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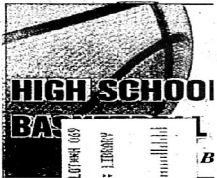
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Louisa attorney Tim Robinson had filed to run as a Republican in the 97th District House seat currently held by Democratic Rep. Hubert Collins, of Wittenville. That filing was only made possible after a redistricting bill passed by the legislature moved a portion of Lawrence County into the 97th District, after removing three Floyd County precincts from the district.

late to withdraw from 97th District race

That changed, however, after Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd ruled Feb. 7 that the redistricting plan was unconstitutional. The new plan was scrapped and the district returned to its 2002 boundaries. As such, the Floyd County precincts remain the 97th District, while the Lawrence County precincts have reverted to the 99th District.

son said last week that candidates would remain on the ballot in the races for which they registered, even if they no longer lived in those districts, unless the candidates asked to withdraw.

Robinson said Monday he has already asked for the paperwork to withdraw from the race.

"I think the people of the 97th District deserve someone who lives in the district," Robinson said.

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Robinson's departure will mean no primary contest in the 97th District. In November, Republican Bobby Wayne McCool, a Big Sandy Community and Technical College administrator from Van Lear, will challenge Rep. Collins for his seat.

Pedestrian killed on U.S. 23

Times Staff Report

STANVILLE — A Prestonsburg woman was killed last week, after she was struck by a car on U.S. 23.

Sharon Ann Ray, 66, of Stanville, was crossing U.S. 23 Thursday evening at the intersection with Mare Creek Road, when she was struck by a passenger car that was headed north.

Ray was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy Coroner Chuck Hall.

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer Tommy Gearheart was the first officer on the scene. The incident is being investigated by Kentucky State Police Master Trooper Eddie Crum.



Some of Prestonsburg Elementary's Top Accelerated Reader students from joined Mayor Jerry Fannin Monday as he signed a proclamation declaring the week of February 28 through March 2 "National Reading Week" in the city of Prestonsburg. Students pictured from left to right are Austin Huynh, Payton Burke, Kaitlyn Johnson, Sydney Francis, Aaron Hall and Ally Springer.

Man charged with torturing, killing dog

Jack Latta Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man was arrested earlier this week, after witnesses say he tortured and killed their dog.

According to police reports, Christopher Mullins, 21, of Prestonsburg, was arrested and charged with torturing the dog to death.

In a statement given to police, Shelia Baldrige, a resident of Goble Roberts, said that Mullins had shot her dog "with a crossbow and poured bleach in the dog's wound," which resulted in the dog's death.

Baldrige said she was informed by a witness of Mullins' actions.

Mullins was also arrested for terroristic threatening and harassment to another resident of Goble Roberts, after a woman, Rachel Salisbury, told police that Mullins had been following her, calling her and texting her, and that Mullins had threatened to kill her and her minor son.

According to Baldrige, Salisbury was the witness to her dog being killed.

Torture of a Dog or Cat is typically a Class A misdemeanor, though when it involves the death of a dog or cat, it becomes a Class D felony. Terroristic threatening and harassment are both misdemeanors.

'Breathe Easy' not resting easy

Smoke-free workplace proponents holding meeting to plan next steps

Ralph B. Davis Managing Editor

PRESTONSBURG — Proponents of legislation requiring all workplaces to ban smoking are keeping one eye on a bill to that effect before this year's General Assembly, while keeping another eye fixed on what can be done locally, if the statewide effort fails.

The Breathe Easy Floyd County Coalition will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, at the Floyd County Public Library, to provide information about House Bill 289, which would require all workplaces in the state to ban smoking.

The meeting will also focus on efforts that can be undertaken locally, should the bill falter.

Jean Rosenberg, a community advocate for the Floyd County Health Department, which has been spearheading local smoke-free efforts over the last several years, said she believes a lot can be accomplished on the local level. First, however, she would like to see a statewide smoke ban put in place, because "if it's statewide, then Floyd County will be covered."

Still, if HB 289 does not pass, Rosenberg said Breathe Easy Floyd County would be ready to pick up the torch.

"I really feel everybody deserves a smoke-free workplace, so we're planning on going forward," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg recalled being approached by a woman several months ago, who thanked her for helping

get a smoke ban passed in Prestonsburg. She said the woman told her the ban enabled her to hold a full-time job outside her home for the first time in her life.

Smoke-free advocates will continue pursuing educational efforts, Rosenberg said, but they will also be looking for opportunities to enact additional smoke-free-workplace ordinances in Floyd County's other four incorporated cities — Allen, Martin, Wayland and Wheelwright — as well as Floyd County, as a whole.

Couple reaches plea deal on meth charges

Jack Latta Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — A local couple pleaded guilty Monday to charges of possession of methamphetamine precursors and insurance fraud this week in Floyd Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris heard the pleas of the two, and set sentencing for later this year.

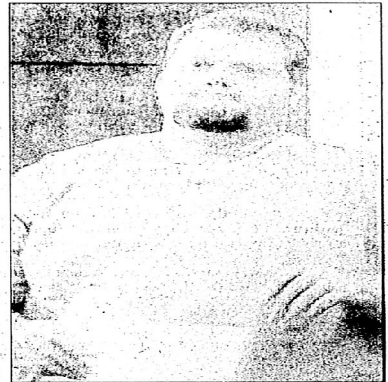
Toby, 35, and Tiffany Akers, 28, of Martin, both pleaded guilty to reduced charges of being in possession of methamphetamine precursors, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft by deception, two counts of receiving stolen property, tampering with evidence, theft by unlawful taking, and insurance fraud. Toby Akers is also pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Though charged individually, both the Akers were represented by attorney Ned Fillersdorf. Charges of manufacturing methamphetamine were reduced to possession of a precursor, and a charge of arson against the Akerses was dropped by Commonwealth's Attorney's Office as part of the plea agreement.

The Akerses are next scheduled to be in court April 19 for sentencing. The Akerses are both being held in Floyd County Detention Center.



Tiffany Akers



Toby Akers

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Today
Chance of storms
High: 64 - Low: 40

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 68 - Low: 39

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Obituaries

Charles Dean 'Snock' Bates

Charles Dean "Snock" Bates, 72, of Wayland, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center. He was born April 22, 1939, to the late William Columbus "Dib" Bates and Celeste Hall Bates. He was the husband of Myrtle Johnson Bates. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by one son, Teddy Bates; a brother, Shannon Bates; and a sister, Patty Jean Bates.

He is survived by one son, Dean (Brenda) Bates; two daughters, Patty (Gary) Perkin and Sheila Maggard; special granddaughter, Kaley Marie Bates; brothers and sisters, Eddie "Bud" Bates, John Ellis Bates, James Bates, Charisla Thornsberry, Aileen Orosz, Nancy Louise Thornsberry, Sharon Ann Blankenship and Joy M. Bates; and grandchildren, Larry Lee Hunter, Gary Michael Hunter, Weley Daniel Perkins, Michael Brandon Maynard and Sarah Elizabeth Perkins.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 26, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Cluett Hall officiating. Burial followed the service at the Bates Family Cemetery in Wayland.

Frank Bays

Frank Bays, age 67, of North Manchester, Ind., died at home Feb. 27, 2012, at 6:50 a.m. He was born March 31, 1944, in Prestonsburg, to Sarnnie and Doris (Miller) Bays Jr. He married Sadie Prater on March 2, 1968, in Packerton, Ind. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, class of 1963. He worked at Dalton Foundry as an Iron Carrier and was a longtime farmer. He was a member of the Highway 13 Free United Baptist Church, Warsaw, Ind., and Silver Lake Coon Hunters Club. He also was active in helping in the 4H Club over the years serving as an Advisory member. Frank was always a hard worker, enjoyed his hobbies, hunting, fishing and family time.

Frank is survived by his wife, Sadie Bays, of North Manchester, Ind.; a daughter, Toni (and spouse Brian) Westerberg, of North Manchester, Ind.; two sisters, Alice (and spouse Paul) Surface, of Akron, Ind., and Karla (and spouse Vick) Lee, of Burnsville, Minn.; four brothers, Carl (and spouse Renessa) Bays, of

Akron, Ind.; Keith (and spouse Phyllis) Bays, of Pierceton, Ind.; Ken (and spouse Lane) Bays, of Akron, Ind.; and Earl (and spouse Lavone) Bays, of Garrett; and two grandchildren, Justin and Jacob Westerberg.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 3, at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, in Warsaw, Ind. Calling hours will be on Friday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Reverend Alvin "Hoss" Allen will officiate the services. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, at Silver Lake, Ind.

To send condolence or sign a guestbook or go to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapel.com.

Lawrence 'Vernon' Bentley

Lawrence "Vernon" Bentley, age 65, quietly slipped away to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at Reid Hospital, in Richmond, Ind.

He was born Jan. 7, 1947, at Teaberry, to Marrow and Verdie Bentley. He was preceded in death by his parents; one infant son, Andy Michael Bentley; and two brothers, Marrow Bentley Jr. and Lloyd Dean Bentley.

At a very young age, Larry decided to move away from the hills of Eastern Kentucky and pursue a career in Albion, Mich., where he worked for Brooks Foundry as a molder for several years. Eventually, he moved to Circleville, Ohio, and was employed by Corning Glass company and designed many unique pieces of glass artwork for 20 years. Next, he worked as a truck driver for Hartwig Transport, driving across the country to various states, delivering the mail. He had a free spirit that loved the open road. The loved stranger was not in his vocabulary because to anyone who ever stopped to say hello they became an instant friend for life. Larry had a special love for animals, especially horses, he owned and trained horses at Sycota Downs in Columbus Ohio for many years. In his golden years, his passion for gardening and creating beautiful landscapes evolved into a yearly conversation in the neighborhood, of how beautiful his home was when everything was in full bloom in the spring.

Vernon leaves behind to mourn two sons, Tony Dale Bentley, of Branson Mo., and Donnie Bentley, of Co-

lumbus, Ohio; one brother, Clarence Bentley, his wife Kathy (whom Vernon loved like a sister), from Teaberry; four sisters, Mary Lou Howell (husband Frelon), of Teaberry, Augustine Bryant, of Teaberry, Delorse Teckett, of Teaberry, and Joann Mullins (husband James Pete), of Grethel; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Bentley, of Teaberry, and Loretta Bentley Adkins, of Grethel; ex-wife, Louise Spurlock, of Wilmington, Ohio; five grandchildren, Brody James Shoemaker, Star Poston, Brian Poston, Lexus Poston, and Anthony Poston; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Opal Elaine Martin Carrington

Opal Elaine Martin Carrington, age 93, passed away Feb. 20, 2012, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sharon (Carrington) and Kenneth Ray Nasson, in Houston, Texas, where she had lived for the past 26 years.

Opal was born April 10, 1918, at Welo, in Floyd County. She worked in Cleveland and Sandusky, Ohio, during World War II in a bomb plant and while there she took a few flying lessons, but never finished the training to learn to fly. After World War II, she went back to South Shore, became a school teacher and taught school for 40 years in Boyd County. She was a member of Kentucky Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William "Buck" Martin and Susie Martin; husband, Chester "J.R." Carrington; three sisters, Virginia "Vergie" (Martina) Hillman (W.H.), Norsie Louisa Martin Harlan (Kit Carson) and Carolina Martin Franz (Hanford Carner); five brothers, Joseph E. Joe Martin (Susie Blackburn), John Martin (Elizabeth Petry), Corbett Martin (Gladis Newberry), Orban Martin and Wayne Sr. Martin (Edith Grace Richardson).

She is survived by her two daughters, Sharon Carrington, of Martin (Kenneth Ray), of Houston, Texas, and Linda Carrington Greaves (Lyle), of Kelowna, B. C., Canada; three grandchildren, Jennifer B. Mason Aguirre (Keith), Brian Nathan Mason (Tera Hogan) and Darin Greaves (Kathryn Cadman); and eight great grandchildren, Mason, Merith and Madelyn Aguirre, Charles, Rachael and Mary Elizabeth Mason, all of Houston, Texas, and Josh and Grayden Greaves.

of Kelowna, B. C., Canada. Funeral arrangements by American Heritage Funeral Home at 10710 Veteran's Memorial Dr. Houston Texas 77038. She was buried in the Brookside Memorial Park, 13401 Eastex Freeway Houston, Texas.

Michael D. Conn Sr.

Michael D. Conn Sr., 53, of Harold, husband of the late Sally Swiger Conn, father of Michael Dean Conn Jr., Jamie Lee Conn and Brendanna Luchae Conn, step-father of Charlie Justice, Joshua Hamilton, Amanda Allison Gearheart and Katrina LaRosa Justice, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, in Pikeville. Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Barry Clark and Donna Boyd officiating. Burial followed in the Conn Cemetery, at Dana.

Addie Bea Hall

Addie Bea Hall, age 92, of Harold, widow of Eugene Hall, passed away on Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born July 14, 1919, a daughter of the late Worley C. and Gustavia Conn Boyd. Addie was a retired bookkeeper and postal worker, and a member of the Vogel Day United Methodist Church at Harold.

She is survived by one son, Michael Hall, of Harold; one granddaughter, Annetta Hall; and a great grandchild, Chase Helvey.

Funeral services were Sunday, Feb. 26, at Vogel Day United Methodist Church, at Harold, with Dennis Lowe officiating. Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Wanda Mae Tackett Hamilton

Wanda Mae Tackett Hamilton, age 89, of Teaberry, widow of William Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at her residence in Teaberry.

She was born Dec. 28, 1922, in Teaberry, a daughter of the late George and Mary Hamilton Tackett. Wanda was a former grocery store owner, having operated a store at Tinker for many years, and was a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry.

She is survived by one son, Aubrey Dean (Sharon) Hamilton, of Teaberry; two daughters, Charlette Delorse Frasure, of Grethel, and Glenda (Garnus) Newt, of Teaberry; one sister, Kelma Tackett, of Teaberry; four grandchildren, Greg (Teddi) Frasure, Chad (Jessica) Frasure, Heather (APM) Akers and April

Hamilton; and six great grandchildren, Dalton, Chelsea and Ivey Frasure, Addison Akers, Kylie Hamilton and Adelyn Akers.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Arnold Tackett and Tramble Tackett, and four sisters, Daisy Mitchell, Lucretia Spencer, Arizona Bradford and Hilda Bishop.

Funeral services for Wanda Mae Tackett Hamilton were conducted Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Hamilton Cemetery, Teaberry, with the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Paul T. Prater

Paul T. Prater, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at his residence.

He was born Sept. 28, 1931, to the late Elzie and Mary Wadley Prater. He was the husband of Tealie Spears Prater and was a retired construction worker.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Gloden Dell Prater, and one sister, Sawanna Robert. He is survived by his sons, Paul Wesley Prater, Brian Keith Prater, Randall Dean Prater and Anthony Shawn Prater; brothers, Lonnie Prater, Stanley Prater, Elzie Prater Jr. and Danny Prater; sisters, Mary Rashin, Polly McCoy, Sharon Swint, Wanda Link, Diane Compton and Faye Grimm; and grandchildren, Paul Alexander, Brittanie Destiny, Shauna and Nathan.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home. Burial followed the service at Spears Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John T. Shepherd

John T. Shepherd, 56, of David, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2012, at the Cleveland Clinic.

He was born Nov. 20, 1955, to the late Aaron Shepherd and Berta Moore Shepherd. He was a retired meter reader for the Columbia Gas Company.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Ed Shepherd.

He is survived by one son, Jonathan Brandon "Teb" Shepherd; two brothers,

Steve Shepherd and Owen Shepherd; and seven sisters: Mable Moore, Vina Crider, Ernestine Slone, Marlene Howard, Geneva Marshall, Virginia Hale and Brenda Pennington.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Ricky Kelly officiating. Burial followed the service at Shepherd Cemetery in David.

Lonzie Dean Tackett Jr.

Lonzie Dean Tackett Jr., 44, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, at St. Mary's Medical Center.

He was born August 10, 1967, to Lonzie Tackett and Nadine Vance Tackett of Wheelwright. He was the husband of Cathy Johnson Tackett and worked as a correctional officer for Otter Creek.

He is survived by his sons, Lonzie Tackett III and William Tracy Tackett; brothers, Randy Lynn Tackett and Marty Lynn (Melissa) Tackett; sister, Carol Deane Tackett; and nieces and nephews, Luke Austin, Isaiah, Jason, AJ, Destiny and Erica.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Calvary Hope Independent Church in Wheelwright, under the officiating of Ray Grindstaff. Burial followed the service at Johnson Cemetery, at Bevinville.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Thurman Darrell West

Thurman Darrell West, 61, of Ivel, died Friday, Feb. 24, 2012, at the UK Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 2, 1950, to Alma May West and the late Charlie. He was a retired truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Charles West.

He is survived by his sons, Russell (Jennifer) West, Tony (Danita) West, and Nick (Jessica) West; brother, Carl (Joann) West; sister, Joanne Sorrensen; grandchildren, Kane, Emily, Erin, Dylan, Keegan and Cole; and girlfriend, Billy Jean Hopkins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Larry Abshire officiating. Burial followed the service at Davidson Memorial Gardens. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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The Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mines (KYDAML)

is soliciting public comment on a proposed Abandoned Mine Land Enhancement Rule Reclamation Project in the community of Harold, in Floyd County. The project is being proposed pursuant to guidelines in 30 CFR 874.17, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan. The Division will accept comments from the public until close of business March 16, 2012. Any person or group may submit comments in writing through the United States Postal Service or via email.

The project involves a proposed cooperative reclamation effort between the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources (DNR) and a contractor to remove coal refuse material from an abandoned coal refuse dump located on the south side of KY Highway 680 in the community of Harold. The refuse material was deposited by previous pre-law mining operations. The project proposes to remove the refuse material using suitable equipment and transport it to a local permitted preparation plant.

After refuse removal operations are completed, the former dump area will be regarded and revegetated in a manner described in the project narrative.

You will find a description of the proposed project and plan maps on the Internet at <http://aml.ky.gov/> for viewing and download. Or call (502) 564-2141 and request to have a copy of the project mailed to you.

Comments may be mailed to:

Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands
Attn: Bill Overman
Mud Creek - Harold Refuse AML Enhancement Rule Project
2521 Lawrenceburg Rd.
Frankfort KY 40601

Comments may be e-mailed to bill.overman@ky.gov or ryan.howell@ky.gov

Put "Mud Creek - Harold Refuse AML Enhancement Rule" in the subject line of the e-mail.

EPA requests comment on 17th annual U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the annual "Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2010" (Inventory) draft report. The Inventory is the United States' official estimate of total national greenhouse gas emissions, and is developed annually to meet commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The draft report will be open for public comment for 30 days. The draft report shows that in 2010, overall greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions increased by 3.3 percent from the previous year. This trend is attributed to an increase in energy consumption across all economic sectors. The report also shows that demand associated with an expansion in the economy. There was also an increase in air conditioning use due to warmer summer weather during 2010. Total emissions from GHGs were about 6,866 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) equivalent. Overall, emissions have grown by 11 percent from 1990 to 2010.

The inventory tracks annual greenhouse gas emissions nationally from 1990 to 2010. The gases covered by this inventory include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride. The inventory also calculates carbon dioxide emissions that are removed from the atmosphere by "sinks," e.g., through the uptake of carbon by forests, vegetation, and soils.

This annual report is prepared by EPA in collaboration with experts from other federal agencies. After responding to public comments, the U.S. government will submit the final inventory report to the Secretariat of the UNFCCC. This report will fulfill the annual requirement of the UNFCCC international treaty, ratified by the United States in 1992, which sets an overall framework for intergovernmental efforts to tackle the challenge posed by climate change.

More information on the draft report and submitting comments can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/usinventoryreport.html>.

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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 203 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3503; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Johnson reunion
The Mary and Green Johnson family reunion will be held Saturday, May 26, at the Weeksbury Community Center Park. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, call (270) 737-2629 or (937) 866-7937 or locally (606) 452-2473.

Veterans representative
A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For more information, call toll-free, (866) 647-2926 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

Maytown Community Homecoming
The Maytown Community Homecoming will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26. Registration will begin Friday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in the old school building. There will be a gospel sing at 7 p.m., Friday night, at Graceway Church. Saturday, May 26, will begin with breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. and an afternoon meal from 2 to 4 p.m. Meals will be catered and the \$22 per person fee must be paid in advance. Saturday activities will take place in the old lunchroom. On Saturday night, the evening program will feature the Valentinos, from Lexington. Admission will be \$5 at the door. Send meal reservations by May 2 to Betty May, 363 Wilson Creek, Langley, KY 41645. For more information, call (606) 285-3362.

Gospel sing
4-His Glory from Perry County will be singing at the Garrett Church of God on Friday night, March 2, at 7 p.m. Turn off Route 80 at the Garrett exit, turn left at the end of the ramp. The church is less than half a mile on the left, behind the bank. Everyone is welcome. Pastor is Bill Tussey.

Floyd County Job Club

The Floyd County Job club meets every Thursday, from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg. This free job club is sponsored by Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program and the Office of Employment and Training. At the club, you will get job leads, job search advice and networking opportunities that will help you get hired. All are welcome and first-time visitors are encouraged to come 30 minutes early for a new member orientation. Call (606) 886-2948, for more information.

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 nonviolent offenders with a mentor from the local community. M2C is looking for local men who are motivated to make a difference in the life of an individual while having a positive impact on the community. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or Jkinzer@M2Comp.org.

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

Free Parenting Classes
To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

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

Autism Awareness &

Support Group
2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancer (67 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chabin, ckyautismawareness@gmail.com

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting
Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation/bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0143 or visit our website at www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/

Foster parent info
Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to help a child in need, this is your chance. Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m. at Benchmark Family Services Office. For more information, please call (606) 886-0163.

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program
You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom

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

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education
Narcoticon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narcoticon 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.

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

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

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?
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day, 8-4.
Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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— Gregory Nunn

Amendment I

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

Guest View A legislative perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

In each legislative session, the Kentucky House of Representatives spends a considerable amount of time on those who comprise our youngest generation, looking for ways to help them at home and in the classroom.

Last week was a high-water mark in both of those areas. On Wednesday, for example, the House of Representatives put its unanimous support behind legislation that would make it illegal to intentionally view child pornography.

Possession of this material has long been outlawed, but in today's internet age, pedophiles have been able to exploit a loophole that makes it difficult to prosecute those who view, but don't download, images stored on computer servers located outside of the United States.

If this bill becomes law, law enforcement here in Kentucky would have more authority to act, and those found guilty could face up to five years in jail. At the same time, there are built-in protections for those who inadvertently view this material. Cracking down on child sexual predators was a top priority of mine as Attorney General, so I'm certainly glad to see this bill move forward.

Earlier that day, the House Judiciary Committee laid the groundwork for more public accountability in court cases involving children's welfare. This issue has become especially prominent in the last year, because of ongoing efforts to learn more about several high-profile cases in which children died.

If this bill becomes law, it would establish pilot programs in family courts, with one case in the seven Supreme Court districts. This would give us the framework to open up these proceedings statewide while giving judges the discretion to maintain privacy where appropriate, such as in sexual abuse cases.

In academic matters, my legislation to bring the University of Pikeville into the state system had its first hearing in the House Education Committee last week. This is an important step forward as other support-

ers and I work to educate the public about the need to do this. Another hearing is set for this week to further discuss how positive this would be for our region.

The same day this committee discussed my bill, it also gave the go-ahead to Senate legislation that would award alternative high school diplomas — rather than the current certificate — to special needs students who qualify. This would better showcase their accomplishment, and it is expected to make it through the full House and then be signed by Governor Beshear in the days ahead.

On Thursday, the House unanimously voted for legislation that would build on a 2007 law that was very beneficial to Ford, helping the company invest more than a billion dollars in its Louisville operations and hire up to 3,000 new employees. Under this bill, the incentives would be extended to include the state's other assembly plants and large auto parts companies should they choose to make similar investments. This bill could be a major boost to our economy.

On Friday, meanwhile, the House unanimously voted for House Bill 256, which would establish the Iraq/Afghanistan War Memorial Committee and eventually lead to a permanent memorial to honor the six Kentuckians who died in Operation Desert Storm and the 104 who have perished in Operation Iraqi Freedom and, in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom.

There are about five full weeks left in the legislative session, so the month ahead promises to be the busiest of the year for the General Assembly. The budget and a host of other issues affecting the state will be resolved during that time.

If you would like to let me or any other legislator know your thoughts or concerns about this work, feel free to call and leave a message at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.



Our View

Kentucky voters stripped of authority once again

One of the more notable headlines to come out of the General Assembly last week is that, once again, lawmakers have rejected a constitutional amendment to allow casino gambling in the state.

Translation: Once again, lawmakers have subjugated the people of Kentucky, by refusing to them the opportunity to vote on this issue. Ultimate power to amend the Kentucky Constitution rests with the voters, who vote any proposed amend-

ment up or down. Lawmakers' consistent refusal to allow them to exercise that power, year after year, is an insult to Kentuckians, who apparently cannot be trusted to determine their own destiny.

True, the legislature does have a gatekeeper role in determining which amendments voters may consider, because any proposal to amend the Constitution must first gain 60 percent approval from each house. However, the history of the

gambling debate in Kentucky should make it clear that legislators are acting not as gatekeepers, but as obstructionists in the most positive light, totalitarians in the worst.

An expanded gambling amendment should be a shoo-in for the ballot. The issue has dominated public policy debates in the state for the better part of two decades, and will only be resolved once voters have their say, one way or the other. An overwhelming

number of voters (85 percent, according to some polls) have said they want to vote on the issue, regardless of how they feel about it.

Kentucky voters are not children who need to be protected from themselves. It's well past time they were given the opportunity to decide the issue of expanded gambling, once and for all.

— The Floyd County Times

Advocates for gambling for their own worst enemies

It has to be said that opponents of expanded gambling had no greater allies this year than those in favor of it, particularly Gov. Steve Beshear. The gambling amendment was bungled from the very beginning and at every succeeding step along the way.

Beshear introduced the amendment late, then immediately scrapped and replaced it. The measure was then rammed through to the Senate floor, even though the votes to pass it weren't there. And regardless of which version of the amendment was being considered, all of them made the mis-

take of trying to do too much. If casino advocates are ever going to get a chance to vote for public votes, they're going to have to get their acts together. This year, it is obvious there was no cohesive strategy to pursue the amendment. In fact, one would be hard-pressed to find evidence advocates engaged in any planning at all.

And we fail to see the logic in attempting to nail down so much detail about who will be eligible for licenses and where casinos can be located in the Constitution, rather than simply pursuing an amendment to legalize

gambling and leaving the rest for enabling legislation.

As it stands, a majority of Kentuckians could probably be persuaded to vote for some level of expanded gambling. But they're not going to vote for it if they think it is being done solely to satisfy a special interest. They won't allow it if they feel they will have no control over it afterwards. And they certainly won't approve it if those championing expanded gambling pursue its legalization by the seats of their pants.

— The Floyd County Times

House Week in Review

Rep. Hubert Collins

We've long said our first priority in policymaking is to ensure the welfare of our "most vulnerable" — our children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, specifically. Last week, we moved forward in adding Kentucky's increasing number of human-trafficking victims to that priority list.

By a unanimous vote of 13-0, the House Judiciary Committee last Wednesday approved House Bill 350. Should it become law, the legislation would create new felony crimes for human trafficking, and increase funding to both prosecute traffickers and advocate against this modern-day form of slavery.

Many of the more than 130 known human trafficking victims in Kentucky — around 43 percent — were initially trafficked for sex or forced labor, or both, as children. Some were adults when they were finally identified and rescued. HB 350 would protect both child and adult victims by, among other things, allowing the financial assets of anyone convicted under the law to be seized and forfeited. All assets would go to help victims and advance police and prosecutorial work on trafficking cases.

A couple of new felony crimes that traffickers could be prosecuted under would actually be created by HB 350. "Patronizing prostitution" and "patronizing a minor" would both be established to increase prosecution based on the very specific sex and/or forced-labor component of human trafficking cases.

Some lawmakers and others, particularly in the legal community, have questioned the need for specifying the new crimes, which mirror the crime of unlawful transaction with a minor currently on Kentucky's law books. But HB 350's supporters say that the specific nature of the facts in human trafficking cases makes the creation of the new criminal provisions both necessary and non-duplicative.

If passed, HB 350 would also create a new Kentucky State Police unit to investigate human trafficking rings and promote better training in patterns of trafficking for law enforcement, prosecutors, victims and victims' advocates. The bill will now be considered by the full House, where floor amendments proposing additional changes to HB 350 are expected to be filed in coming days.

The scourge of child pornography is a problem worldwide, and one that has not left Kentucky unscathed. Yet law enforcement officials say they need more specific tools to pursue cases against those who view "kiddie porn" in the Commonwealth. In response, the Kentucky House voted 97-0 last Wednesday to pass HB 125, which would make the intentional viewing of child pornography a felony under state law.

Possession of child pornography in Kentucky is already a Class D felony, which can carry one to five years in prison. But intentionally viewing such images (as on the Internet) is not yet a crime. Under HB 126 — which now

goes to the Senate — the Commonwealth would outlaw the "deliberate, purposeful and voluntary viewing" of the images except when required by law enforcement in the course of a criminal investigation.

Another growing problem in Kentucky is cervical cancer. The Commonwealth ranks among 11 states, mostly in the South and Southeast, with the highest rates of cervical cancer in the nation over the past five years. Since cervical cancer is commonly caused by a strain of the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus (HPV), the House took action last week urging young people to be vaccinated against HPV.

House Resolution 80, which cleared the House 87-4, will send a message from the Kentucky House to citizens throughout the state that girls age nine through 26 and boys age 11 through 26 should receive the HPV vaccine. It also would encourage Kentuckians to become more knowledgeable about the vaccine. Since HR 80 is a simple resolution, it does not carry the force of law. But it does allow House members a "bully pulpit" to collectively draw attention to the vaccine's benefits.

Creating jobs is the intent behind another bill that cleared the House floor last week, HB 400 — which was passed by the House on a 95-0 vote last Thursday — would expand eligibility for tax incentives under the 2007 Kentucky Jobs Retention Act to Kentucky's Toyota and GM automaker plants. The original legislation helped bring

up to 3,000 jobs to Louisville's Ford Motor Company plants.

A plan to raise the school dropout age from 16 to 18 by 2017 has also cleared the House in recent days, as did legislation that would allow voters to amend the state Constitution to restore the voting rights of most types of felons after they complete sentencing, probation or parole. HB 216 — which contains the school dropout proposal — and HB 70 — which includes the felon voting rights provision — passed the House by votes of 87-10 and 78-18, respectively. Both have been sent to the Senate.

The work of House committees has intensified over the past two weeks, as the 60-day 2012 Regular Session neared and passed its halfway point on Feb. 16. Over that time, committees have invited testimony on a number of emotionally charged bills, including HB 77, which would allow charter schools in Kentucky, and HB 260, which would make the now-private University of Pikeville the state's ninth public university. Other discussions are expected on these bills as the session continues.

As far as committee action goes, several bills in addition to HB 350 were passed out of House panels last week. One of those bills was HB 390, which would make the theft of copper and other valuable metals less lucrative in Kentucky.

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Our Yesterdays

20 years ago (Feb. 26 & Feb. 28, 1992)

Prestonsburg's City Council set the wheels in motion, Monday, for the development of an intertrack wagering facility near Water Gap, giving first reading to an ordinance annexing the proposed site. As proposed, the annexation would follow Route 3 from the current city boundary to property now occupied by the Center Stage nightclub.

An early morning break-in at Allen Central High School, Monday, caused thousands of dollars worth of property damage and several pieces of electronic equipment were stolen. Classes were cancelled, Monday, as a result of damages to the school.

Floyd Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo ordered, Monday, that union dues may no longer be deducted from the paychecks of nine employees of the Floyd County Board of Education. Stumbo's ruling came as a result of a conflict between the Teamsters Local 783 and nine classified employees of the school system, who asked the court to dissolve their association with the union.

The mother of a 16-year-old child with muscular dystrophy has filed a civil lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education, and transportation director Earl Ousley, claiming that a defective wheelchair lift on a school bus injured the girl and aggravated her daughter's condition. Doris Hunt, on behalf of her daughter Tammy Hunt, filed suit February 19, in circuit court alleging the board failed to repair the lift after it was reported that it had malfunctioned before.

One area vacancy was filled, Tuesday, but there has been no word yet from Governor Brereton Jones on who will be named interim District Judge for Floyd County. The Governor's office announced, Tuesday, that Paintsville lawyer Susan Mullins is named interim District Judge for the 24th Judicial District, which includes Johnson, Martin and Lawrence counties. Johnson will fill the seat vacated by the election of John Gardner as judge for Kentucky's Court of Appeals.

The remaining a Floyd County woman were exhumed, Friday, as part of an investigation of suspected murder in Michigan. The body of Bonnie Jo Kiser, 51, was discovered on her bed in her Michigan home on December 20, 1991, follow-

ing a blaze which apparently destroyed the residence. Kiser, a native of Floyd County, was buried December 25, in the Hackworth family cemetery in the Floyd-Magoffin County line on Kane Branch. She was exhumed, Friday, apparently to determine whether she "may have died as a result of a criminal act in the state of Michigan."

Three days after Job Corps personnel and community leaders denounced news coverage of alleged gang activity at the Prestonsburg facility, eight students were arrested and two others were hospitalized as the result of a reported gang-style assault at the local center on Monday. Six adults and two juvenile students, including Carl D. Perkins Job Corps were arrested, Monday evening, and charged in connection with an attack on two female students, Monday, at the center. One female received a stab wound in the leg.

Dixie Campbell of Maytown, whose son was killed in Vietnam, was presented a specially inscribed Bible by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 128 recently, following a three-year search for the families of eight soldiers who previously could not be located. The D.A.V. erected a plaque three years ago at Allen's Stumbo building in memory of 21 Floyd County soldiers killed in combat in Vietnam, which included the name of Campbell's son, Andrew J. Campbell. All but eight of the soldiers' families listed were located and given the specially inscribed Bibles in honor of those who gave their lives for their country in Vietnam. Each Bible was personalized, with the name of the soldier inscribed on the cover.

The wife of a Floyd County magistrate was one of three commissioners appointed by the fiscal court, Friday, to draw new magistrates in the county. Hattie Owens, wife of magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, was named, along with Paul Geheart and Tommie L. Toombs, to redistrict the voting boundaries, a statutory requirement that must begin in February.

For almost fifty years, Eugene Wells of Cagle Roberts Addition has carried a piece of World War II embedded in his hip. Now Wells will so carry a piece of that war near his heart, last week. Wells was awarded the Navy's Purple Heart, one of the military's highest honors, for injuries he received in one of the major air-naval battles of war.

An attorney representing a Carl D. Perkins Job

Corps counselor accused of soliciting an assault on a student said, Thursday, that his client's 1966 murder conviction has nothing to do with the misdemeanor charges pending against him. "They're just draggin' his name through the mud for nothing," Prestonsburg attorney Keith Bartlett said. "He has repaid his debt to society."

Three died: Elmer "Hoover" Vanover, 75, of Dorton, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Irvin Sparkman, 81, of Leburn, Thursday, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Stevie L. Milam, 28, of Harold, Sunday, at his residence; Green B. Johnson, 82, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thelma Jones, 85, of Drift, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Madge Childers Johnson, 74, of Jenkins, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jones W. Martin, 91, of Eastern, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

40 years ago
(March 2, 1972)

The University of Kentucky and the advisory board of Prestonsburg Community College are ready for final negotiations with the Porter Estate heirs for an additional 10 acres of land for an expanded college campus here.

Although the danger of flooding was past, at least temporarily, for the Big Sandy river valley, Deway, Kentucky, and Pound reserves continued Monday to hold back a tremendous volume of water.

A blaze which, last Friday, heavily damaged a building maintained by ARDF at Grethel, is said by the state fire marshal's office to have been caused by arson.

The Buffalo Creek flood disaster came near to Floyd County, last Saturday, when relatives of many who had moved to that region from the Mars Creek section of this county learned of the lives lost there.

30 years ago
(March 3, 1982)

Elisha Brannham Jr., 23, of Prater Creek, pleaded guilty in circuit court, Monday, to charges of murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery in the abduction of 18-year-old Michael Dwayne Cline of Emma, and was sentenced to two life prison terms, plus 20 years.

Arson is cited in a fire at a tipple recently leased by Ray-Mac Mining Company at Simpson's Branch, near McDowell.

Kentucky Black Lung Program is being investigated, with special attention given to the millions of

dollars paid to doctors and lawyers under the program.

There died: Billy Ray Whitt, 47, of Sugar Loaf, last Thursday, at home; Charles Reinsmith, 84, of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Flora Jones, 84, of Melvin, last Thursday, at Riverview Nursing Home; Cliva Jeanette Oaks, 64, of Weeksbury, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Georgia H. Martin, 65, of Dema, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Theda D. Hall Brannham, 58, of Auxier, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Melvin Hall, 56, of Galveston, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Celia K. Hale, 82, of Betsy Layne, February 27, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; William C. Conley, 22, of Allen, February 28, at University of Kentucky Medical Center; Nova Lee Lovely Hicks, 48, of Garrett, Friday, at University of Kentucky Medical Center.

60 years ago
(February 28, 1952)

At least two Floyd County mines did not work Monday, because a large number of their workers being in Leslie County, to ally themselves with the United Mine Workers' move to unionize that coal field, it was reported here, Wednesday.

There will be two pre-union calls for the army from Floyd County during the month of March, local board number 25 said here this week.

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(February 28, 1952)

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The consolidated school under construction at Eastern, will be known as the Allen Central High School, it has been announced.

The last Martin High School reunion will be a feature of the 58th district basketball tournament here this week.

There died: Dawson Bussey, 58, of Prestonsburg, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Toby Howard, at Tutor Key, Saturday; Mrs. Jennie Kendrick, 82, of the Brandy Keg road, near Laneser, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Willard Patton Niece, 56, of Harold, Tuesday, at the McDowell

Hospital; Elder Frank DeRossett Sr., 88, of Water Gap, Friday, at a Martin hospital; Peter Steven McKinney, 89, of Harold, Saturday, at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Laura M. Coble, 47, of Warsaw, Ind., formerly of David, February 24, in Warsaw; Mrs. Ida M. Tackett, 52, of Manton, Friday, at a nursing home here; Mrs. Cora M. Woody, 86, of Emma, last Tuesday, at a nursing home here; Johnny Atkins, 59, of Pikeville, Monday, at a nursing home here.

50 years ago
(March 1, 1962)

The closing days of February, historically a tragic month for Floyd County and the Big Sandy valley, saw floodwaters drive an estimated 500 families from their homes in this county.

The fiscal court, at a special meeting, Friday, tied with a 2-2 vote on a motion made by Magistrate Bryant Derossett to discharge all county employees. County Judge Henry Stumbo voted in the negative to untie the deadlock. Derossett charged that the road employees were hauling "red dog" cinders and distributing them on private roads and driveways.

An average of 41.75 of Floyd entrants drop out of school before graduation, according to studies compiled by Earl Martin, director of pupils personnel of the Floyd County School System.

Coal production in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association, is now up 21 percent above the corresponding period last year. It was noted by the most recent report of the mining group.

There died: Ed Sutton, 71, Monday, at his home at Langley; John Bascom Bayes, 52, of Auxier, Thursday, en route to Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Cora Sherman, 89, of Auxier, Saturday, at Springfield, O.; Mrs. Victoria P. Hall, 89, of Bonanza, Sunday, at the home of a son there.

70 years ago
(March 5, 1942)

The entire upper Big Sandy river section was in black-out for hours, communication systems were disrupted and passenger traffic except by train was at a virtual standstill, Tuesday, as a result of a snowfall ranging from five inches here to 22 inches in the upper reaches of the valley.

Contact was awarded Tuesday, by the Floyd County Board of Education to Reynolds & Gunnells on the construction of a nine-room grade school building and auditorium at Betsy Layne.

Requests that all public school superintendents prepare estimates of the number of persons expected to register March 17-20 for the nation-wide sugar rationing program have been sent out by State Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Booker.

Paying rent? Well, if you're in Floyd County, you're paying only half as much as Mr. Average Kentuckian, according to Census Bureau figures.

There died: Bee Castle, 32, Saturday, at Stumbo Memorial Hospital, five hours after being crushed beneath a two-ton rock in a country coal bank near his home at Salt Lick; Mrs. George Owsley, of Garrettsville, last Thursday, at the Martin General Hospital; Mrs. Lucy McNeer, 56, of East Point, Wednesday, at the Faintsville Clinic; Joel Martin, 63, of Drift, Tuesday, at the Martin General Hospital; Sam Jarrell, 78, Feb. 26, at his home at Emma; Frank A. Ellis, 62, Friday, at his home here.

Little Miss East Kentucky and Pre-Teen East Kentucky pageant scheduled

PRESTONSBURG — The Little Miss East Kentucky and Pre-Teen East Kentucky pageant is scheduled for March 10 at the Heritage House Hotel of Prestonsburg. This local preliminary in the Miss Kentucky Organization will send its winners to compete the state competition this summer.

Co-Directors Michelle Sode and Mandy Stumbo are currently taking entries for this upcoming preliminary. This pageant is open statewide and anyone across Kentucky may enter.

The overall winners of the pageants, both Little Miss East Kentucky and Pre-Teen East Kentucky, will advance to compete for Little Miss Kentucky and Pre-Teen Kentucky this summer.

The age to qualify the contestant will be based on her age as of June 15, 2012. Age divisions will be made by the Miss Miss Kentucky Organization Board of Directors. The Wee Miss 3 & 4, Tiny Miss - ages 5-6; Mini

Miss - ages 7-8; Petite Miss - ages 9-10; Junior Miss - ages 11-13. If there are not enough contestants in any given age division, they may be grouped with the next age division. The overall winner in ages 5-8 will be crowned Little Miss East Kentucky and the overall winner in ages 9-12 will be crowned Pre-Teen Miss East Kentucky.

Contestants will compete in evening gown, casual wear, and onstage question. The pageant will feature a photographic competition and that is optional. Anyone not entering the pageant may enter photographic. The pageant welcomes the current Pre-Teen Kentucky, Heidi Schwartz, to this year's pageant. Schwartz will be the featured entertainment for the pageant and will assist with the crowning ceremony.

For more information or get an entry form for the upcoming pageant please phone (606) 377-6157 or (606) 205-7262. Entry forms must be turned in by March 7.



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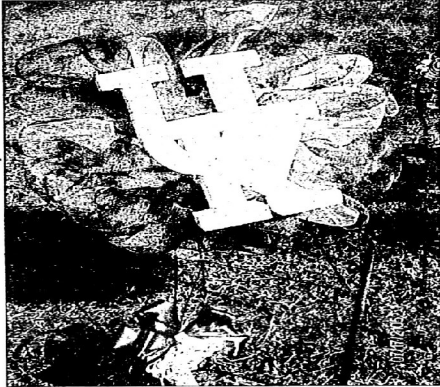
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Couple hoping to put end to cemetery thefts

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

Stewart and Evelena Osborne are upset about a string of thefts at their son Anthony's grave at Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, and now they're hoping to do something about it.

Over the years, they say thieves have taken flowers, solar lights and other tributes they have left at the gravesite. Most recently, the couple placed a University of Kentucky-themed wreath at the cemetery Feb. 12. Days later, it was gone.



Stewart and Evelena Osborne are offering a \$50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft of this wreath, which was stolen from their son Anthony's grave at Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat.

The Osbornes have filed a report with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, and now they are offering a \$50 reward for information that results in the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for stealing the wreath.

Anyone with information about the theft can call Evelena Osborne at (606) 226-0326 or her sister, Eliouise Branham, at (606) 452-2473.

Johnson man charged with child porn

PAINTSVILLE — Attorney General Jack Conway announced Monday the indictment of a Staffordsville man, following an investigation by the Attorney General's Cybercrimes Unit.

A Rowan County grand jury indicted 21-year-old Eric LeMaster, a former Morehead State University student, on Feb. 17, on one count of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor and one count of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

A search warrant was executed Jan. 31 at LeMaster's residence at Morehead State, with assistance from campus police. LeMaster turned himself over to police on Feb. 24. He was released from the Rowan County Detention Center after posting bail.

The charges against LeMaster are the result of an undercover investigation that began Jan. 23 by General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit. Prosecution of this case is being handled by the office of Keen Johnson, Commonwealth's Attorney for the 21st Judicial Circuit.

Since its creation in June 2008, General Conway's Cybercrimes Unit has launched more than 230 child pornography investigations and seized more than 300,000 child por-



Eric LeMaster, a former Morehead State University student, was indicted on Feb. 17 on one count of possession of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor and one count of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

A charge is merely an accusation and a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Grant provides boost to proposed drug treatment center

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — A new half-million-dollar community block grant awarded to the city of Prestonsburg will keep construction moving forward for one local mental health initiative.

Prestonsburg was awarded \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant to go towards the construction of the new Stone Crest Substance Abuse Complex by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center (MCCC).

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said the grant is a step in the right direction for growth and economic development. "A lot of areas are going downhill, but we're still working to get buildings built," Fannin says the center will create jobs, which will help add to the city's tax base.

To go with the grant money, MCCC is expecting \$400,000 from the Ap-

palachian Regional Commission and hoping to get an additional \$200,000 commitment of coal severance funds payable over a two-year period, which will enable them to complete construction. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,886,177.

The complex is expected to consist of four residence halls, two 15-bed halls for men, two 15-bed halls for women, and a central services building which will house the counseling rooms, kitchen, dining, recreation area, laundry and offices.

The facility is designed to provide both short-term and long-term residential treatment, and will be a replacement facility for MCCC's current 21-bed Layne House facility. The project will result in an increase of nine short-term treatment beds and 30 long-term treatment beds in the region.

In addition to the mental health benefits offered by the center, it is also expected to provide an economic boost by adding 30-40 construction jobs during the building phase and 20-25 professional jobs once the building is completed.

Chris Cornett, interim director for prevention with MCCC, says that the agency hopes to begin moving forward with construction as soon as they learn about the money from ARC. He says they expect an answer by April and if they get the money, ground-breaking could take place as early as June.

Operation of the facility will be maintained through client fees, allocation from state and federal substance abuse block grants, federal probation and parole per diems, and Kentucky Department of Corrections per diems.



Left to right with Allen Booth; Dr. Gary Booth, chemist; Ethen Fike, UK engineering major and tour guide; Jesse Tackett, student; and Tyler Booth, student.

Students meet with UK engineering program

LEXINGTON — Two Eastern Kentucky youths were given an opportunity to meet with professors at the University of Kentucky to discuss their futures in engineering last week.

Tyler Booth, a freshman at Wolfe County High School, and Jesse Tackett, a freshman at Betsy Layne High School, both participated in the Engineering Open House held at the University of Kentucky.

During this special day, students from all regions of Kentucky and beyond who are interested in attending UK and studying engineering, either chemical and materials, electrical, computer, computer science, mechani-

cal, biomedical, biosystems, or mining, would have an opportunity to meet and talk to engineering professors and teaching assistants to learn what high school courses to take to become accepted into the university and become successful in pursuing an engineering degree.

Instructors advised those in attendance to concentrate heavily on calculus, physics, and all the advanced math classes their respective schools have to offer.

Professors advised students not to hesitate to get additional help from a tutor or information offered on the Internet, such as www.kahnaacademy.org.

In the past future engi-

neers were shown a car that was solar powered and other projects, including linking up with NASA to partnering with Touchstone Energy Cooperative to design and upgrade an electrical station. Students were also able to test their bridge-building skills, build circuits and teaching assistants were on hand to answer any questions that the students might have.

The students were given the tour by Ethen Fike, a second-semester junior majoring in electrical engineering and German.

Bill would make redistricting plans public before vote

FRANKFORT — Two House Republicans have filed a bill for the 2012 Legislative Session that if passed would require any proposed legislation dealing with redistricting for state and Congressional districts be released to the public and press five days before a vote could be taken in the General Assembly. House Bill 460's primary sponsors are Representative Bill York, R-Greysen, and Representative C.B. Embry, Jr., R-Morgantown.

"This year's redistricting fiasco, which has dominated much of our session and wasted thousands of dollars in taxpayer money, is proof positive that we need real change in how we handle drawing new boundaries," said Rep. York. "It is time that we shine the light on this issue and make sure all Kentuckians have plenty of time to review any future redistricting proposals before we as a legislative body cast our ballots."

"It is important that we as legislators do all we can

to build trust among those who choose us to represent them," added Rep. Embry. "I'm proud to be a co-sponsor of House Bill 460 and hope that future redrawing of district boundaries is more open and inclusive to all interested parties."

The proposal would cover any and all proposals regarding redistricting, including any committee amendment, committee substitute, floor amendment, conference committee report, or free conference committee report, and any bill containing redistricting plans and maps under the five day requirement spelled out in the bill.

House Bill 460, which was introduced in the Kentucky House of Representatives on February 24, can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12s/HB460.htm>.

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SEK Chamber Education Foundation announces grant award winners

PIKEVILLE — The Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has announced recipients of the Chamber's Foundation for Education grants. The Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation for Education, formally the Pike County Chamber of Commerce Foundation for Education, was formed in April 2008 in order to enhance educational opportunities for students in the various school systems in Pike County. With the recent transition to a regional Chamber this opportunity was extended to cover the all eight of the counties (Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Martin, Magoffin, Lawrence, Letcher and Pike) covered by the Southeast Kentucky Chamber. The Foundation is governed by an independent Education Foundation Committee.

"Throughout a two-month application period in the fall, any teacher or administrator in any of the eight County, Independent or Private school systems were able to contact the Chamber and fill out an application for whatever needs they may have for their classrooms (books, technology, lab equipment, etc.)," said Chamber President Brad Hall. "We fulfilled as many of these requests as possible with the money that was raised through various fundraisers throughout the year."

The Education Foundation is supported through fundraisers throughout the year. Fundraisers included the annual Golf Scramble for Education as well as a silent auction held at the annual Chamber Awards Dinner and Awards Ceremony, among others. Many thanks for the continued Sponsorship of Rep. Leslie Combs, Rep. W. Keith Hall, Sen. Ray Jones II, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Speaker

Greg Stumbo. The Chamber Foundation for Education Committee chose four recipients of the grants from the many that were submitted. Each grant recipient received \$1,250. Below are the four winning schools and what they plan to do with the grant.

• **Majestic Knox Creek Elementary** received a grant to purchase two iPad2 Tablets for the third-grade classrooms. By loading the tablets with e-books, students will work in collaborative reading center groups to read books (otherwise not available to them) and digitally answer associated questions which will assess comprehension. The tablets will also be used in math centers (work groups) so that students may complete digital activities which promote automaticity and computation skills within the third grade curriculum. Furthermore, the tablets will allow the students to work in collaborative groups to complete digital science experiments sparing the expensive costs of lab equipment and materials. The tablets will remove barriers that confine students to the classroom when it comes to technology enhanced learning allowing students to research and record information while working in collaborative groups beyond the walls of the classroom.

• **Christ Central** will purchase two Epson PowerLite 1760W LCD projectors to use with mobile smartboard technologies. This technology has proven itself in the upper grades of the school and Christ Central will now implement this technology to the lower grades (K-4). According to a recent survey nearly 80 percent of their students identify themselves as visual

learners, and by purchasing these projectors they will be able to reach more of their students and increase learning, especially in language and math.

• **Pikeville Elementary** will purchase of 17 Wacom Bamboo Connect Tablets, matching money will allow 20 tablets to be purchased in total. These tablets will be used to complete digital art projects. With the software already in place, Gifted and Talented, STLP along with regular art students will be able to use these tablets to create digital art, graphic design and manipulated photography. Additionally STLP students hope to compete with their digital art projects with a goal of placing at the state level.

• **Letcher County Central High School -Math Department** will purchase 9-inch-by-12-inch dry erase boards for each student in each math class along with dry erase markers and erasers. Classroom sets of dry erase boards, markers and erasers will enable the math teachers to fully implement Formative Assessment Lessons in their classroom. By placing these materials in the hands of students in the math classroom during instruction, teachers will be able to immediately assess student work and provide feedback.

To date the Chamber's Foundation for Education has given away \$20,000 in grants. For more information please feel free to contact the Chamber of office at (877) 738-4400.



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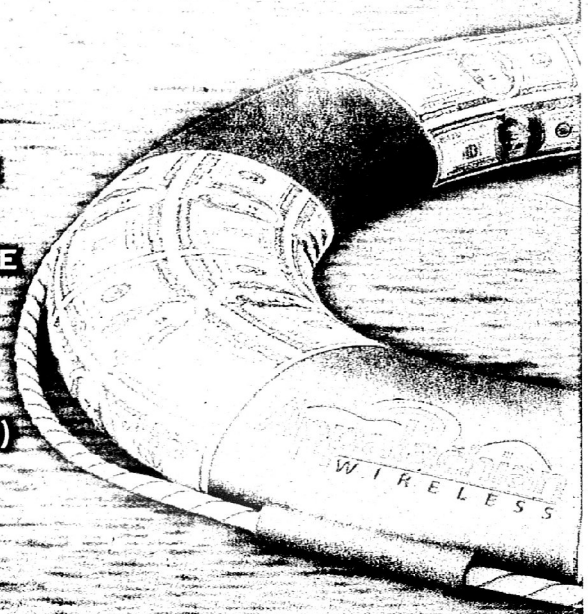
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Floyd natives Spurlock, Hall capture district titles

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

High school basketball coaches with Floyd County ties are present across the state. Two coaches in area districts were celebrating district championship wins over the weekend.

In the 57th District, second-

year Sheldon Clark head coach Kevin Spurlock guided the Cardinals to a championship. Sheldon Clark defeated Johnson Central 65-51 in the 57th District Tournament title game.

The Cardinals boast a 15th Region-best 26-6 overall record. Senior guard J.J. Moore and sophomore forward Justin Johnson, two

of the 15th Region's top players, lead Sheldon Clark.

The Cardinals are scheduled to play East Ridge on Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in the final opening round game of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.

Spurlock is an Allen Central High School graduate.

In the 56th District, Hall guided much-improved Powell County to the 56th District championship. In the preseason, Powell County was picked to finish third in the 56th District behind Lee County and favorite Estill County. The Pirates defeated border rival Estill County 54-46 in the 56th District championship game.

Powell County improved to 19-12 after defeating Estill County in the district championship game. The Pirates will play Letcher County Central on Wednesday in the opening round of the 14th Region Tournament at Knott County Central.

Hall graduated from McDowell High School.

UPIKE softball team ends weekend 3-1

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE - The University of Pikeville softball team improved to 1-1 on the season with a split on Saturday with St. Francis, Ind.

St. Francis earned what would be its only win of the weekend in the opener by a 17-5 score, while the Bears turned the tables with a 6-3 win to close the weekend series.

Pikeville is scheduled to play its first road games of the season on Wednesday when it visits Asbury University at 5 p.m.

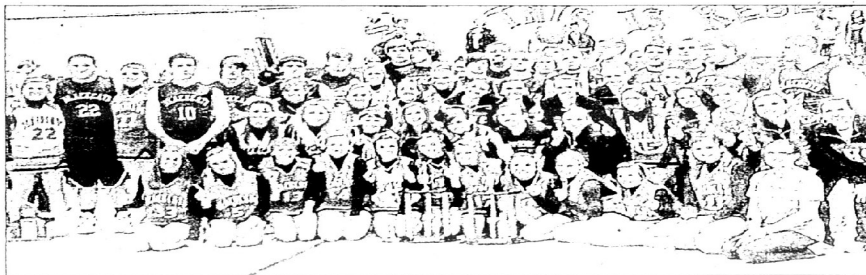
Cougars 17, Bears 5: St. Francis broke open a one-run game with eight fifth-inning runs to pull away for the win.

The Cougars took advantage of Bear miscues to score nine unearned runs in the game.

Junior third baseman Kayla Morgan had a pair of doubles in the loss, driving in two and scoring one. Junior designated hitter Hannah Vinson had a pair of RBIs as well. Freshman left fielder Shamy Williams continued her torrid weekend with a double and three runs scored.

Left fielder Alyssa Kumpfmiller led the 16-hit Cougar attack with two triples among her three hits, driving in five and scoring three. Third baseman Stephanie Whitman had a single and a double, driving in four and scoring two.

Bears 6, Cougars 3: UPIKE scored a pair of runs in each of the first three innings to build a big lead for sophomore pitcher Caitlin Conley. Senior Mallory George had a double and drove in two while Vinson scored twice and added a hit. Senior Ashleigh Stanley had a pair of safeties and scored a run. Conley (1-0) went the distance, striking out four and allowing only seven hits.



Prestonsburg players and cheerleaders celebrated following the district championship victory over Betsy Layne.

Prestonsburg beats Betsy Layne for district title

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - After suffering three losses to Betsy Layne during the regular season, Prestonsburg found a way to beat the Bobcats 56-46 Friday night in the championship game of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament at Allen Central.

Prestonsburg, under the direction of first-year head coach James DeRossett, packed a lead out of each quarter, edging Betsy Layne 10-9 in the opening period. The determined Blackcats then led Betsy Layne 24-19 at intermission.

Jarredd Jarrell and Bryson Williams paced Prestonsburg with 13 points apiece. Grant Anderson just missed double figures, scoring nine points for the winning team. Jarin Hall scored six points and Joseph Jamerson added five for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg shot 55 percent (18-of-33) from two-point field goal range. The Blackcats were 14-for-23 (61 percent) from the foul line. Prestonsburg finished strong, outscoring Betsy Layne 27-19 in the final quarter.

The Blackcats overcame a dozen turnovers en route to the win.

Prestonsburg dished out a dozen assists. Defensively, Prestonsburg had 10 deflections, seven blocks and seven steals.

Jamerson led Prestonsburg on the glass, grabbing 10 rebounds.

Adam Crisp, Dalton Frasure and Corey Bentley contributed two points each for Prestonsburg in the 10-point victory.

The Bobcats had Prestonsburg's number until Friday night. Betsy Layne swept a two-game regular-season series from Prestonsburg and also defeated the Blackcats in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Limited offensively, Betsy Layne shot only 25 percent from the field in the district title tilt. The Bobcats were 15-of-60 from the field, including 5-of-25 beyond the arc.

Betsy Layne was 11-of-17 (64.7 percent) from the foul line.

Prestonsburg edged Betsy Layne 39-29 in the rebounding department.

A double-double from senior Andrew Roberts paced the Bobcats. Roberts had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Betsy



First-year Prestonsburg head coach James DeRossett gave a "thumbs up" after his team's win over Betsy Layne in the 58th District Tournament title game.

Layne boys' basketball team.

Roberts was the only Betsy Layne scorer to reach double figures. Cody Luster scored nine points and Peyton Case added seven for the Bobcats.

High-scoring Betsy Layne sophomore guard Dylan Meade was held to two points.

Other scorers for Betsy Layne in the district championship game included Garran Newsome (five points), Landon Hale

(four points), Dylan Hamilton (one point) and Blake Spencer (one point).

Case contributed six rebounds for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg advanced to the 15th Region Tournament along with Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central, Pikeville, East Ridge, Phelps and Belfry. The 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament will tip off on Wednesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.

Nickell named KIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year

Times Staff Report

PIPPA PASSES - The KIAC coaches have selected Alice Lloyd College sophomore forward Ariel Nickell as the KIAC Player of the Year and Asbury University head coach Bart Flener as the KIAC Coach of the Year. Asbury University guard Trenia Barbee was named the KIAC Newcomer of the Year.

Nickell led Alice Lloyd to a regular-season third-place finish. Alice Lloyd compiled a 6-5 record. Nickell led the conference in scoring with 22.5 points per game and was fourth with a field goal percentage of 43.5 percent. Her points per game average was fourth in NAIA Division II. She ranked 18th nationally with 9.23 rebounds per game.

Flener led Asbury to its first KIAC regular season championship. Asbury was co-champion with IU Southeast after both teams finished with a 9-2 conference record. Flener-coached Asbury had an overall record of 17-11 and earned the top seed in the conference tournament.

Barbee was second in the conference in scoring with 18.03 points per game. She was second with a field goal percentage of 48.2 percent.

Paintsville product Laura Carroll (Asbury, Jr., G) and former West Carter stand-out Lakin Griffith (Asbury, Jr., F) were also named to the All-Conference Team.



Ariel Nickell

Ladycats beat P'burg for sixth straight district title

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Betsy Layne Ladycats continued to dominate Floyd County competition late last week. Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg 72-46 Friday in the 58th District Tournament championship game at Allen Central's J.E. Campbell Arena. The Ladycats won their sixth straight district championship.

The Ladycats excelled offensively, shooting 69.2 percent (9-of-13) from 3-point range. Betsy Layne was 23-for-43 from the field in the district championship game.

The Ladycats helped

their collective cause at the foul line, finishing 17-for-23.

Betsy Layne used a balanced scoring effort to pull away from Prestonsburg. Brandy Morrow paced Betsy Layne with 19 points. Morrow was 7-of-9 from the field.

Paige Watkins followed closely behind Morrow. Watkins scored 18 points for the Ladycats.

T.J. Tackett tossed in 13 points and Timera Thacker added 12 for Betsy Layne in the win.

The Ladycats out-rebounded Prestonsburg 27-22.

Kelsi Tackett scored six points while Chloe Johnson

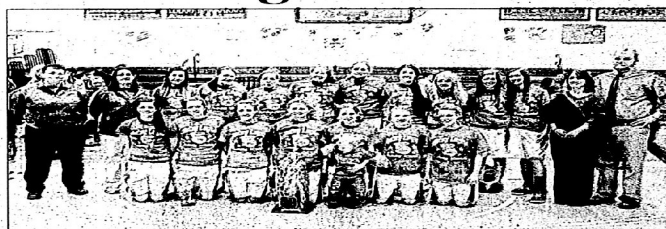
and Bailey Reznick netted two apiece for the Ladycats.

Prestonsburg shot 38.1 percent (16-of-42) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were 3-of-8 from 3-point range.

Prestonsburg drained 11 of 17 foul shots.

Cassie Burchett and Kristian Waugh led Prestonsburg with 14 points apiece. Joining Burchett and Waugh in double figures, Caitlin Kidd chipped in 12 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Catie Burchett and Allison Hall contributed scoring for Prestonsburg, providing four and two points, respectively.



Floyd County girls' high school basketball powerhouse Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg for the 58th District championship.

Cassie Burchett pulled down a team-high seven rebounds for the Lady

Blackcats. Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg advanced to

the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

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Setty's career-high scoring effort leads Pikeville past U.Va.-Wise

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE – Junior Trevor Setty, a Maysville native, fired in a career-high 39 points to lead the University of Pikeville past U.Va.-Wise 89-79 on Senior Day at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

With the win, the Bears finished the regular season 17-11 and are 9-7 in the Mid-South Conference. As a result, they will enter next week's MSC tournament seeded 4th and will play No. 5 Cumberland, which has identical records, in the semifinals at 4 p.m. Friday in the Frankfort Convention Center.

The Bears won both regular-season meetings with the Patriots. They won 73-57 on Dec. 1 in Williamsburg and 67-56 on Jan. 26 at the Expo Center.

Saturday's win also gave the Bears the season sweep over the Cavaliers.

Setty was incredible. Coming off the bench with the five UPIKE seniors in the starting lineup, he needed only 25 minutes to go 12-of-17 from the field and 6-of-9 from the arc. To cap it off, he hit 9-of-11 from the line, pulling down five rebounds, dishing two assists and picking up a steal with no turnovers in the win.

The Bears needed him to overcome a pair of 23-point performances for the Cavs. Senior Josh Jordan hit for 23 with 14 rebounds, half of them off the offensive glass, while classmate Travis Berry fired in 23 thanks to hitting six three-point shots.

Despite that, Pikeville held the Cavs to 44.4 percent shooting from the floor while hitting 54.2 percent, including 53.3 percent from the arc.

Behind a pair of Berry bombs and three layups by senior Norris Gaskins, the guests took a 21-12 lead after junior Jermaine

Wright had a three-point play with 13:48 left.

But the Bears immediately responded, scoring nine straight to begin a 15-1 run. Setty opened it with a three from the top, and the run closed with back-to-back treys by Setty and junior Kenny Rhymes, the last of which came with 10:51 left to make it 26-22.

The Bears took a 44-40 lead to the half. A basket by Jordan with 17:42 left cut the Bears' lead to 48-47 – giving him all seven second-half points for the Cavs – before another Bear explosion turned the game around. A 10-point run that ended with a tip by senior Cordaro Ellis with 14:49 left made it 58-47.

Unlike the first meeting between the teams, when the Bears missed 11-of-12 free throws down the stretch, tosses would be no problem on Saturday. In the final 3:18,

when senior Kyan Hines nailed two, the Bears were 10-of-12 from the stripe to pull out the double-digit win.

Seniors Andrew Young and Chris McHenry joined Setty in double figures with 14 and 10, respectively. Young had five rebounds while McHenry handed out five assists.

Jordan and Berry also had a pair of teammates in double figures. Gaskins hit for 13 with seven rebounds and four steals, while Smith tossed in 10 and handed out a game-high seven assists.

Wise finished the season 9-15 overall and 6-10 in the league. The Cavs will be seeded seventh and will meet No. 2 Georgetown in Friday's finale, slated for an 8 p.m. tip in Frankfort.

U.Va.-Wise holds off UPIKE in regular-season finale

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE – Five of the nine Cavaliers who saw action reached double figures as the U.Va.-Wise knocked off the University of Pikeville 78-73 Saturday afternoon in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Wise, 8-20, 3-13 in the Mid-South Conference, will now open the 2012 Mid-South Conference tournament at home on Monday. Ironically, the team they played Saturday will be the opponent.

Pikeville will visit the U.Va.-Wise Convocation Center for a noon tipoff.

The winner will advance to the quarterfinals

of the MSC tournament, where it will meet top-seeded Cumberland at 2 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in the Frankfort Convention Center.

After shooting a cool 44 percent in the first half, the Cavs blundered at the nets for 58.1 percent after halftime. They also sank 80 percent from the free throw line after the half.

Pikeville, meanwhile, forced 23 Cav turnovers and hit 42.9 percent from the arc, but was only 41.2 percent overall from the floor.

Junior Chelsea Cluesman led all scorers with 18 points and had nine rebounds. Senior Chelsea McNamee had a double-

double with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior Kristin Mullins scored 13 points, followed by senior Amber Carter with 12 and senior Ayla Young with 11.

Carter added six assists and four steals to lead all players in both columns.

Pikeville (4-26) also had five players in double figures, led by freshman Brooke Coleman's 13 points. Senior Jalisa Jones followed with 12 points for the Bears. Sophomore Brogan Conley and freshman Christin Haney added 11 points each, while freshman Kayla Smith came off the bench for 10,

UPIKE softball team ends weekend 3-1

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE – The University of Pikeville softball team improved to 3-1 on the season with a split on Saturday with St. Francis, Ind.

St. Francis earned what would be its only win of the weekend in the opener by a 17-5 score, while the Bears turned the tables with a 6-3 win to close the weekend series.

Pikeville is scheduled to play its first road games of the season on Wednesday when it visits Ashbury University at 5 p.m.

Cougars 17, Bears 5. St. Francis broke open a one-run game with eight fifth-inning runs to pull away for the win.

The Cougars took advantage of Bear miscues to score nine unearned runs in the game.

Junior third baseman Kayla Morgan had a pair of doubles in the loss, driving in two

and scoring one. Junior designated hitter Hannah Vinson had a pair of RBIs as well. Freshman left fielder Shamy Williams continued her torrid weekend with a double and three runs scored.

Left fielder Alyssa Kumpfmiller led the 16-hit Cougar attack with two triples among her three hits, driving in five and scoring three. Third baseman Stephanie Whitman had a single and a double, driving in four and scoring two.

Bears 6, Cougars 3. UPIKE scored a pair of runs in each of the first three innings to build a big lead for sophomore pitcher Caitlin Conley.

Senior Mallory George had a double and drove in two while Vinson scored twice and added a hit. Senior Ashleigh Stanley had a pair of safeties and scored a run.

Conley (1-0) went the distance, striking out four and allowing only seven hits.

Eagles fall in KIAC tourney's opening round

Times Staff Report

CINCINNATI – The Alice Lloyd College Eagles visited Cincinnati Christian University for the opening round of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Men's Basketball Tournament on Saturday. The Eagles shot well, but watched the host team drain 14 three-pointers to pull out an impressive 98-90 victory.

In the opening half, both teams came out putting points on the board. CCU slowly pulled ahead to lead 29-24 with 6:30 remaining. The host team then closed the half on a 14-5 run to take a 43-29 lead into the locker room.

Both squads shot well from the field in the second half. The difference, however, was the three-point shooting of Cincinnati Christian. In all, CCU drained 14 3-point field goals.

Visiting Alice Lloyd was held to four successful shots from 3-point range.

Alice Lloyd (14-15), who closed out its season with the loss, placed five players in double figures. Sophomores Shawn Thompson and Isaac Wilson led Alice with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Thompson also had seven rebounds and five assists.

Seniors Casey Dalton and Brandon Hayes closed out their careers by scoring 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Sophomore Terry Muse chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds for the Eagles.

Kevin Mitchell led CCU (11-18) with 21 points. With the win, CCU advanced to face the top-seeded IU Southeast Monday night.

ALC shot 53.4 percent (31-of-58) in the loss.

CCU shot 53.3 percent (40-of-75) from the field. The Eagles hit 73.7 percent (14-of-19) from the charity stripe compared to CCU's 80 percent (4-of-5).

CCU also won the battle of the boards, outrebounding the Eagles 32-26.

Bobcats eliminate South Floyd from postseason

STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Frontrunner Betsy Layne punched its ticket for the 58th District championship game on Thursday, defeating South Floyd 68-35 at Allen Central High School's J. E. Campbell Arena.

With the win, Betsy Layne (22-4) advanced to the 58th District championship game.

Sophomore Dylan Meade led Betsy Layne with a game-high 22 points. Freshman Peyton Case pushed in 15 points, junior Garrin Newsome netted 11 and senior Andrew Roberts added 10 for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne set the tone early, outscoring South Floyd 16-2 in the opening quarter.

The Bobcats controlled the contest. Betsy Layne took a 27-13 lead over South Floyd into halftime and opened the second half strong, outscoring the Bobcats 18-7 in the third quarter.

Blake Spencer scored four points while Dylan Hamilton, Charles Daniels and Landon Hale added two each for Betsy Layne in the district tournament game.

Senior Brandon Marson led South Floyd with a team-best 15 points. Sophomore Tyler Daniels followed, adding eight points for South Floyd in the season-ending loss.

South Floyd, which defeated the Piarist School in a play-in game to get the opportunity to play two-time defending champion Betsy Layne, ended the season 6-21.

58th District Tournament at Allen Central

Betsy Layne 68, South Floyd 35

South Floyd (68): Marson 15, Rhea 2, Daniels 8, Salisbury 1, Thornsbury 2, Justice 2, Ousley 2, Helton 3

Betsy Layne (35): Roberts 10, Spencer 4, Newsome 11, Meade 22, Case 15, Hamilton 2, Daniels 2, Hale 2

South Floyd.....2 11 7 15-35

Betsy Layne.....16 11 18 23-68

Ladycats eliminate Allen Central

STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Betsy Layne advanced to another 58th District Tournament championship game thanks to a 59-47 victory over Allen Central on Wednesday night. The Ladycats defeated Allen Central on the tradition-rich J.E. Campbell Arena gym floor.

Betsy Layne 43.8 percent (7-of-16) from 3-point range. The Ladycats, however, struggled from the floor. Betsy Layne was held to 32.2 percent field goal shooting.

The Lady Cats were 14-for-29 from the foul line.

Timera Thacker paced Betsy Layne with game-high 19 points. Joining Thacker in double figures, Paige Watkins added 19 point for the Ladycats.

Other scorers for Betsy Layne were Brandy Morrow (seven points), Chloe Johnson (five points), Kelsi Tackett (five points), T.J. Tackett (five points) and Eddi Akers (one point).

Betsy Layne dominated on the glass, grabbing 40 total rebounds.

T.J. Tackett pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds for Betsy Layne in the postseason contest. Watkins registered eight rebounds and Kelsi Tackett grabbed corralled seven caroms for the Ladycats.

Allen Central, which had defeated Piarist School 81-43 one night earlier, ended the season 12-19. The Lady Rebels exited the campaign tied with Johnson Central for 10th in the 15th Region standings.

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Washington joins Kentucky coaching staff

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Pat Washington, who has 15 years of coaching experience in the Southeastern Conference and also played in the league, will be the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator for the Wildcat football team, Coach Joker Phillips has announced.

Washington's most direct tie with UK coaches is through his 11 seasons on the Tennessee staff when he coached with current Wildcat offensive coordinator Randy Sanders. Washington has not coached with Phillips but is acquainted with the Wildcat leader.

"I met Pat when we crossed paths during recruiting and was impressed with his professionalism," Phillips said. "He has outstanding coaching ability and enthusiasm for the Southeastern Conference."

Washington and Sanders were together at Tennessee from 1995-2005. The Volunteers posted a 105-31 record that featured 10 bowl appearances - three Citrus Bowls, two Fiesta, Peach and Cotton Bowls, and

one Orange Bowl.

Washington also helped Tennessee earn four trips to the SEC Championship game. A win in the 1998 title tilt propelled UT to the Fiesta Bowl, where the Volunteers dispatched Florida State 23-16 to cap an undefeated national championship season.

During his term at Tennessee, Washington produced a string of notable receivers such as Joey Kent, Marcus Nash, Peerless Price, Cedrick Wilson, Donte Stallworth and Robert Meachem. Nash, Stallworth and Meachem were National Football League first-round draft picks and all six players enjoyed NFL careers. Kent, Nash, Wilson and Price still remain, respectively, as the top four pass catchers in school history.

Pat has a lot of energy and expertise and is an outstanding person," Sanders said. "He is also an excellent evaluator and recruiter, both in handling his recruiting territory and in evaluation of wide receivers."

Washington's coaching career began at Auburn, his alma mater, as a graduate assistant in 1987-88. His first full-time post came as the receivers coach at Louisiana-Lafayette (1989-91), followed by a two-year

stint at Texas Christian. In 1994, he helped guide Baylor to a spot in the Alamo Bowl before going to Tennessee.

Following his stint in Knoxville, Washington coached the receivers at Kansas State in 2006 as the Wildcats earned a berth in the Texas Bowl. Two of his wideouts, Jordy Nelson and Yamon Figurs, went on to play in the NFL.

Washington returned to his SEC roots in 2007-08 as the receivers coach at Mississippi State, where he was on the staff with current Wildcat assistant David Turner. MSU broke a six-year postseason drought by winning the 2007 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

In 2009-11, Washington coached the running backs at Southern Mississippi. His deep backfield played a key role in Southern Miss' Conference USA championship in 2011. Four different backs notched 100-yard rushing games during the season. Southern Miss led the league and ranked 20th in the nation in rushing with 205.1 yards per game. Overall, the Golden Eagles ranked 17th in the nation in total offense and 14th in scoring offense.

Washington had accepted a position at

East Carolina as run game coordinator and outside receivers coach in January before coming to UK. All totaled, Washington's 25-year coaching career features 18 bowl appearances.

"I appreciate Coach Phillips giving me this opportunity," Washington said. "We had a strong relationship with Randy Sanders for a long time and I wanted to work with him again. I love the Southeastern Conference and having been here (with visiting teams), thought that Kentucky would be a great place to coach and live."

A native of Mobile, Ala., played four years at Auburn (1982-85). The Tigers went to postseason play all four years, including the 1982 Tangerine Bowl, 1984 Sugar Bowl, 1984 Liberty Bowl and 1986 Cotton Bowl. Washington was the starting quarterback as a junior and senior, leading the Tigers to a 17-8 record. In 1985, Washington helped teammate Bo Jackson win the Heisman Trophy. Washington completed his degree in management in 1987.

Washington and his wife, Claudette, have two sons, Tyson and Justin.

Davis, Kidd-Gilchrist sweep SEC awards

BIRMINGHAM Ala. - The UK men's basketball team swept the Southeastern Conference weekly awards as announced by the league office on Tuesday.

Freshman Anthony Davis earned SEC Player of the Week honors with classmate Michael Kidd-Gilchrist earning Freshman of the Week accolades. This marks the second time this season and the sixth time Kentucky has swept the weekly awards since the freshman of the week award was introduced in 2006. Furthermore, it is the fifth time under the direction of John Calipari the Wildcats captured the honor. The duo swept the awards in January following a win over Louisville. During that sweep, Kidd-Gilchrist claimed Player of the Week honors and Davis was the league's top performing freshman.

This marks the second SEC Player of the Week honor and it is the fifth time this season Davis has earned a weekly award from the conference. Kidd-Gilchrist is the SEC Freshman of the Week for the first time and has been honored twice this season.

Davis averaged 20.5 points, 11 rebounds,

3.5 blocks and two steals in wins at Mississippi State and over Vanderbilt in helping lead UK to an outright SEC crown. Davis posted his first double-double of the week in UK's come-from-behind victory at Mississippi State. His 13th double-double of the year came in Kentucky's victory over Vanderbilt. Davis scored a career-high 28 points in the nation in rushing with 205.1 yards per game. Overall, the Golden Eagles ranked 17th in the nation in total offense and 14th in scoring offense.

Kidd-Gilchrist averaged 13 points, nine rebounds, two assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.5 steals in wins at Mississippi State and over Vanderbilt. Kidd-Gilchrist scored a team-high 15 points while grabbing 10 rebounds in UK's win at Mississippi State. He followed that performance with an eight-rebound effort in the win over Vanderbilt as UK clinched its 45th SEC Championship.

Kentucky will return to action on Thursday, taking on Georgia at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN.

March fishing: Sauger readily bite in late-winter, early-spring

LEE McCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFFIELD

FRANKFORT - Water temperatures in Kentucky rivers hovering in the high 30s to low 40s do not inspire confidence that it is a great time to go fishing.

However, for Kentucky sauger anglers, right now is glory time.

"I fished below Lock and Dam 6 on the Kentucky River last Saturday and I caught 12 sauger," said Ryan Oster, federal aid coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The fish are there. The better fish I caught farther downstream from the dam."

A five-year stocking program commenced in 2006 placed hundreds of thousands of fingerling sauger in the Kentucky River from Lock and Dam 4 upstream to the headwaters. Excellent sauger fishing is now found throughout the river.

The next few weeks bring sauger below locks and dams not only on the Kentucky River, but the Ohio River, the Cumberland River below Lake Cumberland, the Tennessee River below Kentucky Lake and the

Cumberland River below Lake Barkley. These areas offer anglers bank fishing opportunity as well as fishing from a boat.

Sauger hit orange, chartreuse, lime-green, white or pink curly-tailed grubs and soft plastic minnow imitators fished on the bottom just below these dams. Depending on current, you'll need anywhere from a 1/4-ounce lead up to an ounce or more. If your lure isn't regularly contacting bottom, then you likely aren't catching sauger.

In addition to soft plastic lures rigged on leadheads, walleye fishing tactics using a spinner rig work for late winter sauger in the deep holes below dams.

The combination of bright plastic beads, a rotating blade, and a lively minnow head makes the rig hard to resist. In turbid waters fish orange, yellow, white, chartreuse, pink or other bright-colored bead and blade combinations for added visibility.

Spinner rigs are easy to tie and inexpensive to make. Attach a three-to-four foot piece of 10-pound test monofilament or fluorocarbon line.

Tie on a single #4 walleye hook to the end of the leader with a clinch knot.

Thread two or three 5mm beads on the leader and slide them down to the hook. Sometimes anglers thread a small foam float (5/16 wide by 1/16 inches long) on the leader to make the rig more buoyant, so the hook is less likely to snag on the bottom.

Next, slip a stainless steel clevis through the eye of a blade and thread the leader through the small openings at the ends of the clevis. Slide the spinner blade assembly down the line so that it comes to rest against the beads or float.

The final step is to cut the leader to the desired length and tie a loop knot on the free end of the leader. Experiment with color, blade size and style, either Colorado or Indiana, to find out which rig is most effective on a given day.

Attach the rig to the snap at the top of the bottom bouncer. When fishing in rivers in the spring about 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 ounces of lead is heavy enough to keep your rig on the bottom in moderate current.

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Fishing success is all about presentation. Motor upstream to the dam, then let the boat drift through the area you want to fish. By keeping the weight in contact with the bottom, the baited rig will drift just a few inches off the bottom, the depth needed to entice a bite from bottom-hugging sauger.

Over the next few years, Kentuckians may catch sauger in the Green River downstream of Green River Lake, in the Salt River below Taylorsville Lake and in the middle stretch of the Barren River. The fisheries division of Kentucky

Fish and Wildlife stocked 188,000 fingerling sauger in the Green River, 32,000 in the Salt River and 50,000 in the Barren River over the past two years.

"We hope to establish a viable reproducing population of sauger in these rivers," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We hope to have sauger fishing right in downtown Bowling Green."

Remember the current license year expires Feb. 29. If you plan to fish after March 1, you'll need to buy a new fishing license, available in the sporting goods

section of department stores and tackle shops. You may buy one by visiting the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife homepage at fw.ky.gov or by calling 1-877-598-2401.

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Eagles defeat SIU Edwardsville, earn third seed for OVC tourney

Times Staff Report

MOREHEAD - The Morehead State University men's basketball team ended the regular-season portion of the 2011-12 season on a winning note Saturday.

MSU held SIU Edwardsville scoreless for the first eight minutes of Saturday evening's game at Johnson Arena, and forced 15 first-half turnovers en route to a 76-61 Ohio Valley Conference win on Senior Night.

The Eagles improved to 17-14 overall and 10-6 in the SEC with their fourth straight league victory, while the Cougars finish the campaign 9-11 overall and 6-10 in OVC play.

The win, coupled with losses by Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Tech on Saturday, gives Morehead State a No. 3 seed and first-round bye in next week's conference tournament in Nashville.

The Eagles will face the winner of No. 6 Austin Peay versus No. 7 Jacksonville State in a quarterfinal on Thursday at 9 p.m. MSU went 2-0 against APSU this season and split a pair of games versus SIU.

Morehead State, which entered the night leading the league in points allowed at just 61.5 per game, has

now held 12 of its last 13 opponents below 70. In addition, the Eagles have yielded just 55.2 points per outing during their four-game OVC winning streak.

Morehead State also improved to 61-11 (.847) at Johnson Arena over the past five years with the victory, including a 40-5 (.889) mark in conference home games.

The Cougars missed their first eight rebounds and were kept off the scoreboard until the 11:56 mark of the first half. SIUE tied the contest at nine with 8:43 to play before intermission, but Morehead State responded with a 17-5 run to open up a lead it never relinquished.

MSU sophomore Drew Kelly, who has now reached double figures in 12 of the last 13 contests, recorded a game-high 21 points on 5-of-8 from the floor and 11-of-14 from the free-throw line. He also collected a team-high six rebounds.

Kelly was joined in double figures by junior Milton Chavis, who came off the bench to post 10 points and five rebounds. Senior Lamont Austin added five boards and a team-best five assists in the win.

SIUE senior Corey Wickware and junior Mark Yelov-

ich shared team-high honors with 18 points apiece in the defeat, while junior Derian Shaffer yanked down a game-best seven boards and junior Reggie Reed was credited with seven helpers.

Morehead State posted scoring advantages of 38-12 in the paint, 21-4 off turnovers, 14-0 on the fast break and 37-4 off the bench. The Eagles were also +13 (22-9) in the turnover department.

The Eagles knocked down 51 percent from the field (28-of-55) and 73 percent from the charity stripe (16-of-22). It was MSU's fourth-best shooting percentage of the year and its 14th time reaching the 70-percent plateau from the foul line in the past 16 outings.

Morehead State recognized its three seniors - Terrance Hill, Ty Proffitt and Austin - prior to the game. Hill has been part of more wins (86) than any other player in the 83-year history of the MSU men's basketball program. Proffitt has tallied 66 victories in three seasons and Austin 42 wins in two years.

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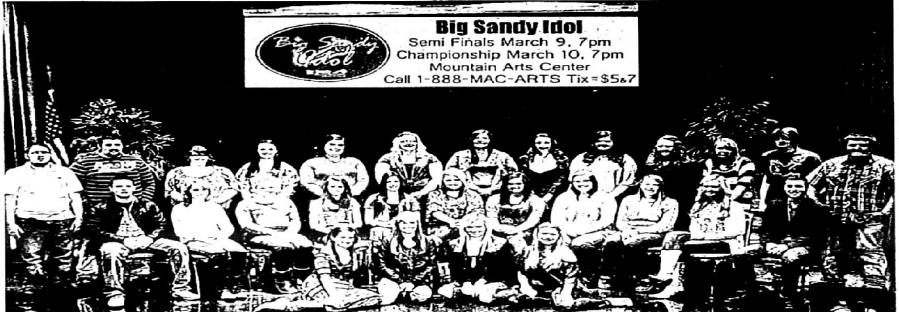
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Big Sandy Idol competitors announced

PRESTONSBURG — The curtain is set to rise on this year's Big Sandy Idol competition, and Big Sandy Community and Technical College... The semifinals will be held Friday, March 9, and the championship competition on Saturday, March 10...

the first night of competition, Friday, March 9, all students who placed second at their school will compete for a spot to compete against first-place winners on Saturday night and vie for the various championship prizes... The championship will also feature special performances by the Big Sandy Singers, the 2011 Idol Wild-card Champion Marlana VanHoose, and the 2011 Idol Champion Shauna Hunt Cerone.



Pictured are the students participating in Big Sandy Idol. Front Row (left to right): Caitlyn Conley (Paintsville High School), Sydney Smith (Beltry High School), LaShael Swiger (Magoffin Co.), Angelya Griffith (Magoffin Co.)... Second Row-Seated: Clarke Sexton (Johnson Central), Caitlyn Good (Pikeville), Lindsay Wallen (Wesley Christian), Halley Dameron (Pike Central), Abby Epling (East Ridge), Tierra Fonner (Phelps), Eden Wyatt (Shelby Valley), Cassie Callahan (Paintsville), Maggie Wilkes (Wesley Christian), Nicole Pennington (Pike Central), Taylor Harr (Shelby Valley), Back Row: Eric Sparks (Sheldon Clark), Derek Hall (Betsy Layne), Danielle Newby (Beltry), Kelsie Kender (Phelps), Emily Ward (Johnson Central), Whitney Lewis (Betsy Layne), Summer Pugh (East Ridge), DeLaney Wireman (Johnson Central), Amy Rice (Prestonsburg), Halley Sullivan (East Ridge), Megan Forman (South Floyd), Austin Music (Allen Central), Dakota Bentley (South Floyd), Not Pictured: Rebecca Risner (Allen Central), Maria Musgrave (Pikeville), Aaron Blackburn (Prestonsburg), and Todd Mathews (Sheldon Clark).

Everybody's Science
Navy showers, ET and ALEXI

Sandy Miller Hays
Agricultural Research Service
Call me silly, but I just can't leave the water running while I'm brushing my teeth. I know, I know, there are a lot of people who do that just from force of habit. But watching that water run down the drain for no good reason makes me feel so guilty, so wasteful—the amount of water that I can waste in the two minutes it takes to brush my teeth might be an entire family's water supply for the day in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The line between "enough" and "too much"? The scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) may be able to help provide the answer to that one. A couple of ARS scientists in Beltsville, Md., have developed a modeling system that not only tracks drought, but also evapotranspiration (known as ET—and no, this has nothing to do with calling home).

ET consists of the water that evaporates from soil and plant surfaces and the water vapor that "transpires" (a fancy word for "escapes") through the tiny pores on the surfaces of plant leaves as the plants absorb carbon dioxide through photosynthesis. The ARS scientists' model, known as ALEXI (for Atmosphere-Land Exchange Inverse), can help forecasters monitor ET and drought conditions across the United States and in other countries. It will also help farmers and water managers assess drought and irrigation impacts on water use and crop development.

ALEXI uses thermal infrared imagery from satellites and calculates soil and plant temperatures that can be used to create maps of ET rates of plants growing not only in farm fields, but also in forests and natural habitats around the world. Generally, as water evaporates (as in the case of those plant leaf surfaces), it cools surfaces, so a cooler land surface is an indicator of higher ET rates and wetter soils. On the other side of the equation, water stress elevates soil and leaf temperatures, which can be detected by satellites. The ARS scientists can use that temperature data gleaned from the satellites to create ET maps.

This work is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and they aim to get their money's worth. NOAA plans to use the system to generate ET estimates over the continental United States, and it's expected that the system will be particularly relevant as climate change presents challenges for growers in areas such as the Texas Panhandle and the southwestern United States.

Meanwhile, the ARS scientists are working with others to map parts of Africa, including the Horn of Africa, where drought has caused famine in Somalia. I recently saw some photographs of people in Somalia who have suffered through that famine, and to tell the truth, I didn't know a human body could reach that stage of starvation and still stand up and walk. If ALEXI can prevent that kind of horror from happening, it's money well spent, in my opinion.

Upike students go 'Inside Washington'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As the nation turned their attention to the Iowa caucuses and the 2012 presidential hopefuls, four students from the University of Elkville traveled to Washington, D.C., to learn about politics from the nation's capitol and political epicenter. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars presented two Inside Washington seminars beginning with "In Pursuit of the Presidency" and followed by "Politics in the Media."



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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 23rd day of November, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$38,787.76, 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 10:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

Property Address: 361 Rich Branch Road, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning at the corner of the property of Ridge Hall; thence running right 110 feet up center of creek to the bridge; thence up the hill 125 feet to a stake; thence across the top of the hill along the line of Will Johnson to the line of Ridge Hall a distance of 110 feet; thence back down the hill a distance of 125 feet to the point of beginning.

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UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ANY MONUMENT REFERRED TO HEREIN AS "RBC" IS A SET 5/8" REBAR, 18" IN LENGTH WITH A 1/2" DIA. PLASTIC CAP STAMPED BY THE FACTORY #2667. ALL BEARINGS REFERRED TO HEREIN ARE BASED UPON MAGNETIC NORTH OBSERVED ON 11-17-2011.

SAID TRACT BEING A PORTION OF LAND CONVEYED TO CATHERINE MEADE BAKER AND BAKER, HER HUSBAND, AND WILLIAM MEADE AND ANDREA MEADE, HIS WIFE BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 480, PAGE 453 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, FURTHER CONVEYED TO JENNIFER DUNLAP BY QUIT CLAIM DEED DATED JULY 18, 2007 OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 537, PAGE 222 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

BEGINNING ON A "RBC" ON THE RIGHT OF WAY OF KY ROUTE 1428, SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY NOT RECORDED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ASSUMED TO BE GRADE AND DRAINAGE UNDER THIS DESCRIPTION, THEREBY ALLOWING EIGHT FEET BEYOND EDGE OF PAVEMENT ON PROPERTY SIDES FOR UTILITY PROPRIETANCE, ALSO SAID POINT BEING A CORNER TO TRACT NO. 2, THENCE BEGINNING WITH SAID TRACT NO. 2 IN REVERSE S 89° 38' 51" E, 242.50 FEET TO A "RBC" ON HILL IN FENCE LINE BEING THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN TRACTS 2 AND 3; THENCE, LEAVING TRACT NO. 2 AND RUNNING WITH FENCE S 19° 59' 49" W, 20.87 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE S 05° 30' 48" E, 48.01 FEET TO POINT; THENCE, S 02° 03' 48" E, 34.97 FEET TO A "RBC" IN FENCE LINE COMMON CORNER TO TRACT NO. 4; THENCE, WITH "RBC" IN REVERSE N 87° 53' 32" E, 265.87 FEET TO A "RBC" IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY COMMON CORNER TO A THENCE, RUNNING N 100° 00' 00" W WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY N 19° 34' 11" E, 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.567 ACRES.

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

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes and assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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Being the same property conveyed to Roger Martin, Jr., single and Jennifer Dunlap, single by deed dated November 27, 2002 of record in Deed Book 480, Page 453 in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, further conveyed to Jennifer Dunlap by Quit Claim Deed dated July 18, 2007 of record in Deed Book 537, Page 222 in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six(6) months from the date of appointment.

Table with columns: DATE OF APPOINTMENT, CASE NUMBER, ESTATE OF, FIDUCIARY, ATTORNEY. Rows include WATSON ADKINS, FRANKLIN LEE PRICE, NANNIE MAE HAMPTON, ROBBY JR. HAMILTON, ARNOLD HAMILTON, PHEYLIS MITCHELL, VEVLIE OSORNE, CAROLYN JANE BOND, SOLA J. TACKETT, ANNA MAE DEROSSETT, MAGGIE E. COLLINS, JAMES FRANKLIN GOINES, TEREHA JONES, MARTHA MAY HICKS, LLOYD STEPHEN MEADE, FERNSTY GRADAM BURCHETT.

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

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NOTICE of Final Settlement

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD ... SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before FEB. 29th, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

Table with columns: Settlement, Case Number, Estate Of, Fiduciary, Date Filed. Rows include MARY GLADYS ALLEN, PHEYLIS PRICE, TRAVIS NEWMAN, MELVIN PLETCHER, RUDDY WALLACE LEMASTER, MELROY LYNN CRIDER, TEDDY AKERS, HERBERT OUSLEY, BARBARA JACKSON HARRIS, KENNETH CASTLE, JAMES DARWIN MCGUIRE, MAVIS ALLY, LESTER JOHNSON, GLOVA STUMBO, LOWEY C. STUMBO.

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PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 10-CI-00713

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP fka COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP PLAINTIFF VS. DEENDANTS

MICHAEL CASE, ET AL DEENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 13th day of September, 2011 in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$93,743.00 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 December, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 34 Jim Case Lane, McDowell, Kentucky 41647

A certain tract of land located on Stone Coal Creek in Right Beaver, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on North edge of the Bill Hall Branch, and on the East Line of W. J. Hopkins lot, Thence a North East course across the bottom with W. J. Turner, East line to the foot of the hill, Thence an East course to W. J. Hopkins West line, Thence a Southern course across the bottom toward the Bill Hall Branch, Thence a West line of W. J. Hopkins to the Bill Hall Branch, Thence a Western course and down the Bill Hall Branch to the place of beginning. Containing one acre more or less so as to include all rights, titles and privileges as stipulated and conveyed as from S. T. Meade Vada Meade to Sol Robinson and Mandy Robinson.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Case, no marital status shown, and all subsequent conveyances to Jim Case, Mable Iwana Chaffins, Rogie Sherrill Case, Riky Darrell Case and Taunda Kayn White, no marital status shown, dated November 28, 1985 and December 11, 2002, recorded in Deed Book D481, page 57, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds in full. The purchaser shall be required to file a record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 836-0407

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase I bond release on permit number 836-0407, which was last issued on 05-25-2010. The application covers an area of approximately 866.68 acres located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles northeast from Route 2029's junction with KY 1167 and is located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Salltick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 45' 45" and the longitude is 82° 53' 27".

For Increment No. 7, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$83,200.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 11, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$72,700.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 15, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$27,800.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 16, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$64,800.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 26, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$26,500.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 27, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$42,900.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 28, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$112,700.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 29, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$49,900.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 30, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$75,700.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 31, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$106,400.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 32, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$56,900.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 33, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$137,000.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 34, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$47,300.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 35, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$44,100.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 36, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$55,700.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 37, approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$7,800.00 is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 27, 2012.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM, or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 27, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 10-CI-00182

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP fka COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP PLAINTIFF VS. DEENDANTS

RUTH CAROL HALE AND CAROL HALE UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSAL RIGHTS OF RUTH CAROL HALE DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 4th day of June, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, 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 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

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

Being the same property conveyed to Fickert Hale and Ruth Carol Hale, his wife, from W. E. Huff, who over by Deed dated April 19, 1928, recorded in Deed Book 386, Page 129 in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk, Fickert Hale died on February 6, 2002, leaving Ruth Carol Hale as the sole titleholder.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds in full. The purchaser shall be required to file a record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

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force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may be levied thereon shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

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

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PURSUE TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5565, Renewal No. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCOB Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal seam gas recovery operation located 1.31 miles east of Drift, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 29.20 surface acres and will, upon completion, disturb approximately 175.12 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,204.90 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.80 miles east from the town of Drift, and is situated by Simpson Branch County Road and located 0.10 miles east of Drift, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by 1Cassie Martin, Sola Williams and The Elk Horn Coal Company, 1145 S. Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The surface area is owned by 1Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Ella Martin, Sola Williams and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 1145 S. Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The surface area is owned by 1Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Ella Martin, Sola Williams and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 1145 S. Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The surface area is owned by 1Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Ella Martin, Sola Williams and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 1145 S. Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The surface area is owned by 1Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Ella Martin, Sola Williams and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 1145 S. Lake Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Notice is hereby given that Jason A. Tenney is directed to defend the above described property and present any defense to the Complaint he may claim or be forever barred.

Jason A. Tenney, Defendant

NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court dated January 20, 2012, the undersigned is appointed to administer the estate of the late Jason A. Tenney of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, who died on January 20, 2011. The undersigned is directed to defend the above described property and present any defense to the Complaint he may claim or be forever barred.

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Jason A. Tenney, Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 11-CI-143

TAXCO, LLC PLAINTIFFS VS. DEFENDANTS

DELMAS PRATER ET AL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 23rd day of November, 2011, in the above cause, as said mineral interest (undivided oil and natural gas) in the subject property, in the amount of \$248.19 being TaxCo's and Pilgrim's acquisition cost of the 2004, 2006 and 2009 tax bills, 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 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: All of the interest, formerly owned by Hillard Prater, including, but not limited to a 3.333336 percent royalty interest, in the undivided oil and natural gas underlying:

TRACT 1 A certain parcel or tract of land situated on the waters of left-hand Fork of Middle Creek a tributary of Big Sandy River lying and being in the County of Floyd, State of Kentucky and bounded as follows:

Commencing on a white walnut at a Lick spring, thence with Samuel Praters line a west course to the top of the Hill thence with Green Praters line Mat Moores Jack Moore line running a west course to Bill Shepherds line running with the ridge south to James Allons line East with James Allons line to the lands of Sally Stephens line East with Sally Stephens line to a sugar tree opposite the mouth of Pits Fork across middle creek of Pits Fork with meanders of said Pits Fork to the lands of Sol Allen to the mouth of a small drain up the drain to a cross fence on the point running with the fence to a rock thence with Henry Hales line back to middle creek down middle...

Being the same property conveyed by George W. Ratliff and Arty Ratliff, his wife, to Adam Prater and Louisa Prater, his wife, dated February 28, 1899, as a Deed of Record, page 486 of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

For derivation of title see the following documents: Affidavit of Descent of Adam Prater, dated January 30, 1896, at Deed Book 238, Page 155; Affidavit of Descent of George W. Prater, dated February 16, 1899, at Deed Book 430, Page 611; Affidavit of Descent of Mat Moore, dated February 16, 1899, at Deed Book 357, Page 146; Affidavit of Descent of Fannie Prater dated February 16, 1899, at Deed Book 430, Page 616; all of which are recorded in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for the above described real estate as additional surety.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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Hall, Mary Francis Stone, Arthur Mitchell, Roland Moore, Vernon and Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayley, Russell Shelton, Rudolph Parsons, and Julie Knott Charles and Carolyn Wallen, Claude and Ilova Howell, Bonnie Horvath, Alverta Sammons, Cllis J. Hall, Madge and Decella Denny, Edith Cook Skeens, Roland Caudill, Sallie Mae Hutchinson, Penny Sizemore, J. Beazley, Ted and Helen Stumbo, William A. Joseph Hall, Bobbie and Audrey Hall, Vernon and Anna R. Hall, Billie Joe and Janice Hart, Danzil Ray Hall, Ray Turner, N & K Martin Heirs, Edith Hunsell, Dorothy Martin, and Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell.

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Jason A. Tenney, Defendant

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Jason A. Tenney, Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 11-CI-00676

HALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP A KENTUCKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP PETITIONER VS. RESPONDENTS

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, as said mineral interest (undivided oil and natural gas) in the subject property, in the amount of \$248.19 being TaxCo's and Pilgrim's acquisition cost of the 2004, 2006 and 2009 tax bills, 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 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:

TRACT 1 Beginning with the line of north side of the state road running south and parallel with Tom J. Turner's line; thence with Tom J. Turner's line to Marion Martin's line to the top of the point to the top of the hill thence with Geo Stumbo's line to the state road to the place of beginning. There is excepted from this conveyance a small strip of land containing approximately 0.12 acre bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a marked rock on line of state road on line of Geo Stumbo property and Beckham Stumbo property running to a cliff; thence West 110' to a rock marked "X" thence East thence North 160' to a rock on corner thence easterly direction to the beginning, containing four acres more or less.

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 rock marked "X" thence East to the beginning to the state road.

There is excepted from the above described property and not hereby conveyed that portion of same previously conveyed to Walter C. and Sherry R. Ord from Maggie H. Newmar, single, by deed dated November 17, 1995 of record in Deed Book 391, Page 313, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a planted stone and Hillard Sexton's line, thence running with Hillard Sexton's line back in bottom to a cliff 176' thence around the hill with Duran and Mary A. Hall's line 90' back to the cliff, thence West 110' to a rock marked "X", thence back to Hillard Sexton's line a distance of 89 feet. Containing a total of 17.6 acres, one side 90 feet on back and one side on other side and 89 feet on front. This conveyance is subject to a 12 foot access easement to said property.

There is also included a strip of land approximately 14' x 110' at the back portion of the above described property and a strip 20' x 163.5' on the side of the above described tract that adjoins back and property which forms an L shape and is located on land which adjoins Tract 1 and surrounds two of the Ord property.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for the above described real estate as additional surety.

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

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

Legals

SIGNED, A. DAVID BLANKENSHIP Waring Order Attorney, KINNEY & CO. LAW OFFICES 328 North Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 885-1343

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PURSUE TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0376 Major Revision 4

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

SE0 CHAPTER Nv v 1. In accordance with the provisions KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCOB Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 has applied for a major revision to an existing surface and sugar coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.0 miles southeast of Drift, in Floyd County. The major revision will add 30.86 acres of auger mining making a total area of 725.77 acres of disturbed permit boundary.

The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell USGS 1/2 minute quadrangle and is situated by Simpson Branch County Road and located 0.10 miles east of Drift, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 29.20 surface acres and will, upon completion, disturb approximately 175.12 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 2,204.90 acres.

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Notice is hereby given that Jason A. Tenney is directed to defend the above described property and present any defense to the Complaint he may claim or be forever barred.

Jason A. Tenney, Defendant

NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court dated January 20, 2012, the undersigned is appointed to administer the estate of the late Jason A. Tenney of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, who died on January 20, 2011. The undersigned is directed to defend the above described property and present any defense to the Complaint he may claim or be forever barred.

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PUBLIC NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 11-CI-00676

HALL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP A KENTUCKY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP PETITIONER VS. RESPONDENTS

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, as said mineral interest (undivided oil and natural gas) in the subject property, in the amount of \$248.19 being TaxCo's and Pilgrim's acquisition cost of the 2004, 2006 and 2009 tax bills, 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 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit:

TRACT 1 Beginning with the line of north side of the state road running south and parallel with Tom J. Turner's line; thence with Tom J. Turner's line to Marion Martin's line to the top of the point to the top of the hill thence with Geo Stumbo's line to the state road to the place of beginning. There is excepted from this conveyance a small strip of land containing approximately 0.12 acre bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Inside

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but I can still make a difference by helping someone else make it there."

Joining McCown on the two-week seminar were fellow students Corey Crigger, Corey Hatfield and Kayla Morgan, along with Nancy Cade, Ph.D., professor of history and political science.

"The Inside Washington seminars offer an unparalleled opportunity to sit in the same room with legendary journalists, esteemed members of Congress and other experts who have their pulse on the presidential 2012 campaign," said Mike Smith, president of The Washington Center. "The University of Pikeville is giving their students access to the center of the political process as it's happening now and as history is being made."

The seminar provides firsthand experience and perspective into campaign 2012 through a combination of lectures from prominent guest speakers, panel discussions, site visits and small group dialogues. University of Pikeville students heard from the reporters covering the 2012 elections, former members of Congress, high-level Congressional staff and leaders of special interest groups. Speakers included Sam Donaldson, ABC News; Mike McCurry, former White House press secretary; Ken Walsh, White House correspondent, U.S. News and World Report; Ann Compton, chief White House correspondent, ABC News; Grover Norquist, president, Americans for Tax Reform; Brian Lamb, president/CEO, C-SPAN; Gail Chudovsk, staff writer, The Christian Science Monitor; Tony Mauro, supreme court correspondent, National Law Journal; Congresswoman Barbara Kennedy (D-CT, 81-99); Congressman Mickey Edwards (R-OK, 77-93); Bill Dauster, deputy chief of staff for policy for the Majority Leader, Senator Harry Reid (D-NV); Howard Dean, M.D., former governor of Vermont, presidential candidate, DNC chairman, and founder of Democracy For America; John Harwood, chief Washington correspondent, CNBC; and

Clarence Page, columnist, Chicago Tribune.

"I liked the feeling knowing after long days I am doing small things with my life that will have a huge impact on my country," said Morgan. "I felt like I was a part of something much bigger."

Students also visited historic sites in Washington and Philadelphia and participated in guest lectures and special exhibits.

"Inside Washington was a phenomenal educational experience and I met some amazing people along the way," said Hatfield. "I have always had some interest in politics, but until this semester I didn't think about a career in politics. This seminar has opened my eyes to a whole new perspective."

Inside Washington is part of The Washington Center's Campaign 2012 Academic Seminar Series. Next up in the series is the Republican National Convention Seminar and the Democratic National Convention Seminar. Both will take place on-site at the official conventions held in Tampa, Fla. and Charlotte, N.C., offering students the opportunity to participate in lectures, panels, tours, site visits and fieldwork assignments. For more information visit www.twc.edu/campaign2012.

University of Pikeville students have participated in The Washington Center seminars for several years. Cade has served as a faculty advisor and mentor for the organization since 2004, including two national political conventions and two presidential inaugurations. Honored by The Washington Center in 2007 as a "Faculty Leader of the Year," she is the campus liaison for the program and a member of The Washington Center's national Liaison Advisory Board.

Cade established the Fred W. Meyer Jr. Washington Center Scholars Scholarship Fund at the University of Pikeville in honor of her father. All four students are Fred W. Meyer Jr. Washington Center Scholars.

Tyler Stephens to appear at the Mountain Arts Center

PRESTONSBURG — Country music fans are in for a real treat when Big Appal Music recording artist, Tyler Stephens along with the Back Roads Band take the stage at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, Kentucky on Saturday, March 3, at 7 p.m. Special guest artist Josh Addair of Matewan, W.Va., will open the show.

Both of these young new artists offer unique performances that are enjoyed by audiences of all ages. Stephens stays loyal to his country and his Appalachian roots with his smooth, "straight-from-the-heart traditional country vocals, while Addair brings an edgy, alternative sound to the stage. The two young singers complement one another. With talent like this, it's only a matter of time before Nashville label executives start paying attention to what's happening in Eastern Kentucky.

Stephens, who has already shown success in his musical career, began at

the early age of 4 and now at only 19 years old, he never plans to look back. With countless performances and the release of his first album behind him, he couldn't see himself doing anything other than performing.

"We released our first album 'Freedom Don't Come Free' in February last year and since then things have moved so quick," Stephens said. "Instantly we were playing every weekend and hearing people in the audience singing and requesting our songs. That makes it all worthwhile. We see our musical careers as a blessing because without the support of our family, friends, and fans, none of this would be possible. We are truly blessed to be surrounded with a group of people like these."

Stephens's hit song, "Freedom Don't Come Free" written by Scott and Courtney Patrick, has had extraordinary success in 2011, being released to over 1,700 radio stations nationally. However, "Freedom Don't Come

Free" was not the only song from the album grabbing the attention of listeners. "Rollin' 18 Wheels" became an Eastern Kentucky favorite because of its relation to the region's coal tradition. Stephens hopes it doesn't stop there. He is currently working on his new single "Get Your Country On," to be released this spring just in time to rock in the summer months.

Tickets for the show are \$15 per person, plus ticketing fee. Tickets are available online at www.macarts.com, by calling 1-888-MACARTS (1-888-622-2787), or by calling the Box Office at 606-886-2623.

For further information about Stephens or Addair, visit www.tylerstephensmusic.com or www.joshaddair.com.

The show is being sponsored in part by Perry Distributors (Budweiser). —

Free program that provides boost, inspiration for Appalachian women taking applications

BEREA — For 25 years, nearly 600 women across Appalachia have been learning they have the strength and courage to finish their education and to build the self-esteem they need to find their potential. At no cost to them, women who find themselves in transition and are seeking to be inspired and build their confidence are doing just that through the New Opportunity School for Women (NOSW) in Berea.

"For me, the NOSW was a chance of a lifetime. I wish every woman could attend. I feel more alive now. I feel like myself again. Before the school, I had gotten so depressed because I felt like my life was over because I couldn't work. Now I feel like I may be able to work again with the education that I'm

now getting. Before, the NOSW, I felt I was too old to go to college and begin again. Now I know that I'm not — I see a future in my life again," said a NOSW graduate from Norton, Va.

Now is the time to submit applications for the Summer, 2012 session. Applicants who are selected and complete the three-week residential program will find themselves to be more self-sufficient, more confident,

and will be an inspiration for their families and community. Additionally, the New Opportunity School staff and alumni provide a strong support system for graduates.

The New Opportunity School's unique program has received national recognition on Oprah and in People magazine. The 2012 NOSW Summer Residential Session is

June 3-23. The deadline for application is April 15.

Requests for applications and/or additional information should be addressed to The New Opportunity School for Women, 204 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403, or by calling 859-985-7200. Our website, www.nosw.org, provides additional information regarding our no-cost program and a printable application.

The New Opportunity School for Women, Inc. (NOSW) was founded in 1987 by Jane B. Stephenson to assist women of Appalachia and Kentucky in their pursuit of employment, education, and personal growth. The NOSW accepts women over 30 who have completed high school, have a GED (or actively working on a GED), and do

not have a college degree. The program provides educational opportunities through classes in building self-esteem, computer basics, leadership development, Appalachian literature, self-defense, understanding violence against women, public speaking, learning how to become enrolled in further education, and cultural field trips and art related events. Job search skills will be identified and participants will learn to write resumes and practice interview techniques. Participants will intern in a field of interest, either on the Berea College campus or in the community. Health screenings include mammograms, pap tests and dental exams. Lodging and meals are provided; grants for travel and childcare are available.



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Civic Club	Rotary
College	BSCTC
Community Festival Event	Jenny Wiley
Dining Atmosphere	Billy Ray's
Elderly Care Facility	Riverview Healthcare
Elementary School	May Valley Elementary
Entertainment	Mountain Arts Center
High School	Allen Central High School
Hospital/Medical Facility	St. Joseph
Local Band	Ky. Opry
Middle School	Allen Central Middle
Place to camp out	Jenny Wiley
Place to have a business lunch	Reno's
Place to lose weight	Harper OBGYN
Place to meet friends	Fat Boy's
Place to spend Saturday night	Season's Inn
Place to take out of town guests	MAC
Place to work	Harper OBGYN

BEST FOOD

Barbecue	Pig-in-a-Poke
Biscuits	McDonald's
Brand of Soft Drink	Coke
Burgers	Fat Boy's
Catering	Pam Walker
Chicken	Fat Boy's
Chili	Wendy's
Chinese Food	Peking
Decorated Cakes	Food City
Desserts	Dairy Queen-Martin
Doughnuts	Food City
Fish and Seafood	Long John's
French Fries	McDonald's
Fresh Meat for Grilling	Triangle Market
Home Cookin'	Billy Ray's
Hot Dogs	Dairy Cheer
Ice Cream	Dairy Queen (P. Burg)
Kid's Meal	McDonald's
Mexican Food	E.L. Azul's
Onion Rings	Dairy Queen
Pizza	Fat Boy's
Roast Beef Sandwich	Arby's
Salad Bar	Pizza Hut
Sandwiches	Lizzie B's
Shakes/Malts	Dairy Queen (P. Burg)
Steak	Reno's

BEST PEOPLE

Accountant	Steve Pack
Attorney	Keith Bartley
Bank Teller	Renee Triplett
<i>Employed at</i>	US Bank - Martin
Ross	Chris Waugh
<i>Employed at</i>	County Clerk's Office
Building Contractor	Arnold Jarrell
Carpenter	Ken Jarrell
<i>Employed at</i>	Jarrell Contracting
Car Salesperson	Allen Bolling
<i>Employed at</i>	Freedom Ford
Chiropractor	Ryan Maynard
City Employee	Jennifer Ison
Club President	Dr. Maddiwar
Coach	Jeremy Hall
<i>Employed at</i>	ACHS
Dental Hygienist	Trista Buckley
<i>Employed at</i>	Dr. McKinney
Dentist	Anita Hale
Electrician	James Warrix
<i>Employed at</i>	Electric Works

EMT/Paramedic	Brian Carter
Firefighter	Daryl Sparks
Funeral Home Attendant	Chuck Hall
<i>Employed at</i>	Nelson-Frazier
Furniture Sales Person	Terry
<i>Employed at</i>	Home Furniture
General Physician	Dr. John Triplett
Hairstylist	Melissa Horne
<i>Employed at</i>	Blondie's
Heating/Air Service Person	Jarvey Lafferty
<i>Employed at</i>	Lafferty's
Insurance Agent	Denzil Allen
<i>Employed at</i>	Hatton-Allen Ins. Agency
Jeweler	Earl Castle (Mike)
Law Enforcement Officer	John K. Blackburn
Loan Officer	J.R. Caldwell
<i>Employed at</i>	Community Trust
Manicurist	Destiny Morgan
<i>Employed at</i>	Hairspray
Masseur	Tiffany Frasure
<i>Employed at</i>	
Mechanic	Steve Jacobs
<i>Employed at</i>	Jacobs Cigo
Nurse	Bethany Pennington
<i>Employed at</i>	HRMC
Optometrist	Dr. Salisbury
Paper Carrier	Ryan Hall
<i>Employed at</i>	Floyd Co. Times
Pastor/Priest	Roy Harlow
<i>Pastor of</i>	Methodist
Pharmacist	Johnna Newsome
Photographer	Paula Goble
Physical Therapist	Gwen Hall
<i>Employed at</i>	E. Ky. Physical Therapy
Plumber	Randy Rice
<i>Employed at</i>	Rice Plumbing
Politician	Johnny Ray Turner
Principal	Tonya Williams
<i>Employed at</i>	May Valley Elementary
Radio Announcer	Rick Caudill
<i>Employed at</i>	WMDJ
Real Estate Agent	Patty Hatfield
School Teacher	Vicky King Stone
<i>Teaches at</i>	May Valley Elementary
Secretary	Marla Hall
<i>Employed at</i>	Allen Central Middle
Store Cashier	LeAnn Gibson
<i>Employed at</i>	Fat Boy's
Sunday School Teacher	Trisha Burke
<i>Teaches at</i>	Wheelwright FWB
Surgeon	Dr. S.
<i>Employed at</i>	Harper OBGYN
Waitress/Waiter	Samantha Scott
<i>Employed at</i>	Fat Boy's
Veterinarian	Rudolph Ousley
<i>Employed at</i>	

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

Athletic Shoes	Shoe Sensation
Auto-Body Repairs	Ken's
Bath Towels	Wal-Mart
Bed Linens	Wal-Mart
Cabinets	Surplus Products
Candles	Fat Boy's
Carpet	KY Carpet
Dairy Items	Food City
Dress Shoes	Messers
Eye Glasses	Dr. Majakey
Frozen Foods	Food City
Furniture	Home Furniture
Health & Beauty Aids	Rite-Aid
Home Health Care Needs	Cooley Medical
Home Mortgage Loan	Community Trust Bank

Kids Clothing	Lad 'n Lassie
Men's Clothing	Messers
Perms	Pro Hair
Pets	Floyd Co. Animal Shelter
Pet Supplies	Dee's Dog Grooming
Produce	T&K Produce
School Supplies	Wal-Mart
Seafood Items	Food City
Snack Food	Speedway Martin
Sports Apparel & Equipment	Wal-Mart
Stereos	Wal-Mart
Toys	Wal-Mart
TV/VCR Repair	TEC 21
Used Automobiles	Mann's Toyota
Vinyl Siding/Underpinning	Vanhoose
Wallpaper	
Woman's Clothing	Daffodil's

Office Supplies	Statewide Press
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Paint Dealers	Ace True Value
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Payday Loan Service	Speedy Cash
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Pharmacy	Medicine Market
Plumbing	Randy Pice Plumbing
Real Estate Agency	Patty Hatfield
Rental Items	Drains Unlimited
Restaurant	Fat Boy's
Retail Store	Messers
Roofing Company	Taylor Metal
Security	ABCO
Swing/Alterations	LB&J Design
Tanning Salon	Video Magic
Tire Store	E. Ky. Tire
Tools & Supplies	Central Discount
Trophy Dealer	Rick Hughes
Truck Dealership	Auto Brokers
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Vision Center	Dr. L. Majakey
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Accounting	Jones Pack & Assoc.
Antiques/Collectibles	Ritchie's Hallmark
Appliances	Home Furniture
Artwork/Framing	Blackcat Framing
Athletic Supply	Wal-Mart
Auto Parts	Napa
Bait/Tackle	Wal-Mart
Beauty Salon	Blondie's
Bookkeeping/Tax	Jones Pack & Assoc.
Building Contractor	Mike Goodman
Building Supplies	Vanhoose
Car Dealership	Mann Toyota
Car Wash	
Commercial Printer	Statewide Press
Concrete	Bluegrass Materials
Construction/Remodeling	Hamilton Industries
Convenience Store	Speedway (Martin)
Crafts	Country Treasures
Daycare Center	Kiddie Land
Dental Center	Kevin Moore
Deli	Triangle Market
Dry Cleaners	Cameo Cleaners
Electrical Supplies	Ace Hardware
Electronics	Wal-Mart
Eyewear	Dr. Salisbury
Exterminating	
Farm Equipment	Blackburn Lawn
Financial Institutions	Community Trust
Financing	Community Trust
Floor Coverings	Ky. Carpet
Florist	Jan's Florist
Funeral Home	Nelson Frazier
Furniture Store	Ray Howard
Garage	Jacob's Garage
Gas Station	Speedway (Martin)
Gifts	Southern Hospitality
Grocery Store	Triangle Market
Guns/Ammo	Blaine's Guns & Ammo
Hearing Aids	Audiology Associates
Heating/Air Conditioning	Jarvey Lafferty
Home Decorating	Cleo's
Insurance Agency	Ky Farm Bureau
Janitorial Supply	King Supply
Jewelry	Earl Castle
Landscaping	BJ Newsome
Laundromat	Sunshine Coin Laundry
Lumber Company	Vanhoose
Law Office	Osborne & Heaburlin
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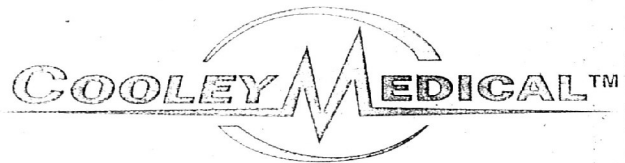
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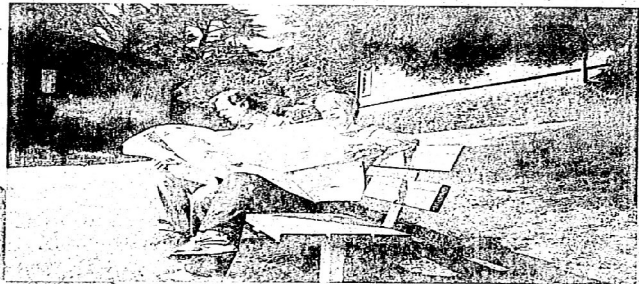
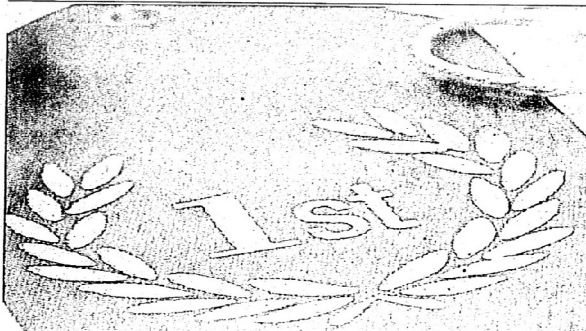


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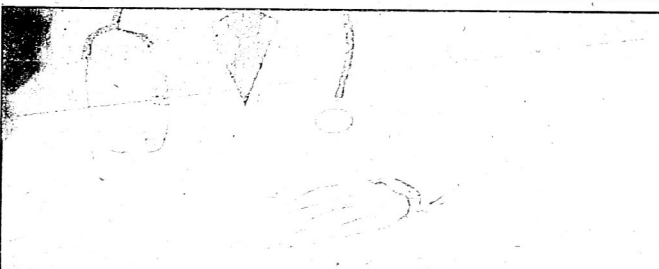
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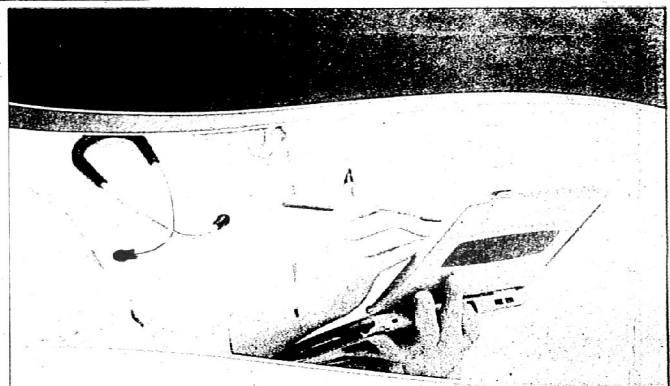
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