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Cat fans on national championship ride

LEXINGTON — If you're a University of Kentucky basketball fan and you caught yourself yawning Tuesday morning, chances are you weren't alone. The Kentucky Wildcats kept fans up late Monday night. But the late night ended with a championship victory, which gave tradition-rich Kentucky its eighth national title. The Wildcats concluded a thrilling 40-game season 38-2, defeating Kansas 67-59 in the NCAA national title game in New Orleans at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Kentucky captured its first national title since 1956. Western Kentucky (Round

2), Iowa State (Round 3), Indiana (Sweet 16), Baylor (Elite Eight) and Louisville (Final Four) all fell to the Wildcats played in the NCAA Tournament.

Fans from Floyd and several other area counties followed Kentucky throughout the season. The team's large following from Eastern Kentucky was strong throughout a highly-anticipated campaign that lived up to a lofty preseason billing. The Wildcats only suffered one regular season loss, falling to Indiana on the road. Postseason interest, which started when the Wildcats played in the SEC Tournament, hit a fever pitch

when the Wildcats reached the Final Four for the second straight year. Several area residents caught the Cats on the road in the postseason. Many fans took time off work or sacrificed otherwise to follow the team on the road, keeping others at home updated via Facebook and Twitter.

Kentucky's only other loss during the season came to Vanderbilt in the SEC championship game. The Wildcats among their 30-plus regular season wins, owned a victory over Kansas.

In his third season in Lexington, Kentucky head coach



Streamers and confetti were only the beginning of a celebration that stretched from Bourbon Street to the Bluegrass State.

Photo courtesy University of Kentucky

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Three charged in burglaries

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Three Floyd county men were arrested and charged with various acts of burglary last week.

According to court records, Chad W. Manuel, 26 of Eastern; Bill D. Barnett, 34, of Martin; and James B. Bailey Jr., 41, of Dana, were arrested on March 24 for different charges of burglary.

Manuel admitted, according to the report of a police interview, that he went through the window on a ladder that was already there and removed guns, guitar and a computer, hid the items in the car and went and got a friend's car and transported the items to Lexington to sell them in pawn shop.

The guitar was reportedly sold by Manuel to Dan's Discount Gun and Pawn, which sold the item again before having knowledge of the case. According to officers, "the suspect during the course of the interview disclosed details of the case that are only known by the victim, perpetrator, and investigating trooper."

Manuel is charged with first-degree burglary, two counts of theft by unlawful taking, and being in possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Manuel has already been served on the warrant and was already in custody from a previous case.

Barnett was arrested after a witness reported seeing him exit a residence through a front window with "what appeared to be money." When KSP units attempted to serve a warrant on Barnett, he reportedly

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THE 2012 GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT WIN \$500



Project engineer Kevin Howard went over changes made to the Harold sewer project to bring costs back in line, during a special Southern Water and Sewer District's board meeting Friday. Board members ultimately approved projects totaling \$3 million to build a sewage treatment plant and extend sewer service to Stanville and Betsy Layne.

Photo by Ralph B. Davis

Southern awards \$3 million for sewer projects

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

MCDOWELL — Pending regulatory approval, construction is expected to begin later this year on a \$3 million project to extend sewer service to the Betsy Layne and Stanville areas.

The Southern Water and Sewer District unanimously awarded bids Friday for two projects, including the construction of a sewage treatment plant at Pike-Floyd Hollow and extension of sewer lines to Betsy Layne and Stanville, and board members hope to see service eventually extend from Mare Creek to the Pike County line.

"This is a big project, and it's fi-

nally coming together," said board chair Paula Johnson.

Kevin Howard, vice president of Summit Engineering, which has been working with Southern on the project, believes sewerage service could unleash a wave of commercial development in the area, which has been held back because of a lack of sewer lines.

"A soon as there's public sewer there, you're going to start getting restaurants and businesses moving in there," Howard said.

The project, which would see sewer service for the first time in the area between the Betsy Layne commercial district and the Huddle House in Stanville, has been in the

works for 12 years, and still had to clear a few more hurdles before getting the board's approval. One of the chief stumbling blocks was the fact that bids came in higher than expected for the sewer plant.

Howard said after the initial round of bidding came in higher than expected, they reopened bidding again, only have the bids come in at about the same cost.

As a result of the higher than anticipated bids, the project as originally envisioned came in at nearly \$400,000 more than the funding Southern had available. Howard said he went back to the drawing board.

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State budget lists 62 items for Floyd

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

FRANKFORT — After a lot of back-and-forth between Democrats and Republicans, the state has a new \$19.2 billion budget that differs very little from the one originally proposed by Gov. Steve Beshear.

"As I said in January, this is the most difficult budget I have ever crafted, and it will be the most difficult for our state to endure," Beshear said. "However, I am pleased that the state legislature has kept my budget proposal largely intact — a

signal that our management decisions and investments in the health and education of Kentuckians are wise ones."

The budget compromise passed the Senate 36-1 and the House 81-7 on Friday.

As usual, Floyd County was listed in quite a few budget line-items, mostly due to coal severance tax funding for several projects.

One project not funded by coal dollars, however, will be an update to planetarium equipment at the East Kentucky Science Center. The portion of the budget fund-

ing the Kentucky Community and Technical College System contains \$205,000 to replace equipment at the center during the upcoming fiscal year.

Coal severance projects for Floyd County are listed across 61 line-items, ranging from as little as \$5,000 to as much as \$500,000.

That top amount includes core drill, design, engineering, construction, furnishing and equipment for the Stonecrest clubhouse.

Other big-ticket items listed in the coal projects include:

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Easter Giveaway



Pastor Tom Nelson and wife Earlene joined with Christian Appalachian Project for an Easter giveaway Saturday at Town Branch Christian Victory Fellowship. Children who attended the event received a new Easter outfit and shoes, along with a treat bag filled with goodies and snacks.

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Obituaries

Linda Anders
Linda Anders, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 26, 2012, at River-view Healthcare.

She was born Jan. 31, 1942, to the late Earl and Cassie Salyers Hall. She was a disabled factory worker.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jeff Anders, and brothers and sisters, Jack D. Hall, Olden Chester Hall, Paul Hall, Bennie Hall, Arthur Hall and Marcellita Newman.

She is survived by one daughter, Jessica Anders Hall, of Weelsburg; brothers and sisters, James Hall, of Rittman, Ohio, Earl Hall Jr., of Hunt, Bill Hall, of New London, Ohio, and Winston Eugene Hall, of Hi Hat; and one granddaughter, Hannah.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 29, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home. Burial followed at James Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Maggie Sue Akers Blackburn

Maggie Sue Akers Blackburn, 56, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville.

Born Jan. 22, 1956, to the late Paul B. and Pollie Ann Hunter Akers, she was the widow of Edmund "Eddie" Blackburn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Living Water Pentecostal Church, at Royalsburg.

She is survived by one son, Paul Edward (Amy) Akers, of Corunna, Ind.; two daughters, Billie Jo (Chris) Amburgey, of East Point, and Amanda Faye (Cary Wicker) Blackburn, of Flat Gap; five brothers, Harold Edward Akers, of Prestonsburg, James Eugene Akers, of Honaker, Chester Lee Akers, of Dana, Benjamin M. Akers, of Harold, and Cola Ray Akers, of Martin; one sister, Lois Ann Flannery, of Harold; grandchildren, Christopher, Stephanie, Nicholas, Joshua, Bradley A., Dallas, Bradley B., Cody, Caleb and Dylan; and great grandchild, Alysa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a sister, Vivian Faye Akers.

Funeral services for Maggie Sue Akers Blackburn were held March 23, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Charles Osborne and Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial

followed at the Blackburn Cemetery, at Bear Hollow, at East Point.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, of Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

Belita "JoAnn" Burchett

Belita "JoAnn" Burchett, 66, of Ivel, died Friday, March 23, 2012, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She was born Nov. 28, 1945, to the late William T. and Emma Mosley Hammonds. She was a homemaker and was the wife of the late John Archer Burchett.

She is survived by one son, John (Susan) Burchett, of West Liberty; two daughters, Emily Charles, of Louisville; one brother, Mike Hammonds, of Stanville; and six grandchildren, Jonathan Burchett, Codi Burchett, Bryan McKinney, Kirkland McKinney, Paul Hannah and Abigail Hannah.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 26, 2012, from 6 pm to 11 pm at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home with Donnie Hackworth officiating. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lurlie Marie Coleman

Lurlie Marie Coleman, 70, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, March 19, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville.

Born Dec. 28, 1941, to the late Jim and Winnie Smith Thacker, in Pike County, she was the wife of Raymond Coleman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, James (Tam) Coleman and Danny (Madge) Coleman, both of Salyersville; two daughters, Kathy (Larry) McKinney, of Harold, and Tammy (Bobby) Howell Coleman, of Banner; two children raised as her own, Teresa Akers and Austin Akers; two sisters, Virgie Bentley and Sophie Maynard, both of Pikeville; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, James Thacker, Milton Thacker, Ersie Thacker and Nora Thacker.

Funeral services for Lurlie Marie Coleman were held Friday, March 23, at Betsy Layne Church of Christ, at

Betsy Layne, with Tommy Spears officiating. Burial followed in the Arnie Little Cemetery, of Long Fork, at Virgie.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, of Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

Daniel F. Crum

Daniel F. Crum, 80, of Martin, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2012, with his loving wife, Lyda Faye, by his side.

He was born Feb. 25, 1932, at Banner. He attended Betsy Layne High School and retired from Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company after his service in the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He enjoyed music, gardening and ham radio. He loved God, his family and his country. He was a member of the Faith Bible Church, in Martin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Malta Daniel Crum; his brothers, Don and Ronnie; and his sisters, Joyce, Gladys and Betty.

He is survived by his wife, Lyda Faye; three children, Steven (Susan), Karen (Keith) and Bradley (Billie); grandchildren, Danielle, Nathan, Courtney, Jennifer, Kathryn and Mikayla; and sister Peggy.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 3, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Arnold Turner Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to Scripture Mountain Mission, Camp Nathaniel or Gideon's International. Envelopes, if provided, at the funeral home.

Madeline Fugate Draughn

Madeline Fugate Draughn, 80, of Leburn, died Thursday, March 22, 2012, at Knott County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Born March 24, 1932, to the late General and Ethel Conley Fugate, at Vest, she was the wife of Kelly Draughn. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Chris (Kathy) Draughn, of Pipersburg, and Jeff (Tammi) Draughn, of Science Hill; one daughter, Barbara (Max) Slone, of Science Hill; one brother, Gavin Fugate, of Florida; one sister, Eloise McDonald, of Arizona; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and a host of family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Delbert Fugate, Phillip Fugate, Garner Fugate, Jackie Brooks and Jessie Young.

Funeral services for Madeline Fugate Draughn were held Saturday, March 24, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Hindman, with Max Slone, Ronnie Robinson and Marty Slone officiating. Entombment followed at Bethel Memorial Mausoleum, in Hindman.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, of Hindman, was in charge of arrangements.

Charles W. Hall

Charles W. Hall, 70, of LaGrange, Ind., formerly of Topmost, died Saturday, March 17, 2012, at the IU Health Goshen Hospital, in Indiana.

Born Sept. 20, 1941, to the late Ishmal and Effie Mullins Hall, in Knott County, he was the husband of Leona Scott Hall. He was a retired inspector for General Motors and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, in Kendallville, Ind.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Charles Erwin (Terrie Lynn) Hall, of Westland, Mich., and Jeffrey Wayne (Angie) Hall, of Garden City, Mich.; five brothers, James Gordon Hall, of Mansville, Ohio, Denver Hall, of Topmost, Leama Hall, Jr., of Mt. Sterling, Rodney Hall, of Topmost, and Clifford Hall, of Topmost; five sisters, Norma Jean Koeys, of Little Hawkins, Ohio, Jackie Hicks, of Somerset, Mich., Rosalee Mullips, of Topmost, Millie, of West Liberty, and Geneva Hall, of Cincinnati; eight grandchildren, Timothy Jr., Brandon, Justin, Breannea, Ryan, Aaron, Amanda and Connor; and one great grandchild, Angel N. Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Leon Hall, and one sister, Mabel Doris Hall. Funeral services for Charles W. Hall were held Friday, March 23, at Providence Old Regular Baptist Church, in Leburn, Ind. Burial followed in the Hall Family Cemetery, at Topmost.

Funeral services were held at the home of Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

Hattie Howell

Hattie Howell, 81, of Craynor, died Thursday, March 29, at her residence. She was born March 12, 1931, to the late John B. and Edna Howell. She was the wife of the late William P. Howell and worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harv E. Evans, Kendall Evans and Tivis Evans; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

She is survived by two sons, John (Rita) Howell and Fair Douglas Howell, both of Craynor; six daughters, Donna Sue (the late Paul) Little, of Melvin, Anna Lou Spradlin, of Grethel, Verbal B. (Jimmy) Newsome, of Little Robinson Creek, Reba Faye (Doug) Jones, of Teaberry, Cecelia Harris, of Hall, of Grethel, and Betty (John) Tackett, of Harold; two brothers, Jay B. (Barbara) Evans and Edger (Maggie) Evans, both of Dayton, Ohio; special sister, Sylvia Evans; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, at the Zion Old Regular Baptist Church in Grethel. Burial followed the service at Hall Cemetery, in Grethel.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dinah Martin

Dinah Martin, 73, of Craynor, died Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 4, 1939, to the late Charlie and Arizona Reynolds Martin. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Dingus Martin, Charles Jr. Martin, Harold Lloyd Martin, Polly Akers and Eronia Hall.

She is survived by her brothers and sisters, William D. (Lou Ellen) Martin, of Craynor, Donald Ray (Karen) Martin, of Lawrence County, Shelby Jean Hamilton, of Loraine, Ohio, Iva (Bill) Compton and Geneva Martin, both of Indiana, and Verlie (Donald) Hall, of Craynor.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 30, at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Burial followed the service at Jack Hall Cemetery in McDowell.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Verlin Scott Moore

Scott Moore, 60, of Winchester, died Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at Clark County Regional Hospital.

He was born March 2, 1952, to the late Bascom and Blanche Sparks Moore. He was married to Robin Elizabeth Stambaugh Moore and worked as a salesman for Value City Furniture.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jason Horn.

He is survived by one son, Jacob Ryan Moore, of Winchester; one daughter, Winchey Michelle Moore, of Lexington; one brother, Edward Moore, of Kite; and one sister, Ina Lawson, of Versailles.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 23, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Lowell Parker officiating. Burial was held after the service at the Auxier Relocation Cemetery.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Georgia Sue Shepherd

Georgia Sue Shepherd, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 30, 2012, at her residence.

She was born Feb. 20, 1924, to the late Frank and Susie Whitaker Harris. She was the wife of the late John E. Shepherd. She was a homemaker and was of the Free Will Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred Richard Harris and Paul Frank Harris, and two sisters, Josephine Martin and June Bowman.

She is survived by two sons, John Wayne (Sandra) Shepherd and Malcolm Trimble "Tim" (Connie) Shepherd, both of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Georgia Carol (Larry) Cecil, of Prestonsburg, and Susan (Mike) Branham, of Lexington; one brother, Jack R. Harris, of Chandler, Ind.; three grandchildren, Timothy, Michael and Jonathan; and one great grandson, Spencer.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 1, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial followed the service at B.B. Shepherd Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Helen Spears

Helen Spears, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 28, 2012, in Andover, Ohio.

She was born August 25, 1924, to the late Charlie and Emma Campbell McSurley. She was the wife of the late Hansford Spears and was a homemaker. She attended Cow Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Marquette Thompson, and two sisters, Stella Mae Lafferty and Francis Alley.

She is survived by one son, Burnis Spears, of Endeavor; one daughter, Veronica Kenney, of Hillsboro; one brother, Charles McSurley, of Kingsport, Ind.; two sisters, Nareta Howell, of Tippecanoe, Ind., and Ruby Bates, of Detroit, Mich.; five grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 1, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Nathan Lafferty and Dave Lafferty officiating. Burial followed the service at Richmond Cemetery.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Lucille Stapleton

Lucille Stapleton, 83, of Mount Vernon, Ill., died Thursday, March 29, 2012, at her home. She was born Dec. 11, 1928, to Theodore R. and Buna (Coleman) Stapleton, at Carmen. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sammie E. Wells

Sammie E. Wells, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 25, 2012, at his residence.

He was born June 26, 1931, to the late Curtis and Josephine Hunter Wells. He was the husband of Jean Slone Wells and was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County Board of Education.

He was preceded in death by brother, Claude Wells, and one sister, Fayette Hughes.

He is survived by two sons, Sammie Wade (Beth) Wells, of Wilmington, N.C., and Douglas E. (Fran) Wells, of Cleveland, Tenn.; two daughters, Bernadine (Babe) Isaac, of Martin, and Belinda (William) Amburgey, of Lexington; one brother, Henry Wells, of Milan, Mich.; one sister, Janie Cassada, of Easley, S.C.; and four grandchildren, Racheal, Sara, Laura and Joseph.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 28, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, with Bob Carpenter officiating. Burial followed the service at Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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PMC plans to buy Landmark Inn property

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center has announced plans to purchase property on the South Mayo Trail in Pikeville which includes the Landmark Inn building known as the Mark II.

PMC President and CEO Walter E. May said the acquisition is necessary, as the hospital is out-pacing expectations for growth and patient increases.

"Even with the new Medical Office Building and parking garage set to open next year, our hospital is growing so fast it can be difficult to keep up," May said. "We're adding physicians and specialties very quickly, and it is in the best interest of our patients to ensure we have adequate space available when we need it."

The Landmark Inn will continue to operate as a hotel and restaurant under the leadership of owners Webby and Debbie Huffman. Debbie Huffman said they are supportive of Pikeville Medical Center, and realize how valuable the property will be to the hospital.

"We have always believed in the vision for Pikeville Medical Center, to grow the hospital provides wonderful care to our friends and families, and we want to make sure it will continue to do so," Debbie Huffman said. "We are glad to work closely with PMC to continue operating the Landmark for the time being. But we also realize the time may come when the hospital needs this space in order to continue doing such a good job for the people of the region. In the meantime, we hope all our loyal customers will continue to do business with us, and we will continue to receive the same great service we have always provided."

The Family of Verlin "Scott" Moore
would like to express their sincere appreciation to everyone who helped to comfort our family during our time of sorrow. A mere thank you does not express how much we truly feel for all our family and friends that attended visitation, the funeral, made food, sent flowers, or the many prayers that were said to help us make it through this most difficult time. We know Scott was truly loved and will be missed greatly by all his friends, and more so his family. All our lives were better for just having known Scott Moore.

Sincerely,
The Family of Verlin "Scott" Moore

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

—Gregory Nunn

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Our View Cal's Cats come through for Commonwealth

The University of Kentucky basketball program has brought friends and families across the Commonwealth for over a hundred years. There's no MLB, NFL or NBA teams in our state but UK basketball fans are major league caliber. Now, once again, Kentucky is home to the nation's top men's college basketball program. The catalyst at the center of the storied Kentucky program's resurgence? None other than head coach John Calipari.

Following an Elite Eight appearance and a berth in the Final Four, in his third year with the Cats, Calipari reached the college basketball coaching pinnacle Monday night when he guided Kentucky to the national title win over Kansas.

Three years ago, Calipari breathed new life into a Kentucky program that had slipped all the way down to missing the NCAA Tournament and playing for the consolation prize that is the NIT (National Invitation Tournament) title at the end of its 2008-09 season.

After a turbulent two-year run with Billy Gillispie at the helm of the program, UK needed a coach who could not only produce wins but also be an ambassador for the program. Calipari jumped at the chance. The charismatic Calipari was hired on April 1, 2009, and immediately went to work. Just three years and one day later, Kentucky fans started celebrating their storied basketball program's eighth national championship.

When on the recruiting trail, Calipari has proven he'll go out and get the best players available.

One-and-dones? Not always. Terrence Jones stuck around for his sophomore season. So did Doron Lamb. Sharpshooter Darius Miller? He's a senior who has now played more games (152) than any other Wildcat.

There's no doubt Anthony Davis is headed to the NBA. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague are likely to follow as well. But these young men have attended classes and represented not only the University of Kentucky but the entire Commonwealth.

Remember UK point guard Brandon Knight? He had a 4.0 GPA in his lone school year in Lexington. After leading Kentucky to the Final Four last year, Knight was selected eighth overall in the 2011 NBA Draft. Calipari's players are doing what's asked of them as student-athletes.

University of Kentucky basketball games are an event, whether watched from your living room or in the hoops house that Adolph Rupp built. We've enjoyed this championship run and hope that you have, too.

These are Cal's Cats. These are our Cats.
—The Floyd County Times



Sunrise working to prevent child abuse, neglect

John Shindlbower

Associate Director of Communications
Sunrise Children's Services

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and there are many ongoing efforts to combat the plague of abuse and neglect in our communities. One such effort is having a positive impact here in Floyd County.

Sunrise's Family Preservation Program works directly with families in Eastern Kentucky. The families have been deemed "at-risk" by the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services and Sunrise's mission is to keep those families intact by helping them improve life inside the home.

Jacob Litteral and Melvin Frasure are program managers who each head up a team of four FPP specialists who work inside the homes of clients in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Pike counties.

Specialists are assigned to work with the families using an array of short-term intensive interventions. They teach parenting skills, home maintenance education, job readiness training, appropriate discipline techniques, emotions management skills and can link the families up to a wide range of community resources such as substance abuse counseling or agencies that can help with needed home repairs.

FPP Specialist Angie Bush said the work is crucial because they can make a difference in the life of an entire family, not just the child.

She recalls a recent experience of working with a single mother who herself had been a victim of domestic violence, had a history of substance abuse and had just recently regained custody of her three-year-old child. The client was initially very apprehensive about the program but quickly discovered she needed the parenting training and help.

Bush said she saw positive changes in the family and the mother as she worked to improve life inside that home. When

Bush finally ended her time with the family, the mother was grateful, telling Bush that "you really made a difference."

The client later wrote glowingly of Bush's efforts to help her and her child and noted that so many other families could greatly benefit from the training and help she received.

Bush said so many of the families they work with are products of a generational cycle of abuse and neglect.

"The families who get bad necessarily," she said, "they just don't know what to do to better their families." Bush said so many of them explain their poor parenting skills by stating that "this is how I was raised."

Litteral agreed, explaining that bad parenting is handed down from one generation to the next, and some of these families just need someone to show them the right way.

Litteral and Bush said that the work of the FPP is vital in breaking the cycle of violence that afflicts so many families in Kentucky. Litteral said the benefits of the program can be long-reaching.

"The parents who get this help are in a situation where they are not only improving the quality of their own lives, but also their kids and even their grandkids," he said.

Litteral also said that the program works because it attacks the root causes of abuse and neglect. Sometimes this stems from poverty and simply the inability to properly maintain a clean, safe home. He said they've gone into homes where farm animals like chickens, ducks and even pigs have been allowed to stay inside.

Proper education leads to better decisions, he said. In addition, the FPP program can help families get needed repairs to their home. He said one recent family had their home weatherized after his office linked them to another community agency who specializes in that kind of assistance.

When it comes to actual child abuse

however, Litteral said substance abuse seems to be the root cause in 75 to 80 percent of those cases.

"It starts with substance abuse and so many other problems are offshoots of that," he said. Sunrise's FPP works to connect individuals with various substance abuse treatment plans so they can get help.

In 2011, FPP worked with about 75 families. Most cases have been situations where children are being reintroduced back into the biological homes following a temporary stay in a foster home.

That means that in addition to helping the children transition back into their homes, the FPP workers actively engage the parents, grandparents or other adults in the home to make the necessary improvements and receive the necessary training to ensure a safe, secure environment for the children.

Once the services are complete, FPP workers follow-up with each family after three months, six months and a year. Success is gauged by the ability of the family to continue the improvements made during the training and retaining custody of the children returned to their care. Litteral estimated that their success rate is around 90 percent.

The mother of another family who just recently completed the FPP training was quick to credit the Sunrise workers she dealt with, calling them "some of the kindest people I have ever met and they made it known that they could and would help with our needs. They definitely went out of their way to help us get what we needed. I don't know what we would have done without you."

Sunrise Children's Services has been helping children in crisis since 1969 and currently cares for over 600 children each day through our statewide network of foster homes, residential programs and community-based services like the Family Preservation Program. For more information about Sunrise, log onto www.sunrise.org.

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Rep. Greg Stumbo

Speaker of the House

When other House and Senate leaders and I first sat down early last week in budget negotiations, most of the major issues had already been decided.

Each chamber, for example, supported Governor Beshear's decision to cut most state agencies by more than eight percent next fiscal year to balance the books and then maintain that level of spending in the following year. Both the House and Senate feel it is important to live within our means, and to rely as little as possible on one-time funding sources to cover recurring expenses.

Both chambers also agreed that certain areas of state government deserve more protection. That means no cuts for classroom funding, college aid, veteran services and Medicaid, and smaller cuts in postsecondary education and the Kentucky State Police. Some areas, such as our over-worked social workers, will actually see funding increases, while our plan to streamline public pensions maintains the timeline set out in 2008.

There were some fundamental differences to overcome, but we were able to reach common ground in these areas after several long days of work.

A legislative perspective

From the beginning, the House's position stressed the importance of investing in jobs and improvements for the Commonwealth. That includes continuing to offer assistance to school districts needing to build new facilities or renovate current ones and investing in the high-tech jobs of tomorrow. Both of these initiatives have been in place for years and have a proven track record, and, fortunately, both will continue.

Another initiative that began in the House—a scholarship program designed to boost four-year college degrees in Eastern Kentucky—is poised to expand its scope in the final version of the budget approved on Friday. If the Senate gives final approval to this plan on April 12th, the session's last day, this program will include all coal-producing counties no matter where they are in the state, and it will be funded with multi-county coal severance dollars. Initially, I had hoped to help our region in this area by bringing in the University of Pikeville into the state system, which I still think is needed over the long-term, but nevertheless, I am glad to see that we are set to help more students obtain their baccalaureate degree.

Assuming, this does become law, qualified students have to meet several

criteria: they have to be from a coal-producing county and have at least 60 college credit hours, and they must attend a postsecondary school in a coal-producing county that offers a four-year college degree. As long as money is available, the grants will range from \$2,000 if attending a public postsecondary school to \$6,000 for a private school. If a desired degree program is not available in the region, students can use the grant money elsewhere in the state.

Overall, the state's two-year budget tops \$19 billion, and it is the leanest budget most of us have seen in our lifetimes. Over the last several years, we have made cuts totaling \$1.3 billion with only modest growth in revenue, so there is no fat left to cut.

Still, we are in better shape than many states. There are no lay-offs or furloughs in this budget, and no tax increases. If the better-than-expected growth in state revenues we have seen in recent months continues, the worst may truly be behind us.

In addition to the budget, the General Assembly also has passed several other noteworthy laws during legislative session and is poised to make a strong statement on limiting drug abuse. I will detail those accomplishments in a future column.

ACMS students achieve in multiple ways

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

EASTERN — Allen Central Middle school showed they were making the grade this week after a top 5 finish on the states Explore test and competing in a Student Technology Leadership Program State Championship, while also finding time for some community service.

According to Floyd County Schools officials, ACMS students traveled to Rupp Arena and the Lexington Convention Center on March 22, 2012, and competed in the annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) State Championship. ACMS 8th grade students competing included: Josh Grindrod, Matt Combs, Peyton Triplett, J.T. Layne, Allison Hyden, and Nick Combs.

The students competed in the Community Service category, using technology to create a public service announcement promoting the remembrance of Veterans' Day entitled "A Holiday to Remember."

ACMS STLP Coordinator is Mrs. Cecilia Prater, who does an outstanding job with the program. ACMS would like to thank Mrs. Prater for all of her hard work & dedication.

Also this week, ACMS learned that following an impressive fifth place ranking for the 2010-2011 school year, ACMS 8th grade students finished fourth in the state on the Explore test for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Explore assessment measures academic progress while providing an early indicator of college readiness.

The assessment helps students understand and begin to explore the wide range of career options open to them, and assists them in developing a high school coursework plan that prepares them to achieve their post-high school goals.

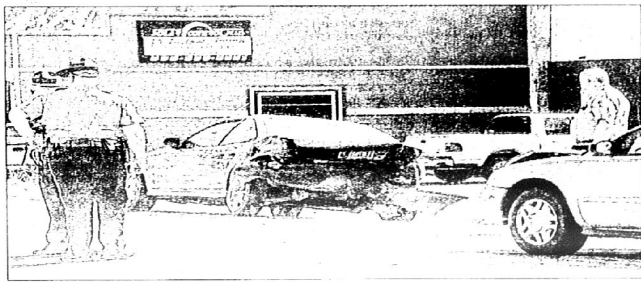
Competitions and high achieving assessments are only half the battle for ACMS students who have also embraced the importance of giving back to our communities through student-led community service projects each month.

According to Floyd County School officials, ACMS' first annual - January for Jordan - community service project was a huge success. Students donated whatever they could during the month of January to benefit the The Jordan Light Foundation.



ACMS 8th grade students participating in the STLP State Competition include - from left to right Josh Grindrod, Matt Combs, Peyton Triplett, J.T. Layne, Allison Hyden, and Nick Combs.

Injury Accident



Three people with were rushed to the hospital last Thursday, after sustaining non-life-threatening injuries following a two-vehicle accident on Route 321 near the entrance to StoneCrest in Prestonsburg.

photo by Jack Latta

KDMC making mammography accessible to Inez - no physician order needed

INEZ — The best way to detect breast cancer early is to get screened. In fact, when breast cancer is found early and confined to the breast, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent, according to the American Cancer Society.

Because it is so important to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages, King's Daughters Medical Center no longer requires a physician order for screening mammography.

King's Daughters provides an extensive mobile mammography program and will offer services from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, and Tuesday, April 24, at the office of Lon Lafferty, M.D., Route 40 E. Blacklog, in Inez.

To schedule an appointment, please call (606) 408-2742 or toll free (877) 304-1935.

"Our goal is to make it possible for women to get the screening exam they need with as little hassle as possible," said Debbie Miller, manager of Community Relations for King's Daughters.

"Many women told us the physician order requirement made it difficult - if not impossible - for them to follow recommended screening guidelines."

A physician order is required for diagnostic exams; those ordered in follow-up to an abnormal screening, she noted. "We're committed to making early detection, prevention and treatment of breast cancer accessible

to all," Miller said, "and we're pleased to partner with others to provide mobile mammography throughout the region."

All tests are performed by specially trained mammography technologists who use digital equipment, which results in less radiation exposure.

Many insurance companies cover the entire cost of mammography; check with your insurance provider.

King's Daughters provides a limited number of free mammograms to uninsured/underinsured women through grant funding provided by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. For more information, please call 1-888-377-KDMC (5362).

Kentuckians urged to get moving for National Walking Day

LOUISVILLE - Regular physical activity is critical in maintaining a healthy heart, which is why the American Heart Association calls on Kentucky residents to begin a 30-minute walking routine on National Walking Day, April 4. On this day, individuals and company groups are encouraged to wear tennis shoes to work and get

moving for a healthier heart. National Walking Day is a part of "My Heart, My Life," the American Heart Association's national initiative to help Americans live a healthier lifestyle through increased physical activity and healthy eating to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Workplaces have proven to be important envi-

ronments to foster a culture for exercise as Americans now work 164 more hours per year than 20 years ago and jobs have become increasingly sedentary.

In January 2010, the American Heart Association defined the seven key factors to ideal cardiovascular health. Physical activity is one of those factors, but

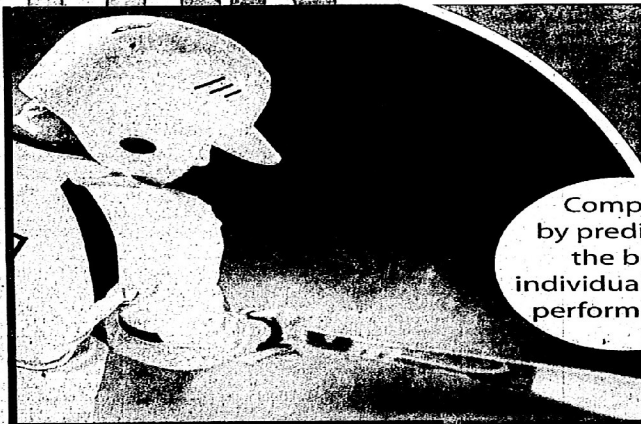
only 15 percent of American adults achieve the association's recommended levels of moderate aerobic exercise (150 or more minutes per week) "My Heart, My Life," encourages all Americans to get started on a regular walking program as a way to achieve their physical activity goals and to reduce their risk of cardiovascular

disease by as much as 30 percent.

The American Heart Association is committed to getting people engaged in physical activity so they can live longer, healthier lives," said Erika Furlong, Sr. Heart Walk Director of the American Heart Association. "More than 67 percent of American adults

are considered overweight and obese and nearly 70 percent are not engaging in regular physical activity. It's imperative that people know how important 30 minutes of walking a day is to their cardiovascular health. Just a few extra steps a day is a simple and easy way to take an active role in maintaining a significantly healthier life."

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Pulled feeding tube leads Pike indictments

Julia Roberts Goad
Heartland News Service

PIKEVILLE — A man charged with pulling out his brother's feeding tube heads the indictments handed down by the March Pike County grand jury.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley, Jonah R. Taylor, 44, of Stopover, is charged with second-degree assault of David Ferrell. The brothers were at Ferrell's residence, Bartley said, when a disagreement apparently got physical, and Taylor allegedly pulled the tube from Ferrell's stomach. He said there was no serious damage to the alleged victim.

Others who were indicted are as follows:

• Eric Newsome, 24, of Jenkins, was indicted for second-degree fleeing or evading police, two counts of third-degree assault against Brian Melvin and Donald Wright who are parole officers, possession of a controlled substance and persistent felony offender.

Bartley said Newsome is accused of leaving a half-way house without permission, and going to his home, where authorities found him. He allegedly ran from the officers, and attempted to strike them when they caught up with him.

• Robin Caines, AKA Robin Arnett, Robin Sincell, Robin Maynard and Robin Harris, 24, of Pikeville, indicted for the theft of a purse from Terra Newsome, six counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, checks written to Magic Mart, Goody's, Maurice's, Advanced Auto Parts, Murphy's Gas and Anita's Tanning Salon, fraudulent use of a credit card and persistent felony offender.

The Commonwealth Attorney said it is believed Caines went from car to car in a parking lot, looking for unlocked vehicles, and stole purses with drivers' licenses, and was able to obtain credit with the victims' credit cards and identification.

In another set of charges, Caines was indicted for the burglary of the residence of John and Patty Deleon, theft by unlawful taking of a wallet, fraudulent use of a credit card, and two additional counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, checks to which the name Patty Deleon had been forged. Bartley said Caines allegedly stole a checkbook from Deleon, and attempted to cash it at a local bank. Bank employees recognized that Caines was not the person on the account, and alerted the Pike County Sheriff's Department.

• Wayne Rose, 26, of Lookout, indicted for first-degree arson. According to Bartley, Rose stands accused of throwing a flammable liquid on his neighbor. The neighbor, however, saw Rose as he allegedly tossed the liquid, and was able to call the fire department before serious damage was done to his home.

• Jeremy Gibson, 38, indicted for impersonating a peace officer. Gibson is accused of wearing a t-shirt that had the word "police" on it, and a ball cap with "sheriff" when he went into a local sandwich shop and asked for a police discount. A Kentucky State Trooper was the business, and allegedly heard Gibson ask for the discount.

• Gene Kelly Ferrell, 40, and Fred Ferrell, 47, both of Black, were indicted for theft by unlawful tak-

ing and criminal mischief in connection with the theft of railroad rails from Norfolk Southern Railway.

• Paul Roberts, 22, of Pikeville, indicted for three counts of receiving stolen property, a rifle and a shotgun that had been stolen from James Adams and a handgun that had been stolen from Zebulon Potter.

• Joseph Varney, 29, of Huddy, indicted for two counts of receiving stolen property, vehicles which had been stolen from Charles Maynard and James Varney.

• Juanita Mace, 47, of Pikeville, and Trodney Chapman, 47, of Kimper, indicted for fraudulent use of a credit card. Chapman is also charged with persistent felony offender.

• Jason Benton, 33, of Cheno, indicted for theft by unlawful taking of copper wire from Sidney Coal and persistent felony offender.

• Randle Keene, 30, of Shubiana, indicted for second-degree assault of Ralph Caldwell and third-degree criminal mischief for damaging a vehicle that belonged to Caldwell.

• Jonathan Hetherington, 30, of McRoberts, indicted for four counts of identity theft, using the information of Penny Gregory and/or Marsha Gregory to obtain credit from Discovery Financial Services, Walmart, J.C. Penney and AT&T.

• Amber Fleming, 36, of Belcher, indicted for second-degree criminal mischief for damaging a house belonging to Gary Clevinger.

EDITOR'S NOTE: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Open house event



Highlands Health System hosted an open house event for its new Medical Office Building in Paintsville. The new, three-story facility boasts multiple physician offices, with specialties including family practice, pediatrics and internal medicine. Additional services located within the building range from a physical therapy suite to laboratory and radiology services, and a full-service pharmacy. Staff from each office was on-hand to discuss their available services. "We are excited about opening the new Paintsville Medical Office building, which will give Paintsville residents more options for meeting their physical therapy, pharmacy, and laboratory or radiology needs," said Harold C. Warman Jr., president and CEO of Highlands. "Our physician offices have already seen the value in providing these services in-house. We are confident this facility will continue to be a great service to our patients for many years to come."

Championship

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John Calipari put together arguably the best team in the storied Wildcat basketball program's history. Calipari took Kentucky to the national title three years and one day after being hired to guide the Wildcats in 2009.

Monday night's Kentucky fanbase outnumbered the one that assembled in support of familiar foe Kansas. Determined Kentucky established an early lead over Kansas in the championship contest. Kentucky carried a 41-27 lead into halftime and withstood multiple runs from the Jayhawks in

the second half.

Sophomore Doran Lamb was the go-to player on the offensive end for Kentucky. Lamb, who hit back-to-back clutch three-pointers for the Wildcats in the second half, led Kentucky with a game-high 22 points.

Marquis Teague and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist joined Lamb in double figures, chipping in 14 and 11 points, respectively.

Terrence Jones had nine points, seven rebounds and two blocks for the Wildcats.

Anthony Davis, who was honored as the Naismith National Player of the Year,

scored just six points. Davis, however, registered 16 rebounds, six blocks, five assists and five steals in Kentucky's 81 triumph.

Kansas (32-7) received a team-high 19 points from Tyshawn Taylor. Thomas Robinson scored 18 points and Elijah Johnson added 13 for the Jayhawks.

Kentucky is home to college basketball's all-time winning program and, now the Wildcats are back on top.

Fans were back on the road again Tuesday afternoon, venturing to Rupp Arena to catch a public celebration of the 2011-12 season.

Sewer

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cutting some outlying lines and some of the sewer plants features, and came back with an estimated cost that eliminated all but \$4,000 over the average. That left board members with the question of how to pay the additional cost.

Howard said the board could either use tap-on fees to address the additional cost of the project, which he recommended, or seek to increase the state loan already approved. Southern Chairman Hubert Halbert and several board members, however, said the utility already has plans for the tap-on fees and decided to go in the direction of increasing the loan.

But Halbert was concerned

about the project's feasibility after the cutbacks. In particular, he questioned whether Southern would be able to make the \$42,000 in debt service payments. It had previously been estimated that the project would need 150 customers to pay for itself. Southern had previously received commitments from 180 customers prior to the cuts, but the newly drawn lines left only 135 committed customers.

Howard, however, expressed confidence in being able to make up the difference, once the project is underway and landowners begin development.

"We're going to get a lot more than 15 more customers," Howard said.

Howard also said the

project still will be given a green light by the Public Service Commission, which he said would take a hard look at the project's fiscal feasibility before allowing it to go through.

Reassured by the PSC review, the board ultimately approved a \$1.3 million bid from Drains Unlimited for the line extensions, and a \$1.8 million from IZCO for construction of the treatment plant, pending state approval of necessary financing and PSC review of the projects.

Howard said the financing should be in place by Thursday, but said the PSC review could take 60-to-90 days. Assuming all goes well, he estimated construction could begin by the end of June.

Burglaries

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fled the scene on foot, and was apprehended a short time later. According to the police report, Barnett was in possession of seven Adderall pills and drug paraphernalia. He was charged with second-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking and persistent felony offender.

He is being held in the Floyd County Detention

Center.

Also arrested on the 24th was James B. Bailey Jr., who was arrested by KSP troopers after a witness alleged Bailey caused over \$1,000 in damages to his garage door, while trying to gain entry to his home. Bailey allegedly said, "What's up, big man," when caught in the act by the victim, before fleeing to an automobile.

Bailey was charged with

second-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief, and persistent felony offender.

In the police report, Bailey claims that the victim is trying to extort money from him to drop the case. Bailey was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center without incident.

Kentucky State Police Trooper John Gabbard is in charge of all three investigations.

Budget

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• \$400,000 for repairs, maintenance and renovations to Stonewall.

• \$400,000 for senior citizens centers.

• \$200,000 for the Floyd County Rescue Squad building fund.

• \$200,000 for high school academics and athletics.

• \$200,000 for courthouse renovations. \$200,000 to construct a substance abuse complex for Mountain Comprehensive Care.

• \$200,000 for the Harold sewer project.

• \$150,000 for scholarships to the Highlands School for Autism.

• \$150,000 for a new building for Left Beaver Fire and Rescue.

• \$150,000 for the Mountain Arts Center.

• \$100,000 for the Station Branch Sewer Project.

• \$100,000 for drug court.

• \$100,000 for equipment, clubhouse design and repair at the Mountaintop Recreation Area.

• \$100,000 for general maintenance at the golf course at Stumbo Park.

• \$100,000 for Prestonsburg Parks and Recreation.

Other projects included in the budget include routine items, such as money for parks, area fire departments and Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars centers, to more unique projects, such as \$70,000 for the county to purchase work trucks,

\$60,000 for refrigeration improvements at the God's Pantry Food Bank warehouse, \$50,000 for sidewalks in Wheelwright, \$50,000 for the Floyd County Health Department to conduct colon cancer screening, \$25,000 for ATV trails at Elkhorn Park, \$25,000 for camping and barns at German Bridge and \$15,000 to complete a World War II and Korean War memorial.

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Elkhorn City's Artists Collaborative Theatre picked up several awards at the Kentucky Theatre Festival and the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

Artists Collaborative Theatre wins state and regional awards

Artists Collaborative Theatre (ACT) is once again a regional award winner and is Kentucky's most award winning community theatre! ACT won four out of six possible awards, including first place and best director, at the statewide Kentucky Theatre Festival (KTF). That performance earned the cast and crew of Dearly Departed, co-directed by Cody Anderson and Jason Justice, an opportunity to represent the entire state of Kentucky and compete against nine other states at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Chattanooga, Tenn., on March 7-11.

In its 33rd year, SETC is the largest and most active regional theatre organization in the country. ACT's performance garnered them the Spirit of the Road Award, given to the company that exhibits the highest caliber of professionalism, positive and productive attitude, and collaborative nature. The technical crew of the host theatre made the selection for this award, since they worked first-hand with each crew that took the stage throughout the week and weekend. Sara George received the All-Star Cast Award for her portrayal of Raynelle Turpin, joining four other actors from productions throughout the weekend, highlighted for

their outstanding performances. Written by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, both Kentucky born writers, Dearly Departed tells the story of the Turpin family. In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom easy and at times even downright hilarious. Despite their best efforts to pull themselves together for their father's funeral, the family's other problems keep overshadowing the solemn occasion: Firstborn Ray-Bud (played by Jason Justice) is horrified and outraged at the mounting costs of the funeral; Junior (Cody Anderson), the younger son, is juggling financial ruin, a pack of no-neck monster kids, and a wife who suspects him of infidelity in the family car; and the invasion of their Bible-thumping, hymn hollering spinster aunt, Margurite (Gloria Ratliff).

Rounding out the all-local cast were: Randall Ramey as Bud Turpin, Lauren Stewart as Lucille, Sarah Ellen Norman Vazquez as Suzanne, Mark Hopkins as Royce, Santana Woodward as Delightful, and Larry E. Compton as Reverend Hooker. ACT's technical crew is unique in that it is comprised of students, ages

12 to 17, who are mature beyond their years. These young people run the light and sound boards, construct sets, and perform all the functions of theatre technology. Kentucky was the only state at SETC to feature an all youth crew, to the delight of the judges. At SETC, the technical crew of Dearly Departed excelled at placing and striking the set, finishing within the allotted time. The technical crew included Jordan Adkins, Emily Cash, Emily Chaney, Zachary Chaney, Keeli Collins, Kaitlyn Howell, and Allie Sescio.

ACT is a state and regional award-winning, non-profit community theatre located in Elkhorn City. This year, it will celebrate its 10th year as a company and 4th year as a black box theatre, built entirely by coal severance tax funding. The all volunteer theatre company celebrates local, Eastern Kentucky talent through the performing arts. It stages year-round programming that includes seven productions of sixteen performances per year plus an ongoing, tuition-free educational program that serves ages five to ninety-five. For more information, visit ACT's website at www.act4.org or call (606) 754-4228.

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Tree-planting advice for Arbor Day

Kentucky Arbor Day is just around the corner (April 6). Everyone grab a shovel and get ready to plant a tree. But wait... Before planting a tree make sure you know how to do it correctly, advises the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). How a tree is planted, and initially maintained, makes all the difference in the world. Too many people are content to simply plant a tree, but don't ensure that the tree has the chance to go on to live for many years. "Planting a tree is making an investment in the future," says Sharon Lilly, ISA Educational Director. "You must care for and nurture your young tree so that it will pay dividends for years to come."

Tree Planting Tips
There are a few simple tips to remember when planting your tree this spring:

- 1. Prepare the perfect hole for planting.**
 - Dig the hole two to three times the width of the root ball. Do NOT dig deeper than root ball depth. Make the sides of the hole slant gradually outward.
 - For bare-root trees, neatly cut away any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots for a few hours prior to planting to allow them to absorb water.
 - Container-grown trees should have the plastic or metal containers completely removed. Carefully cut through any circling roots. Re-

move the top half of pressed peat/paper containers.

Balled and Burlapped ("B&B") trees should have all of the ropes cut. Pull the burlap at least one third of the way down. Slit remaining burlap to encourage root growth. If in a wire basket, cut away the top of the basket.

2. Plant the Tree.
Gently place the tree in the hole. Partially backfill with the soil from the hole, water to settle the soil, then finish backfilling the hole. Tamp the soil gently, but do not step on the root ball.

A few pointers
While you may have finished planting Arbor Day aficionados should remem-

ber these final touches:

- Remove tags and labels.
- Do not stake unless the tree has a large crown or the planting is situated on a site where wind or people may push the tree over. Stake for a maximum of one year.
- Prune only the damaged branches.
- Soak the soil well, making sure no air pockets form between roots. Wait until next year to fertilize.
- Spread two inches of mulch over the planting area, but do not place it up against the trunk.
- Be sure the root ball has plenty of water throughout the year.
- Anyone with questions regarding choosing the right tree or proper planting and maintenance

is advised to contact an ISA Certified Arborist.

For additional information on planting and other tree care topics, or to find a local ISA Certified Arborist, visit www.treesaregood.org.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.isa-arbor.com.

Author wins Weatherford Award for Appalachia book

The Appalachian Studies Association and Berea College recently presented University Press of Kentucky (UPK) author Emily Satterwhite with the Weatherford Award for the best nonfiction book in Appalachian studies published in 2011 for "Dear Appalachia: Readers, Identity, and Popular Fiction since 1878." The award recognizes published works that "best illuminate the challenges, personalities, and unique qualities of the Appalachian South."

Weatherford Awards are given in the categories of nonfiction, fiction and poetry. They are named for Willis D. Weatherford Jr. and Sr.

for their contributions to the Appalachian region. The award was presented to Satterwhite at the Appalachian Studies Conference, held March 23, at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"I'm moved. This is the highest honor I can imagine," said Satterwhite, an assistant professor of Appalachian studies, American studies and popular culture at Virginia Tech.

"Dear Appalachia" explores the responses of readers to best-selling fiction set in Appalachia, discovering how readers imagine the region and what purposes these imagined geographies serve for them. Satterwhite employs an innovative research strategy, sifting through fan mail and reviews to better understand the relationships between reader and text. "Dear Appalachia" goes beyond an explanation of how people view the region to tackle the question of why people think the way they do, arguing that the fictional accounts of the area are not inherently responsible for creating or destroying stereotypes. Instead, the author suggests that readers create their own interpretations of the text, imagining the versions of Appalachia they find most comforting. This is Satterwhite's first book.

According to its website, the Appalachian Studies Association was created for the purpose of furthering education about the Appalachian region as well as to promote and engage dialogue, research, scholarship, education, creative expression, and action among scholars, educators, practitioners, grassroots activists, students, individuals, groups, and institutions. Offices for the administrative, editorial, production and marketing departments of UPK are found at the University of Kentucky, which provides financial support toward the operating expenses of the publishing operation.



MSHA: Advance notification of federal mine inspectors still a serious problem

ARLINGTON, Va. — Despite stepped-up enforcement efforts over the past two years by the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration, some mine operators continue to tip off their employees when federal inspectors arrive to carry out an inspection. The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 specifically prohibits providing advance notice of inspections conducted by MSHA.

There have been several recent instances in which MSHA has been able to detect the occurrence of advance notice. For example, on March 22, agency inspectors responded to a hazard complaint call about conditions at Gateway Eagle Coal Co. LLC's Sugar Maple Mine in Boone County, W.Va. A truck driver with J&N Trucking reportedly alerted

mine personnel by citizens band radio of the inspectors' arrival. The inspection turned up 14 violations for advance notification, accumulations of combustible material, and inadequate pre-shift and on-shift examinations, as well as a failure to comply with the current ventilation plan, maintain the lifeline, maintain permissibility of mobile equipment and maintain fire fighting equipment.

As a second example, during a Feb. 29 inspection at Rhino Eastern LLC's Eagle No. 2 Mine in Wyoming County, W.Va., a dispatcher's decision to shut down the belts prompted a call from the section foreman about his actions. The dispatcher responded that an MSHA inspector was at the mine. During this inspection, three citations were issued for

failure to comply with the roof control and ventilation plans. In addition, a citation was issued to Appalachian Security, a contractor for providing advance notification of the MSHA inspection. Rhino Eastern's Eagle No. 1 Mine was placed on potential pattern of violations status in November 2010 and again in August 2011 after a miner was killed in a rib collapse, and the mine's compliance record deteriorated.

A third example is from Feb. 13, when the dispatcher for Met-Invest B's Affinity Mine in Raleigh County, W.Va., notified the belt foreman over the mine telephone that federal and state inspectors were headed underground. The mine operator was issued a citation and, to abate it, MSHA required that all certified foremen and dispatchers

be trained in the requirements of the Mine Act regarding advance notification, and that a notice be conspicuously posted in the mine office to ensure future compliance with the Mine Act.

"Providing advance notice of an inspection is illegal," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "It can obscure actual mining conditions by giving mine employees the opportunity to alter working conditions, thereby inhibiting the effectiveness of MSHA inspections. Furthermore, it appears that current penalties are not sufficient to deter this type of conduct."

Upper Big Branch Mine superintendent Gary May recently entered into a plea agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, admitting to conspiracy to give

advance notification of mine inspections, falsify examination of record books and alter the mine's ventilation system before federal inspectors were able to inspect underground. May testified that, through these unlawful practices, the mine operator was able to avoid detection of violations by federal and state inspectors.

"Despite the attention to the issue that has resulted from the Upper Big Branch investigation and recent testimony from Gary May, advance notice continues to occur too often in the coalfields," said Main. "Upper Big Branch is a tragic reminder that operators and miners alike need to understand advance notice can prevent inspectors from finding hazards that can claim miners' lives."

Optometrists offer advice as allergy season comes early

FRANKFORT — Allergy season is starting earlier this year, and many Kentuckians already are experiencing the symptoms of sneezing, coughing and itchy, watery eyes.

Eye allergies are a reaction to indoor and outdoor allergens — pollen, mold, dust mites and pet dander — that get in the eyes and cause inflammation of the tissue that lines the inner eyelid.

But Kentucky Optometric Association (KOA) has easy recommendations for reducing and even preventing these reactions:

- Don't touch or rub your eyes;
- Wash hands often with soap and water;
- Wash bed linens and pillowcases in hot water and detergent to reduce allergens;
- Avoid sharing, and in some cases, wearing eye makeup; and
- Never share contact lenses or contact lens cases with someone else.

Although eye allergies can affect anyone, spring can be particularly hard on contact lens wearers, said Dr. Rob Hamilton, an optometrist who practices in Owensboro.

"Even if you don't generally experience problems wearing contacts throughout most of the year, allergy season can make contacts uncomfortable," Hamilton said. "Extended wear time and infrequent lens replacement are two of the main reasons contact lens wearers are affected more than the rest of the population."

- Hamilton recommends that contact lens wearers consider the following tips to make the spring season more comfortable:
 - Talk to your optometrist about changing your cleaning method;
 - Consider using single-use contact lenses during allergy season;
 - If possible, reduce contact lens wearing time, or use eye drops as prescribed by a

doctor of optometry; and

• Be aware that when you use antihistamines to treat your nasal symptoms, they can actually make your eye symptoms worse by reducing tear quality and quantity. Again, eye drops may be the solution.

"To effectively treat and relieve the symptoms caused by eye allergies, patients should see their optometrist," Hamilton said. "In most cases, we can greatly reduce allergy-related eye symptoms with prescriptions or over-the-counter eye drops depending on the patient and his or her medical history."

In addition to discussing allergy relief with your optometrist, the Kentucky Optometric Association also recommends adults have yearly eye exams. Based on an individual's eye health and the severity of their eye allergies, the eye doctor may recommend more frequent visits.

To find an optometrist in your area, please visit www.kyeyes.org.

CSBG Grant Application Available for Public Review

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program has made an application for funding under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) with the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

This 2013 grant application will be available for public review the week of April 9, 2012, at the agency's central office in the Johnson County Courthouse, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, as well as at any of the agency's county service offices in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Interested parties may call (606) 789-3641 with questions or for additional information.

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More than \$10 million goes to storm survivors

FRANKFORT — Federal disaster responders have approved more than \$10.1 million for survivors of the recent severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding occurring Feb. 29-March 2, 2012.

"The swift and full support from our local and federal emergency response partners has helped thousands of our families begin a successful recovery from these storms and tornadoes," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "As we move into long-term recovery efforts, we will continue to make sure our communities and families have the resources they need to rebuild their homes and their lives."

- To date:
 - Nearly 4,800 storm survivors in 21 designated counties have contacted FEMA for help or information regarding disaster assistance. Many people have sought housing assistance from FEMA because their primary residence was damaged.
 - More than \$5.7 million has been approved for housing assistance, including short-term rental assistance and home repair costs.
 - More than 2,300 homes sustained damages. Of those, more

than 650 were destroyed.

- Nearly 1,300 households have received FEMA grants to help pay for temporary housing.
- Nearly 2,700 inspections of damaged properties have been conducted.
- Nearly \$3 million in low-interest disaster loans has been approved by the Small Business Administration.
- More than \$1.4 million has been approved to cover other essential disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses and lost personal possessions.

The 14 counties in Kentucky currently eligible for Public Assistance are Ballard, Grant, Johnson, Kenton, Larue, Laurel, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Morgan, Pendleton, Trimble and Wolfe. Public Assistance is available to local governments on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of damaged infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, utilities, schools and similar facilities.

The 21 counties in Kentucky currently eligible for Individual Assistance are Bath, Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Grayson, Johnson, Kenton, Larue, Laurel,

Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Ohio, Pendleton, Rowan, Russell, Trimble and Wolfe. Individual Assistance for homeowners and renters can include grants to help pay for temporary housing, home repairs and other serious disaster-related expenses not met by insurance or other assistance programs.

Kentucky Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have begun a "Tell Your Neighbor" campaign and are asking all Kentucky survivors to tell their friends, family and neighbors to register with FEMA, even if they are reluctant to do so. An important aspect of the campaign is to return Small Business Administration applications for a low-interest disaster loan. No survivor is required to accept a loan, but they must return a completed application to be considered for additional FEMA assistance.

Disaster recovery centers in Johnson, Kenton, Lawrence, Martin, Menifee and Pendleton will close permanently at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Help is still available by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362). Additionally, cen-

ters remain open in Morgan and Magoffin counties.

There are three ways to register with FEMA for help or information regarding disaster assistance: call 800-621-FEMA (3362), register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, or register using a tablet or Smartphone by visiting m.fema.gov. Help is available in many languages.

Disaster applicants who use TTY should call 800-462-7585. Those who use 711 or Video Relay Service should call 800-621-3362. Lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, every day.

KYEM urges anyone who has storm damage to their residence or other property to document the damage by photographing or videoing it, if possible, and maintain a list of any repairs and keep repair receipts. Report the damage location to your county emergency manager. Survivors must still register with FEMA to be considered for federal disaster assistance.

Free crisis counseling, supported by a grant from FEMA, is available to Kentuckians who suffer from stress, anxiety or depression as a result of the recent storms and flooding. If you live

in Johnson, Magoffin, or Martin County call 800-422-1060; residents of Bath, Lawrence, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Rowan, or Wolfe counties call 800-562-8909; citizens in Campbell, Carroll, Grant, Kenton, or Pendleton County call 859-331-3292; and in Laurel County, call 888-640-9335.

KYEM facilitated an arrangement between the Kentucky Department of Public Health, No Kill Louisville and United Parcel Service to deliver 35,000 pounds of pet food to two locations in the hard-hit eastern Kentucky counties. The donated pet food will be disbursed to local shelters where animal populations have increased and supplies are low since the tornadoes.

Commonwealth residents can help better protect themselves and their loved ones from tornadoes and storms by having weather radios in their home. Weather radios broadcast warnings whenever potentially life-threatening weather events are occurring or imminent.

More disaster-specific information can be found on the Kentucky Emergency Management website at www.kyem.ky.gov.

Application deadline approaching for Appalachian women's program

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

Because I felt like my life was over because I couldn't work. Now I feel like I may be able to work again with the education that I'm now getting. Before the NOSW, I felt I was too old to go to college and begin again. Now I know that I'm not — I see a future in my life again," said a NOSW graduate from Norton, VA.

Now is the time to submit applications for the summer 2012 session. Applicants who are selected and complete the three-week residential program will find themselves to be more self-sufficient, more confident, and will be an inspiration for their families and community. Additional-

ly, the New Opportunity School staff and alumni provide a strong support system for graduates.

The New Opportunity School's unique program has received national recognition on Oprah and in People magazine. The 2012 NOSW Summer Residential Session is June 3-23. The deadline for application is April 15.

Requests for applications and/or additional information should be addressed to The New Opportunity School for Women, 204 Chestnut Street, Berea, KY 40403, or by calling 859-985-7200. The program's website, www.nosw.org, provides

additional information regarding the no-cost program and a printable application.

The New Opportunity School for Women, Inc. (NOSW) was founded in 1987 by Jane B. Stephenson to assist women of Appalachia and Kentucky in their pursuit of employment, education, and personal growth. The NOSW accepts women over 30 who have completed high school, have a GED (or actively working on a GED), and do not have a college degree. The program provides educational opportunities through classes in building self-esteem, computer basics, leader-

ship development, Appalachian literature, self-defense, understanding violence against women, public speaking, learning how to become enrolled in further education, and cultural field trips and art related events. Job search skills will be identified and participants will learn to write resumes and practice interview techniques. Participants will intern in a field of interest, either on the Berea College campus or in the community. Health screenings include mammograms, pap tests and dental exams. Lodging and meals are provided; grants for travel and childcare are available.

Division of Forestry offers guidance for homeowners dealing with storm-damaged trees

The severe storms and tornadoes of early March have left many communities and yards across Kentucky with damaged trees. In dealing with broken branches and split trunks, forestry officials advise that it is best to be cautious and learn the proper methods of caring for trees before taking action.

"After a storm, people often make two common mistakes when it comes to trees — improper pruning and trying to save those that are too badly damaged," said Leah MacSwigs, director of the Ken-

tucky Division of Forestry (KDF). "In fact, many of Kentucky's older landscape trees still bear the scars of the 1974 tornadoes when many trees were 'topped' or improperly pruned as an overreaction to tree damage."

"Topping, also known as 'hat-racking' and 'lopping' is the drastic removal or cutting back of large branches in mature trees, leaving open wounds and subjecting the tree to disease and decay. Topping is not only unsightly, it creates future hazards and will ultimately cause more expense and liability.

The opposite problem is trying to save a tree that has lost too much of its crown. It is important to properly assess the damage of the tree and determine whether there is a good chance for recovery. If the tree is basically healthy and vigorous, with major limbs and branches intact, and at least half of the tree's crown remaining, then it will probably survive.

Before removing a tree of significant value — whether for shade or beauty — it's a good idea to get it evaluated by a certified arborist. Certi-

fied arborists must pass an exam administered by the International Society of Arboriculture. If you're in doubt about credentials, the Kentucky Arborists Association maintains a list of certified arborists for hire. To view the list, visit: <http://www.kyisatree.org/certified-arborists.html>.

For consumers seeking a tree service company to help them with downed or damaged trees, the KDF offers the following tips:

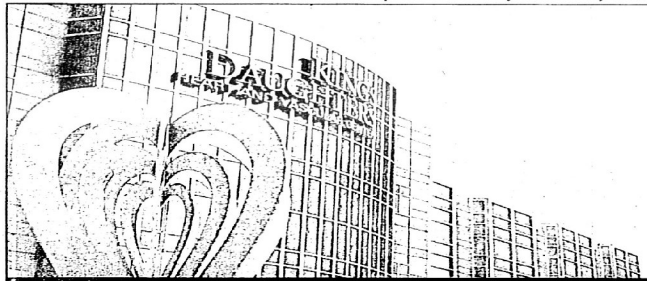
- Hire a company that is bonded and insured and that has a certified arborist.

Beware of door-knockers whose low prices may ultimately prove costly.

• Avoid hiring anyone who "tops" trees.

• Since arborists are in high demand after severe storms, it may pay to wait a while if the tree does not pose an immediate hazard.

For more tips on how to care for storm-damaged trees, please visit <http://forestry.ky.gov/Landowners/Services/Fog/Storm-Damage-Information.aspx> or contact the KDF at 1-800-866-0555.



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Weather radios help Kentuckians be more prepared for bad weather

FRANKFORT — Commonwealth residents can help better protect themselves and their loved ones from tornadoes and storms by having weather radios in their home.

Weather radios broadcast warnings whenever potentially life-threatening weather events are occurring or imminent. The National Weather Service broadcasts these warnings 24 hours a day.

According to Buddy Rogers, Kentucky Emergency Management Public Information Officer and chairman of Kentucky Weather Preparedness Committee, "Every home, every public building and every business should

have a battery backed up weather alert radio; these are like having a smoke detector for the weather. Rogers continues, "The bottom line is; possessing and monitoring weather alert radios saves lives."

Weather radios are available at electronics stores at prices ranging from \$20 to \$200. Here are some features you should look for when purchasing one.

Alarm tone - This allows the radio to be set on silent but produce a special tone to alert you to severe weather.

Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) - This feature provides area specific information

by filtering out alerts that do not affect your immediate area.

Hand crank or battery operated - A radio should be able to operate on batteries or hand-cranked to produce operating power.

Tunable to all NWS frequencies - Visit www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr and www.kyem.ky.gov/travel-weather for frequencies.

For the hearing and visually impaired - A feature that allows radios to connect the alarms to other attention-getting devices like personal computers and text printers.

More information is available online at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr.

Kentucky's retail food prices holding steady

LOUISVILLE — The latest Marketbasket Survey, conducted by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in March 2012, indicates that average retail food prices in supermarkets across the state are currently holding steady, decreasing just slightly during the first quarter of the year. According to the survey, the total cost of 40 basic grocery items was \$115.71. This reflects a decrease of \$0.19, or 0.2 percent, from the same list of items reported in the previous quarter.

For the third consecutive quarter the Marketbasket Survey has shown decreases in the average total price of retail food prices in Kentucky. The newest figure is only \$0.77, or less than 0.1 percent, higher than the same reporting period in 2011, but it still remains \$12.09, or 11.7 percent, higher than the first quarter of 2010.

Of the six food groups recorded in the most recent survey — beef, dairy, fruits and vegetables, grain, pork, and poultry — the poultry category showed the greatest to-

tal decrease with an average price drop of 8.7 percent. The beef category made the largest average increase of 3.7 percent. Mild cheddar cheese had the greatest single-item decrease with an average price drop of \$0.60 per pound, while the highest single-item increase was T-bone steak, climbing an average of \$0.71 per pound. Overall, 22 of the 40 items in this survey experienced decreases in average price, 17 increased, and one went unchanged (center cut pork chops).

The Marketbasket survey's top five average price decreases reported for items in the first quarter of 2012 were:

- Mild Cheddar Cheese, from \$4.91 a lb. to \$4.31 a lb., down 60 cents a lb., or 12.2 percent.
- Cut-Up Fryers, from \$1.28 a lb. to \$1.44 a lb., down 51 cents a lb., or 25.8 percent.
- American Cheese, from \$3.67 for 24 slices to \$3.30 for 24 slices, or 10.1 percent.
- Chicken Breasts, from \$2.34 a lb. to \$2.13 a lb., down 21 cents

a lb., or 8.9 percent.

- Potato Chips, from \$2.80 for 8 oz. twin to \$2.62 for 8 oz. twin, down 18 cents for 8 oz. twin, or 6.4 percent.

The Marketbasket survey's top five average price increases reported for items in the first quarter of 2012 were:

- T-Bone Steak, from \$9.10 a lb. to \$9.81 a lb., up 71 cents a lb., or 7.8 percent.
- Chuck Roast, from \$4.00 a lb. to \$4.29 a lb., up 29 cents a lb., or 7.2 percent.
- Potato Cream, from \$3.12 a 1/2-gal. to \$3.41 a 1/2-gal., up 29 cents a 1/2-gal., or 9.2 percent.
- All-Purpose Flour, from \$2.31 per 5 lbs. to \$2.60 per 5 lbs., up 29 cents per 5 lbs., or 12.5 percent.
- Idaho Potatoes, from \$3.89 per 10 lbs. to \$4.26 per 10 lbs., up 28 cents per 10 lbs., or 9.5 percent.

Kentucky's retail food prices identified by this quarter's Marketbasket Survey closely match recent national trends. Based on the U.S. Department of Labor's

Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index data released in mid-March (which reflects figures through February 2012), national food prices made no changes in the last reported month. Over the past 12 months, however, the national average price has climbed a total of 4.5 percent.

Americans continue to enjoy some of the lowest food prices in the world and spend only about 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. U.S. food costs remain far lower than that of other countries thanks in large part to agricultural efficiencies utilized in America. Putting those efficiencies to use currently allows the average U.S. farmer to produce enough food and fiber to provide for about 154 people. In 1980 each farmer only produced enough food and fiber for 115 people, and that output drops to just 19 people when looking back to 1940. Yet while more food is now being produced on less land, the farmer's share of the retail food dollar in America is down. According to the

U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Food Dollar Series, a farmer earns less than 16 cents per dollar spent on food, down significantly from the 31 cents earned as recently as 1980.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation has conducted its regional Marketbasket survey over the past four decades as a tool to reflect local retail food pricing trends and their relationship to what farmers receive for their raw commodities. Cities reporting on the Kentucky Farm Bureau Marketbasket Survey for the first quarter of 2012 include: Ashland, Augusta, Bardstown, Bowling Green, Brandenburg, Brownsville, Danville, Edyville, Falmouth, Glasgow, Grayson, Greensburg, Harrodsburg, Hillview, Hopkinsville, Lexington, Mayfield, Maysville, McKee, Mt. Washington, Munfordville, Murray, Nancy, Owensboro, Owingsville, Richmond, Russellville, Shelbyville, Stanford, Tollesboro and Walton.

MSHA publishes final rule on examinations in coal mines

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration announced Tuesday that the final rule "Examinations of Work Areas in Underground Coal Mines for Violations of Mandatory Health or Safety Standards" will be published in the April 6 issue of the Federal Register. The rule will enhance miners' health and safety by requiring mine operators to identify and correct hazardous conditions and violations of nine health and safety standards that pose the greatest risk to miners, including the kinds of conditions that led to the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine.

"Many of the same types of violations of mandatory health and safety standards are repeatedly found by MSHA inspectors in underground coal mines every year," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "It is critically important for mine operators to take ownership of health and safety. By expanding the existing requirement that operators identify and correct hazardous conditions to include violations of these nine standards, a number of fatalities and injuries may be prevented."

The nine standards address ventilation, methane, roof control, com-

bustible materials, rock dust, equipment guarding and other safeguards. They are consistent with the standards emphasized in MSHA's "Rules to Live By" initiative and the types of violations cited in MSHA's accident investigation report on the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion as contributing to the cause of that deadly accident.

The rule requires that, during pre-shift, supplemental, on-shift and weekly examinations, underground coal mine operators must, in addition to examining for hazardous conditions as in the existing regulations, record the actions taken to correct the condi-

tions and violations. Operators also must review with mine examiners, on a quarterly basis, citations and orders issued in areas where pre-shift, supplemental, on-shift and weekly examinations are required. The rule was proposed in December 2010, and five public hearings were held in June and July 2011. Mine operators are currently required by law to conduct these examinations; the final rule will ensure that such examinations are maximally effective in preventing injuries and fatalities by requiring operators to examine and fix violations of those standards that represent the greatest risk to

underground coal miners. "As we've said so many times before, MSHA cannot be at every mine every day," Main added. "This rule places mine operators in a proactive — rather than reactive — role by requiring them to conduct examinations to identify a potentially hazardous condition before it results in a danger to miners."

In 2010, MSHA cited approximately 173,000 violations, of which approximately 80,000 were attributable to underground coal mines, even though these mines represent just 4 percent of all mines.

MSHA launched Rules to Live By, an outreach and enforcement program

designed to strengthen efforts to prevent mining fatalities, in February 2010. The first phase was focused on spotlighting the safety and health standards most frequently cited during fatal accident investigations. Rules to Live By II, which began in November 2010, reviewed accidents that resulted in five or more fatalities, as well as incidents caused by fires or explosions that had the potential to result in more fatalities. Rules to Live By III, initiated this past January, focuses on 14 safety standards associated with violations contributing to at least five mining accidents and at least 10 deaths during a recent 10-year period.

Importance of public health in spotlight this week

The Kentucky Department of Public Health (DHPH) is working to promote Public Health Week, an annual observance that focuses on a critical public health issue to raise awareness and help people live longer, healthier lives.

"In some ways, public health touches everyone every day in Kentucky. We are working hard to make our public health system even stronger, including ongoing work to become nationally accredited," said Dr. Steve Davis, acting DPH commissioner. "We hope this week will serve as an opportunity for people to learn more about the vital role of public health in Kentucky."

This year, National Public Health Week focuses on the importance of prevention and wellness in long-term health and well-being. The National Public Health Association (NPHA) selected the theme because of the significant impact of chronic disease on the American population.

According to NPHA, every year, chronic diseases such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes are responsible for millions of premature deaths. Americans miss 2.5 billion days of work because of these illnesses, and all of that lost productivity adds up to more than \$1 trillion. Injuries, unexpected accidents and violence affect people daily in all aspects of life. Unintentional injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, poisonings, and burns rank among the top 10 causes of death for people aged 44 and younger.

"Often, these horrible diseases and injuries could have been prevented with more attention to lifestyle choices like physical activity and nutrition or preventive safety measures," said

Davis. "The health care community — as well as the individual — must work to understand the risk for developing chronic disease and avoiding injury so that we can prevent complications. This is key to improving the health of our state."

In addition to clinical services, education and health outreach, public health is also instrumental in emergency response, as evidenced by DPH's recent efforts in Morgan County after the area was severely damaged by tornadoes.

Public health services in Morgan County were restored by the Monday following the tornado, which occurred on a Friday evening. In addition, vouchers for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program were available for distribution almost immediately, allowing residents to use the program to purchase food for their families.

Meanwhile, public health staff in other areas affected by tornadoes responded within 24 hours of the crisis, and the Department's Operations Center in Frankfort was mobilized during the event and continued to operate around the clock, offering centralized communications, guidance and staff support to local health departments, emergency officials, volunteers and members of the public.

"The contribution of public health is tremendous — both on a day-to-day basis and in times of crisis," said Davis. "I encourage everyone to go online to read more about our public health programs, talk to your health care provider about chronic disease and injury prevention, or, better yet, visit your local health department to learn more about how public health can — and does — improve your life."

Beshear signs veteran ID bill

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear on Thursday signed into law a bill allowing veterans to have their status included on new and renewed driver licenses.

"This new law fills a long-standing need of our veterans," Beshear said. "My thanks and congratulations to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Kentucky's Circuit Court Clerks for their cooperation and hard work in making this a reality."

Veterans frequently seek official government identification recognizing them

as veterans. Only veterans who retire from the military or who are 100 percent service-connected disabled are eligible for military identification cards. The vast majority of Kentucky's veterans do not fall into those two categories. Although a military discharge document, known as a DD-214, should be sufficient proof of veteran status, many businesses and organizations that offer discounts to veterans do not realize it is a valid form of veteran status.

The new law offering veterans a "Veteran" designation on a new or renewed

driver's license solves that problem. Beginning July 15, when you renew your driver's license on expiration, or get a new one because of a change of address, you can show your DD-214 to the Circuit Court Clerk and request a "Veteran" designation on the license.

"The veterans' designation on the drivers' license will help veterans to be identified for many of the benefits which they have earned," Rep. Pullin said. "We are happy to sponsor this bill that will help our veterans," said Rep. Rick Nelson.

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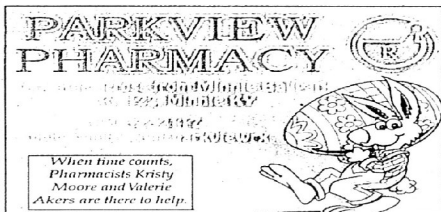
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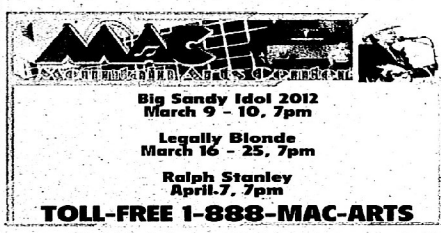
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Allen Central baseball team defeats Buckhorn, Paintsville

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - The Allen Central High School baseball team reeled off three straight wins last week, defeating non-district opponents Magoffin County, Buckhorn and Paintsville in games played at Stumbo Park. Allen Central defeated Buckhorn and Paintsville in back-to-back games late last week. Former assistant coach Chad Hall is in his first season as Allen Central head coach. More on Allen Central's wins over Buckhorn and Paintsville follows.

Allen Central 12, Buckhorn 1 (5 innings): Host Allen Central rolled past Buckhorn late last week, defeating the Wildcats 12-1 in five innings Friday evening.

Allen Central freshman Tanner Hamilton was the winning pitcher. Hamilton excelled during a solid outing for the Rebels.

Buckhorn junior pitcher John Stidham suffered the loss.

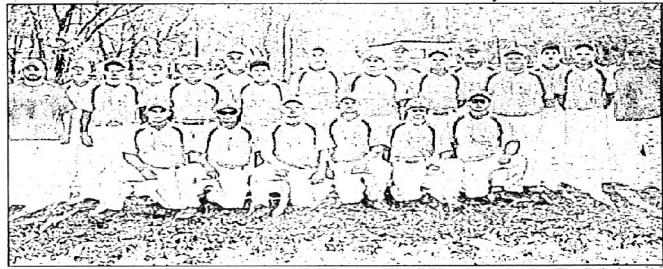
Hamilton had a double and Jacob Prater legged out a triple in Allen Central's win. Junior Handshoe, Tyler Cole and Dillon Lawson each had two RBI for the Rebels.

The Rebels played error-free baseball in the field. Following a six-run effort, Allen Central led Buckhorn 10-0 at the end of the third inning.

Allen Central held Buckhorn scoreless until the top half of the fifth inning. The Wildcats were limited to one run on two hits in the lopsided loss.

Struggling defensively, Buckhorn committed four errors. Allen Central 6, Paintsville 2: The Rebels plated five runs in the sixth inning en route to a 6-2 victory over 15th Region counterpart Paintsville Saturday.

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Allen Central carried a 4-2 record into the 15th Region All-'A' Classic yesterday. The Rebels were facing Prestonsburg in a game that ended too late to make this edition.

Newsome's complete game leads Bobcats over Raiders

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SOUTH FLOYD - Junior pitcher Kannon Newsome worked seven strong innings in a complete game outing on Thursday evening as visiting Betsy Layne defeated South Floyd 11-2 at Drift Field.

Newsome tossed a two-hitter. The Betsy Layne junior pitcher registered eight strikeouts and walked only one batter. Newsome allowed just one earned run.

South Floyd junior pitcher Dakota Justice suffered the loss.

Betsy Layne improved to 8-4, returning to the win column following a 17-run loss to 58th District/Floyd County Conference front-runner Prestonsburg two days earlier. The Bobcats improved to 1-1 in the district/conference.

South Floyd remained winless, dropping to 0-5. The Raiders fell to Betsy Layne in their district/conference opener.

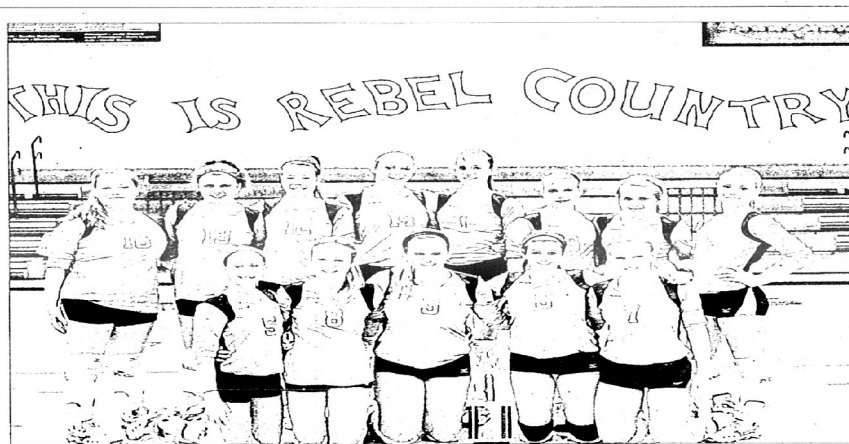
Betsy Layne never trailed. The Bobcats moved out in front early, plating four runs in the top half of the opening inning. After pushing across two more runs, Betsy Layne led 6-0 at the end of the second.

Host South Floyd scored both of its runs in the bottom half of the second inning.

Finishing strong, Betsy Layne manufactured five runs in the seventh inning.

The top half of the Betsy Layne batting order excelled. Hitters 1-2-3 in the Bobcats' order, Dustin Rogers, Houston Hall and Andrew Roberts, each went 3-for-4.

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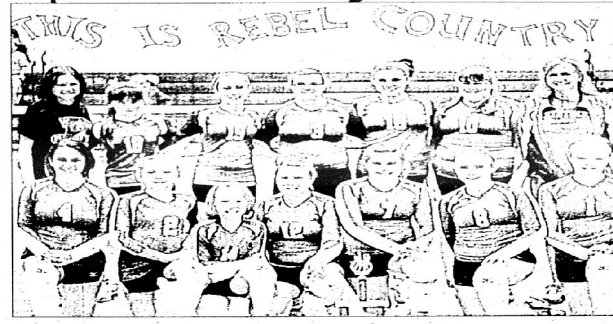
Allen Central Middle School prevailed in the annual Volleyfest.

Rebels capture Volleyfest title

EASTERN - Volleyfest has become an annual tradition at Allen Central High School and this year's field included seven middle school volleyball teams from around the area - Piarist, Johnson County, Inez, Allen, South Floyd, Perry County, and Allen Central. In the double-elimination format tournament that started at 9 a.m. and concluded at 6 p.m. on Saturday, host Allen Central prevailed but it took two matches against the Floyd County rival Piarist to claim the title. Allen Central carried a 19-2 overall record out of the Volleyfest.

Piarist took on Johnson County in the first match and won 21-19 and 21-11 to advance in the winners'.

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Piarist finished runner-up to Allen Central in the Volleyfest held Saturday at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Blackcats defeat Letcher Central in five innings

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Blackcats continued to roll on the baseball diamond Thursday, defeating Letcher County Central 13-3 in five innings at StoneCrest.

After ending the first inning deadlocked 1-1, visiting Letcher County Central, following a two-run outburst, owned a 3-2 lead at the conclusion of the second stanza. Host Prestonsburg, however, battled back. The Blackcats exploded at the plate in the third inning, scoring eight runs.

Freshman Jarrin Hall started on the mound for the Blackcats. Hall pitched well and picked up the win.

Kyle Chaffin, batting as Prestonsburg's designated hitter, helped the Blackcats' cause, collecting two singles. Kyle Welch also delivered two singles for the Blackcats.

Leading 10-3, Prestonsburg plated three runs in the fifth inning to force the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's 10-Run Mercy Rule to go into effect.

Leadoff batter Grant Anderson had a double for the Blackcats. Trey Stapleton, Dalton Shepherd and Adam Crisp aided the Prestonsburg offensive attack with a single apiece.

Prestonsburg won its fourth straight game, improving to 5-2. The Blackcats won for the fifth time in six outings.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to face Letcher County Central in a rematch on April 27 during the opening round of the Coach Buddy Roe Invitational.

Locals represent Floyd County in FCA Kentucky/Virginia All-Star Game

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK - Floyd County was represented in the annual FCA Kentucky/Virginia All-Star Game Saturday at Shelby Valley High School, Allen Central High School head coach Brad Short, fresh off of his first season on the ACHS bench, guided Kentucky to a convincing 117-76 victory over Virginia in the boys' game. Betsy Layne's Andrew Roberts and Allen Central's Braxton Tackett both competed in the boys' All-Star game.

Morgan County bigman Jagos Lassie, was named the game's Most Valuable Player and won the slam dunk contest. Virginia prevailed in the girls' game, defeating Kentucky 74-54. Knott County Central senior Kelcie Jacobs was named the MVP of the girls' game. Reigning 15th Region Player of the Year Kiana Hall also competed in the All-Star game. Longtime Shelby Valley High School head coach Rodney Rowe guided the Kentucky Girls' All-Stars.



Jeremy Sexton (Allen Central Assistant Coach), Braxton Tackett (Allen Central), Andrew Roberts (Betsy Layne) and Brad Short (Allen Central Head Coach) represented Floyd County in the FCA Kentucky/Virginia All-Star Game held at Shelby Valley High School. Short guided Kentucky to a convincing win in the boys' game.

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South Floyd's Hall among Kentucky All-Star tryout invitees

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - The list of invitees for the Kentucky Girls' All-Star tryouts has been announced. South Floyd standout Kiana Hall is among the invitees. In early March, Hall was named 15th Region Player of the Year. Tryouts for the Kentucky Girls' All-Stars will be held on Saturday, April 21. The Kentucky boys' try-

outs will be conducted on Sunday, April 22. The 12-member Kentucky All-Star team will play the Indiana All-Star team on Friday, June 8 at Freedom Hall in Louisville and Saturday, June 11 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse (formerly Conseco Fieldhouse) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Kentucky-Indiana All-Star series is now in its 72nd year. The Kentucky girls' All-Star

tryout invitees are Haley Armstrong (Murray); Lauren Bodine (Manual); Alex Botkin (Lexington Catholic); Syndney Brown (Anderson County); Nicole Bryant (North Oldham); Lindsey Burd (Hart County); Caylan Bybee (Monroe County); Lee-ara Cardwell (Collins); Ashley Cheesman (Kyle); Miranda Davenport (Harlan County); Kayla Day (Fairview); Mary Dye (South Oldham); Bre Elder (Marion

County); Mykal Farris (Ashland); Rianna Gayheart (Owen County); Kiana Hall (South Floyd); Kristen Jacob (Lexington Christian); Micah Jones (Green County); Morgan McEldowney (Paul Laurence Dunbar); Senora Minard (Bullitt Central); Maddie Mitchell (Sayre); Sydney Moss (Boone County); Kendall Noble (Perry County Central); Christine Roush (Mercy); Courtney Roush (Mercy); Katelyn Smith (Perry County

Central); Christy Soldo (Hopkinsville); Leslie Spencer (Breathitt County); Sara Sticklin (Bracken County); Kara Taubee (Walton-Verona); Savannah Taylor (Mercer County); Jade Tubb (Sacred Heart); Jasmine Whitfield (South Oldham); Julie Whitfill (Breckinridge County); April Wilson (Manual); Kelsea Wilson (Grayson County); Kara Wright (Manual); Leasia Wright (Manual); Peyton Wright (Owsley County).

Rebels outlast Belfry in middle school baseball

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT - The Allen Central Middle School baseball team defeated visiting Belfry 8-5 Thursday. Allen Central enjoyed a diverse offensive effort. Offensively, eighth-grader Seth Hall led Allen Central with two hits. Eighth-graders Rico Dominguez and Cameron Blevins also contributed, delivering a double apiece for the Rebels. Eighth-graders Dustin Johnson and Kane Taylor and sixth-grader Dawson Stephens

each had a base hit for Allen Central in the win. Dustin Johnson was Allen Central's starting pitcher, registering six strikeouts en route to the win. Steven Howard, a seventh-grader, came in to close the game. Howard dominated, recording three strikeouts. Head coach Neil Allen guides the ACMS baseball program. ACMS has three games scheduled for this week. The Rebels are slated to visit Knott County (Wednesday), Belfry (Thursday) and Martin County (Friday) in three-day span.



Belfry baserunner Dylan Cole led off second base as Allen Central second baseman Seth Hall watched for a throw back.



Allen Central Coach Neil Allen talked with second baseman Seth Hall during the game versus Belfry.

UPike spring practice in Hazard



UPIKE SPRING PRACTICE IN HAZARD: The University of Pikeville football program conducted a spring practice session at Hazard High School Saturday. Dudley Hilton is set to guide the UPIKE football team in his second season as head coach.

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Volleyfest

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Allen defeated Central in the second match of the day 21-16 and 21-13, advancing in the winners' bracket. South Floyd had a bye and Allen Central defeated Perry County 21-5 and 21-9 to advance to take on South Floyd.

Johnson County and Inez battled it out in the first round of the losers' bracket and Inez won in three, losing the first set 14-21, then taking the next two, 21-18 and 21-15. Piarist and Allen locked horns and the Eagles won in two, 21-11 and 21-16 to await the win-

ner of the South Floyd-Allen Central match. The Rebels overpowered the Raiders in two, 21-9 and 21-8 to set the semi-final match between Allen and Allen Central in the winners' bracket.

Piarist pounded Perry County in the losers' bracket 21-2 and 21-7 to advance and South Floyd defeated Inez 21-15 and 21-13 to move on. The Rebels and the Eagles then battled. Allen Central was the winning team, prevailing in two, 21-11 and 21-19. Piarist and South Floyd went head-to-head and the Knights took the match in two, 21-15 and 21-18. Piarist took

on Allen in the semifinal of the loser bracket and the Knights avenged their loss, defeating Allen in two, 21-15 and 21-7.

The Rebels and the Knights were set for the championship match with Piarist winning, giving Allen Central its first loss of the tournament, 21-18 and 21-18. The Rebels, however, battled back to win the tournament. Allen Central played a bit more confidently and aggressively and took the championship match in two, 21-17 and 21-16 to win the tournament.

Central

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Allen Central freshman pitcher Dillon Lawson claimed the win.

Paintsville senior pitcher Jordan Stewart suffered the loss.

Allen Central scored six runs via nine hits. The Rebels enjoyed multiple multi-hit innings.

The Rebels were flawless in the field, playing error-free.

Allen Central scored the

game's first run in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Following the five-run outburst, Allen Central led 6-0.

Gage Parsons led Allen Central offensively. Parsons smacked a home run for the Floyd County Conference/58th District squad. Parsons provided a game-high three RBI for the Rebels.

Jacob Prater connected on a double for Allen Central in the non-district game.

Prior to falling short, Paintsville pushed across both of their runs in the top half of the seventh inning.

Stewart had a double and fellow senior Josh Moore registered an RBI for the Tigers.

Allen Central was facing Prestonsburg in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Shelby Valley Tuesday evening. Results from the Allen Central-Prestonsburg game were unavailable at press time.

Bobcats

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Jonathon Brock and Peyton Case contributed two hits apiece for Betsy Layne in the win. James Frasure and McKenzie Akers added one hit each for the Bobcats.

Hall, Brock, Frasure and Akers each had two RBI in Betsy Layne's district/conference victory.

Defensively, Betsy Layne committed four errors. Jacob Cinger and Trent

Blevins each had a single for the Raiders. Cinger collected South Floyd's lone RBI.

South Floyd committed five errors in the loss. Betsy Layne is scheduled to host South Floyd April 17.

Bears win NAIA women's bowling championship

Times Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — The University of Pikeville Bears claimed their first NAIA women's bowling championship on Sunday with a 3-0, 3-0 sweep of No. 1 seed Webber International University.

The Warriors sent the Bears into the contender's bracket on Sunday morning with a 3-1 win. The Bears, survived Ashford (Iowa) University 3-2 to reach the championship round and then won 3-0 to force a final, deciding round for the title.

"One of our goals this season was to get back here and win this tournament," said Coach Ron Damron, who has led Pikeville to two USBC titles. "This may be an 'invitational' tournament for now, but it's still a national title. We're really proud of our ladies and will consider them national champions."

Bowling is considered an emerging sport in the NAIA, meaning not enough schools are participating to be considered a championship sport, there are 35 women's teams and 36 men's teams competing during the 2011-12 academic year.

The Bears knocked off

Webber 166-135, 195-144 and 204-195 to claim the crown.

UPIKE had three open frames in the first game but saw the Warriors leave six empty. But junior Brandy Hensley and senior Kim Yioulos doubled in frames 9-10 to insure the Bears of the win. Five strikes made the second game a little easier, as Yioulos rolled two to lead the way for the 195-144.

Like sharks who could smell blood in the water, the Bears stormed out in the final game with five consecutive strikes and survived two open frames in the second half for the title.

Yioulos had four strikes in the final round and was named to the five-player all-tournament team. Senior Natasha Martin and sophomore Christina Halen had three each, while senior Megan Kyle and junior Brandy Hensley had two each.

Pikeville will now prepare for the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, which will be held April 19-21 in Lincoln, Neb.

UPIKE 3, Webber 0: The Bears bounced back with a sweep of the Warriors to force a deciding best-of-five round for the title. Pikeville won 209-179,

219-175 and 216-181.

In the three games, the Bears rolled 15 strikes and left only a single frame opener. Yioulos had five strikes in her six frames, while Halen tossed four. Martin rolled three while Hensley added two and Kyle one.

UPIKE 3, Ashford 2: Why is Kim Yioulos the NAIA Bowler of the Year? For moments like this: The senior from Rochester, N.Y., rolled the only Pikeville strike of Game Five on the fill ball to give her team a 184-183 win and send it to the championship round with a 3-2 win.

Pikeville posted 10 spares in the final game, but a double in 8-9 by the Saints and a spare in the 10th set the stage. After watching freshman Trisha Zimmerman roll a strike on her own fill ball, the senior calmly stepped to the approach needing nine to force a sudden-death playoff and 10 for the win, and calmly moved them all down.

All five games were won on the left lane. Pikeville opened with a 181-165 win before being beaten 209-183 in a game that saw Ashford roll six strikes. In game three the Bears had a turkey in frames 3-4 as Yioulos rolled to a 212-167 win before the Saints rebounded



The University of Pikeville women's bowling program captured the NAIA championship Sunday.

with strikes on their final four balls to win game four 225-205.

Pikeville rolled 16 strikes and left only five frames unfilled and were led by Hensley's seven strikes. Yioulos had four, as neither had an open frame in the contest.

Halen added three strikes while Kyle and sophomore Ashley Copley had one each.

UPIKE 1, Webber International three 17 strikes and left open only

one from in the final three games to move into the championship round.

After Pikeville opened with a 195-183 win, the Warriors advanced by winning 214-206, 214-195 and 243-211. UPIKE lost a match in which it left only three frames open in four games and struck 18 times.

Pikeville took advantage of three open frames by Webber with five strikes to win 195-183. The Bears stepped up with five more

strikes in the second but Webber matched that to win. Webber doubled twice in the third and managed only two strikes but filled every frame in a loss. The Warriors were open in the first frame of the fourth but struck five straight and eight of the last nine to close the deal.

Martin led the Bears with five strikes in the block. Kyle rolled four while Yioulos, Hensley and Halen had three apiece.

Yioulos repeats as Bowler of Year; Hensley First Team All-American

Times Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS — Two members of the University of Pikeville women's bowling team were named First-Team All-Americans on Friday night and one was the NAIA Bowler of the Year at a banquet honoring players after the opening day of the NAIA Invitational Tournament.

Senior Kim Yioulos and junior Brandy Hensley were on the five-player first-team, and Yioulos was named the bowler of the year, giving her the honor both years the NAIA has considered bowling an emerging sport.

The duo was two of Pikeville's 11 Academic All-Americans, given to collegiate bowlers who have a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Three of their men's counterparts joined them on the team.

Yioulos is a senior from Rochester, N.Y., who is finishing a phenomenal season. She competed in 10 tournaments this season and was the individual champion in three of them. She was the only NAIA bowler to win three tournaments this year and one of only three in the country to do so.

Yioulos rolled an average of 222.833 to win Pikeville's own Orange & Black Classic. She then won the Las Vegas Invitational in December with an average of 214.667 and followed that up after Christmas with a win in the Nitya Lion Kegler by averaging 210.6.

For the season she averaged 201.3, which led all NAIA bowlers this season and was fourth in all of college bowling.

In the other measurement of individual success, Yioulos also was the NAIA leader with a differential — the difference between her average and that of the entire field of a tournament — of 30.64. That was good for fifth nationally this season.

Hensley is a junior from Corpus Christi, Texas. She won the Striking Knights Invitational in November with an average of 225.8.

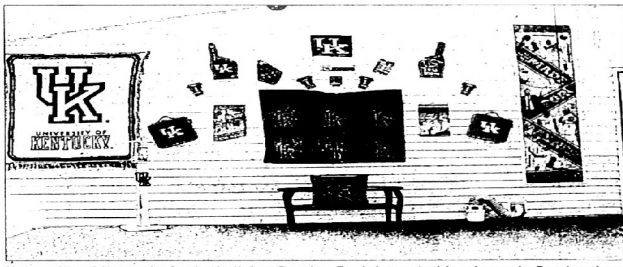
Her average of 195.42 was fourth among NAIA bowlers and 11th overall, while her differential was 25.546, fifth best among NAIA competition and 13th overall.

They were joined on the first-team by Caitlin Hoffman of Robert Morris (Ill.), Kayla Rhoades of Marian and Diana Zavalova of Webber International.

The three members of the men's bowling team to qualify for Academic All-American status were Fidel Marchena, a senior from the Dominican Republic; Lucas Hohnstein, a freshman from Boise, Idaho; and Derek Perkins, a freshman from Oklahoma City.

Joining Hensley and Yioulos from the women's team are Rebekah Wilhelm, a sophomore from Middletown, Ohio; Rebecca Chase, a sophomore from Elwell, Mich.; Ashley Copley, a sophomore from Morris, Ill.; Felicia Proctor, a freshman from Titusville, Fla.; Kara Crowe, a freshman from Alcoa, Ohio; Lauren Eggleton, a freshman from Anchorage, Alaska; Jenna Grandy, a freshman from Bridgeport, Mich.; Brianna Larson, a freshman from North Tonawanda, N.Y.; and Astrid Valiente, a freshman from Caguas, P.R.

Big Blue Nation



University of Kentucky basketball fan Carolyn Ford decorated her home in Prestonsburg in support of the Wildcats. The UK men's basketball program won its eighth national title Monday night in New Orleans. The Wildcats defeated Kansas 67-59 in the title game.

Davis named Naismith Player of the Year

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky freshman Anthony Davis was named winner of the 2012 Naismith Trophy presented by AT&T as the Men's College Player of the Year, the Atlanta Tipoff Club announced on Sunday.

He is the first Wildcat in program history and only the second freshman (Kevin Durant, 2007) in the history of the Naismith Trophy, to win the award.

Davis has had one of the most memorable freshman campaigns in national history. He entered the cham-

pionship game averaging a team-leading 14.4 points and 10.2 rebounds per game while leading Kentucky to its second consecutive Final Four berth and a spot in the national championship game.

The Chicago native had logged 180 blocks which is the most in the history of the SEC. He's also been the driving force in that statistical category in helping the Wildcats break the NCAA all-time mark with a running total of 333 for the season. Davis is three blocks shy of breaking the all-time

NCAA mark for freshmen.

Davis owns freshman records for blocks and rebounds by a Kentucky first-year player. He's posted 399 total rebounds surpassing DeMarcus Cousins' record set back in the 2009-10 season. Davis has tied the UK freshman record for double-doubles (20) set by Cousins during the same season.

He has won six of the seven major National Player of the Year awards: Adolph Rupp Trophy, USBWA, Basketball Times, Associated Press, Wooden and Naismith.

Eagles drop doubleheader to Virginia Intermont

Times Staff Report

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team hosted Virginia Intermont College for a non-conference baseball doubleheader Thursday. ALC won both games of the twinbill. More on each game follows.

VI 12, ALC 8: Host Alice Lloyd owned a 3-0 lead after three innings in the opening game before faltering. Visiting Virginia Intermont outbit the Eagles 13-9 and took advantage of four ALC errors en route to the 12-8 win.

Cody Hyden, Shane Pack and Devon Felrey each had two hits for the Eagles. Pack had a team-high three RBI for ALC in the victory.

On the mound, ALC hurler Trevor Corns gave up seven hits and registered two strikeouts. Corns suffered the loss.

VI 7, ALC 4: For the second consecutive game, ALC was its own worst enemy, dropping another

contest late. The host team outbit VI 9-7. The Eagles, however, committed two critical errors.

Will Leonard, Shane Pack and Josh Arnold had two hits apiece for the Eagles. Leonard delivered

a team-high three RBI for ALC in the loss.

Alice Lloyd pitcher Ryan Burrows absorbed the loss. Burrows pitched well, allowing only four hits: The ALC pitcher recorded one strikeout.

SBDM PARENT ELECTIONS 2012 ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adams Middle School will begin accepting nominations for Parent Site-Based Decision Making Council members on Monday, April 2nd through Monday, April 16th. Nomination forms will be available in the school office during office hours for anyone who would like to make a nomination.

Elections to fill the positions will be held on Wednesday, April 18th, in the Adams Middle School Youth Services Center office. Any parent or guardian who will have a child enrolled at Adams Middle School for the 2012-2013 school year will be eligible to come in and vote. Parents and guardians may come in anytime between the hours of 8:30am-6:00 pm to vote. At 6:00pm the votes will be counted and those who are elected will be notified.

If you have any questions concerning the nomination or election process, please call Adams Middle School at 886-2671.

STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Following a long offseason since its 2011 finale in October at the Talladega (Ala.) Short Track, the Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team was slated to open its 2012 campaign Fri-

day night in Georgia. Boyd's Speedway in Ringgold was slated to host the Ultimate Super Late Model Series for a season-opener. The "Battle at the Border" was set to pay \$4,000 to the winner with veteran Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer (Allen) competing for the

top prize. Rain, however, claimed the feature event. Kinzer is scheduled to return to Boyd's Speedway on Saturday for an unsanctioned \$3,000-to-win race.

During the 2011 season, Kinzer claimed two feature wins during the month of September.

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Lifestyles

ACHS, St. Joe team up for N-O-T program

Carol Jo May, a member of Saint Joseph Martin's community health outreach team and a trained N-O-T (Not On Tobacco) facilitator, completed the tobacco cessation/reduction program, for Allen Central High School ninth and tenth grade health students during the current school year.

N-O-T was designed specifically for youth in 1997 by the American Lung Association (ALA) after a nationwide survey found a great demand for a new teen cessation program.

The ALA's current strategic plan for Youth Tobacco Use Prevention has three major elements:

1. Prevention education, using the Teens Against Tobacco use (TATU) peer education program.
2. Teen smoking cessation, using N-O-T, a state-of-the-art program developed at West Virginia University with support from ALA, WV Office of Healthy Schools, and Prevention Research Center, WVU.
3. Community advocacy involving our youth, e.g., preventing access to tobacco products by children under 18 years of age.

N-O-T, a comprehensive smoking cessation program for teenagers, teaches teens life management skills, healthy behaviors, communication skills, and provides information on tobacco use and health. Quitting smoking involves learning new behaviors. N-O-T focuses on helping teenagers make changes that can apply to many risky behaviors.

The students at Allen Central High School are the first in Floyd County to participate in this program offered by Saint Joseph Martin.

"I was very interested in our students participating in this program," stated Lisa Tackett, Allen Central High School guidance counselor. "I am sure it will serve as a reminder for many of the students when they are tempted to use tobacco."



Students at Allen Central High School recently completed a tobacco reduction and cessation program, sponsored by St. Joseph - Martin Hospital.

Evaluations completed by the students indicated that many who were not tobacco users would never start after seeing the effects of tobacco-use presented in the program. Others who were tobacco users claimed to cease or reduce tobacco use.

According to the American Lung Association (ALA), approximately 3,000 US adolescents begin smoking every day. Also according to the ALA, smoking among youth has serious health consequences including respiratory difficulty and increased illness. They also have problems with low grades, truancy, and other school and home problems. In fact, one out of every three teens who continue to smoke into adulthood will eventually die of smoking-related causes, also according to the ALA.

N-O-T participants as a whole have re-

ported that the program helped them in areas of their lives beyond tobacco use, e.g., 55 percent reported feeling better about themselves, 55 percent dealing with stress and feeling better about themselves, 30 percent said they were eating better while 43 percent reported exercising more; and 21 percent reported attending school more often with 14 percent reporting better grades.

Saint Joseph Martin Hospital's Community Health Education Department offers the N-O-T Program, along with many other core health education prevention programs.

Saint Joseph Martin is a member of KentuckyOne Health which was formed when two major Kentucky health care organizations came together in 2012. KentuckyOne Health combines the Jewish and Catholic

heritages of the two former systems - Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's HealthCare and Saint Joseph Health System.

The nonprofit system is committed to improving the health of Kentuckians by integrating medical research, education, technology and health care services wherever patients receive care.

KentuckyOne Health has nearly 200 locations including hospitals, physician groups, clinics, primary care centers, specialty institutes and home health agencies, with more than 13,600 employees across the state of Kentucky and southern Indiana.

KentuckyOne Health is the largest health system in Kentucky and has more than 2,325 licensed beds.

Everybody's Science Retraining your taste buds

Sandy Miller Hays
Agricultural Research Service

Talk about knowing how to show a girl a good time: This weekend Brian's taking me to a symposium about fire extinguishers. Be still, my heart!

Yes, I'm being a bit facetious here. It's actually a sailing symposium—sailing season is just around the corner, hurray!—and these gatherings always offer great information on boating safety. This time the topic is fire extinguishers.

You might not think of fire extinguishers as marine equipment, but they're vital (and required) on most boats bigger than a rowboat. In fact, on our sailboat, no matter where you are, you're always within a quick grab of a fire extinguisher—and yes, that includes when you're lying in bed admiring the stars through the forward see-through hatch.

Maybe it's just a natural func-

tion of aging, but I'm a lot more safety-and-health-conscious than I was in years (OK, decades) gone by, and that includes diet, of course. For example, I know I should probably lay off the salt at least a little bit. I'm a true salt-aholic. I'd rather have salty than sweet any time! (Brian jokes that we should get one of those salt licks like they use on cattle farms, put it in the living room and let me work on it a bit, and after a while, we'll tell people it's a sculpture.)

Salt has a long and important history. Did you know that the Roman historian Pliny the Elder reported that in ancient Rome, soldiers were paid with salt, and that's where we get the word "salary"? In Spanish and Portuguese, the word for "salt" is "sal," and it's the kissing cousin "sel" in French. Salting is an ancient food-preservation practice still in use today to help preserve some foods. While salt-cured country

hams and corned beef are still very popular, 80 percent of the sodium we consume in the course of a day comes from salt added to processed foods, according to the nutrition experts.

But maybe your doctor has been giving you "that look" over the top of his or her glasses where salt intake is concerned, so there's some good news on this front, according to the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

At the 2011 National Nutrient Databank Conference, held in Bethesda, Md., and supported by ARS' Nutrient Data Laboratory (NDL) and Food Surveys Research Group (FSRG) of Beltsville, Md., representatives of three major food companies 'fessed up about what some are calling a "stealth sodium revolution"—a long-term plan to reduce sodium levels in their products.

One company reported already having removed 2 million pounds

of salt from its retail food brands in less than 10 years. Another announced plans to reduce sodium in prepared foods by 10 percent before 2015. The third company reported plans to reformulate 600 products to reduce sodium while identifying healthy, functional alternative ingredients.

Of course, the bottom line for any food product is the dietary version of "Will it play in Peoria?"—in other words, will people eat it and like it enough to buy it again? That's why the food companies all talked about the need to "retrain the American palate" and to give all of us time to adapt our taste buds to less salt in foods.

ARS' Nutrient Data Laboratory and Food Surveys Research Group have teamed up with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on a "sodium surveillance" effort, and the NDL researchers have developed a plan to monitor the levels of sodium in foods, particularly the processed

foods and ingredients that make up 80 percent of the U.S. population's added-sodium intake as assessed in USDA's 2007-2008 national "What We Eat in America" survey.

Want some tips on trends? One NDL study shows that sodium in pizza has increased in the past 10 years, but sodium in pasta sauce and tomato soup decreased. When the NDL looked at salt in a variety of snack products (potato, tortilla and corn chips; pretzels, and cheese puffs), the mean sodium levels were down in all the snacks studied, but the biggest drop—40 percent—was seen in canned, stacked potato chips.

Maybe I can retrain my own taste buds so I won't need that salt lick after all!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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National College announces Dean's List

PIKEVILLE — National College in Pikeville has released the Dean's List for the Winter Terms. The following students earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0, and thus achieved the honor and privilege of being placed on the Dean's List:

1ST WINTER TERM
Auxler: Sandra Rich
Belfry: Ellen O'Brien, Bobbi Vaughn
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Zebulon: Robert Thompson

2nd WINTER TERM
Kimper: Alicia Bingham
Phyllis: Katherine Bevins
Prestonsburg: Brittany Bartrum



Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center's Business & Community Liaison Jimmie Stone and Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed papers as part of a new partnership between the center and the judge-executive's office. Under the agreement, students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps center will be able to do Work-Based Learning in different areas within the county government. Carl D. Perkins provides training in nine areas, include hotel lodging, culinary arts, security & protective services, office administration, HVAC, carpentry, facilities maintenance, electricity and masonry, as well as the Paintsville High School Program, Penn Foster High School Program and GED testing. Students earn work-based learning credits several different ways, including internships with employers, volunteering for community service projects related to their chosen career area for that real work experience, as well as working on campus projects to help improve Job Corps facilities and programs. All of this improves their local communities, putting their career skills they are learning to use while giving back, and helps students develop a greater appreciation for volunteer service, showing that "Job Corps Works."

Pikeville's Hampton Inn receives Circle of Excellence Award

PIKEVILLE — Hampton Hotels, the global brand of mid-priced Hampton Inn and Hampton Inn & Suites hotels, has awarded Hampton Inn - Pikeville, located at 831 Hambley Blvd., as one of its national Circle of Excellence Award winners. The property is designated as being in the hotel chain's top 10 percent in service, product and quality among more than 1,800 Hampton properties. Circle of Excellence Award winners are selected annually by the Hampton brand. The criteria for receiving this award is based on high product and service scores, as judged by guests, as well as product quality and service scores measured quarterly by the company. Hampton Inn - Pikeville received a trophy plaque to display in the hotel's lobby and recognition pins for all hotel employees.

"We are honored to achieve this designation among all Hampton hotels," said Sam Keith, general manager of the Hampton Inn - Pikeville. "Providing top-notch accommodations and friendly service is a top priority for our hotel team members and one reason we remain highly competitive in our local market."

The 7-story, 123-room Hampton Inn - Pikeville is located near such area attractions as East Kentucky Expo Center. Standard hotel amenities include a free hot breakfast. Guestrooms are equipped with 32-inch TV/cable & Purity bath amenities. For further information or to make reservations for the Hampton Inn - Pikeville, visit Hampton.com or call 1-606-432-8181 or 1-800-HAMPTON.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

20 years ago
(April 1 and April 3, 1992)

A debate over the future of the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport came to a happy conclusion this week, when a joint venture was announced for the site. The cooperative project will involve NASA's relocation of its space puppet show and discovering the world of acting. A candidates forum sponsored by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for April 31, at the Stumbo, Stumbo and

Stumbo convention center at Stumbo Lake State Park (formerly Jenny Wiley State Park). Candidates for Congress have been invited to attend, but only those who pass an entrance exam will be allowed to speak. The test will require congressional hopefuls to demonstrate their ability to balance their checkbooks or, alternatively, balance a spinning basketball on their noses. (APRIL FOOL).

Though they had earlier signed a confession of guilt, Jeannie Jacobs Fouts, Betty Jacobs Thom-

as, and Bobby Ray Roberts, pleaded not guilty April 1, to shoplifting charges. Public defender Janice Porter entered the pleas on behalf of her clients at an arraignment held Wednesday, in Floyd District Court, before a production crew from the nationally televised show, "A Current Affair." Preliminary hearings for Fouts and Thomas, and a pretrial hearing for Roberts, were set for April 9.

State Representative Greg Stumbo said, Thursday, that he is cooperating with federal investigators

who launched a probe Tuesday, of Kentucky lawmakers. FBI agents swarmed the state's capitol, Tuesday, serving subpoenas on 13 legislators, including Stumbo and Representative David LeMaster of Paintsville, asking for campaign finance records dating to 1988.

There died Marvin Lee Boswell, 65, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at his residence; Ricky Slone Jr., 26, of Lackey, Monday, at Knott County Nursing Home; Lula F. Coburn, of Garrett, at Hazard Appalachian Regional

Hospital; Charles Russell West, 42, of Cow Creek, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mae Banks Hicks, 91, of Wayland, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Patricia Hewlett Salisbury, 55, of Martin, Monday, at her residence; Jerry Sturgill, 52, of Martin, Thursday, at the U.K. Medical Center; Richard King, 72, of Butler, Indiana, native of Floyd County, Wednesday, at the Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana; William Glenn Scott, 80, of Somerset, Saturday, at Midtown Care Home; Robert Hamilton, 81, of Teaberry, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; John H. Flanery, 86, of Martin, Friday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Patricia Ann Slone Himes, 48, of Bolivar, Ohio, Saturday; Monica Cleveland Collins, 78, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at her residence; Frances McKinney, 80, of Paintsville, formerly of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ollie Dyer Vanderpool, 80, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

trude Bates, 71, of Bevinville, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Bennie Sellards, 93, of Endicott, last Friday at his home.

40 years ago
(April 6, 1972)

Exterior work on the new Highlands Regional Hospital, near Auxier, was being completed this week.

Documation Inc., the brain-child of Ray Halbert, a native of Langley, has outgrown its Melbourne, Fla., quarters and will be the first tenant in a new 160-acre industrial park at Palm Bay, Fla., with a 28,000 square-foot plant.

The precinct committeemen elected earlier, at precinct meetings by Floyd County Republicans, met here, Saturday, and unanimously elected Linzie Hunt, of Cow Creek, G.O.P. chairman of the county. Mrs. Gorman Collins was elected chairwoman.

The holiday supply of whiskey and beer coming into this county was materially reduced last week by raids staged by state police troopers and deputy sheriffs.

With a lull in crimes of violence evident, Circuit Judge Hollie Conley reviewed, for the benefit of the grand jury, another area of criminal offenses. This crime, he said, is against the environment—the pollution of streams, the cluttering of the landscape with garbage, and, in particular, the great number of junk cars to be seen in the county.

Miss Judy Calhoun, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calhoun, of Prestonsburg, was married to Mr. Marvin D. Chaney, son of Mrs. Lula Chaney, of Wilmington, O., and the late Leroy Chaney, February 18, at the Grace Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio.

Buddy Martin, junior guard from Wayland, received two awards—most valuable player and best defensive player—during the annual Tip-Off Banquet held recently at Clemson University.

There died: Joe Patton, 103, of Langley, Thursday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Mrs. Ella O. Hayes, 66, of Betsy Layne, Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Annie S. Hall, 74, of Claypool, Ind., formerly of Water Gap; at her home; John C. Scott, 64, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at the McDowell Hospital; Mrs. Rebecca G. Bingham, 77, of Louisville, formerly of Lancer, Thursday, in a Louisville hospital; Troy Henson, 60, Thursday, at his home at Ligon; Morris

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

Petry, 58, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, March 27, in a Columbus hospital; Isaac (Ike) Lee Hall, 59, of Dana, Monday at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Judy M. Tackett, 70, of Price, last Tuesday, at the McDowell Hospital; Verner Taylor, 69, of Betsy Layne, last Tuesday, at a Martin hospital; Goldie Lee Layne, 79, of Lancer, last Wednesday at a nursing home here.

50 years ago (April 5, 1962)

"Retribution for unsanitary practices too long endured" was the promise made this week by Dr. Russell L. Hall of the Floyd County Health Department, who said, persons found violating sanitation procedures will be given notice, and if corrections are not made within a specified time, legal action will be taken to bring offenders before a court of law.

Planning for May cleanup campaign in Prestonsburg continued this week, with three meetings held and others scheduled.

The Prestonsburg and Maytown FFA chapters participated in the Eastern District FFA Day, held Saturday, at Morehead State College.

Seven pupils and the bus driver, who survived a plunge over an embankment near Endicott, Thursday evening, were given first aid treatment at Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Eight Floyd County high school students will be included in the All-Festival Chorus, and 34 from Floyd County in the massed band, in the 1962 Pikeville Music Festival contest, to be held, April 11-14, at Pikeville College.

The Methodist Youth Choir of Wheelwright, will appear on the Jackie Oblinger Show on WCSH-TV, Friday, April 6.

There died: Dr. M.V. Wicker, 76, of Wayland, last Thursday at his winter home in Wabasso, Florida; Curtis Hunt, 43, Floyd County native, at Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor, Mich., Friday; Mrs. Clara H. May, 83, of Auxier, last Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Monroe Lathan, 72, of Melvin, on March 23, at the McDowell Hospital.

60 years ago (April 3, 1952)

The squabble over control of the municipal-owned water system of the town of Martin, took a new turn, Tuesday, as the City Council there enacted two ordinances—one abolishing the Waterworks Commission in its

entirety, the other, creating a Waterworks Commission, and providing for the operation of the latter.

Naming of Pete Grigsby, 17-year-old star of the Martin High School basketball team, to the Courier-Journal's all-state net squad, brought to Floyd County, last week-end, for the second time this school year, such statewide athletic recognition.

Damage reported here as \$2000 or more, was caused, Monday night, by fire which destroyed the postoffice at Dony, and the nearby home of the postmaster, Mrs. Haley Jones.

Although gates of Dewey Dam were never completely closed during the recent heavy rains, the reservoir stored up, during the flood period, March 22 to Friday of last week, 13.28 feet of water at maximum stage.

Two veterans of Korea met instant death, shortly before midnight, Friday, at Alger, Ohio, as their auto and an eastbound Erie passenger train met at a rail crossing. They are Smith Junior Hicks, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Hicks, of Goodloe, and Cpl. Gaile Howard, 22, native of Knott County.

Seven-year-old Robert Perry Friend was struck and almost instantly killed by a truck on the Mayo Trail here, early Monday morning. He was a son of Mrs. Violet Friend Hyden and the late Edward C. Friend.

Barkley J. Sturgill, of Prestonsburg, will be the chairman of the Kansas delegation of 22 students, to the mock Republican convention to be held at Washington & Lee University, April 28-29.

You could buy a washing machine for \$118.95; a pair of shoes for \$4.95; a suit for \$16.95, or a sweeper for \$29.95.

There died: Mrs. Frank Stumbo, 53, formerly of McDowell, Friday in Waverly, Ohio; Stanley Brown, 72, of Drift, March 30, at a Martin hospital; Maude Hall Mitchell, 58, of Grethel, Thursday, March 26.

70 years ago (April 2, 1942)

County Agent S. L. Isbell, this week, announced that Floyd County farmers will be asked to sow 100 acres of land to hemp this year, in the nation's effort to grow enough seed to assure sufficient hemp acreage in 1943, to restore the rope supply of which the United States has been deprived by war.

County school officials this week expressed the opinion, after attending

a conference in Ashland where the rationing setup was discussed, that the task of preparing for the Floyd County registration will require much effort. Since all rural schools of the county are closed, and many of their teachers employed elsewhere,

competent registrars must be recruited, either from other professions, or other localities.

There is a possibility that not one of the six school buses purchased by the Floyd County Board of Education in February will be delivered. If school

bus sales remain "frozen" for the duration of the war, a major transportation problem faces Floyd County, Superintendent Town Hall said last week.

February was an accidentless month for 19 of the Big Sandy field's 36 mines, A. D. Sisk, secretary of the Big Sandy Coal Mining Institute, reported at Pikeville last week.

There died: Mrs. Emma Prater Goble, 51, Monday, at her home here; Mrs. Susanna Cartmell, 91, Tuesday, at Drift; Pvt. Marion Hall, 20, last week at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

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

| DATE OF APPOINTMENT | CASE NUMBER | ESTATE OF: | FIDUCIARY | ATTORNEY |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1-24-12 | 12-P-30 | DORA REED | SANDRA CHILDERS | |
| 2-27-12 | 12-P-85 | CARRIE ALICE BRANHAM | DOUGLAS G. BRANHAM | |
| 2-28-12 | 12-P-87 | ROGER G. NELSON | SANDRA NELSON | |
| 2-29-12 | 12-P-89 | THURMAN DARRELL WEST | RUSSELL WEST | |
| 2-29-12 | 12-P-90 | PAUL T. PRATER | TEALIE PRATER | |
| 3-2-12 | 12-P-91 | CLYDE B. BURCHETT | BLAKE R. BURCHETT | KIPLEY J. MCNALLY |
| 3-2-12 | 12-P-92 | LONZIE DEAN TACKETT JR | CATHY TACKETT | JARROD BENTLEY |
| 3-7-12 | 12-P-94 | WANDA HAMILTON | CHARLOTTE FRASER | |
| 3-7-12 | 12-P-95 | EARL CASTLE | EARL M. CASTLE & PATRICIA C. SETSER | |
| 3-9-12 | 12-P-100 | LONNIE NEELEY | LONNIE D. NEELEY | B.D. NUNNERY |
| 3-12-12 | 12-P-103 | MALISSIA DORAYNE COLVIN | FLORA M. GRIMM | |
| 3-13-12 | 12-P-106 | LARRY LYONS | MELINDA LYONS | |
| 3-14-12 | 12-P-108 | SHAUN MICHAEL SHELTON | SHEENA DENISE SHELTON | KEITH BARTLEY |
| 3-14-12 | 12-P-109 | MARY ETIA TACKETT | JUNIOR TACKETT | |
| 3-16-12 | 12-P-110 | DWAYNE DOUGLAS TACKETT | JACK DAVID TACKETT | ARNOLD TURNER |
| 3-19-12 | 12-P-111 | GORDON EDWARD FITCH | ROSE M. BLACKBURN | |
| 3-20-12 | 12-P-114 | GARRY NEAL HOWELL | KATHLEEN BALL | |
| 3-23-12 | 12-P-105 | OKIE YATES | TERRY YATES | LARRY D. BROWN |
| 3-21-12 | 12-P-117 | BUTLER EVANS | CHARLIE RAY EVANS | JOHN EARL HUNT |
| 3-26-12 | 12-P-120 | JOE DOUGLAS SIMPSON | GLENNA SIMPSON | |
| 3-27-12 | 12-P-121 | LYDIA BRANHAM | CONNIE CRUM | JOHN T. CHAFIN |

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PUBLIC NOTICE - BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, PO Box 189, Lackey, Kentucky, 41643, (606) 874-7677, Permit #836-0406, will be blasting at Raccoon Branch and Sallieck Creek, Latitude 37° 29' 40", Longitude 82° 52' 46". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

EXTENDED DATE - Bid Proposals Requests for Upgrade of Drainage Ditch and Enclose eaves of buildings at Pageant Hill, Repair and Upgrade of Ramp Roof at the Town Center site, Repair and Upgrade of the Roof at the flooring at Grigsby Heights, Trim Trees/Shrubs at all sites. The proposal needs to include all costs for replacement and upgrade in all areas affected, with new roofing and additional roofing, upgrade floor covering with new floor tile and trim trees with proper disposal and clean up as needed. The proposal needs to include the price for all costs. The successful bidder must provide insurance, warranty, references and be qualified to work with lead based paint. For more information please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, Rt. 2, Box 500, Martin, KY. 41649. 606-285-3681. A Pre-Construction conference will be held Friday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Raymond Griffith Drive, Martin, KY. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2:15 p.m. local time, April 17, 2012. The housing authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE - BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, PO Box 189, Lackey, Kentucky, 41643, (606) 874-7677, Permit #836-5595, will be blasting at Raccoon Branch and Sallieck Creek, Latitude 37° 26' 3", Longitude 82° 4' 50". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 09-CV-00953 TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS, L.L.C. PLAINTIFF VS. SAMMY KEATHLEY, WANDA KEATHLEY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, KENTUCKY TAX BILL SERVICING, INC., COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT IN RE: SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Decree and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 16th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, based upon the Certificates of Delinquency in the amount of \$1,098.74, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$73.95 through December 31, 2010, plus accrued interest pursuant to KRS 134.125 from December 31, 2010 unpaid, actual and reasonable attorney fees expended herein in the amount of \$1,700.00, court costs and filing fees expended in the amount of \$1,700.00, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 19th day of April 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit:

Property Address: Branham Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky Beginning at an apple tree, thence running to the line of Wilma Hall, thence from Wilma Hall's line to the line of Russell Brewer's line, thence from the line of Russell Brewer to the apple tree, the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Sammy Keathley and Wanda Keathley, by deed dated September 26, 1983, of record in Deed Book 279, page 262, in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for sixty (60) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional security.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2011 real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids for the placement of concrete for the contractor shall supply the forms, the City will provide the rebar. Sealed bids should include price to form and place concrete. Bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on Monday April 9, 2012 to the City Clerk's Office. Location at 200 North Lake Drive. For questions please contact Ronnie Rice at (606) 888-3337. The price must be good from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 09-CV-00953 CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC PLAINTIFF/ COUNTER-DEFENDANT VS. TAX EASE LIEN SERVICE, LLC DEFENDANT/ CROSS-CLAIMANT, COUNTER CLAIMANT VS. SCOTTIE M. PRATER, ET AL DEFENDANTS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 16th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the amount of \$84,000.00, plus tax year, plus accrued statutory simple interest thereon at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of assignment of the subject property, plus the amount of \$1,098.74, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$73.95 through December 31, 2010, plus accrued interest pursuant to KRS 134.125 from December 31, 2010 unpaid, actual and reasonable attorney fees expended herein in the amount of \$1,700.00, court costs and filing fees expended in the amount of \$1,700.00, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 19th day of April 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit: Property Address: McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky. Map ID# 052-00-00-108-00

One Lot No. 10 beginning on corner of Lot No. 9 on railroad right-of-way and corner of Lot No. 9A, thence with line of said lot reversed N 10° 00' 00" E 100.00 ft to the point in line of Dowers' 110' wide right-of-way, thence up the point with her line N 43° W-83 ft. to the center of the railroad right-of-way; thence with the same S 88° 14' 43" E 100.00 ft to the point of beginning, containing one acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Scottie Prater by Special Warranty Deed recorded on September 5, 2007, of record in Deed Book 279, page 262, in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2011 real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Prestonsburg is currently accepting bids for pension insurance for the City of Prestonsburg through June 30, 2012. For specifications, please contact (606) 888-2336. Interested parties should plan to present their proposals at the May 14, 2012 City Council Meeting. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE - BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, PO Box 189, Lackey, Kentucky, 41643, (606) 874-7677, Permit #836-0404, will be blasting at Raccoon Branch and Sallieck Creek, Latitude 37° 30' 52", Longitude 82° 53' 34". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-00108 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA PLAINTIFF VS. DANIEL HAYDEN, ET AL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 19th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$171,941.47, plus interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder at public auction, on the 19th day of April 2012 at 10:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit: Property Address: 2200 Kentucky Road 2030, Honaker, Kentucky 41603. Parcel Number: 080-00-00-076-00

A certain tract of parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Little Mud Creek as fully described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the County Road on the West side of same and near Hall's line; thence a West-easterly course and with said John Hall's line to the top of the ridge; thence with the County road; thence a Northerly course and with said County Road to the Beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel Hayden, no marital status shown who acquired title by virtue of a deed from to John Hall and Bulavere Hall, his wife, dated November 28, 2005, filed December 2, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 525, Page 472, in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements. A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional security. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2011 real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate, taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-01013 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND TRUST, INC PLAINTIFF VS. RUSTY HAMILTON, SHENA KEATHLEY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUSTY HAMILTON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHENA KEATHLEY, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LIDDIE HALL, LIDDIE HALL, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY TIGER RESOURCES, LLC DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment in Rem and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 31st day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$73,554.91 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 12th day of April, 2012 at 10:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to-wit: Property Address: 4980 Kentucky Road 2039, Harlan, Kentucky, 41643.

Being certain tract of land lying on the Branham Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky, further described as follows:

BEGINNING at a little drain beside the Branham Creek Road, near the home place of Liddie Hall, thence up the drain to the first pine tree; thence from the oak tree to the top of the hill adjacent to the Sallieck line; thence around the top of the hill, adjoining Frank Hall's line; thence around the hill to Green Hall's line; thence straight down the point to Arvel Hall's line and (once at the end of the same) thence running along the Branham Creek Road back to the point of beginning.

BEING the same property conveyed from Liddie Hall, to Floyd County, KY, by deed dated 5-17-02, of record in Deed Book 525, Page 472, in the Office of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

Also attached to the property is a 2004 Chevrolet Mobile Home, Serial Number CLH034357TNAB.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2011 real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0367, Major Revision #2
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FDCO Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41660 has applied for a major revision for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 miles South of Hite in Floyd County. The major revision will add 9.74 acres and delete 9.81 acres, surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres making a total of 344.65 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.8 miles Southwest from the junction of KY 122 and KY 2030, and located in the hills of the Osborn Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U. S. G. S. 7 & 12; minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bull Creek Coal Company, Gregory & Christy Inc., John C. & Regina Linn, Dalton J. & Toni Linn, Matt & Pamela Lane and Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 212 Hudson Hollow Center, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-00562
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLDERS OF THE INC. ASWAB-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-13 PLAINTIFF

VS. TOMMY MULLINS, ET AL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 17th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the principal amount of \$84,463.14 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 6th day of April, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 21 Madison Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The following property located in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit: Being Lots Nos. 4, 5, and 6 Block O in the 3rd and 4th Additions which are recorded in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office and to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the lands hereby sold.

Being the same property conveyed to Tommy Mullins, married with one child, by virtue of a deed from Tamra S. Webb and Jimmy C. Webb, wife and husband, dated June 15, 2006, recorded in Deed Book 526, Page 69, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

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

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

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taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds of the property claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-00894

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF VS. ANDREW J. RAY, MARY RAY, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND MILLER BROS. CO., L.L.C. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 24th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the principal amount of \$8,605.00 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 12th day of April, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: Little Mud Road, Printer, Kentucky.

Located on Little Mud Creek, a tributary of Big Mud Creek, tributary of the Louisiana Fork of the Big Sandy River, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Starting in the middle of Little Mud Creek, thence up the bank of the creek to the fence and with said fence to the bottom of the foot of the hill, thence up the hill in a north easterly direction to the center of the point 1,385 feet more or less from the top of the hill, turning Little Mud Creek and crossing Beaver Branch, then turning left handed with the center of the ridge 1,128 feet more or less to the Akers line, thence turning right handed with the center of the ridge 1,247 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Also attached hereon is a copy of the Title Report, Serial No. 2457, dated 11/28/08.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Andrew Ray and Mary Lou Parsons Ray, his wife, dated 11/28/08, recorded in Deed Book 560, Page 266, Floyd County, Kentucky.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds of the property claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereon. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-2399

ROBERT HANNAN, JR. and KATHY HANNAN PLAINTIFFS VS. JOHNNY SARGENT, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AND BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 14th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the principal amount of \$6,005.00 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 19th day of April, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: A certain tract of land in Floyd County, Kentucky, more particularly described as follows:

Lying in the Johns Addition to Dwale, bounded and described as follows: Lots Nos. 61 and No. 62 in the Johns Addition to Dwale, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown on Map No. 20, which is no longer in the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Hannan, Jr. and Kathy Hannan, his wife by deed from Vickie D. Pennington, single and residing at 207 S. 1st Street, P.O. Box 267, Floyd County, Kentucky.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereon.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5583, 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given, that Frasure Creek Mining, L.C., 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott, Depot, West Virginia 25560 intends to transfer permit number 836-5528 to Frasure Creek Mining, L.C., 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott, Depot, West Virginia 25560. The new permit number will be 836-5583. This transfer disturbs 194.01 surface acres and will underlie 1,365.81 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The operation is located 1.0 mile southwest of Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 miles west from KY 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and located at the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 212 Hudson Hollow Center, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

W208BG NOTICE OF FILING

Appalachian, Inc., licensee of FM Translator Station W208BG, operating on 89.5 MHz, with 0.09 kw effective radiated power, located at Prestonsburg, KY from a transmitter site located at 37° 53' North Latitude, 82° 18' 25" West Longitude, gives notice that on or about April 1, 2012, it filed an application (FCC Form 303-S) for renewal of license with the Federal Communications Commission. W208BG rebroadcasts the signal of WMMT, operating on Channel 85.7 MHz, licensed to Whitesburg, KY. Individuals who wish to advise the FCC of facts relating to our renewal application and to whether our station has operated in the public interest throughout the Commission by July 1, 2011. Further information regarding our renewal process may be obtained from the FCC, Washington, D.C. 20554.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 11-CI-964

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND TRUST CO., INC. PLAINTIFF VS. GARY D. MOORE, BUNNY MOORE, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 31st day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the principal amount of \$10,000.00 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 12th day of April, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 201 Cherokee Road, Hi Hat, Kentucky.

Being a certain tract of land containing 1 acre, more or less, situated on Beaver Creek at the head of Merriam Branch, Floyd County, Kentucky, further described as follows: Beginning at a stone marked with an 'X' on the purchase line South around the hill to the highest and best bidder West to a hollow; thence back East to an apple tree block and thence to a stone marked with an 'X' point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Gary Moore and BUNNY MOORE, his wife, as tenants in common with right of survivorship dated 2-28-95, of record in Deed Book 480, Page 12, in the Office of the County Court Clerk, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Also attached to said Property is 2007 Giles Mobile Home, Serial Number G131489.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereon.

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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-581

KENNETH HALL PLAINTIFF VS. THE ESTATE OF RITA SUE HALL, DECEASED AND MARTIN L. OSBORNE, as Public Administrator, ALAN WHICKER, MOLLY RAMSEY WHICKER, GLORIA JEAN SALLIS, BURNIE SANDY FERICK, DONNIE SHEPHERD and WAYNE SHEPHERD DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 31st day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property of the principal amount of \$220,406.73 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 12th day of April, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Lying and being in the Keithley-Spradlin Subdivision, Hite, Floyd County, Kentucky and being Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 1, as shown on plat of said subdivision on record in File No. 100, County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Rita Sue Hall (now deceased) and Kenneth Hall (deceased herein) by deed from Glenn C. Spradlin, et al, dated January 1, 1962, of record at Deed Book 208, Page 12, and a reference is made to the Will of Rita Sue Hall, of record at Deed Book LL, Page 199 and the renunciation of the will by the Petitioner on record at Will Book LL, Page 241.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-937

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF KY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. DONALD HATFIELD and GEORGE HATFIELD (in rem only) AND TAX LIEN IN REM DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 14th day of February, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the principal amount of \$47,000.00 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 19th day of April, 2012 at 9:45 a.m., upon the terms

set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Being the same property conveyed to Donald Hatfield and Georgia Hatfield, by deed from Sally Ann Hatfield, aka Sandy Sheffield and C.C. Sheffield dated 12/21/1994 and recorded in the Office of the County Clerk, in Deed Book 381, Page 706 and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an Iron pipe in a drain on the north side of Kentucky Highway 14 running with said drain to an iron pipe which marked the location of a line fence formerly existing; thence in a southerly direction to the line of Erman J. Dotson; thence with said Dotson's line in a southerly direction to Kentucky Highway 114; thence along said road to the beginning.

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

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SEQ CHAPTER 11-V NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0367, Amendment #1 (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FDCO Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41660 has applied for an amendment to an existing permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located in Floyd County. The amendment will add 9.74 acres and delete 24.5 acres of surface disturbance and will delete 301.2 acres of underground disturbance. The total area of 451.82 acres within the amended permit boundary.

(2) The proposed amendment is located on the Harold USGS 7&12; minute quadrangle NW 122's junction with Kentucky Route 2030 and located on Spanish Branch, Hudson Hollow Branch of Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

(3) The proposed amendment is located on the Harold USGS 7&12; minute quadrangle NW 122's junction with Kentucky Route 2030 and located on Spanish Branch, Hudson Hollow Branch of Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

(4) The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 212 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(5) This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this advertisement.

Legals

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that MarkWest Energy Appalachia, LLC, 72 Maple Street Langley, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a new office building...

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. 1 CI-552 CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. RONALD MULLINS and JENNIFER MULLINS DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 18th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$27,452.85 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse...

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Being one lot, No. 16 in Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, and known as Old School House Lot

There is excepted from the above described property and not hereby conveyed that portion of same conveyed to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Highways, by deed lodged for record July 29, 1958, and recorded in Deed Book 169, page 302, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No 6

All that part of said tract or tracts which lie within a distance of 25 feet on the right or North side of the centerline of said proposed public road between the East property line at approximate station 1+77 and the West property line at approximate station 2+28.

BEING the same property conveyed to RONALD MULLINS, married, by deed dated January 18, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 531, Page 645, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for 90 days. In which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may be obtained and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year real estate taxes and all delinquent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed. A deed and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 8395-5467, Renewal No. 2 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Mat/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.6 miles north-west of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 279.48 surface acres and will underlie 832.26 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,111.74 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.00 miles northeast from Sawyer Junction Road's junction with US 23 and is located adjacent to Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The operation will use the area, contour, auger and highwall miner methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Tri-Star Development, Inc., Alma Land Company, T. J. Leslie Heirs and Clinton Leslie Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by Tri-Star Development, Inc., Alma Land Company, T. J. Leslie Heirs and Clinton Leslie Heirs.

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

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EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted - General

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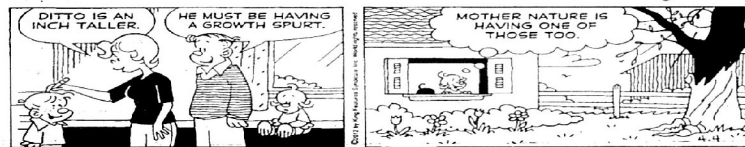
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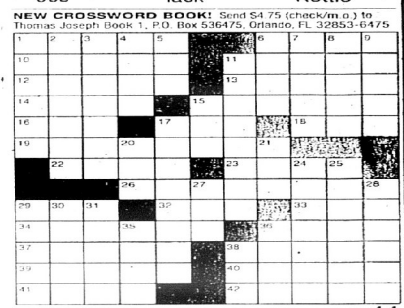
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 - 16 Flop down
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- DOWN**
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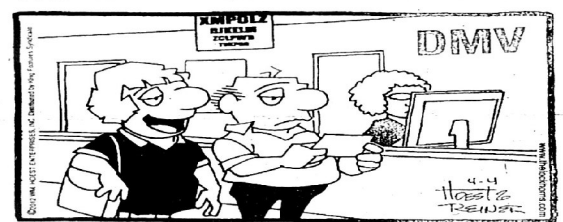
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 4, 2012: This year frustration plays out with confusion. You have the ability to find clarity by asking questions and confirming what you hear. By your next birthday, you could become a master of communication. You will make the right financial choices. If you are single, someone quite desirable pops into your life from summer on. In fact, you might even have two choices. If you are attached, the two of you become closer as you learn to communicate more effectively. VIRGO meets a great co-worker or pal.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ All work and no play might not suit you. Something that occupies your time could feel like a must-do. An issue you believed to be resolved actually might not be, as time reveals. Frustration could result from having to deal with this project or situation again. Tonight: Try a tension-buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Manifest some of your creative solutions, and you'll make a difficult situation or task easier. Don't be so surprised that you have many people who like being close to you. Tonight: Break your routine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay close to home if you can. Somebody, the idea of being out and about might not appeal to you. A change in the ether helps straighten out a difficult situation or problem. Tonight: Spontaneous rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ It is time to communicate with someone's sharing. Clear the air now that you have more understanding. If you hold back, you could be inviting more problems. Think carefully. Someone you admire or trust drops a nugget of wisdom. Know what works. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Feel free to have a long-overdue discussion later in the day. The reaction you get might be a little over-the-top, but you are on your way to clearing out a misunderstanding. Both of you will be much happier as a result. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Read between the lines with a special person in your life. You might wonder why you are acting the way you are. Be open and authentic, and you can't go wrong. You could be resolving quite a few issues in the next few months. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Zero in on what you want by late afternoon. After recent confusion and setbacks, you might want to discuss an issue. Listen to your inner voice when speaking to a child or loved one. The clearer and more caring you are, the better the relationship will be. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Delve into a new interest that could develop into a commitment. Whatever it is, be sure you want to become involved, as getting out could be a lot more difficult. A person in your daily life makes quite an offer. Listen, then decide. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You are experiencing a change within a relationship, and also within yourself. You will start to see life from an even broader perspective and drop some self-imposed restrictions. Let your creativity flow. Do you have a good avenue of self-expression? Tonight: Add spice to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Just when you are about to toss your hands in the air, you'll discover that there is another solution or way. You come from a point of creativity and high energy. Now you can really talk turkey with a key loved one. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ For now, lie back and allow others to demonstrate their true colors. A key friendship could be changing right in front of you. Don't fight what is happening; rather, ride it out. You might be able to clear up a misunderstanding. Tonight: Take your cue from a friend or loved one.

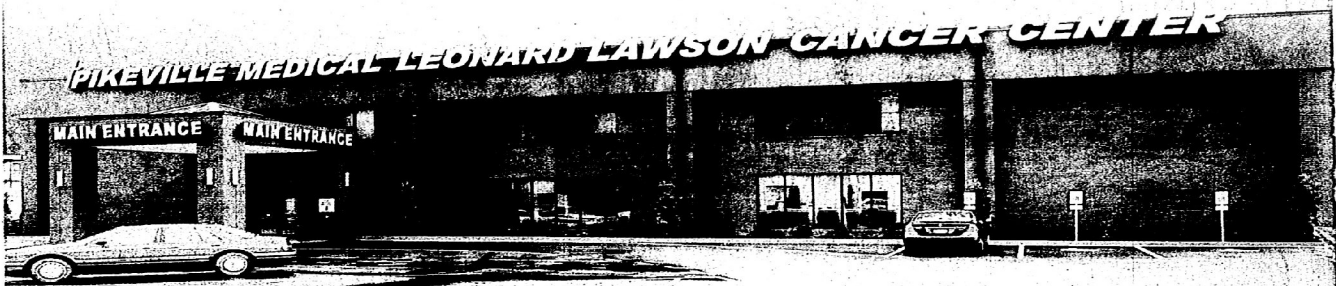
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