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Beating case ends in mistrial

Jack Lat
Staff Writer

PRESTSBURG — The trial of five men accused of beating a man to death Thursday, after the judge ruled the jury pool had been tainted.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, the trial had only just begun when an errant question by a defense

attorney led the proceedings into a gray area.

The defendants, Ivan Gunnels Jr., 31, of Eastern; Christopher N. Newsome, 38, of Harlot; Kevin Woods, 28, of Allen; Matthew Ritchie, 26, of Garrett; and Stephen Jarvis, 50, of Prestonsburg, were each represented by their own attorneys. Each man is charged with one count of complicity to first-degree assault in the beating of Fisher.

According to Turner, the

commonwealth agreed with defense attorneys not to bring up the fact that the cell in which all of the men were housed, Cell 59, was the cell used to hold inmates accused of sex offenses. Turner said defense attorneys did not wish for their clients to be misrepresented as sex offenders in the eyes of the jury.

But once trial began, it was attorney Will Collins' questioning of witness Parker Derossett that brought the

matter up. Collins represents Matthew Richie.

Turner said Collins questioned Derossett about the procedures used to protect accused sex offenders, and if there was a special cell for them. When Derossett answered that Cell 59 was the cell used to house sex offenders, Turner said the other defense attorneys "all objected and went crazy."

Turner said it was nothing that the commonwealth did,

but Collins' line of questioning that opened the door to the jury learning of Cell 59's status as a sex offender cell.

"It's frustrating on our end," said Turner. "We did what we were supposed to do."

According to Turner, there will likely be a status conference in a month, but that the trial will be pushed back until a new jury pool can be seated, sometime this summer.

On Aug. 10, 2008, Terry Fisher, then a prisoner at the

Floyd County Detention Center, was reportedly found near death in his cell, after allegedly being assaulted by other inmates. One defendant originally named in the charges, Michael Rowland, died before he could be brought to trial.

Fisher, through his niece, Tina Green, is also currently involved in civil lawsuit being tried in U.S. District Court against the Floyd County Detention Center.

Council approves later meeting time

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

PRESTONSBURG — The city council voted Monday to change its regular meeting time.

During Monday night's meeting, the council was set to give final approval to a routine ordinance setting the meeting days and times. As has been the case for the last several years, the ordinance called for meetings to be held the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 6 p.m.

However, Councilman Roy Roberts asked during discussion of the ordinance if that time was convenient for everyone, or if they should consider changing.

Councilman Harry Adams said delaying the start of the meeting for 30 minutes would make it easier for him to get to meetings on time, but he would defer to other members' wishes.

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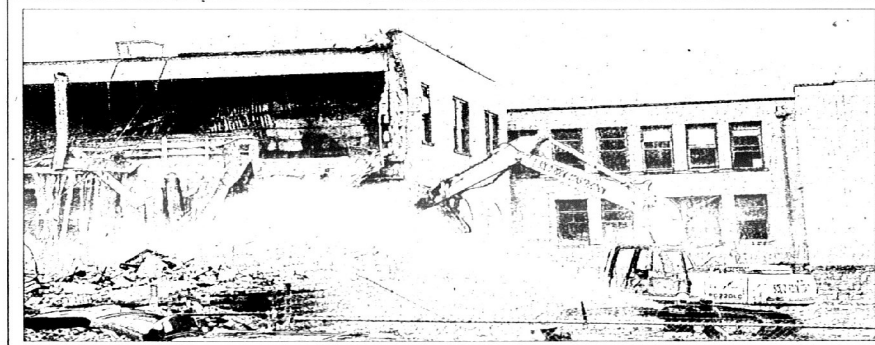


photo by Jack Latta

School comes tumbling down

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Work crews began tearing down Prestonsburg Elementary Tuesday, bringing to an end an icon that has stood at the heart of downtown Prestonsburg for over 71 years.

The Prestonsburg Graded School was a Depression-era building crafted out of the Works Program Administration. The school opened Sept. 30, 1940, and cost what seems now like an incredibly modest \$200,000 to build. However, that same \$200,000 then would be worth over \$3.2 million today.

The old Prestonsburg Elementary School property has been vacant since the fall of 2007, when the school abandoned its downtown site for the then controversial Clark location. The school building was sold in late 2011 to Roland Gray, who has not disclosed his plans for the property.

FloydCountyTimes.com unveils new, cleaner look

Times Staff Report

FloydCountyTimes.com, the area's premier website for local news, sports, and advertising specials, has revamped its look.

And that means an even more informative, easier to navigate website for the over 40,000 unique monthly visitors to the site.

The layout will be cleaner, with more ways for visitors to find the news they want from the main page. Major news and sports stories will be highlighted by a marquee scrolling on the front page. New contests, reader participation features, and advertising sections will be readily available.

For those of you who already have user accounts for comments, e-editions, and other sections of the website, those processes will not change.

"We have experienced such strong growth with FloydCountyTimes.com, with our number of unique visitors, visits and page views continuing to climb," said Joshua Byers, publisher for The Floyd County Times and FloydCountyTimes.com. "The new

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Bartley says violations came as a surprise to county

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

Recent reports of the severe pollution from the Martin wastewater treatment plant caused a lot of questions. County officials responded last week to questions asked in a recent Times editorial.

The city of Martin has come under fire over the last two weeks, after violations of gross pollution from the city's wastewater treatment plant were made public. In an editorial last week, The Times asked why it took so long for the problem to come to light and what is being done about it?

County officials say they have done all they could.

According to County At-

torney Keith Bartley, county officials negotiated their contract with the city of Martin last February for the treatment of the water from the Garth Hollow landfill. Bartley said it wasn't until Martin began billing the county at a rate four times higher than agreed upon that the county started looking into options.

"During the process of finding alternatives is when the county found out (about Martin's wastewater issues)," Bartley said. "There was no knowledge by the county to that point."

Bartley said that the county found out because the Department for Environmental Pro-

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Restaurant closes its doors



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Earl and Peggy Stephens, of Martin, hold the distinction of being the last two people to be served the signature J-Boy hamburgers at Jerry's Restaurant. The couple stopped at Jerry's Saturday afternoon, just like they used to after their bowling league on Friday nights. Peggy had hoped to get a hot-fudge cake, but the restaurant had already sold out. The couple reacted to the restaurant's closing the way many other people have. "It's sad," Peggy said. "I can't remember Prestonsburg not having a Jerry's." The restaurant closed its doors for the final time Sunday.

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Partly Cloudy

High: 56 - Low: 40

Tomorrow

Partly Cloudy

High: 56 - Low: 32

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

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Obituaries



James Bailey Hall Jr.
James Bailey Hall Jr., 58, of Georgetown, formerly of Wheelwright, husband of Deborah K. Hall, passed away suddenly Monday, Jan. 30, 2012, at the Georgetown Community Hospital.
He was born Jan. 7, 1954, in Virgie, to Margaret Perry Lewis and the late James Bailey Hall.
Survivors besides his wife and mother include four children, James Bailey Hall III, Anthony Wayne Hall, Kristi Lou Hall and Allison Jade Hall; step-children, Cynthia Kay Salyer, Ronnie Stevens Hackworth, Richard Allen Hackworth and Bradley Evan Hackworth; 10 grandchildren, Tanner, Laiken, Derrian, Tevin, Kaitlin, Brittney, Allison, Madi-

son, Jordan and Nicky; and several siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and relatives.
His grandparents who adopted him, John Melvin and Connie Little Hall, preceded him in death.
Funeral services were held Feb. 2 at Johnson's Funeral Home, in Georgetown, with burial in Crestview Cemetery. www.johnsonsfuneralhome.com

Estill Blankenship
Estill Blankenship, 84, of Teaberry, died Feb. 13, 2012, at his residence.
He was born March 19, 1927, to the late Harm and Victoria New-some Blankenship. He is the husband of Mary Mitchell Blankenship and worked as a Coal Miner.
He was preceded in death by his daughter at heart, Glenda Faye McKinney; one brother, Chester Blankenship; and one sister, Dolly Frazier.
He is survived by one daughter, Peggy Osborne, of Teaberry; one brother, Curt Blankenship, of Galveston; one grandchild, Willard Osborne Jr., "Bud", and one great grandchild, Nicholas Osborne.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church

in Teaberry. Burial will follow the service at Osborne-Blankenship Cemetery in Teaberry.
Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mason Tyler Brewer
Mason Tyler Brewer, an infant, of Hager Hill, died Feb. 9, 2012, in Cincinnati, Ohio.
He was born Jan. 12, to Josh Brewer and Tamra Compton.
He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Tammie and Frank Compton.
He is survived by his brother, Nathan Brewer; grandparents, Verlie and Brenda Compton and Russell and Joyce Brewer; and aunts and uncles, Lisa, Barb, Dee, Sam and Billy.
Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 11, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Tommy Bush officiating. Burial followed the service at Goble Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.
Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Edward 'Cooper' Hall Jr.
Charles Edward 'Cooper' Hall Jr., 42, of Garrett, died Feb. 8, 2012.
He was born Sept. 11, 1969, to

Peggy Slone Prater, of Garrett, and the late Charles Edward Hall Sr. He was a disabled laborer.
He is survived by his stepfather, Frank Prater, of Garrett; one son, Barry Keith Hall, of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Lakeland Hall, of Auxier; one stepson, Darrin Meek, of Paintsville; one stepdaughter, Felicia Hensley, of Hamilton, Ohio; three brothers, James Hall, of Garrett, John Hall, of Martin, and Timothy Hall, of Wayland; one sister, Janice Kidd, of Auxier; and one step grandchild, Logan Ryan.
Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 12, at Rock Ford Old Regular Baptist Church in Garrett. Burial followed the service at Vanhoose Cemetery in Wayland.
Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Fremont Hamilton
Fremont Hamilton, 87, died Feb. 9, 2012. Born Dec. 19, 1925, in Floyd County, to the late Joe and Frances (Akers) Hamilton.
Survived by sons, Randy and Ernie (Mary) Hamilton; daughter-in-law, Penny Hamilton; eight grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, Melvina Hamilton, son Freeman Hamilton and

daughter, Carol Newsome.
Burial will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Iud, with military rites. Condolences at: www.eastmanfuneralhome.com.

John Howell
John Howell, 79, of Harold, died Feb. 12, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center.
He was born Feb. 14, 1932, to the late Crit and Martha Herrington Howell. He is the husband of Wanda Justice Howell and was a retired Coal miner.
He is survived by one daughter, Ruth (Tammy) Adkins, of Harold; four brothers, Paul Howell, Joe Howell, Cecil Howell and Bobby Howell, all of Harold; one sister, Gracie Howell Rogers, of Harold; and two grandchildren, Jessie Virgil Adkins and Johnathan Correy Thomas Adkins.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Upper Toler Church of Christ, in Harold. Burial will follow the service at Justice Cemetery in Harold.
Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kentucky granted NCLB flexibility request

FRANKFORT — With the granting of flexibility under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act/No Child Left Behind (ESEA/NCLB), Kentucky's public school system will have one comprehensive system of accountability for both state and federal purposes to ensure college/career readiness for all students.
The U.S. Department of Education (USED) announced last week that Kentucky's application for flexibility under ESEA/NCLB has been approved. The application and related appendices may be seen on KDE's Unbridled Learning page, here.
"Kentucky is once again leading the nation in the area of public school accountability," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "This federal flexibility opens a new chapter in the Commonwealth's work to ensure a well-educated citizenry. I congratulate our teachers, administrators, state agency staff, Kentucky Board of Education members, legislators and education partners on this great accomplishment."

"The granting of this request means that Kentucky can continue the forward momentum that began with the passage of Senate Bill 1 in 2009," said Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. "The accountability model that we will use for state and federal purposes provides in-depth information about every school and district, so that we can focus our resources on the areas of greatest need and challenge our students and educators to constantly improve toward the ultimate goal of college and career readiness."
Last year, to help states move forward with education reforms designed to improve academic achievement and increase the quality of instruction for all students, President Barack Obama and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan outlined how states could get relief from provisions of NCLB in exchange for serious state-led efforts to close achievement gaps, promote rigorous accountability and ensure that all students are on track to graduate college-

and career-ready.
Kentucky submitted its application for flexibility in November 2011. Kentucky requested waivers of provisions of NCLB, including determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), implementing school improvement requirements, allocation of federal improvement funding and more. States were required to address four principles in their requests for flexibility:
• colleges and career-ready expectations for all students
• recognition, accountability and support for schools and districts
• support for effective instruction and leadership
• reduction of duplication and unnecessary reporting requirements
Since the passage of NCLB in 2001, Kentucky has used a two-tiered accountability model for its public schools and districts that provides both state and federal designations. Now that the state's request for flexibility has been approved, the Unbridled Learning: College/Career Readiness for All Accountability Model will provide a single designation for both state and federal purposes. The accountability model also may be seen on the Unbridled Learning page.
The mandates of 2009's Senate Bill 1, along with state regulations, provide the blueprint for Kentucky's public school accountability model.
Senate Bill 1 required Kentucky to begin a new assessment and accountability system in the 2011-12 school year. The assessment and accountability model is a balanced approach that incorporates all aspects of school and district work and is organized around the Kentucky Board of Education's four strategic priorities: next generation learners, next

generation professionals, next-generation support systems and next-generation schools/districts.
Achievement, measured by tests in reading, mathematics, science, social studies and writing, and Program Reviews in non-tested subjects such as arts and humanities are the heart of the model. Kentucky's model also places importance on identifying and closing achievement gaps among groups of students; providing support for low-performing schools; and linking teacher and principal evaluation information to educator preparation programs.
The ultimate goal of the Unbridled Learning accountability model is to ensure that all students are prepared for college and/or career by the time they graduate from high school.
The first release of data related to the new accountability model will occur in late summer/early fall 2012. For the 2011-12 school year, schools and districts will be gauged on test scores, achievement and graduation, student academic growth, college/career readiness percentages and graduation rates.
Schools and districts will have annual measurable objectives to reach in all of these areas.
Additional measures, such as Program Reviews and percentages of effective teachers and leaders, will be added in future school years.
Each school and district will receive an overall score on a scale of 0 to 100, and each will be classified to determine recognition or support. There are four main classifications: Distinguished, Proficient, Progressing and Needs Improvement. Each year, based on those classifications, schools and

districts will be placed in categories for the purposes of recognition, support and consequences:
• Kentucky Schools or Districts of Distinction will include the highest-performing elementary, middle and high schools or districts — those that score at the 95th percentile or higher on the overall score.
• Kentucky Highest-Performing Schools or Districts will include elementary, middle and high schools or districts that score at the 90th percentile or higher on the overall score.
• Kentucky High-Progress Schools or Districts will include Title I and non-Title I schools showing the highest progress, as compared to their peers, and school districts showing the highest progress, as compared to their peers.
• Kentucky Focus Schools or Districts will include schools and districts whose achievement gap scores are low, high schools with graduation rates below 60 percent for two consecutive years and schools in which specific student groups' scores are low.
• Kentucky Priority Schools or Districts will include schools that have been identified as "Persistently Low-Achieving" (PLAs) as defined by KRS 160.346 and districts whose overall scores are in the bottom 5 percent of overall scores for all districts that have failed to make AMO and AYP for the last three consecutive years.
The Schools or Districts of Distinction, Highest-Performing Schools or Districts and High-Progress Schools or Districts will receive recognition of their achievements, such as Web logos and other promotional materials. These schools also will serve as models for lower-performing schools.
The Focus Schools or Districts and Priority Schools or Districts will engage in improvement activities that will include revision of their Comprehensive School

Card of Thanks
The family of Patricia Sellards Childers would like to express our appreciation to those who helped to comfort us during this very difficult time. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, and most of all your prayers for the family. A very special thanks to Bill Tussey, Jim Smith and Mark Hunt for their comforting words. Thank you to Nelson Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional care and the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for assisting in traffic control. All your love and support will never be forgotten.
The Family of Patricia Sellards Childers

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We, the family of Loretta Blackburn, express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister-in-law, Loretta Blackburn. Visits, food, cards, phone calls, and prayers were all very comforting during our time of need.
We especially wish to thank Rev. Bob Coppings and Rev. Jeff White for their words of encouragement and hope; James and Mary Carter for their kind words and prayers; and the Little Point First Church of God and the D.A.I.S.Y. Ministry for their many acts of love. Also, we cannot begin to thank Appalachian Hospice for their kind, compassionate care shown to our mother and family.
Our mother would have been so humbled by your expressions of love to her family. We have been touched by the generosity of so many during this difficult time.
Thank you!
The Family of Loretta Blackburn

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Community Calendar

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

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction

The February meeting of Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction will take place Thursday, Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m., in the Allen Baptist Church Education Building, on U.S. 23, at Watergap.

For more information, contact Mike Vance, Chairman, at 226-2075.

Allen VFD membership drive

Allen Volunteer Fire Department is now holding a membership drive. Meetings are held every Monday night, at 6:30 p.m., at the station. Please stop and help your volunteer fire department or call Chief Roy Compton at (606) 791-1790.

Revival

Upper Salt Lick United Baptist Church will host a revival, beginning Feb. 24, at 7 p.m., weather permitting. The evangelist will be Bro. Ollie Smith. Call Pastor Clyde Williams for directions, (606) 785-2976.

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 non-violent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local women 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 Jolanta Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or jkizer@MtComp.org.

Veterans service officer

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

Contact (606) 886-9428

or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Communities Against Drug Addiction

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

Autism Awareness & Support Group

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 298-0520 for information.

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

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

http://www.benchmarkfamily.com

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 exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m., at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

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

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program.

Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

Outpatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse.

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208.

www.drugsno.com

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the 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 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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 Party packages include 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 Daral, 886-7355.

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.F. 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; in Mingo, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Looking for a

mation, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) Support group for all adoptive parents: (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Stone, 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 STAR.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-3933, 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.



Living with Heart Failure?

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Police raid alleged million-dollar drug operation

Times Staff Report

ASHCAMP - Kentucky State Police says it has put an end to a million-dollar drug operation.

Detectives with Kentucky State Police Post 9 and DE/SI East served three search warrants Thursday in the Ashcamp community of Pike County. Detectives conducted the searches as a result of an 18-month

investigation into alleged trafficking of oxycodone pills.

The search warrants resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of Oxycontin and Xanax pills, with an estimated street value of over \$1 million. Detectives also seized approximately \$80,000 in cash, as well as several firearms that were found in the residences.

KSP detectives were assisted on

scene by detectives with Operation UNITE, as well as agents from the FBI. The case remains under investigation by KSP and federal indictments are pending.

KSP is actively investigating the illegal sale and abuse of prescription narcotics. Police encourage citizens to report the suspected illegal sale of prescription narcotics by calling (800) 222-5555 or (606) 433-7711.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LOWEY BRECK FRAZIER
Who went to be with Jesus Feb. 17, 2011

A million times I needed you, a million times I cried and asked why
If love could've saved you and kept you here, you never would have died.
In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still
You'll always hold a special place in my heart, no one else will ever fill
I love you Angel and miss you so much.
You're always with me in my heart.

Your devoted caregiver that loved you and stood by you till the end,
Sharon

Thank You

The family of Mary Esther Wells and Melvin Wells, Jr. would like to express our appreciation to all of our friends & family who helped to comfort us during the time of our parent's passing. Thank you to who sent cards, flowers, prepared food, prayers and who came by to share in our loss. We would like to thank everyone at Riverview Health Care Center and Dr. Larry Leslie for the excellent health care and for the love they showed to our parents. We would like to send a special thanks to Rev. Judy Carr-Back, Denise Porter and the DAV Chapter 18 for their most memorable service. Thanks to the Carter Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your prayers, love and support will never be forgotten.

The Family of Mary Esther Wells & Melvin Wells, Jr.

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

—Gregory Nunn

The Amendment

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 Senate week in review

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner

Our representative form of government was designed to give the people of Kentucky a voice, and to ensure elected officials are approachable and attentive to their constituents' needs. It is one benefit of the Commonwealth having a "part-time" legislature. Most of the year, we live and work in our hometowns, right beside the people we serve at the Statehouse.

The Framers' original intent was for a loud citizen voice — but some people question just how much influence they have on our work in Frankfort today. For those doubters, I have an answer. The fact is that a small group of concerned citizens can still impact — and even initiate — legislation meaningful to them and their unique needs. The evidence can be found in the unanimous passage of Senate Bill 75 from the chamber this week.

Members of the Amish community in Kentucky felt that a current requirement for a bright-orange triangle mounted on the back of their horse-drawn buggies was a violation of their religious convictions. So they wrote to their lawmakers and worked together with them toward a safe solution that would not go against their religious beliefs.

The resulting legislation allows for white or gray reflective tape to be used as an alternative. The provision requires at least 100 inches of it outlining the back of the buggy, as well as several feet of tape on both sides and the front. Some supporters feel it is even safer than the orange emblem, a beautiful example of citizen-motivated legislation identifying even better solutions to the issues facing us.

We also passed several education-related bills this week. Senate Bill 95, which cleared the Senate on a 37-0 vote, encourages elementary schools across the State to establish summer learning programs for low-income students. Research shows that the achievement gap for disadvantaged students widens over the summer. This measure encourages schools to utilize a variety of existing resources, including community and business partnerships, to keep those students engaged and learning through summer day camps.

Senate Bill 38 (passed

unanimously) focuses on keeping high school students interested in learning. The bill would create a career and technical education curriculum in the public school system. Supporters hope the new curriculum will prevent at-risk students from dropping out before graduation by preparing them for careers in local business and industry that do not require a college degree.

Another proposal aimed at increasing the number of high school graduates in Kentucky cleared the Senate by a 35-2 vote. Senate Bill 109 would give local school districts the authority to adopt a policy requiring students to stay in school until age 18, or actual graduation if that comes first. Districts implementing such a policy would be required to offer an approved alternative education program that would help meet the needs of students most likely to drop out. The curriculum outlined in SB 38 would meet those qualifications. If made law, the provisions would take effect in the 2014-2015 school year. The bill does not go far enough. I support raising the statewide legal dropout age to 18. I hope we vote another bill this session that addresses that issue.

This is just a one-week snapshot of the legislation we are working on this session. There are many other issues being discussed in the Capitol. I encourage you to join in those discussions. You have a big say in the laws affecting you. As always, I stand ready and willing to listen to your thoughts and concerns. Our committee meetings, and chamber proceedings, are open to the public and aired on KET. If you cannot drive up, then tune in.

To learn more about the Kentucky General Assembly and the work of the 2012 Regular Session, visit our home page, www.lrc.ky.gov. You can also call 1-800-633-0650 or e-mail info@lrc.ky.gov. Our website contains information on legislative committee meetings. To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at 1-866-840-2835. To leave a message for me, or any legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also e-mail me directly johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.



A legislative perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

When the General Assembly began the legislative session last month, there was already broad agreement on what the three biggest issues would be: Writing state government's budget, realigning legislative and Kentucky Supreme Court districts, and limiting if not stopping prescription drug use.

Last week, the latter two took center stage. On Monday, I joined Governor Beshear, several other legislators and representatives from key interest groups to highlight our effort this year to put a stop to the illegal use of prescription drugs.

As I have noted several times in previous columns, there is no shortage of evidence showing that we are truly facing an epidemic. Kentucky has a much higher rate of abuse than the national average, and the numbers of those dying annually from prescription drug overdoses far outpaces those dying on our highways. Many of our prisoners, meanwhile, are there because of crimes tied one way or another to these drugs.

In response, I have filed House Bill 4, which would have the state take a much more proactive approach. In short, this bill would make it easier for law enforcement and medical licensure boards to find exactly where prescription use is taking place and then stop it.

It would begin doing that by moving the state's KASPER program — which monitors prescription drug use — from the Cabinet for Families and Health Services to the Attorney General's office and expanding access to our local prosecutors.

All prescribers would also be required to take part, which would dramatically increase KASPER's usefulness. Currently, less than half of our pharmacists and doctors are enrolled.

This blanket coverage would make it significantly harder for abusers to doctor shop, and it would severely limit the ability of rogue doctors to prescribe such drugs as OxyContin with little to no patient oversight.

We are very conscious of not hindering patients in need or doctors acting in good faith. Steps are being taken to keep that from happening.

As this legislation begins

moving forward, the General Assembly's plan to redistrict its population boundaries took what can be called a sideways, step early last week, when a judge set the stage for more review of the plan that became law last month. As a result, candidates will now run in the same House and Senate districts that have been in place for the last decade.

While I certainly have no problem representing our district under its current boundary, I do believe it's important for the Kentucky Supreme Court to determine if the new plan is indeed constitutional; if it's not, we need the court to give us more concrete guidelines on how to proceed next. Eventually, a plan must be adopted so the legislature's districts are again roughly the same size population-wise and meet other legal requirements.

In another redistricting matter, the House and Senate agreed on Friday on a map for Kentucky's six congressional seats. This formalized a plan I helped author with congressional input, and it will set the boundaries for the next decade. Although our community won't see a change, there were some modifications

toward Ashland and in Central Kentucky.

While redistricting and combating prescription drug abuse dominated the news, the House voted for several other bills last week that would be beneficial if they become law. House Bill 308, for example, would provide more state oversight of our for-profit colleges making them more accountable to those they serve.

House Bill 37, meanwhile, would create "districts of innovation" for schools that want to try a different approach to improve learning. This would give them the ability to do such things as lengthen the school calendar and provide more alternative programs for students in the evening.

For now, the legislative session will reach its halfway point this week, although much of our work still remains in front of us. Because of that, your input is more important than ever. If you would like to leave a message for me or for any legislator, that toll-free number is 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

Rep. Hubert Collins

Budget subcommittees spent most mornings last week camped out in Capitol Annex committee rooms, as House members heard testimony on state-agency budget requests for the next two years.

The \$19-billion biennial General Fund budget that lawmakers are now researching in the subcommittees is expected to impose some cuts to most agencies, but lawmakers do not want to make cuts to services that do the most good for the most people. It will be up to lawmakers on the full House Appropriations and Revenue Committee — the committee to which the subcommittees report, and which writes the final House budget bill to decide what cuts will be made, and in what areas.

There'll be several more grueling workdays before the subcommittees finish their analysis and a proposed Executive Branch budget comes before the full budget panel for expected lengthy discussion and a vote. Writing a budget is a long, hard slog.

The budget bill now being researched by the House subcommittees is the governor's proposal found in House Bill 265. That is the bill that will be amended pending the full budget committee's action. Separate action will be taken on proposed budgets for the legislative and judicial branches of government.

Legislative redistricting took another dramatic turn last week as a court rejected the proposed House-Senate reapportionment, and once again extended the filing deadline for this year's legislative races. The deadline was moved to 4 p.m. last Friday, Feb. 10, from an earlier deadline of Tuesday, Feb. 7 by a Franklin Circuit Court judge who declared the new districts created by HB 1 unconstitutional and blocked their implementation. Appeals of the judge's injunction were expected to be forthcoming at mid-week.

The congressional redistricting issue was finally settled and passed by a vote of 59-26 on Friday after the House and Senate reached a compromise on how the lines of the state's six congressional districts will be redrawn. The compromise legislation in HB 302, upon final passage, was sent to the governor for his signature, while the filing deadline for congressional races this fall was again moved back (this time to 4 p.m. on the fifth day after the governor signs the bill) to give candidates in the redrawn districts time

to file to run in those districts.

Problems and lawsuits involving private, for-profit colleges and universities have been reported in the news often in recent years, as have concerns with how the industry is regulated. To answer regulatory questions, the House last week passed HB 308 to create a new commission to regulate the industry in Kentucky.

The commission would be designed to improve oversight of for-profit schools while addressing some of the controversy that has surrounded the industry of late. HB 308, which cleared the House 24-5 last Tuesday, now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Lawmakers turned their attention to high school students when they approved a bill in committee last Tuesday that would allow, but not require, public schools to enroll teenage refugees and other legal immigrants who are not U.S. citizens in high school, even if the student would be over age 21 upon graduation. (Current state law only allows for public education for Kentucky residents under age 21.)

HB 183 was filed after lawmakers learned about a growing need for high school diplomas by some refugees and other legal resident aliens. The bill, which would also adjust the state's guaranteed base school funding (known as SEERK) to cover the instructional costs of providing a high school education to the student who earned their diploma, now goes to the full House for consideration.

Illegal immigration was the basis for a bill that cleared the House by a 93-4 vote last Wednesday.

HB 5 would require local government agencies and companies that contract with them to electronically verify employee eligibility to legally work in the U.S. Contractors and subcontractors would be barred from contracting with public agencies for certain periods for violating the provisions in the bill, while government workers found unauthorized to work in the U.S. would be subject to dismissal. HB 5 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

In other action, the House addressed unclaimed life insurance benefits — which reportedly total over \$1 billion in reserves nationally — by approving a bill that would require life insurers to seek out beneficiaries to the policies they issue.

HB 135, which passed the House by a 96-0 vote, is based on national model legislation that requires insurers to compare Social Security death records against an

insurer's "in-force," or paid and protected, policies on a regular basis to determine if benefits need to be paid. If so, insurers would take the necessary steps to find the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries to the policy and pay any benefits due. Benefits still left unclaimed would revert to the State Treasury as unclaimed property. HB 135 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Legislation that would streamline the campaign-finance report filing process for candidates for statewide office was also heard by lawmakers last week. The House Committee on Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs last Tuesday passed HB 90, which would require all statewide candidates to file their finance reports electronically rather than having the choice to file on paper. Reports filed on paper must now be manually entered by the state Registry of Election Finance to be made available — and publicly transparent — online. HB 90 now goes to the full House for consideration.

Finally, lawmakers turned our attention to dental care for children early Thursday when legislation to improve Medicaid child dental care through improved case management cleared the House Health and Welfare Committee. HB 228 will work to boost child dental care through local health departments via a pilot project. That bill also now goes to the full House for a vote.

We have officially completed over one-third of the 2012 Regular Session, and only had 34 days remaining after last Friday to enact legislation before the session ends in mid-April. I expect work on the budget, specifically, as well as work on other top issues to heat up as the session reaches its midpoint in just a few legislative days.

I asked you to please continue to stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you throughout the 2012 Regular Session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. For committee meeting schedules, please call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-0650. Or, to comment on a bill, please call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181.

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 website is our next step in serving these customers. They will find it easy to use and even more informative than in the past. "We're also excited to increase our live-streaming offerings, additional contests, and new inter-

active online magazines. Our mission focuses on providing 24/7 news and business offerings to area residents through our printed newspaper, magazine products, and our online services," she said. Visitors to the new FloydCountyTimes.com community will find the

site more user-friendly, allowing viewers to upload comments, questions, their own stories, photos, even videos to the website. This is where viewers from around Floyd County, and beyond, can meet to develop their own, online content. "In addition to the nu-

merous changes to reader's computer browser experience, our mobile readers will experience a vastly improved product optimized and delivered to their mobile devices, including smartphones and tablets," said Matt Swanson, director of new media programs for

Heartland Publications. Additional changes planned down the road include improved subscription and classified account management systems, improved photo reprint ordering, and improved email products. Advertisers will find the site much cleaner, and

while there may not be quite as many advertising positions, those available will be integrated into the editorial content, giving readers an easy-to-use experience while offering advertisers better, stronger access to online readers.

Wellness

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 other, along U.S. 23 on Abbott Mountain, across from Drains Unlimited. Later in the meeting, Fannin mentioned two other sites under consideration. One of those sites — at Slocum — has frequently been mentioned in the past, but the other — on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College — presented a new wrinkle in the proposal.

Fannin said locating the center at the college could have the additional benefit of allowing the college to take over operations of the center, much in the same way the East Kentucky Science Center developed and later became part of the school. The college could also feature prominently if the center were to be located at Cliffside, as Fannin mentioned the possibility of constructing a pedestrian bridge across

the Big Sandy River to connect the center to the college's popular walking track. Speaks also addressed finances in his letter, estimating construction costs of between \$15 million and \$20 million. He said he believes the project could receive substantial grant funding, but that substantial debt would also be required. "I believe that we can develop a funding plan that provides for con-

struction needs — being met by approximately 50 percent in grant funding and 50 percent in loan/new debt," Speaks wrote in his letter. Speaks also noted that the city's effort to build the center could be the beneficiary of substantial private support. "I've had discussions with potential private supporters about the property and the concept of having these private individuals purchase the

property and donate it back to a [nonprofit] corporation would be established for the effort," Speaks wrote. "The private individuals would receive tax benefits for this action and the corporation [would start] out with some initial cash to finance a great deal of the required preliminary engineering and architectural work. Speaks advised the council that his current activities include seeking

grant funding through the Appalachian Regional Commission and U.S. Economic Development Administration to pay for creating a comprehensive planning document for the project. He estimated those costs to be approximately \$75,000, which would be paid entirely by the grants.

Council

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 Roberts then made a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30 p.m., but after it was pointed out that a motion to approve the original ordinance had already been

made by Councilman Don Willis, Roberts withdrew it. Willis then amended his motion to change the meeting time to 6:30, and the council voted. What happened next sparked laughter among those in the meeting room,

as Roberts voted against changing the meeting time, even though he had originally tried to make a motion to change it. He was joined by Freddie Goble to provide the only two dissenting votes, and the measure passed.

Bartley

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 section (DEP) told them. As to the county's response to learning of the pollution, Bartley said the county has no authority to dictate to a city. "There was nothing that the fiscal court could do, that DEP

wasn't already doing." "We did what we could, which was cancel our contract," Bartley said. Ironically, much of the story might never have come to light, Bartley said, if not for the actions of the city. "If the city had billed us at

the rate they said, we would have never known a thing," Bartley said. Since 2005, the Martin wastewater treatment plant has been cited numerous times for blatant violations, 23 of which were cited as recently as 2011.

Legislators hear from new managed-care firms; lawmaker rates their performance with a show of hands from pharmacists

Kentucky Health News

The three companies recently hired to manage Kentucky's Medicaid program outside the Louisville region defended themselves yesterday against complaints that they are squeezing independent pharmacies to the breaking point. One of the three firms, Kentucky Spirit, fared better in a hearing held by a House-Senate committee before a crowd that included many pharmacists. When Sen. Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs, asked for a show of hands from pharmacists in the audience to learn which of the three pharmacy-benefits companies they think underpay on generic drugs, nearly everyone raised their hands for Medco/Health Solutions, which

is Coventry [Cares]'s partner, and Catalyst Rx, which is Well-Care [of Kentucky]'s. No one seemed to object to US Script, which is Kentucky Spirit's partner, reports John Cheves of the Lexington Herald-Leader. Kentucky Spirit is the only firm that continues to pay pharmacists a dispensing fee of \$4.50 to \$5 per prescription, the rate that had been paid by the state. WellCare pays \$3, and Coventry/Cares \$1 to \$1.50, the pharmacists told Deborah Yetter of The Courier-Journal. "Pharmacists have told lawmakers at previous hearings that pharmacy-benefits companies sometimes pay less for generic drugs than it costs pharmacies to acquire them," Cheves notes. Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, left, whose business

interests include co-ownership of at least two pharmacies, got into it with G. William Strein, Medco's vice president for provider relations. "Stacy cut off Strein several times while he was attempting to answer," Cheves reports. "Why is it fair that you can reimburse us below costs?" Stacy asked Strein, who "disputed Stacy's assertion and said managed care attempts to strike a balance between its estimated cost of the drug and the costs of the pharmacy to buy and dispense it," Yetter reports. "But that claim was disputed by some of the roughly 30 pharmacists at the hearing who operate independent drugstores. Though the hearing ended before they got a chance to testify, several said afterward that they

intended to keep making their case before lawmakers." Jason Wallace, owner of Grant County Drugs, told Yetter of having been to Kentucky pharmacists. That's why I'm here." All the companies told members of the Joint Program Review and Investigations Subcommittee that they are committed to resolving the problems. "Much of Monday's testimony was devoted to the complex pricing formula known as the maximum allowable cost, or MAC, that managed care companies consider proprietary," Yetter writes. "Under the Medicaid plan before managed care, the formula was provided to pharmacists, who said they knew what they would be paid. Now, they said, they don't find

out what a company will pay for a specific drug until they file claims. And too often, they say, it's less than they paid to buy the drug. "How would you like to go to a gas station and fill your car up with gas and then be told what the charge is?" Breckinridge County pharmacist Jonathan Van Lahr asked after the hearing. Kentucky Health News is a service of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, based in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Kentucky, with support from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Kentucky to receive \$58.8 million in foreclosure settlement

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway announced this week that Kentucky will participate in the national foreclosure settlement. The \$25 billion settlement with five of the nation's largest banks brings relief to consumers who were foreclosed upon, principal write-downs and refinancing to homeowners who held mortgages that exceeded the current value of their home, and payments to states for ongoing consumer protection programs. The settlement also preserves the rights of states to pursue criminal and civil actions against the banks. Attorney General Conway was one of the state attorneys general who refused to sign a settlement unless those provisions were included. "Our efforts made a difference, and I will use a significant portion of the money that Kentucky receives from the banks to continue going after them on behalf of Kentucky homeowners," General Conway said. "In fact, today I subpoenaed MERS (Mortgage Electronic Registration System Inc.), which I believe may have circumvented Kentucky law by failing to properly record mortgage assignments and pay filing fees with county clerks throughout the Commonwealth. Of the \$25 billion settlement, Kentucky will receive \$58.8 million. • \$12 million available in direct relief to homeowners, which includes loan-term modifications, and principal write-downs. • \$10.8 million in direct payments from the

banks to consumers who were foreclosed upon using "robo-signing" documents from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011. Each borrower would be eligible for up to a \$2,000 direct payment from the banks. The amount of the payment will depend upon how many borrowers participate. "Robo-signing" is a practice where banks did not properly review and prepare foreclosure paperwork and applied automatic or electronic signatures to court documents. Borrowers will not have to release any legal claims they may have in order to participate. • \$15.9 million in re-

financing for borrowers who are current on their mortgage payments, but hold mortgages that exceed the value of their homes. • \$20 million in a direct payment to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for consumer protection programs. "This settlement provides real relief for consumers who were foreclosed upon and assistance for borrowers who've met their obligations by staying current on their mortgages," General Conway said. "The national settlement requires Kentucky to file a plan with the federal court to approve and en-

force how Kentucky will use this money to benefit consumers and homeowners. I know a portion of these funds will be used to continue our focus on MERS and securitization litigation." The five banks included in the settlement are: Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citi, and Ally/GMAC. In order for consumers to receive direct assistance from this settlement, they must have a mortgage that is or was held by one of these banks. A website has been established to provide consumers with information about the settlement at www.NationalMortgage-

Settlement.com. Banks will also be directly contacting consumers who qualify for payments or assistance. If consumers have questions, they may call: • Bank of America, 1-877-488-7814 • JP Morgan Chase, 1-866-372-6901 • Wells Fargo, 1-800-288-2112 • Citi, 1-866-272-4749 • Ally/GMAC, 1-800-766-4622 The Office of the Attorney General set up a web page with information and answers to frequently asked questions about the settlement. www.ag.ky.gov/mortgagesettlement. "This is a first step in

holding banks accountable for the mortgage foreclosure crisis that's affected every community in our country and our Commonwealth," General Conway said. "I am committed to utilizing these resources and continue investigating big banks, their involvement in MERS, and their bundling of mortgage-backed securities that have cost institutional investors billions of dollars."

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Floyd County Animal Shelter
Pet of the Week



This week's celebrity is Prestonsburg High School Principal, Jerry Butcher. He is pictured with "Fido", a 10 week old Pit Bull mix. Jerry and Fido are rooting for the "Blackcat Boys Basketball Team" to beat Paintsville and Johnson Central this week!

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Stumbo files False Claims Act to target fraud across state government

FRANKFORT — With the two main goals of rooting out fraud and reducing the state's deficit by potentially millions of dollars, Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo announced Tuesday he is filing legislation that would give whistleblowers strong financial incentive to step forward if state tax dollars are being misused.

"Kentucky's False Claims Act would extend far beyond Medicaid," said Speaker Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg. "I want to see this used not just in that program, but anywhere fraud with state tax dollars is taking place."

He noted that the act has a long history in our country, dating back to the Civil War. The Federal Government created

a new False Claims Act in 1986, and now more than two dozen states have their own version.

Under the Speaker's bill, those found guilty would be liable for up to three times the amount they had fraudulently billed the state; whistleblowers will be eligible to receive anywhere from 15 to 30 percent of the monies recovered as a reward for their service. Other civil penalties and attorney fees would be an additional cost for those found guilty.

Speaker Stumbo pointed to successes other states have seen using their False Claims Acts. In 1998, for example, California recouped \$30 million from a computer manufacturer found to have sold the state defective computers; and

in 2005, that state got \$43.1 million from a company not fulfilling a contract to provide energy-efficient heating and cooling equipment to San Francisco schools. In 2001, Texas got \$14.5 million from a hospital that had filed false paperwork, reported charity work it didn't do and offered financial kickbacks. "These recoveries would not be possible if we just focus on Medicaid, as some states have done," explained Stumbo. "I believe we must fight fraud on a broad front."

Since 1986, according to the False Claims Act Legal Center, more than \$25 billion has been recovered by False Claims Acts, with a substantial portion coming from healthcare companies. More information can be

found online at <http://www.taf.org/statefca.htm>.

"With this one bill, we can improve oversight of critical state-run programs like Medicaid; we can be better stewards of each taxpayer dollar; and we can give pause to those criminals who think they can get away with stealing the taxpayers' money," Speaker Stumbo said. "There is only so much our law enforcement and auditing officials can do and a limit to how far they can reach; this will put every citizen on the look-out for fraud."

The legislation calls for the whistleblower to begin legal proceedings and gives the Attorney General the option to join on behalf of the state, with that office eligible for a

portion of any amount awarded. Speaker Stumbo noted that he had pushed similar legislation while he was Attorney General, and hoped that "this time we can get it across the finish line." He added that both the current Attorney General and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services — the main enforcers of the bill — have helped form the legislation.

The Speaker's bill could make Kentucky eligible for 10 percent more money recovered under Medicaid fraud. This is subject to federal approval, but it would let Kentucky receive up to 40 percent of the funds rather than 30 percent, which mirrors the traditional rate the state provides as part of its match for the \$5 billion-plus program. The

remaining funds would principally go to the federal government and the one who brought the initial legal action.

He said that the law does not create new levels of fraud, but offers an avenue for more cases to be prosecuted. It also does not apply in tax-related cases or those solely involving local governments.

"This legislation has a lot of potential, and I'm hoping we can move it through the House quickly," Speaker Stumbo said. "The sooner we can get it enacted, the sooner we can bring about the kind of accountability Kentuckians deserve — not just in Medicaid, but everywhere in state government."

Knott tanning salon robbed at knifepoint

Times Staff Report

MALLIE — Police in Knott County are on the lookout for a man who robbed a tanning salon at knife point this weekend.

The Hazard State Police post received a call at 4:57 p.m. Saturday reporting the robbery at the Electric Beach in the Mallie community.

A masked man described as a white male

with a slender build apparently walked into the business and demanded money from an employee. The employee handed over the money, but during the course of the robbery was "scratched by a knife that the suspect was holding," according to a press release from Kentucky State Police.

The suspect was approximately 5 feet, 8 inches tall, and was

last seen wearing a black hooded sweat-shirt, brown ski mask, light colored blue jeans, white shoes and a rubber gloves.

Police say the investigation into the robbery is currently ongoing, and anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Kentucky State Police at 606-435-6069.

Happy 25th Birthday Anthony Paul Osborne Feb. 19, 1987 - Nov. 10, 2006

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He Only Took My Hand

Last night while I was trying to sleep, my son's voice I did hear,
I opened my eyes and looked around, but he did not appear.

He said: "Mom, you've got to listen, you've got to understand,
God didn't take me from you, Mom, He only took my hand."

When I called out in pain that day, the instant that I passed,
He reached down and took my hand, and pulled me to His side, at last.

He pulled me up and saved me, from the misery and pain,
My body was hurt so badly inside, I could never be the same.

My search is really over now, I've found happiness within,
All the answers to my dreams, and all that might have been.

I love you all and miss you so, and I'll always be nearby,
My body's gone forever, but my spirit will never die!

And so, you must all go on now, live one day at a time. Just understand—
God did not take me from you, He only took my hand." (author unknown)



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



Mackenzie Walden accepted the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award from Rep. Hal Rogers. On the right is her artwork, which won the contest to design the 2012 PRIDE Spring Cleanup T-shirts. On the left is one of the T-shirts, which will be given to thousands of volunteers who pick up litter in April.

Corbin student designs region's PRIDE spring cleanup t-shirts

CORBIN — Mackenzie Walden, a seventh-grader at Corbin Middle School, won a contest to design the T-shirts that will be given to thousands of volunteers during PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in April.

She is the daughter of Leigh and Lonnie Walden. Mackenzie's T-shirt design featured the slogan, "Saving Our World, One Cleanup at a Time." Her idea was selected from 1,612 contest entries submitted by students across 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky.

On Feb. 13, Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), who founded PRIDE, congratulated Mackenzie and presented her with the first Spring Cleanup T-shirt during a school assembly. Mackenzie also received the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award for her contribution to the Spring Cleanup.

"Mackenzie, thank you for capturing the spirit of PRIDE in your design," Rogers said. "I also thank your fellow PRIDE Club members here at Corbin Middle School and those students across the region who so creatively expressed the meaning of PRIDE in

their contest entries."

"It is no exaggeration that PRIDE volunteers are 'saving our world, one cleanup at a time,'" Rogers said. "Every PRIDE cleanup improves our environment right now, and it discourages littering in the future. Since people tend to litter where they see trash on the ground, we break that cycle when we remove litter from our landscape. When we recruit new volunteers, we open their eyes to the blight of litter, and they become less likely to tolerate the problem."

"We celebrate the 15th anniversary of PRIDE this year, and I am amazed to see how far we have come, one cleanup at a time," Rogers said. "For example, we have removed 2,869 illegal dumps and 958,000 tires from our landscape. That's phenomenal."

"It all starts with one cleanup and one volunteer — you," Rogers reminded the students. "Be sure to volunteer during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, and invite your family and friends to join you."

During PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in April, communities will recruit volunteers to pick up litter.

PRIDE will provide free T-shirts, trash bags and gloves for the volunteers, as well as funding for local governments to dispose of litter, remove dumps and offer free trash drop-off events.

In 2011, there were 33,409 Spring Cleanup volunteers across the region, which was the largest turnout since PRIDE began in 1997.

The 2012 Spring Cleanup kick-off event will be Saturday, March 24, at the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. Volunteers will receive a free PRIDE T-shirt, lunch and chance at door prizes. Volunteer registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the gift shop, and the cleanup will start at 10 a.m.

The 2012 Spring Cleanup sponsors are: Waste Connections of Kentucky, Gold Sponsor; Outdoor Venture Corporation, Silver Sponsor; and New Horizon Graphics, Bronze Sponsor.

To volunteer for the Spring Cleanup, call the PRIDE office, toll-free number, at 888-577-4339. The PRIDE web site is www.kypride.org.

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Kentucky has had impact on history through VPs

Commentary

Thomas D. Matijasic, Ph.D.
Big Sandy Community and Technical College

Kentuckians can justifiably take pride in the fact that two native sons became Presidents of the United States. Zachary Taylor (1849-1850) had a short and rather tumultuous term as president. Abraham Lincoln (1861-1865) guided our republic through the most traumatic period in our history.

Kentucky also produced four vice presidents, but their stories are largely forgotten. The first Kentuckian to serve as Vice President was Richard M. Johnson (1837-1841). He was one of the most controversial politicians of his day. Born in Jefferson County in 1780, his family moved to Bryan's Station in Fayette County

before his second birthday. Johnson's mother gained fame during the siege of the post in 1782 when she led a group of women to a spring in order to provide water to the fort just prior to an Indian attack.

As a popular young attorney, Johnson was elected to the U.S. Congress at the age of 25 and gained notoriety as a "War Hawk," pushing for war with Britain. Once war was declared in 1812, Johnson raised three companies of Kentucky volunteers and soon rose to the rank of colonel. During the battle of the Thames (Oct. 13, 1813), Johnson led an attack against more than a thousand pro-British Indians hidden in a swamp. Though wounded five times, he was given credit for killing the famed Shawnee war-chief Tecumseh. He was known for the rest of his life as

"Tecumseh" Johnson. Though his political career resumed after the War of 1812, Johnson's distinguished military career was offset by his long-term and openly romantic affair with his slave Julia Chinn. Chinn bore him two daughters who later married white men.

Johnson was invited to be Martin Van Buren's running mate on the Democratic ticket in 1836. Though Van Buren gained the necessary majority in the electoral college, 23 Democratic electors from Virginia refused to cast their second votes for Johnson. Falling short of an electoral majority, he was chosen as Vice President by the Senate. He was not re-nominated when Van Buren ran for reelection in 1840. Johnson County, Kentucky is named for Richard M. Johnson.

John C. Breckinridge (1857-1861) was the youngest Vice President in U.S. history. Though only 36 when he took the oath of office, he had already served in both houses of Congress and was a veteran of the Mexican War.

Breckinridge was nominated for President in 1860 by the Southern wing of the Democratic Party, but lost the election to Kentucky native Abraham Lincoln. During the Civil War, he fought gallantly for the Confederate Army and served as the Confederacy's last Secretary of War. He fled the country at the conclusion of the war, returning in 1869. Breckinridge strongly opposed the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in post-war Kentucky.

Adlai Stevenson (1893-1962) was born in Logan County, Kentucky in 1893. His family migrated northward in 1852 after

bad weather destroyed his father's tobacco crop. He became active in Illinois politics during the 1850s as a strong supporter of Stephen Douglas and a vigorous opponent of the anti-immigrant "Know Nothing" movement.

Stevenson was nominated as Grover Cleveland's running mate in 1892. Though the ticket was successfully elected, Stevenson differed with President Cleveland on matters related to currency. Democrats did not re-nominate Cleveland for a third term. However in 1900, Stevenson was again nominated on the Democratic slate with William Jennings Bryan, but the Stevenson ticket was defeated in the general election by incumbent President William McKinley.

Albert W. Barkley (1949-1953) served as Vice President under Harry Truman after a

long and outstanding Congressional career. Barkley was an advocate of prohibition and anti-gambling legislation. He was a strong supporter of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal programs during the Great Depression. He was narrowly chosen as Senate Majority Leader in 1937.

After the end of World War II, Barkley helped secure Senate ratification of the United Nations Charter and forcefully championed statehood for Israel. Barkley's vigorous campaigning helped President Truman get re-elected in 1948. When Barkley was inaugurated as Vice President in 1949, he was the oldest person to serve in that position. Barkley returned to the Senate in 1955, but died the following year.



Judy Blair is looking for Kentucky-based stories for her series, "Kentucky Born, Kentucky Bred."

TV producer looking for Kentucky stories

Kentucky native Judy Blair will showcase her home state with her reality TV show, "Kentucky Born, Kentucky Bred."

Blair says the show is based on ordinary people doing extraordinary things with their lives. Many of her shows will showcase the elderly, because she feels they are often showed aside when they are no longer as productive as they once were.

"However, from my point of view, they are the ones who have been the backbone of our country and have lived lives that many of us can simply not imagine," Blair said. However, anyone with a unique and interesting story to tell, regardless of age, will be considered, Blair said.

In her career, Blair has created pictorial history books throughout the state and said she has come

across some of the most unusual and interesting stories as people tell her the stories of their lives along with their photo submissions.

"There is a story with every photo, so I decided it would make a wonderful TV show to showcase the lives of some of these people," Blair said. Blair says she is looking to pull stories from all parts of the state.

"There are so many diverse and unusual individuals throughout Kentucky, and I am looking forward to meeting many of them," Blair said.

Those wishing to submit stories for the show can email Blair at kybornkybred@yahoo.com. However, she notes that if you are submitting a story about someone else, be sure the subject of the story is willing to participate and be on national TV. Please in-

clude all contact info for the person involved.

Blair is attempting to have her show aired on RFD-TV. If she is able to produce a required number of episodes before her deadline, the shows will begin airing Sept. 15.

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MSHA seeks information for miners' rights survey

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration is seeking public comment on data collection relating to miners' rights in the workplace. The agency is performing a pilot study to determine how to survey miners' understanding of their rights under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and the degree to which they believe they are free to exercise those rights at work. MSHA is the third agency in the department to initiate this type of survey, following the Wage and Hour Division and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"What we hope to ultimately learn from this pilot and subsequent survey is how we can better educate miners on their rights to safe and healthy working conditions," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "If a miner is denied the right to participate in safeguarding his or her safety at his or her mine, it puts at risk not only the miner's safety, but the safety of fellow miners."

MSHA aims to implement an anonymous survey in a setting and format that will result in candid and reliable responses. In order to achieve this, the agency is performing the pilot study to investigate the efficacy of different data collection methods and to develop an appropriate survey instrument for the mining community.

While the current pilot is focused on coal miners and coal mining communities, MSHA's goal is to determine how to measure mine knowledge and willingness to exercise rights under the Mine Act across all mining sectors.

"The overarching goal is for miners to be able to address health and safety concerns at work," added Main. "But in order to achieve that goal, we've first got to pinpoint the reasons why some don't speak up. We heard testimony at congressional field hearings after the Upper Big Branch disaster about miners who were afraid to make safety complaints for fear of losing their jobs. We want to know what areas of the country and in what mining sectors this and other factors affect miners' exercise of their rights."

MSHA highlighted the importance of gathering this information in a meeting this week with stakeholders representing miners. The agency also discussed the development of materials to aid miners and their representatives in carrying out their rights and responsibilities under the Mine Act.

Comments will be accepted until March 19, 2012. For more information or to submit comments, visit <http://www.msha.gov/DOLICR01192012/DOLICR1192012.asp>.

Bill would encourage tamper-resistant pills

FRANKFORT — Rep. Adair K. Wuchner (R-Florence, 66th District) announced last week she has filed a bill for the 2012 Legislative Session, that, if passed, would prohibit the unapproved substitution of an FDA-approved opioid-based drug that incorporates tamper-resistant properties for one that does not. Examples of opioid-related drugs include Oxycodone, Vicodin, Dilaudid, Opana, and Oxycodone.

Tamper resistant formulations (TRFs) make it much more difficult to crush, melt or otherwise alter medications into a form that is easier to abuse. Studies show that addicts tend to crush or otherwise break down time-released products into a form that can be snorted or injected for a more intense high.

"Families across Kentucky have felt the scourge of addiction," said Rep. Wuchner. "These products are not going to completely prevent or deter abuse, but they will provide an alternative that will be a benefit to patients and our community."

According to a story published in the Nov. 19 edition of Kentucky's Enquirer, the Commonwealth currently ranks sixth in the nation for overdose deaths involving pain relievers, and roughly four of 10 Kentuckians who are of Appalachian heritage report having family or friends who have misused prescription pain meds.

"Prescribing physicians should have the ability to write prescriptions for opioid products incorporating tamper-resistant technologies when, in their medical judgment, such prescriptions are in the best interest of the patient," added Rep. Wuchner. "Everyone in the medical community has a

role to play in combating Kentucky's prescription drug abuse problem. House Bill 377 simply provides another tool to help in our collective efforts."

Under Rep. Wuchner's proposal the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy would compile a list of FDA approved, both branded and generic, opioids that have a tamper resistant technology in place and provide it to pharmacists.

House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-James-town; retired physician and Rep. Bob DeWeese, R-Louisville, and Rep. John "Bam" Carney, R-Campbellville are co-sponsors of Rep. Wuchner's bill.


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University of Kentucky announces Dean's List

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester. A total of 4,938 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance.

To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

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- Bryant, Emily Grace, So., Bachelor of Science, Chemistry
- Burchett, Amber Nicole, So., Bachelor of Health Sciences, Pre-Communications Disorders
- Caldwell, Joseph Brandon Michael, Jr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Chaffin, Jeanne Elizabeth, Sr., Bachelor of Arts, International Studies
- Clark, Cameron Taylor, Sr., Bachelor of Business Administration, Management
- Coleman II, Jerry Keith, Sr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Collins, Brittany Ann Nicole, Sr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Crum, Michael Ray, Jr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Gayheart, Tyler Anthony, Jr., Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Pre-Accounting
- Hale, Charlotte Anne, Sr., Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Hall, Alesia Lashae, Sr., BS in Family Science, Family Sciences
- Hartgrove, Jay Alex, Jr., BS in Chemical Engineering, Pre-Chemical Engineering
- Holbrook, Mason Blake, Jr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Jacobs, Justin Ryan, Sr., BS in Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
- Little, Heather Ariana, Fr., Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Pre-Nursing
- Little, Kody Ted Douglas, Jr., Bachelor of Science, Pre-Integrated Strategic Com.
- McCoy, Cody Garrett, Fr., Bachelor of Science, Biology
- Mak, Taylor Danielle, Sr., Bachelor of Arts, Journalism
- Moore, Andrea Nicole, Sr., Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
- Mullins, Sabrina Mae-Jean, Sr., Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- Osborne, Lloyd Jackson, Jr., Bachelor of Arts in Education, Sec Edu - Social Studies Education
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- Tackett, Stephen T, Fr., Bachelor of Science, Pre-Integrated Strategic Com
- Tackett, Trevor M, Fr., BS in Mining Engineering, Pre-Mining Engineering
- Turmire, Holly Marie, Jr., Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Accounting
- Westmont, Samantha J, Fr., Bachelor of Arts, Theatre
- Westmont, Victoria Camille, Jr., Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology
- Wright, Nathan Alan, Jr., BS in Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering
- Yusuf, HebaA, Sr., Bachelor of Science, Psychology
- Yusuf, Samy Amir, Fr., Bachelor of Arts, Pre-Journalism
- Zeller, Evan Ross, Fr., BS in Computer Engineering, Pre-Computer Engineering

- Chandler, Robert Jarrod, Jr., Bachelor of Arts, Geography
- Constantinou, Christina Lee, So., Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing
- Delong, Jamie Michelle, Sr., Bachelor of Arts in Education, Elementary Education
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- Tiller, Megan Gabrielle, So., BS in Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

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- Howard, Peyton Rae, Fr., Bachelor of Arts in Education, Elementary Education
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- Swiney, Jeremy Paul, So., Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition, Human Nutrition

MARTIN COUNTY

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- Howell, Alyssa Rachelle, Sr., Bachelor of Arts in Education, Elementary Education
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- Messer, Candice Paige, Fr., Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
- Moore, Joshua Aaron, Jr., Bachelor of Arts Integrated Strategic Communication
- Tiller, Megan Gabrielle, So., BS in Merchandising, Apparel & Textiles Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles

PIKE COUNTY

- Adkins, Andrew Dylan, So., Bachelor Undergraduate Studies
- Anderson, Amber Lynn, Sr., Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology
- Bell, Brittany Mi-

Gov. Beshear, Sen. Thayer introduce gambling amendment

FRANKFORT — Calling it "the best way to keep hundreds of millions of dollars here at home," Gov. Steve Beshear and Sen. Damon Thayer announced Tuesday their plan to introduce an expanded gaming bill in the Senate. The bill would authorize a statewide vote to amend the state's constitution to allow expanded gambling in up to seven locations in Kentucky.

"We've been debating this issue in Frankfort for more than 15 years. The citizens of our state are clamoring to have their voices heard," Gov. Beshear said. "Two recent polls show more than 80 percent of Kentuckians want to cast a ballot on gaming. Are we going to listen to them or not?"

The bill would allow Kentucky voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would authorize up to five casinos at racetracks and two at stand-alone locations at least 60 miles from the nearest racetrack. Revenue from the gambling facilities would be spent for job creation, education, human services, health care, veterans programs, local governments, public safety and support of the horse industry.

"The time has come to let the people decide on the issue of expanded gaming," said Sen. Thayer. "This issue has been lingering in Kentucky for nearly two decades, a majority of Kentuckians wish to vote on it, and the time has come to give them that opportunity."

Gov. Beshear and Sen. Thayer worked together for weeks to develop the bill and to build consensus support for it within the General Assembly. Sponsors of the bill include three Republicans, Sen. Thayer; Sen. Carroll Gibson and Sen. Tom Burford; and five Democrats, Sen. R.J. Palmer; Sen. Perry Clark; Sen. Denise Harper Angel; Sen. Gerald Neal and Sen. Joey Pendleton.

A recent economic study showed that in 2010, Kentuckians spent \$451 million on casino gaming in our neighboring states. That's hundreds of millions of dollars that could be supporting our schools and building our roads — but instead it's padding budgets of Indiana and

West Virginia," Gov. Beshear said. "It's time to hear what the voters here at home, and it's time to let the voters have their say."

The expansion of gambling would bring millions of dollars in recurring revenue into the state budget without raising taxes, Gov. Beshear said. One recent economic study estimates that, under one scenario, expanding gambling at racetracks for education, help with \$266 million and \$377 million in taxes annually into the General Fund.

For every dollar of recurring revenue would have enormous positive impact for Kentuckians, said Gov. Beshear, noting that his current biennial budget proposal cuts most state

agencies 8.4 percent. These cuts are on top of prior cuts, some of which total more than 30 percent since 2008. Gov. Beshear has characterized the budget as "inadequate," and warned that without increased revenue, persistent generational problems will continue to prevent the state from flourishing.

With the infusion of gambling money, the state could increase funding for education, help universities lower the cost of tuition, or better fund service programs for our elderly — all without raising taxes or further painful cuts to other services, Gov. Beshear said.

Details such as where to put the casinos and license fees and tax rates will be determined by

enabling legislation that would be drafted after the legislature approves this bill, and if Kentuckians vote to approve the gambling amendment. Because the bill is a constitutional amendment, it must garner at least 60 percent of the votes in each legislative chamber in order to pass.

"You continue to hear all kinds of arguments for and against allowing expanded gaming in this state," Gov. Beshear said. "What you don't hear, however, is one argument about why the people of Kentucky shouldn't have a right to vote on it. That's because there really isn't a legitimate argument against that. The time for a vote is now."

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OET offers new employment assistance for veterans

FRANKFORT — Nearly 6,000 veterans residing in Kentucky will be eligible to receive priority employment services through a new Gold Card initiative.

The program is made available by the U.S. Department of Labor through the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET). The Gold Card provides unemployed post-9/11 era veterans with job search services for up to six months to help them succeed in today's job market.

Post-9/11 veterans who served on active duty and were discharged or released for other than a dishonorable discharge may be eligible for intensive individual services which may include job readiness assessment; development of an individual career plan; career guidance; labor market and skills transferability information; referral to job openings and registered apprenticeship opportunities; information about training providers; information about financial assistance for training; and individual assistance of an employment specialist.

Veterans may apply for a Gold Card online at <http://www.dol.gov/vets/goldcard.html> or they may visit a local Kentucky Career Center to request Gold Card assistance. To find the nearest Kentucky Career Center, go to <http://www.oet.ky.gov/office/office.asp> or call (502) 564-7456.

This initiative complements current programs that support veterans throughout the Commonwealth. Last year, Gov. Steve Beshear signed legislation that gives hiring preference to military veterans applying for jobs in state government.

OET, an agency of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, helps individuals prepare for, secure and maintain employment; assists employers in locating and selecting the best qualified workers for their job openings; and provides income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. For more information, visit www.oet.ky.gov.

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World-renowned pianist Andreas Klein to perform at UPike

PIKEVILLE — Andreas Klein's career as orchestra soloist and recitalist has taken him to the world's most prestigious venues, from London's Wigmore Hall, Berlin's Philharmonic Hall, New York's Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the German-born pianist Klein will perform at the University of Pikeville at 7:30 p.m. in Chrisman Auditorium.

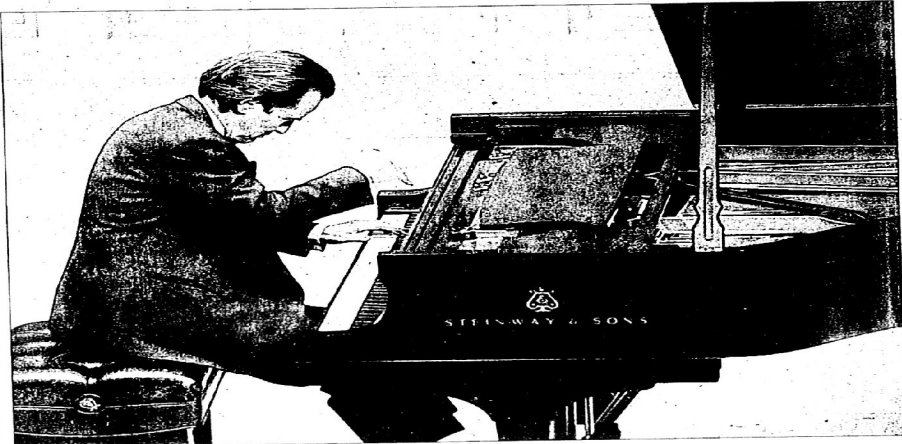
Klein established a reputation as a dynamic and compelling performer who is known for his imaginative interpretations and his command of a wide range of tonal colors. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School and complemented his studies with the legendary Claudio Arrau and Nikita Magaloff. Copies of his Dissertation on the Chopin Etudes are in the libraries of the Chopin Society in Vienna and Leipzig. Klein is a frequent guest on the radio at WGBH Boston, American Public Radio in St. Paul

Studio, WFMT Chicago, Cleveland and Houston. He has been the subject of a televised "Musicians Portrait" in Berlin, filmed at the Neuhardenberg Castle, and "Intermezzo with Andreas Klein," a series of short piano works with visuals, was aired by PBS nationwide.

The New York Times described Klein as "A pianist who makes silences sound like music." The Desert News in Salt Lake City wrote, "Klein's interpretative skills, his musicality and technical acumen allowed for a very musical reading that was complemented by the ensemble."

Klein will conduct a master class for University of Pikeville vocal students, focusing on achieving the ideal creative and collaborative performance between vocalist and pianist.

The free performance is hosted by the University of Pikeville's special events committee. The campus and community are cordially invited.



Andreas Klein will perform Feb. 22 at the University of Pikeville.

Kentucky has stake in new national forest rules

Tom Joseph
Kentucky News Service

FRANKFORT — In just over two weeks, new rules will take effect that federal officials say are designed to better balance wildlife, timber and recreational issues in Kentucky's Daniel Boone National Forest and others like it, nationwide.

Lane Boldman deals with

forest issues for the Kentucky Sierra Club. She says the first forest planning update in 30 years should help address some longstanding issues.

"We've had a lot of impacts with damage to trees, we've had the pine beetle, and then also there's been impacts to the watershed. And what this proposed plan is doing is looking at everything holistically, and we

think that's the right approach."

Boldman says the management plan should also offer a better perspective on the value of lands in national forests. "Often times, land will be designated, say, for logging and mining and hasn't taken into account that there's actually probably a better use for recreation, or more potential for creating jobs through the

recreational channels."

Boldman believes the blueprint should also bring benefits to Kentucky's 90,000 miles of streams. In terms of timing of the new rules, Boldman says the important thing is, they're here now.

"This kind of stuff is long overdue. There should have been a lot more clarity on the management process long ago,

and so, that's part of the reason we're glad to see that there's movement in this area."

The Forest Service says the new guidelines will give individual forest managers more flexibility to respond to changing conditions, and should speed up the process of developing new forest management plans.

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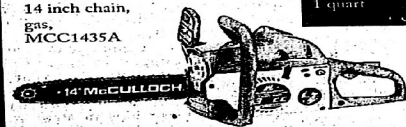


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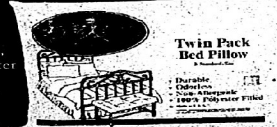
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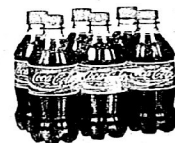


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Kentucky Arts Partnership operational support grants by the arts council



On Feb. 2, arts leaders came from across the Commonwealth to celebrate the public value of the arts and to thank legislators for their continued support of the Kentucky Arts Council. Ceremonial checks were presented to organizations awarded Kentucky Arts Partnership operational support grants by the arts council in July 2011. Appalachian Artisan Center received \$19,995. L. to R.: Wilma Brown, Board Member, Kentucky Arts Council; Marcheta Sparrow, Secretary, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Josephine Richardson, Board Member, Kentucky Arts Council; Rep. Leslie Combs; Lindy Casebier, Deputy Secretary, Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Sen. Johnny Ray Turner; Lori Meadows, Executive Director, Kentucky Arts Council.

State reports 455 deficiencies in nursing homes inspected in 4Q 2011

State inspectors reported finding 455 deficiencies in the 72 nursing homes they inspected in Kentucky in the fourth quarter of last year.

There was only one nursing home that had no deficiencies — the Nursing Facility of Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown — down from the third quarter of 2011 when eight facilities had no deficiencies.

This latest report on the inspection of nursing homes in the state by the Office of Inspector General in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services was obtained through an Open Records Request by Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform, a statewide advocacy organization.

Nursing homes reported in the fourth quarter of 2011 that had 10 or more deficiencies are:

- Kindred Transitional Care & Rehab-Fountain Circle, Winchester (25)
- Bridge Point Care and Rehabilitation Center, Florence (22)
- Pineville Community Hospital (17)
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- Knox County Hospital, Barbourville (11)
- The Forum at Brookside, Louisville (11)
- Bradford Square Care and Rehabilitation Center, Frankfort (10)
- Florence Park Care Center (10)
- Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Ashland (10)
- Corbin Health & Rehabilitation Center (10)

According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in Washington, the average number of deficiencies for nursing homes in the U.S. is eight and the average for Kentucky is seven.

More information on state inspections may be found online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/os/oig/LTCinspectionfindings.htm> and the federal site, which gives star ratings of each nursing home at <http://www.medicare.gov/NHCompare/home.asp>.



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Williams leads Blackcats past Powell

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg overcame a slow start to beat visiting Powell County 61-58 on Saturday night. Junior guard Bryson Williams scored a game-high 22 points and seniors Joseph Jamerson and Adam Crisp combined

for 21 as the Blackcats claimed the win. Jamerson scored 11 points and Crisp chipped in 10 for the Blackcats. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 13-14. The Blackcats returned to the win column following a 58-75 loss to East Ridge one night earlier. Powell County suffered its third loss, slipping to

15-12 following the loss. Prestonsburg shot 46 percent (18-of-39) from the field. The Blackcats were 3-of-12 from 3-point range. Prestonsburg was 22-of-31 (71 percent) from the foul line. Powell County excelled early, outscoring Prestonsburg 12-8 in the opening quarter. Prestonsburg,

however, heated up offensively. The Blackcats battled back to lead 25-21 at halftime. Powell County pushed Prestonsburg in the second half prior to falling short. The Blackcats owned a 40-39 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter. Jarredd Jarrell scored nine points and Wes Rob-

inson added six for the Blackcats. Grant Anderson tossed in two points and Dalton Frasure scored on a free throw attempt. Jamerson led Prestonsburg on the glass, grabbing eight rebounds. Anderson and Jarrell dished out four assists apiece for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg over-

came 15 turnovers. The Blackcats will visit Johnson Central on Thursday then host Paintsville in a regular-season finale Friday night. Prestonsburg is paired up against Allen Central in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament, which is set for Tuesday (Feb. 21).

Lady Raiders beat Piarist in district finale

Hall, Akers become all-time leading scorers

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Four different players reached double figures in the scoring column Thursday night as South Floyd defeated visiting Piarist School 71-45. Host South Floyd won its third game in four outings. Ashley Castle paced South Floyd with 17 points. Kianna Hall contributed 16 points, Leighann Hall netted 12 and Gabrielle Bailey chipped in 11 for the Lady Raiders. Kianna Hall passed the milestone scoring total of 1,457 points in a career held by Megan Ousley to become the all-time leading scorer in South Floyd High School history. South Floyd shot 50 per-

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Lady Blackcats corral Cordia

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg worked its way back into the win column over the weekend, defeating visiting Cordia 79-22 on Saturday at the Fieldhouse. Saturday night's game yielded a milestone for one Prestonsburg player. Prestonsburg senior center Cassie Burchett paced Prestonsburg with 21 points and 21 rebounds. The Prestonsburg senior shot 75 percent from the field, connecting on 9-of-12 attempts. Burchett also pulled down her 1,000th career rebound during the win. Prestonsburg shot 58.6 percent (34-of-58) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were 3-of-7 from 3-point range. Prestonsburg was 8-of-12 (66.7 percent) from the foul line. Prestonsburg halted a four-game losing streak. The Lady Blackcats hadn't won since defeating Piarist School 72-43 on Feb. 2. Kristian Waugh joined Burchett in double figures, scoring 20 points for the Lady Blackcats. Cattie Burchett also reached

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Brian Handschoe drove the lane for Allen Central during the road game versus Belfry.

Runnin' Rebels pull away from Belfry

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — Allen Central evened its record to 13-13 late last week, defeating host Belfry 73-57 on Friday. The Runnin' Rebels beat Belfry for their fourth straight win. Senior guard Braxton Tackett paced Allen Central with a game-high 25 points. Tackett led four Allen Central scorers in double figures. Jacob Prater scored 15

points, Travis Atkins tossed in 11 and Brian Handschoe contributed 10 for the Rebels. Visiting Allen Central took a lead out of each quarter. The Rebels edged Belfry 17-16 in the opening quarter and carried a 35-30 advantage into halftime. After clinging to a one-point lead at the end of the third period, Allen Central finished strong. The Rebels outscored Belfry 27-12 in the final quarter. John Gibson scored eight points

and Micah Harlow added three for Allen Central in the winning effort. Dalton Lawson connected on a free throw as the Rebels notched the win to move back to .500. Allen Central shot 48 percent (25-of-52) from the field. The Rebels were 4-of-10 (40 percent) from 3-point range. Allen Central shot 73 percent (19-of-26) from the foul line. Nick Turner led Belfry with See REBELS | B2

FLOYD COUNTY CHAMPIONS:



The Betsy Layne Elementary School boys' basketball program captured its sixth straight Floyd County title last week. The BLES cheerleading squad also captured a county championship.



Ladycats edge East Ridge

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Ladycats claimed their fifth straight win on Friday, holding off visiting East Ridge 40-38. Freshman guard Timera Thacker led Betsy Layne with 13 points. Thacker was the only Betsy Layne scorer to reach double figures. Narrowly missing double figures, junior guard Paige Watkins netted nine points for the Ladycats. Betsy Layne improved to 15-10 after posting the win. East Ridge, which fell to 6-19, slipped back into the loss column after registering four straight wins. After playing even with East Ridge through each of the first two quarters, Betsy Layne outscored the Lady Warriors 15-9 in the third period. Betsy Layne and East Ridge were deadlocked 16-16 at halftime. The Ladycats withstood a late East Ridge rally. The Lady Warriors outscored Betsy Layne 13-9 in the final quarter. Kelsi Tackett scored six points and T.J. Tackett and Chloe Johnson tossed in four apiece for the Ladycats. Eddi Akers and Bailey Recznik rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with two points apiece. Earlier in the season, Betsy Layne pulled away to beat East Ridge 60-44. Junior forward Tabitha Potter paced East Ridge with a game-high 18 points. Sophomore guard/forward Kelsie Fuller accompanied Potter in double figures, scoring 10 points for the Lady Warriors. Junior Tristan Miller and sophomore Christian Yates scored four points apiece for East Ridge in the loss. Brooke Stanley rounded out the East Ridge scoring, contributing two points for the Lady Warriors. Betsy Layne will host Sheldon Clark on Wednesday. Betsy Layne 40, East Ridge 38. East Ridge (6-19): Fuller 10, Miller 4, Potter 18, Yates 4, Stanley 2. Betsy Layne (15-10): Watkins 9, T. Tackett 4, Ke. Tackett 6, Thacker 13, Akers 2, Johnson 4, Recznik 2. East Ridge.....6 10 : 9 13-38 Betsy Layne.....6 10 15 9-40

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EYEING THE BASKET:



Allen Central senior Micah Harlow eyed a shot during the Runnin' Rebels' road game versus Belfry. Visiting Allen Central beat Belfry for its fourth straight win.

Raiders

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cent (29-of-58) from the field. The Lady Raiders were 10-of-26 (38.5 percent) from 3-point range. Kelsey Dye scored six points and Brooke Potter pushed in four in South Floyd's convincing win. Branda Hamby and Brandi Stumbo rounded out the

South Floyd scoring with two points apiece. The Lady Raiders thrived on the glass, outrebounding Piarist, handily. Kelli Akers paced Piarist with a game-high 30 points. Akers, who also grabbed nine rebounds, became Piarist's all-time leading scorer. Narrowly missing double figures, Marianna Jacobs

netted nine points for the Lady Knights. Alexandra Barthel and Lauren Wright chipped in two points apiece for Piarist in the loss. Taylor Eckle led Piarist on the boards, claiming a team-high 10 rebounds. South Floyd completed a regular-season sweep over Piarist.

Cordia

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double digits, scoring 12 points for Prestonsburg in the win. Allison Hall and Caitlin Kidd both just missed double figures, delivering nine points apiece. Tiffany Meadows and

Madison Rainey rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with six and two points, respectively. Prestonsburg controlled the glass, grabbing 47 total rebounds. Earlier in the season, Prestonsburg dismantled Cordia 84-36.

The Lady Blackcats will host Magoffin County for a regular-season finale this Saturday. Prestonsburg will play South Floyd on Tuesday in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament at Allen Central's J.E. Campbell Arena.

Second-half run lifts Eagles over EKV

Times Staff Report
RICHMOND - The Eastern Kentucky University women's basketball team used a 19-1 run midway through the second half and a 50-18 advantage in paint points to register a 78-68 victory over Morehead State University on Saturday afternoon at McBrayer Arena. The Colonels improved to 12-12 overall and 7-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Eagles slip to 8-16

on the season and 5-7 in league play. Morehead State entered the day with 11 wins in the past 13 meetings against Eastern Kentucky. Junior forward Alex Jones led EKV with 17 points on 7-of-10 from the field and 3-of-3 from the free-throw line. She also recorded team-highs of five assists and three steals. Junior guard Brittany Coles added 16 points and four rebounds in the victory, while junior cen-

ter Jade Barber contributed 14 points and game-best 11 boards. Senior guard Linda Dixon paced MSU with a career-high 31 points, including 20 in the first half. She drilled 11-of-20 from the floor, and 8-of-16 from three-point range. Her eight treys were just one shy of the school record. Dixon entered the day second on the team in scoring at 15.1 per contest. It was her eighth 20-point performance

this season and her 21st in double figures. Senior guard Courtney Lumpkin, the only other Eagle to record double figures, added 24 points on 9-of-12 from the charity stripe and a team-high four assists. Junior forward Ashar Harris, who entered the contest with a conference-best 12.6 rebounds per tilt, was limited to two points and six boards in 38 minutes. Morehead State pushed its advantage to 50-42

with 15:50 to play, but 10 consecutive missed field-goal attempts aided Eastern Kentucky's big second-half spurt. Lumpkin ended MSU's field-goal drought of over 10 minutes at the 5:15 mark, but the Colonels had already moved into the driver's seat with a double-figure lead. Eastern Kentucky finished the affair with a 44-24 rebounding advantage. The Colonels also posted a 17-3 upper hand on the offensive glass,

which led to a 13-2 clip in second-chance points. EKV connected on 49 percent (30-of-61) from the floor and 83 percent (15-of-18) from the free-throw line. MSU made just 39 percent (22-of-56) and 74 percent (14-of-19) in those two categories. Morehead State returns to Johnson Arena on Monday when it faces OVC opponent Jacksonville State at 6 p.m. The Eagles posted a 68-52 road win over the Gamecocks on Jan. 9.

Defensive-minded Eagles upend EKV

Times Staff Report
RICHMOND - The Morehead State University men's basketball team held Eastern Kentucky to opponent season lows for points and field-goal percentage in the first half of Saturday night's game en route to a 58-45 win at McBrayer Arena. The Eagles limited the Colonels to just 17 percent (4-of-24) from the floor and 12 points over the first 20 minutes. MSU also held EKV to just 31 percent (15-of-49) shooting for the game. The Eagles improve to 14-13 overall and 7-6 in the Ohio Valley Conference with the season

sweep of EKV. The Colonels fell to 14-13 in the campaign and 6-7 in league play. "I thought our kids played hard and competed for 40 minutes tonight, especially at the defensive end," Morehead State Head Coach Donnie Tyn dall said. "We tweaked a few things in our zone this week, and I thought we were as sound defensively as we have been all year. We were right there on the catch all night." Junior Marsell Holden, the lone Eagle in double figures, scored all 12 of his points in the final half. He drilled back-to-back treys midway through the period to boost MSU to its largest lead at 37-19.

Sophomore Drew Kelly grabbed a team-high eight rebounds in the victory, while senior Lamont Austin registered eight points, five rebounds and a team-best two assists. Freshman Angelo Warner also chipped in with seven points, seven rebounds and a team-best three steals for MSU. Senior Jaron Jones hit all three of his three-point attempts and led EKV with a game-high 20 points. The Colonels finished with eight three-pointers and just seven two-point field goals. Freshman Eric Stutz's layup at the 8:51 mark of the opening half was the Colonels' last field goal before intermission. Se-

nior Ty Proffitt's trey with 1:18 left gave the Eagles their largest first-half advantage at eight points before they took a 19-12 lead into the locker room. MSU held EKV without a field goal for the final nine minutes of the first stanza and first four minutes of the final half. "Every time you play Eastern Kentucky, you know it's going to be a battle because they are so well coached and so disciplined," Tyndall said. "I am proud of how we responded to that night. EKV had a tough night shooting the ball, but our defense was a huge part of that." MSU scored the first eight points of the second half and never let the advantage dip to

less than double digits. The Eagles led by 18 at the 13:19 mark of the final half and again down the stretch. The Eagles shot 41 percent (19-of-46) for the night and hit seven three-pointers. The teams each collected 33 rebounds, where MSU continues to be +90 over the past 20 games. The Eagles have only been out-rebounded four times during that same stretch. Morehead State will continue a span of five road games in 17 days when it visits Austin Peay on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The Eagles tallied a 66-64 win over the Gobs on Dec. 31 in Morehead.

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High school football players must sit out one play when helmet comes off

Times Staff Report
INDIANAPOLIS - High school football players must sit out one play next year if their helmet comes off while the ball is live. In cases where the helmet comes completely off without it being directly attributable to a foul by the opponent, the player will have to leave the game for at least one down. This addition to Rule 3-5-10 was one of eight rules changes approved by the National Federation

of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its January 20-22 meeting in Indianapolis. All rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors. "The committee made this rules change after reviewing data from multiple states regarding the frequency of helmets coming off during live-ball play," said Julian Tackett, chair of the Football Rules Committee and commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic As-

sociation. "It is the committee's hope that this serves notice for schools to properly fit players with helmets to reduce the incidence of these situations and remind the players not to take steps that alter the fit." Another significant change next season will be a new interpretation of a legal catch. A receiver now will be required to establish possession of the ball and contact the ground inbounds while maintaining possession - regardless of the opponent's action. "In previous years, the covering official could have ruled that an airborne player attempting to catch the ball would have come down inbounds, but was prevented from doing so because of contact by the opponent," said Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the Football Rules Committee. "Now the player must establish possession and contact the ground inbounds for a legal catch." The Football Rules

Committee also cleared the way for state associations and their member schools to place corporate advertising and/or commercial markings on the field of play. These types of markings previously were only allowed in the end zones and outside the field. Rule 1-2-31 will state that while corporate advertising and/or commercial markings will be allowed, the markings may not obstruct the yard lines, hash marks or nine-yard marks. A risk-minimization change was made to Rule 2-3-7 that changes an interpretation for blocking below the waist. "The previous interpretation was that it was not a foul for a player to block below the waist if the hand(s) of the opponent was first contacted below the waist," Colgate said. "The changes that interpretation and stipulates that such action is a foul." After experimentation in Minnesota and Iowa,

the committee revised Rule 9-3-8 to prohibit members of the kicking team from initiating contact (blocking) against members of the receiving team until the ball has broken the plane of the receiving team's restraining line, or until the kicking team is eligible to recover the free kick. The other three rules changes approved by the committee include Rule 1-5-2c(8), which expands the list of illegal equipment to include play cards that are not worn on the wrist or arm, as well as Rule 9-3-9h, which now states that grasping the tooth and mouth protector, as well as the face mask, is a foul. Also, to provide guidance to game officials, the committee clarified Rule 9-4-3k by adding the direction in which the opponent was pulled during a horseshoe catch. Finally, the NFHS decided to extend the effective date of its new glove rule from 2012 to 2013. During the 2012 season, both

gloves meeting the current standard and gloves meeting the new standard will be legal for play. "The game of football at the high school level is in great shape, and the committee continues to review all available data to minimize the risk to participants," Tackett said. "A hallmark of the NFHS playing rules is the constant emphasis on risk minimization, as well as historic tenets regarding the balance between offense and defense and making the rules appropriate for the levels of the coaches, players and officials." Football is the No. 1 participatory sport for boys at the high school level with 1,134,377 participants in the 2010-11 school year, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS through its member state associations. In addition, the survey indicated there were 1,561 girls who played football in 2010-11.

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Rebels

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18 points. Brett Charles scored 14 points and Tony Messer tossed in 12 for the Pirates. Messer registered a double-double, pulling down a game-high 22 rebounds. Josh Robinson (six

points), Gary Runyon (four points) and Joey Duty (three points) also contributed offensively for the Belfry boys' basketball team. The Pirates were 22-of-64 (34.4 percent) from the field. Belfry was 9-of-20 (45 percent) from 3-point

range in the setback. The Pirates managed to outrebound Allen Central 39-31. Allen Central was visiting Tug Valley (W.Va.) on Tuesday night. The Allen Central-Tug Valley boys' basketball game ended too late to make this edition.



Braxton Tackett, pictured eyeing a free throw attempt, led Allen Central over Belfry in the road game.

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Turner receives Paul Patton Education Advocacy Award

FRANKFORT - Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, last week received the second annual Paul Patton Education Advocacy Award from the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative (KVEC) Board of Directors.

Turner was honored for his efforts on behalf of public education in the Eastern Kentucky region while serving in the General Assembly.

"As an educator for 28 years, education has always been a top priority while serving in Frank-

fort," said Turner, who serves on the Senate Education Committee. "It is an honor to be recognized for the work that I do, but I don't do it for the recognition. I do it because education needs a champion. The education of our children is important for our future and it is our teachers who impact them with knowledge."

A retired educator, Turner has sponsored successful legislation to give fair treatment to teachers and other school personnel for the time they work.

"Sen. Turner's experience as an educator and his ongoing commitment to improving opportunities for students across the region and the state contribute to making him a powerful advocate for education," said Jeff Hawkins, KVEC Executive Director. "We are proud that Sen. Turner is this year's recipient of the Patton Education Advocacy Award. His tireless efforts on behalf of students are recognized across the region and across the state."

KVEC's mission is to cause and support educa-

tional progress by fostering: visionary leadership; positive systemic change; effective communication; cooperation innovation, and shared responsibility. Turner also serves on the following Education, Natural Resources and Energy, Transportation, State and Local Government and Rules committees, and the Committee on Committees. He also serves on the Energy Special Subcommittee. As a member of Senate leadership, he holds a seat on the Legislative Research Commission.



Former Gov. Paul Patton, right, presented Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, the Paul Patton Education Advocacy Award.

My funny Valentine

Everybody's Science

Sandy Miller Hays
 Agricultural Research Service

By the time you read this, I hope I'm not wallowing in regret.

That's because February is the month when we celebrate St. Valentine's Day—and while I can bake beautiful breads, steer a sailboat across the Chesapeake Bay with a semi-steely hand, and even make my own clothes if necessary, I just can't seem to scrape together the willpower to say "no" when my darling husband says to me, "So, Honey, do you want chocolates this year?"

You'd think I could resist, since I've spent the past year melting 15 pounds (more or less) off my middle-aged frame—and that was a hard fight. But come Valentine's Day, darn it, I want one of those shiny heart-shaped boxes with the red cellophane!

Fortunately, Brian's not one to scold me to be good, because one of the

many things we share is a love of chocolate. One of our holiday traditions is that I always give him a 5-pound bag of chocolate-covered almonds (his absolute favorite); still, it's hard for me to suppress a wifely smile when he says every mid-January, "I just can't figure out why I always seem to gain five pounds over the holidays!"

As for me, it's the chocolate—the chocolate, the chocolate—that I'm after. But in Brian's case, I think he loves the almonds every bit as much as the chocolate.

So, since I'm married to the Original Almond Fiend, I was happy to read the other day about advances by scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) on ways to make those almonds even safer.

The secret, it seems, is a still-evolving technology called infrared heating. The ARS scientists say that's a promising weapon against a nasty bacteria known as *Salmonella enterica*.

The federal govern-

ment, the U.S. almond industry and food safety researchers have been keeping an especially watchful eye on this particular pathogen ever since outbreaks of salmonellosis in the United States, Canada and Sweden in the past decade were traced to raw almonds contaminated with the microbe.

The good news is that it's generally thought that almonds are not naturally contaminated with high levels of this pathogen. But to be on the safe side, all almonds processed for sale in the United States today have to be pasteurized in order to zap *Salmonella*. That pasteurization procedure has to be powerful enough to reduce the *Salmonella* population levels by what's known as a 4-log minimum. In case you don't speak "scientese," that's a 10,000-fold decrease.

We're not short of existing methods to achieve this; in fact, nearly a half dozen methods already have federal approval for accomplishing this mandatory pasteurization.

But almond processors are always eager to find out more about promising new options, including infrared heating, so they've been following the studies of the ARS scientists in Albany, California.

The scientists say the infrared heating works well for killing *Salmonella* on either roasted or raw almonds. They've compared three different approaches: conventional hot-air heating, the infrared heating, or a double-whammy of infrared heating followed by the hot-air heating, a combination they call SIRHA (for "sequential infrared and hot air").

Perhaps surprisingly, SIRHA was more energy efficient than either the infrared or the hot air

heating alone. That's because the scientists found the combination can produce a pasteurized product while significantly reducing roasting time, which should translate to savings on processors' energy bills.

In their tests, the scientists substituted the bacterium *Enterococcus faecium* for *S. enterica*, which worked because *E. faecium* is just as heat-resistant as the *Salmonella*. By heating the almonds with infrared until they reached a surface temperature of 284 degrees (which took about one minute), then roasting the nuts with hot air at the same temperature for about 11 minutes, the scientists achieved a more than 5.8-log reduction in the levels of *E. faecium*—

well beyond the required 4-log minimum.

But what about those of us who might like our almonds au naturel—that is to say, raw and still in the shell? The ARS scientists say infrared can fill the bill there, too, with a three-step process that leaves the nuts virtually indistinguishable from those that haven't been treated.

Sounds like this means down the road, there'll be even more to love about almonds—and maybe more to Brian, too!

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>.

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Local residents in amazement yesterday as Collectors provide a stimulus package to Prestonsburg!

They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!

By DAVID MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started Monday in the Comfort Suites:

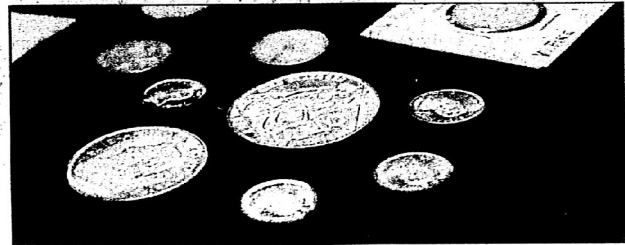
One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for \$4600.00, with

one of the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 tally.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.



"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money!"
CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1986.

Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Prestonsburg!

By DAVID MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

The first days of the reclamation drive in Prestonsburg will be a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives are on hand this week purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated 1964 and earlier were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

On the other side of the room were representatives from the Buyers Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said, "We have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week." The event continues today and runs through Friday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

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Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Prestonsburg with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

By DAVID MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Monday and continuing through Friday, the International Collectors Association, in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery, will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. According to collectors I talked with, the better the grade the more they are worth. With the current silver and gold markets, prices are up for older coins too. Any coins minted in 1970 and before in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now. Even well worn and heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times their face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. "This country didn't start minting coins until 1792," says Eades. "Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change."

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933, Roosevelt

required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including: foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

Items we will accept include:

Scrap Jewelry
Dental Gold
Sterling Silverware
Sterling Silver Tea Sets
Silver Dollars
All Coins Pre-1970
Industrial Scrap
All forms of Platinum

Items of Interest:

Vintage Guitars:
Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others

Pocket Watches:
Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Philippe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others

Wrist watches: Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more.

Old paper money:

United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more

Antique Currency Toys:
Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more

War Memorabilia: Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into to the event this week via live database feed.

We Buy ALL Pre-1934 Currency

Local Residents are ready to cash in!

International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!

By DAVID MORGAN
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see left) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the Comfort Suites paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It's a great way for people to get a great value for their items.



WE BUY 10¢ & 12¢ COMIC BOOKS!

Top Five Items To Bring
Gold Jewelry
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Sterling Silver
Pocket Watches
Gold Coins

Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Monday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

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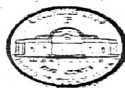
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BARBER DIME
UP TO \$2,800*



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UP TO \$3,500*



SEATED LIBERTY DIME
UP TO \$6,500*



STANDING LIBERTY QUARTER
UP TO \$4,400*



BARBER QUARTER
UP TO \$3,200*



WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLAR
UP TO \$4,700*



KENNEDY HALF DOLLAR
UP TO 8X FACE VALUE*



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1798 \$5
UP TO \$125,000*



DRAPED BUST HALF CENT
UP TO \$5,000*



1832 CLASSIC HALF CENT
UP TO \$80,000*



\$10 INDIAN
GOLD COIN
UP TO \$4,500*



\$20 ST. GAUDENS
GOLD COIN
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GOLD HALF DOLLAR
UP TO \$1,500*



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UP TO \$10,000*

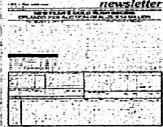


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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

20 YEARS AGO (Feb 12 and Feb 14, 1992)

Governor Brereton Jones tossed out a few surprises during his budget address last Thursday, and one even caught veteran legislator Greg Stumbo off guard. Stumbo said he had scanned the Governor's budget speech prior to Jones' address to the General Assembly, Thursday evening, adding that he was "pleasantly surprised" when Jones specifically mentioned a proposed 18-hole golf course for Jenny Wiley State park as a project targeted for funding.

Upset over what they perceive is a dead end in a state investigation of the Floyd County School System, members of the Floyd County Education Association said, Tuesday, they will seek legislative assistance in addressing what one FCEA member called "an intolerable situation." In a press conference, Tuesday evening, at Adams Middle School, FCEA member Bud Reynolds said his organization had met recently with Dr. Penney Sanders, head of the state's Office of Education, and accountability, and members had come away from that meeting displeased with what they heard.

The Prestonsburg City Council apparently is closer to resolving a salary dispute between city employees that has been at issue for most of the last two years. In a business-session meeting, Monday night, Mayor Ann Latta and the city council presented a proposal that could possibly settle the ongoing salary dispute with the city's firefighters, who contend that their rate of pay and actual pay should be more equal to that of the city police.

The May primary non-partisan ballot for Floyd County

District Judge is made up of three familiar Floyd County attorneys: Danny P. Caudill, Dan Rowland, and James R. Allen. The district judge presides over all criminal misdemeanor charges, preliminary felony hearings, small claims court, juvenile matters, civil cases, domestic violence and mental health disabilities claim.

Third time's a charm? Penelope (Penny) Pajel has resigned McDowell Elementary School for the last three years in the Floyd County Spelling Bee competition, and again, as last year, is the Floyd County champion.

Preliminary findings of a financial audit of the Floyd County School System, released Tuesday, recommended the district change its ways, concerning construction and banking procedures. Auditor Calvin Cranfill of the firm Helton Linton, Cranfill and Hall told the board, Tuesday, that the audit wouldn't be finished for two weeks, until information concerning a \$84 debt to the federal government could be obtained.

The Martin City Council met, Wednesday evening, and adopted an ordinance involving city employees' health care costs. The issue was addressed following questions and complaints from city employees who apparently have been hard pressed to meet the rising costs of individual, self-supplied health insurance coverage.

Coach Rick Pitino will bring his senior Wildcats to Paintsville on Thursday, March 5, to hold a benefit clinic and auction for Our Lady of the Mountain School. John Pehrey, Richie Farmer, Deron Feldhaus and Sean Woods will join the coach and guests for a prime rib dinner, 7 p.m., in the atrium of The Carriage

House, in Paintsville.

Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton has subpoenaed a state education investigator to appear before a Floyd County Grand Jury, next week, to provide information about a bingo probe and an investigation into the Floyd County School System. Office of Education Accountability investigator, Phil Austin, was served with the subpoena before the start of Tuesday's board of education meeting to appear before the grand jury, Wednesday, February 15, at 1 p.m. Austin and Steve Yater, another OEA investigator, were in Floyd County, Tuesday, to continue gathering information concerning an investigation into management and administrative procedures in the school district.

There died: Chester Slone, 53, of Hill Hat, Tuesday, at Highland Regional Hospital; Homer Ray Rowland, 45, of Orlando, Florida, Monday, February 3; Paul Bryon Haysett, 62, of Sitka, Tuesday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Rhoda Ellen Hicks, 67, of Garrett, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Glen Richard Ward, 56, of Xenia, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, at Greene Memorial Hospital; Lois Rice Richardson, 76, of Little Point, Saturday, at her residence; Grover Morris Gillum, 68, of Melvin, Sunday, at his residence; Andrew Charles Robinson, two-month-old infant son of Gregory and Lisa Moore Robinson of Laguna Niguel, California, Monday, from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; Bovie Maynard Farmer, 62, of Rockford, Illinois, Thursday, at Rockford Memorial Hospital; Gladys P. White, 97, of Lexington, Thursday, at Lexington Country Club; Donald David Stepp, 37, of Newport,

North Carolina, Friday, at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City, North Carolina; Theo Blanton, 77, of Dwale, Wednesday, at Health Care Center at Campton; Willie Halstead Damron, 70, of Flatwoods, formerly of Collins, Thursday, at her home; Elwood Conley, 52, of Hueysville, Sunday, at The Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville; Virgil Brinkley, 63, of Warsaw, Indiana, Thursday, at IU Medical Center; Elder Millard Blanton, 83, of Langley, Saturday, at Mountain Home Nursing Home; Tom Haskell Hughes, 71, of Ashland, Saturday, at his home; John B. "Slim" Ratcliff, 79, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Alice Prater Shepherd, 89, of Hueysville, Wednesday, at Markey Cancer Center of the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Roxie Mae Pitts, 90, of Blue River, Monday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; plant near Pointsville is its third week.

30 YEARS AGO (February 17, 1982)

Five Knott Countians, including two principals and three former employees of the school system, have filed civil action against the Knott County Board of Education, seeking reinstatement, restitution of wages and benefits, and damages totaling \$2,000.

Ricky Moore, 21, was hit during a flurry of shooting, early Tuesday morning, at a Mud Creek range site. Civil action against the Knott County Board of Education, seeking reinstatement, restitution of wages and benefits, and damages totaling \$2,000.

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40 YEARS AGO (February 17, 1972)

Two offices on the second floor of the Hall Insurance building here were burglarized, Friday night, but what officers found in one of the offices overshadowed the break-ins themselves. What they termed obscene and profane posters were found decorating the walls of one room of the Child Welfare Department offices.

Possible clearing and snagging projects for Right and Left Beaver Creeks, the right fork of Middle Creek and Middle Creek, were considered by the fiscal court at its February 3 meeting.

Nineteen condemnation cases for rights-of-way in construction of new US 23, between Prestonsburg and Pikeville, are on the docket of the civil term of circuit court, which will convene March 8. A Davess County jury, last Wednesday, convicted the slayer of young Edwin Cochran Dorsey, former Prestonsburg resident, and sentenced him to two life terms, one without parole.

Jonathan Boyd, 32, of Dana, was fatally crushed by a rock, inside the No. 3 mine of the Meade Coal Company at Honaker, last Friday. The strike at the American Standard plant near Pointsville is its third week.

There died: Mrs. Virdie Hall, 68, of Craynor, at her home last Wednesday; Mrs. Daisy S. Spears, 86, of Ewitt, February 8, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Dickie Farrell Salisbury, 20, of Grass Lake, Michigan, Thursday, in a Munich, Mich. hospital; Disabled veteran, James Meade, 33, of Betsy Layne, native of Honaker; Malcolm Hobart Collins, 72, of East Point, last Wednesday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Rev. Homer Hale, 60, formerly of this county in Warsaw, Indiana, Jan. 9; William Moore, 60, of Drift, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Henry Clay Smith, 74, of Ewitt, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; James Elbert Green, 67, of Pikeville, formerly of this county, Sunday, at a Pikeville hospital; H.M. (Hammie) Mellon, formerly of Prestonsburg, at his home in Jeffersonville, Ind., February 11; Mrs. Pearl Murphy, 68, of Wayland, Sunday, at the McDowell Hospital; Andy Fitch, 76, of Lancer, victim of an apparent heart attack, here, Monday.

50 YEARS AGO (February 15, 1962)

The junior college bill, which would provide for a

two-year community college here and in three other areas, was approved in the state House of Representatives, Wednesday, by a vote of 86 to 3.

Work on Prestonsburg's half-million-dollar low-rent public housing project will be started this spring, it became virtually certain this week.

Arthur C. Carter, former mayor of Prestonsburg, was fatally injured, Wednesday afternoon, when his auto left the lake road, between Hager Gap and Dewey Dam, and plunged approximately 250 feet down the mountainside.

Floyd County lost 2,435 children of school age in the 1950-60 decade, and this represented a loss of 15.6 percent of the population between the ages of six and 17 years.

There died: Okie Campbell, 28, of Mousie, Jan. 30, at Hazelwood Sanitarium, Louisville; Mrs. Lelia F. Hancock, 71, of Printer, Tuesday, at her home; Hiram Hicks, 84, of Garrett, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

60 YEARS AGO (February 14, 1952)

What was described by company officials as an "illegal strike" ended parts of this week and last, the operation of the Inland Steel Company's mines at Wheelwright, its huge coal preparation plant at Price, and also numerous small truck mines which depend on the Price plant for preparation of their product.

Wine Trimble, of Paintsville, revenue agent, and Floyd County deputy Sheriff Sanford Refitt found and destroyed two moonshine stills operated in fashion in the Quicksand section of Knott County, a short distance across the mountain from the head of Salt Lick.

"Any increase in tobacco growing over the present acreage for Floyd County looks discouraging," said the Production Marketing Administration, in this week.

Each leaving behind cryptic messages, two 16-year-old Floyd County youths ended their lives in widely separate sections of the county, late Sunday.

More than 300 Boy Scouts and parents gathered here, Monday night, at Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, for one of the largest Courts of Honor scrolls in this county have ever held.

There died: E. G. Carnutt, 62, Tuesday, at his home at Auxier; Rosa Slone Waddell, 79, February 6, at her home at Eastern; Mrs. Alice Lynch Slone, 68, Feb. 5, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Johnny Robinson, 72, of Martin, Feb. 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Will Johnson, 56, Feb. 12, at his home at Bevs-ville.

70 YEARS AGO (February 19, 1942)

Incomplete returns from Floyd's first war-time draft, since the outbreak of present hostilities showed that apparently 2,900 men between the ages of 20 and 45 years registered in this county, Monday. Full operation of the NYA master machine shop here on a 24-hour schedule will be begun next week, Richard Quillen, project superintendent said Wednesday.

Two Floyd County Times newsboys, Billy Turner and Frank Prater, were injured when struck by an automobile, Tuesday, last week on the Mayo Trail.

General merchandise store of Magistrate Glenn Burchett on Cow Creek was destroyed by fire, Monday night, at an estimated loss of \$6,000.

Mrs. H. C. Francis, Prestonsburg, is in receipt of information from the State Department, Washington, reassuring her of the safety of her daughter, Miss Lydia Mae Francis, secretary to the American consul-general at Japanese-occupied Shanghai, China.

There died: "Aunt Viney" Sizemore Collinsworth, 77, Saturday, at the home of a son here; James Hammond, 73, Tuesday, at home on Bull Creek; Raymond Hagens, 21, Saturday, at home at Maytown.

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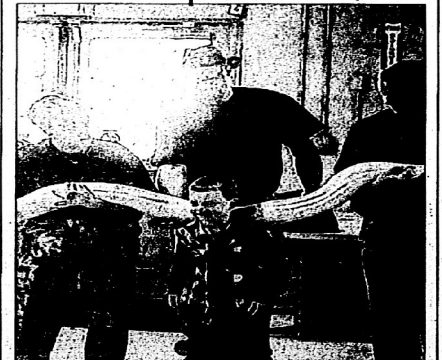
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Birthday celebrated with a reptile exhibit



Lucas Tilden Howard celebrated his sixth birthday on Jan. 29, with a reptile exhibit presented by Captain Ron's Animal Emporium. Luke, his sister Eliza and many friends and family loved learning about the many snakes shown at the exhibit. Lucas is the son of Yvilleda and Todd Howard, of Hippo. His maternal grandparents are Brenda Turner, of Hindman, and the late Garrie Turner, of Garrett. His paternal grandparents are Bill and Norma Jones, of Langley, and Tamara and Jerry Howard, of Garrett.

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Mary L. Goble, N. Mays Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has filed an application with the Environmental Cabinet to set a double cul-de-sac permanent foundation.

Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 858-0238 Renewal #1 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources LLC, 1374 Hwy 192 E, London, KY 40314 has applied for a renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 365.47 acres located 3.2 miles northwest of Hager Hill in Johnson and Floyd Counties.

Legals

and Billy & Malta Arms The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 212 Hudson Hollow, J.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Legals

344.10 surface acres The operation is located approximately 9.5 miles west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 579, and called in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, area, auger and leveling methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Thomas Neil Kidd, Lewis Moore-Hairs, Palmer Hamilton, Farnon Heirs, Larry & Betty Parson, and Stelfon and Eugenia Reynolds.

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Rodney Kern Patton, 581 Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647 owns property located at McDowell, Kentucky and has filed an application with the Environmental Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 0.50 mile east of the intersection of KY Route 120 and KY Route 680 near the community of Mac the waters of Frasure Creek in Floyd County.

Public Notice

The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles Southwest from State Rt. 1750's junction with U.S. 23 and located 0.2 miles Southeast of the Big Lick Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Fairview and Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Elish & Sharon Freeman, Eliza Allen & Susanne Freeman, Tim & Diana Bowling, Dixie Kay Keel, Earl Robinson, Kirby & Diana Bowling, Danese F. Amburgey, Wally & Patricia Pack, Jimmy Junior & Jimmy Freeman, Billy & Malta Arms, Malcomb Miller and Danese F. Thompson. The operation will underlie land owned by Elijah & Sharon Freeman, Tim & Diana Bowling, Danese F. Amburgey, Wally & Patricia Pack, Jimmy Junior & Jimmy Freeman, Billy & Malta Arms, Malcomb Miller, Danese F. Amburgey.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 858-0402 Renewal #1 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources LLC, 1374 Hwy 192 E, London, KY 40314 has applied for a renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 1.8 miles southwest of Gravel in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb

Public Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT C.A. NO. 11-CI-913 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SHAWN A. TIBBS, JESSICA D. TIBBS FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND U.S. BANK AS CUSTODIAN FOR SASS, MUNI V. DTR DEFENDANTS

Public Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 11-CI-00678 HALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP A KENTUCKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP PETITIONER VS. BETTY RAE STUMBO AKERS, ET AL RESPONDENTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 2nd day of February 2012, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, on the 15th day of March 2012 at 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:

Public Notice

TRACT 1 Beginning with the line of north side of the state road running south and parallel with Tom Turner's branch with Tom Stumbo's line, thence with Geo Stumbo's line to the state road to the point of beginning, containing four (4) acres more or less.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 21st day of December, 2011, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of March, 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 4839 Toler Creek, Harold, Kentucky

Public Notice

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING ON TOLER CREEK OF MUD CREEK OF LEISA FORK OF THE BIG SANDY RIVER, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ANY MONUMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN AS "RBC" IS A SET 5/8" REBAR, 18" IN LENGTH WITH "D" IN THE CENTER OF THE REBAR. A FOOTER #2667, ALL BEARINGS REFERRED TO HEREIN ARE BASED UPON MAGNETIC NORTH OBSERVED ON 11-17-2006.

Public Notice

TRACT 2 Beginning at a marked rock on line of state road on line of Geo Stumbo property and Beckham Stumbo, running South 190° to a cliff; thence West 110° to a cross on rock thence North 160° to a rock marked "X" thence East to the beginning, containing four (4) acres more or less.

Public Notice

TRACT 2 BEGINNING ON A "RBC" ON THE RIGHT OF WAY OF KY ROUTE 1426, SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NOT RECORDED BY SAID BOND SHALL HAVE THE FORCE AND EFFECT OF A BOND TO BE GRADE AND DRAINAGE UNDER THIS DESCRIPTION THEREBY ALLOWING EIGHT (8) FEET BEYOND EDGE OF PAVEMENT ON PROPERTY SIDES FOR DITCH MAINTENANCE. ALSO SAID POINT BEING A CORNER TO TRACT NO. 2, THENCE RUNNING WITH SAID TRACT NO. 2 IN REVERSE S 89° 38' 51" E, 242.50 FEET TO A "RBC" ON HILL IN FENCELINE BEING THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN TRACTS 2 and 3; THENCE, LEAVING TRACT NO. 2 AND RUNNING WITH FENCE S 19° 59' 43" W, 20.97 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 05° 08' 48" E, 48.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S 02° 03' 46" E, 4.97 FEET TO A "RBC" IN FENCELINE COMMON CORNER TO TRACT NO. 4; THENCE WITH TRACT NO. 4 IN REVERSE S 77° 55' E, 265.67 FEET TO A "RBC" IN SAID RIGHT OF WAY COMMON CORNER TO TRACT NO. 4; THENCE, RUNNING WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY S 11° 19' 00" E, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.567 ACRES.

Public Notice

BEING 1/3 SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JESSICA D. TIBBS AND SHAWN A. TIBBS BY DEED BOOK 533, PAGE 24, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Public Notice

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Public Notice

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

Public Notice

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 14th day of November 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$77,143.54, with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 15th day of February 2012 at 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 8 Airport Lane, Wayland, Kentucky 41656

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 10-CI-00182 BAC HOME LOANS SERVICE, LP PLAINTIFF VS. RUTH CAROL HALE UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF RUTH CAROL HALE DEFENDANTS

Legals

Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of March, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 745 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Legals

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Legals

Being Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 in the Garfield Addition to Prestonsburg, Kentucky, as shown by a map or plat of the said addition, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the property hereby conveyed.

Legals

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 4th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$1,297.53, with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice

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Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-00813 GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. MARTIN DYE SUSAN DYE CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION DEFENDANTS

Legals

Parcel No. 029-40-13-026-00 A Certain Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying In Floyd County, Kentucky, On Martins Branch, A Tributary To Right Beaver Creek, Containing 1.42 Acres More Or Less And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At A Stake, Corner Between Wells Elk Horn Coal Company, J.F. Ring, and Cemetery; Thence South 17° 17' E, 176.07 Feet To A Stake, Corner Between J.F. Ring and Cemetery; Thence North 60° 11' E, 64 Feet To A Stake, Corner Between Pete Garzon, J.F. Ring and Cemetery; Thence S 16 Degrees 23' 206.77 Feet To A Stake, Corner Between Pete Garzon And J.F. Ring; Thence South 65° 32' West 52.92 Feet To A Stake; Thence South 76° 14' W 133.36 Feet To A Stake, Corner Of Line Of J.F. Ring And Lot 4 On Right Of-Way Of Road Up Martin's Branch And Road Up To Estill Heights; Thence 50.58 E 50.59 Feet To A Stake; Thence N 110° 49' Feet To A Stake; Thence N 42° 18' E 210.10 Feet To The Beginning; And Containing 1.42 Acres, More Or Less.

Legals

Less And Excepted To A Certain Tract Or Parcel Of Land Lying In Floyd County, Kentucky, On Martin's Branch, A Tributary To Right Beaver Creek, Being A Lot With A House Thereon, And More Particularly Described As Follows: Starting At A Stake Going Up The Road To Estill Heights 110° Ft. (+ Or -) To A Stake Adjoining Darrell Kessler's Property, Turning Right, Going To Property Line Of J.E. Ring Cemetery, Turn Right, Follow Ridge Line Of Ring Cemetery, Down 110 Ft. (+ or -) To A Stake Adjoining Rachel and Ellis Sexton's Property, Turn Right, Going Back To Original Stake At Estill Heights Road.

Legals

Being the same property conveyed to Martin Dye and Susan Dye, husband and wife, from Ellis E. Sexton and Rachel Sexton, husband and wife, by deed dated November 13, 2007 and recorded on November 19, 2007 in Deed Book 540, Page 671, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Legals

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Legals

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 14th day of November 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$89,377.23, with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 1st day of March, 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 4839 Toler Creek, Harold, Kentucky

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U. S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS) will host a public hearing at 10:00 PM, Friday, February 17, 2012, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The public hearing is for the consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Mingo, Martin, and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the hearing and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 2, 2012.

If you require Limited English Proficiency accommodations, or have any questions please contact Joy Hinkle, Executive Director at 606-441-7433 or via e-mail, jhinkle@svtransport.org

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0375 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 intends to revise Permit No. 836-0375 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560. The new operator will be Blackhawk Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560. The operation is located at Brainerd and is situated in both Floyd and Magoffin County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.14 miles east from KY Route 144 junction with Prater Branch Road and located along Prater Branch. The operation is located on the Iovton USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
 Pursuant to Application Number 836-9022, Renewal #3
 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mat/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for renewal of a permit for surface disposal facility located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 27.66 surface acres. The facility is approximately 0.5 miles east from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY Route 1428 and located on Dial's Branch of Sugarloaf Branch. The nearest stream is Dial Branch.

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S 7.5' Africa 2, minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Joe Burchett.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Public Notice NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION No. 836-0413 Original

SEO CHAPTER #V.1. In accordance with the provisions KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Express Transport Services, 534 Comert, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has filed an application for a permit for a surface mining and reclamation operation of approximately 1.09 miles southeast of Banner in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.09 miles southeast of the junction of US 23 with KY State Route 1426 and is located on Leona Park of the Big Sandy River. The surface area is owned by Gregory Hall.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use experimental practices method of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Complex U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5559 Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 intends to change the operator. The operator presently approved is FDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560. The new operator will be Hedekaw Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560.

The operation is located 1.40 miles southeast of Priest in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.40 miles southeast from KY Route 2030's junction with KY Route 124 and located 0.10 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle.

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

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REAL ESTATE RENTALS

Applications Being Accepted For 1-Bedroom Apartments for persons 62 and older

Located on May Branch in Prestonsburg. All utilities included, rent is based on gross monthly income. Several amenities such as line dancing, crafts, church services, hair salon. Furnished with stove, refrigerator, hot emergency alarm system and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace 1 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711 or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status.

For rent 1 room furnished efficiency apt utilities ad W/D provided. No Pets. Suitable for single working person. \$375 per month \$200 deposit. Call 226-0999 Near Prestonsburg

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 FOR RENT 3 BR APARTMENT IN THE CITY LIMITS OF PRESTONSBURG, NO PETS. CALL 886-8921

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Apartments/Townhouses

FOR RENT FOR RENT UPSTAIRS, FURNISHED TOWNHOUSES. MONTH NICE, CLEAN, HUD DEPOSIT ACCEPTS PER MONTH PLUS DEPOSIT REQUIRED. CALL 886-6208.

Applications Being Accepted For 1,2,3,4 Bedroom Apartments

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Help Wanted - General

The Lexington Herald-Leader has a morning newspaper route available in the Route takes about 3 1/2 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1,400 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-274-7355 ext 1390.

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Ideal candidates must have certification as a medical laboratory scientist/clinical laboratory scientist/medical technologist with a minimum of 3 years' clinical experience. Master's degree in medical laboratory science or related field is required. Teaching experience in an educational institution or rural healthcare setting is preferred. Preference will be given to those with clinical experiences in one or more of the four major disciplines: Hematology, Clinical Chemistry, Microbiology, and Immunohematology.

To apply for requisition #SP539577 go to <http://ukjobs.uky.edu/> or contact HR/Employee, phone (859) 257-9555 job 2 or email ukjobs@email.uky.edu. Application deadline is March 3, 2012 but may be extended until position filled.

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