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Virgie station

**Jack Latta**  
Staff Writer

**VIRGIE** — A Pike County gas station was the scene of an armed robbery Sunday evening.

According to Kentucky State Police, Post 9 in Pikeville received a call from a clerk at the Virgie Marathon reporting a robbery at the business.

Information obtained from the scene of the crime indicates that a male wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and a black stocking over his face entered the business and approached the clerk says KSP officials.

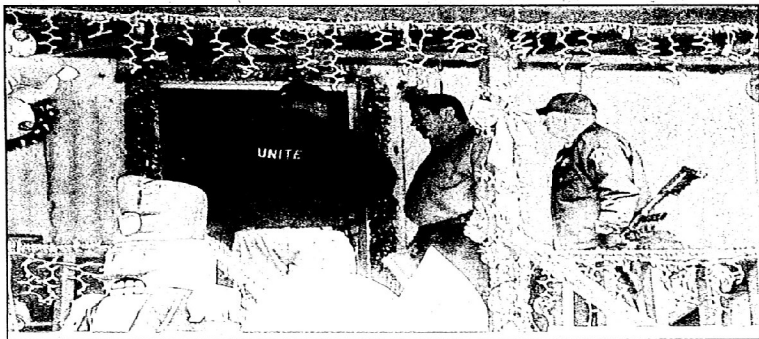
The unidentified male reportedly brandished a weapon and demanded money.

According to KSP officials, a second subject, wearing a dark colored hooded jacket and black stocking over his face, remained outside near the gas pumps.

The unidentified subjects then left the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash traveling towards Penny Highway in a early 1990s, white, four-door passenger car with a black leather hood bra on the front of the vehicle. The incident remains under investigation by KSP Detective Tony Tackett.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Kentucky State Police Post 9.

## Drug roundup targets 17



UNITE officers and Floyd County Sheriff's department executed 13 warrants on Tuesday during a holiday drug roundup.

## Most charged with trafficking oxycodone, hydrocodone

**Jack Latta**  
Staff Writer

**EAST POINT** — Some Floyd Countians may be spending Christmas behind bars, after a task force of Operation UNITE officers and deputies from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department rounded up suspected drug dealers on Tuesday.

According to Sheriff John K Blackburn, the group was working to execute 17 warrants in Floyd County, though three of those men were reportedly already behind bars for unrelated charges.

"We've got around 20 warrants today," said Blackburn. "Methadone, hydrocodone, Oxycotin — it all boils down to the same ol'-same ol'."

"We've arrested hundreds and hundreds of drug dealers and this is just 20 more," said Sheriff Blackburn.

On George's Branch, in northern Floyd County, officers found more than 14 people living in a single home when they arrived to execute their warrant for Eugene Arms. Arms was arrested on a single count of first-degree drug trafficking.

This latest roundup also had



Eugene Arms was led to a cruiser by Sheriff John K Blackburn during Tuesday's early-morning operation. Arms was among 17 people being sought Tuesday.

a particularly long reach, as one Somerset resident was caught in its net.

Larry Ellison, 26, of Poplar Estates in Somerset, will be served with warrants for promoting contraband and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. He is currently lodged in the Pulaski County Detention Center on unrelated charges.

About eight months ago, the staff at Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright had received information that drugs were being sent to an inmate and asked UNITE detectives to investigate, said Dan Smoot, deputy director of UNITE.

The investigation led to the interception of a package containing Suboxone hidden inside materials mailed from Ellison to one of his relatives, said Smoot, adding it is believed that other types of drugs had been previously sent.

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## Woman says wrong numbers left her in agony

**Ralph B. Davis**  
Managing Editor

**PRESTONSBURG** — A 91-year-old Minnie woman is suing her home security provider, alleging the company failed her when she most needed its service.

Elfriede Samons filed a complaint Thursday against ADT Security Services, alleging breach of contract. She is being represented by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Fillersdorf.

Samons says she entered into an agreement with ADT for home monitoring. As part of that agreement, Samons says she was provided with an alarm she could use in the event of an emergency that prevented her from being able to otherwise call for help. According to Samons, ADT agreed to contact three of her family members, in addition to emergency services, if she sounded the alarm.

At 4:34 a.m., Jan. 1, Samons fell in her home, breaking several bones in her leg. She rang her alarm twice.

Samons alleges ADT did not call the family members she had specified, instead calling two nonoperational numbers. Samons says the company did contact Kentucky State Police, which arrived three hours later.

"As a result of the three-hour delay, the Plaintiff needlessly suffered excruciating pain and suffering and was unable to receive assistance due to the negligence and reckless incompetence of unknown agents of the Defendant," Samons' complaint reads.

Samons is seeking compensation for her pain and suffering, punitive damages against the company and reimbursement of her legal fees.

## Court votes down request for Southern accounting

**Ralph B. Davis**  
Managing Editor

**PRESTONSBURG** — A divided court rejected a proposal by one magistrate to have a local utility account for its financial condition.

District 1 Magistrate John Goble asked fellow members of the court to adopt a resolution requiring Southern Water and Sewer District to provide the court with copies of its audits from 2008, 2009 and 2010, as well as a balance sheet for 2011. In his motion to that effect, he also asked that members of the Southern Water board meet with the fiscal court to go over the utility's finances.

Goble explained that he was motivated to make the request

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**2 DAY FORECAST**

**Today**

Chance of storms

High: 61 • Low: 40

**Tomorrow**

Rain

High: 52 • Low: 41

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## Mountain Comp, CNB receive housing grants

**Jack Latta**  
Staff Writer

Two new facilities located in Pike and Martin counties, which will be designed for low-income special needs families, received over \$1 million in grant funding this week.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati awarded two grants worth \$1.1 million to Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, in Prestonsburg, and Citizens National Bank, of Paintsville, to help build the facilities.

"We provide grants for affordable housing, elderly housing, treatment centers and low-income housing,"



Mountain Comprehensive Care Center was awarded with a grant for over one million dollars to build facilities for low income special needs clients. (Pictured from left to right: Assistant Vice President of Federal Home Loan Bank John Byczkowski; Citizens National Bank Representatives Dennis Dorton, Burt Bellamy; and Mountain Comprehensive Care Center Executive Director Promod Bisnol.)

said John Byczkowski, Assistant Vice President of Communications with FHLBank.

The grants were awarded

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## Overtaken tanker along U.S. 23



The frightening image Monday morning of an overturned tanker-truck leaking a white cloud of gas proved to be harmless. The accident happened along U.S. 23 at I-75. Kentucky State Police says a 1999 white Peterbilt tanker overturned after its driver, 27-year-old Sean VanHoose, allegedly fell asleep while driving. Police closed the road for a short time, but the gas — liquid nitrogen — did not cause any injuries to anyone in the area. VanHoose was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment of injuries. Tpr. John Dixon is investigating the wreck.

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# The Amendment

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— Gregory Nunn

**Amendment I**

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Guest View Regulating what's in your turkey today will protect your health tomorrow

Stephen McDonnell

As millions of Americans gather around dinner tables this holiday season, there's no better time to be mindful of where our food comes from and who is ensuring its safety. This is particularly important when it comes to meat and poultry, because the misuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture is leading to the creation of antibiotic-resistant superbugs that threaten human health, and there is no regulation in sight.

Most people probably would be surprised to learn that 80 percent of antibiotics sold in the United States are used in animal agriculture. The vast majority is for non-therapeutic purposes, such as promoting growth and compensating for effects of unsanitary and overcrowded conditions. Many of the antibiotics used in food animal production, such as penicillins and tetracyclines, are the same drugs we rely on to treat human illnesses, and therein lies the problem.

Scientists say there is no question that improper use of antibiotics in animal agriculture is leading to the development of resistant bacteria and diluting the effectiveness of the drugs for both animals and people. The Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics has estimated that antibiotic-resistant bacteria generate \$16.6 billion to \$26 billion per year in extra costs to the U.S. health-care system.

Since 1977, the FDA has been trying to curtail the improper use of antibiotics when producing meat, dairy and egg products, but stiff opposition from industry has stopped it every time. But this past year it looked like the FDA was finally ready to take a firm stand on the issue.

In June 2010, the FDA's former principal deputy commissioner, Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, called a news conference to issue a draft guidance that would set

the stage for stronger regulations. Sharfstein called the overuse of antibiotics in animals, "an urgent public health issue" (Washington Post, FDA seeks less use of antibiotics in animals to keep them effective for humans, June 29, 2010). Sharfstein also recommended that industry voluntarily take steps to fix the problem on its own, rather than have the FDA impose regulations on it.

Not only has industry done nothing to fix the problem, the amount of antibiotics purchased for use in animals has actually increased. This past year, for the first time, the FDA released 2009 data showing exactly how many antibiotics were sold for use in animals — 28.8 million pounds, four times the 7.2 million pounds sold for human use. Newly released data for 2010 show the overall amount used in animals increased to 29.1 million pounds.

Knowing that industry has not taken the FDA's warning seriously, you'd think agency leaders would say enough is enough. But sadly, it seems the FDA has lost its backbone. Just last week it denied two petitions to ban use of certain antibiotics in animals raised for food. The petitions were filed by organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Public Health Association and the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

When pressed to explain why the petitions were denied, the FDA reportedly said its hands were tied. If so, by whom?

If industry will not voluntarily stop irresponsible use of antibiotics on its own, then it is time we demand our government do what Americans have entrusted it to do and impose stiff regulations to protect us.

McDonnell is founder and CEO of Applegate Natural and Organic Meats and a member of the American Sustainable Business Council.



## A Legislative Perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo  
Speaker of the House

As we approach the final days of the year and literally wrap up a hectic month of shopping, it's good to take a moment to reflect on what the past dozen months have brought.

While the times have been tough for far too long now, there have been some encouraging signs that the Commonwealth is getting back on its feet.

The unemployment rate, for example, continues to improve, and many industries, like manufacturing and tourism, have each added thousands of jobs since the last holiday season. The auto industry is seeing a true resurgence nationally, which is especially good news for Kentucky, since we produce more cars and trucks than all but two states.

Late last month, Forbes magazine noted the progress we've made economically when it ranked us 25th among the states in its annual Best States for Business list. That's up six spots from a year ago and 19 since 2008.

The news is even better for the agricultural community. At the Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting several weeks ago, analysts predicted farm sales this year would easily top \$5 billion for the first time. In fact, the total might be

as much as a billion dollars more than it was in 2010.

Poultry and corn lead the way, with cattle and horses not far behind. Altogether, 10 different commodities are on track to generate at least \$100 million in sales this year. That level of diversity points to an even brighter future.

Academically, we continue to see bright spots in the classroom. Earlier this fall, education officials reported our fourth and eighth graders scored at or above the national average in both reading and writing. Some of our best success can be found among those students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch; when measuring just their scores, we're third among the states in reading for both grades and in the top 20 for math.

The number of high school students taking Advanced Placement courses — which count for college credit — has grown by nearly 50 percent since 2007; and the ranks of those scoring at least a three out of a possible five on the final AP tests have grown by 75 percent.

We learned earlier this year that no other state saw a faster increase in adult education enrollment from 2005 to 2009, and a July report by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economics Research noted that, over

the last 20 years, no state has risen as much as Kentucky did in a nationwide index of education statistics. We moved up 15 spots during that time.

In sports, the past year has seen Kentucky host its first NASCAR race in the modern era, and we set the benchmark again with our record eighth Breeders Cup at Churchill Downs. In the area of personal recognition, we saw one Kentuckian receive the Congressional Medal of Honor and another receive the National Book Award for poetry.

Those are just a few of the presents that have been placed under our tree in 2011. More undoubtedly will be added when we herald in the new year in little more than a week.

In the meantime, if you're looking to get in the Christmas spirit, there are numerous activities both here at home and across the Commonwealth. One of the more interesting sites is the Mega Cavern's Lights Under Louisville, which lets you drive your vehicle underneath the city to tour what is billed as the world's only underground holiday light show.

In the coming weeks, I will discuss what is taking place during the upcoming legislative session, but for now, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a merry Christmas and hope that 2012 is your best year yet.

## House Week in Review

Rep. Hubert Collins

Passing a budget for the next two years is, as we know, at the top of lawmakers' lists as the 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly draws near. If the budget were the only challenge we faced next session, that would be enough. But there are other issues before us during the session beginning Jan. 3 that will present their own challenges: The redistricting of the state's six congressional seats and 138 state legislative seats; cracking down on illegal "pill mills" and meth production; a possible constitutional amendment to allow casino gambling; a proposed statewide smoking ban; changes to the state estate tax; and changing state law to prohibit children age 10 or younger from being charged with a crime, just to name a few.

Over the next couple weeks we will be looking more closely at these "other" challenges, and any bills that have been prefiled to address them in the next session. First, let us look at the issue of redistricting.

There have been no bills prefiled to address redistricting — the redrawing of district lines for the state's six congressional, 100 state House and 38 state Senate districts — but that does not mean the issue has not been on lawmakers' minds. Special meetings on redistricting have been held by legislative caucuses and interim committees since last summer.

Some legislative leaders had even called for a special session to tackle redistricting before the end of this year, although that now looks unlikely with the regular session only two weeks away and two major state holidays scheduled between now and then.

Profiling a redistricting bill would actually be a waste of time in the modern legislature, where most every lawmaker today expects to have a say in how district maps are drawn. The best time for lawmakers to have our say is during

session when party meetings, called caucuses, bring lawmakers together in one room for discussion and debate, sometimes on a daily basis. Caucus meetings will be held early and often at the Capitol during the next session to piece together redistricting proposals acceptable to each caucus' members by the state primary election deadline on Jan. 31.

Once state House and Senate caucuses begin to meet on redistricting, three things will happen: House district lines will be redrawn by the House (with Senate approval), Senate lines will be redrawn by the Senate (with House approval), and both the House and Senate will have to come to agreement on how the state's six congressional district lines are redrawn. Proposals that would redraw the congressional district boundaries have already been floated and are now under debate. It will be interesting to see how well these proposals fare in coming weeks.

The reason lawmakers put so much emphasis on redistricting lies in the state law books. State law requires that state lawmakers redline federal and state legislative district lines, as necessary, every 10 years to account for changes in state population. The maps we will create will reflect changes to Kentucky's population based on the 2010 U.S. census, which showed statewide population growth of 7.4 percent between 2000 and 2010 for a current population total of 4.3 million.

One more note about redistricting: Strict standards govern how federal and state legislative districts must be drawn, and lawmakers are careful to keep any variation to a minimum in order to ward off costly, unnecessary lawsuits. Be sure that lawmakers will be watching closely during the upcoming redistricting sessions to ensure that any changes in district lines meet the standard of "one person, one vote" to ensure the constitutional right of equal legislative representation.

Let us look now at another issue: prescription drug abuse in Kentucky. Our state is home to several so-called "pill mills" — fly by night pain clinics where temporary physicians churn out prescriptions for narcotics by the

hundreds within very short periods of time.

Kentucky is looking at several options to deal with these self-proclaimed pain management facilities, including a bill that was prefiled in October for consideration next session. BR 188, sponsored by Sen. Jimmy Higdun, R-Lebanon, would require pain management facilities throughout Kentucky to be licensed by the state. The facilities would also have to be owned and operated by state certified and state licensed physicians, and both the physicians and their employees would have to undergo a criminal background check and submit the results of the check to the state Board of Medical Licensure. I hope you will join me in watching closely how this issue unfolds during the session.

Issue Number Three in our list of issues to watch for next session is the continuing problem of illegal methamphetamine production. Despite current law that requires people to sign for over the counter drugs that contain pseudoephedrine — the only ingredient used to make illegal meth that can't be substituted for something else — the number of meth labs in Kentucky is skyrocketing. Between 2008 and 2010 alone, the known number of illegal meth labs grew from 428 to 1,078, says the Kentucky State Police.

Two bills have been prefiled for next session that would further limit access to pseudoephedrine and related drugs ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine: My bill known as the "Cheyenne Albro Combat Methamphetamine Act" (BR 396), and BR 403, a bill sponsored by Rep. Linda Belcher, D-Chepherdsville. The bills take different approaches to the problem, with the hallmark of my bill being a precursor block list that would prohibit meth offenders from buying pseudoephedrine or related substances except under strict circumstances, and the hallmark of BR 403 being the reclassification of all over-the-counter non-liquid pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine drugs as prescription drugs. Expect lively debate on both when the session convenes.

I will share more issues we lawmakers are expected to confront next session in my weekly column next week. Have a very Merry Christmas.

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Obituaries



**Jimmie "Jim" Sizemore**  
March 2, 1943-  
December 16, 2011

Jimmie "Jim" Sizemore, 68, of Anderson died Dec. 16, 2011, at Countryside Manor Nursing Home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on March 2, 1943, at Bull Creek. He has been a resident of Anderson, Ind., since 1966. He worked production at Delco Remy for 34 years and retired in 1999. Following his retirement, he worked part-time at Killbuck Golf Course until the spring of 2011.

He was a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church. He was the Past Master of Markleville Masonic Lodge #629. He was a member of the Killbuck Men's Club and Markleville Order of Eastern Star. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing. He was a very devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Connie (Byrne) Sizemore of Anderson, Ind., whom he married on November 19, 1966. A daughter and son-in-law, Brooke and Harold Johnson of Anderson; a granddaughter and "best buddy", Arabelle Johnson of Anderson; 6 Sisters and Brothers-in-law, Sue (Terry) Hann, Louise (Buck) Rodman, and Henri (Bob) Leonard all of Wabash, IN; Dora (Bruce) Gable and Blanche (Mike) Kilander all of South Whitley, IN and Janet (Rodney) Schilling of North Manchester, IN; a Brother, William Sizemore of North Manchester, IN. He is also survived by special family, Marye Smith of Anderson and Bob (Lori) Dickey of Middletown. Several nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

He is preceded in death

by his parents, Henry and Bess Sizemore; a sister, Juanita Castle; 2 brothers-in-law, Ronnie Byrne and Rex Castle; sister-in-law, Bonnie Byrne, and a very special friend, K. Dale Smith.

His funeral services will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 11:30 am at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service with Rev. Dennis Zirkle of Meadowbrook Baptist Church officiating. The burial will take place in Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

The visitation will be on Monday, December 19, 2011 from 4:00-8:00pm at Rozelle-Johnson Funeral Service with a Masonic Service being held at 7:30pm by Markleville Masonic Lodge #629.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Dr. Milligan, Dr. Ross, Dr. Sharief and staff and all the staff at Countryside Manor for all of their loving care and support during his illness.

Memorial Contributions may be given to Meadowbrook Baptist Church or Madison County Humane Society.

E-mail condolences may be sent to RJFuneralSvc@aol.com.

**Wilka D. May**

Wilka D. May, 74, of North Third Street, of Richmond, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011, at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

He was born April 22, 1937, at Bonanza, in Floyd County, to the late Hager and Goldie Erasure May. He was of the Christian Faith and was a retired wholesale food sales manager for Wise Foods.

Mr. May is survived by his wife, Martha "Marty" LeMaster May of Richmond; one daughter, Mary Carol Porter (Mark) of Danville; three sons, Greg, of Richmond; Tim, of Nicholasville, and Jeff, of Grafton, W.Va.; one sister, Evelyn May Adams, of Jupiter, Fla.; two brothers, Willie and Wayne May, both of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Ryan Hager May.

There will be no visitation and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made to Hospice Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond, KY 40475 of the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be expressed at www.orph.com.

**Thurla A. Click Ramey**

Thurla A. Click Ramey went to be with the Lord, Friday, Dec. 16, 2011 from her home in Alexandria, at the age of 93.

She was born Nov. 16, 1918, to the late James B. and Lula Prater Click, of Lansing.

She was the youngest of three children. Thurla was a graduate of Maytown High School (1937), and of the Tri-state School of Cosmetology, Portsmouth, Oh., where she met and married George Howard Ramey, Feb. 6, 1938. They lived there until Howard joined the Navy Oct. 11, 1943, after which she and their young son moved to Maytown. There she helped in the family grocery store.

She was a member of ADAH Chapter 24 of the Eastern Star, Prestonsburg, and of the First Baptist Church of Maytown. She also worked for a governmental health program for three years. When they retired, they lived in Belleview, Fla., until they moved to Alexandria, where they lived until death.

Preceding her in death were her husband, parents, a brother, Thurlal Click, and a sister, Theckla Reffett.

Thurla is survived by two sons, Glen N. Ramey and Stanley Vernon (Diane) Ramey, one grandson, Timothy Wayne (Mona) Ramey, two granddaughters, Allison Jewell and Alysa Jade Ramey.

Funeral service for Thurla A. Click Ramey will be conducted Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Bob Varney officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel. Visitation is after 5 p.m. Tuesday at Hall Funeral Home.



**P'burg Food City raises over \$1,000 to fight hunger**

**Jack Latta**  
Staff Writer

A local charity and Food City partnered up recently and result is over \$1,000 to help feed the hungry this holiday season.

Since 1992 Food City has conducted their annual race against hunger holiday campaign to raise funds for local non-profit hunger relief organizations. The promotion is co-sponsored by Miller Brewing Company and Kellogg's.

This year Food City raised over \$300,000 in its campaign, and \$1,146.84 is earmarked for Floyd County, and the Fitzpatrick First

Baptist Church.

"Hunger is a serious problem in America. Food City and our co-sponsors are proud to be a part of the race against Hunger," says Steven C. Smith, Food City's president and chief executive officer. "We would like to thank our loyal customers and vendor partners for helping Food City make this promotion such a huge success. Their generosity will help feed thousands of our friends and neighbors throughout the region."

Throughout the promotion, \$1, #3, and \$5 scanable cards were available at each Food City checkout. Customers wishing to

make a donation simply selected the desired dollar amount and it was added to their grocery bill. With every dollar contribution made using their Food City ValuCard, customers were electronically entered for a chance to win their choice of a spectacular season of racing at Bristol Motor Speedway or a \$2,500 contribution made to their favorite charity.

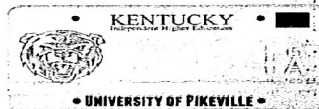
"Millions of Americans need food assistance each year. The Food City Race Against Hunger campaign is one way we can help those most in need," said Ron Bonnack, vice president of marketing for Food City.

**New UPIKE license plate**

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky drivers can now show their support for the University of Pikeville with the newly designed UPIKE license plate. University of Pikeville license plates are available at county clerks' offices across the state.

If you currently have a Pikeville College plate and wish to renew your registration, return the current plate to your local county clerk's office. At that time, you will be presented with the new University of Pikeville license plate and will be charged a renewal fee of \$44.

The registration fee for purchasing a University of Pikeville plate for the first



time is \$56. A current registration and proof of Kentucky insurance are required for license plate renewals. For more information, call (502) 564-1257 or your local county clerk's office.

**Scholarships available to children of veterans**

Folds of Honor Foundation is seeking out children or spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great country for scholarships for post-secondary education.

These scholarships are specifically for individuals either from or attending school in Kentucky or Tennessee.

Folds of Honor originally announced these immediate or future-use scholarships in May. To date, more than 90 scholarships have been awarded.

"We are thrilled to have been able to award these scholarships but we know the need is still great. What better gift at Christmas could there be than the gift of education," said Major Dan Rooney, founder of Folds of Honor. "There are more than 250,000 dependents of fallen and wounded military service men and women from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts alone, and 87 percent do not qualify for federal educational assistance. When it comes to education, our commitment is that we will leave no man, woman or child behind."

Applications are available online for these Folds of Honor Foundation scholarships. Through scholarships, Folds of Honor is able to present an ongoing tribute to our brave service members by ensuring that the families of fallen and wounded warriors have

the right educational start to life and best future possible.

"We have a very simple application process and strongly encourage potential recipients to contact us as soon as possible."

For more information on eligibility and to download applications, visit <http://www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships>.

Scholarships can be used to subsidize the costs of

tuition, textbooks, fees, room and board, special tools and equipment necessary for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other expense that the school in which the student is enrolled may deem appropriate and unmet. Since its inception, Folds of Honor has awarded more than 2,200 scholarships.

More information can be found at <http://www.foldsofhonor.org>.

**In Memory of**  
**Arnold**  
**Manuel Jr.**  
**(Buggs)**  
December 24, 1943  
July 5, 2011

I know you miss me and I don't shed a tear. I'm spending my Birthday and Christmas with Jesus this year.

"It's lonely here without you and we think of you day and night but you are in a better place than we are. We will always love you."

The family of Arnold Manuel Jr.  
Happy Birthday Jr.

*Remembering You at Christmas Time*  
**Anthony Paul Osborne**  
Feb. 19, 1987 - Nov. 10, 2006

**Christmas In Heaven**

I see the countless Christmas trees, around the world below.  
With tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow.  
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear.  
For I am spending CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS CHRIST this year.  
I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear.  
But the sound of music can't compare, with the CHRISTMAS CHORUS here.  
I have no words to tell you, of the JOY their voices bring.  
For it is beyond description, to HEAR THE ANGELS SING.  
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart.  
But, I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.  
So, be happy for me dear ones, for you know I'm spending CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS THIS YEAR.  
I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above: "MY UNDYING LOVE!"

I can't tell you of the SPLENDOR, or the PEACE here in this place.  
Can you just imagine CHRISTMAS WITH OUR SAVIOR, face to face.  
I ask Him to lift your spirit, as I tell Him of your love.  
So then PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, as you lift your eyes above.  
So, have a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and wipe away that tear, please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing.  
For I am spending CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN, and I'm walking WITH THE KING.

**Anthony,**  
You are truly our most precious gift from God above. We thank Him every day for you and your love.

**We love you, and miss you more every day.**  
**We love you, always!**  
Mom, Dad,  
and all the family.

# Drug diversion expert to be featured at national conference

The diversion of controlled pharmaceuticals has reached epidemic proportions in the United States. One of the nation's experts in preventing, detecting and investigating this diversion will be a keynote presenter at the first National Rx Drug Abuse Summit next April.

Joseph T. Rannazzisi, deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Diversion Control in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), brings a unique perspective

to the nation's fight against substance abuse.

"Mr. Rannazzisi's experience with the DEA, combined with his background as a pharmacist and lawyer, provides a unique perspective on stopping illegal activity, while at the same time ensuring these drugs continue to be available for legitimate medical needs," said Karen Kelly, president/CEO of Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education), a Kentucky-based organization coordinating the event.

The Summit, which will be held in Florida April 10-12, 2012, is intended to foster better understanding and cooperation between all groups - state and national leaders, law enforcement officials, medical professionals, community advocates, treatment experts, educators, private industry leaders, and others - who are finding success in battling this nationwide epidemic.

"Diversion of prescription medications from their legitimate medical uses impacts every American, not only through

the devastating personal toll exacted on individuals and their families, but on an economic level as well," Kelly stated. "This Summit encourages proactive dialogue with national experts to identify data-driven policies and solutions."

Rannazzisi is a 25-year career Special Agent who has held supervisory positions over areas such as clandestine labs, dangerous drugs and chemicals, enforcement, and division administration. He was appointed to his current position in 2006.

He is responsible for coordinating and overseeing a major pharmaceutical, precursor chemical, clandestine laboratory and synthetic drug investigations; the drafting and promulgating of regulations; establishing drug production quotas; and serves as liaison to the pharmaceutical industry, international governments, state governments, federal agencies and law enforcement agencies.

Joining Rannazzisi as a keynote presenter during the Summit will be Dr. Nora D. Volkow, director

of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health, one of the nation's foremost experts on the neurological effects of drug addiction.

For more information about the Summit call 1-866-678-6483, visit [www.NationalRxDrugAbuseSummit.org](http://www.NationalRxDrugAbuseSummit.org), or follow news about the event on Twitter using @RxSummit.

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#### Legals

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5569, Renewal No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 40360 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 mile south of Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.40 surface acres and will underlie 1,770.16 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,778.56 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 miles south from KY Route 1426's junction with Hunt Fork County Road and located adjacent to Prater Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Carl Mitchell, et al., Timothy Reynolds, Noah Vance, Willis Trickett, Walker and Ella Hall, Crit and Daisy Mitchell, Samuel Hamilton and Clifford Reynolds.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

#### Legals

#### 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 Viking Acquisition Group, LLC, 205 Westside Road, Summersville, WV 26651, 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 1.25 miles southwest of Hatley in Pike & Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1459's junction with KY State Route 510. The proposed operation is located on Marshall Branch of Long Fork of Shelby Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7&12 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 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

#### Legals

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8.010, Section 18(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

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# "Christmas in the Park" celebration



Hundreds turned out Thursday evening for Prestonsburg's annual "Christmas in the Park" celebration at Archer Park. In addition to taking part in games and face painting, local children had a chance to sit down with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, who gave each child a gift-wrapped present.



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## Poll shows Kentuckians favor statewide smoking ban

FRANKFORT — A statewide smoke-free law is more than a breath of fresh air, according to a majority of Kentuckians in a new poll. They support legislation to ban smoking in indoor public places. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky commissioned the random survey of more than 1,600 Kentuckians.

Sarah Walsh, senior program officer with the Foundation, says the poll shows that more than 54 percent of adults favor a statewide ban on smoking in most public places.

"The majority of Kentuckians do support a statewide smoke-free law to prohibit smoking, you know, in most workplaces - so, bars, restaurants, office buildings - places that are open to the public.

We think that secondhand smoke doesn't belong there - or at least, that's what most Kentuckians think."

Support for a state smoke-free law was higher among voters than among the general public, with nearly six in ten registered voters favoring such a law. Walsh says the survey demonstrates that it's a nonpartisan issue for Kentuckians.

"We had exactly the same level of support, of 55 percent of Democrats and 55 percent of Republicans said, 'Yeah, I think there should be a statewide smoke-free law in Kentucky.'"

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky is joining the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati to gauge public opinion in both areas

about other health issues as well, including prescription drug abuse.


"We think policy is an important tool for impacting the health of the community. And we really think that policymakers need to be informed about local views in order to do that."

This year's findings on the smoke-free issue show an increase in support over last year, when Kentuckians were split on the matter.

State Representative Susan Westrom, a Lexington Democrat, plans to introduce a bill to ban smoking in indoor public places and workplaces in the upcoming legislative session.

The poll can be found online at [www.healthy-ky.org](http://www.healthy-ky.org).

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# Jan. 31 deadline to apply for Rogers Scholars, ELI leadership programs

**SOMERSET** The Center for Rural Development is accepting applications from high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky interested in developing their leadership and entrepreneurial skills for upcoming 2012 summer sessions of Rogers Scholars and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI). Applications for the next scheduled summer classes of Rogers Scholars and ELI will be accepted through Jan. 31. To download application forms for both of The Center's youth leadership programs, visit [www.rogersscholars.com](http://www.rogersscholars.com). Prospective applicants for 2012 Rogers Scholars program may click on a link in the top far right hand corner of the page, entitled "Rogers

Scholars application," for an electronic version of the application form downloaded in Microsoft Word. Application forms for ELI also are located on the Rogers Scholars website by going to Program Updates near the bottom half of the page and clicking on the first link, "2012 ELI Applications Now Available." Rogers Scholars — The Center's flagship youth program — is an intensive one-week summer program that provides leadership and scholarship opportunities for rising high school juniors. Applicants apply during their sophomore year for a chance to be part of The Center's Rogers Scholars program, and share in what many former program

participants have described as "the experience of a lifetime." ELI gives rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors within The Center's 42-county primary service area an in-depth look at what it takes to start their own business ventures during a one-week summer program where participants learn from some of the region's top business and entrepreneurial leaders. "Through Rogers Scholars and ELI, young people are developing the skills they need to seize their potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders," said Emily Phillips, youth programs coordinator and community liaison for The Center. "Both of these summer

youth leadership programs provide essential leadership skills and entrepreneurial training to help our region's youth fulfill their career goals." The 2012 summer sessions of Rogers Scholars will be held June 24-29 for the first group of participants and again from July 8-13 for the final graduating class. The program emphasizes the development of technological skills and instills in participants a sense of leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to rural Kentucky. During ELI, scheduled for June 10-15, participants will work in student teams to create a business proposal and pitch their team's proposal on the final day of the week

to a panel of regional business leaders acting as potential investors. The winning team members of ELI's Business Concept Competition earn scholarship opportunities within the region. Both summer youth leadership programs are held on the grounds of The Center, located in Somerset, Ky., and are supervised by The Center's staff and two summer Resident Assistants (RAs). Rogers Scholars, ELI, and Rogers Explore — all three of The Center's summer youth leadership programs — are supported solely by tax-deductible donations and other charitable contributions and provided tuition-free to participants. Applications forms for 2012 summer sessions of

Rogers Scholars and ELI must be completed and mailed to The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South U.S. 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY 42501, on or before the scheduled Jan. 31 deadline. For more information, or to make a charitable donation to any of these summer youth leadership programs, contact The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000. Questions about the application process for Rogers Scholars or ELI may be directed to Emily Phillips at [ephillips@centertech.com](mailto:ephillips@centertech.com). To watch a 30-second promotional video on The Center's youth fundraising campaign, featuring guest appearances by several past program participants, visit [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com).

## Grants

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The FHLBank sets aside 10 percent of net earnings for the congressionally established AHP, which helps create housing for very low-, low- and moderate-income residents. Promod Bishnoi, executive director for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, says that he hopes that construction will begin on the new facilities this spring once they secure more funding. "We have applied for additional funding through Kentucky Housing Corporation and we should know sometime in January and February," said Bishnoi. The projects targeted for these grants includes the following: The Martin County project received a \$700,000 Affordable

Housing Program grant to help construct a 14-unit multifamily building in Debord, for very low-income, special needs tenants who have been homeless. According to FHLBank, Additional financing for the \$1.5 million Permanent Housing project includes a federal HOME grant, a foundation grant, donated grants, a cash contribution from Citizens National Bank, and the \$700,000 AHP grant. The Pike County project received a \$400,000 Affordable Housing Program grant to help construct an eight-unit multifamily building in Eikeville, for very low-income tenants with special needs who had been homeless. "We have a lot of our clients who have developmental or intellectual disabilities

who are higher functioning and can live on their own as long as they are provided with support," says Bishnoi of the tenants MCC expects to occupy the new facilities. Tenants of both new facilities will have access to budget and credit counseling, as well as health and mental health services. According to FHLBank, financing for the \$1.1 million Shelby Valley Independent Living Apartments project also will include a Federal HOME grant, a grant from the Kentucky Housing Corp., and American Electric Power grant, a Kentucky Social Welfare Grant, other grants, as well as a cash contribution from Citizens National Bank in addition to the \$400,000 AHP grant. The awards to Mountain Comprehensive Care Center and Citizens

National Bank are among 54 grants in 2011, totaling \$21.8 million to help create 1,683 units of affordable housing. Since the AHP was created in 1989, \$434 million in AHP funds have been awarded to help create more than 58,000 units of affordable housing for eligible families and individuals. For more information and details of AHP programs, visit the FHLBank web site at <http://www.fhlbcin.com>. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati is a \$67 billion regional wholesale bank providing financial services for residential housing and economic development to 741 member financial institutions located in the Fifth FHLBANK district of Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. The FHL Bank is rated AAA by Moody's.

## Roundup

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Officials with UNITE say they still have warrants left to serve, including at least four people who currently live in other counties. By 2:30 p.m., police had arrested eight other people, including: • George Adkins, 63, Route 3379, Grethel, two counts first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and persistent felony offender. • Joshua Blanton, 24, Myrtle Branch, Prestonsburg, cultivating of marijuana (30 plants). • Donna Case, 51, Little Mud, Harold, one count each second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. • Finley Case, 45, Little Mud, Harold, one count each second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. • Ronald Gayheart, 59, Middle Branch, McDowell, one count first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts possession of

a handgun by a convicted felon, and two counts possession of a shotgun by a convicted felon. • Anthony Gunnels, 37, River Pass Road, Harold, three counts second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. • Randall Ratliff, 37, Big Branch Hollow Road, Harold, one count second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. • Tracy Risner, 23, Madison Avenue, Prestonsburg, one count second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. Later in the day, police reported also arresting Ricky Crider and Gary Butcher, but did not provide any additional information about those two suspects. According to Blackburn, the investigation lasted for more than six months and is tied to the various pipelines running into the state from Florida, Georgia and Michigan. Blackburn says that the roundup is a "very sad" job to do around the holidays, but said that the number of people wanting to sell illegal drugs goes up during the Christmas season.

## Vote

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because he is not satisfied with the amount of financial reporting the county is receiving about Southern Water, even though the county is paying the bulk of Southern Water's bond. "We're paying this bond and we have been for five years," Goble said, during a meeting of the fiscal court Friday. "I don't mind paying it, because the people need the service, but we need to know what condition they're in."

Seemingly surprised by the request, County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said there was nothing Goble was requesting that wasn't public record, available not only to the fiscal court, but to anyone who requested it. District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers seconded Goble's motion, but they were the only two who voted in favor of the request. District 2 Magistrate Hattie Owens and District 3 Magistrate Warren Jarrell voted against the motion,

and Marshall broke the tie by also voting against it. The request by Goble was the only hiccup during a mostly routine meeting. In other action, the court: • Approved a request by Marshall to pay \$50,000 to Floyd County Senior Citizens. Marshall said the amount represented one of four such payments the court had previously agreed to provide to Floyd County Senior Citizens, but would simply be paid one month early. Marshall said the program is "in dire

need" of funds, leading to his request for the early payment. The motion passed unanimously. • Approved a \$1.4 million budget for the sheriff's office and set a salary cap of \$792,900 for deputies and other employees of the department. • Approved a \$12.7 million budget for the county clerk's office and set a salary cap of \$700,000 for deputy clerks. • Paid bills and made transfers between accounts.

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## Annual Awards Banquet



Floyd County Rescue Squad members gathered at Big Sandy Community and Technical College last Thursday for their annual awards banquet. Special guest speakers included House Speaker Greg Stumbo, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, and Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

## Catron named damage prevention coordinator for Columbia Gas of Kentucky

LEXINGTON — Ken Catron has been named Damage Prevention Coordinator for Columbia Gas of Kentucky. In this role, Catron will work with excavators throughout the company's service area, providing education about Kentucky's law that requires excavators to "call before you dig."

By simply calling 811, callers are connected to Kentucky 811 which coordinates locate requests for member utility companies at no charge to callers.

Last year in Kentucky, Columbia Gas responded to hundreds of calls for broken natural gas service lines and main lines. "About one-third of the line breaks we

respond to are the result of excavators not calling to have underground lines located prior to beginning their work," said Dave Mueller, Columbia Gas of Kentucky operations center manager.

"Digging into underground utility lines can be dangerous," Mueller said. "And with a free location service available, there is no reason for anyone to take a chance on hitting a gas line."

Anyone planning to dig should call the Kentucky 811 at least two business days, but not more than 10 business days, prior to beginning work. Once the call is made, member utility companies of Kentucky 811 in the area of the excavation



are notified, and each utility marks its lines.

Catron is a 32-year employee of Columbia Gas of Kentucky and brings a wealth of operations experience to his new role. Catron graduated from

Montgomery County High School and Morehead State University.

He and his wife, Lori, live in Winchester where he is a high school and college basketball official in his spare time.

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## Blackcats drop road game to Pikeville

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PIKEVILLE** — Following a hard-fought 57-46 victory over East Ridge two nights earlier, Prestonsburg rode some momentum into Pikeville Thursday evening for a boys' high school basketball bout against a longtime rival. But Pikeville was ready for the Blackcats. The Panthers used a scoring edge in three out of four quarters to fend off Prestonsburg, defeating the Blackcats 76-59 at the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium.

Pikeville, the 15th Region runner-up from one year ago, improved to 4-1 after posting

the win.

Prestonsburg slipped to 2-3 following the loss.

Two Pikeville players combined to outscore visiting Prestonsburg. High-scoring junior guard Ethan Rowe paced Pikeville with a game-high 36 points. Recent Morehead State University golf signee Wes Branham added 24 points for the Panthers.

Pikeville owned a lead at the conclusion of each quarter. The Panthers outscored Prestonsburg 18-11 in the opening quarter and carried a 33-26 lead into halftime.

Pikeville remained in control throughout the

second half, outscoring Prestonsburg 23-16 in the third quarter.

Senior forward Jared Tackett and sophomore guard Jacob Hamilton aided the Pikeville offensive attack with seven points apiece. Sophomore center Larry Keene chipped in two points for the Panthers.

Junior guard Bryson Williams paced Prestonsburg with 23 points. Williams was one of three Prestonsburg scorers to reach double figures. Senior forward Joseph Jamerson scored 16 points and senior center/forward Corey Bentley added 12 for the Blackcats. Grant Anderson (four

points), Adam Crisp (three points) and Jarrin Hall (one point) also scored for Prestonsburg in the loss.

Prestonsburg and Pikeville are not scheduled to meet again this season.

### PIKEVILLE 76, PRESTONSBURG 59

Prestonsburg (2-3): Jamerson 16, Bentley 12, Williams 23, Crisp 3, Anderson 4, Hall 1, Pikeville (4-1): Tackett 7, Hamilton 7, Branham 24, Rowe 36, Keene 2, Prestonsburg.....11 15 16 17-59  
Pikeville.....18 15 23 20-76



Senior forward Joseph Jamerson scored 16 points for Prestonsburg in the loss to host Pikeville.

## Bobcats beat Belfry, move to 6-0

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BELFRY** — Senior Andrew Roberts scored a game-high 16 points and Dylan Meade added 15 points on Friday night as visiting Betsy Layne defeated Belfry 64-52. Landon Hale accompanied Roberts and Meade in double figures, scoring 13 points for the Bobcats. Belfry led Betsy Layne on the boards, grabbing a team-high nine rebounds.

Betsy Layne won despite shooting only 38.6 percent (22-of-57) from the field. Betsy Layne was 4-of-18 from 3-point range.

The Bobcats fared better at the free throw line, draining 16-of-24 foul shots.

Undeclared Betsy Layne improved to 6-0. Belfry dropped to 0-3 following the loss.

Betsy Layne excelled early, outscoring Belfry 15-8 in the opening quarter. The Bobcats took a hard-fought 27-22 lead into halftime. Finishing strong, Betsy Layne owned a 37-30 scoring edge over Belfry in the second half.

Freshman guard/forward Peyton Case narrowly missed double figures, netting nine points for the Bobcats. Junior guard Garran Newsome scored five points, senior guard Cody Luster flipped in four and freshman forward/center Charles Daniels added two for the Betsy Layne squad. Meade and Case rounded up seven rebounds apiece for the Bobcats in the winning effort.

Belfry shot 43.8-percent (21-of-48). The Pirates, however, connected on only 2-of-10 3-point field goal attempts while shooting just 50-percent (8-of-16) from the free throw line. Belfry managed to out rebound Betsy Layne 32-29.

Four of Belfry's six scorers reached double figures in the loss. Junior center/forward Tony Messer led Belfry with 13 points. Following closely behind, senior guard Gary Rymon added 11 points for the Pirates. Senior guard Nick Turner and junior guard Josh Robinson added 10 points apiece for Belfry in the setback.

Betsy Layne will host Allen Central on Friday, Dec. 23 for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference game.

### BETSY LAYNE 64, BELFRY 52

Betsy Layne (6-0): Roberts 16, Hale 13, Meade 15, Newsome 5, Case 9, Luster 4, C. Daniels 2  
Belfry (0-3): Turner 10, Charles 5, Messer 13, Robinson 10, Rymon 11, Duly 3  
Betsy Layne.....15 12 13 24-64  
Belfry.....8 14 11 19-52



Andrew Roberts (16) scored a game-high 16 points to lead Betsy Layne past Belfry Friday night.



## Santa's helpers borrow signature sleigh

Times Staff Report

**WHITESBURG** — When the signature edition Kelly Wells-UPIKE Ford F-150 truck rolled up it was a welcome sight to the man they call the "Mountain Santa Claus." Filled with bicycles and toys, the makeshift sleigh delivered hundreds of gifts specially chosen to bring smiles to children of all ages.

Sponsored by the University of Pikeville, (UPIKE) Appalachian Wireless, Bruce Walters Ford, Walmart and East Kentucky Broadcasting (EKB), the special delivery will benefit Marlow Tackett's annual Christmas giveaway on Sunday, Dec. 18, in Letcher County in the former Food World building at the Walmart Plaza. Now in its 33rd year, the event will serve families from Letcher, Pike, Floyd and surrounding counties and communities in Virginia.

"Bruce Walters had the idea to load up the F-150 with gifts," said EKB President and General Manager Keith Casebolt. "A lot of families need help right now so we called some of our friends to lend a hand."

"Any time you have an opportunity,

to make a difference in a child's life it is a blessing. I am thrilled to be a part of giving back," said Kelly Wells, head men's basketball coach at the University of Pikeville.

The signature truck-turned-sleigh was designed by Bruce Walters Ford to honor Wells, the national coach of the year who led the Bears' basketball team to their 2011 NALIA National Championship.

"This brings back memories," said UPIKE Vice President James Hurley as he carried an armful of toys to the truck. "Years ago our basketball coach volunteered the team to load and unload trucks for Marlow's Christmas party. It was a good experience then and just as meaningful today. This University has always been involved in the community we serve."

Employees at the Walmart in Whitesburg also lent a hand loading and unloading the truck.

"Nothing says Christmas like the gift of giving," said Dwayne Moore, Walmart market manager for the region. "Eastern Kentucky has been a great us over the years. This is just a little bit of what we can do to give back."

## Bears nail 17 3s, defeat No. 24 IUS 95-66

Times Staff Report

**PIKEVILLE** — A more intense version of University of Pikeville Bears — and Coach Kelly Wells — gave their fans an early Christmas gift in the form of 17 made three-point bombs en route to a 95-66 win over NALIA Div. II No. 24 Indiana-Southeast Thursday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Pikeville (8-4) finished

the game a remarkable 17-of-30 from the arc and forced IUS into 17 turnovers thanks to 11 steals in the win, which ended a stretch of four losses in five games.

It wasn't just the three-point shooting. The Bears shared the basketball to the tune of 24 assists on their 34 made baskets. They hit 57.6 percent — 60 percent after halftime — and cruised to the win.

A couple of streaks — one in each half — was the

difference. After a three-point play by freshman Spencer Allman gave the Grenadiers their only lead of the night, Pikeville went on a 17-2 run to take command.

The stretch, which lasted 4:04, included two threes each by senior Chris McHenry and junior Trevor Setty and a three-point play by junior Kenny Rhymes. Setty's came on back-to-back trips to end the run and make it 17-5 with 15:04

to play. IUS (9-5) — which had five losses to NCAA Div. II No. 1 Bellarmine, No. 3 Southern Indiana and losses to Mid-South members Georgetown and Cumberland by a total of 29 points — got no closer than six the rest of the half and trailed 43-31 at the break.

The lead was 53-39 when the Bears exploded in the second half. A seven-minute stretch saw junior Chris

Watson seven points as the Bears rumped on an 18-2 excursion, and when senior Andrew Young sank a free throw with 8:58 left the lead had reached 30 at 71-41.

Pikeville led by 36 on two occasions before settling for a 29-point win.

Four Bears reached double figures, led by McHenry and Setty, who combined for nine three-

## Lady Pirates fend off Betsy Layne girls

STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BELFRY** — Belfry snapped a three-game losing streak Friday night with a win over the Betsy Layne Ladycats. Host Belfry doubled up Betsy Layne 18-9 in the first quarter and later pulled away to win 61-48.

Belfry improved to 2-3 overall while Betsy Layne slipped to 3-4.

Betsy Layne suffered its third straight loss. The Lady Pirates returned to the win column following back-to-back-to-back losses to Pikeville, Letcher County Central and Shelby Valley.

Senior guard Bethany Tackett was the go-to-scorer for Belfry as she netted a game-high 19 points. Caitlyn Woolom, a senior forward, scored 15 points and junior guard Jackelyn Stack posted 11 for the Lady Pirates.

Belfry shot 40.9-percent (18-of-44) from the field. The Lady Pirates were 6-of-14 from 3-point range.

Belfry fared particularly well at the free throw line, converting on 19-of-24 free throw attempts. Emily Baker scored eight points and Connie Elkins chipped in six for Belfry in the win.

Belfry led 30-22 at intermission. The Lady Pirates packed a 40-30 lead out of the third quarter.

Connie Elkins claimed a game-high nine rebounds for the Lady Pirates. Tackett, Baker and Woolom each had five rebounds for Belfry in the short effort.

Junior guard/forward T.J. Tackett paced Betsy Layne with 14 points. Tackett led a trio of Betsy Layne scorers that reached double figures. Junior guard Paige Watkins scored 11 points and sophomore center Kelsi Tackett contributed 10 for the Ladycats.

Freshman guard Timera Thacker tossed in six points, sophomore forward Bailey Recznik netted five and freshman guard Chloe Johnson contributed two for Betsy Layne in the loss.

The Ladycats are scheduled to host Belfry Feb. 13 in a late-regular-season game.

### BELFRY 61, BETSY LAYNE 48

Betsy Layne (3-4): Watkins 11, T. Tackett 14, K. Tackett 10, Thacker 6, Recznik 5, Johnson 2  
Belfry (2-3): Woolom 15, Stack 11, Baker 8, Elkins 6, Tackett 19, Gilman 2  
Betsy Layne.....9 13 818-48  
Belfry.....18 12 10 21-61

# Catch some fish during Christmas break

LEE McCLELLAN  
KENTUCKYFIELD

**FRANKFORT** - Most of us get some time off during the upcoming holidays. With all of the stress surrounding Christmas, what a better way to blow off some steam and get away from work and family obligations than hearing your drag screech from a trophy fish.

Winter is one the most productive trophy fishing times of the year for sauger, striped bass and even largemouth bass from farm ponds if the weather conditions cooperate.

Sauger bite better as the temperatures drop in December and January. They are arguably the most consistent biter of any fish in winter. Plus, sauger filets taste fantastic, comparable to walleye in flavor and firmness of the meat.

The tailraces of reservoir dams and the areas immediately downstream of locks and dams on the major rivers make the highest percentage spots

to consistently catch winter sauger. As the water cools in winter, they stack up below these dams in impressive numbers. Locks and dams on the Ohio River from Meldahl Lock and Dam near Foster, Kentucky in Bracken County downstream to Smithland Lock and Dam near Smithland in Livingston County all produce excellent winter sauger fishing.

The locks and dams in the Kentucky River also offer highly productive sauger fishing all winter long, due to a stocking effort from the fisheries division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Population sampling earlier this year showed sauger up to 18 inches long in the Kentucky River below Lock and Dam 5 near Tyrone, but they exist in good numbers up and down the river.

Sauger are also increasingly showing up in the Cumberland River just below Wolf Creek Dam. They also swim in great numbers below

in the Tennessee River below Kentucky Lake and in the Cumberland River downstream of Lake Barkley.

Sauger hit lures that imitate shad. Four-inch shad-shaped swimbaits work great on these fish as do white, chartreuse and lime green curly-tailed grubs. Sauger live on or near the bottom, so use a heavy enough leadhead to get these lures down to them. Bring plenty as you will get hung up often. Small silver jiggging spoons also work well for sauger, but a leadhead tipped with a crappie minnow may work best of all.

Those same tailraces areas below locks and dams on the Ohio River and below Kentucky and Barkley dams hold excellent numbers of striped bass that bite all winter long. Live shad drifted in the current work well for these bruisers as do heavy white doll flies cast into the roiling water.

Striped bass are currently in the heads of creeks on Lake Cumberland and remarkably shallow for

this time of year. The upper lake runs murky to muddy with quite a bit of drift in the water right now, so the lower lake from Jamestown Marina to Wolf Creek Dam is the best area to fish.

Anglers report thick schools of shad in the upper most section of the creeks and striped bass-sized chartreuse hair jigs and jig spinners are producing fish. Bottom fishing on main lake points with shiners or shad is also working well for stripers, plus an occasional smallmouth bass.

Another excellent winter fishing opportunity is our catch and release trout streams. Trout are a cold water species and winter's howling winds and cold nights don't bother them at all. Anglers may only use artificial lures on these streams from Oct. 1 to March 31. You may not use the organic pastes or nuggets such as PowerBait during this season. These streams revert to statewide regulations for the rest of the year.

Both spinning and fly-casting anglers can catch

trout all winter long from the catch and release streams. Fly anglers need to get their offerings near the bottom in winter and nymphs, smaller stone fly imitations and small leech patterns work well in winter.

Small 1/32-ounce brown or olive marabou jigs produce winter trout in these streams. Work them slowly on the bottom in the deeper holes as you would for smallmouth bass. Black, red or grey in-line spinners also draw strikes from hungry trout in December and January. These streams flow extremely clear during winter, so use no more than 4-pound test monofilament or fluorocarbon.

Consult the 2011-2012 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide for a list of the catch and release trout streams or visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). Some of the best ones are East Fork, Indian Creek in the Red River Gorge National Geologic Area in Menifee County, Otter Creek at the Otter Creek

Park Outdoor Recreation Area in Meade County, Casey Creek in Trigg County and Rock Creek in the Daniel Boone National Forest in McCreary County.

A warm front of three days or more of a warm rain brings largemouth bass to the shallow ends of farm ponds during winter. A 3-inch black grub rigged weedless on a 1/16-ounce leadhead is a deadly lure for these fish. A brown or black hair jig in the same weight fished without a trailer also works for winter farm pond largemouth bass. Work these lures as slowly as possible as to entice lethargic winter largemouths. You won't get many strikes, but the largemouths that do strike are usually large females, using a productive feeding situation to nourish the developing eggs in their bellies.

The holiday season is one of the most overlooked and productive time of year to fish. Plus, you likely won't see another angler all day. Get out of the house and enjoy it.

## Hunters take four black bears during annual season

Times Staff Report

**FRANKFORT** - Hunters took four black bears during Kentucky's third season for the bruins, held during the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

Neil Perkins, of Hallie, took a 350-pound male bear in Letcher County that is the heaviest bear taken since Kentucky's first bear season in 2009, said Steven Doherty, bear program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Hunters took two bears in Letcher County and two in Harlan County.

Snow and ice storms created difficult hunting conditions during Kentucky's two previous bear seasons. A total of six

bears have now been taken in three seasons. Hunters purchased 484 permits for the 2011 hunt.

Black bears moved into Kentucky by natural range expansion from West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. At the present time only three southeastern counties — Harlan, Letcher and Pike — are open to bear hunting in Kentucky.

"Our highest bear densities are on Pine Mountain, which runs through Harlan and Letcher counties and extends into Pike County along its southeastern boundary," said Doherty. "Harlan and Letcher counties border Virginia, which has had a fall bear season for decades." Hunters are required

to register their harvest online or over the telephone through the state's Telecheck system. Hunters are also required to bring the bears to a check station where biologists can collect information on the bear's age, sex, weight, body measurements, and the presence of tags or tattoos used to mark some animals.

Perkins' bear had some history. "We had captured him in May 2010 in Hyden for nuisance-related behavior, and released on Hensley-Pine Mountain WMA," said Doherty. "At that time he weighed about 200 pounds."

Doherty said the bear likely weighed more than 400 pounds before it was field dressed.

## Betsy Layne holds off Pike Central

STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BUCKLEYS CREEK** - The Betsy Layne Bobcats remained undefeated last Tuesday night (Dec. 13), handling host Pike County Central 43-36.

Betsy Layne moved to 5-0 after posting the win.

Remaining winless, Pike County Central slipped to 0-4 following the loss.

Betsy Layne was 16-of-46 from the field. The Bobcats were 3-of-11 from 3-point range.

Betsy Layne hit half of its free throw attempts in the non-district game, draining 8-of-16 charity shots.

Former Pike County Central player Dylan Meade paced Betsy Layne

with 14 points. Meade is in his first season as a Bobcat following a transfer from neighboring Pike County Central.

Andrew Roberts joined Meade in double figures, adding 11 points for the Bobcats.

Peyton Case pushed in nine points. Landon Hale scored four, Garran Newsome netted three and Blake Spencer contributed two for Betsy Layne in the victory.

Betsy Layne outrebounded Pike County Central 27-22.

Roberts led Betsy Layne on the glass, grabbing eight rebounds. Hale had five rebounds while Case and Cody Luster claimed four caroms apiece.

Dustin Rogers added

three rebounds for the Bobcats.

Pike County Central shot 30-percent (12-of-40) from the field while hitting only one-of-11 3-point field goal attempts. The Hawks were 11-of-18 from the free throw line.

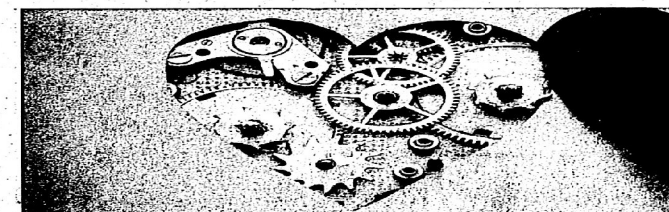
Owen Caudill paced Pike County Central with nine points.

Blake Clark and Cory Shous chipped in six points apiece for the Hawks in the rough outing.

In other individual scoring, Ethan Blackburn and Braxton Tibbs tossed in four points apiece for Pike County Central in the setback.

Betsy Layne registered 14 steals in the low-scoring non-district matchup.

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## Bears

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pointers and had 19 markers apiece. The two were active on both ends; McHenry had six assists and three steals while Setty contributed four andout and two thefts. Both had three rebounds.

Rhymes tossed in 15 and had a team-best eight rebounds while senior

Chris Puckett nailed 3-of-4 from the arc for 13 points.

Indiana-Southeast had only one player in double figures. Sophomore Wes Cox came off the bench for 12 points. Sophomore Joe Lawson had eight points and a team-high eight rebounds.

The Grenadiers, who came into the game second

in the nation with 136 made three-point shots on the season, struggled to a 4-of-16 performance at the hands of the aggressive Bears.

Pikeville is off until Dec. 29 when it plays Emmanuel College in Babson Park, Fla. The Bears return home on Jan. 5 when they play Campbellsville in an MSC doubleheader.

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# UPIKE signs Chase Robinson

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — Coach Kelly Wells and his talented coaching staff wasted no time in adding a player to the men's basketball roster at the University of Pikeville.

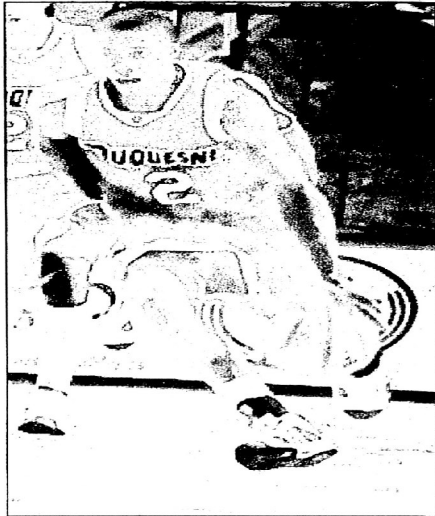
The staff has announced the signing of Chase Robinson to a scholarship agreement.

Robinson is a 6-3 junior guard from Huntsville, Ala., and will be eligible to play once he is cleared by the NADA clearinghouse called PlayNADA. This means he could be available when the team returns to action on Thursday, Dec. 29 against Emmanuel, Ga., College in the Webber International Classic at Babson Park, Fla.

"He'll add a veteran point/slash shooting guard to our roster," said Wells, whose team entered the Christmas break at 8-1 after a 95-66 win over NADA Div. II No. 24 Indiana-Southeast on Thursday night. "He will be the right fit for our system and for our program, which is something we have put a lot of emphasis on. And he has two years remaining for us. We like what we have in Chase."

Robinson played two seasons at Duquesne, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. He played in 22 games for the Dukes, scoring a career high five points against High Point on Nov. 14, 2008. He sat out last season at Kennesaw State University.

Robinson averaged 23.3 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.0 assists per game as a



Chase Robinson is the latest signee for the University of Pikeville men's basketball program. Robinson could play for the Bears before the end of the month.

senior at Lee High School in Huntsville, and was named first-team all-state in Class 5A, and was a finalist for Mr. Basketball in Alabama as presented by the Alabama Sports Writers Association. He had a career-high 40 points that season against Leeds High

School. As a junior, he averaged 19.5 points, 10 rebounds and four assists and was named Co-MVP of the Huntsville Times Classic. He was named first-team at the 2008 adidas Superstar Summer Camp.

# UK signee on Naismith Preseason Watch List

Times Staff Report

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball signee Alex Poythress is among the top six senior boys named to the Naismith Trophy High School Player of the Year preseason watch list as announced by the Atlanta Tipoff Club.

Poythress is currently a senior at Clarksville Northeast High School in Clarksville, Tenn. where he is averaging 29.0 points through nine games this season.

The watch list was comprised by leading basketball journalists from around the country who form the national voting

academy, and identify players under consideration for the award.

Scout.com ranks Poythress 16th overall in the class of 2012 and the No. 3 small forward. ESPN Recruiting has him 17th overall and No. 4 at his position, while Rivals.com ranks him 19th overall and No. 8 at his position.

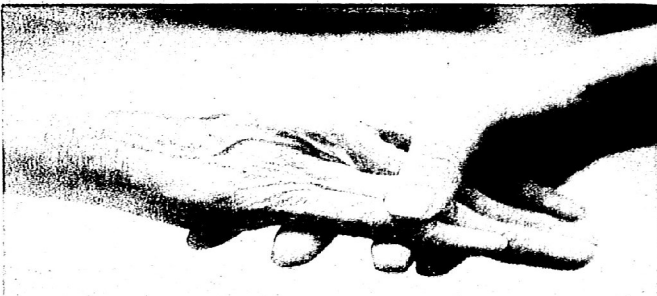
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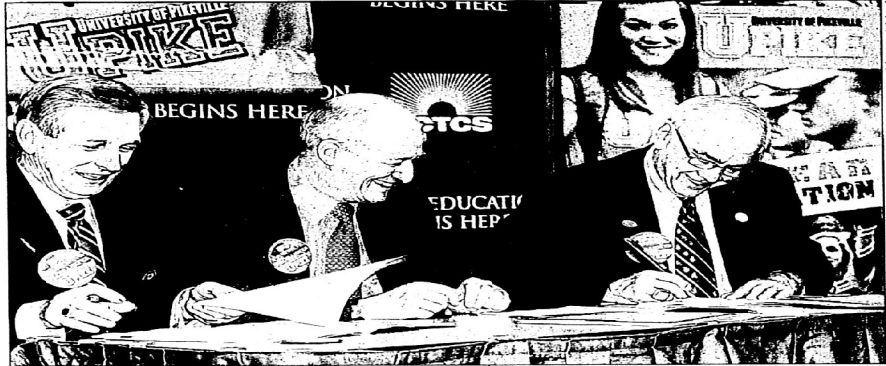
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KCTCS, UPIKE sign statewide online transfer agreement

VERSAILLES — Transferring to a four-year institution became easier for Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) students with the signing of a statewide agreement with the University of Pikeville (UPIKE). The agreement allows KCTCS students to be jointly enrolled at both institutions and enables KCTCS students with designated associate degrees to receive a bachelor degree in 10 different programs. Upon completion of the associate degree outlined in the agreement, KCTCS graduates who meet the admissions requirements and academic policies of UPIKE will be eligible for admission to the following bachelor degree programs:
• The associate in applied science degree in criminal justice to the bachelor of arts or science in criminal justice;
• The associate in applied science degree in human services to the bachelor of arts or science in social work;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of science in biology;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of science in business administration;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in communication;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in elementary education;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in education;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in middle grades education;
• The associate in arts or the associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in psychology;
• The associate in arts or associate in science degree to the bachelor of arts or science in religion;
• This historic agreement between UPIKE and KCTCS is a significant step forward in providing the citizens of this state with the college access they need to achieve their education dreams," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. "Partnerships between KCTCS and the state's four-year institutions are critical to providing Kentuckians with the access to higher education they need to succeed in today's knowledge-based economy and increasing the number of baccalaureate degrees."
Students seeking admission to UPIKE must (1) complete the designated associate degree, (2) meet UPIKE's requirements for admission which include a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for all classes taken, and (3) apply to and be accepted into one of the 10 UPIKE bachelor programs outlined in the agreement. Details and application materials are maintained on UPIKE's website.
The KCTCS/UPIKE Joint Admission/Joint Enrollment Program is a special alliance between KCTCS and Pikeville. This partnership was developed to make the transition from KCTCS to Pikeville as smooth as possible for KCTCS students. Specifically, students who participate in the KCTCS/UPIKE Joint Admission/Joint Enrollment Program will receive additional advising support; can enroll in courses at UPIKE while they are enrolled in classes at KCTCS, and at a reduced tuition rate. Additionally, students who successfully complete this program are eligible for guaranteed admission to UPIKE.
"The University of Pikeville is pleased to enter into this partnership," said UPIKE President Paul E. Patton. "KCTCS does a great job of providing a high quality, affordable associate degree. This transfer agreement will build upon the strong community college foundation and encourage a smooth transition to a bachelor's degree program at the University of Pikeville. Creating more opportunities for student success is something both institutions value."
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

How chicken manure could save lives

Sandy Miller Hays
Agricultural Research Service

You might not want to hear this—but an important ingredient in our being able to feed the planet 50 years from now could well be made from animal manure. It's not really as bad as it sounds; this magic material could also be made from peanut hulls, pecan shells, switchgrass, and even hardwood waste products. And we're not going to actually eat this stuff; it would be added to our soils, to make it possible for crops to get the most out of every possible drop of water lurking there.

The material is biochar, the charred biomass created from wood, plant material and even manure. It's been used to improve soil fertility and remediate environmental contaminants, but the scientists at the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) say it can do much, much more.

The ARS scientists are studying biochar's benefits at multiple locations, but they say preliminary results indicate that adding it to agricultural soils could not only rebuild soil fertility, but also boost nutrients and—perhaps best of all—water retention.

What's more, biochar is capable of "sequestering" carbon from plant materials by storing it underground, where it slowly decomposes and makes only a minimal contribution to the emission of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide. So that charred animal manure can help clean up the air we breathe!

The ARS scientists have been carrying out their studies in Iowa, Idaho, Kentucky, Minnesota, South Carolina and Texas. They've found that hardwood biochar

can improve soil structure and increase the ability of sandy soils to retain water.

But they're finding that not all biochar is created equal. How the biochar performs can vary widely, depending on the "starting material" (that is to say, whether it's made from hardwood leftovers, plant matter or manure); the time that the biochar spends in the apparatus called a pyrolyzer, which is what's used to break down the biomass in the absence of oxygen; the temperature that's used during that process, called pyrolysis; the moisture content of the basic material; and other factors.

Because of structural differences, some biochars break down more quickly in soil than others. Biochars can also differ in particle size, porosity, surface area, pH, and biologically active and available compounds.

The ARS scientists are collaborating to manufacture what might be called "designer biochars," with properties tailored to remediate specific soil characteristics. For example, one study focused on figuring out which biochars could improve the sandy soils found on the Carolina coastal plain and in the silt loam soils of the Pacific Northwest, which are derived from volcanic ash and windblown sediment known as "loess."

In that study, the scientists made biochars from nut shells, poultry litter, switchgrass and hardwood waste products. By pyrolyzing the materials at different temperatures, they were able to produce nine different types of designer biochars.

Then they mixed the biochars into one type of sandy soil and two silt loam soils at the rate of about 20

tons per acre. The test soils were leached with water every two months.

After four months, the team found that the biochars based on switchgrass and hardwoods increased soil moisture storage in all three soils, but the biochar from the other biomass sources did not. They saw the greatest moisture increase in soils that had been treated to switchgrass biochar produced with high-temperature pyrolysis—almost 3 to 6 percent higher than in a soil sample without the biochar.

The biochars produced at higher temperatures also reduced soil acidity, and the biochar made from poultry litter greatly increased soil levels of available phosphorus and sodium.

But, you may be asking, how is this going to help feed the world of our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren?

Here's the answer: Adding the biochar made from switchgrass could extend the "window of soil water availability by as much as 3.6 days for a soybean crop in coastal Carolina's sandy soils, and could increase soil water availability for crops grown in Pacific Northwest silt loam soils by as much as 2.5 days.

Some say the factor most likely to determine who gets to eat 100 years from now will be water availability—and biochar can make that water more available for more crops. So my hat's off to biochar!

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.



# Community Calendar

*Calendar items will be printed space permits. Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 350, 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-served basis as space permits.*

### New Opportunity School for Women

The New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) in Berea is accepting applications for the 2012 Winter Residential Session Feb. 5-25. Deadline to submit is Dec. 15. The NOSW assists women of Appalachia and Kentucky in their pursuit of employment, education, and personal growth. To request an application contact the NOSW at (859) 985-7200, or info@nosw.org. Additional details available on our Website www.nosw.org.

### Volunteer mentors wanted

Mentoring for a Second Chance is a jail-based service program designed to help reduce recidivism and promote positive growth, by linking nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community.

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

### Veterans service officer

VFW Post 5839 in Lancer will have a service officer available every Wednesday, from noon until 4 p.m. Some services offered will be initial claim filing, upgrades, appeals, permanent and total claims and others.

Contact (606) 886-9428 or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

### Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call

John 791-9887.

### Communities Against Drug Addition

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

### Autism Awareness & Support Group

2nd Monday of each month. Calvary Call Church, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chaff, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

### Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0320 for information.

### Non-profit agency needs foster parents

A non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation/ bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at: <http://www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/>

### Foster parent info

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

### Auxiliary Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxiliary 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.

### Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

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### OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

### Auxiliary 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.

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

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

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

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

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

### Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Hope Initiative 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 our office at 21 South River 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 788-1005 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?

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for

kids of all ages. The Birthday Express package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

### Senior employment program

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

### Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

### Overeater's Anonymous

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

### US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group

For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month,

at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets 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.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-4605. 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 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 offices, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Debra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

### East Kentucky STARS

Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

### Narcotics Anonymous (NA)

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

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