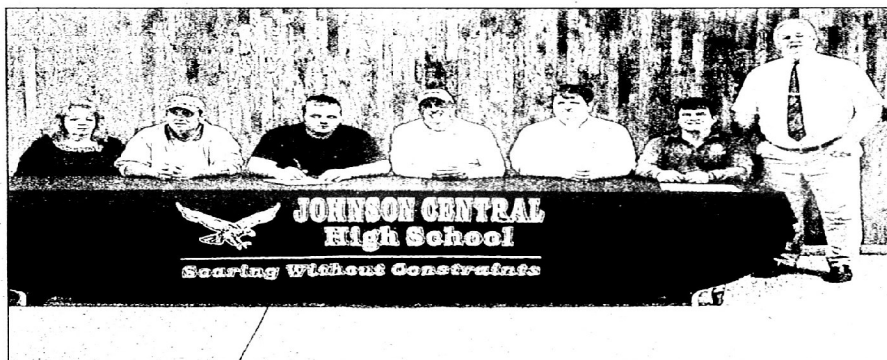
Golf Coaches Association (KGCA). During summer breaks, Rothenstine has competed in the Eastern Kentucky Junior Golf Association (EKJGA), Pepsi Junior Golf Tour,

Tri-State Junior Golf Tour (TSJGT), and AJGA.

During his golfing career, Rothenstine was named TSJGT Player of the Year, placed fourth in the PGA Jr. Championship - Kentucky

Qualifier, placed fifth in the KGCA Senior All-Star Invitational Tournament, and consistently finished within the top three for EKJGA Player of the Year. Rothenstine is a 4.0 GPA

student and a member of the National Honor Society and Latin Honor Society. He works part time for NEC Electric, Inc. and D&L Rental. Rothenstine plans to major in pre-med.



Reigning region champion Timmy Miller (Johnson Central High School) signed with the University of Pikeville men's golf program during a ceremony held recently.

Region champ Miller signs with Pikeville

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — The University of Pikeville has signed one of Eastern Kentucky's top prep golfers.

Timothy Miller, a senior at Johnson Central High School, has signed to continue his educational opportunities at UPIKE. Miller was the 11th Region

champion in both 2010 and 2011. In addition, he was ranked second in 2011 in the East Kentucky Junior Golf Association. "This signing alone should take UPIKE from

the bottom of the league to top half," said Bears' men's golf Coach Kevin Auton. "And there are more signings to come of similar-type players."

UPIKE women falter late at Cumberlands

Times Staff Report

WILLIAMSBURG — The University of the Cumberlands used two runs that totaled 17-2 in its favor in the first 9:35 of the second half to take control and pull away for a 74-47 win over the University of Pikeville Thursday night at the O. Wayne Rollins Center.

It was a poor shooting night for both teams. Cumberlands got the win despite hitting only 34.8 percent from the field and 29.6 percent from the arc. Pikeville, meanwhile, sank only 30 percent overall and

26.3 percent from deep. But the home team forced 26 turnovers and committed only 10, giving it 19 more attempts from the floor.

Pikeville (2-6, 0-3 in the Mid-South Conference) led 28-26 at the half and a layup by freshman Whitney Belle Jackson to open the second frame made it a four-point edge.

Cumberlands (7-1, 2-1), however, immediately had its first run, scoring 10 of the next dozen points. Junior Dace Bicans had four points during the run, and when junior Vernisha

Moss turned in a three-point play with 16:42 left, the Patriots had turned the four-point deficit into a four-point (36-32) lead.

The lead was four (42-38) after Jackson split a pair of free throws with 13:24 left, but it would be 3-21 before the Bears scored again, and in the interim, Cumberlands ripped off seven straight, and when sophomore Jackie Alexander nailed a three-point shot with 10:25 left, the Pats had their first double-figure lead of the night at 49-38.

No Bears reached double

figures in the loss. Senior Jalisa Jones and freshman Christin Haney finished with nine each. Senior Megan Mosley followed with eight points to go with five rebounds and four assists, while Jackson added seven.

Senior Lauren Wombles turned in a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds, six of which came off the offensive glass. Senior Jade Howard added 16 to go with a game-best seven assists. Bicans, who had seven points, matched Wombles with 11 boards and six of them offensive.

15-3 run sends Bears past Cumberlands

Times Staff Report

WILLIAMSBURG — Senior guard Chris McHenry scored nine points as Pikeville broke open a tie game with a 16-3 run to beat Cumberlands 73-57 Thursday night in the O. Wayne Rollins Center.

McHenry, a 5-11 point guard from Milwaukee, began the run with a three from the right wing with 8:05 left in the game. It was Pikeville's first made three-point shot of the game, and was followed by a triple by senior Kyan Hines from the left wing.

After junior Markeith Cungious split a pair from the line, McHenry hit a one-handed floater and a pair of free throws to stretch the lead to nine with 6:14 left. Senior Matt Daniel tried to stop the run with a pair of free throws, but junior guard Trevor Setty turned in a three-point play and McHenry sank another floater in the paint.

McHenry's last basket turned a 44-41 tie into a 59-47 lead with 5:09 to play.

The win for the Bears ended a two-game losing streak for the top-ranked Bears, making them 7-2 on the season and 1-2 in the Mid-South Conference.

For Cumberlands, it was the first loss in eight

games this season and made it 1-1 in the league.

After Setty missed two of his first three free throw tries in the second half, the Bears made their final 19 from the charity stripe to help seal the deal, with the national-tournament MVP making nine of them.

The teams struggled out of the gates, missing all 15 three-point shots in the first half and combining to go 17-of-59 from the floor.

They stumbled to a 21-21 tie at the break. Setty led all scorers with 28 markers thanks to 14-of-17 shooting from the stripe. McHenry joined him in double figures with 16 points. Both had six rebounds in the game.

UPIKE won the rebounding battle 40-31, pulling 16 of them off the offensive rim. Senior center Cordero Ellis led the way with 12 rebounds, four off the offensive glass, to go with eight points off the bench. Cumberlands was led by senior guard Zavior Neely's 27 points. Daniel followed with 12 points. Congious paced the Pats on the glass with 10.

Class 3A State Finals: Central edges Belfry, 15-14

Times Staff Report

BOWLING GREEN — The Belfry Pirates finished just shy of winning another state title over the weekend. Central captured its fourth state title in five years on Saturday, holding off Belfry 15-14 in the Russell Athletic Class 3A state finals.

Tajh Milliken hooked with Cornelius Bolden on a 35-yard touchdown pass with 2:01 remaining to

give Central the winning touchdown.

The Yellowjackets finished the season 12-3. Central's leading rusher, Anthony Wales, left the state championship game in the opening quarter after suffering a separated shoulder.

Belfry trailed throughout the first half, Musa Kamara pushed Central out in front with a 29-yard first goal in the first quarter and the Yellowjackets led 9-0

following a touchdown pass from Milliken to Shawn Gibbs in the second quarter.

Belfry got on the scoreboard in the second period when Howie Dotson hauled in a 74-yard scoring pass from quarterback Tyler Williams.

Josh Dixon put Belfry ahead in the third quarter when he scored on a 4-yard run.

The Pirates ended the season 13-2.

CENTRAL 15, BELFRY 14
C-Musa Kamara 29 field goal; C-Tae Shawn Gibbs 10 pass from Tajh Milliken (kick blocked); B-Howie Dotson 74 pass from Tyler Williams (Austin Childers kick); B-Josh Dixon 4 run (Austin Childers kick); C-Cornelius Bolden 35 pass from Milliken (run failed); Central...3,6 0-6-15 Belfry...0 7 7 0-14 Records: Central 12-3, Belfry 13-2.

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Summer Pugh, center, of Phyllis, is pictured with David S. Beck, Executive Vice-President of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, left, and Brad Smith, Executive Vice-President of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, after Pugh's performance in the 2011 KFB Variety Showcase.



Christa Akers and Sherry Akers, co-chairs of the Floyd County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accept the 2011 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Phyllis Amyx, chair of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state Women's Committee, right. The award was presented during a Dec. 2 recognition program at the 92nd Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting.



Eddie Akers, center, accepts an award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Bradley R. Smith, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during the Dec. 2 recognition and awards program.

East Ky. looms large at Farm Bureau annual meeting

Ralph Davis
 Managing Editor

LOUISVILLE — Eastern Kentuckians made many headlines during Kentucky Farm Bureau's 92nd annual meeting over the weekend. Floyd County Farm Bureau was recognized at the event for outstanding membership and program achievement. Eddie Akers was on hand to accept the award.

The Floyd County Farm Bureau's Women's Committee also received an award during the conference, the Gold Star Award of Excellence. The award honors county Women's

committees for active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational initiatives and numerous other aspects of support to the local Farm Bureau.

Christa Akers and Sherry Akers accepted the award on behalf of the Floyd County Women's Committee.

Finally, an Eastern Kentucky resident was one of 11 performers selected to perform during the meeting's Variety Showcase. Summer Pugh, of Phyllis, performed the song, "Respect," before a

crowd of about 1,300.

Pugh, the daughter of Tracy and Veronica Pugh, won the Pike County and District 10 competitions to earn the right to perform at the state level.

With more than 500,000 member families statewide, Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest farm organization. Approximately 1,300 members attended the 92nd annual meeting, November 30 through December 3, to recognize this year's individual and organizational achievements as well as adopt policy for 2012.

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Kentucky Farm Bureau concludes 92nd annual meeting with adoption of new policy

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) concluded its 92nd annual meeting here today with voting delegates adopting policy for 2012 and the Board of Directors approving condensed lists of priority issues. Federal legislative issues such as farm commodity programs, environmental regulations and farm labor laws were prominent on the list.

Kentucky's largest farm organization has placed

a high priority on the federal farm bill which is on the Congressional agenda for 2012. Kentucky farmers are calling for a policy that will continue to provide an economic safety net for agriculture with an emphasis on crop insurance, conservation, rural development and research and education.

KFB continues to advocate healthcare reform that will stabilize the market, encourage

competition and increase consumer choice. KFB also continues to place a high priority on reforming the H-2A program for migrant farm workers.

At the state level, the list of priorities includes maintaining the funding level for Kentucky's historic agricultural development initiative that utilizes tobacco settlement funds and maintaining sales tax exemptions for production agriculture.

Other state legislative priorities include:

- Funding for the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville
- Continued funding of the Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost-Share Program
- Ensure that steep increases in property taxes are subject to voter referendum
- Support for the state's career and technical education programs

"2012 promises to be another busy year for our public policy program of work," said KFB President Mark Haney, a Pulaski County farmer. "Our broad range of policy positions are aimed at strengthening our farm economy and providing farm families with essential programs and services. But with a difficult economic climate at both the national and state levels of government, it's extremely important to

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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: fctfeatures@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.

Auxier Center happenings
 • Saturday Kids Camp — Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will make a gift they can keep. There is a fee of \$4 per person. Call (606) 886-0709 to reserve a spot.
 • Game night — 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16. There will be plenty of snacks, games and fun for the entire family, and it's free.
 All of the events take place at the Auxier Center.

Free clothes and household giveaway
 The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will give free clothes and household items to anyone in need at Old Middle Creek Fire Department, located on Route 114. Dates and times of the giveaway are as follows:
 • Wednesday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 • Thursday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 • Friday, Dec. 9, noon to 8 p.m.
 • Saturday, Dec. 10, noon to 4 p.m. (Santa will be at this giveaway).
 For more information, contact Dearl Faye Holbrook, (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525.
 Donations of any kind will be accepted.

Walk for Christ
 The West Van Lear Baptist Church will hold a "Walk for Christ," Dec. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. Contact Elise. For more information, please call (606) 290-0520.

Gospel singing
 The Garrett Church of God will host a gospel singing, featuring Minnie Martin, at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Operation Christmas Child
 The First Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg, will continue to be a dropoff location for the Samaritan's Purse charity project, Operation Christmas Child. Residents are invited to bring their shoeboxed gifts filled with toys, school supplies, etc. (no war-related items) to the church, to be sent to needy children around the world. Bibles, children's books and discipleship programs are provided in the language of the child receiving the gift. The 2011 dates are Nov. 14-20. For more information and pamphlets explaining the project, contact the church at (606) 886-2214 or Donna at (606) 297-5404.

Volunteer mentors sought
 Mentoring for a Second Chance is a jail-based service program designed to help reduce recidivism and promote positive growth, by linking nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community.
 If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or JKinzer@MtComp.org.

Veterans service officer
 VFW Post 5639 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 Addition
 Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addition meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Allen Baptist Church.

Audism Awareness & Support Group
 2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, audismawareness@gmail.com

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

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes
 The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in

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

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

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education
 Narcocon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narcocon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. www.drugsnogo.com

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

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

Need Help with addiction?
 Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
 Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
 Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
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Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Hope in the Mountains
 Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 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
 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!
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Prestonsburg Rotary Club
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Earn While You Learn!
 The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-

2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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

Looking for a Support Group?
 Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
 Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.
 Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets
 Thursdays 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.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline
 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6005. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living.
 For an application or more information, call 886-4326. A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: dslone@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. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) facilities, physicians and providers will only be accepting two of the new Kentucky Medicaid Managed Care plans:

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- WellCare of Kentucky

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If you have or were selected for the Kentucky Spirit Health Plan, you have the option to change your plan to CoventryCares of Kentucky or WellCare of Kentucky.

After November 1st, you have 90 days to change your plan so you can continue to receive care at ARH facilities and by ARH physicians and providers.

ARH will continue to provide services consistent with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

20 years ago (December 4 and 6, 1991)

Three-and-a-half days of steady rain pushed Floyd County streams out of their banks Monday, and swelled the Big Sandy River to within five feet of flood stage in Prestonsburg, Tuesday. The Big Sandy was expected to crest at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at 35.4 feet. Flood stage is 40 feet.

Johnson Circuit Judge James A. Knight will serve as special judge in a civil suit contesting the outcome of the November 5 election for seats on Prestonsburg's City Council. Knight had set no hearing date on the issue by presstime, Tuesday, but said it would be possible to conduct a preliminary hearing this month.

Wet weather and high water made a Flood County Housing Authority meeting doubtful Monday, but a quorum of the board managed to make it to the office at Green Acres. The special meeting of the board was called to approve the authority's 1992 operating budget before the December 15 deadline.

The first wave of a state Office of Education Accountability review of the Floyd County school system is expected to arrive in Prestonsburg this week. Dr. Penney Sanders, head of the Office of Education Accountability (OEA), said Monday that OEA investigators will be in Floyd County this week to talk with school officials about matters that "are currently under review in Floyd County." She declined to elaborate on specific issues, and she would neither confirm nor deny that the scope of the investigation would be broadened after the initial review was completed.

A 30-year-old Johnson County woman was struck by a vehicle Saturday night on Route 23, after attempting to cross the highway at a local lounge. Tammy Hensley of Wittenburg was hit by a car driven by Glenda Howard of David, at approximately

7:30 p.m., at the Mountaineer Lounge near Prestonsburg, said Floyd County deputy Lloyed Powers. Hensley suffered a head injury and was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

The engraving on 72-year-old William Hursle Gibson's congressional medal reads—Remember Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, "A Day That Will Live In Infamy." Act of Congress, 1990. This is the inscription found on the Congressional Medal for Veterans of the Attack of Pearl Harbor presented by Senator Wendell Ford to William H. Gibson on behalf of the Pearl Harbor Survivor's Association of Kentucky.

There died: Dick Burckett, 72, of Endicott, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Burt Gearheart, 79, of Hi Hat, Monday, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Edward "Frog" Bentley, 67, of Wabash, Indiana, Sunday, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne; Hollie LeMaster, 77, of Wittenburg, formerly of Martin, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Homer Gene Mullins, 81, of Mansville, Massachusetts, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at his residence; Goldie Osborne, 89, of Lexington, formerly of Eastern, Wednesday, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Charles Eugene Hall, 45, of Beaver, Saturday, at the U.K. Medical Center;

Kathleen "Moore" Lee, 58, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Wednesday, in Marion; Michael D. Gilliam, seven-month-old infant, Monday, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; Ernest Crisp Jr., 44, of Wayland, Saturday, at the Veterans Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia; Betty Jean Simpson Cooper, 64, of Drift, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Fred Bingham, 78, of Louisville, Sunday, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville; Paul Edwin Compton, 33, of

Weeksbury, December 2, at McDowell A.R.H.; George Parsons, 69, of Drift, Monday, at his residence; Estill Cox, 82, of Jenkins, Thursday, at the Wolfe County Nursing Home in Campton.

**30 years ago
(December 9, 1981)**
Explosion a half-mile inside a Knott County hillside mine claimed the lives of eight miners, one of whom was a Floyd County man, Keith Crager, 25, of Haysville.

Tony Baril, accused of murder, won his freedom after more than 3 years in prison while his case was wandering through the courts.

Two Floyd men and a third Pike County man, were arrested as members of an auto theft ring, after 10 luxury-type cars had been recovered in Pike County.

John Hall was arrested by state police after he allegedly shot his wife, Verna Cantrell Hall, once in the chest at their residence.

There died: Lula Mullins Patton, 71, of Garrett, Tuesday, at her residence; Elsie T. Whitaker, 79, of Middle Creek Road, last Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bonnie B. Bottomley, 52, of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Sprowl Hospital in Lansing, Michigan; Ethel Gravelly Heinze, 92, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; John Kidd, 90, of Printer, last Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Nannie J. Spears, 69, of Honaker, last Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Keith Crager, 25, of Haysville, Monday, in an explosion at Adkins Mining Company mine at Topmost; John C. Janow, 62, of Eastern, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Paul "Cathsh" Pittman, 47, of Louisville, formerly of Wayland, last Thursday, at Veteran's Hospital in Lexington; Birdie G. Parks, 77, of Harrisburg, Penn., formerly of Floyd County, December 3,

in Pennsylvania; Ida Bentley Shumake, 56, of Flatwoods, formerly of Virgie, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Charlie Lee Conn, 86, of Dana, last Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

**40 years ago
(December 9, 1971)**

Outgoing Commissioner of Highways B. E. King, last week, officially earmarked approximately \$600,000 for the construction of a poured concrete bridge at Emma.

A liquor raid staged early Saturday evening at Wayland by Floyd deputy sheriffs was accompanied by gunfire and was followed by what officers described as an attack in which rifle and pistol bullets were fired into an auto occupied by two of the deputies.

Work on a solid-waste disposal plan for Floyd and Pike counties will begin, soon after Jan. 1, and is scheduled for completion within four months.

The new Floyd County Comprehensive Health Service's board of directors met last Friday to make suggested revisions in its application for interim operating funds, and since the changes were made to comply with the Office of Health Affairs suggestions, it is believed that renewal of the program will soon win approval.

There died: Judge Edward P. Hill Sr., 88, former official and political leader in this county, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; George Prater, 88, of Garrett, Saturday at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Amanda Langdon May, 91, Tuesday, at Mt. Manor; Gladys C. Ellison, 52, formerly of this county, Nov. 20, in Lima, O.; Tom J. Mullins, 76, of Hinton, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Basil Mullins, 71, of Auxier, Sunday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ruth Scalf Clark O'Neil, 90, Friday, at Manton; Jack Pearson, 28, last Wednesday, in a car

wreck, near Louisa.

**50 years ago
(December 7, 1961)**

Scores of east Kentucky mine operators beat a path to Orville Adkins' Goose Creek mine Friday to see the Mighty Miner, a new coal cutting machine. According to its promoters, the machine can undercut a 12-foot room in 55 minutes.

The Eastern Kentucky's alcoholism information office, third to be established in the state's current program to combat alcoholism, began operation here.

Clive Akers became that first of the county officials elected at the November polls to take office when he was sworn in Monday as tax commissioner.

The Floyd County PTA Council at its meeting this evening at Drift, will make major policy decisions on a number of issues, including a 35-cent tax levy, enforcement of compulsory attendance laws, the need of a junior college at Prestonsburg, and an area vocational school.

There died: Thelma Wells, 47, of Auxier, after a long illness; John Crum, 21, formerly of this county, in an auto accident in Ohio; Versie Damron Case, 38, of Honaker; Webb Mann, 73, retired miner, of Martin; Rev. Joe M. Smith, of Tram, Free Will Baptist minister for 40 years.

**60 years ago
(December 6, 1951)**

Floyd courts are growing impatient with witnesses who play hooky, and within the week, seven have been held in contempt of court by Circuit Judge Edw. F. Hill and County Judge Henry Stumbo.

Organization of a sportsman's group in Floyd and adjoining counties to promote the development of Dewey Lake and the surrounding area will be the purpose of a dinner meeting at the Brandy Keg dock site, Thursday evening, Dec. 20, it was announced here this week.

Elbie Gayheart, 25-year-old Orkney man, was instantly killed Monday by a slatefall in the mine of the Edgemont Fuel Company at McDowell.... services of dedication will be observed at the Methodist Church in Betsy Layne, Sunday morning.

John Delmar Hughes, 16-year-old Prestonsburg high school football standout, has been named at the quarterback post on the Courier-Journal's all-state grid eleven.

There died: Alex Conn, 87, Wednesday, at his home on Mare Creek; Jonathan H. Fitzpatrick, 69, formerly of this county; Nov. 29, at his home at Lexington; Corzetta Newsome Osborne, 58, Tuesday, at her home at Dony; Delilah C. Dotson Merritt, 81, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at Cheshire, Ohio.

**70 years ago
(December 4, 1941)**

Six members of Prestonsburg City Council took office, including a woman for the first time. Taking the oath of office were: Mrs. Ethel Heinze, Earl Spurlock, Byron Nunney, Fred G. Francis, Curtis Clark and J.H. Nunney. Epp Lafferty was reappointed chief of police here.

The Floyd County Board of Education voted to construct an eight-room grade school at Betsy Layne next year, at an estimated cost of \$40,000.

As a part of its new pumping plant at Dwale went into operation, the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company began stringing pipe for a 10-inch line to connect its Dwale and Maytown compressor stations.

A U.M.W.A. representative said the union would demand refunds of any deductions from miners' pay for the three days they were absent from work last week. The miners walked out during a dispute over a closed shop contract for captive mines. Manuel Stone, 58, of Paintsville, died in an auto wreck near Maytown.

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Independent Auditor's Report
We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlements - 2010 Unmined Coal Taxes for the period August 14, 2010 through July 15, 2011. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

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

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, accrued, and paid for the period August 14, 2010 through July 15, 2011, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 19, 2011 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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It's the most wonderful time of the year ... (Yes, I'm breaking into song, but at least you can't hear me—a definite plus for you).

I love the holiday season, but probably not for the reasons you imagine. The best part for me isn't the lights, the colors, the wrapping paper and bows or the gifts. It's that this time of year gives me the perfect "cover" to indulge my favorite vice: baking!

I was recently chatting with one of our Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists who works at our grain quality lab in Kansas (a perfect place for a wheat lab, don't you think), and I mentioned to him that I loved to bake. That didn't strike him as particularly

odd, but when I mentioned that I actually buy flour in 25-pound bags ... well, I suspect he's now busy trying to locate a 12-step program for flour addicts that he can recommend to me.

For many people, the pleasure is in consuming the end product: the cakes, the cookies, the pies and so forth. For me, it's in the discovery of a new recipe, the creation, and the giving. My husband jokes that I'll never live long enough to try out all the recipes I've clipped, photocopied and cut-and-pasted, and I know he's right.

So it's an absolute delight for me that in the midst of working for an organization that is devoted to all things ag-science, there are scientists whose job it is to "push the envelope" on making our home-baked

goodies (and the store-bought kind, too) even better!

One way we can achieve that is by boosting the proportion of flours made from whole grains, rather than the highly refined white flour that's so popular among us home bakers.

The truth is, Americans don't eat enough whole grains, and we don't get enough dietary fiber.

Why is that a big deal? Here's one good reason: Some studies have shown that consumption of whole grains is associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, which is the No. 1 killer of Americans.

Not sure of the differences in flours? Let's start with the wheat kernel itself. It's made up of three key structural components: the outer (or

bran) layer; the tiny wheat seed, also called the "germ"; and the endosperm, which is most of the inside of the kernel.

If the miller or baker wants all of those components for his flour, the entire kernel is used. Flour that has all of the grain components provides more fiber than the traditionally milled white flours, and also provides more magnesium, which comes from the bran (the outer layer) and which may be important for controlling not just heart disease, but also diabetes.

There's more than just magnesium in the bran. That outer layer also contains selenium and B vitamins. And the germ—the tiny wheat seed—also contains B vitamins, as well as vitamin E, small amounts of vitamins A and

K, and healthful fats. The endosperm is where we find carbohydrates and protein.

The ARS scientists are focusing on soft wheat, the kind that's used for making crackers, cakes, cookies, breakfast bars, pancakes, waffles, flour tortillas, chips ... in other words, all our favorites. That's in contrast to hard wheats, which are used for raised breads, or durum flours, which are used for pasta.

Surprisingly, there wasn't a lot of available data on just how much fiber we could get from whole-grain flours made from soft wheat. So the ARS scientists have been conducting the most comprehensive analysis to date of dietary fiber levels in a nationally representative sample of soft-wheat whole-grain flours.

They've found that on

average, soft-wheat whole-grain flours have about 14.8 grams of dietary fiber per 100 grams of flour. That information could be useful in nutrition databases, which are the references that foodmakers consult when they're figuring out what to put on those nutrient data labels that you see on packaged foods.

Now that we know how much dietary fiber there is in whole-wheat flour from soft wheats, I'm wondering: Does this mean I can get away with calling my holiday gingerbread men "health food"?

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>.



Highlands Autism Center receives large donation

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Center for Autism received a \$10,000 check from the Anheuser Busch Company.

Anheuser Busch, the umbrella company of popular adult beverages such as Budweiser and Michelob, made the

donation to the center by way of a fundraising golf tournament hosted by Kentucky Speaker of the House, Greg Stumbo.

Highlands Center for Autism is a year-round treatment center for children affected by autism. The center relies on

donations such as this to ease the cost of tuition and to be able to deliver the highest quality instruction in a safe environment.

Bud Warman, Highlands CEO, accepted the check on behalf of the center and presented it to Shelli Deskins, director

of Highlands Center for Autism.

Highlands issued a statement extending thanks to Anheuser Busch and all of the organizations, local and national, that have contributed to Highlands Center for Autism.

Meeting

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set priorities."

In regard to national farm policy, KFB will be working to protect from budget cuts conservation programs on working farmland along with other federal programs that directly impact farm production.

And it joins with American Farm Bureau Federation in opposition to the U.S. Labor Department's proposed changes to youth farm labor regulations. The proposal, which currently is under review, could prohibit many youth from working on a farm.

Speaking at KFB's business session earlier in the day, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell was sharply critical of the Labor Department's proposal, saying the new regulations "defy common sense." He noted that the proposed guidelines could go so far as to prohibit a teenager from mowing the lawn or operating an electric drill on a farm.

KFB also is hoping

to preserve full funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) that provides financial and technical assistance to help farmers reduce soil erosion and protect water and air quality. The popular program is administered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Environmental programs like EQIP and our state water quality cost-share program have been instrumental in improving our farming operations and protecting our natural resources," Haney said. "The results affirm their effectiveness."

With more than 500,000 member families statewide, Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest farm organization. Approximately 1,700 members attended KFB's 92nd annual meeting, November 30 through December 3, to recognize this year's individual and organizational achievements as well as adopt policy for 2012.

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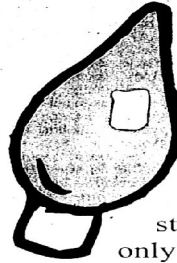
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THE JOHNSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 92nd Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. In this photo, Robert O'Bryan, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Bradley R. Smith, left, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during the December 2 recognition and awards program.

Hope...

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that the local Rotary organization would be providing him with \$500 to help purchase materials to repair his new home.

With two children, a 14-year-old and a 15-month-old, in the home, the Honeycutt's say the money provided by Rotary will help them get the children settled in a new home

by Christmas. "We lost everything — all the baby's things and all my son's things. It was a total loss all the way around. We have to start from scratch but this trailer and this money will help us get settled again," Kathy Honeycutt said.

Marvin Honeycutt, who has been employed by the City of Paintsville for the past 15 years, says he plans to rebuild on his property. Honeycutt says the gift of the mobile

home will help the family save the rent they have been paying the past few months and that the donation from Rotary "is a blessing."

"We're thankful to everybody — the Salvation Army, all the people from the city who have helped us, Rotary, the neighbor who gave us this trailer ... just everybody who has shown us they care. We thank them all," Honeycutt said.

Arrests...

Continued from front

Pikeville. Bunch was charged with public intoxication, trafficking in a controlled substance, 3rd degree, tampering with physical evidence, and

possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

At approximately 4:43 p.m. on the same day, police officers responded to a vehicle accident on Ky. Rt. 321, near Mayo Plaza. Reportedly, no one was injured in the acci-

dent but Ronnie Lemaster, 47, of Staffordsville, was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, 1st offense.

All incidents remain under investigation by Det. Kenneth Prater.

Cheer...

Continued from front

Ministry group recycle the flowers, saving them and reusing them to construct new arrangements to be shared with the sick.

"Annette (Mosley), who owns a local flower shop, taught us how to preserve the flowers — trim the ends, freshen the water and use a preservative solution. And we have a large refrigerator at the church that we use to store them ... you'd be surprised how long the flowers can actually stay fresh," White said.

White said the group uses flower arrangements left from area events such as weddings, corporate workshops and meetings, community events, birthday parties, and funerals to be revamped into cheery arrangements to brighten the bedside of a shut-in patient.

"No matter what variety of flowers we use, we try to incorporate at least one daisy

into each arrangement," White said. "I suppose you could say it's our 'signature card.'"

Currently, the group is partnered with Appalachian Hospice Care. Working with the hospice provider, D.A.I.S.Y. Ministry members are provided with contact information following an inquiry conducted by Appalachian Hospice Care employees.

"If the family is interested, we pass their contact information along," said Shawna Kelly, social worker, Appalachian Hospice Care. "We've found the patients and families are very receptive. They are very appreciative and we are very appreciative. The patients really look forward to receiving the flowers and the visits," Kelly said.

Kelly said hospice patients and families benefit greatly from volunteers who visit, provide respite, run errands, or even just take the time to place phone calls or write let-

ters to those that are shut-in. "We are always looking for volunteers. The service the D.A.I.S.Y. members provide is invaluable," she said.

"For us, it's about sharing the community of Christ. We come away feeling like we are the blessed ones," White said. White encourages all those who have floral arrangements left over from weddings or other events to contact D.A.I.S.Y. Ministry at daisyministry@gmail.com or telephone the Little Paint Church of God at 606-886-3699.

The group will make arrangements to pick the flowers up, White said.

Those who wish to do so may also donate flowers from their own gardens, bud vases or other small containers, or their time. Spreading the word to others about the D.A.I.S.Y. Ministry is also a means to help, as is providing a monetary donation to be used in purchasing supplies for the program.

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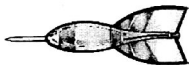
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A laurel to last weekend's many Christmas activities -- a parade, Pooh and more!

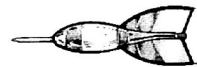
and more!

A dart to the recent ransacking of the county PVA office and attempted break-in of the county clerk's office.



A laurel to KET's upcoming feature on Johnson County -- welcome, tourists!

A dart -- again -- to intoxicated parents who put children at risk. Please seek help.



A laurel to Beshear's directive to open child fatality records for public scrutiny -- the secrecy must end!

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance

By Eloise Delzer

My earliest childhood memory is of the confusion and fear our family experienced December 7, 1941. My mother's oldest brother, Nehemiah Hogg, was stationed at a place called Schofield Barracks, the location news accounts identified as the first place to be strafed in the attack on Pearl Harbor.

My Uncle Nehemiah had joined a peace time army after two years at Alice Lloyd College, advised by his grand-

mother, Larcenia Mitchell Hogg, to seek a career in the military. The morning of the attack, she was on the telephone shouting so loud I could hear her voice while standing at my mother's side. She was sure she had condemned her favorite grandson to death in a faraway place called Hawaii.

For days, my parents and our neighbors were glued to the radio. When President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed the nation, I remember being shushed for

asking questions as I tried to understand what had caused such excitement and concern. Finally, my mother explained to me that my uncle was in danger. His handsome picture sat on my mother's dressing table and was identified to me as the uncle who had sent me a grass skirt for a kindergarten program.

After the president spoke, my mother and father seemed stunned and strangely quiet. I had no idea what the phrase "Day in Infamy" meant or what it would come to mean

to every American alive that day. For days after the president's address, my mother continued to speak endlessly to someone called the Red Cross until finally one day she was notified her brother had survived the attack with no injuries.

Grandmother Larcene was overjoyed to learn the boy she loved and had encouraged had escaped harm in the middle of all that destruction.

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HOUSE WEEK IN REVIEW

Planning the budget with Kentucky's revenues

The last time Kentucky lawmakers sat down to write a state budget, the commonwealth was receiving the first of around \$3.7 billion in federal stimulus dollars that would eventually be awarded to the state through the 2009 Recovery Act.

Now, nearly three years after the Recovery Act was passed by Congress, Kentucky lawmakers are preparing to sit down and write a new state budget. But, this time, we won't have any new federal stimulus dollars to help us balance the two-year spending plan. We will have to do it with the revenue that Kentucky's budget experts estimate our state will have from now through the end of fiscal year 2014.

First, let's take a look at our state's fiscal condition for the current fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2012. The good news is that Kentucky's revenue is expected to have a \$106.7 million budget surplus at the end of the current fiscal year after setting aside \$31 million dedicated to coal severance programs. Kentucky's revenue outlook is also improving, and the governor has no plans to furlough state employees this fiscal year. The bad news is that Kentucky has a \$189.9 million shortfall in the current budget that has to be filled in order to balance the state's books by June 30.

The governor plans to balance the current year's budget with \$114.4 million in spending cuts and \$75.5 million of the \$106.7 million expected surplus, according to State Budget Director Mary Lassiter. The \$114.4 million in cuts are expected to include \$27.5 million in both recur-

ring funds from fiscal year 2011 and savings from a reduction in the number of state appointees, \$57.9 million in unused debt service payments, and \$29 million from an additional cut of 2 percent to most state budgets. The governor has told agencies to go ahead and plan for the additional 2 percent budget reductions, although agencies that provide certain key services including, but not limited to, Medicaid, corrections, teachers' retirement, SEEK and coal severance tax will be immune from the cuts.

As the current fiscal year budget is balanced and squared away, we state lawmakers will convene on Jan. 3 in Frankfort for the 2012 General Assembly and begin drafting Kentucky's spending plan for the next budget cycle that ends on June 30, 2014. We already know it will not be an easy task. Preliminary work in October by the Consensus Forecasting Group—an independent panel that predicts how well the state will fare financially over a two-year budget cycle—indicates that Kentucky's General Fund revenue growth will continue to be slow through fiscal year 2014. Revenue growth is expected to be well below last fiscal year's growth rate of 6.5 percent, with growth rates of 2.8, 1.8 and 2.4 percent expected for the General Fund in fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively. This

growth is better than we experienced in the 2008 budget cycle when revenues decreased by 2.7 and 2.4 percent, but it will not be enough to keep up with current demands on state spending.



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already know we will not have the benefit of federal stimulus dollars to help balance our budget over the next two years. We will have a better idea of what revenue we will have to work with on Dec. 21 when the CFG meets to issue an official revenue forecast for fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

Another important budget matter I should mention is the impact that the federal Budget Control Act of 2011 could have on services in Kentucky. This legislation is set to automatically cut federal spending by \$1.2 trillion through 2021 if the federal deficit isn't reduced by that same amount by a Congressional super committee as of Jan. 15, 2012.

Fortunately, most state funds that come from the federal government are for services like Medicaid, KCHIP, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), foster care, Pell grants and other programs that are exempt from the automatic cuts. Areas that are not exempt, including but not limited to education funding, WIC (Women, Infants and Children), community development block grants, Head Start, National Guard and several others, could be cut by as much as 8.8 percent across the board nationally, which could

hurt important programs here in Kentucky.

The first automatic cuts to be made under the Budget Control Act would take effect in January 2013, so state lawmakers have some time to try to find solutions should Congress fail to work out a budget reduction agreement.

Kentucky lawmakers will approach all these challenges with hope that we will arrive at the best solution to meet the needs of the state and its citizens over the next biennium. We are also optimistic that the state revenues will improve, especially given this year's encouraging uptick in early holiday season sales.

Holiday sales so far this season have been the best in years, and increased sales means increased sales tax revenue for our state. We will have to wait until later this month to see how much sales tax revenue has grown, but any increase in sales tax revenue will boost the General Fund and be good for Kentucky.

This great commonwealth has a long way to go before we are in a comfortable situation financially. Our state, like many, continues to have an unemployment rate over 9 percent and faces an uncertain economic outlook.

But I have a good feeling about this state we call Kentucky and the people in it. Careful and skillful planning have helped us weather the recession so far, and I have complete faith that we can weather another couple lean budget years and come out of them a stronger, better Kentucky.

Have a good week.