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County reverses course on senior center cuts

Ralph B. Davis
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PRESTONSBURG — Following a 15-minute presentation by Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center chairman Darrell Patton on the benefits of and challenges facing Floyd County's senior citizens centers, magistrates backed from a decision to slash \$100,000 in funding from Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Patton spoke about the work the centers are doing, particularly in terms of providing meals to some who might not otherwise have food to eat, and informed the court about how the centers receive their funding. He noted that, in the past fiscal year, the centers received \$70,000 in fund-

ing from state coal severance tax money, in addition to \$200,000 in county funding. Those figures do not include an additional \$35,000 provided by the county to go toward the salary for a social services director.

Immediately after Patton spoke, and prior to a first reading of the county's budget ordinance, magistrates unanimously voted to restore \$70,000 of the \$100,000 originally budgeted for senior centers. The change will mean the centers receive the exact same amount from the state and county as they did in the previous year.

In the upcoming fiscal year, the state will be providing \$200,000 in funding and Marshall had proposed spending \$100,000 on top of the \$35,000 salary, resulting in a net increase of \$30,000 over the previous year.

But during a fiscal court work session earlier this week, magistrates appeared ready to scrap the \$100,000 county contribution.

"We can't keep everybody afloat," District 1 Magistrate John Goble said Wednesday. "We'd give it if we had it, but we don't have the money right now."

"We're not cutting them. They are getting the \$235,000 that they got last year, but we just can't keep adding," District 2 Magistrate Hattie Owens said Wednesday.

According to budget figures, however, the centers actually received \$395,000 in combined state and county funding over the past year, and under Marshall's proposal, would have received \$335,000 in combined funding in the next year.

A copy of the proposed budget, which had been revised to reflect the court's wish-

es expressed during the work session, but prior to Friday's court meeting, lists the amount budgeted as \$235,000.

Despite that, however, Patton characterized a Floyd County Times account of the meeting as inaccurate.

"I just feel like sometimes things are printed that are unfair to us and unfair to you all," Patton said. "When I saw that, it bothered me, because I knew the decision had not been made and I knew that you all, I felt like, may not have been aware of how this [coal severance tax] money came through the system. The first thing I read was you all were cutting \$100,000 out of the seniors and I was like, 'That's not true.' But I appreciate you all standing true and doing what you do and investing in what the seniors of Floyd County need."

Slow Day at the Polls



With only one low-intensity race on the ballot — a battle over who would be the longshot challenger to U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers this fall — Floyd Countians stayed away from the election booth in droves. Estimates at press time were that turnout would be less than 10 percent. Returns were not available prior to the deadline for today's paper. Results are available at floydcountytimes.com and will also appear in Friday's paper.

photo by Jack Latta

Native charged with rape in Mt. Sterling

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor



MOUNT STERLING — A Prestonsburg native who is living in Mount Sterling and was until recently a Lexington firefighter is being held on a \$50,000 full cash bond, after being indicted May 11 on a rape charge.

William Chaffins, 42, of Mount Sterling, was arrested Saturday by Kentucky State Police. He has been charged with first-degree rape and is being held in the Montgomery County Regional Detention Center. Chaffins reportedly re-

signed from his post as a firefighter on Friday, one day before being jailed on the charge. He had been employed with the department since 2006.

Chaffins is scheduled to be arraigned June 8, before Circuit Judge Beth Maze.

County workers in line for raise

No new revenues included in 'play money' county budget

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Despite mounting debt and forecast fiscal ruin, the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted Friday to add a 2 percent pay increase for all county employees.

Court members unanimously passed the resolution, which also restored \$70,000 to the budget of senior citizens centers.

During a work session two days prior, Magistrate Hattie Owens said that if the court could not afford to give its employees a raise, she didn't feel like magistrates should be "giving it all away" to senior citizens centers.

On Friday, Owens made the motion for the raise and the additional money for the centers. Her fellow magistrates approved the motion unanimously. The resolution was passed in connection with the first reading of the 2012-13 budget proposal.

The passage did not come without a dire warning from the county's treasurer, David Layne, who said magistrates were "spending money we don't have."

"I'm not saying they [county employees] don't deserve it (a pay raise)," Layne told the court. "I'm saying we can't afford it. But we'll deal with it when we run out of money."

Layne noted that the budget is presupposed on a \$500,000 carryover from the current fiscal year, but he said any surplus from the current fiscal year, if any, would not be nearly that high.

When asked on Monday for his thoughts on the fiscal court vote for a pay increase while not increasing revenues with his proposed 1 percent occupational tax, Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said, "Our treasurer had told them in the work session, as you heard, that we could not afford a 2 percent [pay increase]. We could not afford it [at] period."

However, Magistrate John Goble said, "Even though the treasurer tells you that you don't have any money, that don't mean it's so."

Goble says that there are lots of changes during a year, and that sometimes expected revenues increase while expected expenditures decrease.

"Most of the figures they use in that budget, it's bad to say, using the words they use, but it's play money," said Goble.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Layne explained that some budget items, and not the budget itself, as The Times reported last week, was like working with "Monopoly money." Layne explained that those items are funded through the county, but not by the county, meaning that if the money does not come in from the funding source, then it doesn't

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State police on the lookout for unbuckled motorists

Times Staff Report

Motorists who refuse to wear their seat belts — beware. The 2012 national "Click It or Ticket" Memorial Day seat belt enforcement mobilization began Monday, with the aim of saving lives by cracking down on those who don't buckle up.

Despite a wealth of data showing that seat belts save lives — and also despite implementation of a primary seat belt law — Kentucky's 82 percent seat belt usage rate lags behind the national rate of 84 percent. Therefore, the Kentucky Office

of Highway Safety (KOHS) is supporting state and local law enforcement across the country in their efforts to strongly enforce seat belt laws around the clock.

"Kentucky, undoubtedly experiences far too many fatalities that could have been avoided with the simple use of a seat belt," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock. "Clearly this is an indication that people are not taking the law seriously or they are just not aware of the huge risk taken by not buckling up."

There were 721 total highway fatalities in Kentucky in 2011 with 376

killed in motor vehicles. Fifty-eight percent of those killed in motor vehicles were not wearing a seat belt.

Hancock said the campaign this year will place extra emphasis on enforcement at nighttime, when fatal motor vehicle crashes are most likely to involve vehicle occupants who were not buckled up. Last year, 67 percent of people killed in crashes between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. were unrestrained.

"Too many motorists don't realize the importance of wearing a seat belt, and are severely injured or

killed because of it," said KOHS Director Bill Bell. "That's why officers are prepared to ticket anyone not buckled up. No warnings and no excuses."

The KOHS awarded more than \$300,000 in federal funds to 64 state and local police agencies across the Commonwealth to help bolster seat belt enforcement during the campaign. The funding is provided through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Although enforcement officers will be prevalent during the campaign, Bell

Floyd man and woman arrested for bank robbery

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

HAROLD — A Floyd County man and woman were arrested Thursday, charged with robbing a bank in Virgie.

Kentucky State Police Det. Kevin Newsome arrested Tom Bishop, 20, of Harold, and Jessie J. Keathley, 25, also of Harold, on arrest warrants charging them each with one count of first-degree armed robbery. They were lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center. Police allege the duo is responsible

for the Monday robbery of the Virgie branch of U.S. Bank.

KSP Post 9 received a call shortly after noon Monday from the U.S. Bank on Route 610 in Virgie, informing officers that the bank had been robbed. Upon investigation, police learned that two suspects, one man and one woman, entered the business and demanded the money. According to KSP, the male suspect was wielding a firearm during the robbery.

The male robber was described as

a white male standing 6 feet tall and weighing 190 pounds, wearing a black bandana, blue work pants with orange reflective stripes and black gloves. The female accomplice was described as being 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighing 135 pounds, dressed in black and wearing a black bandana.

A convenience store in Prestonsburg was robbed by a male-and-female duo on Tuesday. Police have not said whether or not they believe the two robberies to be linked.

Obituaries

Kenneth Raymond 'Buzz' Allen

Kenneth Raymond "Buzz" Allen, age 79 of Allen, husband of Liz Bailey Allen, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012, at his residence.

He was born August 5, 1932, in Pike County, a son of the late Dezard and Cynthia Mims Allen. He was a retired coal miner and coal operator, a U.S. Army Veteran, an officer of the East Kentucky Archery Association, and a member of the Martin Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, Liz, he is survived by two sons, Kenneth Raymond Allen II, and Johnny (Nikki May) Frasure, of Martin; two daughters, Janet (Tommy) Frasure, of Wayland, and Jennifer (Tommy) Compton, of Martin; one brother, Anthony (Jennifer) Allen, of Drift; four grandchildren, Cynthia Gibson, Kenny Lakin Ellis, Kimberly Akers and Quentin Foley; and five great grandchildren, Addison Marie Barnett, Cheyenne Flannery, Austin Todd Ellis, Kyle Grace Ellis and Kenzie Grace Ellis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Bobby Allen, and one grandson, Roger "Boo" Barnett.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Randy Polk, Gary Mitchell and Ted Shannon officiating. Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, at Drift.

Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

Millis Keith Causey

Millis Keith Causey, 47, of Teaberry, died Friday, May 18, 2012.

He was born June 14, 1964, to the late Millis and Phyllis Justice Causey. He

was a disabled serviceman for Piedmont Tires.

He was the husband of Teresa Blankenship Causey. He was preceded in death by one grandchild, Edward. He is survived by three sons, Douglas Keith Causey and his fiancée, Cheyenne Hamilton, Ivel Ray Blankenship, of Teaberry, and Clement Blankenship and wife, Angie, of Teaberry; one daughter, Jerrica Danielle Adkins and husband, "Wash," of Grethel; one brother, Brian Causey and wife, Susan, of North Carolina; two sisters, Tina Rose and husband, Brian, of Shelbyville, and Terena Slone; and two grandchildren, Braxton and Jasma.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry. Burial followed the service at Edward Lee Blankenship Family Cemetery.

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

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com



Mary Sue Shepherd Clifton

Mary Sue Shepherd Clifton, 88 years of age, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012, at Mountain Manor of Paintsville.

She was born Feb. 25, 1924, in West Prestonsburg, to the late Vinson Shepherd and Osie Compton Shepherd.

Mary Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Darwin "Blackie" Clifton,

on Jan. 30, 1990. In addition to her husband and parents, one sister and two brothers also preceded her.

She is survived by one daughter, Wanda Lou Slone and her husband, Burns, of Blue River; two sons, Thomas Vinson Clifton, of Winter Garden, Fla., and Kenneth Ray Clifton, of Indianapolis, Ind.; four sisters, Venice Branham, of Paintsville, Dora Jane Luker, of Ypsilanti, Mich., Faye Brown, of Belleville, Mich., and Jean Branham, of Florida; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mary Sue was a homemaker and a member of the Miriam Rebekah Lodge #31.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 24, in Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Adams officiating. Burial will follow the service in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Visitation will be from 6 until 9 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Cloytene Conley

Cloytene Conley, 76, of Lackey, widow of Neve Conley, died Sunday, May 20, 2012, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Huntington, W.Va.

Born Nov. 28, 1935, at Garrett, to the late Guy E. and Mary Hicks Daniels, she was a homemaker and a member of Rock Ford Old Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett.

She is survived by three sons, Melvin Conley, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Jeffery Conley, of Lima, Ohio, and Jimmy Lee Conley, of Lackey; two sisters, Charlotte Holbrook, of Kendallville, Ind., and Kay Poling, of Lima, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Rick Darrell Conley; two brothers, Leon Daniels and Freddie Daniels; and

five sisters, Beulah Lawson, Glenna Browa, Violet Layne, Nadine Hackett and Doralene Whitehead.

Funeral services for Cloytene Conley will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Red Morris officiating. Burial will follow at the Ewing Scott Cemetery, at Garrett.

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

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Norman Conn

Norman Conn, age 87 of Dana, husband of the late Ruby Leurs Conn, passed away Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville.

He was born August 23, 1924, at Dana, the son of the late Charley and Mayte Boyd Conn. He was a heavy equipment operator and member of the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church.

Norman is survived by two sons, David Clark (Susan) Conn and Lennix Gene (Shirley) Conn, both of Dana; two daughters, Joyce Akers and Debra Lynn (James) Hamilton, both of Dana; two sisters, Myrtle Akers, of Dana, and June (Clark) Akers, of Vermillion, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Michael Dwayne Conn, Stephanie Conn, Russell Conn, Iris Blanton, Misty Harmon, Mackenzie Hamilton and Dakota Hamilton; and nine great grandchildren, Coby, Austin, Emily, Cassidy, Seth, Jared, Phoenix, Wesley and Isabella.

In addition to his wife and parents, Norman was preceded in death by one son, William Charles Conn; six brothers, Hershel Conn, Curt Conn, W.B. Conn, Crit Conn, Travis Conn and Jim Conn; and one grandchild, Dennie Delyane Conn.

Funeral services for Norman Conn were held Saturday, May 19, at the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial

followed in the Akers Cemetery, at Dana.

Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

Taylor Moore

Taylor Moore, 76, of Detroit, Mich., died Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 3, 1936, to the late Profit and Julie Stumbo Moore.

He was the husband of the late Verlene Moore. Taylor was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Moore; four brothers, Ivan Moore, Roland Moore, Jeff Moore and Jake Moore; three sisters, Berniece Moore, Vonzetta Moore, Ed "Pamhandle" Moore and Ola B. Tackett.

He is survived by his sons, Edie Dean Moore, Jeffrey Moore, Johnny Moore and Terry Moore; brothers and sisters, Wallace "Bo" Moore, Peggy Helman and Edith Megdanoff; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell. Burial followed the service at Greenberry Hall Cemetery in McDowell.

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

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Verly Mae Tackett

Verly Mae Tackett, 70, of Printer, died May 21, 2012, at her residence.

Born Oct. 7, 1941, at McDowell, to the late Marion and Minnie Vance Tackett, she was a member of the House of Prayer Independent Baptist Church.

She is survived by two brothers, Wade (Neva) Tackett, of Printer, and Roy Tackett, of Johnson County; four sisters, Irene Tackett, of Printer, Mary Patton, of Glendale, Ark., Gaily Gayburn, of Printer, and Col umbine Mullins, of Bowling Green; special great nieces

and nephews, Brad G. Derick, Katelyn, MaKayla, Braxton, Tiffany, Ashley, Carlee and Mark Adron; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by six brothers, Walk L. Tackett, Junior Tackett, Linville Rose Tackett, Allen Tackett, Bill Tackett and Timothy Tackett, and a sister, Helen Hall.

Funeral services for Verly Mae Tackett will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Brent Tackett officiating. Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell.

Visitation will be held all day Wednesday, at the funeral home, with an evening service.

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

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Carol Sue Williams

Carol Sue Williams, 59, of Grethel, died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at her residence.

She was born April 15, 1956, to the late Christopher Columbus and Bernice Adams Rogers.

She was the wife of the late Tex Williams and worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlos Gene Rogers.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna Sue Williams, of Grethel; sisters, Jeanette Howell and Joyce Williams, both of Grethel, and Lizzie Keathley and Mindy Rogers, both of Galveston; brother, Roger Lee Rogers, of Galveston; and a granddaughter, Becky.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at Zion Old Regular Baptist church. Burial will follow the service at Evans Cemetery in Grethel.

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

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matter what is in the budget.

On Monday, Goble used the example of the \$70,000 to the seniors. "That's if we get the money. If we don't get it, we can't spend it."

Goble said if such expenditures are not on the budget, it's a "big deal" to go back and amend the budget.

While some expenses incurred by the county may be fluid, a 2 percent pay increase which will take ef-

fect July 1 at the beginning of the new fiscal year is not.

Last Wednesday, during an informal work session to review the budgets, court members were told by County Treasurer David Layne that the county had a little over \$450,000 in operating money left in its accounts.

An open records request made by the Floyd County Times revealed that the county currently has \$561,581.00 in outstanding contractor bills.

Layne also told court members last Wednesday that, according to the auditor, the county is obligated to pay contractor bills within 30 days of receipt, which would mean the county is currently operating outside the law. All of the current contractor bills provided to the Times in its open records request are dated December 2011 or earlier.

When asked about the phantom contractor bills that keep being brought up in informal sessions, "The way I look at that is, if I don't have a bill, and I didn't make the bill, I'm not responsible, and that's the way the rest of the court looks at it."

"The way the system is set up. The judge is the one that hires contractors and sends them out there," said Goble. "I don't know what kind of work has been done, or where they've worked at, I can't feel responsible for paying it."

In order to support a 2 percent pay increase and contributions to the senior citizens centers, other contributions to programs like Hope in the Mountains, a drug rehab center for women and LINKS, a low-income housing nonprofit, were cut in half,

which could save the county \$90,000. Magistrates also had previously voted to get their travel from Jenkins in the future which is also expected to save the county money on road work.

Layne is in the process of amending the proposed budget to include the 2 percent pay increase, and that it will be reflected in the second reading of the budget says Marshall. Layne said on Monday that the pay increase would amend the budget to \$17.5 million.

According to Marshall, the occupational tax that had been outlined in an earlier proposed budget, which the court rejected last Wednesday, was a means by which the county could improve its situation after a decline in coal severance and increasing costs from the jail. Marshall reiterated what was stated in last week's work session — that 74 of 77 Kentucky counties that operate their own jail also have an occupational tax.

The Floyd County Detention Center continues to be one of the county's largest expenses, and is estimated to be more than \$700,000 over budget this year. On Wednesday, magistrates expressed a willingness to examine options with the ever-ballooning budget of the jail, but no discussion of the jail or its expanding budget were heard Friday. The jail's proposed budget remains the same at \$2.7 million for 2012-13, despite estimates that have it running at \$3.5 million for 2011-12.

According to Layne, the two budgets proposed last week were made by Marshall Layne, as Treasurer, serves the fiscal court and the judge-executive equally and does not have a vote as to how the court chooses to allocate spending.

The percent pay increase adds nearly \$1,000 a year to the salaries of each magistrate, and an \$875 yearly bump to newly hired Lois Marshall, as well as increases the amount spent on jail employee salaries by \$18,000.

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Wayne and Sandy Morris of Prestonsburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miranda Shayne Morris to Elzie Ray Blanton of Paintsville.

Morris is a 2003 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, and is currently employed by Appalachian Wireless in Ivel. Blanton is a 1996 graduate of Johnson Central High School and is currently employed by Booth Energy in Martin Co.

The wedding will be June 2, 2012 at half past four o'clock in the evening at Fitzpatrick Baptist church. A customary open church ceremony will be observed and all friends and family are invited to attend.

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Calendar

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Sharing West

Prestonsburg memories
Join us to swap memories through photos of the late, great families of West Prestonsburg. Meetings beginning at 9 a.m., under the big memorial tent. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by Bonnie Shepherd, (606) 481-2728 or (606) 481-0365.

Veterans legal clinic

AppalReD Legal Aid will hold a free legal clinic for veterans on Thursday, May 31, from 1 to 5 p.m., at VFW Post 5839, 3106 South Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg.

Attorneys will be on hand to help veterans with civil legal problems, including, but not limited to, divorce, child support, custody, bankruptcy, consumer issues, criminal record expungement, wills, powers of attorney, VA benefits, landlord/tenant issues, foreclosures and small claims.

Contact AppalReD Intake to schedule an appointment, (866) 277-5733.

'Get Moving Extravaganza' for girls

Have you been looking for something fun to do this summer? The "Get Moving Extravaganza" could be what you're looking for! The Girl Scouts will host this free activity every Friday, from May 25 to June 29, at the Floyd County Library. The adventure starts Friday, May 25, from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

Jervis/Jarvis/Jarrell reunion

A reunion of the Jervis, Jarvis and Jarrell families will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 16, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church annex. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish, a 12-pack of canned regular or diet soft drinks, or a carton of 20-ounce bottled water. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m., followed by an auction.

There will be live entertainment from C.J. the DJ, from Slick Rock, and the Moore Family, from Catletsburg.

Hyden-DeLong reunion

The 25th DeLong-Hyden reunion will be held May 27, in the Pines Building, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, beginning at 11 a.m. All family and friends are welcome. For more information, call Donald Hyden, at (606) 789-5024, or Amma (Hyden) Vaughn, at (606) 226-2299.

Floyd County Retired Teachers memorial service

Floyd County Retired Teachers will hold a memorial service at 11 a.m., June 7, at the Josie Harkins Schoolhouse, at the Jenny Wiley campgrounds.

Summer School Tutors Needed

Hindman Settlement School seeks to hire several tutors for the 2012 Summer Tutoring Program for children with dyslexia. Applications can be picked up at the office between 8-5 weekdays, or can be mailed or emailed to you. You can also visit our web site for an application. Those with prior tutoring experience and outstanding college students will receive first priority for hiring. Do not apply if you plan to take off any time during the five-week program, which is scheduled to run from June 18-July 20.

For further information please call 606-785-5475 or write to P.O. Box 844, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, or email info@HindmanSettlement.org or request an application.

Hindman Settlement School is an equal opportunity employer.

PHS class of 2002

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.

Communities Against Drug Addiction

Flores Against Drug Addiction meets noon the third Tuesday of each month, on the third floor of the Floyd County Health Department.

Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP to Mike Vance at (606) 226-2075 or Mike Vance@suddenlink.net, Carol Jo May at (606) 285-6692 or cjmay@owlwh.org, or Leslie Howell at (606) 293-9710, (606) 339-7358 or speak@suddenlink.net.

Johnson reunion

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

Maytown Community Homecoming

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

Send meal reservations by May 2 to Betty May, 3633 Wilson Creek, Langley, KY 41645. For more information, call (606) 285-3362.

Floyd County Job Club

The Floyd County Job Club meets every Thursday, from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg. This free job club is sponsored by Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Community Action

Program and the Office of Employment and Training. At the club, you will get job leads, job search advice and networking opportunities that will help you get hired. All are welcome and first-time visitors are encouraged to come 30 minutes early for a new member orientation. Call (606) 886-2948, for more information.

Allen VFD membership drive

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

Volunteer mentors wanted

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

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or jkinzer@MtComp.org.

Veterans service officer

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

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

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887. Autism

Awareness & Support Group

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

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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 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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

Outpatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

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

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

Mondays, family support group, for families that have been hurt by addiction, at McDowell First Baptist Church, 7 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.

Sundays, "Stepping into Freedom" group, at McDowell First Baptist Church, 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Libbi Hall at (606) 377-2930.

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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 Women's Club

The Floyd County Democratic Women'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.

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Looking for a support group?

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

Domestic Violence Support Group

The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

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Guest View From murky waters, to stormy seas

Last Wednesday, the Floyd County Fiscal Court discussed its budget for the upcoming year, and the talk was all gloom and doom. No raise for county workers. Spending cuts on a number of county programs, including \$100,000 less for senior citizens.

On Friday, the mood had changed. Suddenly, there would be 2 percent across-the-board pay raises for county employees. The cuts for seniors would not go nearly as deep, as funding for all but \$30,000 of the original budget was restored.

What happened to prompt such a turnaround? Not much, from what we can tell.

There is a peculiar aroma emanating from this about-face, but we're not quite sure from whence it arises. Was all the wailing about the county's dire financial health nothing more than hyperbole and political posturing? Or have previously prudent magistrates suddenly decided to abandon all caution, yelling, "Damn the deficits... Full spend ahead!"

Everything we've seen suggests the latter, particularly when treasurer

David Layne warned the court, as magistrates unanimously voted to open wide the county's coffers, "We're spending money we don't really have."

It is all so very curious. Magistrates are now dancing to an entirely different drumbeat than the funeral march they had previously been playing.

For well over a month, it appeared County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall had lost the court's confidence, as magistrates

began openly accusing him of overzealous spending. And while those wounds might still be bleeding, magistrates have now piddled away any presumption of authority they may have had on the issue, by failing to heed their very own warnings.

Oh, well... lighten up, everybody! The storm has passed (apparently!), and we should be in for smooth sailing from here on out. And if the U.S.S. Floyd County should happen to sink before next June 30, at least our county government will have one heck of a party, all the way to the bottom.

— David Layne
treasurer
The Floyd County Times

"We're spending money we don't really have."

— David Layne
treasurer



An unfortunate lesson

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

Several local production companies are offering young people an education in theatre arts this summer, but the Pikeville production company Jenny Wiley Theatre is upping the stakes with a special lesson in extortion.

Last Friday, The Times printed a report from the displaced JWT bunch about a youth camp developed to educate young children in the theatrical arts. Organized by Foothills Theatre Workshop, the camp plans to offer a host of theatre skills including voice projection and theatre terminology. The cost to attend the camp \$425. Lunch, snacks and water are not included, and kids have to provide their own transportation. Whoa!

Seems a little steep, but hey, if the well-to-do want to send their kids to an overpriced camp, who am I to quibble?

It's just a camp, and it doesn't really mean anything. Right?

But then it came to our attention here at The Times that one of the requirements to perform in the JWT's youth company is the mandatory participation in the Foothills Theatre Workshop.

Filling the dead space in their audience with parents and grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles is no longer sufficient compensation for JWT? Participation comes with a seat license now? So it's like the theater version of the K Fund? Seriously?

After Jenny Wiley's most recent excursions to the lush and fertile tax bracket

of Pikeville with nary a "by your leave" to the community that had supported it for 40 years, I was accused of being anti-theater. I probably will be again. But to use local children to hock their wares, and at the same time extort those children to participate in their great reuse seems... I don't know, bad.

I grew up on JWT. My sister was an actor in the company, and for about 15 years I saw every production that the theater had to offer. Most more than once. The Jenny Wiley summer theater was my "college." It's why I know an embarrassing number of show tunes by heart, and dabbled in acting while in college.

These last many years, I had become a little disenchanted with the theater because their shows were increasingly youth-oriented. I understood they sold more seats if they featured more local children, but the shows were not the productions I grew up on. I'd see a show or two every couple years, but for the most part, it just wasn't my cup of tea.

But now that I have children of my own, I was coming around to starring in the role of proud papa, who would gladly fall in line to buy season tickets of "Zeke and Luther, the Musical," just to watch my kids perform on stage, for my children to have that theater experience. But \$425 is a sadly large percentage of my paycheck.

Fortunately, JWT is no longer the only show around.

Mountain Arts Center and Floyd County schools have teamed up this year to host a theater workshop for Floyd County children which runs from July 9 through July 19 and is open to the first 60 children to apply.

The program is free of charge, including transportation, lunch and snacks. Organizers say they hope the program is successful and that it will lead to the inclusion of more counties and more children next year.

Additionally, Appalachian Community Theatres will be having auditions beginning June 23 for their September show "School House Rock." Again, participation is free of charge, and according to the group's CEO, Terry Salyer, they will find a role in the production for anyone who auditions.

I know the mega-bucks that come with landing their new gig in Pikeville has Martin Childers and his JWT cohorts seeing dollar signs at every turn, but this is still Eastern Kentucky. This is still a region with more than 20 percent of its populace living below the poverty line. Charging school aged children \$425 to have an opportunity to participate in summer theater oozes a stench of elitism and an alarming disconnect with their patrons.

For years, JWT served as a respite for the people of Eastern Kentucky, as the arts should. A place where the cost of a \$20 ticket opened a window to a larger world, sent you home with a song, and offered an opportunity for the young people in the area to be a part of the show. It was an experience that was within the grasp of any who auditioned.

I'm saddened that they have put a price tag on that experience, offering yet another lesson for Appalachian children in the luxuries of the privileged, where natural ability and promise count for so very little next to a fat wallet.

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A legislative perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

With most schools already out for the year and the sun not setting until well into the evening, it's understandable if many look to the upcoming three-day holiday weekend as the unofficial start of summer.

Memorial Day is about much more than that, though.

For nearly 150 years now, it has been a day of remembrance, a day to recall the sacrifice that so many gave for our nation.

The holiday began in the wake of the Civil War, when ceremonies were held to decorate the graves of those who died in battle. In fact, Decoration Day was often what the holiday was called until well into the 1960s.

Officially, Memorial Day was first recognized in New York, though there are numerous stories of it starting in the South, when grieving Confederate widows took time to tend to the graves of Union soldiers, knowing that their families were in mourning too.

About 40 years ago, Congress moved the holiday to the final Monday in May, though many still recognize May 30 as the true date, no matter when it falls on the calendar.

Since the Revolutionary War, there have been more than 42 million men and women to have served in Amer-

ica's military, and more than 1.3 million paid the ultimate sacrifice. Another 1.5 million were wounded.

Earlier this month, one of the most well-known speeches dedicated to those who serve had its 50th anniversary. It was given to cadets at West Point by one of the most famous leaders of World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said three words drive all soldiers: "Duty. Honor. Country." Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn.

No words better describe the men and women who serve in uniform. They find courage, faith, and hope when it seems there are none. That was as true in the Revolutionary War as it is today, with our service men and women fighting for us in places like Iraq and Afghanistan.

We can never adequately repay the men and women who gave us everything they had. All we can do is make sure those sacrifices are remembered. May 30 is not just during Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, and the Fourth of July, but every day.

Kentucky has a long history of giving more than her fair share. In the

War of 1812, for example, we had more casualties than all other states combined, and no base has seen more deployments since Sept. 11, 2001, than Fort Campbell. Fort Knox's presence has grown considerably over the last few years in the wake of federal base realignment, and last fall we learned that our National Guard has exceeded its own enlistment goals for eight straight years. One in 10 Kentucky adults, meanwhile, is a veteran.

For those reading this who have served our country, I want to take this opportunity to say how grateful we are as a nation for what you did and what you continue to represent. Whether you served in the European or Pacific theaters in World War II, or in foreign lands like Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan, or whether you protected our borders here, always know that your role in our history is secure — and most definitely appreciated. If it were not for the contributions and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, it is very safe to say that none of us would be living in a country that offers so much to so many.

If you can, I encourage you to attend a Memorial Day event, but if you can not, please take at least a moment to recall those who were — and who are — willing to stand and be counted when it counted most. It is the very least we can do.

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Officials bracing for declining funding as coal production decreases

Bailey Richards
Heartland News Service

HAZARD — The recent passage of the 2012-14 state budget included millions of dollars in coal severance funds for the state's coal counties, but some officials fear that these counties may not receive all the coal severance money that was allocated to them, while others say there will be a long-term effect to local funding.

Coal severance has long been the source of funding for many nonprofits and government organizations, and without it officials fear that they may have to cut back on services.

Perry County Judge-Executive Denny Ray Noble said in a recent sanitation district meeting that he was concerned that they may have to abandon a sewer project in Chavies if they do not receive their coal severance.

"Coal companies are down. Now we do have the money in the state law, so we are going to get the money if the coal companies go back to work," said Noble. "If they don't come back then what are we going to do for the money?"

This fear stems from falling levels of coal production and usage

in 2012. With so many companies citing lower levels of coal sales than in years past, the amount of coal severance tax collected could be lower than normal.

While the quarterly coal production numbers for the first quarter of 2012 are not in, according to the Energy Information Administration, the monthly production numbers show a steep decline in the amount of coal mined since January. While the numbers for January and even February remained relatively consistent with the last two years, coal production in March of this year is down by almost 15 percent from the past two years.

Since March, several additional companies in the area have announced layoffs, so it is presumed that April's coal production will also miss the marks set by 2010 and 2011.

State Rep. Fitz Steele said the issue of coal severance is a real concern for him and other Eastern Kentucky legislators. In Perry County, hundreds of thousands of dollars were allocated for water projects, law enforcement, nonprofits, and government agencies.

Steele said that the low production numbers and layoffs worry him both for the lost jobs and the

lost revenue for the counties.

"I worry about it, too," Steele said. "[It could be caused by] the decline of the industry because of the federal government. If it is not mined then you are not going to have it."

Another reason for the possible decline in coal production is an unseasonably warm winter and lower-than-normal energy usage.

"Projections are already down this year because of the mild winter," Steele noted. "That is what makes it hard, and all of the utilities have plenty of coal right now."

The Energy Information Administration recently reported that for the first time in 34 years less than 40 percent of all energy generation was coming from coal. Alternative energies like wind, water and solar partnered with the recent push towards natural gas caused coal to be used less in 2011 than it had been in decades.

Many coal analysts suggest that this does not spell the end for coal, but it could be some time before the industry sees a significant turnaround. Steele said that the effects on coal severance from this production and usage decline will be felt immediately, and for quite a while.

"It will be this year and a long-

term effect," said Steele. "We just have to wait and see and get our numbers in."

Steele said that one thing that he hopes will help with coal production is the warm spring we are having so far. While weather has been a major issue with coal this year, Steele and others believe in the long-term the weather effects will level out, but the effects created by policy and regulation changes could keep coal miners out of work, even in the coldest of winters.

Evidence of this can be seen in the new regulation concerning emissions from coal-burning power plants. Many of these plants will now have to install costly filtering systems that are causing many to consider closing or even converting to natural gas.

State Senator Brandon Smith said he isn't as worried about this two-year budget cycle because the money has already been allocated and set aside. He does, however, foresee issues with a decline in coal severance in the next couple of years.

"That money is already in the bank. Where you will see problems is not this budget cycle, but in the next two years," Smith said, adding that this was one reason of

officials continued to allocate funds for water lines and the University Center of the Mountains in order to continue to build infrastructure in Perry County.

As for this year, Steele said is hopeful and eventually all of the allocated funds from coal severance can be paid out even if they are not at the times they are expected.

"Until we get something done at the federal level our future is so uncertain," said Steele.

In Perry County this is certainly the case with several major projects hanging in the balance. Water projects that have been slated for the next few years are being funded in part by coal severance as well as the proposed Chavies sewer plant. While the water lines can wait until the money comes available, the sewer plant cannot.

Noble said that the rest of the funding sources will no longer be available for the plant if the coal severance is not there with in a year.

For the first time in a long time, Noble said that Perry County is having to look at other options for funding such as low interest loans and grants.

AppalReD Legal Aid to hold legal advice clinics to serve area veterans

PRESTONSBURG — AppalReD Legal Aid will hold a free legal advice clinic for income-eligible area veterans. The clinic will be held in Prestonsburg, Thursday, May 31, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Prestonsburg VFW, located at 3106 South Lake Drive. Veterans wishing to schedule appointments

should contact AppalReD Centralized Intake at (866) 277-5733 and walk-in applicants are always welcome.

Volunteer attorneys will provide legal advice on issues including family law, wills and probate, consumer issues, landlord/tenant law, tax issues, bankruptcy, and

foreclosures. The clinic is open to any veteran or spouse of a deceased veteran free of charge. Veterans who need further legal representation may be referred to an attorney volunteer who will take the case on a pro bono basis or a legal services provider. AppalReD Legal Aid's legal advice clinic

is coordinated by the Kentucky Corps of Advocates for Veterans and funded by a grant from the Kentucky Bar Foundation to ensure that organized legal clinics exist throughout the state to specifically assist military veterans who cannot afford or do not have access to basic legal services.

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Hurley named University of Pikeville president-elect

PIKEVILLE — The University of Pikeville Board of Trustees has named James L. Hurley president-elect of the institution, effective July 1, 2013. Hurley currently serves as the vice president for enrollment and retention and special assistant to the president.



James L. Hurley

The action was taken during the board's spring meeting May 18. University President Paul Patton informed the board that he would not ask for an extension of his contract, which expires June 30, 2013.

"The Patton-Hurley team has brought us tremendous progress," said Board Chairman Terry Dotson. "The Hurley-Patton team will continue that progress."

An experienced educator and administrator, Hurley spent 11 years in the public education system, serving in numerous roles, including as principal, assistant principal, dean of students, teacher and principal. He joined Patton at the University in 2009, providing leadership in the administration of campus operations, program development, strategic initiatives, recruiting, financial aid and retention efforts. Along with his wife, Tina, he is a graduate of the University of Pikeville, formerly Pikeville College. He earned his master's degree from Indiana University, a Rank I from the University of Kentucky and his superintendent's certification at Morehead State University. He will complete his doctorate at Morehead in the fall.

"James Hurley is bright, energetic, motivated and a self-starter. He has been an integral part of the tremendous progress we have made at the University these past three years," said Patton. "As our chief executive officer, he will lead this University to new heights."

The board also voted to establish the position of chancellor, which Patton will assume on July 1, 2013. As chancellor, Patton, who was governor of Kentucky from 1995-2003, will represent the University and concentrate on fundraising.

"I am humbled and honored by the board of trustees' decision in naming me president-elect to succeed Governor Patton next year," said Hurley. "My wife and I love this institution and we look forward to our continuing journey with the administration, faculty, staff and students at UPIKE. Governor Patton's willingness to accept the role of University Chancellor will make for a seamless and smooth transition."

The announcement also has historical significance, as Hurley will become the first alumnus to lead the institution, which was established in 1889 to serve the youth of Appalachia.

"A great university can measure its worth by the quality of its alumni," said Kay Hammond, president of the Alumni Association. "Vice President Hurley is certainly one of our most accomplished. He has always sought to protect and preserve all that is special about the University of Pikeville."

Groundbreaking study on state of economy in Appalachia

KNOXVILLE—A strong community is not unlike a computer. It needs good hardware—transportation, housing and infrastructure—and software—education, health care, and workforce development.

A groundbreaking study conducted by University of Tennessee, Knoxville, researchers sheds light on the strengths and weaknesses of communities in Appalachia.

The report, "Strategies for Economic Improvement in Appalachia's Distressed Rural Counties," was conducted for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), a regional economic development agency that represents a partnership of federal, state, and local government. It provides an understanding of the challenges confronting economic and community development efforts in ten rural counties and explains ways local governments, agencies, and community organizations plan and respond to challenging issues. It details how five formerly distressed communities improved their local economies and illustrates the issues confronting counties still classified as distressed.

A webinar with authors, representatives from the ARC and Appalachian community leaders to discuss the report will be held in the coming weeks. Details related to the webinar will be announced soon.

"We hope this report will be useful to community leaders in comparable areas who can draw upon what

others have done and upon our recommendations to form their own successful strategies," said Tim Ezzell, research scientist and lead author of the study. Dayton Lambert, agricultural economist at UT's Institute of Agriculture, and Eric Ogilve, research associate, co-authored the report.

Researchers visited each community, met with local officials, facilitated discussions with community stakeholders, and collected qualitative and economic data. The report examined factors such as location, transportation, focused development efforts, communication infrastructure, education, coal and other energy resources, and social barriers. The results are a mixed bag of success stories and challenges.

For instance, Lawrence County, Alabama, can attribute much of its transformation to aerospace investments in nearby Huntsville and Decatur, Alabama. Likewise, in Morgan County, Ohio, a business incubator provides students with vocational training and promises to hatch business ideas. Morgan and Bell counties in Kentucky, as well as Pendleton County, West Virginia, have made strides in promoting advanced manufacturing by forming strategic partnerships with government, non-profit organizations, and industry.

Location is often a key factor in counties' success. Non-distressed counties in the study generally benefited from proximity to growing urban areas. Greene

County, Pennsylvania, for example, lies between the cities of Pittsburgh and Morgantown, West Virginia. Local attitudes, however, may also play a role. Officials in Avery County, North Carolina, worked with nonprofits and local colleges to promote entrepreneurship, spurring business development. Residents of Lawrence County, Alabama, credited pride associated with local contributions to the moon landings in helping change local perceptions about education and cooperation.

The study also points to the importance of schools and higher education institutions to the development of the region. Improvements in local schools and the expansion of community colleges have played an essential role in boosting local economies. The study also found partnerships with colleges and universities bring important benefits to Appalachian communities.

"These institutions bring skills and new ideas that help energize local efforts," Ezzell said. "Interestingly, the size of the institution doesn't always matter. Small local colleges can, in their own way, be as beneficial as a major research university."

Appalachia has made dramatic progress in the past fifty years. ARC has played a crucial role in this transformation, according to Ezzell.

"Improvements in the region's 'hardware' have contributed to this progress,"

he said. "As we continue with these improvements, we also need to invest in the region's 'software.'"

The report made several recommendations to ARC to continue progress. For example, communities and agencies at all levels of government should make rural broadband access a priority; small counties should consider shared government services and combined marketing and development programs.

"These recommendations are based on the case study findings and observations by local leaders and stakeholders," Ezzell said. "It is our hope that they will be taken under consideration by ARC and leaders of rural Appalachian counties and other rural counties in America, because these findings can be applicable to them. These findings are important—albeit daunting—changes to turn the tide in these communities."

Established by an act of Congress in 1965, ARC is composed of the governors of the 13 Appalachian states and a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts. For more information, visit the ARC website, <http://www.arc.gov>.

The full report is available at http://www.arc.gov/research/researchreportdetails.asp?REPORT_ID=98.

State launches new child support website

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FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Child Support Enforcement Program (CSE) has launched a new customer service website to

better assist the families it serves.

The new website is <http://csws.chfs.ky.gov/csws/>. The site allows the general public and employers to securely access their cases and account information; apply for child support; locate a child support office; make payments and estimate a child support payment. Visitors to the website will also be able to view child support news bulletins.

Child Support Enforcement is part of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) Department for Income Support (DIS). Child support staff and contractors in every county provide assistance to parents with minor children seeking financial support from a noncustodial parent.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services Secretary Audrey Tayse Haynes said the new website was developed with the best interests of child support customers and their employers in mind.

"This one-stop website will make it easier for non-custodial and custodial parents to find answers to their questions while ultimately increasing access to more resources to help parents care for their children," she said.

DIS Deputy Commissioner Steve Veno said the website is a vital tool in managing child support in Kentucky.

"We can provide better client service, and we will see increased collections and greater compliance because of the ease of this site," he said. "Our customers have long asked for more self-service options, and we are answering that request with this new website."

Veno said because the website will help provide answers to general questions about child support, it will alleviate long waits for customers calling the child support hotline (1-800-248-1163) for more in-depth information.

In state fiscal year 2011, the Child Support Enforcement

office collected more than \$407 million in child support payments.

"Any amount of child support is valuable to the children receiving it," Veno said. "Simplifying the payment process contributes to our children's safety, health and well-being, and that's our goal with this new website."

Veno said participants who establish accounts will be able to access information related to their child support cases along with bulletins and appointment information. They will be able to update personal data, including employment information, direct deposit (for custodial parents), and health and military records. Case summaries that include current status and payment history will also be available just for members.

Participants may also upload records and new information for their caseworkers to access. Customers and caseworkers will also have the ability to simultaneously co-browse the same information.

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emphasized. "The 'Click It or Ticket' campaign is not about writing tickets. It's about awareness and saving lives, and we are honored to have a family from Kentucky to help spread this message."

The family of Megan Miller of Owensboro is featured in two KOIS public service announcements airing statewide during the enforcement campaign. Megan was killed at age 17 when she was ejected from a vehicle crash.

"For her not to be wear-

ing her seat belt that one day is all it took," says brother Myles.

"You just don't think you will ever lose a child that young," says mother Mischelle. "We miss her so much, and we wanted to do these commercials in her memory. We know she will make a difference."

According to NHTSA, seat belts, when worn correctly, reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent — and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

While this year's "Click

It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization runs May 21 through June 3, motorists should know that officers are out enforcing seat belt laws year-round.

"Motorists should buckle up every time they go out, both day and night," said Bell.

For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit www.nhtsa.gov. To view the Miller family public service announcements, please visit <http://highwaysafety.ky.gov/>.

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Keathley invited back as NBA D-League Pre-Draft coach

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CHICAGO - Fresh off a successful first season as a head coach in the Premier Basketball League (PBL), veteran Kevin Keathley is preparing to coach in his second NBA D-League Pre-Draft Camp. Keathley, who has guided teams in multiple professional basketball leagues, including the tradition-rich CBA (East Kentucky Miners), took part in his first pre-draft camp last year, faring well against several of his coaching peers, many of whom work for NBA franchises.

"I had a great time coaching the event last year," Keathley said.

"I had a chance to catch up with some old coaching friends along with meeting and making new ones."

Keathley will be in very good company at the camp. Last year's pre-draft camp included numerous NBA and NBA D-League coaches.

"I have a lot of respect for the coaches that were selected for the event last year," Keathley commented. "RJ Adelman, who was an assistant



Kevin Keathley

coach, with the Houston Rockets, along with Nate Bjorkgren, head coach of the Dakota Wizards and Bob McKinnon, head coach of the Springfield Armor, both of the NBA D-League, just to name a few. Those are guys are individuals that you will see pacing a NBA sideline one day."

Just prior to coaching the Sank Valley Predators in the PBL, Keathley worked as a consultant for the Bakersfield Jam of the NBA D-League.

"The other aspect of the pre-draft camp that makes it an event I enjoy working is that you are asked to scout and evaluate players not on the team that you coach," Keathley added. "This is a side of the business that I really enjoy. A lot of these players are under the radar. They are individuals, who, for whatever reason, have been overlooked. It could be because of what school they played for or maybe their height or playing time that kept them from getting a fair look at the professional level."

Keathley, a Floyd County native, brings an impressive resume to

the NBA D-League event. He has never endured a losing season, claimed coach of the year honors in 2005 and 2010 and coached a team that scored a pro basketball record 194 points in a game. In addition, Keathley-coached teams boast 15 scoring records. Keathley's Sank Valley team led all of professional basketball in scoring during the 2011-12 season.

Keathley is excited to see what talent is present in this year's NBA D-League pre-draft camp. "Last year, I had two players on my team that I felt were no-brainers in terms of next level capabilities; those being Jonathan Thomas and Marcus Hill," Keathley con-

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Blackcats edge Belfry

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Blackcats claimed their third straight win on the baseball diamond Friday, edging visiting Belfry 1-0 in a battle of 15th Region title contenders.

Prestonsburg pitchers Adam Crisp and Adam Griffith combined to shut out Belfry in the highly-anticipated matchup.

Crisp, a senior, started on the mound for the Blackcats, pitching the first five innings. Griffith, working out of a relief role, pitched the final two innings for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg scored the game's only run in the opening inning. Blackcat leadoff hitter Grant Anderson drew a walk and eventually scored for the Blackcats during the home team's opening at-bat.

Senior Jared Masters went the distance on the mound for the Pirates. Masters registered eight strikeouts en route to the loss.

Prestonsburg improved to 22-13 after posting the win. Belfry, which was visiting Prestonsburg for a regular-season finale, slipped to 23-8.

Prestonsburg, under the direction of second-year head coach Shane Simpkins, completed a regular-season sweep of Belfry, which had an impressive six-game winning streak snapped. In an early-season game played on March 20, Prestonsburg beat Belfry 9-5.



Shane Hall helped lead Hoops Dreams to an AAU state title over the weekend.

Hall picks up offer from UAB

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - After helping to lead his AAU team (Hoop Dreams) to a 16U state title on Sunday, Johnson Central basketball standout Shane Hall (PP) received an offer from UAB (University of Alabama at Birmingham) Monday evening. Miami (Ohio) and Northern Kentucky have also extended offers to the Floyd Countyan.

UAB assistant coach Richie Riley has led the recruiting efforts for the UAB basketball program. A London native, Riley was an assistant coach at Coastal Carolina, Eastern Kentucky, Pikeville and Hawaii-Pacific prior to joining the UAB staff. The 2011-12 season was Riley's first campaign in Birmingham.

UAB ended the 2011-12 season 15-16 overall. The Blazers compiled a 9-7 record in Conference USA.

Jared Haase recently completed his first season as head coach of the UAB men's basketball team after spending 13 seasons as an assistant coach under Roy Williams at Kansas University.

As a sophomore, Hall led Johnson Central to the 15th Region title. He has also heard from coaches at Indiana, Louisville, Kentucky, Cincinnati, BYU, Wake Forest and South Carolina. He will make an unofficial visit to Kentucky later in the offseason.



Shane Hall

Free Fishing Weekend set for June 2-3

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's Free Fishing Weekend, which began more than 30 years ago, offers youngsters and families an opportunity to try fishing at no cost on June 2-3.

All anglers, both youngsters and adults, may fish without a license those two days. However, all anglers must still observe minimum size limits and creel limits.

At several locations around the state, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has partnered with sportsmen's clubs, parks departments or other government agencies to provide a variety of fishing events and activities for new anglers.

"Beginners can try out fishing and get some hands-on instruction at the free fishing events that weekend," said Mark Johnson, aquatic education administrator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Many of the events on department-owned waters will be hosted by fisheries and law enforcement division employees."

Most Kentucky State Resort Parks have fishing poles and tackle that is free for guests to use.

The larger of the two fishing lakes at the campus of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters in Frankfort will receive a special stocking of fish for this event. The department's upper lake will receive up to 1,200 channel catfish weighing 1 to 10 pounds, and approximately 20 largemouth bass weighing between 2 to 4 pounds.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters is located off U.S. 60, approximately 1 miles west of Frankfort.

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P'burg track and field athletes compete in state meet

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE - For the first time in school history, both the Prestonsburg boys' and girls' track and field teams scored in the state meet. The Prestonsburg track and field teams made a strong showing on Friday in the Class 2A State Track and Field Meet held at Owsley-Frazier Cardinal Park on the campus of the University of Louisville.

"I thought we had a pretty good state meet," Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson. "For the first time since I have

been at Prestonsburg, both the girls' and boys' teams scored at the state meet. The girls' team had never scored until this year. Catherine Tinchler placed sixth in the 100 Meter Hurdles in a school record time of 16.74.

"Catherine was pretty focused for her hurdles race," Jamerson added. "She is a really competitive runner."

Tinchler also placed 11th in the 100 Meter Dash with a school record time of 12.98.

The Prestonsburg girls' 4x100 Meter Relay team of Morgan Nunney, Kelsey Boyd, Kristany Setser and Catherine

Tinchler ran a season-best time of 55.24 for a 23rd place finish. Morgan Haywood placed 20th in the Long Jump.

"Morgan didn't jump as well as she did at the regional meet," Jamerson confided. "She was a little nervous. But to finish 20th in your first state meet is a very good meet. She will do better next year."

Joseph Jamerson placed 23rd in the Discus in his first trip to the state meet.

"Kain threw around what he did all season," Jamerson noted.

Joseph Jamerson placed fourth in the 110 Meter Hur-

dles in his sixth state meet. His time of 15.01 was only 0.01 seconds off of the school record that he owns.

"Joseph had a bad start and a bad finish," Coach Dewey Jamerson commented. "He basically ran a school record. With the problems he had during his race, fourth was a good finish."

Joseph Jamerson also earned Second Team All-State recognition in the 110 Meter Hurdles.

The Prestonsburg girls' team placed 38th out of 50 squads.

The Prestonsburg boys' team placed 35th out of 51 squads.



Prestonsburg High School track and field athletes competed in the Class 2A State Meet late last week. The PHS competitors are pictured. Front row, left to right: Kelsey Boyd, Morgan Haywood, Morgan Nunney, Kristany Setser and Catherine Tinchler. Back row, left to right: Shantale Collins, Alisha Owens, Kain Collins and Joseph Jamerson.

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Basketball star Geri Grigsby beneficiary of Title IX

JOHN GILLIS
HIGH SCHOOL TODAY

In 1977, McDowell High School basketball player Geri Grigsby finished her illustrious high school career with a glittering national record 46.1 points per game scoring average.

Some 35 years later, that mark still stands, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations' National High School Sports Record Book.

The 5-foot-5 guard started her high school basketball-playing career at exactly the right time, and she made the most of it.

As a result of Title IX legislation passed by the federal government in 1972 along with legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, interscholastic sports opportunities for girls resumed in Kentucky for the first time in nearly 40 years. The daughter of longtime basketball coach Pete Grigsby, Geri Grigsby grew up in an environment that was very conducive to her development as both a basketball player and an athlete.

In the fall of 1974, the 15-year-old Grigsby started her sophomore year of high school. That year, she scored 1,079 points, followed by efforts of 1,421 and 1,885 points in her junior and senior years, respectively. At the time, her three-year total of 4,385 was the national record and was the Kentucky state scoring record for both boys and girls. In addition, her single-season total of 1,885 points in 1976-77 still ranks as the national record in that category.

Along the way, she had single-

game highs of 81 and 66 points. Her 81-point game still ranks fifth all-time.

Grigsby possessed a very well-rounded game as she also averaged seven rebounds and eight assists a game for the Dardevils, while shooting 50 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free-throw line. She was equally outstanding in the classroom where she maintained a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for her entire 12 years of school, and was valedictorian of her senior class. Grigsby also embraced the performing arts, as she was a cheerleader and played saxophone in the school band.

A three-time first-team all-stater, Grigsby was named captain of the All-State team as senior and was also chosen Miss Basketball in Kentucky that same year after being runner-up as a junior. In 1978, she was named Kentucky's Sportswoman of the Year, and 10 years later, she was named to the first induction class of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. She has also been inducted into two other Kentucky halls of fame for athletes.

Following high school, Grigsby matriculated at the University of Kentucky (UK), where she played for three years before transferring to Western Kentucky University for her senior season.

After completing her undergraduate degree at UK, she earned a law degree from that same school. Her career in public service since that time has been unparalleled. During her career,

she has been staff attorney with the Legislative Research Commission, senior attorney with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, associate counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives, chief of staff for the Senate Minority Caucus in the Kentucky General Assembly, and her current position of chief of staff to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock.

"I love my job," Grigsby said. "I function similarly to a deputy secretary and oversee all of the non-engineering aspects of the center. In an advisor to Secretary Hancock and do all kinds of functions around the state.

"The work is very rewarding and I enjoy the challenge of getting things done. It's a whole new experience of teamwork. I work with very dedicated, talented people and I often refer to it as 'basketball without the ball.'"

Although it's been many years since Grigsby set the record, people still remember her as the high-scoring basketball guard.

"These days, I still get recognized at work and at games and they'll ask me if I'm the basketball player," Grigsby said. "It comes up daily in some form or fashion. Basketball is so special in Kentucky. Part of me, I didn't want to be always known as a basketball player. Now, I'm very comfortable that that's part of my history."

"At the time, I was just happy to get the opportunity to play ball and make the most of the opportunity. I didn't think much about the scoring or the record. Looking back sometimes, I

wonder how I did that."

In life, timing is often everything. For Grigsby, getting the opportunity to play high school basketball as a result of the passage of Title IX and subsequent Kentucky legislation proved to be very fortuitous.

"When I was a freshman, we knew it was going to take effect," Grigsby said. "I think if it wasn't going to happen, I was prepared to play on the boys team."

"I'll never forget that first game. The gym was packed and people were curious if girls could play. For me, just getting the chance to play was more important than scoring a lot of points or setting a record. I was really blessed to have been born when I was and to have the chance to play."

"Being part of that first group, I felt like a trailblazer. There were some pretty darn good female basketball players out there. You felt like you were part of something special."

With a father who was a longtime basketball coach, Grigsby grew up around the game and probably had greater insight into the intricacies of the game than most of her peers.

"My dad was a huge influence on me," Grigsby said. "I tell people that as a 10-year-old, I already knew what a 'box-and-one' was. Dad went from being a high school coach to Floyd County superintendent. He was always a strong supporter of Title IX."

A lifelong fitness zealot, Grigsby embraced running and conditioning as a player and still maintains the fervor today.

"When I was in high school, we'd practice and then I'd run four to six miles afterward," Grigsby explained. "I never wanted lack of conditioning to be an excuse for why we perhaps didn't win a game. I think that my competitive desire and conditioning were my greatest assets. I was always moving and never still for a second."

During her lifetime, Grigsby has received numerous honors and awards. Near the top of that list was her induction into the NFHS' National High School Hall of Fame in 1993.

"Among my sports or professional recognitions, I would say that is one of the most special," Grigsby said. "Most of my trophies are at my parents' home. However, there are two or three items that I've got on my piano at home and one of them is this award. That shows how special it is to me."

While most people would likely place holding a national scoring record at the top of their personal list of accomplishments, Grigsby maintains an ever-optimistic and forward-looking attitude.

"I think my greatest accomplishment is yet to happen," she explained. "I always look forward to the next accomplishment coming up and always look forward to the next challenge."

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Nickell named KIAC Female Athlete of the Year

Times Staff Report

BEREA — Alice Lloyd College basketball player Ariel Nickell has been named the KIAC Female Athlete of the Year, conference officials announced Thursday.

The Alice Lloyd sophomore was also named the conference's women's basketball player of the year

earlier for the 2011-12 season. Nickell played in 32 games this season, scoring 719 points, which ranked third in the NAIA. She was also fourth in points per game (22.47), fifth in defensive rebounds per game (7.3), 15th in total rebounds (9.5) and 18th in total steals (80). The Eagles finished third in the regular season

with a conference record of 6-5.

In addition to being named conference player of the year, Nickell received a number of other honors. She was named a NAIA Second Team All-American and selected for the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame "Ring of Honor." The "Ring of Honor" included a select

few women's basketball players from around the country who were asked to send a jersey to the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn. Her jersey will join 99 other jerseys of women's basketball players selected from all levels recognizing female basketball players who excelled as part of remarkable seasons.



Ariel Nickell

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"Those two players that ended up signing with the NBA, D-League and saw regular-season action, I couldn't have been happier for those guys and it drives the point home that if you work hard enough and stay persistent good things will

happen. Marcus and Jonathan are perfect examples of this."

The pre-draft camp showcases both NBA-caliber players and coaches. Keathley, who will hold his second youth basketball camp at the Pikeville YMCA July 26-28, welcomes an opportunity to coach in the high-

ly-anticipated event.

"I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity again this year and I'm thankful the NBA D-League would invite me back for a second season to serve as a coach," Keathley added. "I'm excited to see the type of talent this year's camp provides."

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The large upper lake will be closed to all fishing Friday, June 1. However, the lake will reopen to youth anglers under the age of 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. that day. The lake will open to youth anglers from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2. After 11 a.m., the lake will be open to all anglers. The smaller fishing lake, located closest to U.S. 60, will remain open to all anglers during daylight hours.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees will be roaming the banks to provide advice and assistance to anglers. "We will have limited fishing equipment to loan on Saturday morning," added Johnson. "We suggest anglers bring rods and reels, if they have them. Anglers should also bring bait. We recommend redworms and wax worms."

Anglers squeamish about baiting hooks with worms can instead use cheese corn, small pieces of hot dogs and balls of compressed bread to catch fish.

Several organizations

around the state are sponsoring fishing events this weekend. They include (local times listed):

- Barren County: Barren River State Resort Park, June 2, youth fishing derby for kids ages 15 and under, beginning at 9 a.m. Fishing poles and bait provided.
- Henderson County: Audubon State Park, June 3, fly tying and casting instruction by the Ohio Valley Fly Rod Fishing Club, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Kenton County: Middleton-Mills Park, Shelter house 1, June 2, fishing event, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Pulaski County: Goodwater Pond, Daniel Boone National Forest, June 2, fishing event, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Open to youth ages 5 to 15, and seniors over the age of 60.
- Russell County: Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, June 2, Annual Catch a Rainbow Kids Fishing Derby, for kids up to age 15, beginning at 9 a.m. Prizes awarded. Fishing poles furnished for kids under 5 years old. For more information, visit www.catcharainbow.org online, or call

(270) 343-3797.

- Rowan County: Minor E. Clark Fish Hatchery near Cave Run Lake, June 2, kids fishing derby, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fishing allowed in two hatchery ponds for kids up to age 15. Ponds stocked with trout, catfish and bass. Some bait provided. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes and goodie bags provided to participants. Displays will include bomb sniffing dogs, command vehicles, law enforcement equipment and demonstrations.
- Jefferson County: Tom Wallace Lake in Jefferson Memorial Forest, June 2, kids fishing derby, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- McCracken County: Bob Noble Park Lake, June 2, kids fishing event, beginning at 9 a.m. For children ages 6 to 12. Limited to first 100 to sign up. Register online at www.padicahky.gov, stop by the parks office at 1400 H.C. Mathis Drive, or call 270-444-8508.

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South Floyd to host youth volleyball camp

Times Staff Report

HI HAT - The South Floyd High School volleyball program will host the Little Raiders Fundamental Camp June 4-6 at Raider Arena. The youth volleyball camp will be held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day.

Campers will be served breakfast and lunch. The camp will also include drills and team play. South Floyd High School head coach Keith Smallwood will direct the camp.

Each camper will receive a T-shirt. The fee for the youth volleyball camp is \$40.

Youth football camp to feature NFL player: The Highest Level Football Camp featuring current Cincinnati Bengals linebacker, former Kentucky Mr. Football, High School All-American and First Team All-SEC performer Micah Johnson will be held at StoneCrest Park in Prestonsburg on

Saturday, June 16, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The youth football camp is for players ages 6-18.

As a high school senior, Johnson was rated as the nation's top linebacker. He was named Kentucky Mr. Football and earned First Team All-SEC honors at the University of Kentucky before playing for the Miami Dolphins in the NFL. He is currently playing for the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.

Cost of the camp is \$65 and includes lunch, a T-shirt and certificate.

Campers will be grouped according to ages and have an opportunity to compete for awards in various competitions.

Football fundamentals will be covered throughout the camp. Pre-registration for the camp is encouraged. For more information on the camp, call 606-339-5948 or email highestlevelsports@yahoo.com.

Former Wildcats picked for USA Select Team

Times Staff Report

LEXINGTON - Former Kentucky men's basketball All-Americans DeMarcus Cousins and John Wall will be suiting up for the Red, White and Blue this summer as members of the 2012 USA Men's Select Team that will train against the 2012 USA Basketball Men's National Team during its July 6-12 training camp in Las Vegas, Nev.

Cousins just completed his second season in the NBA with the Sacramento Kings where he averaged a double

double with 18.1 ppg (second best on the team) and team-leading 11.0 rpg. He led the NBA in offensive rebounds (265) and offensive rebounds per game (4.1) in the regular season and fourth overall in rebounding. He recorded 36 double-doubles, sixth most in the league.

Wall just finished his second season in the NBA with the Washington Wizards where he averaged team highs in points (16.3) and assists (8.0), while adding 4.5 rebounds and 1.4 steals per contest in 66 games (all starts).

Blackcats drop regular-season finale to Ashland Blazer

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - In his two seasons as head coach of the Prestonsburg baseball program, Shane Simpkins has never shied away from stiff competition. The Blackcats ventured north to Ashland on Saturday for a regular-season finale versus 16th Region championship contender Ashland Blazer, a longtime powerhouse. Host Ashland Blazer never

trailed en route to an impressive 8-3 victory over the Blackcats.

Ashland scored one run in the top half of the first inning. Following a scoreless at-bat in the second inning, Ashland added another run during its third plate appearance.

The Tomcats, after allowing the Blackcats to push across one run in the top half of the fourth inning, plated two runs. Ashland leadoff hitter Logan Salow was a thorn

in Prestonsburg's side throughout the game. Salow, a junior, finished a home run short of hitting for the cycle, finishing 3-for-4 with three runs.

Junior ace Trey Stapleton started on the mound for the Blackcats. Stapleton pitched into the bottom half of the fifth inning. Fellow junior Cody Chaffin, a left-hander, relieved Stapleton in the fifth inning of the regular-season finale. Stapleton, one of Eastern Kentucky's top high school

baseball players, suffered the loss.

Offensively, senior Kyle Chaffin led Prestonsburg with a double.

Grant Anderson, Hunter Brown, Tyler Shelton and Adam Griffith each had a single for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg concluded the regular-season 22-14. The Blackcats carried the role of favorite heading into the 58th District Tournament at Drift.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Deer fawns best left alone

by ART LANDER JR.
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT - When someone finds a deer fawn curled up in high grass or hiding beneath the shrubbery of a home at the edge of the woods, it's often assumed that the fawn is abandoned.

But David Yancy, a deer biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, explained that mother deer don't abandon their newborns.

"The mother leaves the fawn often for hours at a time, between morning and evening nursing," said Yancy. "The doe stays away from the fawn because she doesn't want to attract attention to it. While she's away from her fawn she feeds and rests."

Fawns are scentless at birth, and hide in grass and weeds, their spots helping to camouflage them.

If the mother deer feels threatened by the approach of a human or a predator, she moves off, so the threatening presence will follow her and not endanger her fawn.

Newborn deer remain bedded for the first few weeks of life until they are strong enough to run at their

mother's side to escape predators.

The doe is never far from her fawn. "The mother is likely in some nearby woods. She's definitely within earshot and will usually come running if the fawn bleats," said Yancy.

Landowners are asked to leave deer fawns alone if they encounter one. "If you find one while mowing your hay field, pick it up and put it somewhere nearby where you won't be mowing. The mother will return and find it in the evening," said Yancy.

The gestation period for white-tailed deer is about 200 days. Female deer bred in November drop their fawns in the period from late May to early July. The peak of births occurs in mid-June, prompting an increase in calls to the information center at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

"Callers don't know what to do with the seemingly abandoned young deer. They don't realize the fawn has not been abandoned at all," said Yancy. "Some people who don't know better will pick them up."

The worst thing you can do is to

pick up the fawn and try to raise it on your own. Humans are poor substitutes for the fawn's natural mother.

"It always ends badly for either the human or the deer," Yancy said. "It is also illegal. The only people who can have deer in captivity are rehabilitators or someone with a captive cervid permit."

The cute baby deer that weighs 6 to 8 pounds in June will grow to 65 to 75 pounds by that fall and 125 pounds by the following summer. "By the next fall, the male deer are sexually mature," Yancy said. "They can hurt you. They start tearing up things, eating gardens and exhibiting other destructive behavior. They can seriously injure a person with their antlers and hooves. They are going to try to show you that they are dominant."

The best thing a person can do if they encounter a baby deer on their property is to leave the fawn alone. Mother Nature will take care of young deer much better than humans can.



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Dessie Bowling, far-left, Forward in the Fifth board chair, and Jim Tackett, far right, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, present the 2012 Appalachian Leaders in Education (AppLE) Awards to Kelly Bell, second from left, principal at Metcalfe County High School; U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05); Abbey Alexandra Witt of Estill County; and Michelle Combs of Perry County. The awards were presented May 21 at Education Leadership Day at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

Appalachian Leaders in Education winners announced at Education Leadership Day

SOMERSET — Four Eastern Kentuckians have earned regional recognition for making significant contributions to advance education in their home communities.

Receiving Forward in the Fifth's 2012 Appalachian Leaders in Education (AppLE) Awards for going "above and beyond" in their efforts to support education were Kelly Bell, principal at Metcalfe County High School; Rob Lester, pharmacist/proprietor of Pike County; parent volunteer Michelle Combs of Perry County; and Estill County student Abbey Alexandra Witt.

(pharmacist/proprietor) of Pike County

Lester received his education in Pike County and sought to give back to the community. He formed a partnership with the University of Pikeville to establish a dual credit program, so that deserving students could get a jumpstart on their postsecondary education. He remains active in speaking with students about the value of education and establishing programs that will academically benefit students of Pike County.

Parent Award—Michelle Combs of Perry County

Combs is involved in volunteer and fundraising efforts in the Hazard Independent School System. As assistant coach of the middle and high school speech teams, she encourages her students to become involved. She also serves as a volunteer for the Hazard Independent Soccer Leagues and coordinates numerous other volunteers on a weekly basis to ensure the smooth transition of the organization. Her individual sacrifices are often overshadowed by the accomplishments of the young people she is assisting.

of basketball's greatest players during his 50-year career, including the legendary Michael Jordan, former University of Kentucky (UK) Wildcat All-American Tony Delk, and former Boston Celtics forward, Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell.

During these five years of work with Forward in the Fifth, Rose delivered his presentation to 11,000 middle and high school students in the region.

In addition to the AppLE Award presentations, representatives from Clay County schools, Wayne County and Monticello Independent School, and Jenkins Independent School in Letcher County led a series of breakout sessions on the impact grant funding from Forward in the Fifth's Local Educational Affiliate Program (LEAP) has had in tackling educational issues in their areas.

Somerset businessman Chuck Coldiron, who organized the successful "Read Pulaski County" literacy event at the Center the last two years, also delivered a presentation on the success of that endeavor. At each event, nearly 1,000 Pulaski County fourth graders have enjoyed a free pizza lunch and children's book, and had the opportunity to hear Kentucky First Lady Jane Beshear speak about the importance of reading.

"Our Local Educational Affiliate Program (LEAP) is a very practical way people can get involved in improving their community's education process," Tackett said. "This program has a long history of creating long-lasting change. We have no doubt that these communities will grow and sustain their efforts serving future generations."

Since 2011, Forward in the Fifth has presented more than \$13,000 to nine counties, including area schools or college systems, to establish a LEAP affiliate in their home communities and address an educational issue relevant to students in the region.

For more information about the AppLE Awards or LEAP grant program, contact Jim Tackett, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, at 606-677-6000, email fit@centertech.com, or visit www.fit.org.

Forward in the Fifth, a nonprofit organization and an affiliate of The Center for Rural Development, was formed in 1986 by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) and other leaders to work to reverse low educational attainment levels in the Fifth Congressional District. The organization strives to engage community stakeholders to advance the value of education; serves as advocates to advance all education systems to improve educational attainment; and supports schools and stakeholders to secure needed resources to improve the quality of education within their local communities.

The awards were presented May 21 at Education Leadership Day at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

Forward in the Fifth, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reversing low educational attainment levels in the region, also presented U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) with the 2012 AppLE Visionary Award in recognition of his creation in 1986 of the organization, also an affiliate of the Center for Rural Development.

"Educators who lead with purpose and look beyond the horizon are making a difference in the lives of our students and ultimately impacting our communities," Congressman Rogers said. "I commend all the 2012 AppLE award winners, who are leaders with purpose."

"The contribution of this year's AppLE Award winners illustrates the passion and dedication each has for raising the educational bar across the region," Jim Tackett, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, added. "We are honored to recognize each person's accomplishments to further demonstrate the value of education. Our future award recipients have big shoes to fill in the years to come."

Brief descriptions of the 2012 AppLE Award winners and their efforts to support education in their communities and the region are as follows:

Educator Award—Kelly Bell (principal at Metcalfe County High School)

When Bell was hired as school principal, Metcalfe County High School was listed as one of the "Ten Worst Schools in Kentucky," according to the federal "No Child Left Behind" guidelines.

She decided to change that designation. During her tenure, she has worked tirelessly to improve students' confidence in themselves, their school, and their community. Under Bell's leadership, student ACT and graduation rates have risen upward. She has involved the community in the revitalization of the school by inviting community leaders to visit the school, have lunch with the students, and let them know they can do to support education in their home community.

Community Leader Award—Rob Lester

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KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION
 PLAINTIFF
 VS
 SHALIOUS R. HALL, II 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 2nd day of March, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$43,999.37 with interest thereon, please be advised that the property is to be offered to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on the 27th day of June, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property to wit:

BEING Lots #s 155, 156 and 157 in the Mae Gearheart Subdivision as shown on plat now on file in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Said plat is referred to and incorporated herein as if completely set out.

BEING the same property conveyed to Shalious R. Hall, II by deed dated June 10, 2010, of record in Deed Book 407, Page 135, in the office aforesaid.

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

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

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

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master Commissioner

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
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 ELDRIDGE WILLIE TERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELDRIDGE WILLIE TERRY; RONALD TERRY; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RONALD TERRY; AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, KY AND
 RELATION OF JONATHAN MILLER, SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION CABINET
 DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment, Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 9th day of January, 2012, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$322.52 as of December 28, 2007, and \$339.72 as of September 16, 2009, with interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid, and reasonable attorney fees expended, including any court costs expended and hereby being enforced, that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Court, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on the 9th day of June 2012 at 9:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: Property Address: 625 Wheelwright Hollow, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky.

*Lot number 295 as shown on map or plat of Mountain Investment, Inc., sub division of Wheelwright, Kentucky, identified of record as File No. 348, in Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Together with all improvements located thereon subject to reservations hereinafter set out and described in 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

RESERVATIONS:
 There is reserved to party of the first part, its heirs, successors, and assigns, the following:

1. Mineral rights, coal, oil and gas including easements set out in Deed of Conveyance from Island Creek Coal Company to party of first part dated November 5, 1968, and of record in Deed Book 191, at page 504, Floyd County Clerk's Office.
2. Easements and rights of way granted Harold Telephone Company and Tel Com, Inc. for operation of Telephone and T.V. cables to subscribers in Wheelwright and vicinity as set out in written instruments dated June 15, 1967, and of record in Deed Book 193, at page 271 and 273, Floyd County Clerk's Office.
3. The electric distribution and service line, meters and other appurtenances, if any, as now located across said property.
4. The right and easement in, on, over, and under said property to construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, reconstruct, expand, extend, replace, relocate and remove electric distribution and service lines with all necessary poles and structures, anchors, wires and fixtures, the right to permit attachments of others to said poles, lines and structures and extensions therefrom; the right of ingress and egress in and over said property and all other rights and easements in or to said property which may be required or convenient for the full enjoyment of the rights herein reserved; together with the right to sell any or all such lines, easements and rights of way as easements either appurtenant or engross.
5. The natural gas distribution system, water system, sewer disposal system, including but not limited to, meters, regulators, valves, clean out inspections boxes, covers, storm sewer mains, lines and connections and other appurtenances if any, as now located, under or across said property.
6. The right and easement in, on, and under said property to construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, reconstruct, expand, extend, replace, relocate and remove the natural gas distribution mains and service lines or any part thereof, the water distribution mains and service lines or any part thereof, the right of ingress and egress in and on said property and all other rights and easements in or to said property which may be required or convenient for the full enjoyment of the rights herein reserved, together with the right to sell any or all of said natural gas distribution system, water system or sewer disposal system, mains, lines, meters and connections either as separate units or as whole, including easements and rights of way, as easements either appurtenant or engross.

Being a part of the same property conveyed to E. H. Terry and Rosetta Maxine Terry, husband and wife, by Mountain Investment, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation, by Deed dated November 28, 1967, and of record in Deed Book 195, at page 448, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Said Rosetta Maxine Terry, having died testate, passed her interest in said property to her two sons, Eldridge Willie Terry and Ronald Terry, as evidenced by the Last Will and Testament of Rosetta Maxine Terry, of record in Will Book M, Page 543, Office aforesaid.

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

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Legals

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0358 Major Revision #2
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560 has applied for a major revision for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 miles South of Hite in Floyd County. The major revision will add 10.11 acres and delete 10.11 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 4.16 acres and delete 4.16 acres of underground area making the total area within the revised permit boundary to be 344.72 acres.

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

The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U. S. G. S. 7 & 12c 12 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Gregory & Christy, John C. & Regina Ison, Delbert & Terra Ison, Mat & Pamela Lane and Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 140 S. South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE
BLASTING SCHEDULE**

This is notice that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41560, Permit 836-0358 will be blasting at Osborn Branch, Latitude 37°32'52", Longitude 82°04'47". Osborn Branch is located off KY 122 on Left Fork of Beaver Creek. Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: WARNING SIGNAL - A one (1) minute series of long blasts of a siren five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. BLAST SIGNAL - A series of short blasts of a siren one minute prior to the detonation. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one long blast of a siren. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonations. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: WARNING SIGNAL - A one (1) minute series of long blasts of a siren five (5) minutes prior to the blast signal. BLAST SIGNAL - A series of short blasts of a siren one minute prior to the detonation. The all-clear signal after blasting will be: one long blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Birchell Sexton, 139 Maple St., Langley, KY 41645 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to place a fill for a commercial use site near Eastern, Ky. The site is approximately 0.37 miles east of the intersection of Ky. Rt. 80 and 550, near Allen Central High School in Floyd County Kentucky. No encroachment upon the floodway channel of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek will occur. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone: (502) 584-3410.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS-SURPLUS PROPERTY**

The Floyd county Board of Education will receive sealed bids for items declared surplus.

- Items declared surplus below:
- 1 sand box/boat slide structure with a double slide & single slide
 - 2 teeter-totters
 - 1 sand and water table structure
 - 1 bean bag toss (bear)
 - 2 art easels
 - 4 spring structures (seal, dot, don, tug boat, airplane)
 - 1 balance beam
 - 1 playhouse

To obtain a detailed listing of items or to schedule a viewing, contact Michael at 606-886-4528, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, prior to the time and date specified for the bid opening.

Sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wrenam, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 North Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "SURPLUS PROPERTY SEALED BID."

Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00 PM, Thursday, June 07, 2012 and publicly opened that date at 1:05 PM, in the central office, located at 106 north Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bids will be subject to board approval during the regular scheduled board meeting which will be held at Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:30 PM, at John M. Stumbo School, 6845 KY Rt 1977, Grethel, KY 41621. All bids must be received by the time designated and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. You are invited to be present at the bid opening.

Items sold will be awarded to the highest bidder(s) meeting all specifications and conditions, and subject to all applicable state and regulations, on a per item basis, and/or a group basis, on a total bid basis, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board of Education. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all sealed bids.

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Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS) has some old vans, high mileage vehicles for sale, "as is." Bids will be accepted until 3:00 PM Thursday June 7, 2012. These vehicles may be seen at the Sandy Valley Transportation Services, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY. Between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Bids must have vehicle number written on the outside of bid. (All bidders will be required to sign a disclaimer stating they are not affiliated with SVTS in any way, no employees or family members can participate.)

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Located on Mays Branch in Prestonsburg. All utilities included, rent is based on gross monthly income. Several activities such as dancing, crafts, church services, hair salon. Furnished with stove, refrigerator, emergency alarm system and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Heights at 606-886-1826, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711 or come by the office for an application. Highland Heights does not discriminate in admission or employment on account of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status.

Large apartment for rent. Located on US 23 at Stanville. 2 br, 2 bath, walk in closet. Large living room area, 1 yr lease. NO PETS. \$650 per month \$650 security deposit. Call 606-434-4000 or 606-478-8100

Duplex for rent, 2bdm 1 bath, central heat & air, on US 23 1 mile North of Prestonsburg. Also a 3 br house. No Pets. Call 888-9747 or 888-9007

Applications Being Accepted For 1, 2 & 4 Bedroom Apartments

Located in Prestonsburg is Highland Heights Apartments in Goble Roberts addition and Cliffside Apartments on Cliff Road. Rent is based on gross monthly income. All utilities included at Highland Heights and a utility allowance at Cliffside. Learning centers at both sites with computers available. For more information call Highland Heights at 606-886-0608 and Cliffside at 606-886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711 or come by the offices for an application. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment on account of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status.

Apt. for rent one or two bedroom furnished includes utilities. Call 888-8366

Branch - Heights Apts. - Wheelwright Ave. is now accepting applications for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and accessible 1 bedroom units. Rent is based on income. We furnish water and trash pickup. Apartments are furnished with stove and refrigerator. Contact Gina Holtzrook, Mgr. at small apartment located in Prestonsburg above Shamrock Glass. One bed one bath, one year lease \$400 per month \$400 deposit. No Pets 606-434-4008 or 606-478-8100

Two bedroom Apt. in Prestonsburg \$700 includes utilities call 606-794-0249

WANTED

Nice person to rent, clean, furnished, upstate efficiency Apt. suitable for one person or couple \$395 per month. Utilities extra, deposit required Call 886-6208



Houses For Rent
 2 bedroom house in Martin for rent \$500 per month plus security deposit. Call 606-794-0249

Two bedroom Trailer for rent Newly remodeled No Pets. Call 888-9317 or 791-9311

EMPLOYMENT
 Help Wanted - General
 Licensed Journeyman & Apprentice HVAC installers needed. Pay based on experience. Please call 859-455-8010

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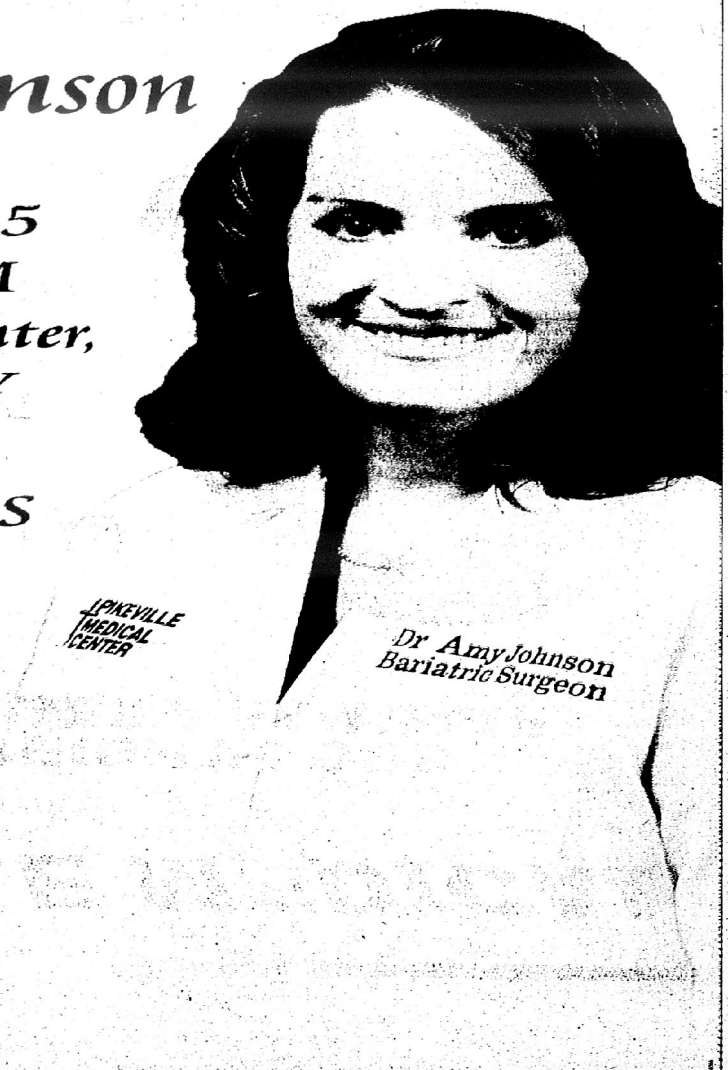
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