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UC backs out of deal to run pharm school

Ralph B. Davis Managing Editor

PAINTSVILLE — The University of Charleston has backed out of a deal with Midway College to operate a pharmacy school in Paintsville, leaving the likelihood of the school doubtful. Midway had originally planned to open a pharmacy school in Paintsville, announcing in January 2010 that the school would open in the fall of 2011. Trouble obtaining accreditation, however, led Midway to reach out to Charleston

about opening a branch of that school's pharmacy program. The two schools signed a non-binding agreement Dec. 28, laying out their mutual intent to explore the feasibility of the program. On Friday, however, Charleston announced it was abandoning the idea after weighing the costs and benefits for four months. "We are very grateful for the way all parties have worked together to explore this possibility," said UC President Edwin Welch. "It has been an open and thorough process. Ultimately, we have concluded that it is not in the best inter-

ests of the institution to proceed at this time." At this time, Midway isn't saying whether it will continue to pursue the school. Ellen Gregory, vice president of marketing and communications for Midway, said the topic will be discussed when the school's board of trustees meets in a couple of weeks. She declined to comment on the proposed school's future prospects. But Paintsville officials are seeing the news as the end of the road. "I think Midway is pretty much out of the picture, as far as a pharmacy school is concerned ..." Mayor Bob Porter said.

"We're disappointed ... We were hoping to see a lot of jobs and new residents from this." Porter told The Floyd County Times Tuesday that the city is currently negotiating with Midway about the property where the school was to have been located. The city had given the building, which formerly housed the Entrepreneurial Center, to the school on the condition it be used for the pharmacy school. Now that the schools prospects appear to be unlikely at best, the city is looking to retake possession of the building and is identifying other prospects for its use.



Marion Kilburn

Jury to hear DUI wreck case

Jack Latta Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of a habitual drunk driver involved in a wreck is scheduled to begin in Floyd County Circuit Court later this month. Marion Kilburn, 51, of Prestonsburg, was allegedly intoxicated when he pulled into oncoming traffic on U.S. 23 near Allen. Kilburn's vehicle met another vehicle in a head-on collision which caused serious near fatal injuries to the driver and a passenger. According to reports after the accident, Kilburn was driving on the wrong side of the road without headlights when he hit the other vehicle. Kilburn's blood alcohol level was reported as 0.25. Kilburn is charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first-degree persistent felony offender, possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, failure to illuminate head lamps, no insurance, no seat belt, reckless driving, driving on a DUI-suspended license and first-degree assault. Seven-year-old Olivia Conn, of Prestonsburg, was seriously injured in the crash and transported to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. Conn's father, Joey Conn, who was driving the vehicle was also injured in the crash. See KILBURN | A8



Family members of Alan and Lisa Tackett openly wept in court after the sentence was announced. Berry Hall was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Jury recommends life without parole

Jack Latta Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of Berry Hall is over, and on Monday in Floyd Circuit Court, he was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. Hall was found guilty last Thursday of the 2008 double murder of Alan and Lisa Tackett. "We're just so glad it's over. We feel like justice has been served," said Norita Collins, Alan Tackett's sister. She added that while the family is satisfied with the verdict, it does not lessen the pain of their loss. On March 20, 2008, Berry Hall was sitting on his couch watching TV when an argument erupted between his wife and his niece. Without saying a word to anyone, Hall went upstairs and retrieved his hunting rifle, took aim, and fired one shot into the chest of Lisa Tackett. He then reloaded and fired a quick succession of shots at her husband, who exited the house after Lisa was shot. The first shot hit Alan's left hand. The second struck him in the head.

Hall was additionally found guilty of four counts of wanton endangerment, one for each of the Tackett's young children who were home at the time of the shooting. The last act of Alan Tackett was to dial 911. During the testimony of dispatcher Andrea Justice, a tape of the call that originated at the Tackett residence was aired in the courtroom. For several minutes, the only sounds were the screams of the Tackett's children, followed by long stretches of silence mixed with barking dogs and inaudible background voices. Lisa Tackett's father, Burly Hall, and his wife, Tonda, are now acting guardians of Lisa and Alan Tackett's four youngest children. Following the sentence, Tonda said the children were doing fine and they were busy making summer plans. Hall said that she hadn't let them watch any of the news reports. Lisa Tackett also had two older children from a previous marriage, but those children were not home at the time of the shooting. They now live with their father.

During the closing arguments for sentencing, the defense argued for little other than to spare Hall from the death penalty. "You don't have to vote for the death penalty. There are too many other options," said Hall's attorney, Jim Gibson, in closing. Gibson told the jurors that whatever their verdict, that decision would stay with them for life. "Each of you have to believe it, you have to vote for it, and you have to live with it." During the prosecution's closing remarks, Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner told jurors they should choose between the death penalty and life in prison without parole. "He needs to be dead, or locked away until he is dead," Turner said. Turner said the Tackett's children deserve a life free of concern over Hall ever being paroled. "These kids should never have to worry for the rest of their lives about this man ever getting out of prison." Jurors were given with their in-

Farmer accused of rampant abuse of office

Ralph B. Davis Managing Editor

FRANKFORT — A far-reaching audit of the state Department of Agriculture during former Commissioner Richie Farmer's tenure over that agency leveled numerous allegations that the former Wildcat hero-turned-Republican politician used the office for the benefit of friends, family and himself. The audit, released Monday during a joint press conference by state Auditor Adam Edelen, a Democrat, and current Agriculture Commissioner James R. Edelen, Farmer's Republican successor, who requested the audit, also outlines an agency plagued by lax oversight and several instances of employee corruption. "It's important to know that Commissioner Comer has been a daily partner in this effort," Edelen said. "The findings certainly are a surprise to him, and to his credit, he hasn't let any grass grow in bringing reform to an agency that desperately needed it." "At the end of the day, this was worth it," Comer said. "We can move forward as the Kentucky Department of Agriculture now ... today is a new day. Let me say and be very specific: The overwhelming majority of the employees in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture are some of the best in state government. I am very honored and blessed to work with them. There were a few bad apples. I think they've been documented in this audit. We have taken appropriate action prior to the audit today." The audit paints a picture of Farmer that is quite different from his history. See FARMER | A2

Board approves calendar for upcoming school year

Jack Latta Staff Writer

HI HAT — Floyd County Schools will operate on a similar calendar in the 2012-13 school year, following an announcement during the regular board meeting at South Floyd High School Monday night. During Monday's regularly scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, board members voted to approve the 2012-13 school calendar. According to Supt. Henry Webb, the new calendar will not have too many changes. "The calendar is very similar to this year's," Webb said. One notable change will be at Christ-

mas break. Last year, the school chose to use three make up days at the beginning of winter break. The 2012-13 calendar will call for those days to be regular school days. Spring break will also offer a third guaranteed day off. According to Webb, school will begin and end much as it did this year. Beginning in the second week of August, and ending in the early part of May. Floyd schools were benefited greatly this year by an exceedingly mild winter and are expected to get out of school at the end of next week. According to Webb, Floyd County schools typically average 22 days off due to weather each year. This year, students missed only five.



Board members approved a 2012-13 school calendar that is largely similar to the current school year's calendar.

Obituaries

Norcie Martin Elliott Miller

Norcie Martin Elliott Miller, 84, years of age, died Friday, April 18, 2012, at her residence. She was born May 20, 1927, in Prestonsburg. She was the daughter of the late Grover C. Martin and Mary Coburn Martin.

Norcie was preceded in death by her first husband, Russell Elliott, on October 23, 1966, and by her second husband, Henry Miller, on May 25, 2010.

She is survived by three daughters, Dianne Evelyn E. Donahue, and her husband Mike, of Flatwoods; Barbara Ann E. Wells and her husband Ralph, of Prestonsburg; and Meredith Lynn E. Hager and her husband Samuel, of Auxier; two sons, Larry, Russell Elliott and his wife Linda, of Paintsville, and Phillip David Elliott and his wife Jennifer, of Prestonsburg; 16 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and spouses, Norcie was also preceded in death by two sisters, Minnie E. Martin and Grace Evelyn M. Bryan, and two brothers, Columbus B. Martin and Bernard Martin.

Norcie has many more relatives and friends who will miss her. She will be thought of often by all who knew and loved her. Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, in the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Dan Heaberlin officiating.

Burial was in the Russell Elliott Cemetery, Meade Branch, Prestonsburg.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael D. Donahoe, Dr. Bradley Wells, Samuel Hager, Geoffrey Belcher, Spencer Taylor, Phillip William Elliott, Bert Garner, Alex Garner, Black Thomas Carver.

The family entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Eric Christopher Boyd

Eric Christopher Boyd, 21, of Vermillion, Ohio, died April 25, 2012, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville.

Born Nov. 22, 1990, in Vermillion, Ohio, to Fredrick W. and Kimberly Nunn, of Vermillion, Ohio, he was a contract laborer.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Ben and Fannie L. Boyd, of Vermillion, Ohio; one brother, Wesley Nunn, of Vermillion, Ohio; an uncle, Ben Boyd Jr., of Vermillion, Ohio; an aunt, Sabrina Nunn, of Ohio; a cousin, Alexander Boyd, of Vermillion, Ohio; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Nunn.

Funeral services for Eric Christopher Boyd were held Sunday, April 29, at the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Boyd Family Cemetery, at Dana. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, of Martin, was in

charge of arrangements. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Betty Sue Gibson Bradley

Betty Sue Gibson Bradley, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 27, 2012, at Community Hospice Center in Ashland.

She was born Sept. 11, 1939, to the late Kenis and Tilda Hughes Gibson. She was the wife of the late Sgt. Rabon Bradley. Betty was a homemaker and a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Kathie (Tommy) Sword, of Dwale, Teresa (John) Raschella, of Prestonsburg, and Tammy (David) Wright, of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren, Harold Ray Bradley and Nathan Alan Wright.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 29, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Kenneth Wright officiated. Burial followed the service at Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Allie Jo Goble

Allie Jo Goble, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 28, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 26, 1939, to the late Cornelius Stephens and Cora Lee Coburn Stephens Meadows. She was the wife of the late Marvin Goble. Allie worked as a home-

maker and was a member of the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Stephens and Paul Stephens.

She is survived by one daughter, Anita Kay Harris; brothers, William Stephens, Clarence Stephens and Charles Stephens; and sisters, Lula Mae Leckrone and Lorraine Hamilton.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 1, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Bill Collins and Inville Campbell officiated.

Burial followed the service at the Allie Jo Campbell Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Joshua Allen Nelson

Joshua Allen Nelson, 28, and Jacob Michael Nelson, father and son, passed away Friday morning, April 20, 2012, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Joshua was survived by his wife: Taylor Shae Nelson; two children: Caleb Allen Nelson and Jonah David Nelson; his father: Ted Nelson Jr. (Ann Voris) of Harrodsburg; his mother and step-father: Judith Colvin Tuttle and Mike Tuttle of Lexington; grandmother and step-grandfather: Judith Allen McCreary and Robert McCreary of Lexington; two brothers: Roger Brian White of Lexington and John Wayne White II of

Prestonsburg; five sisters: Elizabeth Nelson Pettit of Lebanon, Maine; Melissa Nelson Samons of Prestonsburg, Monica Nelson, Rachel Nelson Christian and Jennifer Nelson Faust all of Lexington. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Rev. Ted and Helena Warrick Nelson and Roger Colvin.

Jacob is survived by his mother: Taylor Shae Nelson; brothers: Caleb Allen Nelson and Jonah David Nelson; grandparents: Bronaldyn and David Riley, Scott Klein; great grandparents: Jerry and Jessie Griffin, Rose, Darlene Klein Perkins and Bea and Tom Riley. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members, including the family members already mentioned.

He was preceded in death by several family members including his great-grandfather: Ralph Klein Jr.

Joint Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home, with Rev. Jason Carpenter officiating. Burial will follow in the Boam Cemetery, in Estill County. Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Brian White, John White, Joey Fritz, Phillip Riley, Shane Sparks and Robbie Hale. www.cpfh.com

Jeff Robinson

Jeff Robinson, 84, of

Martin, husband of Mary Lou Brown Robinson, died Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at his residence.

Born Nov. 5, 1927, in Martin, to the late Joe and Vizzie Conn Robinson, he was a retired coal miner, a member of the UMWA Local Union 9845 and a member of the Church of Christ at Arkansas Creek, in Martin.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Jeffery (Kelly) Robinson and Larry Robinson; both of Martin; a brother, Roy Robinson, of Martin; four sisters, Barbara Caudill, Mossie Robinson and Daisy Bryant, all of Martin; and Babe Patrick, of Allen; three grandchildren, Kristie, Amanda and Destiny; two great grandchildren, Mahayah and Santana; and one niece, Donna Jean.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Verlene Robinson and Credia Robinson, and one infant brother.

Funeral services for Jeff Robinson will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 3, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. With Church of Christ ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Jeff Robinson Cemetery, at Arkansas Creek, in Martin. Visitation will take place all day Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, of Martin, is in charge of arrangements. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Farmer

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as a Kentucky high school and college basketball legend.

In a statement upon the release of the audit's findings, Edelen blasted Farmer.

"The law makes no distinction between icons and the rest of us, and neither do I," Edelen said. "The report paints a clear picture of an administration that had no qualms about treating taxpayer resources as its own. The former commissioner had state employees on state time take him hunting and shopping, mow his yard, build a basketball court in his backyard, and even chauffeur his dog. He showed himself with gifts and office equipment and rewarded friends with jobs.

In Loving Memory of Dean Conn

Born May 30, 1954
Died May 4, 1990



If tears could build a stairway
And memories a land,
I'd walk right up to Heaven and
Bring you home again.
No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.
Our hearts still ache in sadness and
Secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose someone
Like you, no one can ever know.
But know we know you went to us
To mourn for you no more.
To remember all the happy times
'And the ones we had in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten,
We'll pledge to you today,
A hallowed place within our hearts
Is where you'll always stay.

We will always love you
and miss you dearly.
Mother Carlie Blackburn
Father Virgil Conn
and Family

These are just some of the documented abuses that should outrage every Kentuckian.

A string of the allegations concern the 2008 annual conference of the Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture, which met in Lexington while Farmer was president of the organization. According to the audit, Farmer directed the purchase or donation of a large number of gifts for his 16 fellow members, then took extras home with him for his own use.

Items Farmer is alleged to have taken include 13 rifles — including one with his UK basketball number — and rifle cases, 39 "Case" cigarettes, "several" cigars and personalized wooden cigar boxes, 15 \$50 shopping mall gift cards, wrist watches and 43 bottles of Maker's Mark bourbon which had been donated by a local vendor. Of the 15 rifles, Farmer returned seven in January after he left office, leaving six still unaccounted.

Also during the conference, Farmer directed employees of his department to staff the event, at a cost of \$52,310 to the state, "with duties such as transporting conference attendees, escorting tour groups, conducting children's programs, and acting as general support staff." While the hosting of an associational conference can be beneficial to state agencies or the state as a whole, the cost to the public must be within reason. Given the cost associated

with the large number of KDA employees working the conference, it is difficult to justify the costs as reasonable or significantly beneficial," the report concludes.

Farmer is also alleged to have directed that additional rooms be booked during the conference to the use of his extended family, at a cost of \$1,380, with SASDA funds. However, the audit noted that 35,000 hotel reward points, worth \$688, were credited to Farmer's personal awards account.

The audit also questions the practice of booking hotel rooms for Farmer and his family during the Kentucky State Fair and boys' Tournament.

"During the 2009 and 2010 Kentucky State Fairs, the former Personnel Director reserved rooms in the names of two KDA employees who she knew would not be staying overnight during the fair," the report says. "According to the former Personnel Director, she reserved the additional rooms at the request of the former Director of Outreach and Development, because the former Commissioner had told him that he needed extra rooms."

During the basketball tournaments during Farmer's eight years in office, the state spent \$8,843 for hotel rooms in Lexington, even though Farmer lived 20 minutes away in Frankfort. The report questions the benefit Farmer's rooms at the tournament had for the state.

"The reimbursement

of the overnight expenditures does not appear necessary, nor is there documentation to support why the rooms or the additional night's stay was necessary," the report says. "KDA resources were used to pay for lodging, meals, alcohol, valet parking, and tips for an event in which overnight stays were not required, and it appears to have provided a personal benefit to the former Commissioner."

Farmer is also alleged to have taken items belonging to the state for his personal use, including Christmas gift baskets of "Kentucky Proud" items, wooden cowboy hats, two sets of two filing cabinets, 29 "expensive, name-brand shirts" with the "Kentucky Proud" or "KDA" logos, up to 13 more shirts with KDA logos and three laptop computers and accessories. The report says Farmer returned the refrigerators and two of the laptops, but notes Farmer had taken unusual steps prior to returning the computers.

"KDA procedures provide that laptops assigned to former employees are 'wiped,' meaning areas of the hard disk in the computer are effectively overwritten so that any material stored in those areas is unrecoverable," the report says. "The laptops reserved for the former Commissioner were 'wiped' prior to their return, but in an uncharacteristically aggressive manner. The disks on these computers were completely wiped,

meaning every addressable space had been effectively overwritten, including system areas that are normally not accessible to the typical user or application software. This typically requires special software and expertise. This extreme level of deleting information from computer disks was not in keeping with the KDA's procedures and all information that could have had value or benefit to the former Commissioner was deleted, including web browsing history, file downloading, document creation and use, computer gaming, email or other correspondence, and any other activity."

Farmer is also alleged not to have reported numerous gifts while in office, including \$900 worth of computers, which was used to construct a basketball court in his backyard. In addition, Farmer is accused of ordering state employees to conduct personal business for him, including constructing the basketball court, driving him and his former wife on shopping trips, driving him on hunting trips and escorting his dog between his home and a basketball tournament in Louisville, because the hotel in which Farmer was staying had a "no pets" policy.

Other employees of the department also come under fire in the report, with several instances of employees submitting questionable time sheets and mileage reports being cited.

Edelen said the audit's

findings will now be referred to the Kentucky Attorney General, Executive Branch Ethics Commission, the Kentucky Department of Revenue, Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Personnel Board.

Farmer refused to be interviewed by auditors. His lawyer, Frankfort attorney Guthrie True, described the report as "very political and self-serving" to the Lexington Herald-Leader.

In an official response from the current commissioner's office, Comer said he has begun implementing recommended policy changes to improve transparency, efficiency and accountability in order to prevent many of the abuses outlined in the report from happening again. "Going through an agency and completely changing its culture and environment is a great challenge," Comer wrote in his response. "When I requested this audit, I knew the process would be difficult and time-consuming. But the cooperation and professionalism our staffs exhibited through this examination has set a new standard for good government free from the politics that have ground state government to a standstill in other areas. I could not be prouder of the achievements that came about through this process and I thank you for your commitment to this effort."

"We have accomplished much ... and our work continues."

Hall

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structions a selection of sentences from that to choose, including 20-to-50 years in prison, life in prison, life in prison with parole after 25 years, life without the possibility of parole, or the death penalty. The jury spent nearly six hours deliberating, but in the end, they agreed with the prosecution and sentenced Hall once for the offense of kidnapping in prison without the possibility of parole.

After conferring with his at-

torneys, Hall agreed to allow Judge Johnny Ray Harris to impose a sentence for the remaining four charges of warrant violation, of which he was found guilty. That sentencing will take place July 5, at 1 p.m., in Floyd Circuit Court.

After court adjourned, defense attorney Steve Goble said that they were very pleased with the effort given by the jury. "We are glad they came back with a verdict other than death," Goble said. His office

was "totally satisfied" with the verdict. In fact, Turner said, the verdict was the same plea arrangement they had been offering Hall since 2008.

"We had offered Mr. Hall life without parole, and he had tried to get him to take it, and I think that his defense tried to get him to take it," Turner said, conceding that it was Hall's right to have his day in court.

Hall was represented by Will Collins, Steve Goble and Jim Gibbons.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits.

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to the *Floyd County Times* office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information used to place ads may be by telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits.

Center for Autism fundraiser

The Knights Den will host a fundraiser for the Highlands Foundation Center for Autism, with 100 percent of ticket proceeds going to the foundation, from 1 to 8 p.m., May 20, at Thunder Ridge Raceway. There will be seven bands, games and horse rides for the kids. The event is sponsored by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Thunder Ridge, the Appalachian Brotherhood of Stoney, and the Boy Scouts of America.

PHS class of 2002 reunion

Ten-year reunion planning is underway for the Prestonsburg High School class of 2002. For more information, please contact Zach Slone at (606) 205-1371.

Miss Floyd County pageant

For the first time in years, the Miss Floyd County Pageant will be held at the Heritage House Hotel in Prestonsburg and the pageant is currently still taking entry forms. The Tiny Miss, Little Miss, Pre-Teen, Teen, and Miss Floyd County Pageant are natural pageants — no glitz. The pageant is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Categories include Tiny Miss (Ages 3-5), Little Miss (Ages 6-9), Pre-Teen (Ages 10-13), Teen (14-17), and Miss (18-23). Tiny Miss, Little Miss, and Pre-Teen contestants will compete in formal dress and casual wear. Teen through Miss will compete in formal wear. Each contestant will also have a one-on-one question. Each contestant in the teen and miss category will be participating in an opening number and a public performance at local schools and institutions for which they have attended to pursue their educational endeavors. Photogenic is also a part of this year's pageant and you do not have to be a contestant to enter this portion of the pageant.

For an entry form or for additional information please contact local directors at (606) 377-6157 or (606) 205-7262.

Appalachian Community Theatres presents 'Aladdin Jr.'

Appalachian Community Theatres will present its latest production, "Aladdin Jr.," at the Mountain Arts Center. Public performances are scheduled for May 4 and 5, at 7 p.m. School matinees will take place May 7 and 8, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Tickets are available from the MAC at (606) 886-2623.

VIP EVENT: Prior to the May 5 performance of "Aladdin Jr.," Appalachian Community Theatres will hold a VIP backstage pass special event, from 4 to 6 p.m. Each child will receive a special VIP lanyard to go backstage and meet the cast of the show, and will make a snack to take with them into the 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20. For more information, call Kim Reynolds at (606) 226-1964. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, but pre-orders will receive first priority.

Relay for Life fundraisers

Fitzpatrick Baptist Church will be having a motorcycle ride, Saturday, May 12. The ride will leave Fitzpatrick Baptist Church at 9 a.m. and travel through northern Va. This will be an all-day event. Cost is \$50 per bike. Contact Tonya Parker, (606) 886-6204, for more information.

Fitzpatrick Baptist Church will be having a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, May 20, immediately after church. Dinner is \$10 and includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a dessert. Contact Tonya Parker, (606) 886-6204, for more information.

St. Joseph - Martin will be having its annual Relay for Life yard sale at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, across from the hospital, in the Sleep Lab yard.

Highlands Regional Medical Center will be having a yard sale in the HR parking lot on Saturday, May 5.

Highlands Regional Medical Center will be hosting a "Deal or No Deal" game on at noon, Friday, May 18, in the hospital atrium. Contact Joshua Johnson at Highlands for more information.

Veterans representative

A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for state and federal veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, call (866) 647-2926 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

Four-day revival

The Upper Salt Lick United Baptist Church, at Hueysville, will hold a four-day revival, May 2, 3, 4 and 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. Lee Combs. For more information, call (606) 785-2976.

Communities Against

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addition meets noon the third Tuesday of each month, on the third floor of the Floyd County Health Department. The next meeting will be May 15. Lunch will be provided.

Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP to Mike Vance at (606) 226-2075 or Mike Vance@audenlink.net, or Carol Jo May at (606) 285-6892 or cpmay@olwh.org, or Leslie Howell at (606) 263-4370, (606) 339-7358 or speak@suddenlink.net.

Armstrong Drags

The Hillbilly Armstrong Drags will take place May 4 and 5, at Corbiss Airport, on Route 321 between Paintsville and Pikeville.

May 4 will feature tech, to hand tune at 2 p.m., grudge matches at 4:30 p.m. and cruise-in at 6 p.m. featuring classics, exotics, muscle cars, rat rods, bikes and anything with an engine and wheels. Gates open at 4 p.m.

May 5 will feature tech at 8 a.m., test and tune at 10:30 a.m., and armdrop drag racing at noon. Gates open at 10 a.m.

Admission is \$5, with children 12 and under free. A pit pass is an additional \$5. Sponsored by Prestonsburg Motorsports, (606) 886-0616.

Johnson reunion

The Johnson family reunion will be held Saturday, May 26, at the Weesbury Community Center Park. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, call (270) 737-2929 or (937) 866-7937 or locally (606) 452-2473.

Maytown Community Homecoming

The Maytown Community Homecoming will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26. Registration will begin Friday, May 25, at 10 a.m., in the old school building. There will be a gospel sing at 7 p.m., Friday night, at Graceway Church. Saturday, May 26, will begin with breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. and an afternoon meal from 2 to 4 p.m. Meals will be catered at the \$22 per person fee. Reservations are paid in advance. Saturday activities will take place in the old lunchroom. On Saturday night, the evening program will feature the Valentines from Lexington. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

Send meal reservations by May 2 to Betty May, 363 Wilson Creek, Langley, KY 41645. For more information, call 606-332-0362.

Floyd County Job Club

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

Allen VFD membership drive

Allen Volunteer Fire Department is now holding a membership drive. Meetings are held every Monday night, at 6:30 p.m., at the station. Please stop and help your volunteer fire department or call Chief Roy Compton at (606) 791-7390.

Volunteer mentors wanted

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

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact our coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or JMK@M2C.com.

Veterans service officer

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

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

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Awareness & Support Group

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

Autism Children Support Group

plans monthly meeting. Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Inez, Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

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

Auxiliary Learning Center offers home repair aid

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

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

Become a volunteer with Victim Services Program

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

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

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

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

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O.

Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse.

Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

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

Democratic Woman's Club

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

Have an 'Out of This World' birthday party?

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests.

Call 889-8260 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

The Floyd County Times 2012 GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

"We want your opinion!"

By now, many of you already know about the fate of our beloved \$500 Easter Egg. For those of you who don't, the egg has been inadvertently buried under several tons of dirt in a construction area in the Mud Creek area. We regret that this has occurred and we would love to hear from the community about what YOU think we should do to resolve the problem.

Here's how to do it!

Visit our website and vote in our online poll at www.floydcountytimes.com,

or simply cast your vote below and return this ballot to our office.

Remember, we're counting on you to decide, so let your voice be heard!

- Start a new contest with a new \$500 Egg immediately
- Double next year's Prize Egg to \$1,000
- Donate the prize money to charity

The deadline for voting is Wednesday, May 2nd at 5:00 pm.

Results will be published online Thursday, May 3rd and in the May 4th edition of The Times.

Worth Repeating ...

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

—Gregory Nunn

Amendment I

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

My View

Dyslexia finds long overdue recognition

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

"We read from left to right." That mantra was drilled into my head as I earnestly listened on a menory boarder until my fingers were calloused. Four hours, every Tuesday, from first grade through eighth. "We read from left to right."

During the 2012 Kentucky legislative session, House and Senate leaders finally took action to pass legislation creating a new section of KRS which defines "aphasia," "dyscalculia," "phonemic awareness," "scientifically based research," and "dyslexia." The aforementioned learning disabilities that often fall into the general catchall "dyslexia" category have gone too long being ignored by school systems. The National Institutes of Health have estimated that 15 percent of the population may be dyslexic. Break that down just in Kentucky, and that's roughly 655,000 people. Our problems weren't easily deduced, but they were easily waved off as being the result of laziness, attention deficit disorder, lack of intelligence, or disobedience.

My mother, Ann Latta, joined so many other mothers who refused to believe that their children "weren't smart enough," and were forced to take their children often hundreds of miles to find someone, or some program who would test their children for dyslexia. But it wasn't enough to simply diagnose dyslexia, or as testers will tell you, "rule out everything else." It then takes a team of dedicated educators and parents a great deal of time to essentially construct pathways of learning in young minds.

I was fortunate in some ways that I grew up in close proximity to the Hindman Settlement School, and their Dyslexia program which catered to children, and parents of children, with dyslexia or dyslexic characteristics. Through their after school and summer programs hundreds of children who would have been left behind were given tools to succeed. Now, with increased attention of public schools, those tools will be available to thousands. In summary, House Bill 69 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to declare administrative regulations for district-wide reporting on the use of a K3 response-to-intervention implemented in reading by August 1, 2013, in mathematics by 2014, and behavior by 2015. The bill will also require the Department of Education to make available technical assistance, training, and a web-based resource to assist all local school districts in the implementation of the system. It has taken roughly 31 years since I was first diagnosed with dyslexia for legislators to act, but I'm a better late than never kind of guy, so I'll take it without complaint.

I expect this will be something of an eye opening experience for many public school educators. We dyslexic kids can be a handful, for both teachers and our parents. The burden of having so many great ideas simultaneously having to be communicated lines of communication has left us frustrated and prone to act out in the past. Hopefully everyone will bear with us as we stretch our legs and enjoy the long over due recognition. With any luck at all, I hope we will all have answered the question of whether or not we read things backwards for the last time.

So lets all applaud our state leaders who passed this legislation, but remember that this bill would never have happened at all without our people like Lois Weinberg, the late Mike Mullins and my mother, and so many others who worked tirelessly for so long traveling across the state testing children, volunteering their summers working with them, donating their time, money, and energy one way or another to see that children in Kentucky were given an opportunity to get the tools they need to succeed. And now, everyone together... We read from left to right.

Letter to the editor

Chain should be credited for work creating Autism Awareness Walk

We feel the second annual Autism Awareness Walk, which was held April 14 through downtown Prestonsburg, was a great success. We doubled the number of people who came out last year and had more parents with their children involved, which is really great.

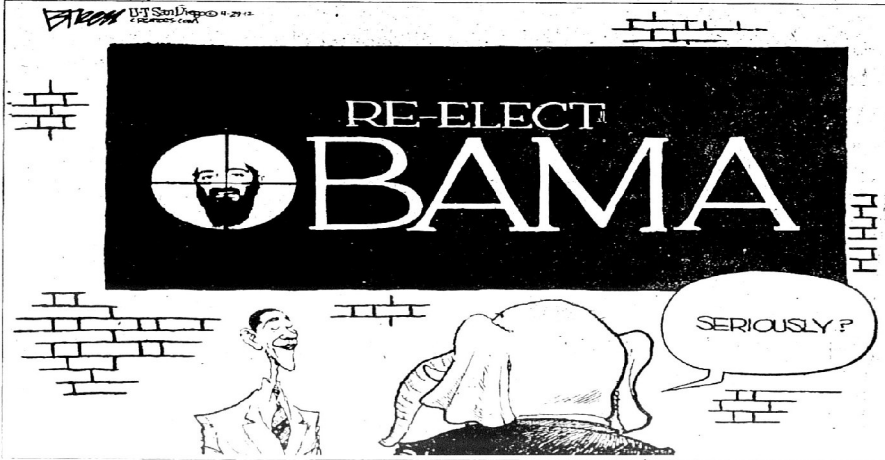
While there definitely needs to be more involvement between parents of children so diagnosed with autism and the Highlands Center for Autism, the particular event was planned by Billie Chain, the mother of twin autistic sons, and should have been acknowledged as such in our local paper.

The center perhaps does other things to bring awareness to autism, but had nothing to do with this walk and this lady worked long and hard to create this event again this year and deserves the hand clap.

Thank you and, again, for your information, you may contact eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com.

Hope to see you next year at the third Autism Awareness Walk, planned and organized by the parents of these persons.

Carolyn Ford
Prestonsburg



Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

A legislative perspective

Each legislative session is inevitably remembered for a key issue or two, and this year's will undoubtedly be recalled for the toughest budget most of us have seen in our lifetime and for taking a comprehensive approach on drug abuse.

There were several other high-profile issues as well, including the legislature's latest effort to crack down on copper thefts and making sure that the interest on the sizeable federal loan for the state's unemployment insurance fund is covered so businesses wouldn't lose a much-needed tax credit.

While the General Assembly's work in these areas took up much of the public's attention, there were also quite a few other new laws passed this year to help our state.

In education, for example, it is now possible for schools to have considerable flexibility when it comes to boosting academic development. If they qualify, they could be free of some of the laws and regulations governing them, letting them experiment with such things as a longer school calendar or a different kind of classroom setting.

Another new law that will eventually affect some of our youngest children will move back the cut-off date to start first

grade. Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, children will be able to enroll if they turn six by Aug. 1st rather than the current Oct. 1st.

In other areas of education, the legislature passed a law that now prohibits superintendents from punishing teachers by assigning them to alternative schools, and we made it possible for special needs students who graduate with a modified curriculum to receive an alternative high school diploma rather than a certificate.

School coaches will now have to be better trained in recognizing and treating concussions and head injuries, and there will be a study to take a close look at middle school sports, which don't have a statewide governing organization like high schools.

Another study, meanwhile, was also approved this year to see how the state can best treat juveniles caught up in the judicial system. There are at least three different areas needing closer review, including what approach the state should take when children 10 and younger commit a crime; how we should handle status offenses, which are violations like truancy that wouldn't be an issue for adults; and how children caught up in domestic violence situations are affected.

For police, there will now be a "Blue Alert," which is similar to the popular "Amber Alert" used when a child is miss-

ing. Under this new alert, the public will be notified if a police officer is killed or severely injured. That will hopefully make it easier to find the assailant.

Another law tied to public safety tries to bridge the line between religious freedom and protecting drivers on the road. In this case, those who driver motorless vehicles will now have the option to use reflective tape rather than the orange triangle that is otherwise standard but had been opposed on religious grounds by some groups such as the Amish.

Other new laws will standardize local tax forms to make it easier for companies to pay these taxes if they do business in more than one community; call on life insurance companies to work harder to find beneficiaries of unclaimed policies; and have social workers provide more information to help foster children transition into adulthood.

Although the time to pass laws is now over for the year, the General Assembly will soon begin holding its interim committee meetings again to review issues that may need to be addressed next year. If you have any comments or concerns about anything involving state government, you can leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

House Week in Review

Rep. Hubert Collins

Legislation has become a dirty word over the past few months of partisan wrangling in Frankfort. Some citizens say lawmakers wasted time, and money, working on bills that should have been passed months ago. Needless to say, the special session concluded last week with the passage of a Transportation budget and bill to crack down on pain pill abuse was considered by some to be the biggest time waster of all.

And I have to admit that, in a way, the critics are right. Having both Republicans and Democrats calling the shots during a legislative session—as is the case in Kentucky—can be frustrating and, yes, it can use up a lot of time that could be saved if every legislator had the same exact legislative agenda. But we don't all have the same exact agenda. And the reason for that is because Kentuckians are not all the same.

Different regions of the state have different industries, natural resources, and populations that require different kinds of state legislative attention. Louisville and Northern Kentucky have heavy manufacturing centers and transportation hubs that rely heavily on funding for airports, bridges and workforce development training. In Eastern Kentucky, lawmakers anymore are focusing as much on the region's contributions to postsecondary education and medical training at institutions like the University of Pikeville as they do on coal mining. Expanding and maintaining the economic pull of the state's horse industry while expanding the reach of the University of Kentucky as a potential Top 20 research institution is still a top goal for Central Kentucky, while "Westky's" role as the bedrock for many of the state's agricultural industries has melded with technol-

ogy and diplomacy to make the region a growing international center.

Now, take those regions and break them into county, cities, even neighborhoods—each with a specific need and a lawmaker, or lawmakers, who are willing to work their fingers to the bone to meet that need and you have a lot of separate agendas that are brought to any given session, in any given year.

How do lawmakers handle the different agendas brought to the legislative table? They compromise. A Pike County lawmaker will vote for a Jefferson County lawmaker's legislation to help, say, the Metropolitan College that funds services to UPS in exchange for the Jefferson County lawmaker's support of a coal mine. A Calloway County lawmaker will support more funding for capital construction at the University of Kentucky in exchange for a Fayette County lawmaker's support of improvements at Murray State.

This system of compromise works pretty well among lawmakers from different constituencies most of the time. The difficulties arise when a lawmaker is asked to compromise on his or her personal or party ideology.

For example, a lawmaker who is against any tax increase—as most are these days—is much more likely to throw his or her support behind funding for a dairy cooperative in another lawmaker's district if the coop will be funded with existing revenues rather than an increase in taxes. You can just go ahead and assume that any bill that proposes a tax increase, casino gambling, voting rights for felons, or that would address any other "hot button" ideological issue is sure to derail somewhere along the road every bill in the Kentucky General Assembly must take to become law.

Lucky for us, there are times when the majority of both the House and Sen-

ate share ideologies about issues. Every lawmaker, we hope, want our children to be safe from harm. We want to protect our cities and our persons with disabilities who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities. We want to stop illegal drug abuse and curb the prescription drug abuse that claims the lives of at least three Kentuckians a day. We do have shared goals.

Our ability to compromise where our ideologies meet is what enabled the House and Senate to get past our differences and come to an agreement on legislation in the special session that cracks down on improper prescribing practices. It is what helped us reach agreement, and pass, a \$19.2 billion state budget in the regular legislative session that will, among many other things, allow Kentucky to keep base per-pupil school funding at the same level (around \$3,890) in fiscal years 2013 and 2014 and this fiscal year. Allow an additional 600 persons with intellectual disabilities to live in their own communities rather than an institution; Fully fund merit scholarships that Kentucky high school students earn for college based on their high school GPA and/or his or her ACT composite score; Support our county jails by appropriating \$9 million to assist with county jail costs and \$6.7 million more to help the jails pay for substance abuse treatment for inmates. Exempt from any budget cuts funding for teacher's retirement, coal severance funds, public advocacy, local prosecutors (who are actually getting an extra \$1 million over the biennium), Medicaid, Corrections, and Veterans Affairs, among other areas.

These are good uses of our budget dollars, and benefit all of Kentucky. Compromise is not always possible, but the benefits of finding the areas where it is possible make all the frustration of the legislative process worthwhile.

Have a great week.

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Prisoner escapes while on furlough

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

PIKEVILLE — A federal prisoner on furlough while in transit between prisons didn't report to his destination and has been charged with escape.

A federal grand jury indicted Harold Eugene Hayes on Monday, charging him with one count of escape. According to the in-

diction, Hayes was in Pike County when he escaped March 22.

If convicted, Hayes could receive an additional five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Hayes is due to appear for arraignment before Magistrate Judge Edward B. Atkins in U.S. District Court in Pikeville today.

Man killed, firefighter injured in Paintsville fire

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

PAINTSVILLE — A man is dead following a fire early Sunday morning.

Paintsville 911 received a call shortly after midnight, reporting a house fire at 1120 Short Street. Once firefighters arrived on the scene and began attacking the fire, they discovered the body of John W. Meade, 46, inside the home.

Meade was transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby.

A firefighter was also injured in the blaze. The firefighter, whose name has

not yet been released, was taken to Cabell Huntington Hospital, where he is being treated in the intensive care unit.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police in Pikeville. Units assisting on scene included Kentucky State Police Detective Jason Dials, Trooper Rodney Pratt, KSP Arson Investigator Randy Gabbard, Deputy State Fire Marshal Dave Broderick, Paintsville Fire Department, West Van Lear Fire Department, Paintsville EMS, Paintsville Police Department, the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, and the Johnson County coroner's office.

Man shot by wife charged with burglary, attempted murder

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

GARRETT — Kentucky State Police has released names and filed charges, following a shooting in Garrett last weekend.

KSP received a call April 21, from a woman who reported she had shot her husband. The woman told police her husband had forced his way into their residence and cor-

nered her, when she shot him.

On Friday, KSP Det. Jimmy Anderson served an arrest warrant on Gary Coburn, 58, of Garrett. Coburn was charged with attempted murder, first-degree burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Coburn was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Anderson continues to investigate the case.

Pikeville SBDC to host Quickbooks seminar

PIKEVILLE — "How Quickbooks Can Help My Business" is a free seminar to be presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center Tuesday, May 22.

The seminar for present and prospective small business owners will be conducted at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverhill Drive from 5-7 p.m. The presenter will be Mark Murphy, general management consultant with Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

Topics to be discussed will be: payroll,

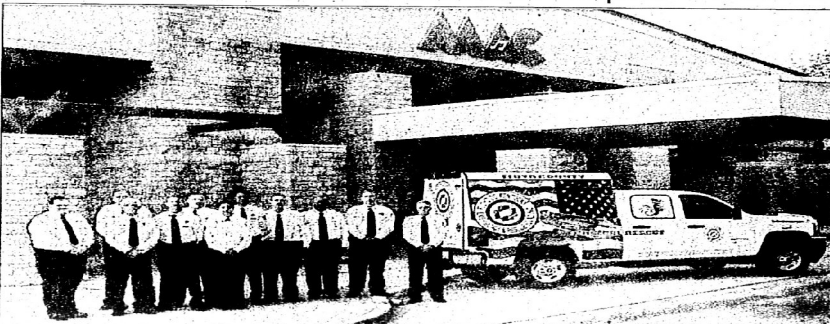
tracking sales, invoices and expenses, printing checks and invoices, business reports and inventory.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC website at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Additional information and preregistration are available from Linda Casebolt at 606-432-5848 or online at www.ksbdc.org.

FCRS unveils newest swift water response vehicle



Floyd County Rescue Squad members were present for the recent showing of "Very Worst Thing" at the Mountain Arts Center. Before the show, the squad unveiled their newest swift water response vehicle. The previous vehicle was lost during the March tornado outbreak when the squad responded to calls for mutual aid in West Liberty. Like its predecessor, the vehicle honors the memory of Anthony Osborne.

Program allows students to look to the future and 'WIN'

When it comes to planning a career, students in Eastern Kentucky can't help but "WIN," thanks to new program offered by the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative.

KVEC has established a partnership with the Worldwide Interactive Network on a service designed to provide elementary and high school students with vital information about the field of study they decide to pursue.

The program allows a student to go online and utilize what is called a strategic compass. Among other things, the strategic compass provides students with crucial information about the courses they need to take in order to meet the requirements of a specific major in college. If a student wants to work in the coal industry as an engineer, he or she can simply type in a few words such as "coal mining" and "engineering" and a wide range of facts and figures will appear—in-

cluding information on where and when local jobs will be available in a student's particular area of interest.

The program will also show the student the projected demand for jobs in the coal industry 10 and 15 years down the road. WIN also is a valuable tool for teachers. It trains them on how to teach good work ethics and how to improve teamwork and communication skills.

Wallace Bates, an academic specialist at Jackson City Schools, is one of several dozen school leaders across eastern Kentucky being trained on how to use WIN in the classroom. Bates said he is certain the program will have a positive impact on students.

"I am real excited about it," said Bates. "With this, you have a fantastic way of engaging students on their future and show them how important academics are in getting a good job."

Like many other educators in

Eastern Kentucky, Bates wants to see more students pursue jobs closer to home.

He said he believes the WIN program can help achieve that.

The KVEC-WIN partnership will also benefit community and business leaders by allowing them to analyze and assess supply and demand in the local workforce. Students who participate in WIN can earn CRC's—Career Readiness Certificates.

Many companies now use a CRC as a job hiring tool. It confirms to them they are getting an individual who has the basic skills to perform a specific job duty.

WIN is one of the newest endeavors by KVEC to promote and enhance academic achievement for students in eastern Kentucky. For more information on WIN you can go to the program's website at www.winlearning.com.

Rotary inducts new members



On Monday, April 23, the Prestonsburg Rotary Club inducted two new members. Pictured from left is Club President Paula Howard introducing new member Michelle Sode, of Hospice of the Bluegrass, and new member Denzil Allen, of Halton-Allen Insurance. On the right is Rotary Vice President and Treasurer Tommie Layne. The club is in the midst of a membership drive and invites anyone interested in membership to attend the weekly Rotary meeting each Thursday at noon at Reno's Roadhouse. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self."

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Wesley Christian School donates \$500 to Highlands Breast Center



Wesley Christian School raised \$500 to donate to the Highlands Breast Center during a girls' basketball game "Pink Night" earlier in the school year. The check was presented to Melissa Biery, Director of Radiology and Laboratory Services, during a recent chapel service. According to Kathy Rubado, director of Highlands Foundation, the money will be used to purchase breast cancer informational brochures for the center. Pictured from left is Leslie Nelson, Wesley Christian Public Relations and Melissa Biery, representing the Highlands Breast Center.

Big Sandy Health Care receiving nearly \$1.2 million in HHS grants

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As part of the Affordable Care Act, Kentucky will be receiving over \$16.5 million in federal grants targeted for community health centers, and Floyd County will be seeing nearly \$1.2 million of that amount.

Part of the ACA, which proponents call "health care reform" and opponents call "Obamacare," sets aside funding to "build and expand health centers, create jobs, and expand access to an additional 860,000 patients nationwide," according to a release from the Department of Health and Human Services.

"President Obama's health care law is making community health centers in Kentucky stronger," HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Tuesday. "For many Americans, community health centers are the major source of care that ranges from prevention to treatment of chronic diseases. This investment will expand our ability to provide high-quality care to millions of people while supporting good paying jobs in communities across the country."

Big Sandy Health Care will receive Floyd County's share of the money, with \$977,375 earmarked for long-term building needs and an additional \$216,543 for immediate facility and equipment needs.

According to HHS, funding totaling more than \$728 million across the United States will support renovation and construction projects, boosting health centers' ability to care for additional patients and creating jobs. The awards are part of a series of capital investments that are made available to community health centers through the Affordable Care Act, which provides \$9.5 billion to expand services over five years and \$1.5 billion to support major construction and renovation projects at community health centers.

A List of Capital Development - Building Capacity Program awards by state can be found at

<http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501healthcentercapital.html>.

A List of Capital Development - Immediate Facility Improvement Program awards by state can be found at <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/news/2012tables/120501facilityimprovement.html>.

Information on the Affordable Care Act is available at www.healthcare.gov.

For more information on HRSA's community health center program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/>. To find a health center, visit <http://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov>.

Students with disabilities get chance to earn diplomas

CECILIA — Governor Steve Beshear, joined by students and school officials, today signed a bill that will benefit students with disabilities by allowing them to earn an alternative high school diploma.

"We know how important it is that every student receives an education, and how important it is to high school students that they be rewarded with a diploma for their hard work when they successfully complete their studies," Gov. Beshear said. "This new legislation recognizes that students with disabilities have the same desire to earn a high school diploma as their peers do.

This makes that possible for them."

Previously, such students could earn only a certificate of attainment if they are considered ineligible for statewide assessments.

Senate Bill 43, which passed unanimously in the House and Senate, allows for an alternative high school diploma for students with disabilities whose individualized education program indicates the student cannot participate in the regular statewide assessments. The Kentucky Board of Education will develop regulations outlining the requirements for the alternative high school diplomas.

Sen. Dennis Parrett, of Elizabeth-

town, the bill's sponsor and parent to a student who will benefit from the bill, joined Gov. Beshear, school officials and students for the signing held at Central Hardin High School in Cecilia.

"I am proud of the fact that is my first bill to become law," Sen. Parrett said. "But I am particularly honored that this bill will allow our special needs students throughout the state to receive a formal high school diploma when they walk across the stage on graduation day, as opposed to a Certificate of Attainment."

"We have been supportive of Senate Bill 43 since Sen. Parrett introduced it.

All students who work hard to satisfy the requirements of a course of study deserve a diploma," said Hardin County Schools Superintendent Nannette Johnston. "A diploma is the way we traditionally recognizes completion of a secondary level of education. It awards achievement and signifies the beginning of a new chapter in life. A diploma leads to other degrees, certifications and vocations. If a special needs student performs the work that has been set out before them in their course of study in a satisfactory manner, then that student deserves a diploma just like any other student."



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Gearheart Communications reps Adam Gearheart and Heath Wiley presented Richard Brown of Hillbilly Clan #1, Outhouse #2 in Pikeville with a big check in the amount of \$3,800, which is Gearheart's donation to the Shriners Childrens Hospital in Lexington from Hillbilly Days t-shirt sales. In total, the Shriners raised over \$100,000 during this year's Hillbilly Days.

Labor Department's MSHA issues user notice regarding SCSR unit.

ARLINGTON, Va. — The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration announced last week that mine operators must immediately begin phasing out the use of SR-100 self-contained self-rescuers manufactured by Pittsburgh, Pa.-based CSE Corp. The announcement, made in conjunction with the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, was prompted by the April 13 NIOSH report of a joint NIOSH/MSHA investigation that determined the units do not conform to safety requirements. Self-contained self-rescuers are portable devices that, in the event of an emergency, can provide underground miners with up to 60 minutes of breathable air.

By April 26, 2013, mine operators are required to replace with any other approved one-hour SCSR those SR-100s that are worn or carried by miners and stored on mantrips. The entire phase-out of all SR-100 units must be completed by Dec. 31, 2013.

"Due to the large number of CSE SR-100s in underground coal mines, multiple SCSRs available to miners, the low probability of failure and the shortage of immediately available replacements, MSHA and NIOSH have determined that an orderly phase-out will better protect the safety of miners than immediate withdrawal of the devices," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary of labor for mine

safety and health.

Following the identification of a potential problem with the starter oxygen system on two SR-100s by NIOSH and later by the manufacturer during routine quality control testing, an investigation was launched. The company voluntarily stopped selling the units, and additional safety protections and new training measures for miners were put in place to address the potential problem.

NIOSH developed a protocol and began a testing process in October 2010 for the prevalence of failure of the oxygen starter and, along with MSHA, collected 500 of the approximately 70,000 units deployed in underground coal mines throughout the U.S. Five of those units proved defective, exceeding the maximum allowable failure rate of 1 percent, which includes a safety margin for error.

MSHA and NIOSH jointly approve respirators for use in the nation's mines. At the time of the investigation, the SR-100 was one of three one-hour SCSR models in use.

Under the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006, coal mine operators are required to provide additional SCSRs for each miner underground in areas such as working places, on mantrips, in escapeways and where outby crews work or travel. The rule also requires that SCSRs be readily accessible in the event of an emergency.

Data reveals annual increase in teen driving accident frequency during May

LOUISVILLE — In a month where many teen drivers are on the roads headed to proms, graduation ceremonies or even just eager to get a head start on summer vacation, Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) cautions teens and their parents to use a little extra care before heading out to the next big event. A deep look into the trends behind KFB Insurance claims data has revealed that May is one of the busiest months of the year for accidents among teenage drivers in Kentucky.

According to KFB Insurance claims data trends from 2008 to the present, accident

frequency among both 16-17 year-old males and 16-17 year-old females in the month of May is eclipsed only by the number of incidents reported in October.

"No matter the age of the driver, exercising caution on the roadways is something we encourage year-round," said KFB Insurance Vice President of Claims, Greg Youngblood. "Every year around this time our agents and claims officers tend to receive a noticeable increase in the number of incidents where a teenager was behind the wheel. It is our hope that a greater awareness of this fact will help reduce the

number of accidents — and injuries — involving teenagers." Parents can help, KFB Insurance believes that parents can have a positive influence on the effectiveness and safety of teenage driving. It's not surprising that most motor vehicle crashes involving teen fatalities (55 percent) occurred on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, but that doesn't mean the solution is to only allow teens to drive on weekdays. Here are nine ways that the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) recommends parents can help keep their teen drivers safer any day of the week: Don't rely solely on driv-

er education courses. The training offered by driver's education instructors is extremely valuable toward learning the way an automobile should be operated, but it cannot be relied upon as the sole way to produce safe drivers. Teenagers' tendencies to seek thrills and take risks may lead to poor decision making when they are behind the wheel of a car. Parents must be involved in the driver training process and share their own wisdom and experiences so that their children recognize what is truly at risk whenever pulling out into traffic. Know the law. Parents

need to know not only general driving laws, but also the additional restrictions placed on young drivers — then parents need to do their part in enforcing them. Restrict night driving. According to IIHS research, the greatest number of teen drivers' fatal crashes occurs between 9 p.m. and midnight. As most teen driving that occurs during this time of day is recreational, many more distractions are typically present. Restrict passengers. Multiple teens riding in a vehicle together with another teenager behind the wheel is often problematic, and can result

in the temptation to exhibit riskier driving behaviors than usual. The IIHS data shows that about six out of every 10 deaths of teenage passengers occur in crashes with teen drivers. Supervise practice driving. Parents need to be involved in the driver training process and supervise a variety of situations as teens learn to drive. As teen drivers increase their skills, parents should offer them supervised opportunities to drive at night, in heavy traffic or on the highway — not leave these more difficult situations to be solely taught by others.

Caudill gives commencement address for Lexington School of Recording Arts



Keith Caudill, executive director of the Mountain Arts Center, recently gave the commencement address for the Lexington School of Recording Arts. Caudill talked to graduates about developing a proper attitude for working in the entertainment industry, as well as understanding the importance technology plays in the ever-changing world of music. Caudill demonstrated the impact of technology in music with a song that utilized a sample playback device incorporating key words and elements of his speech.

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ARH sues MCOs, state over lack of adequate patient network, unpaid claims

The largest healthcare system in Eastern Kentucky that cares for some of Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens is taking two of the state's managed care companies and the State to court over inadequate patient network and access issues that would require patients to travel out of the area for care, and the MCOs failure to timely pay claims for Medicaid services.

On April 12, Appalachian Regional Healthcare filed a lawsuit in Franklin Circuit Court against Kentucky Spirit Health Plan, Inc. and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. On April 16, ARH filed a second lawsuit in federal court in Lexington against Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company and the

Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

"There have been issues with the MCOs from the beginning, and for the ARH system these issues have escalated to the point that we have been left with no other option than to pursue legal action against the MCOs and the State in order to protect the viability of our health system and the health of the residents living in our service area who we have provided care to for nearly 30 years," said ARH President and CEO Jerry W. Haynes. "One of the most serious issues is the MCOs lack of adequate patient networks necessary to facilitate proper care covered by the Medicaid plan. As a result, some of our most vulnerable patients, includ-

ing those undergoing cancer treatment or obstetric or pediatric care, will be forced to travel long distances from the local hospitals they have always relied on to care for them. Unfortunately, the end result will likely be that these patients either will not seek the care they need or they will delay getting treatment until it is an emergency situation.

In both lawsuits, ARH claims that it has provided healthcare to numerous, low-income patients covered by Medicaid - but has not been properly reimbursed by either Kentucky Spirit or Coventry which are Medicaid managed care organizations under contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Many of the claims in ARH's Complaint concern problems raised in a report released by Adam Edelen, State Auditor of Public Accounts, on February 29, 2012. ARH will continue to sue the State Auditor found that "[i]f more than a quarter of a billion tax payer dollars while ARH is still in business, and other healthcare providers have had to open or extend lines of credit to keep their doors open."

ARH also claims, which have plagued the State's Medicaid managed care program since its start on November 1, 2011, have remained unresolved and are at the heart of two lawsuits filed by ARH.

As of April 16, ARH was waiting for payment on approximately \$5.7 million in claims submitted to Kentucky Spirit since Nov. 1. Eighty-three percent of those claims have been awaiting payment for more than 30 days and nearly half have been submitted for payment for over three months. In addition, ARH has not been reimbursed ARH for care ARH has provided to emergency room patients. ARH is concerned that Kentucky Spirit has never been shown to have an adequate network in the region meeting federal standards. As a result, thousands of Kentucky residents that are assigned to a managed care plan that does not have an adequate network to provide the healthcare services needed.

On March 29, Coventry gave ARH notice it was terminating its contract with ARH effective May 4, 2012 and refuses to renegotiate the terms of the agreement until such time as Coventry can get the State to "do the right thing." In a letter to Haynes from Timothy Nolan, Coventry's executive vice President, Government Program, on April 19, 2012, Mr. Nolan indicates that "the current crisis would have never occurred except for the Commonwealth's failure to make timely and reasonable decisions on three major issues." These issues are failure to implement a risk adjustment methodology, failure to find a solution to the supplemental hospital payment issue and errors in the original data on which the agreement was based. ARH claims that all MCOs meet the same robust standards for network adequacy.

ARH alleges that Coventry will not have an adequate network in Eastern Kentucky after May 4 when its contract with ARH is terminated. Under federal law, however, ARH will continue to sue Coventry members who need emergency services. A provision in the contract between Coventry and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services provides that after May 4, Coventry will pay ARH an out-of-network provider only 90 percent of the Cabinet's Medicaid rates. The Cabinet's Medicaid rates do not cover ARH's costs already and a 10 percent forced reduction in those rates would be devastating, the attorneys ARH rejects the notion that Coventry has the legal standing to make these reduced payments.

Coventry's decision to terminate its agreement with ARH will result in ARH seeing a dramatic drop in the provision of services we provide on or before May 4, in all Kentucky operations. We anticipate the overall reduction will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 10 percent to 12 percent, therefore we must be prepared to reduce costs on a short term and long term basis that will mirror this loss in patient volumes and associated revenues," Haynes said. "As 50 to 60 percent of our costs are personnel, the required cost reductions will include significant reductions in staff and hours worked. This reduction of staff and hours worked is terribly unfortunate for our patients as it is, but especially at a time when our region is seeing so many job losses. It is obvious that ARH is caught in the middle of a dispute between the State and Coventry, which if unresolved, will cause many of our people to be hurt."

Coventry is a publicly traded company with revenues of at least \$1 billion. It has health plans or offers health insurance products in 14 states. Coventry originally contracted with ARH to provide healthcare services to its Kentucky Medicaid patients as part of the Coventry network in Eastern Kentucky. ARH also claims that Coventry has also failed to pay ARH on a timely basis. As of April 16, ARH was waiting for payment on approximately \$12.5 million in claims submitted to Coventry since Nov. 1. Also named in ARH's lawsuits is the Kentucky Cabinet


for Health and Family Services, which is the state agency responsible for setting Medicaid reimbursement rates and overseeing the three managed care companies. The Cabinet also sets rates for inpatient, acute care hospital services that cover only approximately 75 percent of ARH's costs - which ARH claims violate Kentucky law. Although ARH and many other Kentucky hospitals have had appeals of these rates pending since October 2007, the Cabinet has not taken any action to change its rates or to process the hospital rate appeals.

"ARH's mission is and always has been to improve the health of the people living in Central Appalachia by offering local access to advanced primary and specialty health care services. The actions of the Cabinet and these MCOs have placed our mission in jeopardy," Haynes said. "ARH is dedicated to the people of this region and we are seeking any and all measures to ensure that the people of this region continue to receive the healthcare services they need and deserve."

ARH operates eight hospitals in southeastern Kentucky and two in southwestern West Virginia, along with numerous multi-specialty physician practices, rural healthcare clinics, home healthcare agencies, and other services. It serves approximately 350,000 people in a region where many individuals are economically disadvantaged and must rely on Medicaid for their healthcare needs. ARH is the largest healthcare provider and the single largest employer in southeastern Kentucky. The ARH system employs nearly 5,000 employees and has a network of more than 600 active and courtesy medical staff members representing various specialties. ARH has been recognized as one of the most highly integrated healthcare networks in the nation.

Firmly committed to its mission of improving the health and promoting the well-being of the people in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia, in the past 12 months alone, ARH provided nearly \$130 million in uncompensated care for the uninsured and underinsured.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
RIVERVIEW HEALTH CARE EVENT



MAY 3, 2012

Pancake Breakfast 7:30 A.M.
Riverview Health Care Center
Public Invited

The theme of this year's National Day of Prayer is "One Nation, Under God," based on Psalm 33:12 which says: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." This event is being held to honor the Lord Jesus Christ and to pray for His guidance and blessings on our nation, our leaders and our people.

Those participating in this year's National Day of Prayer event are:

Greg Stumbo, Speaker, House of Representatives

Doc Marshall, County Judge Executive

Jerry Fannin, Mayor, City of Prestonsburg

Norm Marcum, Instructor, Adams Middle School

Bill Donovan, Corporate Accounts Manager, World Wide Equipment

Richard Greene, Pastor, Licking River Baptist Church

David Bentley, Case Worker, Adult Protective Services

Chris Waugh, Floyd County Court Clerk

Josh Byers, Publisher, Floyd County Times

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Nathan Thomas, Chaplain, Riverview Health Care

Missy Allen, Administrator, Riverview Health Care

Johnny Ray Turner, Senate District 29

Khris Varney, Arts Education Director, MAC

Kilburn

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"We are just so thankful that they are alive," says Stephanie Conn, mother of Olivia.

Olivia's intestines were severed and she fractured the third lumbar vertebra, said Conn, while her husband sustained fractured ribs and knee injuries.

Conn says that, physically, both her husband and daughter have recovered,

but mentally and emotionally, there are still lingering scars from the accident.

Conn says her family is scheduled to participate in the hearings, and the impending start has been emotional for Joey.

"He says he can still remember hearing metal scraping," Stephanie Conn said. "You try to put it behind you, but we really can't until the trial is over."

Kilburn has an extensive criminal history of driving under the influence, and had only just been released from Floyd County Detention Center, where he was being held due to a prior DUI, days before the accident. Kilburn was reportedly released after posting a \$1,000 cash bond. Kilburn has served prison time on previous DUI charges dating back to 1989.

IMPORTANT NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM

PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER

For Medicaid patients:

If you are one of thousands of Coventry patients who will no longer be accepted at the hospital where you typically receive services, Pikeville Medical Center wants you to know that we are here to provide you with quality health care, close to home. Breaking news involving Coventry not being accepted in a number of area hospitals has created concern for many.

However, Pikeville Medical Center's relationship with all three Medicaid providers remains secure, and its doors are open to all Medicaid patients in the area.

Pikeville Medical Center, providing quality regional health care in a Christian environment.



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Run 'em on the Runway: Arm Drop Drags ready to roll

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Kent Rose is ready to run 'em on the runway. Excitement for the Arm Drop Drags continues to build as Rose and hundreds of others can't wait to go drag racing. In just days, Combs Airport, located on RT. 321 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, becomes Eastern Kentucky's horsepower home. The event will kick off on Friday with a cruise-in. On Saturday, drag racing takes over the Eastern Kentucky venue.

Pop's Chevrolet is onboard as the presenting sponsor of the Arm Drop Drags. Prestonsburg Motorsports, a not

for profit organization, has banded together with the City of Prestonsburg, Paintsville Tourism and the City of Paintsville for the second running of the Arm Drop Drags.

"The local sponsors, especially Pop's Chevrolet, which is our primary sponsor, have made this great event possible," Rose said. "Paintsville Tourism Commission, the City of Prestonsburg and the City of Paintsville have really come on strong along with many local businesses."

All of those involved with Prestonsburg Motorsports have put safety first. Barriers have already been installed at Combs Airport. Fencing is scheduled to be completed at the racing venue on Thursday.

Jeff Lutz is among the big-name drag racers already registered for the Arm Drop Drags. Lutz will be bringing his famous '57 Chevy to Combs Airport.

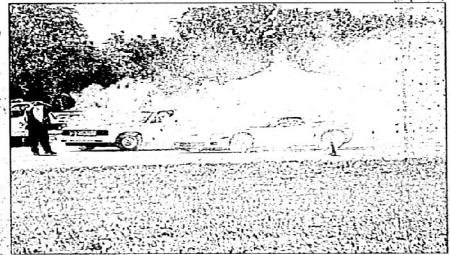
Rose has confirmed that several turbo cars will be at the Arm Drop Drags. The local drag racing event will be horsepower-packed. Grady Underwood is bringing a dragster to the highly-anticipated Arm Drop Drags.

Numerous activities will be held in conjunction with the cruise-in Friday night. A cornhole tournament is among the activities that will be held along with the test-and-tune session.

Registration for the Arm Drop Drags remains open.

Organizers are expecting well over 100 cars, which was the turnout for the inaugural event in early-September 2011. The first 100 drivers who register will receive a gift bag.

Arm Drop Drags
May 4-5 - Combs Airport
Admission: \$5, 12-and-under free
Fit Pass: \$5
May 4
2 p.m. - Tech, Test and Tune
4 p.m. - Gates Open
4:30 p.m. - Grudge Races
6 p.m. - Cruise-in
May 5
8 a.m. - Tech
10 a.m. - Gates Open
10:30 a.m. - Test and Tune
Noon - Armdrop Drag Racing



Kent Rose (pictured) felt the horsepower when the Arm Drop Drags debuted in early-September 2011.

P'burg edges Letcher Central

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WHITESBURG - Prestonsburg prevailed Friday night in the Coach Buddy Roe Invitational at Letcher County Central. The Blackcats outlasted host Letcher County Central, defeating the Cougars 6-5 in eight innings.

Junior Trey Stapleton started on the mound for the Blackcats. Stapleton pitched into the sixth inning. Another junior, left-hander Cody Chaffin, relieved Stapleton.

Prestonsburg plated the game-deciding run in the eighth inning. Kyle Welch, who had reached base on a walk, crossed home plate when Hunter Brown delivered a single, the game's winning hit.

The Blackcats led 2-0 at the end of the second inning. But Letcher Central battled back and managed to grab a lead. The Cougars, after scoring once in the third inning, added two runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to lead 3-2.

Prestonsburg moved out in front 5-2 with a three-run sixth inning. Answering, Letcher Central scored three runs to tie the contest 5-5.

Brown, Bryson Williams and Dalton Shepherd each had two singles for the Blackcats.

Letcher County Central junior pitcher Jordan Short suffered the loss.

Prestonsburg dropped games to Harlan County and Scott County in the Coach Buddy Roe Invitational on Saturday. Harlan County doubled up the Blackcats 8-4. In another game, Scott County beat Prestonsburg 14-4.



Betsy Layne High School senior Andrew Roberts will continue his studies and play basketball for Kentucky Christian University.

Roberts signs with Kentucky Christian

STEVE LeMASTER
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BETSY LAYNE - Betsy Layne High School senior Adam Roberts made his college choice official on Friday, signing to play basketball and continue his studies at Kentucky Christian University in Grayson.

Roberts helped lead Betsy Layne to back-to-back 15th Region All "A" Classic titles. The productive Roberts was one of the leaders for Betsy Layne's boys' basketball team that captured the All "A" Classic state-wide championship in 2011.

As a senior, Roberts averaged 12.7 points and a team-high 8.2 rebounds per game for Betsy Layne, which concluded the season 23-6. The Bobcats



fell to eventual champion Johnson Central in the semifinals of the 15th Region Tournament. Roberts started and finished his senior season as

one of the 15th Region's top boys' basketball players.

The Kentucky Christian University men's basketball program is under the

guidance of head coach Ron Reed. KCU competes in the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association).

Rebels rout Harlan, Buckhorn

STEVE LeMASTER
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BUCKHORN - Allen Central thrived on the baseball diamond over the weekend, defeating Harlan and host Buckhorn in a doubleheader. The Rebels won each game handily. More on each game follows.

Allen Central 15, Harlan 5 (5 innings): Allen Central pulled away to beat Harlan 15-5 in five innings at Buckhorn on Saturday.

Pitcher, Tanner Hamilton tossed all five innings for Allen Central, earning the win. Hamilton registered five strikeouts.

Offensively, Junior Handshoe, Josh Handshoe and Tyler Cole led Allen Central with three hits apiece.

Josh Handshoe had a game-high

four RBI for the Rebels. Cole and Junior Handshoe had three and two RBI, respectively.

Harlan owned a brief 1-0 lead after scoring once in the top half of the first inning. Allen Central, however, answered Harlan's initial run. The Rebels plated four runs in the bottom half of the first inning and never trailed again.

The Dragons pulled to within one in the fourth inning before Allen Central pushed across six runs.

Allen Central plated five runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to force the game to end via the 10-Run Mercy Rule.

Allen Central committed two errors in the winning effort.

Harlan scored its five runs via five hits.

Defensively, Harlan committed five errors in the setback.

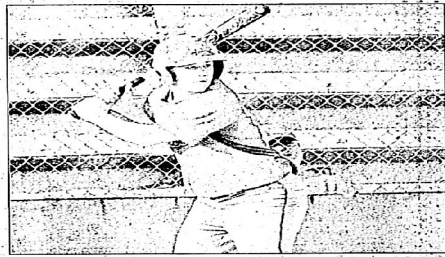
Allen Central 21, Buckhorn 0 (5 innings): Visiting Allen Central scored three runs in the top half of the first inning and never looked back en route to a convincing 21-0 win in five innings over Buckhorn.

Allen Central plated 21 runs on 18 hits. The Rebels excelled in the field, finishing the game error-free.

Allen Central led 8-0 at the conclusion of the third inning. Following a four-run fourth inning, Allen Central scored nine times during its final plate appearance.

Allen Central pitcher Dillon Lawson tossed a two-hitter. Lawson pitched all five innings for the Rebels.

The Allen Central hurler had six See REBELS | B2



Steven Howard has stepped up for the Allen Central baseball program.

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Bears add transfers, Tennessee prep stars

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE - The University of Pikeville men's basketball program has signed a pair of transfers as well as two high school prospects from the state of Tennessee.

Cody Malicoat is a 6-5 swingman from Jellico High School, and Zach Howard is a 6-2 guard from Science Hill High School in Johnson City. Both will join the Bears in time for the Fall 2012 semester to continue their educational opportunities and to play basketball.

They will be joined by Trevon Flores, a 6-11 junior from Columbus, Ohio, who played at James Madison University, and Darnell Tubbs, a 6-2 junior from Dayton, Ohio, who played at Columbus State Community College.

Cody Malicoat, originally a Middle Tennessee State University commit, joins UPIKE after a

very successful prep career. As a sophomore at Campbell County High School, Malicoat made noise by setting a single game scoring record of 58 points against rival Oak Ridge.

As a junior, Malicoat transferred to Jellico High School where he helped lead his new squad to a regional championship while also posting averages of 23 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 assists per game and being named District Player of the Year and MVP of both district and regional tournaments.

Malicoat entered his senior campaign rated as the "top sleeper" prospect in Tennessee by longtime high school evaluator Rick Bolus. As a senior, Malicoat compiled averages of 22.7 points, 10.4 rebounds, and 6 assists per contest while being named First-Team All-District 4A, First-Team All-Region 2A, Knoxville News-Sentinel All-Prep Xtra Team, and TSWA First-Team All-State.

Zach Howard comes to UPIKE after a very successful prep career at Science Hill High School in Johnson City. Howard, 2012 Big 8 Conference Player of the Year, helped lead the Hilltoppers to a 35-3 record, a No. 41 ranking nationally by ESPN Fab 50 high school rankings, and a Tennessee AAA state semifinal appearance.

Howard finished the season averaging 13 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals per game while shooting 45% from three-point range.

Howard's stellar senior campaign included a 22-point effort in the state semifinals against eventual AAA state champion Memphis East.

Howard was named to the 2012 All-TSSAA State Tournament Team as well as being named the MVP of the Merv Lopes Holiday

Tournament in Hawaii.

Darnell Tubbs comes to UPIKE after two very successful seasons at Columbus State Community College. As a freshman, Tubbs averaged 14.2 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 3.0 assists per game for the Cougars and helped lead CSCC to a 25-4 record and a No. 11 ranking nationally during his sophomore season while putting up averages of 15.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, and 3.2 assists per game.

During his career at Columbus State, Tubbs was twice named a First-Team All-OCCAA and, as a freshman, was named a First-Team NJCAA All-Region 12 selection.

Tubbs is a product of Dayton Ohio's Trotwood Madison High School where he averaged 15.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game as a senior and was named Second Team All-Area by the

Dayton Daily News.

Trevon Flores joins the Bears after two seasons at NCAA Div. I James Madison University.

As a freshman at JMU, Flores started 24 games for the Dukes while setting a JMU record for blocked shots by a freshman (37) while also finishing 10th in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in blocked shots per game. Flores posted a career high of 11 points as a freshman vs. Norfolk State and 9 rebounds as a sophomore vs. Canisius.

In 55 games, 28 as a starter, Flores posted averages of 2.8 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. During his senior season of high school competition, Flores won a Louisiana State Championship alongside Greg Monroe of the NBA's Detroit Pistons at Helen Cox High School in Harvey, La.

P'burg beats Betsy Layne in five innings

STEVE LOMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg hosted Betsy Layne for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference Baseball game Thursday evening but was the visiting team on the scoreboard. That didn't matter, though. Prestonsburg cruised to its seventh straight win, defeating Betsy Layne 13-1 in five innings via the Kentucky High

School Athletic Association (KHSAA) 10-Rule format.

Adam Griffith pitched and went the district for Prestonsburg in the limited/conference matchup. Griffith limited Betsy Layne en route to the win.

Prestonsburg thrived offensively early, scoring three runs in the opening inning. The Blackcats owned a commanding 8-1 lead at the end of the second frame.

Distancing itself from Betsy Layne,

Prestonsburg added four runs in the third inning.

Bryson Williams and Aaron Griffith each had two singles for the Blackcats. Jonathan Brook scored Betsy Layne's lone run in the second inning.

Peyton Case made the start on the mound for the Bobcats. Case was hit hard early. The Betsy Layne starting pitcher was replaced in the second inning.

Stalling penalty increased in high school wrestling

Times Staff Report

INDIANAPOLIS - High school wrestlers who are called for a third stalling violation will receive a stiffer penalty beginning with the 2012-13 season.

In addition to the two-point penalty assessed for a third stalling violation, the opponent will now have his or her choice of position on the next restart.

The stalling penalty revision was one of eight rule changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its April 9-11 meeting in Indianapolis.

The change to the third stalling penalty resulted from the committee's desire to encourage wrestlers to wrestle aggressively by providing a greater incentive not to stall," said Dale Pleimann, chair of the Wrestling Rules Committee and former assistant executive director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. "No one likes to see a wrestler disqualified for stalling. The hope is that by increasing the third stalling penalty, a wrestler who has been penalized twice will be encouraged to pick up the pace and wrestle more aggressively."

In other changes, the committee adjusted the current dual meet weigh-in procedure to align with the random draw.

Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and state liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee, said this change would provide maximum preparation and warm-up time for the first contestants scheduled to compete in a dual meet.

These new rules were approved by the committee, including Rule 4-3-5, which states that wrestlers "may not wear wristbands, sweatbands or bicep bands during a match." This rule was changed in an effort to minimize risk of injury from wrestlers getting their fingers caught in an opponent's wristband or sweatband.

Another new rule for 2012-13 is an exception to the 30-second tiebreaker.

The new exception (8-2-1b) will read as follows:

"If the second injury timeout is taken at the conclusion of the first 30-second tiebreaker period and the opponent already has the choice at the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period, the opponent would then have the added choice at the first restart after the beginning of the second 30-second tiebreaker period."

This provision was a rule change last year for the regulation match and will now apply to the overtime as well.

Rule 10-2-9 will be added to next year's rules to address what happens when two wrestlers in the championship bracket simultaneously cannot continue a match. If both wrestlers cannot continue because of disqualification for stalling or injury or blood time elapse, the wrestler who is leading on points at the time the match is terminated will continue in the consolation bracket.

If the match is tied at the time of termination, neither wrestler will continue.

Following are the other three changes approved by the committee:

4-1-1a: Language has been updated to describe the wrestler's weight and the change will also allow the T-shirt with no sleeves to be worn under the one-piece singlet when approved by the referee.

5-11-2f: Rules language was expanded to complete the near-fall and penalty sequence.

10-3-1 and 10-3-7: The tournament bracket format was revised to allow more flexibility in conducting a tournament.

"The NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee confirmed that the sport of high school wrestling is in its best shape overall by making only a few changes to the scholastic rules," Pleimann said.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 270,732 participants in 10,407 schools during the 2010-11 season, according to the NFHS Athletics Participation Survey. In addition, 7,351 girls were involved in wrestling in 1,215 high schools.

Gottfried to speak at UPIKE athletics banquet

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE - The University of Pikeville will celebrate the 2011-12 athletics year with a banquet on Sunday, May 6 at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The guest speaker will be Mike Gottfried, who spent 12 successful seasons as a head college football coach, and is known as one of television's most respected game analysts. Since 1990, he's served as an ESPN college football analyst for ESPN's Saturday Primetime telecasts.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. and will be held on the main floor. The public is welcome to the ceremony. The cost is \$25 per person.

Two awards will be given at the event. The Chrisman Awards go to a senior male and female student-athlete who exhibit the well-rounded qualities the University of Pikeville strives to graduate. The student-athletes should be held to high standards in the classroom, the commu-

nity and on his or her field of play.

During his four years at Pittsburgh, Gottfried compiled a record of 26-17-2, including two wins each over Notre Dame, Penn State and West Virginia. His total coaching record as a college head football coach is 77-54-6.

A sought after motivational speaker, Gottfried travels throughout the United States speaking at colleges, high schools and corporations. He also has spearheaded fund-raisers for charitable organizations in Alabama and Ohio. He helped found the GMAC Bowl in 2001.

In 2000, Gottfried founded Team Focus, a comprehensive mentoring program for fatherless boys and young men. His vision and drive for the program is based on his life experiences.

Gottfried states, "Growing up as a father around and knowing what it feels like, I have a desire to provide a place for young men to come and be encouraged, motivated and challenged." The goal of Team Focus is to provide fatherless young men ages 10

to 18 with leadership skills, guidance, Godly values and a continual relationship with a mentor. Through teamwork with the families, teachers and counselors, Team Focus offers support in a relaxed, cost-free atmosphere.

Gottfried graduated from Morehead State University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in education and in 1973 received his Master's Degree of Education. He has written two books, "Coach's Challenge" and "Wisdom from Winners."

In 2010, Gottfried was named the Mobilian of the Year by the Cottage Hill Civic Club for his extraordinary, positive impact on the Mobile community. He and his wife, Mickey, were named the recipients of the 2010 Director of Community Leadership Award by the FBI Special Agent in Charge of the Mobile Division for their work with Team Focus.

He and his wife, Mickey, have two children and three grandchildren.

To attend the banquet, contact Jordan Gibson at 606/218-5296 or jordangibson@upike.edu.

Tyndall leaves Morehead State for Southern Mississippi

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University head men's basketball coach Donnie Tyndall has resigned his position after six seasons to take the same job at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Tyndall led the Eagles to two Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championships and a pair of NCAA Tourna-

ment berths (2009 and 2011). He finishes with records of 114-85 (.572) overall, 70-40 (.636) in conference games and 70-18 (.795) in home contests at Johnson Arena.

"Donnie has done an outstanding job during his tenure at MSU," said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, Morehead State president. "I personally enjoyed working with him not only as a coach, but as a person who

really cares about his alma mater. His work in the community really helped bring Eagle basketball back and turned around the program. We are disappointed to see him leave; however, we are certainly happy for him and his family. He always will be part of the MSU family."

MSU improved in each of Tyndall's first five seasons. The Eagles went 12-18 (.400) in 2006-07, 15-15 (.500) in 2007-08, 20-16 (.556) in 2008-09, 24-11 (.686) in 2009-10 and 25-10 (.714) in 2010-11.

Morehead State also went from four wins and a Ratings Percentage Index of 32 in 2005-06 to 25 victories and an RPI of 64 in 2010-11. The 21-win increase and 257-spot RPI jump were the largest improvements of any NCAA Division I program over those five years.

"We are sorry to see Donnie leave, but wish him the very best at Southern Miss," said Brian Hutchinson, Morehead State director of athletics.

The strides he made in the past six years have been truly remarkable, and we are grateful for everything Donnie has done. He has been a terrific ambassador for our men's basketball program, athletic department and university as a whole."

Tyndall is a 1993 Morehead State graduate. He previously coached at Iowa Central Community College (assistant, 1993-96), St. Catharine College (head, 1996-97), LSU (assistant, 1997-2001), Idaho (associate head, 2001-02) and Middle Tennessee State (associate head, 2002-06).

A national search for Tyndall's replacement will begin immediately.

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Rebels
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strikerouts.

Offensively, Junior Handshoe led Allen Central with four hits. Gage Parsons and Steven Howard had three hits each for the Rebels.

Howard had a game-high five RBI for the Allen Central baseball team. Tyler Halbert and Handshoe added three and two RBI, respectively.

Buckhorn was held to two hits. Struggling defensively, Buckhorn committed nine errors.

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Lifestyles

Baldrige named outstanding art student

A Floyd county native is making high marks as an Art student at Morehead State University after recently being named Outstanding Undergraduate in Art and Design.

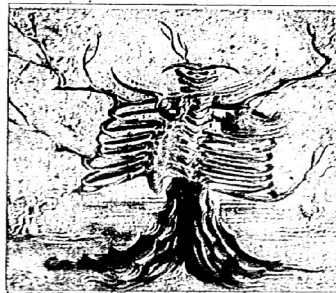
Emily Katelyn Baldrige, a senior art education major at MSU, was recently honored at the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Academic Honors and Awards Convocation, held April 26 in MSU's Frank C. Button Auditorium.

Emily serves as president of the MSU Art Education Club, is a member of the National Art Education Association, and is co-founder of two art pilot programs designed to bring art to the community. "Extra Art" with the Rowan County Arts Center, and "Discovery Art" with the Bluegrass Discovery Academy.

Her artwork has been



exhibited in MSU's Claypool-Young Art Gallery, the 2011 Mt. Sterling juried exhibit, and the university's INSCAPE art and literary



magazine in 2011 and 2012. Emily is the daughter of Kathy Prater, of Paintsville, and Phillip Baldrige, of Prestonsburg. She is the

granddaughter of Lillian Baldrige, of Prestonsburg, and the late Delmar Baldrige and the late Herbert and Ruth Prater.



Emily Katelyn Baldrige

EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

To brew or not to brew

Sandy Miller Hays
Agricultural Research Service

Belly up to the bar, pardner, and name your poison!

Okay, maybe I've been watching too many old westerns, but hey, I grew up in "cow country," where the one-and-only local TV station never even showed all the '50s fixtures like "Father Knows Best," "Leave It to Beaver" or "My Little Margie." Instead, we saw "Paladin," "Cimarron Strip," "Sugarfoot," "Rawhide" and, of course, that Sunday-night staple, "Bonanza."

The Cartwright clan's faithful cook was Hop Sing, played by Chinese-American actor Victor Sen Yung. Hop Sing's blood pressure was reputed to go up a notch or two—or 10 or 12—when the family didn't sit down to chow on time, and he was definitely a major character on the show, although it might surprise you to hear that he reportedly only appeared in seven or eight shows each season. (Rawhide's "Wishbone"—Paul Brinegar—got a lot

more screen time, turning up in 216 episodes from 1959-1965.)

Somehow, I can't see Wishbone being a big tea-drinker, but perhaps Hop Sing was, because tea is the most-consumed beverage worldwide, next to water. In fact, people have been brewing tea leaves for some 5,000 years, so they're obviously getting a lift from it (although I confess that I'm mystified by those World War II films where RAF pilots land after a harrowing day of flying into the Luftwaffe, and what they most long for is ... a good cup of tea).

These days, green tea is all the rage, but to tell the truth, there's just one source of all nonherbal teas, and that's the Camellia sinensis plant. The difference in teas—black, green or oolong—lies in how the leaves are processed.

Tea leaves are green at harvest, just like coffee beans before roasting. To get the variation in tea taste profiles, manufacturers carefully control whether, and for how long, tea leaves are exposed

to air, a process called fermentation. When fermentation is totally arrested, the tea leaves stay green or yellowish brown. When the fermentation time stretches out, the leaves darken and become "black" tea. If fermentation time falls somewhere in the middle, the result is "oolong" tea.

Still, green tea's special benefits have been touted to the extent that these days, people even take green tea capsules or tablets as a dietary supplement. So the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) decided to tackle the question of which is the best way to take your green tea: Sip it or supple it? The ARS scientists launched a study of the differences between phytochemicals—that's the chemicals found naturally in fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes that could have a positive impact on your health—in green tea supplements versus green tea leaves used for brewing beverages.

Using high-tech equipment known as high-resolution mass

spectrometers, the ARS scientists analyzed extractions of 20 commercially available green tea dietary supplement products (12 tablets or capsules and eight liquid samples) and eight dry green tea leaf samples. They compared the chemical constituents of the samples using an analytical technique called HPLC/MS. (We won't mention brand names, but the scientists said most dietary supplement manufacturers were represented in the study.)

The findings? First, the study demonstrated that phytochemicals called flavonoid glycosides, which are also important phytochemicals in cranberries, were degraded and the compound catechin, which is a powerful antioxidant, had oxidized during manufacturing and storage for many of the green tea supplement samples studied. What's more, the scientists found some additives in the supplements that were not listed on the product labels—yikes!

The researchers also found a significant chemical variance

across the range of the green tea dietary supplements sampled, and they noted that the daily intake amount recommended by the labels varied significantly.

The bottom line: The scientists said that while there are some good green tea dietary supplements, there's no way for us consumers to know the quality just from reading the product labels, and the quality of those green tea products varies significantly. More importantly, you might be ingesting other botanical extracts unintentionally. So the claim that a green tea dietary supplement is a good alternative to tea leaves is questionable from a chemical composition point of view, the scientists say.

Maybe it's time to go shopping for a really pretty tea kettle!

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Stumbo, Paul keynote UPike graduations

PIKEVILLE — "From small beginnings come great things. Guided by faith, the founders could not have anticipated the wisdom of the proverb on that September day in 1889 when the first students at Pikeville Collegiate Institute gathered for class in the quaint four-room school. Established as an outreach of the Presbyterian Church, from its auspicious beginnings as an institution of higher learning for the youth of the mountains, the University of Pikeville has reached a new pinnacle. On May 19, the Class of 2012 will make history, becoming the first from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) to graduate from the University of Pikeville, formerly known as Pikeville College. The medical school commencement will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville. Commencement exercises for the College of Arts and Sciences will be held at 2 p.m. at the expo. Three distinguished individuals will also be recognized for their significant contributions in education, business and public service. On Thursday, May 17, graduates

of the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program will be honored during a pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. A commissioning ceremony for students in the Army's ROTC program will be held Friday, May 18, at 6 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. **Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Commencement** U.S. Senator Rand Paul, M.D. will be the keynote speaker for the KYCOM commencement. Along with his wife, Kelley and three sons, Sen. Paul resides in Bowling Green, where he has owned an ophthalmology practice and performed eye surgery for 18 years. The third of five children born to Carol and Ron Paul, he grew up in Lake Jackson, Texas, and attended Baylor University. He graduated from Duke Medical School in 1988. Sen. Paul completed a general surgery internship at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta and completed his residency in ophthalmology at Duke University Medical Center. Founder of the Southern Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic, an organization that provides eye exams and surgery to needy families and individu-

als, Sen. Paul is a former president and 17-year member of Lions Club International, which is dedicated to preserving sight by providing eyeglasses and surgery to the less fortunate around the world. In addition to his work with the Lions Club, he has provided free eye surgery to children from around the world through his participation in the Children of the Americas Program. A large part of his daily work is dedicated to preserving the vision of seniors. Sen. Paul describes himself as a hard-working, dedicated physician, not a career politician. His entrance into politics is indicative of his life's work: a desire to diagnose problems and provide practical solutions. Sen. Paul will be presented with an honorary doctor of public service degree during the commencement ceremony. **College of Arts and Sciences Commencement** Kentucky House Speaker Gregory D. Stumbo will deliver the commencement address for the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2009, nearly a year after starting his second tenure in the Kentucky House of Representa-

tives, Stumbo was elected House Speaker by his legislative colleagues, an honor culminating in nearly three decades of public service, beginning with his tenure as Floyd County's state representative in 1980. He became House Majority Floor Leader five years later, making him the youngest state legislator in the nation to hold that title. By 2003, when he was elected as Kentucky's Attorney General, he had accumulated 19 years in House leadership, giving him the longest uninterrupted service ever by a Kentuckian. As Attorney General, he cracked down on internet pharmacies shipping illegal narcotics into Kentucky. In the 2009 Regular Session, he led the chamber during what is widely considered the most successful legislative session in a generation. The long list of bipartisan accomplishments includes recapturing the spirit of the Kentucky Education Reform Act by overhauling the academic standards that guide our schools and the list of bipartisan progress. In the 2010 and 2011 legislative sessions he helped lead the state through the nation's toughest economic crisis since the Great

Depression. In 2010, the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association recognized Speaker Stumbo for his work in passing Amanda's Law, which he sponsored to protect victims of domestic violence. A member of the Kentucky Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Speaker Stumbo received his law degree from the University of Louisville and his undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky. He has three children, Morgan, Brooks, and Cassidy, and is married to the former Mary Karen Henderson. During the commencement, Speaker Stumbo will receive an honorary Doctor of Public Service, William P. Malone, a longtime University of Pikeville trustee and founding partner of the Louisville CPA firm Deming, Malone, Livesay & Ostroff, will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree for his significant commitment to education and to public service. The community is cordially invited to the nursing pinning and commencement ceremonies and the University of Pikeville commencement. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5270 or visit upike.edu.



House Speaker Greg Stumbo



U.S. Sen. Rand Paul



William P. Malone

Comedienne headlines Kentucky Christian Writers Conference

ELIZABETHTOWN — "Anytime you have a chance to gather with those of like mind and faith to improve your craft, better your serve — why not?" So says award-winning comedienne and author Chonda Pierce, who will serve as keynote speaker at the 16th annual Kentucky Christian Writers Conference, scheduled for June 22-23 at Grace Heartland Church in Elizabethtown. A "Meet and Greet" with conference faculty will be held June 21 at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Pierce has been charming audiences coast to coast for more than a decade with her sharp wit and Southern style. An in-demand stand-up comic and television host-

ess, she has authored six books, including her most recent release, *Laughing in the Dark*. Pierce has ranked among Pollstar's top-selling live performers, and her comedy DVDs are consistently strong sellers, with six certified Gold and three Platinum releases. Even with her impressive background, the performer will experience something new at this year's KCWC. "To be honest, I've been performing for almost 20 years, and I think this is the first time I've ever been the speaker at a writers conference," said Pierce. "This should be exciting — especially because I've been married to a real writer for almost 30 years. I plan to simply do what I do —

share a few laughs, mainly on the perils of living with a writer." Her husband David W. Pierce has been a popular faculty member at KCWC in the past and will return this year. Publications such as *The Upper Room* and *Focus on the Family* will be represented at the non-denominational conference as well as a diverse faculty presenting workshops and concurrent sessions on a variety of topics, from fiction to devotionals to marketing your work. Faculty and editors will be available for a limited number of private appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. The KCWC bookstore will offer a variety of items for sale, including

Chonda Pierce's works. Complete details on registration and individual workshops can be found at www.kychristianwriters.com. Participants are encouraged to pre-register as early as possible through the website or through the mail. Registration for both days, with three meals provided, is \$190, while one-day registration is \$115 for Friday only and \$105 for Saturday. Walk-in registration will be accepted both days during the conference, but meals and private faculty appointments are not guaranteed for registrations after June 2. For more information contact kewcinfo@gmail.com or call (502) 330-2773.

National College in Pikeville announces spring graduation

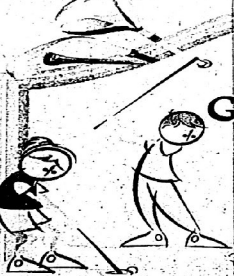
PIKEVILLE — On Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m., the Pikeville Campus of National College will hold its graduation ceremony at The Landmark Inn, Mark V, with special guest Dr. Danny Jazarevic. Over 100 students are expected to attend the ceremony and receive their diplomas and degrees. Dr. Jazarevic serves as Trauma Medical Director and vascular/general surgeon at Pikeville Medical Center. He previously served as chairman of the Department of Surgery at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and as Surgeon-in-Chief and Trauma Medical Director of the Treasure Coast Trauma Center, both in Florida. He also holds academic appointment as Assistant Professor of Surgery at Florida State University. Dr. Jazarevic is double board certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties in surgery and surgical critical care. He completed surgical residency at Thomas Jefferson University and fellowship at S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook University. Dr. Jazarevic is also a highly decorated veteran and Colonel in the United States Army with a distinguished military career spanning over more than two decades. His last active duty assignment was the Director of Clinical Operations for Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad, Iraq.

'Stop the Texts Day' gains support

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway has joined his fellow state Attorneys General, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Ad Council in support of the inaugural Stop the Texts Day. According to a national survey released by the Ad Council, 60 percent of young adult drivers (16-24) said they have texted while driving. To educate young adult drivers about the dangers of texting while driving, General Conway, the NHTSA, state Attorneys General and Consumer Protection Agencies and the Ad Council today revealed new public service advertisements (PSAs) featuring NASCAR driver Kasey Kahne. The new PSAs are being unveiled today to coincide with the first nationwide Stop the Texts Day, and the start of National Youth Traffic Safety Month. NHTSA reports that distracted driving is the number one killer of American teens. "In 2010, more than 3,000 people were killed and an additional 416,000 injured nationally due to distracted driving," General Conway said. "I want

Kentuckians to know that they are risking their lives and the lives of others when they text and drive. It is also illegal." Kentucky's law (KRS 189.292) prohibiting texting and driving became effective in July of 2010. The law also prohibits persons under age 18 from using a personal communication device while driving. According to Kentucky State Police, there were 312 citations issued in 2011 for distracted driving. Fines for distracted driving citations are \$25 (first offense) and subsequent offenses \$50, plus court costs. In 2009, more than 200 fatalities on Kentucky's roads and highways were blamed on distracted driving. The total number of accidents pinned on inattentive drivers totaled 57,000. The goal of Stop the Texts Day is to extend the message of the "Stop the Texts, Stop the Wrecks." texting and driving prevention PSA campaign via social media in an effort to educate young drivers about the risks of texting while driving. Friends and parents of young adult drivers, and other safe driving advocates, are invited to share status

updates from the campaign's Facebook and Twitter pages throughout the day on why texting while driving is such a risky behavior. Additionally, supporters can write an open letter to young adults imploring them to not text while driving on the campaign's Tumblr. A complete toolkit for Stop the Texts Day is also available to provide additional ways the public can participate. "I am glad that I was able to be a part of this project. The Ad Council folks do a good job of bringing awareness to causes such as this. Hopefully this will help people realize how dangerous texting while driving can be," said Kasey Kahne, NASCAR driver. Created pro bono by advertising agency RPA, the television, radio and digital PSAs remind young adult drivers that it is dangerous to do anything that takes your attention away from the road and serve as a reminder to leave the risky driving to the professionals. The PSAs direct audiences to stopstextsstopwrecks.org, a website, where teens and young adults can find facts about the impact of texting while driving and tips for how to curb the behavior.



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Hosted by:
The Floyd County Democratic
Woman's Club

Paul H. Thompson Golf Course
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Entry Fee \$50
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For more information, please contact or mail entry fee to:
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579 Right Bull Creek
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
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TIFF

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AMANDA BARTLEY
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Beginning at a drilled water well near a 25-foot road, and running up the hill a distance of 118 feet to a sweet gum tree; thence northerly through the hill 242 feet to an iron pin; thence from iron pin running downhill along with the fence 170 feet to the center of a 25-foot road; thence running with the center of said road 195 feet to a point opposite the well and to the beginning, and containing one and one fourth Jess, and one four roomed house, and

Being the same property conveyed to Nathan Bartley and Amanda Bartley, husband and wife, by Deed, dated April 28, 2008, by Deed recorded on May 1, 2008 in Deed Book Page 721 of the Clerk's Records in Floyd County, Kentucky.

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SECTION 106 PUBLIC NOTICE

East Kentucky Network, LLC db/a Appalachian Wireless is proposing to construct a telecommunications tower located at 76 C Nelson Drive, in David, Floyd County, KY at Latitude N37°36'03.3, Longitude W82°52'03.4. The tower is proposed to be self-support design and 310' tall. Appalachian Wireless seeks comments from all interested persons on the impact of the tower on historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering or culture, that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Specific information about the project, including the historic preservation views that Appalachian Wireless is conducting pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. section 1.1307(a) and the Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (36 C.F.R. Part 800) will be made available to interested persons who request the information from the project manager. Questions, comments, and correspondence should be directed to Virginia Janssen, Principal Archaeologist, Dynamic Environmental Services, Inc. 3850 Lake Street, Suite C, Macon, GA 31204. See the Dynamic Environmental Report on 06/01/2012. Tel: 2120-4002

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 10-CI-1269

CITIMORTGAGE, INC PLAINTIFF

VS.

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CANDY VARNEY
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Beginning on a stake on the center of a concrete culvert located on Highway 12 E, measured by an X on edge of pavement to the center of the culvert 12 E, 19.80 feet to X, also a corner to the Leslie Branch S 7 W 137 feet to a stake on the right side of branch S 10 E 200 feet to a stake on right bank of branch S 41 E 132.80 feet to a stake on right side of branch, S 24 35 E 50 feet to a stake at mouth of branch and edge of river; thence leaving the line of No. 7 and running up the river to a stake, a corner to the lot conveyed to Wm. J. Lafferty by D. B. Leslie, Jr., thence leaving the line and up the river bank and across the bottom with the line of No. 7, to a stake near the edge of the state highway; thence down and along the State Highway to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Steven David Varney and Candy Varney, husband and wife, from

John Bramley Wright, et al, by dated dated September 14, 2007 and recorded on 10/10/07 in Deed Book 539, Page 365, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTSTAR BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF

VS.

GAYLORD G. MARTIN, ET AL
DANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of Turkey Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and is a part of Tract No. 4 of The Jack Webb Farm, which is described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake at the top of the ridge between Turkey Creek and Hayes Branch, in the center of the North end of Chalmers R Martin property. Following south and down the line of the property line of Chalmers R Martin to a stake at the property line of Thomas E. Martin on the east side of highway 77, turning NE along highway #77 to a stake dividing the property of Chalmers R Martin and Glemia Gay Martin, then following along the property line of Glemia R Martin to a stake; thence across the west side of Turkey Creek to a stake near a Red Oak Tree; thence across the bottom of the ridge #77 to a stake on the west side of Highway #77 up the hill to a stake near a White Oak Tree; thence to a stake near a Red Oak Tree joining the property line of Clem Martin; thence following along the Clem Martin property line to the top of the ridge turning south to the point of beginning.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Pursuant to Application Number 838-0400, Amendment #2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that the proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U. S. G. S. 7 & 8 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by B. Corporation, Gregory & Christy Ison, Gregory & Christy Ison, Matt & Pamela Lane and Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources' Prestonburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference may be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments and objections and requests for a permit conference must be received within (30) days of today's date.

Legals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 11-CI-604

U.S. BANK, N.A. (Successor by Merger to Firststar Bank, N.A.) Successor by Merger to Trans Financial Bank, N.A. (Successor by Merger to Trans Financial Bank of Kentucky) Bank of Kentucky, Inc. PLAINTIFF

VS.

BRADLEY J. MOORE, ANY UNKNOWN OR UNIDENTIFIED HEIRS, MICHAEL MCCRAY, MICHAEL MCCRAY, ANY UNKNOWN OR UNIDENTIFIED HEIRS OF MICHAEL MCCRAY DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 15th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, in the principal amount of \$20,880.04, with interest thereon, plus additional sums of money, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse - Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of May, 2012 at 9:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description of the above described property, to wit: Address of Property: 25 Lower Burton Road, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Lying and being in Burton Village Subdivision and being the surface and improvements of House and Lot No. 46 as shown upon the plat of Burton Village Subdivision filed in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County Court on December 12, 1985, and filed in Box No. 3, Map No. 174 therein, to which reference is made. This conveyance is subject to easements heretofore granted and all rights reserved and obligations imposed in the instrument of conveyance in the chain of title.

Being the same property conveyed to the mortgagors herein by deed dated October 22, 1990, as recorded per Deed Book 342, Page 17, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Bradley J. Moore, from Feisty Moore, by Quitclaim Deed, pursuant to Floyd Circuit Court Civil Action #2008-79, dated April 1, 1994, and recorded per Deed Book 378, page 142, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed place of entertainment is COYOTE DEN III...

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for May 17, 2012. At the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter, a hearing can be heard before the Floyd County Justice Center...

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 09-CI-1008

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE BANCORP, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE BANCORP, N.A. HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 19th day of March, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property...

A certain tract or parcel of land lying 111 Floyd County, Kentucky on Daniels Creek, a tributary of the Lewis Fork of the Big Sandy River...

Being Lot No. 2 of the Windy Brooks Subdivision as shown on maps dated May 2, 1995, of record in Map Files No. 901, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Scotty Williams from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee in a Collateral Servicing Agreement dated as of April 1, 2005...

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days...

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year's operations and all subsequent years.

Legals

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 10-CI-1246

PILGRIM ENERGY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. DELORES KIRK, ET AL DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 13th day of March, 2012, in the above cause, in the at and to be made the basis of this suit, plus additional sums and interest as advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door...

TRACT 1

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

Commencing on a white walnut at a Lick spring, thence with Samuel Pfirs line a west course to the top of the hill thence with Green Praters line Mat Moores Jack Moore line running a north course to the line of Stephens line to a sugar tree...

Being the same property conveyed by George Ratliff and Arty Ratliff, his wife, to Adam Ratliff and Louisa Prater, his wife, dated December 28, 1905...

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...

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year's operations and all subsequent years.

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

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-SECTION 301 SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMPLIANCE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES BUILDING

Introduction

The City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky is accepting proposals from consultants for management and administrative services for a Community Development Block Grant from the State of Kentucky, under the 2011-2012 program.

Part One: Management and Administration

The level and scope of services to be provided under Part One will be determined by the city. A lump sum, fixed price fee will also be required for services subsequently included in the agreement under Part One.

Assist the city in meeting equal opportunity, citizen participation, and fair housing requirements for participation in the CDBG program, including preparation of Section 3 Plan.

Prepare an environmental assessment of the program, including consideration of historic preservation and assist the city in meeting all environmental clearance procedures required by the State.

Assist the city in meeting financial, administration and book-keeping requirements of the program, including preparation of reports required for payment.

Assist the city in meeting record keeping requirements of the program, including the establishment and maintenance of a filing system.

Assist the city in contract administration and monitoring requirements of the program, including enforcement of labor standards and conducting preconstruction conferences as required.

Prepare a final report as required by the State upon completion of the program.

Furnish the city with forms required for implementation of the project activities included in the application.

Furnish staff training to carry out project activities.

Prepare any reports required by the state to complete the program.

Assist the city in administering housing rehabilitation and property acquisition, and relocation activities if required in program.

Prepare an Employee Affirmative Action Plan for the city.

Part Two: Proposal

Proposals will be considered by the city at a meeting to be held at 9:30 pm, on the 14th day of May 2012. The proposal must be submitted to the city clerk prior to NOON (12:00 pm) on the 14th day of May 2012.

Legals

Proposals should be addressed to: Sharon Schoolcraft, Prestonsburg City Clerk, One One One Prestonburg, Kentucky 41653

"EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY"

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. C.A. NO. 10-CI-00847

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIBERBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP PLAINTIFF VS. NICK PUGH, ET AL DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 9th day of December, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property...

Parcel No: 095-10-19-104-00

Tract I: A certain tract or parcel of land situated at Pin Hook Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky and being bounded and described, more particularly as follows:

Beginning at corner between Burnice Howard and Charlie Stapleton line; thence North 15 ft. to a stone, thence West about 100ft. to a stake in the ground, thence East about 100 ft. to a stone and beginning.

Tract II: A certain tract or parcel of land situated at Pin Hook Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky and being bounded and described, more particularly as follows:

Starting at metal stake drove 10 ft. from JOO and Cora Osborne fence line at the left fork of the road, thence running in a straight line to a metal stake then running 10 ft. to a stone, thence in a straight line of Joe and Cora Osborne to a stake at the corner of fence line back to line beginning stake.

Tract III: A certain tract or parcel of land situated at Pin Hook Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being bounded and described, more particularly as follows:

Beginning on an elm stump about ten (10) N. from Pin Hook Creek. thence Easterly course One Hundred (100) ft. to a planted stone; thence a Southerly course Sixty-five (65) ft. to a planted stone to Lee Cecil's line; thence running with Leopolis' line to Pin Hook Creek; thence with Pin Hook Creek to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Nick Pugh and Betty K. Pugh, his wife who acquired title by virtue of a deed from Larry Joe Osborne and Fitta Cabona, his wife, Jack Ward and Linda Ward, his wife; Kenny Osborne and Betty Osborne, his wife, dated May 18, 2004, filed August 31, 2004, recorded in Deed Book D562, Page 290, Court 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...

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year's operations and all subsequent years.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Legals

from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION C.A. NO. 09-CI-415

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIFINANCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. FKA CITICORP EQUITY SERVICES, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SABRENA STEPP CACH, LLC COUNTY OF FLOYD DECEASED ESTATE

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to the Official Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 16th day of September, 2010, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action...

Parcel No: 095-10-19-104-00

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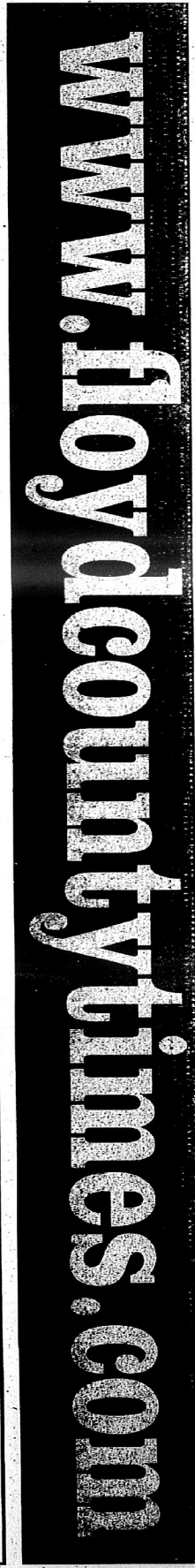
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Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 8535570, Renewal No.

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 has applied for a renewal of its permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.00 miles southeast of Blue River in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.80 surface acres and will underlie 975.30 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 984.10 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 miles southeast from KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 1210 and located 0.20 miles east of Caney Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Allen-May Land Corporation, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Allen-May Land Corporation, LLC, GEO OFFSHORE, Inc., Kenneth and Phyllis Refitt, Barbara and Karla Brown, Lillie Blizard and Carla Huff, Rosie Refitt, Alma Land Company, Mary Alice Bates, Joe Stron, Dorcas W. Barnett, Jeana Anne Barnett, David Joe Charles, Freddie Fields, Betty Bley, Lina, Odie Bradley, Arnie Baldwin, Floyd D. Smith, Appalachian Land Company, Tilden Allen, Steve Jackie and Rick Ousley, Orl and Odie Ousley, and Ronald and Ida Scott.

The operation will affect an area with 100 feet of public road KY Route 1210. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public review at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US 23, 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION OF PROBATE
C.A. NO. 11-CI-00871
COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC.
Individually and Acting as Agent for
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, and in their own right, PLAINTIFF
VS.
BUCK D. COMBS
aka BUCK DARIN COMBS - DEFENDANT'S RESPONSE TO MISDEMEANOR SALES

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property in the amount of \$235,951.06 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, which I shall hereinafter be advised to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the now Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at 10:00 a.m., on the 17th day of May, 2012, at 9:45 a.m., the following terms set forth following the description, to-wit:

That was conveyed on June 16th, 2005, by and between Paul Clark Combs and Shirley W. Combs, single, by deed recorded in Deed Book 514, Page 20, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office as described in the following description: A tract of land near the intersection of Daniel Creek Road and US 23 on Hurricane Branch. Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to herein as an "iron pin" is set in a size 5/8" reinforcing bar, eighteen (18) inches in length, with a 1/2" diameter galvanized steel cap and a 1/2" diameter iron pin.

Legals

2735-2852" All bearings stated herein are referenced to Windy Ridge II Subdivision.

Beginning at an iron pin set on the corner of the point a corner to the land of Daniels Creek Development (DB 269, P 40) and Paul & Shirley Combs (DB 432, P 438), witnessed by a nail in the foot of a 15" chestnut oak bearing N. 32°10'03" W a distance of 27.35' to a tack in the root of a 21" white oak bearing N 75°04'39" E a distance of 42.78'; Thence severing the lands of Paul & Shirley Combs (DB 432, P 438) S 39°08'18" W a distance of 27.35' to a tack in a hub on the center of the old Thence S 05°25'51" E a distance of 66.00' to a tack in a hub on the center of the 01°20'09" E a distance of 150.39' to an iron pin set on the center of the old Thence S 61°09'07" W a distance of 295.45' to an iron pin set at the back of a small flat, Thence S 63°22'32" W a distance of 66.91' to a 24" x 24" x 2" square marked where hicks on the NE and SW sides. Thence S 62°31'32" W a distance of 33.81' to a point in the center of Hurricane Branch on the lands of Daniels Creek Development (DB 269, P 40) and Paul & Shirley Combs (DB 432, P 438) and turning N 05°54'45" W a distance of 38.12' to a 24" x 24" x 2" square marked where hicks on the NE and SW sides. Thence S 62°31'32" W a distance of 66.91' to a 24" x 24" x 2" square marked where hicks on the NE and SW sides. Thence S 62°31'32" W a distance of 66.91' to a 24" x 24" x 2" square marked where hicks on the NE and SW sides. Thence S 62°31'32" W a distance of 66.91' to a 24" x 24" x 2" square marked where hicks on the NE and SW sides.

There is also conveyed an easement and right of way across the western portion of the property of the Grantors for ingress and egress to the above described tract of land which easement and right of way runs across a 60 inch culvert which is approximately 30 feet long from Daniels Creek Road to an existing road and following the existing road, which is approximately 25 feet long for a distance of approximately 70 feet to the above described tract of land, which is shown on the plat for Paul Combs dated September 27, 2002, in the office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court.

A. The successful bidder shall either purchase or make a deed by cash or promissory note in full or in part. The successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the full amount of the purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have full force and effect of a judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained on the above described real estate in addition to the assessment.

B. The purchaser shall pay the taxes or assessments on the property for the current year real estate taxes and for subsequent years. (All taxes or assessments on the property for prior years shall be paid in full at the time of sale.)

C. The above 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 Commissioner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notices
Estate of Byrd O. and Waltha Stratford, KY.
Contents of residence on Greasy Valley Road including 2005 Cadillac with 35,000 miles, tools, furniture, books, food, jewelry, china, appliances, prints, and household furnishings. See www.auctionzip.com for further information. Pictures, terms and conditions, and location. Jim Campbell, Auctioneer.

Notices
Ray Wilcox Estate Sale
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85 Years Floyd Countain, Piano
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To many items to list
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Garage Sale
THURSDAY MAY 3RD & FRIDAY MAY 4TH 11:00-5:00 PM
PARKWAY ON DAVID RD. 404 ON FIRST BRICK HOUSE ON FIRST

Estate Sale
Rain or Shine
May 3-4, & 5
8 am - 6pm
63 Brahan Village
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653
(second house behind Abbott Elementary)

Five family yard sale - May 3rd, 4th and 5th. In front of Home Furniture across from Post Office. Rain or Shine. Lots of children's clothing, over 200 Thomas the Train items, including a train trunk for under the bed and a train table. Also several large girl toys. Play kitchen set.

HUGE YARD SALE MAY 3RD 4TH & 5TH ACHES FROM ALLEN POST OFFICE. BESIDE ALLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT. LOTS OF TOYS & CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

May 4-5 8:00am to 3:30pm Location: 1000 S. 10th St. Briarwood Subdivision Prestonsburg. Look for signs and markers. Items for sale include house hold furniture, Mens and Womens clothing, shoes, sporting equipment, home interior, seasonal weather's, office furniture, western/romance novels, and outdoor furniture.

Several Family Yard sale: Sat May 5th Spradlin Branch. Near Soc. Sec. Clothing, Household Items, Jewellery, purses and much more. 8:00am to

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EMPLOYMENT

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Darlene Walker
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Around the Horn

Pitchers 400-Homero Run Club
Of the 12 pitchers in the 400-HR club (that's 400 runs allowed, by the way), seven are in the Hall of Fame. Of the five that are not an inductee, only Frank Tanana is eligible. David Wells and Tim Lincecum are not likely to be voted into the Hall of Fame, but Randy Johnson is. That leaves Jamie Moyer, the leader with 513 career runs allowed, as the only pitcher who is eligible for the Hall of Fame but not in it. Moyer has given up home runs to 326 different batters representing all 30 teams and in 42 ballparks.

Hot Trick Home Run Club
Since 2000, there have been 128 players who have hit three home runs in a game as Curtis Granderson of the Yankees became the latest to do this season. The Kansas City Royals are the only team not to have one during that time. Every team has given up at least one hot trick this century, but Detroit and Miami have been the stingiest with just one. Toronto tops the list having had a player accomplish it 11 times. Colorado has allowed an opponent to go deep three times the most at 10.

"Hitting three bombs doesn't guarantee a team's success, but it certainly helps. Teams 14-15 when a player goes deep three times. Only once since 2000 has a team scored on three runs. Arizona's Steve Finley accounted for all his team's runs in a 4-3 loss to the Cubs. Four players have done it four times since 2000. And it must help if your first name begins with an A. Albert Pujols, Alex Rodriguez, Aramis Ramirez and Sammy Sosa each hit three bombs four times.

And one last piece of useless information is that Corey Hart, Jose Valdes and Pedroia are the only players to steal bases in games in which they hit three homers.

All-Playoff Run Week

Paul Konerko, Chicago
The leader of the White Sox offense, Konerko batted .435 last week with a .500 on-base percentage. He hit four home runs to go with three doubles, which gave him a 1.457 OPS for the week.

All-Playoff Win Week

Jake Peavy, Chicago
Trying to outdo teammate Phil Humber who pitched a complete game, Peavy tossed two complete games last week, winning one and losing one. He tossed a three-hit shutout at Oakland, then four hits and four runs and one run, but lost, in 18 innings, he gave up seven hits, walked three and struck out 12.

All-Playoff Strikeout Week

Carlos Gonzalez, Colorado
After a disappointing season in 2011, Carlo has returned to the Colorado lineup. Last week he led the majors with four home runs and 11 RBIs. He batted .391 with a 1.395 OPS and scored seven runs.

All-Playoff Home Run Week

Johan Santana, New York
After failing to score in his first 18 innings while Santana was on the mound this season, the Mets finally broke through getting three runs in his last start, before the bullpen blew the game in extra innings. Last week Santana pitched 7 2/3 innings and struck out 16. He allowed five hits and five walks for a 0.79 WHIP and 0.71 ERA.

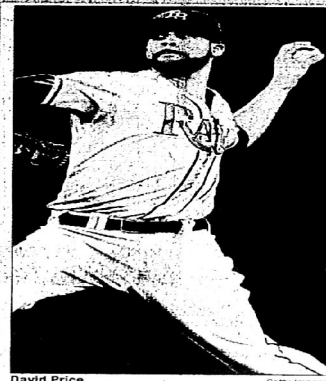
Farm Report

Will Middlebrooks, Boston
The heir apparent to Kevin Youkilis has all the tools to be a power-hitting third baseman in the big leagues. He began his pro career at age 19 at Lowell and has progressed steadily ever since. He played at three levels last season, ending the year at Triple-A, where he struggled at .161 with two home runs and eight RBIs in 16 games. This season is a totally different story. He's batting .348 with nine dingers and 27 RBIs in just 23 games.

Turn Back the Clock

May 2, 1954
The Cardinals' Stan Musial hit five home runs in a double-header, collecting nine RBIs on the day, homered three times in the first game, a 10-6 win over the Giants. He followed with two in the nightcap in the 9-7 loss. An ex-All-Star, Musial was in the stands that day at Sportsman's Park. Colbert would become the only player to match the five-home run day in 1972 for San Diego.

May 1, 1991
Rickey Henderson stole the 939th base of his career to break the all-time record held by Lou Brock. Henderson was caught trying to steal earlier in the game. Later that evening, Nolan Ryan of Texas no-hit the Blue Jays, the seventh no-hitter of his career.



David Price

Athlon Sports Power Rankings

1. **Dodgers** Sweep of Nationals proved Dodgers are best — for now. David Price making early Cy Young bid.
2. **Rangers** Lost first series of the season over the weekend.
3. **Rays** Respectable debut for Bryce Harper.
4. **Cardinals** Of three NL pitchers with four wins, two are Cardinals.
5. **Braves** Craig Kimbrel has saved four of last five wins.
6. **Nationals** Only four AL teams have allowed more runs.
7. **Yankees** Edwin Encarnacion leading the offense.
8. **Blue Jays** Recent slump has allowed Indians and White Sox in the race.
9. **Tigers** Joe Saunders emerging as D-backs' ace.
10. **Diamondbacks** Derek Lowe and Jeanmar Gomez ERA 2.40; other starters: 4.90.
11. **Indians** Won seven of 10 with Cubs and Pirates on docket this week.
12. **Reds** Next 15 games will be tough stretch.
13. **Orioles** Big games at Atlanta and Washington upcoming.
14. **Phillies** Won eight of 12 to get back on track.
15. **Pirates** Corey Hart carrying the offensive load so far.
16. **Brewers** Opponents are hitting .285, third-worst BAA in majors.
17. **Rockies** David Wright carrying a 508 on-base percentage.
18. **Mets** Won six of seven against weaker teams.
19. **Red Sox** Next 15 games are within the division.
20. **White Sox** Scored 11 runs in last seven games, won only one.
21. **Angels** Only AL team with fewer runs than Angels.
22. **As** Clean-up hitters are batting .184 with 22 Ks and 18 hits.
23. **Martins** Batters Nos. 6-8 hitting just .167.
24. **Pirates** Scored 13 runs in last eight games, won one.
25. **Marlins** Outscored 26-13 but scoring competition.
26. **Astros** Won five of eight behind strong pitching.
27. **Cubs** 4-1 when Cory Luebko starts, 3-15 when he doesn't.
28. **Padres** Four of last seven losses were by one run.
29. **Royals** Jonathan Broxton setting in as closer.

Weekend Wrap

Miami at San Diego
In yet another year of the Pitcher, offensive fertility will be on full display at San Diego as two of the National League's worst offenses get together in the most brutal park for hitters in baseball. San Diego hitters carry a .215 batting average — only .191 at home. The Marlins aren't much better hitting .202 on the road. The Padres have scored just 38 runs in 14 games at home while Miami has 27 runs in 11 road games. Starting pitchers on both sides should be licking their chops for this series. Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle and Ricky Nolasco are scheduled for the Marlins. They will face Anthony Bass, Clayton Richard and Joe Wieland. The over/under for the weekend should be about 1.5.

Baltimore at Boston
If the Baltimore Orioles are serious about crashing the AL East party for the first time in more than a decade, they must prove they can beat the Yankees and Red Sox. After three games in New York, the Orioles will visit Boston for the weekend. The O's will face Jon Lester, Josh Beckett and Clay Buchholz. Baltimore will counter with Jason Hammel on Sunday, Hammer, who is 3-0, allowed just two hits and a run over eight innings against the Twins in his first start this season. In his last start, he tossed seven shutout innings against the Blue Jays. The Orioles have won all four of his starts.

Best Aging Stars: Age 35 and Over

Last week we presented the best of the young guys — 25 and under. Now the old dudes. Needless to say this roster is one huge injury risk. As was the case with the 25-and-under list, I'm using Opening Day (April 4, 2012) as the players' official ages. Players had to be at least age 35 on that day to qualify. I can't tell you how tempting it was to fudge on the age eligibility and include Carlos Helton, who is 20 days too young, and Roy Halladay, who missed by 40 days.

CATCHER
A.J. Pierzynski, Chicago White Sox
Last season was the first time A.J. spent any time on the DL in his career. Remarkable. So far this season, he's batting better than .330. Easy to run on.

FIRST BASE
Paul Konerko, Chicago White Sox
He has played close to 2,000 games for the White Sox after both the Dodgers and Reds traded him. This is likely to be his third straight .300-.30-.100 season.

SECOND BASE
Michael Young, Texas
There's not much to choose from here. At least Young has played 433 games in his career at second base, and he can still hit like a 30-year-old.

THIRD BASE
Chipper Jones, Atlanta
It would be nice if either Jones or A-Rod could play second base. Both deserve to be in the lineup. Jones seems to have grown into more of a winner.

SHORTSTOP
Derek Jeter, New York Yankees
There can be no argument here. Just when you think Jeter might be slowing down, he carries a .400 batting average into late April.

LEFT FIELD
Alfonso Soriano, Chicago Cubs
He's turned himself into an horrific outfielder and has some horrific holes in his swing. Other than that, the Cubs should be excited about the \$54 million they owe him for 2012-14.



Torii Hunter, Los Angeles Angels

I know he plays right field now, but I'm sure he can still handle himself quite well in center. He has yet to homer and has many strikeouts as hits (19).

RIGHT FIELD
Ichiro Suzuki, Seattle
Ichiro is not the same player that arrived in the States in 2001, but he's still borderline All-Star quality.

STARTING PITCHERS
Tim Lincecum, Atlanta
He's 2-0 with a sub-1.00 ERA and WHIP after three starts. While those trends won't continue, he's still a reliable No. 3 starter for the Dodgers.

Jamie Moyer, Colorado
Anyone who is older than me can have a spot on this roster. His 3.14 ERA easily earns a spot in the rotation.

Bronson Arroyo, Cincinnati
Last season looked like the end for Arroyo, but 2012 has brought new life with just two walks in 26.2 innings and a 2.70 ERA in a hitter's park.

Bartolo Colon, Oakland
We have no idea what to make of Colon's unbelievable comeback. He's allowed less than one base runner per inning over his first 34 frames this season.



Scott Downs, Los Angeles Angels

Every bullpen needs two left-handers. Downs limited left-handed hitters to a .179 average last season.

Mark Thornton, Chicago White Sox
Opponents are batting .216 this season as the White Sox are asking him to get tough outs every night it seems.

SETUP MEN
Fernando Rodney, Tampa Bay
From Saratoga to Forsythworth and now Rodney, the Rays' bullpen doesn't seem to miss a beat.

Rafael Betancourt, Colorado
It was tempting to take Joe Nathan for this role, but Betancourt has proven to be consistent even in Colorado.

CLOSER
Mariano Rivera, New York Yankees
This may be the only position where the old guys have an edge. We would rely on Rivera to save big games for us, no matter the age restrictions.

BENCH
Alex Rodriguez, New York Yankees
Hard to believe that A-Rod is on the bench. But Chipper would be out of the lineup enough for Rodriguez to get plenty of chances.

Jose Molina, Tampa Bay
As tempting as it was



Mariano Rivera (left) remains the most reliable closer. Mark Jeter (center) and Ichiro Suzuki would be productive sparks at the top of the lineup.

to turn to the recently retired Ivan Rodriguez, we decided to include only active players. And since his name is Molina, he is tough to steal against.

David Ortiz, Boston
Since this writer still refuses to recognize the designated hitter in my lineup, Ortiz would be a serious weapon coming off the bench.

Todd Helton, Colorado
Helton gives the team some punch off the bench and is a solid defensive replacement for Konerko.

Lance Berkman, St. Louis
Berkman is a switch-hitter who still believes he can play the outfield. Truth is, he probably can as well, or better, than Soriano. 3-0, health is a huge issue.

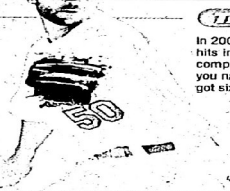
John McDonald, Arizona
Edging out Alex Gonzalez and Marco Scutaro, McDonald provides some defensive help off the bench.

Jerry Hairston, Jr., Los Angeles Dodgers
No matter who he plays for or what position he plays, Hairston contributes with his bat, glove and on the bases.

WILL BE ELIGIBLE NEXT SEASON
Jose Valverde, Detroit
Rafael Furcal, St. Louis
Carlos Beltran, St. Louis
Roy Halladay, Philadelphia

Numbers Game

- 0 Runs scored by the St. Louis Cardinals while Adam Wainwright was in the game during his first four starts this season, spanning 20 innings.
- 2.05 ERA of the first-place Texas Rangers' bullpen.
- 5.26 ERA of the last-place Los Angeles Angels' bullpen.
- .249 Cumulative batting average in the major leagues this season, the lowest for a season in the DH Era. In 1972, the season prior to the DH rule, the majors' average was .244. The league batting average has declined each year since 2006.
- 16 Home runs by the Dodgers' Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier in 163 at-bats. Their teammates have combined for just three homers in 545 at-bats.
- 20 Consecutive games with a hit by the Giants' Pablo Sandoval to start this season. Before being held hitless by the Padres on Saturday, Sandoval established a new San Francisco mark for a hitting streak to start the season, beating the old mark of 16 set by Willie Mays in 1961.



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Off the Corner

In 2009, three players each got six hits in a game. No player has accomplished that since then. Can you name those three players who got six hits in a game in 2009?

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