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Magistrate blames spending for troubles

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

Floyd County's financial woes could have lasting dire effects, and some officials are blaming unchecked spending from the judge-executive's office.

says the court faces a cloud of uncertainty, because they don't know what bills Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall will present them with.

the course of a fiscal year, magistrates adjust the budget accordingly to account for increases in spending, but unilateral spending by the judge-executive's office has made it hard to keep track.

thing. We can't get all the information that we need," Owens said. "There have been contractors work that we're not aware of. I've not seen any figures, but I've been told on the street that it could be \$550,000 to \$600,000 to one contractor."

who have done work for the county aren't paid? According to Owens, one contractor had threatened to sue the county if they did not receive a payment for work they had performed. That company, H&C Construction, appeared on

Scouts to plant tons of trees

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Boy Scouts of America plan to plant thousands of trees to honor the 100th anniversary of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

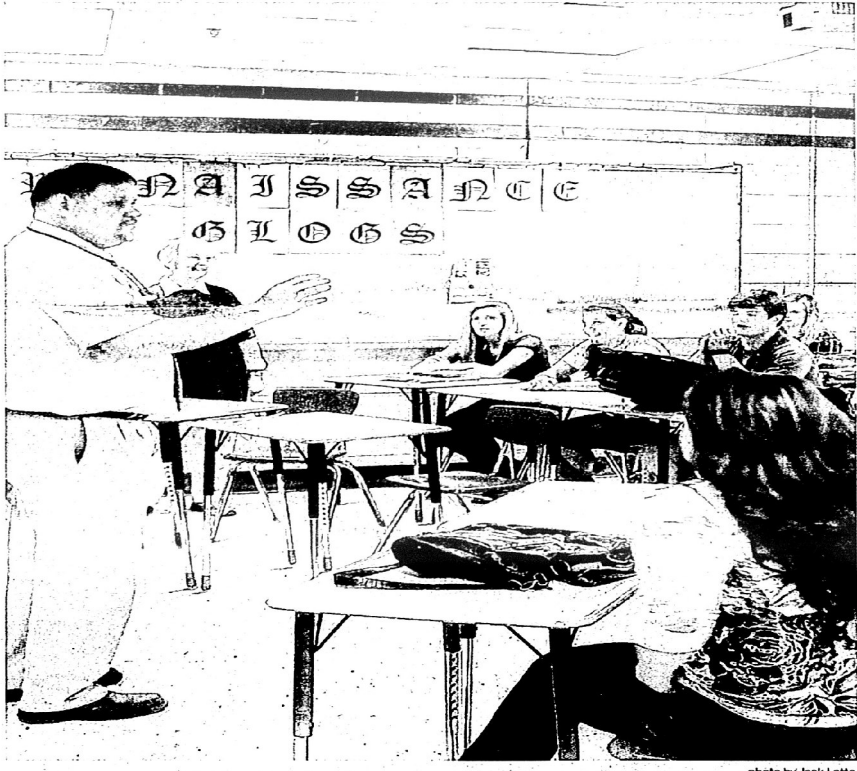
Guided by the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative, Scouts will gather and camp on the reforestation site before planting native hardwood saplings.

Participants in the Fishtrap Lake planting event include Director of the Office of Surface Mining, Joe Pinchuk, federal Co-Chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, Earl Cohl, Secretary of the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, Steve Hohlmann, and representatives of the Sierra Club and the American Bird Conservancy, among others.

The Fishtrap event is part of a larger, coordinated effort aimed at restoring native biodiversity to Appalachian lands affected by surface mining practices.

For more information and directions to the site, please contact Nathan Hall (502) 468-5346 or Flora Bernard (801) 699-7323.

Local teens urged to 'Kick Butts'



Principal Jerry Butcher talked to students at Prestonsburg High School after they watched a video warning them against the dangers of smokeless tobacco. The information session was put together by the Floyd County Health Department as part of "Kick Butts Day"

Health dept. urges residents to check risk for diabetes

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG March 27 is "Diabetes Alert Day," and the Floyd County Health Department is looking to raise awareness of type 2 diabetes, also known as adult-onset diabetes.

Anybody can develop diabetes, but some people are more at risk than others. For example, if you have a family history of diabetes, you are at increased risk for developing the disease, especially if a close family member — mother, father, brother, or sister — has diabetes.

Some women are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes because they were diagnosed with diabetes during a pregnancy. This is called gestational diabetes or GDM. If your mother had gestational diabetes when she was pregnant with you, you may be at an increased risk for becoming obese and developing type 2 diabetes.

Knowing your risk for type 2 diabetes is an important first step toward preventing or delaying the onset of the disease. Find out your risk by taking the Diabetes Risk Test at www.diabetes.org.

- 45 years of age or older
 - Overweight or obese
 - An African American or person of African Ancestry, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Asian American, or Pacific Islander
- While there are some risk factors that you cannot change, such as family history and age, there are risk factors associated with your lifestyle that you can change, such as being more

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County, cities getting ready for PRIDE cleanup

While Wildcat fans might be huddled around radios and televisions during the NCAA basketball tournament, area PRIDE coordinators are getting ready for another type of "madness" — Spring cleanup month in April.

"While we're enjoying basketball in March, local PRIDE Coordinators also

are drawing up game plans and recruiting volunteers for a hometown victory against litter in April," said Tammie Wilson of PRIDE, the nonprofit organization that coordinates the annual Spring Cleanup across 38 counties.

Floyd County's Spring Cleanup team will be led by Ella Clay, who is the

county's PRIDE Coordinator. In Prestonsburg, Allen, Martin and Wheelwright, the teams will be led by the cities' PRIDE Coordinators, who are Mike Vance, Linda Gibson, Rita Whicker and Ruby Preston.

"I look forward to this program every year," Clay said. "Without the help of volunteers, we could not get

our county cleaned up." Vance said he believes the annual cleanup campaign does more than help the environment. He believes it is also a good community-building tool.

"Spring cleanup allows diverse groups to work together and make the community better," Vance said. See COUNTY | A2



Ella Clay and Mike Vance recently attended a regional planning workshop for PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month, which will be in April. Clay, Vance, Linda Gibson, Rita Whicker and Ruby Preston will lead the local Spring Cleanup team.

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Obituaries

Joe Douglas Simpson

Joe Douglas Simpson, age 78, of Allen, husband of Glenna Wilhite Simpson, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at the St. Joseph Martin Hospital, in Martin. He was born Jan. 22, 1934, in Drift, the son of the late Henry Bud Simpson and Tildie Cavins Simpson. He worked as a coal miner, was a Kentucky Colonel, member of the UMW, and a former Martin City Councilman.

In addition to his wife, Glenna, Joe is survived by two daughters, Gail Ann Sheridan, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, and Elizabeth Glen McCracken, of Westport, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Katrina Lynn Tussey; two brothers, Earl Simpson and Pat Simpson; and

two sisters, Betty Cooper and Marie Music.

Funeral services for Joe Douglas Simpson will be held Friday, March 23, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Loretta Jean Howell

Loretta Jean Howell, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, passed on to begin a new life in heaven on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, the first day of spring, in Essex of Springfield.

She was born June 12, 1938, in Ashtabula, Ohio, the only child to the late Francis John Radob(ersky) and Angela Mary (Jachimiak) Radob(ersky).

Loretta was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, in

Mechanicsburg. She retired from Knart after 20 years of service and Wal-Mart after 15 years of service. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, quilting, reading, canning and sewing. She has traveled coast to coast several times in her life. She always enjoyed the company of family and friends and in her later life she enjoyed genealogy and computer games.

Loretta was a very hard working, independent woman. Being a child of the Depression era, she was accustomed to working long, difficult days and stretching every dollar. She was very compassionate, generous, and always willing to help other people. Throughout her life she took in and helped raise a few "adopted" kids, whom she loved just as if they were her own children.

Loretta loved bluegrass and country music, as well as dancing.

She was a "cat person" and adored Siamese cats most of all. Loretta often reflected on her life in Kentucky, where she got to plant large gardens along the valley of hills. She was very fond of gathering with family and friends and reminiscing about the good ole days.

She is survived by her six children, Frank (Dana) Bartlett, Jack (Lynn) Howell, Bill Howell, Cyndi (Kevin) Moehn, Teresa (Gary) Bailey and Susie (T.J.) Shetterly; her grandchildren, Craig and Aaron Bartlett, Brandon Horn and Christy (Horn) Fife, Bethany and Krysta Moehn, Chris Howell, Bradley, Jenni and Zach Bailey and Gabriel Short; her great grandchildren, Rebecca and Trenton Bartlett, Hannah, Kathryn and Emma Bailey, Christian and Rebekah Howell; as well as numerous other relatives.

She is preceded in death by her grandson, Shawn Howell, and great granddaughter, Hannah Bartlett, as well as numerous other relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, in the Church of God of Prophecy, in Mechanicsburg, with Rev. Richard Aites officiating. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, in Mechanicsburg. Services are entrusted to Skillman, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, of Mechanicsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Church of God of Prophecy, 130 Park Ave., Mechanicsburg, OH 43044. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.vernonfh.com.

Records

MARRIAGE LICENS-

Allison Gail Hall of Melvin to Brandon Cody Hutchinson of Hi Hat.
Amanda Gail Adkins to Jeremy Dale Addison both of McDowell.
Bethany Danielle Hall to Michael Dee Combs, both of Stanville.
Tabbatha Marie Hill to Michael C. Radliff, both of Weelsbury.
Crystal Von Hoover of Eastern to Jordan Kendall Ward of Martin.
Devin Shawn Newsome of Hi Hat to Elizabeth Ann Vance of Melvin.
Roseanna Lynn Tilley to Benjamin Lee Hatfield, both of Prestonsburg.
Melinda Lanie Burchett to Samuel John Craven, both of Prestonsburg.
Jennifer Michelle Conn

to Timothy James Boyd both of Minnie.

CIVIL SUITS

The Bank of New York Mellon v. Robert Harris, et al. - contract.
TD Auto Finance LLC v. Timothy Hall - contract.
Midland Funding LLC v. Lee Newsome - contract.
LVNV Funding LLC v. Tracy Akers - contract.
Karen Lynn Nichols v. Bruce Victor Nichols - dissolution of marriage.
Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance v. Gregory J. McKinney - contract.
Dell Financial Services v. Brandon Leslie - contract.
GE Capital Retail Bank v. Scarlett King - contract.
GE Capital Retail Bank v. Cindy Hagans - contract.
GE Capital Retail Bank v. Michael Hall - contract.
Dell Financial Services v.

Lisa Todd - contract.

Capital One Bank v. Wayles R. Hall - contract.

Capital One Bank v. Jacob D. Johnson - contract.

Springleaf Financial Services v. Perry T. Akers - contract.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Robert C. Boyd - contract.

ES Vanhose & Co. v. Kevin Dotson - contract.

Portfolio Recovery Associates v. Randy L. Potter - contract.

Portfolio Recovery Associates v. Michael Garaham - contract.

Community Trust Bank v. Charles Randolph - contract.

CHARGES FILED

Myron Williams, 23, Drift

theft by unlawful taking.

Joshua N. Trent, 24, Salyersville - alcohol intoxication.

Brandon Scott Martin,

33, Dema - alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Natasha Leann Branham,

29, Shelbyana - alcohol intoxication.

William M. Woods, 25,

Lexington - receiving stolen property.

Ercel Warren McPeeks,

43, Littcarr - shoplifting.

April L. Slone, 30, Top-

most - operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs/alcohol, operating on a suspended license, failure to use child restraint (2 counts), no insurance, failure to surrender revoked license, second degree wanton endangerment (2 counts).

Carlos Slone, 35, Top-

most - public intoxication of a controlled substance, second degree wanton endangerment (2 counts).

Sam Clifford Bradley -

theft by unlawful taking/auto.

Jim Bob Jones - first degree fleeing or evading.

Redford L. Phillips, 44,

Beaver - fourth degree assault.

Dustin Spears, 29, Mc-

Dowell - public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Julia L. Vanderpool, 41,

Prestonsburg - harassing communications.

Deanna Lunn Prater, 21,

Prestonsburg - harassing communications.

James Arthur Branham,

21, Martin - public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Brandon Lee Phillips, 43,

Banner - shoplifting.

Bryan R. Newsome - second degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence.

Sam Clifford Bradley -

theft by unlawful taking/auto.

Jim Bob Jones - first degree fleeing or evading.

second degree fleeing, carrying concealed deadly weapon, no/expired registration, no/expired plates, no insurance, reckless driving, rear license plate not illuminated, improper signal.

Chad Manuel - drug paraphernalia, controlled substance prescription not in original container, second degree possession of controlled substance, convicted felon in possession of firearm.

Misty Hartschuk - trafficking in controlled substance (2 counts).

David Scott Farmer - public intoxication of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence.

Donnie Roberts Jr. - (3 counts) trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana.

Blames

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the supplemental claims list during last week's regular meeting and received a payment of \$50,000. They are still owed an additional \$43,000, according to Owens.

"We didn't know any of this was going on," Owens said. "He (the owner of H&C Construction) called us and told us that he had contacted the judge several times, trying to get payment."

Owens says that the owner then contacted each of the magistrates and provided them each with a copy of the bill, and that if the county didn't pay it within 30 days he would file a lawsuit.

According to Owens, a small portion of the money owed to H&C, \$30,000, was owed from the May 2009 flood. "The

other \$63,000 was from jobs we weren't supposed to know about."

Owens says workers in the judge's office have been instructed not to give the magistrates any information, but to direct them to the judge if any of the magistrates inquire about bills.

A call placed to Marshall's office seeking comment was not returned by press time. However, earlier this week, Marshall said he is looking "at every area that we can make a substantial savings and just take it day to day." He said the troubles the county is currently facing will force the court to respond in one of two ways — "you either cut back or you find a way to increase some revenue."

The mounting financial crisis in Floyd County brought the fiscal court together for a work session recently where Judge

Marshall proposed a 1 percent occupational tax as a means to cover the county's deficits, Owens said.

"That was the whole purpose of that three-hour work session," said Owens. "I looked right at him and said 'I'm against it.'"

Owens says Marshall told court members the proposed tax could bring in \$3 million in revenue.

"He got us in this situation," said Owens. "Why should the people have to pay for it?"

Owens says the county is going to have to start living within its means. "Everybody needs to start living within their budget. Not just one department, but everybody."

One place the county is having difficulty is with the senior citizens centers, who

were brought up in last week's meeting to keep the pressure on the fiscal court.

In a Times report Wednesday, County Attorney Keith Bartley said senior citizens centers used to cost the county \$14,000 a year. The centers now cost the county \$200,000 a year.

Owens says that the senior citizens centers were all to be brought under one umbrella to give them access to more federal funds, and that the county was only supposed to be helping them out until that money started coming in. Two years later, there is less federal money coming in, and the county is still paying their bills.

"It's time for a new budget, and they're going to be wanting more money, and we don't have it," Owens said.

Health

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physically active and maintaining a healthy weight. Be sure to talk with your health care provider and find out what you can do to lower your risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

The good news is that people can prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes by making lifestyle changes, such as losing a modest

amount of weight (if overweight) by being more physically active and making healthy food choices. If you are overweight, create a lifestyle plan that includes losing a small amount of weight — 5 to 7 percent (10 to 14 pounds for a 200-pound person) — and being more physically active.

Here are some simple steps you can take:

- Make healthy food choices

- Be active at least 30 minutes, five days per week to help you burn calories and lose weight. You don't have to get all your physical activity at one time. Try getting some physical activity during the day in 10 minute sessions, 3 times a day. Choose something you enjoy. Ask family members to be active with you.

- To help you reach your goals, write down all the foods you eat

and drink and the number of minutes you are active. Review it each day.

The Floyd County Health Department has free resources to help you learn more about your risk for diabetes, as well as ways to help you lower your risk. Call (606) 886-2788 for more information on how to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes.

County

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"A clean environment is a healthy environment, and I believe the community is responsible for this."

Organizers of this year's

event are hoping to continue their record-setting ways, and to do that, they're hoping to recruit more volunteers. Those interested in volunteering for this year's cleanups can learn

more through local news reports or by going to www.kypride.org. Those who volunteer will receive free PRIDE t-shirts, while supplies last.

"Last April was a record-breaking Spring Cleanup, with 33,409 Spring Cleanup volunteers who netted 36,445 bags of trash and an additional 27,513 tons of trash across our region," Wilson said. "It all starts

with one cleanup and one volunteer — you — so please plan to volunteer for your local Spring Cleanup activities."

To volunteer for the Spring Cleanup in Floyd County, please contact Ella May at 866-9193 or ellamay@yahoo.com.

In Prestonsburg, please contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 or mikevance@suddenlink.net. Allen residents, please


call Linda Gibson at 874-2953. In Martin, please call Rita Whicker at 285-9335. Wheelwright residents, please call Ruby Preston at 452-4273.

By April 1, a list of local Spring Cleanup events will be available by choosing Floyd County at www.kypride.org/calendar.

The region-wide Spring Cleanup is made possible by a grant to PRIDE from

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and by these sponsors: Waste Connections of Kentucky (Gold Sponsor), Outdoor Venture Corporation (Silver Sponsor), New Horizon Graphics (Bronze Sponsor), Lightyear Network Solutions (Bronze Sponsor), and Owens Auto & Truck Parts of Corbin (Bronze Sponsor).

Pigman - Meade Engagement Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. William Pigman of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Pigman, to Mr. Brandon Meade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Meade of Paintsville, Kentucky. Miss Pigman is a secretary for the Floyd County Board of Education in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Meade is a Signal Engineer for CSX in Paintsville, Kentucky. A May wedding is planned.

Card of Thanks

The family of **ROGER GENE NELSON** would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who helped to comfort us during our time of need. The thought of all the people who attended the funeral or visitation, made food, sent flowers, or said prayers, made it very comforting to know that so many people cared for our family. We are very appreciative of the showing of love and compassion that friends and family have shown throughout this difficult time. We will cherish all the while that if he could've seen the effort put forth in paying tribute to his time here with us, he would truly be honored to have touched so many lives in so many ways.

Sincerely,
The Family of Roger Gene Nelson

The family of Kermit Baldrige, Jr. wish to express their appreciation to all of the family and friends that sent food and cards during our time of loss. Thank you for the many donations sent to the Floyd County Animal Shelter. We also want to extend a special thank you to Bobby Neal Colburn, Jim Carter II and the staff at Carter Funeral Home.

Sue, Kermit III and Paul Michael

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Community Calendar

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

Legally Blonde: The Musical

It's official! "Legally Blonde: The Musical" is a hit! Appalachian Community Theatres presented the Kentucky State Regional Premiere of the show this past weekend at the Mountain Arts Center with rave reviews. "I loved the show! I was so impressed with everything and everyone," - Kristen Greer. "I must say I am very impressed with the entire cast. You all were wonderful! I loved every second and I never took my eyes off the stage!" - Kristen Curtis. "We went to see Legally Blonde and if you haven't been, GO! It's hilarious!" - Kris C. "It is wonderful! I MUST see!" - Melanie Davis. "I'm so thankful to have gotten the opportunity to direct and choreograph this show," says Robert Hazlette. It's not too late to see this show. "Legally Blonde: The Musical" plays this weekend on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased by calling 1-888-MAC-ARTS, online at www.macarts.com, or at the door. The show is rated PG-13 for adult language, sexual references, and some adult themes.

Free movie night

Little Point First Church of God will be having a free movie night, Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the church.

The movie, "Courageous: Honor Begins at Home" is from the creators of "Fireproof." The film is about four men, one calling: To protect and serve. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Little Point First Church of God invites everyone to attend this monumental event.

For more information, call Pastor Jeff White at 606-886-3699 or email pastorjw@yahoo.com. First Church of God Little Point; 671 Little Point Creek Road; East Point, KY 41216.

ACHS site-based council

Allen Central High School is now accepting parent SBDM nominations for the 2012-13 school year. Please send your nominations to the Youth Services Center. Elections will be held on April 18, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Scottish Rite

The Sandy Valley Scottish Rite Club will be having a reunion March 24, at the Paintsville County Club. This event is open to

all Masons in Eastern Kentucky.

Free clothes and household giveaway

The Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will be giving free clothes and household items to anyone in need on Friday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The giveaway will take place at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department on Route 114. Donations of any kind will also be accepted.

For more information, call Dearl Faye Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525.

Johnson reunion

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

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 Gracey Church. Saturday, May 26, will begin with breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. and an afternoon meal from 2 to 4 p.m. Dinner 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.

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 University's Career and 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.

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, please contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or Jkinzer@M2C.com.

Veterans service officer

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

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Communities Against Drug Addiction

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

Autism Awareness & Support Group

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1600 Airport Road, Lancer. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

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

Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

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

vide 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 I426, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

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

Become a volunteer with Victim Services Program

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

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

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0212 or www.drugsnoc.com

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

Write or call 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) 434-8480, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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Hope in the Mountains

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

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

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Democratic Woman's Club

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

Have a lot of this World?

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 on Thursdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Reno's Roadhouse. For additional information, contact Paula Howard, 263-3225, or Tommie Layne, 886-4585. Everyone welcome.

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. offers talking 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 Health-care 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.

Overeaters' Anonymous

Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past the 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 dslone@cbstnet.net

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area.

For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to dslone@cbstnet.net

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 Home-schoolers

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., come to 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

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Guest View Women's History Month: A time for cautious celebration.

Sandy Pappas

March marks Women's History Month, a celebration of women's achievements and a reminder of the work that still must be done to ensure basic security and rights for women. Nowhere is this contrast more significant than in Afghanistan, where a successful transition to a sustainable peace hinges on the inclusion and equality of women.

Afghan women have made gains these past 10 years. There are now 3.2 million Afghan girls enrolled in school since the ouster of the Taliban in 2001. Afghan women's organizations lobbied diligently for a provision of gender equality in the Constitution and have won the right to vote in elections. Afghanistan has adopted a 25 percent parliamentary quota in the lower house of parliament, one of the highest in the world and, unlike the United States, Afghanistan has signed the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

But while providing opportunities for women to vote, work and attend schools in Afghanistan is paramount to equality, women can't pursue these opportunities if they aren't safe. Combat activities like night raids and drone strikes are not furthering Afghan women's security. Instead, these activities are fueling military conflict that hinders the development of political solutions.

According to a Washington Post-ABC News poll conducted in March 2011, 63 percent of Americans are opposed to continuing the war in Afghanistan. Washington also has joined the chorus calling for our troops to come home. On Feb. 1, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta announced that the United States will end its combat missions in Afghanistan by "mid- to the latter part of 2013." In late February, 87 members of Congress sent a letter to President Obama praising this accelerated timetable. There is no question that we are leaving Afghanistan, but what will we leave behind?

As U.S. troops leave Afghanistan and we begin to think beyond war, our engagement with the country must not end. In a recent National Public Radio (NPR) interview, Pawzia Koofi — who has been a deputy speaker of Afghanistan's parliament and is now being talked about as a potential first woman president in Afghanistan — said of the United States, "I know in your capitals, in your country and among your public, issues like women's rights, human rights are not the main reason you are in Afghanistan, but

this is one of the achievements you have invested blood and treasure for. We should honor this success and we should invest wisely in economic and social programs that enhance security through demilitarization and promote women's rights through inclusive peace processes. These investments will be far less costly than the decade of war that came before.

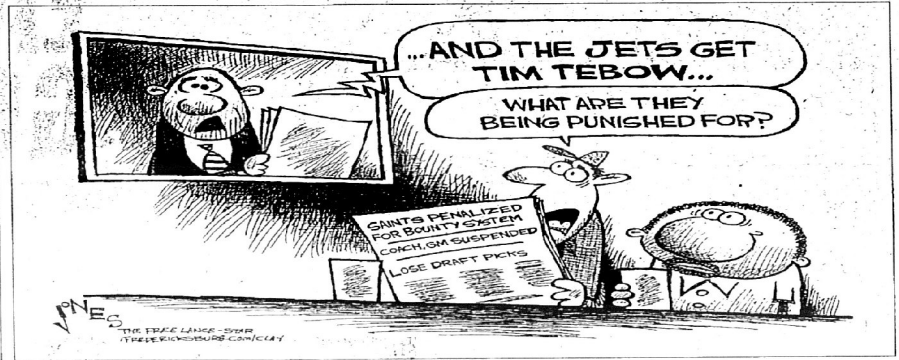
In December 2011, President Barack Obama released the first-ever U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and signed an Executive Order directing the plan to be implemented. Together, the Executive Order and National Action Plan (NAP) chart a roadmap for how the United States will work to realize these commitments. Together, the Executive Order and National Action Plan (NAP) chart a roadmap for how the United States will work to realize these commitments. Together, the Executive Order and National Action Plan (NAP) chart a roadmap for how the United States will work to realize these commitments.

The meaningful representation of women in all peace negotiations and post-conflict recovery planning is critical. As a state legislator, I know how important it is for women to be at the table to build coalitions, speak up for unheard voices and decide how resources should be allocated.

This is true of peace-building around the world, too. At the 10th anniversary of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security in October of 2010, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said, "It's not as though we are doing a favor for ourselves and them by including women in the work of peace. This is a necessary global security imperative. Including women in the work of peace advances our national security interests, promotes political stability, economic growth and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. ... No peace that sacrifices women's rights is a peace we can afford to support."

Women's History Month gives us the reason for cautious celebration. Can we preserve the gains that Afghan women have made? We must support a peace-building transition strategy that emphasizes the roles and rights of women.

Pappas is a State Senator from Minnesota and co-founder of the Global Women's Convening at the University of St. Catherine. She serves as the Vice President of the Women Legislator's Lobby, a program of Women's Action for New Directions (WAND).



Beyond the Beltway I don't like Ike's memorial

Donald Kaul
Creators Syndicate

When they decided to honor Dwight Eisenhower with a memorial in Washington, they did it up right. They hired perhaps our most famous architect, Frank Gehry, to design it. They picked out a place in the middle of the National Mall to put it. They bankrolled it at a cool \$112 million. Top shelf all the way.

The project only has one flaw: Nobody likes it.

The Eisenhower family in particular takes offense at the fact that its only statue of Ike portrays him as a young boy in Abilene, Kans.

I can see their point. Eisenhower wasn't merely a two-term president, he was the military commander who led the Allied forces to victory over Nazi Germany — and he was the president of Columbia University, for crying out loud. And the best you can come with for his memorial is a statue of him as a kid?

My main objection to the project, however, is its size. It's big. It's hard to tell from the drawings, but it looks as though it's going to straddle the Mall down at the Capitol end, right around the Air and Space Museum.

The design calls for transparent women metal tapestries that portray the Kansas plains to be hung between 80-foot columns sheltering young Ike as he dreams of future accomplishments.

It sounds like schlock to me, but it

might be better than it sounds. Gehry really is a great architect, famous for his designs for the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Spain and the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, among other works.

But if you're going to do something that big, don't put it on the Mall, which is in danger of falling victim to grandiosity. As a matter of fact, it's already fallen.

When I came to Washington in the 1970s, there were three major monuments on or near the Mall — the Washington, the Lincoln, and the Jefferson. They were all big, yes, but not that big.

There were many smaller memorials scattered around the area — statues of Ulysses S. Grant, James Garfield, George Mason, John Pat Jones, as well as a World War I monument that was no bigger than a backyard gazebo — but the big three were dominant.

Then we remembered that we hadn't paid much attention to Vietnam vets when they came home, so they built the gorgeous Vietnam memorial in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial: a long, black marble tombstone with the name of each American who died in the war. It remains the most moving memorial on the Mall or anywhere else.

But many felt it short-changed the contribution of women to the war, so they added a Vietnam Women's memorial nearby — again a very good piece of work, resembling Michelangelo's Pieta. But that didn't satisfy the men, who demanded and got a handsome statue of soldiers in combat, also nearby.

Well, you can't honor Vietnam veterans and forget about Korea, can you? No. The Korean War Memorial was next, featuring a black marble wall, statues of a patrol of wary troops, and a reflecting pool. Each well done, but the effect is a little busy.

"What about us?" World War II veterans said. "World War II wasn't chopped liver, you know." So a huge Albert Speer-like plaza was plopped down at the end of the Lincoln reflecting pool, breaking the sight line between the Lincoln and Washington memorials.

Soon gigantic memorials you can land an airplane in were built down the block from the Jefferson to honor President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stop already. Does the Mall really need yet another monument the size of Pittsburgh?

Eisenhower was a great man, no question. But couldn't we make do with a nice, tasteful statue in a nice, quiet glade?

I shudder to think what they'll come up with when they get around to honoring Ronald Reagan.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. otherwords.org

Will E. Sanders
Creators Syndicate

Trying to program a new remote control for your large screen television is normally an agonizing affair filled with hair-pulling fits of frustration. But it's not impossible — especially if the foldout directions that come with the flipper, clicker or zapper are printed in good old-fashioned English.

I wasn't so lucky. My instructions only came in Spanish, probably due to some mix-up at the factory. It wasn't that big of a problem, except I don't speak or read Spanish. I speak, read and write English.

Go ahead, you can quiz me. Come to think of it, my father worked some serious blue-collar overtime to put me through college where I studied — that's right, you guessed it — English.

Or for those who only know Spanish, English.

Yeah, me neither, but I still had to figure out a way to program my universal remote control regardless of the language barrier.

Step One: Manualmente encender la television.

Whoa, I realized, this is going to be waa-ay harder than I thought, but I was pretty sure the last part meant "the television." I wasn't sure how to proceed next. After making a sandwich, I scratched what looked like step one and moved to the second, hoping it contained more Spanish words that were easier to understand.

Step Dos: Fraseione y mantenga presionado el boton de búsqueda código

hasta que la luz indicadora ilumina y luego lo suelta.

Seriously, you have GOT to be kidding me. I am not even sure all of that is Spanish.

About the only thing I could make out was that I needed to illuminate something, press a few mangos together (and I didn't even have any) and find President Bolton, the one and only the president Michael Bolton.

Step Tres: Pulse la tecla de componente que corresponde al componente que se desea que el control remoto para operar.

"What we have here is a failure to communicate," I said with a self-satisfied smirk on my face, though quickly saddened that nobody was around to hear the statement. It begs the obvious question: If a witty movie reference is uttered and nobody is around to hear it, is it still clever?

At this point, I was reduced to a shuffling mope of humanity, frantically pressing buttons, hoping for divine intervention and seething at the mouth like a rabid Chihuahua.

Irrational, emotional and somewhat sober, this is usually when I start grumbling about building a wall down south. Critics scoff at the idea of a wall, but critics scoff at most things; that's why they're critics instead of barbers, bakers and candlestick makers.

Pundits say it would never work. Uh, it seemed to work pretty well for China, more than 2,000 years ago. I'm no expert in the medium, but I like to think that there have been giant leaps in fence technology since the time of clay bricks, stones and leprosy.

Of course, you say "wall" and old-timers think Berlin. For anyone who took a history class in high school in the past two decades, there used to be this wall over in Berlin, Germany. It was the result of this one war. They probably didn't teach you about that in school, though, because they were too busy forcing you to learn Spanish.

Step Cuatro: Pulse tecla de ON/OFF continuamente la television se apaga.

Disillusioned momentarily, I furiously began pressing the on/off button on the remote control. Nothing. Nada. Not even a Spanish soap opera that might serve to better assist me in my plight.

But the real problem with a wall is this: Some people see a wall (myself included), and they have an inexplicable urge to climb it. Heck, I climbed three walls and one barricade last week alone based on that logic.

Step Cinco: Una vez que la television se apaga, pulse la tecla ENTER para guardar el código.

I pressed enter, the television didn't even flicker, and I began chuckling.

And I just knew that at that very moment there was a really frustrated hombre in Mexico who was having one heck of a time trying to program his remote, just like me, except exclusively in English.

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Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwile Expt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patnick, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

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Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Haywood Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Vanev, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lone Meade, Minister.

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Faith Fellowship; Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Fife, Minister.

First Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Worship Service, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, 266 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken. Phone 263-1619.

Youth Fellowship Church, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayr Line: 358-2464; Darlene W. Amotte, Pastor.

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 114 Rising Sun Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor: D.P. Cury.

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Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J. 102, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Jones, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

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Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

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Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services; Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

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Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.;

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First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

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Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branchman's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Larry Patton, pastor. Phone 358-9610.

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Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Tusty.

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Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Phillip Plamey, Pastor.

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In ravaged West Liberty, volunteers drive recovery

WEST LIBERTY — Tears well in the corners of Anna Roller's eyes as she watches Mennonite volunteers clear debris from her once heavily-wooded property.

Anna Roller considers herself lucky. The tornados and storms that destroyed most of the business district and many homes in this tiny Kentucky town damaged or destroyed over 2800 homes across the Commonwealth. The storms left the Rollers' house mostly intact but crushed their garage and turned a hardwood-studded hillside into a pile of kindling.

The folks helping Anna Roller are volunteer members of a Mennonite Disaster Services team using bobcats, tractors and log skidders to remove splintered trees from

the Rollers' property and other damaged homes in West Liberty. Mennonite Disaster Services is one of the more than 250 volunteer agencies that rushed to aid West Liberty and Kentucky following the tornado. FEMA helps the Commonwealth of Kentucky match volunteers with storm-damaged areas where help is needed.

"The volunteer response has truly been amazing. So many people stepping up to help their neighbors and strangers helping strangers," said Jim Garrett, Volunteer Coordinator for Kentucky Emergency Management. He continued, "This is just a testament to the goodness of the American Spirit!"

"Seeing volunteers come from all over the country to help people in Kentucky is one of the many rewards of my job," said Libby Turner, the federal officer in charge of recovery operations in Kentucky. "It is truly heart-warming to see how many folks want to help people who are hurting."

West Liberty University near Wheeling, W.Va., provided transportation and equipment for a group of their students to come to the town in Kentucky that shares the name of their college and help the town begin its long recovery.

"Helping people who need us gives us all joy," said Peggy Morris, an 80-year old from Cadiz and a member of a Kentucky Baptist Convention team stacking broken

trees and limbs left by the tornado in the yard of another of the almost 850 homes damaged or destroyed in Morgan County and West Liberty.

Dee Bost, Farah Price and Carolyn Kenney and six other members of their church in Searcy, Ark., left at 5 a.m. the Sunday morning following the West Liberty tornado. After a 10-hour drive, they settled in to help the people of West Liberty get their lives back together.

"I don't know what I would have done if these folks had not come to help us clean up," said Anna Roller. "I really don't know how we would have been able to get up all the trees and trash."



During the week of March 12-17, the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center helped the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, during the annual Operation Clean Sweep effort. Carl Wilson and his security class started working with the park March 14, cleaning along the shore of the lake. The class filled two dump trucks before the end of the week. On Saturday, Wilson, Jimmie Slone, the center's Business Community Liaison; and nine students collected 2,442 gallons of trash. The Perkins Job Corps Center will be going back to the park, as needed, for more clean up, as part of the center's commitment to the community and the environment.



Dorton appointed to KHA Board of Trustees

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Hospital Association recently appointed Dennis Dorton to its Board of Trustees.

Dorton, who serves on the Highlands Health System Board of Directors, the Highlands Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees and the Highlands Foundation in Prestonsburg, will serve on the KHA Board as its Hospital Trustee Representative until June 30, 2013.

A native of Paintsville, Dorton serves as a third-generation president and chief operating officer at Citizens National Bank, where he has been employed 40 years, and is a past president of the Kentucky Bankers Association.

KHA was established in



Dennis Dorton

1929. The Association represents hospitals, related health care organizations, and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky.

Community Action reaches out to storm victims

Tom Joseph

FRANKFORT — Relief efforts continue in Kentucky as residents pick up the pieces from tornadoes that tore through the state earlier this month.

Nearly two dozen community action agencies have played key roles, both directly and indirectly, in getting people back on their feet and infrastructure back in working order after the storms, according to Rob Jones, executive director of Community Action Kentucky.

"They've gotten out and worked, not only in taking donations and directly getting relief to the people who need it, but also in working to coordinate numerous agencies that have responded."

Jones says the goal of the community action agencies is getting the most immediate help to communities hardest hit. That list includes West Lib-

erty in Morgan County, where reports indicate six people died and the town was leveled by high winds.

The aftermath of the tornado, he says, has revealed the need for multiple layers of relief that are being addressed.

"We need really immediate needs of course, food, water, clothing, things like that. Then you have more intermediate and long-term needs - housing. And then, even in a bigger picture, re-establishing a banking system."

Jones says the state's network of community action agencies has been able to set up a web-based coordination effort based on what they use day to day, to stay connected.

"Providing that information system that already existed to some extent, and the way we currently manage our community action agencies, really helped when we transplanted that toward coordinating and assisting the relief efforts."

State jobless rate drops to 8.7 percent in February

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate dropped to 8.7 percent in February from a revised 8.8 percent in January, marking the eighth consecutive month the rate has declined, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary February 2012 jobless rate was 1.1 percentage points below the 9.8 percent rate recorded for the state in February 2011.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 8.3 percent from January 2012 to February 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

In February 2012, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,065,416, a decrease of 1,218 individuals compared to the previous month. The number of unemployed people fell by 3,389 over the same period.

"The employment situation has improved steadily since last summer," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "However, it is important to realize that there will be some blips on the way as businesses adapt to the new post-recession economy."

According to a separate survey of seasonally adjusted employment data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics (CES) program, seven of the 11 major nonfarm North American

Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors reported an employment increase in February 2012, while three decreased and one stayed the same. According to this survey, Kentucky has added 8,000 nonfarm jobs since January 2012 and 34,600 positions since last February.

Kentucky's professional and business services sector jumped by 3,300 positions in February 2012. This area includes professional, scientific and technical services; management of companies; and administrative support and waste management, including temporary help agencies. Since last February, jobs in the sector have grown by 18,000.

"The prospect of recovery, especially sustained recovery, is being watched carefully by all industries including manufacturing. Businesses are hedging their bets by filling positions as diverse as assembly line workers and health services positions through temporary employment services. This practice boosts overall employment, but will keep wages low," said Shanker.

The state's leisure and hospitality sector gained 5,000 jobs in February 2012 compared with a month ago. Since February 2011, the sector has grown by 6,800 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector includes arts, entertainment and recreation, accommodations and food services, and drinking places industries.

Accommodations and food services comprised about 90 percent of this sector and it posted job gains of 1,900 from a month ago. Since last February, this

component has grown by a robust 6,000 jobs," said Shanker.

The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, added 1,400 jobs in February 2012. The sector had 4,000 fewer jobs than in February 2011.

Construction sector jobs rose by 1,200 in February 2012. Since February 2011, employment in the construction sector has increased by 2,600 jobs.

"Kentucky now has had three months of above-average growth in construction employment, but until overall economic recovery becomes more widespread, the boom in construction may soften by late spring," said Shanker.

The educational and health services sector rose by 600 jobs in February 2012. The sector has gained 5,700 jobs since February 2011. This sector includes private and nonprofit establishments that provide either education and training or health care and social assistance to their clients.

Employment in the other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance businesses; personal and laundry services; religious organizations; and civic and professional organizations, increased by 400 positions in February 2012. This sector had 500 more positions than in February 2011.

The financial activities sector rose by 100 jobs from a month ago. This segment, which includes businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, had 1,900 fewer positions than

in February 2011.

Employment in the mining and logging sector remained steady from January 2012 to February 2012. The number of jobs in the sector has dropped by 500 from February 2011.

The trade, transportation and utilities sector fell by 600 jobs in February 2012. This area includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing businesses, and utilities. It is the largest sector in Kentucky with 367,500 positions. Since February 2011, the number of jobs in this sector has jumped by 3,100.

"The February decline in jobs in this sector resulted from a loss of 1,700 positions in retail trade. The other two major components, wholesale trade, and transportation, warehousing and utilities had job gains. Fluctuation in retail trade employment are becoming common as businesses try to maximize their razor-slim profits in a very competitive market," said Shanker.

The information sector had 400 fewer jobs in February 2012. This segment, which includes firms involved in publishing, internet activities; data processing; broadcasting and news syndication, has lost 800 positions since February 2011.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector decreased by 1,000 jobs in February 2012. Since February 2011, employment in the manufacturing sector has climbed by 4,700 positions.

The declining manufacturing jobs in February 2012 was in the durable goods industries. This area of manufacturing has seen jobs migrate from

the manufacturing sector to the professional and business services sector, which includes temporary employment services. This indicates that manufacturing output is not declining in Kentucky, but some of those jobs are now being performed by temporary workers," said Shanker.

"In spite of the drop in February, manufacturing employment posted 19 months of unprecedented year-over-year gains," Shanker said.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

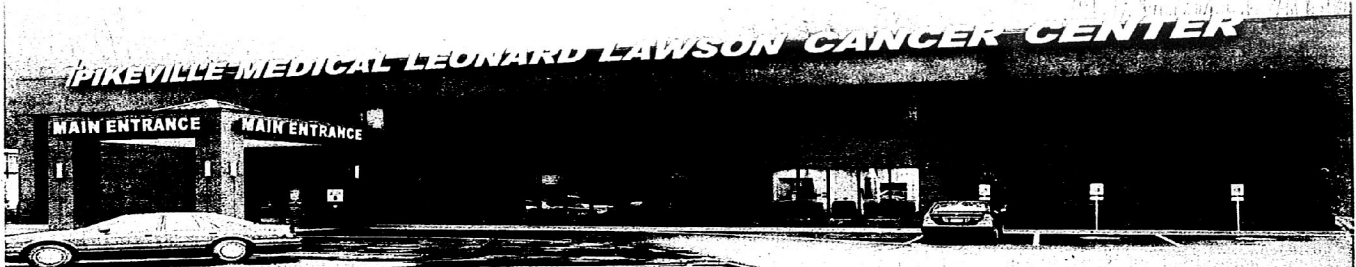
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SPORTS



Stambaugh signs to play volleyball at UPIKE

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE - Most players are fortunate to play in two or three district tournaments in their high school career. But not Kara Stambaugh.

She has been blessed to not only play in but also to win five 57th District volleyball championships.

Now, Stambaugh will bring that championship mentality to the University of Pikeville, with which she

signed to play volleyball and further her academic career.

She will play collegiately for Shannon Gassman, who is entering her first season as head coach of the Bears.

The outside hitter helped the Golden Eagles to a 16-13 record as a senior before meeting up with eventual 15th Region champion Allen Central in the first round of the regional tournament in October.

Stambaugh excelled on both sides of the net. As a

senior she led her team in kills with 125 and digs with 214. She was the winner of the senior award and made the Senior All-Star Region 15 Team. She was also second-team all-state in Class AA.

She led her team in digs as a junior with 138 and was on the junior all-star southeast team. As a sophomore, she was named best hitter and made the southeast volleyball third team.



Johnson Central High School senior Kara Stambaugh made her college choice official when she signed with the University of Pikeville.

Blackcats work over Belfry, 9-5

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - The Prestonsburg Blackcats worked their way into the win column on Tuesday, defeating host Belfry 9-5.

Prestonsburg improved to 3-1 after dropping its season-opener versus Hazard. Belfry slipped to 2-1 after defeating Magoffin County and East Ridge.

Junior Troy Stapleton pitched six innings out of a starting role for the Blackcats. Stapleton registered the win.

Junior pitcher Cody Chaffin came on and tossed the seventh inning for the Blackcats, finishing off host Belfry.

Tyler Williams started on the mound for Belfry. Williams, however, only pitched the first two innings for the Pirates.

Belfry took an early lead, plating three runs in the bottom half of the opening inning. The Pirates led 3-0 until the bottom half of the third inning when Prestonsburg responded with five runs. The Blackcats moved ahead 5-3 and never trailed again.

Prestonsburg added two more runs in both the fourth and seventh innings.

Playing from behind, Belfry plated one run in the fourth inning and another in the sixth.

Numerous Prestonsburg players provided an offensive boost. Grant Anderson, Kyle Welch and Hunter Brown scored two runs apiece for the Blackcats.

Welch was perfect at the plate, finishing 3-for-3 with two singles and a double. The fifth batter in the Prestonsburg order, Welch also walked.

Kyle Chaffin legged out a triple for the Blackcats.

Williams, hitting cleanup

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Bobcats rally to beat Jenkins

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - Host Betsy Layne plated three runs in the bottom half of the seventh inning to edge visiting Jenkins 5-4 Tuesday evening in an early-season high school baseball game at Stumbo Park.

Betsy Layne freshman pitcher Peyton Case claimed the win. Case pitched a complete game, registering six strikeouts in seven innings. Case allowed three earned runs on seven hits.

Offensively, leadoff batter Dustin Rogers was 3-for-3 for the Bobcats.

Andrew Roberts, batting out of the third spot in the Betsy Layne order, finished 2-for-4 with a pair of hits. Roberts, Houston Hall and Kannon Newsome collected one RBI each for the Bobcats.

Hall, Newsome, James Frasure and Austin Gillispie aided the Betsy Layne offensive attack with one hit apiece.

Betsy Layne pushed across five runs on 10 hits.

Jenkins struck first, scoring two runs in the top half of the first inning. The Cavaliers went on to lead for most of the game.

Betsy Layne, which had defeated Jenkins 10-4 on the road nine days earlier, trailed until the final inning.

The Cavaliers owned a 3-2 lead at the conclusion of the sixth inning. By the end of its final at-bat in the top half of the seventh inning, Jenkins led 4-2.

Betsy Layne's three-run outburst in the home half of the seventh inning allowed the Bobcats to return to the win column following a loss to 15th Region rival Magoffin County one day earlier.

Jenkins plated four runs via seven hits.

Defensively, each team committed one error.

Betsy Layne was visiting East Ridge on Thursday afternoon. Results from the Betsy Layne-East Ridge game were unavailable at press time.



Senior Andrew Roberts collected two hits in Betsy Layne's victory over Jenkins.



Sarah Kinney

Bears complete spring break trip

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE - The University of Pikeville softball team wrapped up an eight-game spring break week with a split against Newberry College on Wednesday.

The week began with a Saturday doubleheader at home against Point (Ga.) before the Bears hit the road for double-dips at Union (Ky.), Montreat (N.C.) and Newberry.

The Bears will play at Campbellville on Saturday as they return to Mid-South Conference play.

Bears-Point: The busy week opened with a doubleheader, split against visiting Point, winning 6-2 and falling 11-8.

Junior Kayla Morgan went the distance in the opener, striking out four and allowing six hits. Junior Hannah Vinson had a pair of doubles and scored twice, while freshman Shantelle Horn had a hit and a pair of RBIs.

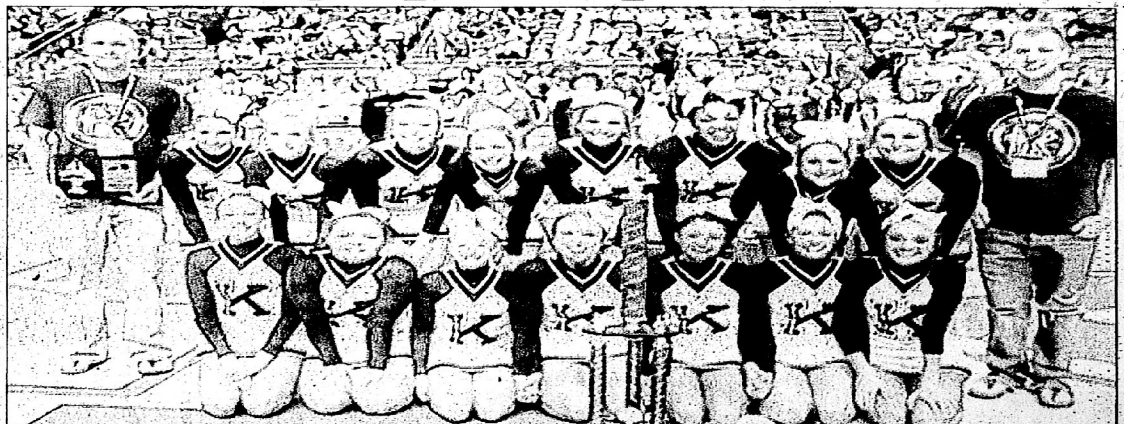
Senior Mallory George, sophomore Emily Castle and freshmen Shamy Williams and Sarah Kinney all singled. Kinney is a first-year player from Allen Central High School.

Pikeville rallied with three runs in the bottom of the

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KCC cheerleading squad captures state title

WITH CHEERING THE KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL PATRIOTS ON IN THE BOYS' SWEET 16, THE KCC VARSITY CHEERLEADERS WERE VYING FOR A STATE TITLE THEMSELVES. THE KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD CAPTURED THE STATE TITLE LAST WEEK AFTER DEFEATING 15 OTHER SQUADS DURING THE IN-GAME COMPETITION OF THE BOYS' SWEET 16 IN RUPP ARENA. THE SQUAD IS PICTURED. BACK ROW (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT): PAUL JOHNSON (ASSISTANT COACH), MONICA HALL, HEATHER OWLSLEY, CHLOE SMITH, RACHEL RICE, CHEYENNE COMBS, SIERRA WILLIAMS, TAMARA WINFREE, HANNAH KING AND MITCHELL STACY (HEAD COACH). FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): HANNAH GUNNELL, KIA CONLEY, MAGGIE HUFFMAN, ANGELINA SMITH, HALLIE FEN, MORGAN ADAMS AND KAYDEE SMITH.



Pikeville men's team adds transfers to roster

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — The University of Pikeville men's basketball team has two new members with the transfers of Chris Johnson and Terrence Sainiti.

Johnson is a 5-10, 160-pound senior from Newport News, Va., who comes to the UPIKE after three seasons at NCAA Div. I St. Francis (Penn.). During his sophomore season, Johnson averaged 8.3 points and 4.4 assists per game while starting 28 games and leading the Red Flash in steals with 36.

He also led the Red Flash with a 1.78 assist-to-turnover ratio and finished 11th in the Northeast Conference in assists per game during his sophomore campaign. For his career, Johnson averaged 5.7 points and 3.9 assists per game while starting 52 games. In eight games played as a junior, Johnson averaged 5.8 points and 5.8 assists per game.

Johnson was named MVP for Denbigh High School in Newport News, Va., for three consecutive seasons. As a prep, Johnson carried averages of 15.4 points, 6.3 assists, and 3.6 steals while shooting 57 percent from the field and 45 percent from outside the three-point arc.

A First-Team All-Penninsula District selection, Johnson helped lead his team to a 16-9

record his senior season.

Sainiti is a 6-9, 240-pound senior comes to Pikeville after three successful seasons at CAA power Virginia Commonwealth University and NAIA stronghold Walsh University. In two seasons at VCU, Sainiti played in 57 games while averaging 2.1 points and 2.0 rebounds per game for coaches Anthony Grant and Shaka Smart.

Sainiti, a North Miami, Fla. native, scored his high of seven points and grabbed five rebounds on two separate occasions as a sophomore for the Rams. He played one season at Walsh University, where he averaged 7.4 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Sainiti had season single game highs of 19 points (two times) and 14 rebounds as Walsh finished the 2010-2011 season ranked as the No. 1 NAIA Div. II team in the nation.

He was also a key part of four years of outstanding basketball at Monsignor Pace High School and led the Spartans to four straight FHSAA 4A state semifinal appearances, including back-to-back state championship games in 2007 and 2008.

As a senior, Sainiti was the 16th ranked prospect in the state of Florida by Rivals.com and was a Florida 4A second-team All-State selection.

Three UPIKE basketball players earn NAIA honors

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — University of Pikeville guards Chris McHenry and Trevor Setty have been named honorable-mention All-Americans by the NAIA, and women's basketball player Jennifer Grant was named an NAIA scholar-athlete.

The All-American teams were released on Wednesday by the national office in Kansas City, the day after the national championship was held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Grant is a 5-9 junior from Pennington, N.C., and is one of 127 women's basketball players from across the country to be named to the scholar-athlete team. In order to be named by an institution's head coach, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a

junior academic status to qualify for this honor.

She majors in business administration with a triple emphasis of accounting, management and information systems, and was the team's Champions of Character nominee this season.

McHenry, a 5-11 senior from Milwaukee, was named First-Team All-Mid-South Conference this season. He averaged 14.6 points and 3.5 assists per game in his only season as a Bear. McHenry scored at least 23 points on five occasions this season and had a season-best 29 in a win at Shawnee State on Feb. 4.

McHenry shot 36.8 percent from the arc and 72.2 percent from the free throw line while also averaging 2.9 rebounds per game from his guard position.

The senior was second in the league in steals per game with an average of 2.19 per game. He was fifth in assists and seventh in

both three-point and free-throw percentage. His assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.39 was 11th and he was 12th in scoring.

Setty, a 6-9 junior from Maysville, was also named first-team all-conference this season. He was fourth in the Mid-South in scoring with an average of 15.9 points per game. His rebounding average of 5.24 per game was in the Top 15 while his 1.79 steals per game was seventh in the league.

He also was in the Top 15 in all three shooting categories, including hitting 71.2 percent from the line which was eighth. And he averaged 2.0 three-pointers per game, which was sixth in the league.

The Bears finished 17-12 on the season and were tied for third in the Mid-South Conference with a record of 9-7.

Bears win series at Asbury

Times Staff Report

WILMORE — The University of Pikeville baseball team took two of three games in a mid-week series at Asbury College. The Bears split a doubleheader on Tuesday afternoon and on the rubber game on Wednesday.

Eagles 12, Bears 11: The series began with an extraordinary affair that saw Asbury score a single run in the bottom of the ninth to pull out the win.

Pikeville led 11-8 entering the bottom of the seventh when the host rallied for three to tie the game and send it to the eighth.

UPIKE pounded out nine hits in the loss, with two coming off the bat of Joe Morris, who doubled, scored twice and drove in one. Freshman Nate Goodwin homered, drove in three and score two for the Bears.

Senior Pat O'Brien doubled while Adam Overbay, Jason Rosen, Chris Noble, Andrew Hitchcock and Luke Wright all singled.

Senior Kyle Robertson got the start and threw three innings. Derek Jarvis followed, striking out two in three innings, while Cody Clark closed it out and got the decision.

Bears 7, Eagles 1: Pikeville posted three runs in the fifth and seventh innings to roll to the split of the doubleheader.

The Bears had eight hits in the win, with all but an O'Brien double going for one base. Senior Chris Morford had a pair of safeties and two RBIs while Rosen had two knocks and scored a run. Overbay was also good for two hits while Brad Andrews singled and scored.

Senior Jake Sokoll got the win by throwing six innings of five hit baseball. He fanned

five. Senior Mike Rappazzo pitched a perfect seventh to close it.

Bears 6, Eagles 4: Noble broke a 1-1 tie with a three-run homer in the top of the third inning that put the Bears on top to stay and then threw the ninth to record a save and give the Bears the series.

The Tavernier, Fla., native was 2-for-3 at the plate and scored twice. He struck out two in the ninth.

The Bears won on a day they had only four hits. Overbay singled and scored a run while Morris singled and drove in a pair.

Seth Robertson threw the first six to get the win. He struck out four and allowed three runs, two of which were earned. Jimmy Joe Morgan allowed one hit in two innings of relief.

Wildcats open spring practice

Times Staff Report

LEXINGTON — After the excitement generated from his historic win over Tennessee to end the 2011 season, the University of Kentucky football team continued its momentum with an exciting first day of spring practice on a gorgeous Wednesday morning at the Nutt Training Facility.

"It was great to be back out here, not only for the coaches but for the players too," UK head coach Joker Phillips said. "We have had a lot of things going on this offseason with our weight program and school an injury status. We have been working out inside, but now we have this great weather and it is a great time to get out here."

The Wildcats practiced for two hours and 15 minutes in helmets, jerseys and shorts as temperatures moved into the 70s under a clear sky. As one would expect, the first practice focused on fundamentals and introduction of team concepts.

"We just worked on our basic installation with offense, defense and special teams," Phillips said. "We worked on our offense phase of special teams. (We also began) to get them lined up in our base defense and

get our base calls in and base adjustments. We did the same thing offensively. We're in shorts so it is really a time to get as much feeling as you possibly can leading up to Saturday when you put the pads on. We will have another practice Friday in shorts and it will be basic installation and get all the calls communicated among each other so they can play faster."

Phillips said, given that it was the first practice of the season, he thought the team did well and that the retention rate from last season was high. The head coach said offseason meetings played a large role in the player's retention rate.

"We have been working on our first-day installation because we could meet two hours a week during our offseason," Phillips said. "We get a total of eight hours (each week), two hours of those we allow for meeting time. So we have been installing all through the winter and we didn't give them as much as we have in the past on the first day because there are so many young guys that we are working with. I thought their retention was good."

Kentucky will return to the practice fields Friday for the second of 14 spring practices.

Eagles turn back Berea, 12-10

Times Staff Report

MOREHEAD — Rowan County product Nick Duff went 4-for-5, including a grand slam, against Berea College to lead the Eagles' five-run second inning. Senior Eric Bainer led off the frame with a double to right field and came home on a RBI single up the middle by shortstop Chase Greenwell. MSU tallied four hits in the inning.

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rardo Arias earned the win in his first Eagle start. He tossed four innings, allowed two earned runs and fanned a career-high seven.

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looked like a comfortable 12-5 lead, but the Mountaineers plated five runs in the ninth inning and closed within two runs of the MSU lead. The Eagles called on closer Matt Duncan in the ninth and he recorded the final three outs of the game.

Senior Andrew Deeds, who entered Tuesday's game leading the Ohio Valley Conference and hits and ranking second nationally in base-knocks with 37, notched three safeties today. Greenwell finished 3-for-5 with two RBIs.

With Tuesday's victory, the Eagles eclipsed last season's 10-win mark. The 2011 club did not record its 10th win until May 15 against OVC rival Murray State.

Blackcats

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in the Belfry batting order, led the Pirates at the plate. The Belfry starting pitcher was 3-for-4 with a double

and two singles.

Howie Dotson scored two runs for the Pirates.

Shane Simpkins is in his second season at the helm of the Prestonsburg base-

ball program.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to face Letcher County Central on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Boyle County.

Bears

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sixth of the nightcap only to score Point per five in the top of the seventh to win.

Williams, Kinney and Vinson had two hits each. Kinney had a pair of doubles while Vinson had her third two-bagger of the day. Williams scored four of Pikeville's eight runs while Kinney and Vinson drove in three apiece. The Bears dropped a pair to the Bulldogs on Sunday, falling 9-0 and 5-4.

Morgan's single in the second was Pikeville's only hit of the opener. In the second game, a three-run third gave the Bears a 4-1 lead, but the Bulldogs scored two in the bottom half and added single runs in the fourth and sixth to win.

Williams continued her

hot streak with three hits and scored a pair of runs. Morgan, who doubled and drove in two, led off in the bottom of the first. Pikeville was shut out in both games of a doubleheader as Montreat won 8-0 and 1-0.

Freshman Kayla Brown had a three-inning single that stood as the only hit of the opener for the Bears. In the second game, Montreat posted what would be the game's only run in the bottom of the first and made it stand.

Sophomore Caitlin Conley allowed only three hits in the second game.

Freshman Brandi Jo Howard had two of Pikeville's five hits. Sierra Kiser, Williams and Castle all singled.

Bears-Newberry UPIKE scored a single run in the top of the seventh to win the opener 3-2 before drop-

ping the finale 9-5.

Newberry scored two in the bottom of the first and held a 2-0 lead into the fifth when the Bears posted the first of three one-run innings. Morgan singled in fifth to plate senior Chanoa Bledsoe. Horn tripled in the sixth to score freshman Caitlin Collins, who had doubled.

In the seventh, Vinson singled to center to score sophomore Kayla Cantrell who led off with a single.

Morgan allowed five hits and struck out three in going the distance.

A six-run fifth inning doomed the Bears in game two.

Castle had a home run among her two hits, drove in two and scored two. Morgan had a pair of hits as well.

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Pikeville junior wins Big Sandy Idol

Contestants for Big Sandy Idol were recognized this week as this year's competition came to a close.

Big Sandy Idol 2012 was held at the Mountain Arts Center March 9 and 10. Big Sandy Idol, presented and organized by the Music Department of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) in partnership with the Mountain ASCTC and sponsored by Primary and Premiere Sponsor Gearheart Communications, with Gold Sponsor Jennifer Reynolds State Farm Insurance in Pikeville, is a talent and scholarship contest. It features two winners from each of the 15 high schools in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Martin Counties, a chance to compete for a demo CD recording, a full-album recording, a cash award, trophy, a full-paid scholarship to attend BSCTC, along with a spot with the Big Sandy Singers who are directed by Laura Ford Hall. The Big Sandy Idol Program is directed by Idol Director Clayton Case of Betsy Layton.

Throughout the year, BSCTC Music Dept Staff including Idol Director Case, along with BSCTC Technical Director and Producer and Timothy Cooley with assistance from Music Director Hall, work to organize auditions and local-level competitions in each of the 15 high schools in the 5-county region. Two winners from each school are chosen and compete in the regional competition on March 9 & 10 to vie for the ultimate title of Big Sandy Idol Champion.

The Semi-Final round of competition was held on Friday night, March 9. The show featured the 2nd place winners from each school. The Grand Championship Finals were held on Saturday night, March 10 and featured each High School Winner (1st place winner from each high school). Each high school in the 5-county area was featured both nights, as well as a home schooled and private schooled category.

Kaitlyn Good, a junior at Pikeville High School, in was named the Big Sandy Idol Grand Champion by singing her version of Whitney Houston's song "I Have Nothing."

As a special treat, The Big Sandy Singers performed each night and wowed the crowd with songs their songs including an a-cappella number originally by Billy Joel called "For the Longest Time," and Billy Ray Cyrus' hit "Some Gave All/God Bless America Medley." As a special part of the show called "Idol Gives Back," over 100 BSCTC music students, ranging in ages 6 through senior citizens came together to sing a song by the Crabb Family called "Lend a Hand" while a love offering was taken up for the victims of the tornado in eastern Ky. Over \$6,000 was raised and will be distributed by the Big Sandy Community Educational Foundation, under the direction of BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards.

On Friday night, the Wildcard Winner was named as Clarke Sexton. Sexton went



BSCTC Vice President of Institutional Services Bobby McCool, primary and premiere sponsor Adam Gearheart representing Gearheart Communications, third runner-up Tierra Fonner of Phelps High School, essay winner LaShell Swigger of Magoffin County High, BSI Grand Championship winner Kaitlyn Good of Pikeville High, first runner-up and senior winner Summer Pugh, second runner-up Emily Ward of Johnson Central High, BSCTC Music Director Laura Ford Hall, wildcard winner Clarke Sexton of Johnson Central High, Big Sandy Idol Director Clayton Case with Big Sandy Idol 2012 Prince and Princess Cody Case and Deanna Lovern of The Little Sandy Singers. Not pictured are BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards, BSCTC Provost Dr. Nancy Johnson, Technical Director & Producer Timothy Cooley and Gold Sponsor Jennifer Reynolds of Jennifer Reynolds State Farm, Pikeville.

on to get to perform again on Sat. night in the Finals with the other 1st place contestants. On this night, the 2011 Wildcard Winner, Marlana VanHoose performed for the audience. Shauna Hunt-Cerone, 2011 Grand Champion performed for the crowd. Videos of the show and the Singer's albums can be purchased at www.bigsandysingers.com.

Each of the Big Sandy Idol singers are featured on the 2012 Big Sandy Idol Compilation Album produced at Big Sandy Productions Studio; with Producer and Technical Director Timothy Cooley, the 2-disc compilation features all 30 of the Big Sandy Idol finalists from each high school in eastern Kentucky. This album can also be purchased at www.bigsandysingers.com, along with the Big Sandy Singers CDs.

"We congratulate every student involved. They all did a wonderful job," said Hall. "And we thank our administration, President Dr. George Edwards and Provost Dr. Nancy Johnson for their support of this program. We also thank one of BSCTC's Vice Presidents, Bobby McCool for greatly supporting our program."

"We are very proud of all of the participants and happy for all of the winners,"

Case added, "This was a great group to work with and I am proud to be a part of a program like Big Sandy Idol. I hope we can continue to touch and encourage high school students through music, and encourage high schools to add choral music programming."

Kaitlyn Good, the '12 Big Sandy Idol Grand Champion received a full-paid scholarship to Big Sandy Community & Technical College (upon graduating from high school), an automatic spot with The Big Sandy Singers, a \$300 cash prize provided by the BSCTC Music Club, a solo album recording of her own, a trophy and certificate, and is also featured on the CD and DVD.

Summer Pugh, from East Ridge High School was named the 1st Runner Up and received a \$100 cash prize and trophy. Because Good was not a senior in high school, an award is given to the highest scoring senior, so that a student from the Idol program will have an immediate opportunity to attend college on a vocal scholarship this year. Pugh received a \$2,250 scholarship with an automatic spot in the Big Sandy Singers.

Emily Ward was the 2nd Runner Up and received a trophy & and a scholarship to

BSCTC's Teen Summer Vocal Camp. The Third Runner-Up was Tierra Fonner from Phelps High School who received the opportunity to be awarded a trophy & a scholarship to the summer teen vocal camp as well. And, LaShell Swigger from Magoffin Co. High School was named the Essay Winner, and won this award for completing a meaningful essay about the Big Sandy Idol program and received a trophy and \$100 cash prize.

"We are proud of every single student who participated, not only in the finals, but also at their schools," Case added. "We hope this was a fun and amazing memory that they will have and that it will encourage students to take the opportunity to get a higher education whether they sang in our program or not. We worked with some very special kids this year and we are very proud of them."

If you were unable to come to the Big Sandy Idol competition, you can watch the championship round on WYMT TV on Sat., April 7 from 8-10 p.m., and later on Gearheart Communications' WTRX, Channel 5; those date will soon be announced. You can also purchase a 2012 Big Sandy Idol DVD, CD, or Big Sandy Singers CDs at www.bigsandysingers.com.

Movies from the Black Lagoon 'Drive Angry'

Tom Doty
Times Columnist

A grandfather with an attitude problem, shoots up half of Oklahoma to rescue his granddaughter from a satanic cult in this fast moving action/horror hybrid.

This one starts before you have had a chance to put down the remote, as a car chase bursts onto the screen. The chase ends badly when one driver executes a perfect Steve McQueen spinout that allows him to blast the other vehicle to shreds with an enormous (and probably not licensed) shotgun. The men in the vehicle step out anyway and are blown to bits (which fly everywhere) by our hero, Milton. Milton barely questions the men before putting them out of their misery, but you pick up on the fact that he doesn't like them very much.

Next stop is a greasy spoon where the waitresses have to deal with a lecherous chef/manager and customers who can barely afford the special. It is all too much for a blonde server, Piper, who has had all of the drama she can stand. Unfortunately, her motor vehicle is in no hurry to leave, but Milton knows cars and is willing to get her started for a ride.

Meanwhile, a man, a woman, and dapper, dude rolls into town and is looking for Milton. He only refers to himself as "The Accountant," and he is mannered but creepy (like a younger version of Christopher Lee). He has an engaging habit of speaking his mind and a deadly manner with a silver coin that he likes to toss up and down and through other people's heads.

Piper opts to leave town when she interrupts her boyfriend entertaining a buxom local. She hooks up with Milton and aids him on his quest, while slowly realizing there is something seriously wrong with the man. Turns out, he is on the run and that suits her for a while. Eventually, it dawns on her that Milton may have escaped from somewhere much farther than Florida. It has something to do with his being behind the times and a lot to do with the fact that he survives getting half of his face blown off by a shotgun.

Piper finds out the hard way that he is after a satanic cult that means to sacrifice his granddaughter in a Black Mass. This act doesn't sit well with Piper, either, and she throws in with Milton. She probably would have done so anyway, but it helps that the cult grants her and roughs her up a bit. She is rescued by Milton and they, in turn, team up with The Accountant, who wants Milton but hates satanic rituals enough to put off his hard job. The reason he wants Milton is a plot point I won't

give away, but it is safe to say that Milton is on the run from forces that would make the "Sopranos" run like rabbits.

The finale features an epic battle that finally stops this train and allows you to breathe normally, something you probably need to do after 90 minutes in the driver's seat with Milton.

This is excellent stuff, thanks to break-neck pacing and the performance of Nicholas Cage, as Milton. This is Cage at his best. His off-the-wall delivery is just perfect here, and he is one of only a few guys who can pull off a role that requires him to annihilate his enemies with extreme prejudice while also mustering a tear for his infant granddaughter. This is to say nothing about the scene where he destroys a band of thugs while never

letting go of the gorgeous woman he was making love to when the attack began. Granted, these sorts of roles don't come down the pike often but, luckily, we have Cage to count on when they do.

Amber Heard is also quite good as Piper, but William Fichtner steals the show as the odd accountant. He plays his mysterious character as a cross between Tom Hanks and Hannibal Lecter. It all comes together with frenetic pacing

thanks to director Patrick Lussier. He proves that he learned a few things while directing those awful "Dracula 2000" flicks for Wes Craven and he means to make his own flicks from now on. I can't wait to see what he does next.

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Rental Central

Tom Doty
Times Columnist

A better than average week saw twin remakes of excellent works get a facelift, with "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" — John LeCarre's excellent Cold War thriller gets remade and mostly succeeds. The original version, with Alec Guinness, was a series, but this version manages to squeeze the novel into a two-hour capsule. The story finds an

agent tasked with rooting out a spy among the intelligence community. Gary Oldman is perfectly cast here, and we see his thorough process as he embarks on the job with guidance from a former boss, John Hurt. Good measured drama that is probably closer to the world of espionage than the Bond series.

"Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" — The famous Swedish detective novel gets a reboot, despite the

fact that, by now, everyone has seen the original version. Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara are good as a sheltered detective and his street-smart assistant, but the whole thing, though slickly made by David Fincher, is unnecessary if you have seen the original that was released only a year earlier.

"Creature" — Monster movies are rare enough these days, but here's one that also avoids CGI effects. The story will feel familiar

as college kids go camping in bayou country and come face-to-face with a legendary monster. The execution of this over familiar tale is what sells the film. It's obvious these guys love monster flicks and they deliver a pretty good one that manages a few last-lead twists. All this and an appearance by the great Sid Haig ("Devil's Rejects").

"The Muppets" — I took the kids to this one and we all had a

laugh, as the Muppets stage a reunion to save their studio. Funny stuff for the most part and plenty of musical numbers as the puppets stage a prime time show to raise the needed funds. You'll forget most of it before you go to bed, but it will take your mind off things in a pleasant way.

Next week brings the birth of psychoanalysis with David Cronenberg's "A Dangerous Method."

Click & Clack Talk Cars

Urea is a legitimate expense for Mercedes

Tom and Ray Magliozzi
King Features Syndicate

Dear Tom & Ray:

Can this be true, or are my wife and I just gullible? Our dealer claims that we need to add "urea" to our BlueTec 350 Mercedes engine. With 21,000 miles on the car, we have spent almost \$200 with the dealer to add this "urea." Why? What is its purpose? Are we being taken for the ultimate luxury car ride, or is this a legitimate cost? — Dan

TOM: Doesn't urea have urea in it? RAY: Yes, but only at about 1/10th of the concentration the car requires. So you can't recommend that Dan simply pee into the tank.

TOM: OK, I'm crossing that off my list, then.

RAY: Urea refills are a legitimate expense for this particular car, Dan. And shame on the salesman for not disclosing this to you when you bought the car. It's an added cost and inconvenience of ownership that you had a right to know about. It's like selling someone a dog, and neglecting to mention that you have to feed it every day.

TOM: Here's why you have to add urea to this car: In order to get diesel engines — which burn dirtier than gasoline engines — to meet new emissions standards in the

United States, Mercedes (like all diesel-engine manufacturers) had to add some kind of system to scrub more nitrous oxides out of the exhaust.

RAY: The system Mercedes chose is a urea-based system. When the urea is injected into the hot exhaust, it releases ammonia, which helps break down about 80 percent of the harmful nitrous oxides.

TOM: The problem is, you need a constant supply of urea. In order to keep car owners from simply letting the urea bottle run dry and forgetting about it, the EPA required that the car stop running if it runs out of urea. So you have no choice, Dan.

RAY: Mercedes says that a 7.5-gallon supply should cover about 12,000 miles of driving. So it suggests that you get the urea tank refilled every 10,000 miles, when you bring your Mercedes in for its regular oil, filter and wiper service.

TOM: Aside from the potential inconvenience of that, Mercedes estimates the expense at about \$1,500 for every 100,000 miles you drive.

RAY: Of course, like everything else you do at a Mercedes dealership, you'll pay more to get your urea topped up there. So if the expense is a concern, you might look around for an independent shop that specializes in German cars. You'll pay less of a

premium there.

TOM: You can buy your own urea (under the Mercedes brand name "AdBlue," or as another brand) and learn how to add it yourself, if you really want to cut your expenses.

RAY: Isn't it a good thing you're saving all that money with your high-mileage diesel, Dan? Otherwise, how would you be able to afford all that urea?

Pine needles in oil are harmless

Dear Tom and Ray:

When I was filling my engine with new oil, pine needles fell into the oil and are now in the engine. The little stem that went in had three needles on it, each approximately 4 inches long (longleaf pine, Pinus Palustris). Is this going to hurt my engine? My car is a 2011 Honda Accord EX, 4-cylinder. — Marissa

TOM: Oh, good thing it was the Pinus Palustris, and not the dreaded Pinus Engis Rehuldis!

RAY: Your engine's going to be fine, Marissa. There are several things that can happen to these needles, and none of them is harmful.

TOM: The oil fill on this car is right on top of the valve cover. Most likely, the pine needles are just sitting there on top of the valve train, soaking up oil and doing no

harm. And they may stay there for years, or decades, without affecting anything.

RAY: If they do get in the way of one of the cams, they're soft enough to just be pulverized. Remember, all the engine parts are metal. They'd make short work of these three little pine needles.

TOM: Then the pulverized pine needles would get circulated with the other oil that gets sent up to the valve train, and the entire top of your engine will have a nice, fresh scent! Sweet, huh?

RAY: Eventually, you'll get rid of these needles in one of two possible ways, Marissa. If they get ground up, their crushed remains will end up either at the bottom of the oil pan or in the oil filter, and will be removed next time you change your oil.

TOM: Or, 10 years from now, when some mechanic removes the valve cover to replace a gasket, he's going to find a 6-inch Christmas tree growing in there. Either way, it's nothing to worry about, Marissa.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

Love of literature inspires student success

PIKEVILLE — It has been said that the people of New Orleans have a language all their own, a fitting backdrop for the 2012 Sigma Tau Delta conference, the annual gathering of the International English Honor Society.

In a message to fellow participants, this year's conference Chair Shannin Schroeder wrote that those who study English, "... through conversations with other writers and readers and thinkers, renew our sense of ourselves, of what it means to love literature and language."

University of Pikeville students and alumni have been recognized for their literary accomplishments, presenting and taking top honors at the Sigma Tau Delta Conference Feb. 29 - March 3.

Jennifer Charles presented "Female Novelists and Feminine Intellect," Jordan Adkins presented "The Deep End," UPIke alumnus Gary Smith presented "Buried Alive," and Brandi Pugh moderated. Smith and Adkins were awarded first prize in the fiction and creative nonfiction categories, respectively.

Sigma Tau Delta, the National English Honor Society, hosts English majors from around the country who apply to present their essays. There are more than 800 active Sigma Tau Delta chapters located in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and the Caribbean. University of Pikeville students were competing with submissions from students across the country, including the University of Alabama, Tulane, Furman, and Pepperdine in California.

"I continue to be amazed by the talent of our English majors. They are most deserving of this recognition and I am proud to be their faculty sponsor and professor," said Hannah Freeman, Ph.D., assistant professor of English and director of Center for Experiential Learning at UPIke.

Sigma Tau Delta recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature. The organization also fosters literacy and high achievement in English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. The honor society provides cultural stimulation on college campuses and promotes all aspects of the discipline of English, including literature, language and writing.

"Students like Gary, Jordan, Jennifer, and Brandi serve as inspiration to all of us; they are talented; they are hard working; they are ambitious. They are a joy to work with and a credit to a true liberal arts education," said Brigitte LaPresto, Ph.D., chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of English. "Someday, when I am buying Gary's and Jordan's books, I will be smiling to myself, thinking, 'I knew them when they were UPIke undergraduate students!' Their national recognition at the Sigma Tau Delta Convention is no doubt one more step toward a literary career. Congratulations!"



Pictured, from left, Smith and Adkins.

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Avoid having someone else take credit for the project you started by finishing it yourself. Then it will be you lovely Lambs who will be wearing those well-deserved laurels.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The facts about a new opportunity are still emerging. Wait until they're all out in the open, and then use your keen business sense to help make the right decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel confused or even hurt by a friend who suddenly puts distance between you. If she or he won't discuss it, don't push it. An explanation should come in time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your willingness to be part of the team opens doors that had been shut to you. Keep them open by keeping your promises even when your commitment seems to be wavering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Con-

gratulations. You're really getting things done to perfection. And don't forget to take a catnap now and again to keep those energy levels up and bristling for action.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your rising energy levels make it easier for you to achieve some important objectives. This could lead to a big boost in how you're perceived, both at home and on the job.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing picture be-

gins to emerge as you learn more about an offer that seemed so right but could be so wrong. Look to a trusted adviser for guidance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're getting closer to your goals. And since nothing succeeds like success (or the promise thereof), don't be surprised to find new supporters swimming alongside you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

Redbuds in bloom across southern and Eastern Kentucky

Spring has arrived in Southern and Eastern Kentucky! Redbud trees are blooming across the region just in time for TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky's (TOUR SEKY) Annual Redbud Trails Photography Contest.

The contest is open to amateur photographers in TOUR's 47 county service region. Top entries will be featured in 2012 summer exhibit at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

There is no entry fee, and participants can submit multiple photos. Entries must be submitted by April 10. For complete contest rules and information on how to submit your photo, contact Maggie Bill, mbill@tourseky.com or 606-677-6093. The official guidelines, entry and release forms can be found at tourseky.com.

TOUR SEKY will celebrate the native Eastern Redbud Tree throughout the month of April with the following events:

April 2: Redbud Health Awareness Walk from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley.

The first 500 registered participants will receive Redbud seedlings, tote bags, free lunch from Subway and other gifts and prizes. Free health screenings and healthy eating information will also be available. The free event is open to the public and will be held rain or shine.

April 13: Redbud Garden Party and Photography Contest at the Middlesboro-Bell County Tourist Commission Office in downtown Middlesboro from 1 to 3 p.m. 2012 Redbud Trails Photo Contest entries will be on display for attendees to judge. There will also be light refreshments and free redbud seedlings for participants.

April 21: Redbud Motorcycle Ride along the Red River Gorge National Scenic Byway. Registration is from 10:00-11:30 am EDT at the Berea Welcome Center in the Old Town section of Berea. This is a non guided ride along the Byway that will end at the Powell County Welcome Center near Natural Bridge State Resort Park. The first 200 registered participants will receive a t-shirt and Redbud seedlings. Cost is \$10 per single rider and \$15 for a couple.

Participants can receive a \$5 discount by bringing a completed liability waiver to registration. For more information on the ride or to request a copy of the liability waiver, e-mail Maggie Bill, mbill@tourseky.com.

The Redbud Trails Program was created in 2004 and since its inception, more than 450,000 Redbud trees and seedlings have been planted throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky. For more information about Redbud Month events, please contact Maggie Bill at 606-677-6093, or mbill@tourseky.com.

TOUR SEKY is an award winning initiative of Congressman Hal Rogers. The organization's mission is to educate, expand, develop and market the existing and potential tourism industry throughout southern and eastern Kentucky, while contributing to the economic, cultural growth, health and awareness, and overall quality of life of the region. For additional information about TOUR SEKY visit www.tourseky.com, or call 606-677-6093.

It's purple martin time, as birds return to state

In the birding world, few species generate more excitement than does the "Purple Martin," a swallow that is arriving now in Kentucky, with reports of "scouts" logged almost daily online.

Purple martins, the largest of the swallows in North America, are totally dependent on man-made housing east of the Rockies and faithfully return to the same locations each year, so it's understandable that human "landlords" anxiously await the return of "their" birds from wintering grounds in South America.

Some of the earliest arrivals to Kentucky trickle in by early March — a few in February some years — and dates/locations are watched by martin enthusiasts nationally on an online database — at www.purplemartin.org — maintained by the Purple Martin Conservation Association (PMCA), a non-profit conservation organization.

The earliest arriving martins recorded in Kentucky this season was Feb. 21 in Henderson — a very early bird. Among other early arrivals were Benton March 1, Brandenburg March 12, Bowling Green March 14 and Pikeville March 15.

The first wave of arrivals consists of so-called "adult" martins — those two or more years old, with adult males sporting full dark-purple color. Females are a bit drab, with a gray breast. One-year-old martins — called "subadults" — arrive 6 to 8 weeks later than the older birds — well into May and even early June. These younger birds sometimes are more easily attracted to new housing locations.

Purple martins prefer to nest in colonies in gourds hung from large racks and in multi-compartment birdhouses. The birds nest throughout Kentucky with the greatest populations central and western, with substantial but fewer colonies in more mountainous eastern Kentucky.

Purple martins feed on the wing — taking insects from the air — and early arrivals sometimes face the prospect of starvation when cold snaps clear the air of insects. However, hobbyists have learned to supplement feed purple martins during cold spells.

A PDF information sheet about supplemental feeding — the techniques are still new to many hobbyists — can be found at the

PMCA's website at www.purplemartin.org, including a link to an instructional video produced by Kentucky martin guru Larry Melcher.

Although once believed improbable, it's been shown that purple martins — when no other food is available — will learn accept to accept crickets, mealworms and even bits of scrambled eggs flipped high into the air, and placed on high platform feeders or inside nest compartments.

The PMCA recently analyzed long-term data from the North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) and found that — thanks to devoted men and women who erect and maintain housing — purple martin populations overall are holding steady in North America — with exceptions in some states — and appear to be slowly increasing most parts of Kentucky.

Purple martin colonies can be found in several Kentucky parks and nature reserves, including a robust colony at Bernheim Arboretum near Clermont, and another at the Woodlands Nature Center at Land Between the Lakes, Golden Pond.

Purple martins gather in massive

roosts in late summer in preparation for fall migration. One of the largest in North America is on an island in Dale Hollow Reservoir, which straddles the TN-KY line. Some martin enthusiasts who have visited the roost believe it may contain upwards to 100,000 birds in early August.

Despite relative abundance of purple martins in Kentucky, many people try for years to attract them without success, or their colonies disappear. Hobbyists may be unaware that problems such as competition from invasive non-native birds — European starlings and House Sparrows — or predation caused abandonment.

While generations of Americans have hosted purple martins — the custom adopted from Native Americans who hung out nesting gourds — specific techniques to help a colony thrive emerged in the past decade, based on research conducted by the PMCA and landlords in the field.

Among innovations are deeper compartments to protect nestlings from rain and aerial predators such as owls, specially-shaped entrance holes designed to admit martins while restricting

starlings — and unique pole guards to thwart climbing predators: rat snakes and raccoons.

Because purple martins are birds of the open sky — catching insects on the fly — the PMCA's number one tip: place housing in the most open space available, but where the colony can be enjoyed and monitored.

More information about purple martins can be obtained from the Purple Martin Conservation Association — which is focused on aiding martins and landlords — including an information and supplies booklet, with advice on attracting and managing a colony, and data sheets to participate in a "citizen science" program called Project Martin Watch. A lot of effort in which participants monitor nests and mail information to the PMCA at season's end.

To obtain the booklet, contact the PMCA at 814-833-7656 or online at www.purplemartin.org. The website also has an active Forum, and many hobbyists participate in the group's Facebook page.



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This notice is being filed by Hon. James D. Adams, II, in his capacity as Warning Order Attorney for Plaintiff Daniel G. Collins, et al., Civil Action No. 11-1C1-1260. Any person with information concerning this individual and/or her whereabouts should contact Hon. James D. Adams, II, Attorney at Law, 158 North Arnold Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 at 606-886-2842.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Bid Proposals are requested for Upgrade Drainage Ditch and enclose eaves of buildings at Pageant Hill, Repair and Upgrade 2nd story flooring at Grigsby Heights, Trim Trees/Shrubbery at all sites. The proposal needs to include all costs of equipment and upgrade in all areas affected, with new floor tile and trim with proper disposal. The proposal needs to include price for all costs. The successful bidder must provide insurance, references and be qualified to work with Parkview. For more information please contact Bruce Adams, Planning and Zoning Administrator, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649 606-285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2:15 p.m., local time, April 03, 2012. The housing authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The City of Prestonsburg is accepting proposals for the 2011-2012 Financial Audit. For questions and specifications please contact Yvette Latta at 606-886-2336. Sealed proposals should be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on Monday April 23, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
 Pursuant to Application Number 860-5378 Renewal #1

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 1-010, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41639, has applied for renewal of permit number 860-5378. The operation disturbs 5.91 surface acres located in Knott County, 205.5 underground acres in Knott County and 225.8 underground acres in Floyd County for a total of 437.30 underground acres and 437.21 total acres of disturbance. The operation is located 2.3 miles south of Betty in Knott County. The operation is approximately 10 miles southeast from KY 550's junction with Big Spring Branch Road. Located adjacent to Big Spring Branch. The operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quad maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by Kentucky Inc. The operation will be undertaken under the direction of Kentucky Inc., Alex Fitchie, Homer Gibson, Gita Keen, James Keen, Teddy Stone Heis, Otis Cox Hoirs, et al. The operation will use the underground mining method. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, 3rd Floor, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 42 Hudson Hill, 3rd Floor, South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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 Big Sandy Area Development District is seeking a self-motivated full-time Financial Director. The responsibilities of this position include direction, coordination, management, and comprehensive oversight of all District accounting, financial record keeping and requisite reporting, internally and externally. The incumbent is responsible for District's financial planning, annual budget management and all financial analysis. The incumbent supervises all financial management staff, provides fiscal data, information, and analysis for programs and projects individually, and the District's programs generally. The incumbent works at the direction of the Executive Director.
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 A bachelor of science degree with a major in accounting from an accredited institution; five years of experience in management and, integrated accounting and financial analysis; and experience in the use and application of computer based accounting systems. Knowledge of governmental accounting and federal grant management is a plus. Knowledge of non-profit including 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 with respect to IRS code is important. Must have a Certified Public Accountant credential, be experienced in staff supervision, and have demonstrated written and verbal communication skills.
 Please send resume with cover letter to: Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Hindman, KY 41653, ATTN: Terry Trimble by 04/13/12. Position will remain open until filled EOE

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