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Admin agrees to repay estate \$54K

Vance receives 180-day probated sentence, doesn't admit 'intentional wrongdoing'

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

PRESTONSBURG — A prominent local man with ties to business, government and nonprofit agencies throughout the region agreed over a month

ago to settle allegations he mismanaged the administration of an estate case.

Mike Vance signed a settlement agreement with the estate of Wayland grocer Annie Handshoe, who died in 2007. Under the

terms of the agreement, signed May 30, Vance repaid the estate \$54,000 and agreed to a 180-day probated sentence for contempt of court, due to "mismanagement of funds and violations of orders of the court." As part of the

deal, Vance was required to resign as public administrator of the Handshoe estate and other estates and to agree not to accept any further court appointments.

Vance is not likely to face any criminal charges as a result of the mishandled estate, as they would constitute double jeopardy, following the

contempt finding and sentence.

Vance was appointed to serve as administrator of the Handshoe estate in 2007, after conflicts between some of the family members.

Mary Stanfield, daughter of Annie Handshoe, said the estate was reimbursed last week.



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This weekend's storms carried with it high winds which knocked down trees and power lines around the region.

Heat, storms pack vicious one-two punch

High winds down lines, leaving many without AC

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

Power outages and extreme heat will make for a long holiday week for many in Eastern Kentucky.

A series of storms rolled through Eastern Kentucky beginning Friday and continuing through late Sunday night. In Floyd County, high wind downed trees and power lines, leaving many without power.

Kentucky Power officials say that, late Sunday evening, winds in excess of 60 miles per hour combined with heavy rain to cause outages to more than 63,800 Kentucky Power customers. The storm caused extensive damage to power company lines, poles, cross arms and other electrical

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Workers with Big Sandy RECC and tree clearing contractors were out early Monday morning trying to restore power to parts of Floyd County.

Heat wave doesn't nix fireworks

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

PRESTONSBURG — The summer drought won't affect this year's Prestonsburg fireworks show, thanks in some measure this weekend's torrential rainstorms.

After a month of extreme heat and drought-like conditions, it appeared that this year's Fourth of July fireworks display might not happen. But, after this past weekend's severe thunderstorms, the show is going on.

"We are going to have them," said Prestonsburg Fire Chief Bobby Carpenter.

Last week, due to the recent drought conditions and the threat of forest fires, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Mar-

shall signed a resolution calling for a burn ban in Floyd County.

According to Carpenter, the State Fire Marshall's office could still decide to suspend the show, but as of right now the city doesn't have any plans to suspend the public fireworks display.

"Anything could change, right up to the time of the show," said Carpenter, "but as of right now, the show is on."

The Fourth of July fireworks show is expected to begin at dark, between 9:30 and 9:45 p.m. City officials report that the show typically lasts anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes.

The city budgets \$25,000 a year to cover the cost of fireworks and related expenses.

KSP probes shooting death

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

PIKEVILLE — Police are investigating the shooting death of a man, found in his home over the weekend.

Kentucky State Police Post 9 received a report of a shooting in the Island Creek community on Friday. Once at the scene, officers found Joshua Pugh, 23, who had sustained a gunshot wound.

Pugh was transported to Pikeville Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by Deputy Coroner Zab Hampton.

The incident remains under investigation by KSP Det. Jason Merlo. Merlo was assisted at the scene by Tpr. Joshua Cox, Tpr. Nick Hale, Tpr. Jake Stinnett, Tpr. Adam Hensley, Sgt. Gary Lafferty and Transtar Ambulance Service.

Judge, jailer continue to spar over spending issues

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

In Floyd County this week, the office of the judge-executive continues to battle the jailer over what it sees as runaway spending. But the jailer says it's just the cost of doing business with a jail population out of control.

Officials in the judge's office say they are not denying Jailer Roger Webb's purchase requests, but they have been asking him to

use purchase order numbers and to limit the number of orders the jail makes.

According to Lois Marshall, administrative assistant in the judge-executive's office, many of the jail's vendors charge a delivery fee for orders. Marshall says she has been requesting that the jail combine orders, to cut down on the number of additional delivery fees.

Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb says his vendors didn't charge those fees until Lois Marshall started meddling with his orders.

Spending at the Floyd County Detention Center has come under fire numerous times in the last several months, as the county has wrestled with financial concerns. During a special called meeting June 22, Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said the jail was operating \$500,000 over budget.

Last week, Lois Marshall said part of the jail's problem is in its excessive spending. In a summary of jail spending provided by Marshall, she pointed out that, from February to May, the jail ordered 3,168 rolls of

toilet paper. Marshall also noted allegedly excessive amounts of bleach, garbage bags, and latex gloves the jail uses.

Webb says the problem is combination of overcrowding in the jail and Lois Marshall's attempts to control spending.

"The cause of all this is Lois trying to do the ordering for the jail," said Webb. According to Webb, Marshall doesn't fully understand how the jail operates. "You might

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Obituaries

Earnest 'Ernie' D. Hall

Earnest "Ernie" D. Hall, age 69, of Sturgis, Mich., passed away Thursday, June 28, 2012, at the Borgess Medical Center, in Kalamazoo, Mich., after an extended illness. He was born Jan. 21, 1943 in Wayland, a son of the late Sonny and Gladith (Nickles) Hall. He had been a resident of Sturgis since 1960, moving there from Kentucky. He had been employed by Paramount Furniture Company in Sturgis for 11 years and retired from Kirsch Company in Sturgis after 25 years of employment. Earnest was a member of the Church of Christ, in LaGrange, Ind., and was a 35-year Gold Member of the Eagles Lodge #1314 in Sturgis, Mich. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, was a NASCAR fan, a sports fan, especially the Kentucky Wildcats, enjoyed his dog, Daisy, and was quite a joker with family and friends.

Surviving are four daughters, Yvonne Hines, of Three Rivers, Mich., Penny Kuhn (Eric Blood), of Cromwell, Ind., Tonya (Richard) Allen, of Sturgis, Mich., and Trisha (Jason) Sellers, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Tabitha, J.L., Tiffany, Stephanie, Megan, Courtney, Emily, Drake, and Ellie; seven great grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Hall, of Las Vegas, Nev.; and two sisters, Shelby (Amos) Wright and Arlene (Denzil) Gibson, both of Sturgis, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Clifford Huff, Derry Huff and Lewis Edward Hall; and a sister, Gracie Hicks.

The family will receive friends and relatives Sunday, at the Hackman Family Funeral Home - Hackman Chapel, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, MI 49091. Services celebrating the life of Earnest "Ernie" D. Hall were held Monday at the funeral home, with Pastor Jerry Solis, Riverside Church, Three Rivers, Mich., officiating.

Interment followed in Sturgis Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial donations be directed to the American Heart and Lung Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

His obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

Joe Allen Horn

Joe Allen Horn, of Tullahoma, Tenn., departed this world on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at the age of 61. He perished in his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Horn was born in Prestonsburg, to the late Joe Wheeler Horn and Eva Allen Horn. During his life, Mr. Horn attended Eastern Kentucky University and later became a Route Representative for Frito Lay. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Tullahoma, Tenn., and Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church when he resided in Prestonsburg.

Mr. Horn was a dedicated member of The Tullahoma Nighttime Lions Club and was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons in Prestonsburg. Mr. Horn was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Lifetime Achievement Award for his humanitarian spirit of volunteerism. This award is one of the highest honors bestowed within the Lion's Club. Mr. Horn was a devoted, hard-working husband, father, brother, and grandfather who put his heart and soul into everything that he did.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Carol Horn of Tullahoma, who together shared 39 years of marriage; three daughters, Carolyn Lee and her husband Dustin, of Tullahoma, Jennifer Horn, of Tullahoma, and Elizabeth Khan and her husband Waqar, of Prestonsburg; a sister, Sally Elizabeth Rhoads and her husband Bill, of Lexington; and three loving grandchildren, Abram Keaton Lee,

Arabella Sole Alexis Lee and Jamie Suzanne Horn.

Visitation for Mr. Horn was held Tuesday, June 26, at Kilgore Funeral Home in Tullahoma. Visitation was also held at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, Thursday, June 28, with services at 11 a.m., Friday, June 29, at the Nelson-Frazier Chapel. Burial followed in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

For those who wish, the family suggests that donations be made to the Tullahoma Nighttime Lions Club.

Robert Howell

Robert Howell, age 86 of Harmond, Ind., formerly Harold, husband of the late Edith Howell, passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at the Community Hospital, in Munster, Ind.

He was born August 7, 1925, at Amba, the son of the late Lee and Mary Ann Howell. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by a daughter, Rosa Lee Thompson, of Hammond, Ind.; 15 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; and five great great grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, James Hobert Howell and Dennis Howell, one stepson, Charles Allen, a son-in-law, Albert Thompson; four brothers, Clifton Howell, Lowell Howell, Charles D. Howell and John Hickox; and three sisters, Jewell Smallwood, Anna Mae Wade and Jane Stevens.

Funeral services for Robert Howell were held Saturday, June 30, at the Lower Toler Creek Church of Christ, at Harold, with Tommie appears, officiating. Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

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

Lois Jean Keathley

Lois Jean Keathley, age 67, of Ivel, widow of Donald Ray Keathley, passed away

Saturday, June 30, 2012, in the Salvayersville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Salvysville.

She was born July 12, 1944, at Blue Moon, the daughter of Delmer William Ivel, and the late Dorothy Adams Williams. She was a homemaker and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Along with her father, Lois is survived by a daughter, Shawn (Danny) Troxell, of Prestonsburg; a brother, Milfred Williams, of Willard, Ohio; two sisters, Barbra Nelson, of Newark, Ohio, and Betsy Keathley, of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren, Jeremy Wayne Troxell and Ryan Tyler Troxell. She is also survived by a special friend, Alyndra Meade (caretaker).

In addition to her mother, Mrs. Keathley is preceded in death by one sister, Betty Lois Williams.

Funeral services for Lois Jean Keathley were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 3, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Kickie Newsome Mitchell

Kickie Newsome Mitchell, 40, of Ivel, died Saturday, June 23, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born Jan. 19, 1972, to Violet Allen Newsome, of Ivel, and the late Palmer Newsome. She worked as a homemaker and was a member of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by brothers and sisters, Ricky (Sherry) Newsome, of Pikeville, Mickey (Jondra) Newsome, of Teaberry, Robin Henson, of Pikeville, and Avalene Adams, of Galveston.

Funeral services were held on June 26, at Roberts Funeral Home. Burial followed the service at Craynor Cemetery in Mink Branch, Floyd County, Tenn.

Funeral arrangements made by Roberts Funeral Home.

Rodger D. Setser
Rodger D. Setser, age 71 of Millville, passed away suddenly June 20, 2012, in Jefferson Hospital, with his family at his side.

Rodger grew up in a small coal mining town in Eastern Kentucky in very tough conditions. After losing his father at a young age, he was blessed to have the love and guidance of his brothers, sisters and mother to see him through their hard early life.

He met the love of his life, Joan, while in college. Their life together was a true love story that lasted for over 47 years of marriage which blessed them with two sons and four grandchildren that he loved with all his heart. Their life brought them to Millville, N.J. where he worked as an educator, starting in 1965, until his retirement in 1996. During his life in Millville he touched so many lives.

He enjoyed fishing, sports, gardening and travel. But above all he enjoyed his family and will be remembered by them for being such a loving uncle, brother, grandfather, father and husband. He was a true and kind man in his life. He always shared a smile and gave all that he had to anyone he knew.

Rodger is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons, Chris Setser and his wife, Allison, and Steve Setser and his wife, Jessica; four grandchildren, Madison, Meredith, Hutch and Marin Setser; two brothers, Paul Setser and Fred Setser and his wife, Jeanne; three sisters, Ella Ruth Ratcliff, Sandra Buckles and her husband, Victor, and Debra Hill and her husband, John.

Rodger's funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, at the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. 2nd Street in Millville, N.J. Rodger was laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery, in Driscoll Hill, Penn.

The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made in Rodger's memory to the Help and Hope Ministry or the SHINE Ministry of

the First United Methodist Church of Millville.

Donald G. Smith

Donald G. Smith, 57, of Banner, died Sunday, July 1, 2012, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 28, 1957, to the late Roy and Melbina Radtiff Smith. He was the husband of the late Sherry King Smith, and was a disabled auto body man.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lanny Jack "Mug" Smith.

He is survived by two sons, Maxx Smith, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Joshua Smith, of Banner; a brother, Danny Smith, of Banner; and a sister, Lucile Walker, of Paisley, Fla.

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

Bonnie Cay Tackett

Bonnie Cay Tackett, 53, of Melvin, died July 1, 2012, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

She was born Nov. 21, 1958, to Winnie Tackett of Melvin, and the late Charles E. Tackett.

She is survived by brothers and sisters, Conley (Barb) Tackett, of Mimmie (Bonnie) Tackett, of Melvin, Richard (Rhonda) Tackett, of Ivel, Charles Larry Tackett, of Melvin, Deborah Sue (Herbert) Amburgey, of Staffordsville, Evelyn (Leo) Roberts, of Staffordsville, Patricia (Greg) Hall, of Andrews, Ind., and Beth (David) Castle, of Lowmansville, one special great nephew, Cameron Tackett; six nieces; four nephews; and a host of great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 5, at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin. Burial will follow the service in the Tackett Cemetery, at Melvin.

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

FEMA offers precautions for excessive heat

Moving into July, following record heat waves in June, the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the following advice on how to beat the heat.

According to FEMA, Heat kills by pushing the human body beyond its

limits. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature.

Most heat disorders occur because the victim has been overexposed to heat or has over-exercised for his or

her age and physical condition. Older adults, young children and those who are sick or overweight are more likely to succumb to extreme heat.

Conditions that can induce heat-related illnesses include stagnant atmospheric conditions and poor air quality. Consequently, people living in urban areas may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than those living in rural areas. Also, asphalt and concrete store heat longer and gradually release heat at night, which can produce higher nighttime temperatures known as the "urban heat island effect."

A heat wave is an extended period of extreme heat, and is often accompanied by high humidity. These conditions can be dangerous and even life-threatening for humans who don't take the proper precautions.

To prepare for extreme heat, FEMA recommends the following before situations of extreme heat: To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan. Install window air conditioners snugly; insulate if necessary. Check air-conditioning ducts for proper insulation. Install temporary window reflectors (for use between windows and drapes), such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard, to reflect heat back outside. Weather-strip doors and sills to keep cool air in. Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings, or louvers. Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80 percent.) Keep storm windows up all year. Listen to local weather forecasts

and stay aware of upcoming temperature changes. Know those in your neighborhood who are elderly, young, sick or overweight. They are more likely to become victims of excessive heat and may need help. Be aware that people living in urban areas may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than are people living in rural areas. Get trained in first aid to learn how to treat heat-related emergencies. The following should be done during extreme heat: Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS). Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles. Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available. Postpone outdoor games and activities. Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation. Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using sunbats unless directed to do so by a

physician. Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake. Limit intake of alcoholic beverages. Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays. Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat. Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks. Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone. Avoid extreme temperature changes. Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (@FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area. Example: shelter 12345.

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Community Calendar

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Quit smoking

Are you ready to kick the tobacco habit for good? The Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking can help. Classes are ongoing at Saint Joseph - Martin on Mondays, at 10:30 a.m., in the Seton Complex Lower Level Conference Room. For more information, call 285-6692.

The Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking Program is made available to Kentuckians through the Kentucky Cancer Program and its partners.

Prestonsburg High School Majorette Alumni

Prestonsburg High School Majorette Alumni meet at 1 p.m., the second Saturday of each month, at the First United Methodist Church gymnasium, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Carol Jo May at (606) 226-2565.

PHS class of 1972 reunion

The Prestonsburg High School, graduating class of 1972 will celebrate its 40-year reunion, Saturday, July 21, from 5 p.m. until midnight, at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge Goldenrod Room. For more information, contact Carol Jo May at (606) 226-2565.

PHS class of 2002 reunion

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

Communities Against Drug Addiction

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets at noon the third Tuesday of each month, in the third floor conference room of the Floyd County Health Department. Lunch is provided.

For more information, contact Mike Vance at (606) 226-2075, Leslie Howell at (606) 263-4370 or (606) 339-7358, or Carol Jo May at (606) 226-2565.

Floyd County Job Club

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

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

Allen VFD membership drive

Allen Volunteer Fire Department is now holding a membership drive. Meetings are held every Monday night, at 6:30 p.m., at the station. Please stop and help your volunteer fire department, or call Asst. Chief Bill Jarvis at (606) 791-6601.

Volunteer mentors wanted

Mentoring for a Second Chance is a jail-based service program designed to

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

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact mentor coordinator Joshua Kinzer, (606) 886-4439, (606) 339-8878, or jkinzer@M2Comp.org.

Veterans service officer

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

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

Autism Awareness & Support Group

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1001 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

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

Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at

9:30 a.m. 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.

Become a volunteer with Victim Services Program

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

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

Outpatient Drug Treatment Program and Education

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

Call Narconon for a free 12-step on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. www.drugsnos.com

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Need help with addiction?

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

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

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

For more information,

call Libbi Hall at (606) 377-2930.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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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 886-2829; 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.

Overeaters' Anonymous

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

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group

For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline

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

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating...

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

— Gregory Nunn

Amendment 1

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Our View America remains strong, despite homegrown critics

"The death of America!"
"The end of the Constitution!"
Those are just a couple of the breathless and hyperbolic phrases that have been bandied about in reaction of last week's Supreme Court ruling upholding the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known both affectionately and derisively as "Obamacare." And, without a doubt, these and similar statements are baseless in fact.

As we celebrate the 236th anniversary of our nation's birth, can we think of a more harmful or inappropriate form of rhetoric than these pronouncements of America's demise. What must those abroad, both enemy and ally, think of us, that we are willing to so publicly and viciously savage each other and our nation, based on one simple disagreement over public policy?

America continues to live and breathe. Our Constitution remains a vibrant and relevant document. These are facts, and the greatest evidence for them can be found in the resolution to this dispute.

The mechanisms of the Affordable Care Act — the individual mandate and consequent penalties for failing to abide by it — are the brainchild not of socialist enemies of the United States, but of Republican policymakers. They were first applied to health insurance by presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, who successfully lobbied for their enactment as part of Massachusetts' health care reform in 2006, although you would never know it, based on his current stance against the national version of his proposal.

The Affordable Care Act was created by Republicans at the state level and passed by Democrats in Congress. A Democratic president signed it. A Supreme Court dominated by conservative Republican nominees has upheld it. Having been through both major parties and all three branches of government, the resulting law is not evidence of a broken system, but of one that continues to thrive exactly as envisioned.

Obviously, not everyone is happy, and the debate will continue to rage. The issue will likely not be settled until after the outcome of November's elections, and maybe not even then.

But this is not the "death of America." This is not the "end of the Constitution." This is the shining example of government that has been the United States' gift to the world — that we may disagree on the issues, but we trust the mechanisms created by our forefathers to settle our differences, and then we move forward.

Those who remain opposed to the act still have the ballot box at their disposal, still have Congress' power to repeal or amend the legislation. Those who decry last week's decision as anything more than a setback to their cause are doing our country a disservice.

— The Floyd County Times



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A Legislative Perspective

Rep. Greg Stumbo
Speaker of the House

July may not be a time normally associated with a rush of legislative activity, but in a key way, no month is busier.

That's because it marks the beginning of the state's fiscal year, and it also is when most of the new laws adopted earlier in the year by the General Assembly take effect. Unless there is an emergency clause or another specified date, all enacted bills officially go on the books 90 days after the end of a legislative session. This year, that falls on July 12th.

That means, beginning next week, copper thieves will have a much tougher time making a quick buck; for-profit colleges will face tighter scrutiny; school coaches will have to be better trained to recognize and treat concussions; foster children will have more time to decide whether they want to stay in the state's care after they turn 18; coal miners will face more stringent rules if they abuse drugs; and 15-passenger vans will fall under the state's seatbelt law, which now only covers vehicles seating up to 10.

Emergency room workers will have more protection, since the law will now allow peace officers to arrest someone for fourth degree assault in emergency rooms even if the officer did not witness the crime, as is currently required.

Peace officers, meanwhile, will benefit from the newly established "blue alert," which will notify the public if an officer is killed or severely injured in the line of duty. This could help police find the one

responsible much more quickly.

One of the more widely discussed laws this year will put some sensible limits on the sale of cold and allergy medicine containing pseudoephedrine in an effort to reduce a record number of meth labs. This legislation will limit individuals from buying more than 7.2 grams of pseudoephedrine a month and 24 grams per year. For perspective, a box of 48 pills, with each having a 30 milligram dosage, has only 1.44 grams of pseudoephedrine; that means five boxes could be bought per person in a month, and 15 over a year.

It's important to note that this law has no effect on liquid or gel tab forms of medicine containing pseudoephedrine, since both are very difficult to use in meth production.

In educational matters, schools will now be able to apply to become "districts of innovation," which will allow them to try new, individualized approaches to boost academic performance. That could include significantly changing the school calendar or implementing new teaching methods in the classroom.

At the same time, special needs students who follow a modified curriculum will now be eligible to receive an alternative diploma in the coming school year rather than the certificate they now get, a measure that will better recognize their accomplishment.

Under retirement matters, there will now be tighter rules on the Kentucky Retirement Systems — such as regular reviews by the state auditor and limits on the tenure of board chairmen — and Confederate pensions will be officially struck from the books as part of a housekeeping measure. Some 147 years after the end

of the Civil War, we're pretty sure no one is still drawing a check.

At the same time all of these laws are being implemented, several task forces authorized by the General Assembly earlier this year are now set to get underway in the coming months.

Speaking of retirement systems, one of the new task forces will take a closer look at the way they are run and see how we can best preserve benefits in the decades ahead for the 450,000 local and state government workers, teachers and their retirees without putting an undue burden on other government programs.

Four other special committees will take an in-depth look at: The ongoing implementation of this year's far-reaching law designed to curb prescription drug abuse, a measure I was proud to sponsor; Several legal matters involving juveniles, such as the best way to handle those 10 and younger who commit a crime; Improving student access to technology; and How we can improve oversight of sporting events involving middle schools.

On a related note, Governor Beshear has appointed a separate task force that is now traveling the state to gauge the public's thoughts on tax reform, another subject that could come before the General Assembly in 2013.

I will of course keep you updated on the progress of these special committees, as well as the other long-established ones that the legislature relies on to review such areas as education, transportation and the judiciary. Though the legislature will not be voting on any bills, the next six months still promise to be a busy time.

Guest Column

Congress must repeal 'Obamacare'

Sen. Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader

The Supreme Court's disappointing decision on Obamacare makes one thing clear: Congress must act to repeal this misguided law. Obamacare will not only limit choices and increase health care costs for Kentucky families, it has also made it harder for businesses to hire.

The Supreme Court decision does nothing to diminish the fact that Obamacare's mandates, tax hikes, and Medicare cuts should be repealed to clear the way for common-sense, step-by-step reforms that protect Americans' access to the care they need, from the doctor they choose, at a lower cost.

The American people never wanted to be where we ended up today. Two-and-a-half years ago, President Obama and liberals in Washington teamed up to force through legislation that the people never asked for — even amidst an economic recession, a spiraling federal debt, and growing increases in government health spending.

We were promised lower health care costs. Instead, they're going up. We were promised lower premiums. They're going up. Most Americans were promised their taxes wouldn't change. They're going up, too.

Seniors were promised Medicare would be protected. It was raided to pay for a new entitlement instead. Americans were promised Obamacare would create jobs. But the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has estimated it will lead to hundreds of thousands of fewer jobs. And Americans were promised they could keep their health care plan if they liked it. Yet millions have since learned they can't under Obamacare.

And the president himself promised that the core of Obamacare — the requirement that every American purchase health insurance, or send a check to Uncle Sam — was somehow not a tax. Now the Supreme Court has spoken: The core element of Obamacare is a massive tax.

The damage Obamacare is doing to Kentucky isn't just speculation — it's

reality.

Small businesses are seeing their health premiums go up more than they can afford to pay, threatening to put them out of business. Kentucky hospitals have been forced to lay off employees because Obamacare raided Medicare to pay for a massive new government program. And too many Kentucky businesses are hesitant to hire new employees until they know how much more Obamacare will force them to pay — the last thing we need at a time when unemployment in Kentucky is still above the national average.

There's only one way to truly fix Obamacare, and that's a full repeal that clears the way for common-sense, step-by-step reforms that protect Americans' access to the care they need and the doctors they choose at a lower cost. And that's precisely what I and other Republicans in Congress are committed to doing. The Supreme Court's ruling does not mark the end of this debate. It is only the beginning of the journey on the road to repeal.

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Spots available in UPike production of 'Alice'

PIKEVILLE — The University of Pikeville School of Dance is preparing a ballet production of "Alice in Wonderland," to be performed in November. There will be a planning meeting on Saturday, July 7,

at 2 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. All dancers, boys and girls, ages 7 through adult, who are enrolled in a ballet class are eligible to be cast in the production. There are roles for girls and

women on pointe shoes, roles for boys and men, and roles for all ballet dancers age 7 and up who are not on pointe shoes. Additionally, artisans and seamstresses are needed to create props, such as a giant te-

pot for the Mad Hatter scene, and many other costumes. The production will adhere as closely as possible to the costumes and characters in the original book. Rehearsals will begin in Au-

gust. During the fall semester, rehearsals will be held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For more information, contact the dance studio at 218-5781 or email Peggy Davis at PeggyDavis@upike.edu.

Man killed in one-car crash

Ralph B. Davis
Managing Editor

SALYERSVILLE — A one-car accident Sunday in Magoffin County has claimed the life of a Salyersville man.

Police responded to the scene of the wreck in the Fredsville community, where they found the body

of Lonnie Dillon, 64, at the crash site.

Police have made a preliminary determination that Dillon was driving his 1998 Chevrolet pickup on Route 7, when the vehicle went off the westbound shoulder of the road. The vehicle went over and crossed a creek and struck a tree, before coming to a

rest. Dillon was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Mark Jenkins.

The accident remains under investigation by Trp. Michael Haney. Haney was assisted at the scene by Magoffin County Rescue Squad, District 3 Fire Department and Questcare Ambulance.

Donating bookmarks



McDonald's of East Kentucky recently donated 1100 bookmarks to area libraries in support of their summer reading programs. Students who sign up for the program receive a bookmark, which includes a coupon for an order of apple slices. Floyd County Library Summer Reading Program Director Emma Shepherd, right, is pictured receiving the bookmarks from Lisa Caudill, local owner-operator of Bob and Tom Hutchison and proud to support our public libraries and their efforts to increase children's enjoyment of reading.

Helping senior centers



County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall presented Floyd County Senior Citizens with a check for \$50,000 last week. The money was part of a state appropriation of coal severance tax funds to be used to fund seven senior centers in the county.

Vance

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Stanfield said she became concerned about how her mother's estate was being handled, after noticing some discrepancies in Vance's records. She noticed payments for bills which she said were not owed, such as her mother's final medical bills, which were completely covered by insurance. She began to suspect money was going missing and asked for a full accounting of the estate's finances.

Vance's attorney, Gerald Derossett, said Vance had some medical problems in the midst of his handling of a "fairly complicated estate" and fell behind in keeping accurate records. He also

"Mike is an honest man, but he was used to doing things simply. It wasn't that did anything wrong; he just didn't do it very well."

— Gerald Derossett,
attorney for Mike Vance

missed deadlines to file estate taxes, which resulted in tax penalties.

As a result of his shortcomings in handling the estate, Derossett said Vance felt it would only be fair to reimburse the estate the amount of his fee, plus the penalties and interest associated with the missed deadlines. He emphasized that Vance did not admit

"any intentional wrongdoing."

"Mike didn't do a very good job of record-keeping," Derossett said. "He fell behind and he felt like this was a good way to make things right..."

"Mike is an honest man, but he was used to doing things simply. It wasn't that did anything wrong; he just didn't do it very well."

Spending

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have 50 inmates and then there's a drug raid and now you've got 100."

Webb said Marshall has been to everyone with her numbers on jail supplies. "She's been to every office on this toilet paper. She's got toilet paper, garbage bags and bleach on the mind," said Webb.

According to Webb, in February the jail averaged 164 inmates a day, or 1 roll of toilet paper for every 10 inmates a day. Webb adds that doesn't include the 693 visitors who signed into the jail Saturdays and Sundays during the month of February, the visitors who come and go during the week, or the facility's 24 employees.

Webb also pointed out that Lois Marshall has been on to him about his bleach orders. In February the jail ordered 132 gallons of bleach. "That's four and half gallons a day to do all of our cleaning," said Webb. "Our laundry, our dish washing, and floor mopping."

In March, the detention center averaged 171 inmates a day, and 762 visitors. Webb says Lois Marshall does not know how the jail operates and that she should leave the ordering to the jailer. "That would be like me trying to order and buy stuff for Koo City. I don't know their business."

Webb recently returned from a jailers' conference, where he said much of the conversation was centered around how jails are going to deal with the ever increasing population of drug offender inmates. "I've

got enough problems over here without having to worry about toilet paper."

Marshall says she wants to know more about how the jail operates, but Webb has repeatedly refused to allow her or anyone from the judge-executive's office to come into the jail and inspect the jail's inventory.

Last week, in a Times report, it was incorrectly reported that Donna Dye wrote and signed a note on an invoice. Both Roger Webb and Dye confirmed that the note was written by Webb and not Dye. Webb said he called both Dye and Judge Marshall

to apologize if it caused her any problems. "I said it was my fault that this happened. I forgot to put my name on it," said Webb.

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Storms

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cal equipment. According to officials with Kentucky Power, restoration crews have been working since the storm hit to assess damage and make repairs.

At this time, based on damage and outage estimates, company officials say it could be as late as Friday, July 6, before all customers in its service area affected by the storm are returned to service, although most customers will have power restored well before then. The company has brought in 380 professionals from outside utilities and electrical contractors to aid in the restoration effort.

In an update sent out on Twitter early Monday morning, Kentucky Power advised that, following Sunday night's storms, the total number of people in their service without power was now over 41,000. There were nearly 4,600 customers without power in Floyd County at 10 a.m., Monday morning.

Making matters worse for storm victims is a forecast from the National Weather Service NWS of more extreme heat this week, as temperatures are expected to climb into the

mid and upper 90s today, with dew points in the upper 60s, resulting in heat index values peaking around 100 degrees. The NWS is also warning people not to leave children or pets in a car, even with

the windows left cracked open. They report that a vehicle can heat up to over 120 degrees in less than a half an hour. Leaving a child or pet in an enclosed vehicle, even for a few minutes, can be deadly.

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Kentucky Blood Center, God's Pantry team up

Donors can save lives, feed the hungry this month

LEXINGTON — Even though it's hot outside, here's a cool idea — Kentuckians can save lives while also helping to reduce hunger this month. Kentucky Blood Center (KBC) and God's Pantry Food Bank are teaming up

to provide Kentuckians the opportunity to give back to their communities during July, a time when the needs are high. Blood donors will have the chance to forgo their donor gifts in lieu of having KBC donate the value

of those gifts to God's Pantry Food Bank. For the cost of a KBC T-shirt, for instance, God's Pantry can feed a hungry person for nearly four days. Both food and blood donations typically slow down in the summer

months, but the need remains high. "With the record-breaking temperatures, we've seen fewer donors than expected. We especially encourage donors to give blood during this important holiday week to prevent a de-

cline in blood availability for patients," said Martha Osborne, Executive Director of Recruitment and Marketing. "So this is a great opportunity to help hungry families and Kentucky patients," she added. Donors 18 and over who register to donate through Sept. 14 will be automatically eligible to

win a 2012 Toyota RAV4, the grand prize in KBC's Summer4Life. All blood types are needed but there is a particular need for donors with negative blood types — O, A, B, & AB negative. To find a donation location or to schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

Forty years of service



A lot has changed since May 27, 1972, when Shirley Minix first joined the Prestonsburg Post Office. On Wednesday, she was honored by her colleagues when Samuel Jaudon, director manager for Kentuckiana District, presented her with a 40-year pin. Minix says, though she expects to retire soon, she will miss the work. "I'll miss everybody, they're like family."

Pet safety important on July 4

LOUISVILLE — As Independence Day draws near, the doctors and staff at BluePearl Veterinary Partners stress the importance of pet safety and preparedness during your planned Fourth of July festivities.

With all of the celebration, sweet savory barbecued dishes, open flames and fireworks, paying attention to detail is an important practice to prevent your pet from injury. Prevention is always the best form of first aid. However, in the event of a burn or injury to your furry friend this holiday, here are some first aid tips you need to know:

- First, never put any types of cream, ointment, butter or margarine on your pet's burn. These can introduce bacteria and other harmful substances into the burned area.
- If the burn is mild, cool the area as soon as possible with cool water and contact your veterinarian. Never use ice as ice increases the chance of hypothermia.
- For more severe burns, cover the wound with a clean, sterile cloth. Most importantly get the pet to your family veterinarian or nearest emergency veterinary hospital as soon as possible.

In addition to the burn itself, injured animals may not behave as usual

due to pain, fear or shock.

Besides burn injuries, there is usually an uptick in emergencies relating to vomiting, diarrhea and heat exhaustion.

• Keep pets in an air conditioned environment during the heat of the day and limit strenuous activities such as running and playing. Always make sure your pet has access to plenty of fresh water.

• If your pet does become overheated, spray the animal down with room temperature or cool water, but never ice water. Ice cold water causes a decrease in blood flow to the skin and heat can't escape the body, which makes heat exhaustion symptoms worse.

Besides physical injuries, pets may have an increase in anxiety and stress due to fireworks and visits by a house full of guests that may not usually be around. This is important to remember as your pets may not behave as they usually do.

• If your pets frighten easily, make sure they can't run away, as loud noises from fireworks could frighten them. Also, if your pets are frightened due to this unusual activity, try playing a game during this time to distract them or place them in a secure area like a

kennel where they can feel safe. Placing a blanket over the kennel can decrease their anxiety. If you know your pet experiences anxiety in thunderstorms and while fireworks are going off, contact your veterinarian to see about potential medicated solutions.

Furthermore, with the Fourth of July usually comes a feast of flavorful foods, but remember the same things you enjoy could harm or even kill your pet.

Alcohol, avocado, caffeine, chives, chocolate, coffee, garlic, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions and raisins, can all have a negative effect on your pet. If your pet has ingested any of these items, contact a veterinarian as soon as possible.

"Most importantly, when you are in doubt about your pet's safety, you should contact your family veterinarian as soon as possible and see whether or not additional medical treatment is necessary," said Dr. Neil Shaw, chief medical officer of BluePearl. "Of course, if it is an after-hours emergency and your usual veterinarian is closed, our trained specialists and emergency personnel would be happy to help at any one of our emergency locations."



Harold "Bud" C. Warman, center, poses with the 2011 Circle of Friends award, along with Burl Spurlock, left, vice chair of the Board of Trustees, and Dennis Dorton, member of the Board of Trustees.

Highlands Health System wins Circle of Friends award

Highlands Health System was presented with the 2011 Circle of Friends Special Achievement Award by the Kentucky Hospital Association. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Hospital Association,

held this spring at the Galt House, in Louisville. Highlands' President and CEO Harold "Bud" C. Warman accepted the award on behalf of the health system, which raised the most funds during the 2011 fundraising year to benefit KHA.

The Circle of Friends is

the political action committee of the Kentucky Hospital Association. This organization is instrumental in helping to shape legislation and other governmental policies regarding health care in the state of Kentucky. The committee achieves its results through one-on-one

meetings with elected officials, helping to educate them on the struggles of Kentucky hospitals due to mounting numbers of uninsured patients and inadequate reimbursement. To learn more about Highlands Health System, visit the website at www.highlandshealthsystem.com

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House Week in Review

Rep. Hubert Collins

The United States is the second largest consumer of energy in the world, second only to China. But news is emerging that may signal a dampening of our nation's energy appetite.

Last Monday, the Associated Press reported that the federal government expects U.S. energy consumption to grow less than one percent annually through 2035, as the nation simultaneously weans itself off foreign fuel and relies more on domestic oil and gas production.

Trends toward low energy demand identified in the government data, released by the U.S. Energy Information Administration last week, include an average of 0.3 percent annual growth in overall U.S. energy consumption and a 0.9 percent decrease in U.S. gasoline use annually between now and 2035.

The growth trend is attributed to slow economic and population growth and increased conservation, while a trend toward decreased gasoline consumption is attributed to high fuel prices and strict federal fuel economy standards, says the data.

A slow-up in energy use is also making news at the state level, or at least in Kentucky where the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet reported on energy trends to the General Assembly's Special Subcommittee on Energy on June 15.

State data shows energy consumption in Kentucky has remained relatively flat since 2004. Consumption by sector (measured in billions of Btus, or British Thermal Units) rose gradually from around 1,500,000 billion Btu in 1990 to around 1,900,000

billion Btu in 2004, with a few dips along the way, but has not increased since. A similar leveling-off took place nationally, although with consumption levels around 90,000,000 billion Btu.

Now for the kicker: While demand has held steady, the amount that Kentuckians and most Americans have spent on energy in the past 12 years has more than doubled, according to the state report. Total energy expenditures in Kentucky were around \$10 billion in 2000, rising to nearly \$22 billion in 2007-2008 before settling to around \$20 billion in 2010. An almost identical rise-and-fall pattern was seen nationally, based on the report.

The increase at both the state and national levels during this period was largely due to rising fuel prices in the transportation sector, the report says. Energy expenditures in the industrial, commercial and residential sectors were much more stable than fuel prices in transportation over the 12 year span, with an increase in fuel prices in the industrial sector coming in a distant second.

When you take stable energy consumption and compare it to a steep rise in transportation energy expenditures, you can come to only one conclusion: The recent increase in energy spending is largely due to a rise in transportation fuel price, not energy demand. That message was driven home further in the state report by a chart that shows while Kentucky energy consumption in the transportation sector increased only gradually between 1990 and 2008, the price of gasoline and

diesel per gallon tripled between 2000 and 2008, then dropped dramatically in 2009 before ascending again in 2010.

The energy trends we have reviewed this week appear to confirm something, or rather two things: That energy consumption has been relatively flat, and that transportation fuel prices have a major impact on overall energy expenditures in both Kentucky and the nation.

We will delve further into our look at Kentucky's energy landscape in my report to you next week. Natural gas production, electricity generation, coal production and demand are a few of the topics we will ponder.

Before I leave you this week, let me take a moment to wish you and yours a very happy and safe Fourth of July celebration. Please keep in mind that the lack of rainfall across our state has made the ground in both grassy and forested areas very dry, leading to burn bans in several counties as well as some local fireworks bans.

If you or your family choose to light fireworks this week, please do so responsibly.

With that in mind, let me say "Happy Birthday, America!" And, to everyone in the 97th House District, have a great week.

Lawmakers hear state lottery annual report

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Lottery Corporation will be implementing new strategies in an effort to increase sales, profitability, and funds transferred to the Commonwealth. Arch Gleason, President and CEO of the corporation, told lawmakers last week in a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on State Government.

"I think all of you recognize the most important thing is the amount of money we actually return to the Commonwealth for the benefit of its citizens," he said.

According to Gleason, the lottery has seen a decline in sales in recent years. He attributes that decline, in part, to a decrease in the percentage of profits being paid back to winners. Since 2009, the portion of sales revenue being awarded as cash prizes has been below 60 percent. The Kentucky Lottery plans to increase the overall payout to "the indus-

try's prevailing rate" of 68.8 percent, he said.

"It is important that the players feel that the tickets they play give them the best opportunity to win," Gleason said.

The Kentucky Lottery Corporation also plans to implement a rewards program later this year called "Points for Prizes." The new program will allow players to enter non-winning tickets on the lottery website to accumulate points that can be exchanged for merchandise, and prizes.

The program is expected to increase sales by 2-4 percent, Gleason

said. When asked if removing certain advertising restrictions would also boost sales, Gleason said it would.

Currently, lottery proceeds transferred to the state fund the merit-based Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, as well as the need-based College Access Program and Kentucky Tuition Grant. However, the lottery is prohibited from including that information in advertisements.

Gleason said he'd like to see the General Assembly consider eliminating that restriction.



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KYCOM joins partnership to eliminate child abuse

PIKEVILLE — With a mission to eliminate child abuse in Kentucky and Indiana, the voices advocating for children are growing.

The Partnership to Eliminate Child Abuse recently announced a comprehensive educational and awareness campaign, an initiative founded earlier this year by Kentucky's two children's hospitals and three medical schools, including Kossair Children's Hospital, the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM), Uoff, Pediatrics—Forensic Medicine, Kentucky Children's Hospital and the University of Kentucky—Department of Pediatrics.

Each year in Kentucky between 30 and 40 children die from child abuse and neglect, with another 30 to 60 near fatalities, ranking the state among the worst in the nation. Indiana has had similar challenges in recent years.

"Child abuse is an ugly scar, a dark blemish on the character of humanity. As Kentucky ranks amongst some of the worst states in the nation in rates



Seema Sachdeva, M.D., FAAP, vice chair of KYCOM's Division of Pediatrics.

of child abuse and neglect, Eastern Kentucky contributes its fair share to these statistics and lacks many resources needed to tackle the problem. In my 20-some years of practice, I have seen this monster from close quarters and therefore am a passion-

ate advocate to help eliminate child abuse," said Seema Sachdeva, M.D., FAAP, vice chair of KYCOM's Division of Pediatrics.

"We all recognize that our children are our future leaders, future parents, so it is our responsibility to provide healthy nurturing environment for them to grow in. We also recognize that children growing in abuse or neglect suffer lifelong learning and cognitive difficulties as well as emotional disorders. Some are even more unfortunate and suffer severe brain damage, blindness and even death. The physical, emotional and functional toll on society is tremendous. Child abuse also perpetuates a cycle of violence with victims of abuse becoming abusers themselves. It is now imperative that health care workers, teachers, day care workers, and community leaders take a proactive role in recognizing child abuse while heightening public awareness and providing strategies to prevent it," Sachdeva said.

The key to eliminating child abuse, according to Sachdeva, a Pikeville

pediatrician, lies in teaching young minds about the dangers of child abuse and the ways it can be prevented.

"I strongly feel that we need to initiate child abuse prevention education across all the middle and high schools of Kentucky. It is my conviction that exposing our youth to the various facets of this problem will leave an indelible impression on their minds and arming them with strategies to prevent child abuse will be the key to complete elimination of the problem in the years to come. Child abuse is a preventable condition and it is our moral duty to completely eliminate it," she said.

Since its founding, the Partnership to Eliminate Child Abuse continues to partner with numerous organizations that deal with child abuse issues, as well as partnering with the state's media outlets to provide educational and awareness materials for eliminating child abuse. To promote the initiative, a video, "Eliminate Child Abuse" should also contact Menough.

public service announcements and advertisements have been created.

"We will be working with the news media organizations in both states that share a passion for protecting children," said Stephen Wright, M.D., chair of the Partnership to Eliminate Child Abuse and medical director of Kossair Children's Hospital. "There is much need for education and awareness. People need to know that child abuse does not in any way discriminate and that anyone is capable of losing it when caring for a crying infant. When you consider that our group includes organizations that at times are direct competitors, it is indeed impressive that, in the effort to eliminate child abuse, we are united as one," Wright said.

News media interested in accessing the toolkit items should contact Steve Menough at (502) 539-6422 (cell) or Steve.Menough@nortonhealthcare.org. Organizations interested in joining the Partnership to Eliminate Child Abuse should also contact Menough.

National Children's Alliance recognizes Patton for leadership

PIKEVILLE — On Monday, June 4, the National Children's Alliance presented former Kentucky First Lady Judi Conway Patton with the 2012 Volunteer Leadership Individual Award for her outstanding leadership and support of the Children's

Advocacy Center Movement, and specifically the Judi's Place for Kids in Pikeville, Ky, as well as other Children's Advocacy Centers around the state.

While serving as First Lady, and in her current role as board member for Judi's Place for Kids,



From left, Laura Kretzer, executive director of Judi's Place for Kids and President of the Association of Children's Advocacy Centers, Judi Patton, recipient of the 2012 Volunteer Leadership Award, and Teresa Huizar, executive director of the National Children's Alliance.

Patton has demonstrated a passion for this important cause through her volunteer leadership. The award was presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon

during the 2012 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Patton received the 2012 Volunteer Leadership Indi-

vidual Award as a result of her longstanding dedication to the children's advocacy center movement in her community. Her initial public work on domestic violence and child abuse began when her husband, Paul Patton, became lieutenant governor of Kentucky, during which time she served on a special task force with the state's attorney general focusing on child abuse. During her eight-year tenure as First Lady (1995-2003), Patton established the Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence through the governor's office, giving notice to the Commonwealth that these issues would be at the forefront of her work.

Over the years, Patton has worked tirelessly with state agencies, judges, law enforcement officers, health officials and legislators to raise awareness of the problems existing within the system that impede proper treatment and response to sexual assault victims. She has supported the passage of more than 20 pieces of legislation protecting the women and

children of Kentucky.

"Mrs. Patton's involvement over a period of many years at many different levels is inspiring," said Laura Kretzer, executive director of Judi's Place for Kids. "Her tireless efforts have improved the lives of thousands of children, and we are proud to see her honored at the national level."

Teresa Huizar, executive director of National Children's Alliance, echoed Kretzer's sentiments. "We are pleased to present Judi Conway Patton with one of our highest forms of recognition for her important work on behalf of the children's advocacy center movement in Kentucky. Mrs. Patton's efforts are exemplary and we are grateful for her extraordinary commitment," Huizar said.

For more information about Judi's Place for Kids, please visit www.judisplace.org. For more information about the National Children's Alliance and the 2012 Leadership Conference, please visit www.nationalchildrensalliance.org.

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Lawmakers looking at efforts to study state's special districts

FRANKFORT — State lawmakers heard about the State Auditor of Public Accounts' efforts to examine special districts that levy taxes or fees in hopes of boosting the accountability of those entities during today's meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government.

By the end of this year, State Auditor Adam Edelen said his office should have an inventory of just how many special districts there are in the state (he estimates there could be as many as 1,800) and how much tax revenue these special districts generate, which may provide funding

for services like fire protection, public health, library services, flood control, etc.—handle each year. The information will be then placed online to make the districts more accountable to the public, Edelen said.

The information gathered by the State Auditor's office will also be used to make recommendations for possible legislative action during the 2012 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly, Edelen said. Interim Joint Committee on Local Government Co-Chair Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, said he plans to sponsor legislation concerning special districts for con-

sideration in 2013.

Thayer said his committee and the State Auditor's office are continuing a dialogue that, as Edelen commented, will help "separate the wheat from the chaff" as far as special districts are concerned.

The taxpayers are now focused on this and, first of all, I would say to the employees and board members of the special districts exactly what the Auditor said at the beginning of this meeting: If you are doing your job appropriately and being good stewards of the taxpayers' money, you have nothing to fear from the Auditor's effort, or any legislation that this General Assembly may consider," Thayer said.

It was just a few months ago that the 2012 Kentucky General Assembly passed House Concurrent Resolution 53, sponsored by Rep. Reginald Meeks, D-Louisville, and Interim Joint Committee on Local Government Co-Chair Rep. Steve Riggs, D-Louisville. That legislation directs the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government to study special districts during the 2012 legislative interim, which ends this December. The resolution was adopted following recent government and quasi-governmental agency audits conducted by Edelen's office.

Edelen told the committee that his office thinks Kentucky has between 1,000 and 1,800 special districts with total tax revenue of \$500,000 to \$1 billion passing through those districts annually.

"Based on those assumptions, you'd have \$100 million in taxpayer money floating through a system every year in a way in which the taxpayers can't properly account for it," he told lawmakers.

Once the inventory is complete, Edelen said state lawmakers and all Kentucky taxpayers will know more about what he called the "most prevalent form of government in Kentucky," which is what he said special districts are.

Rep. Tom McKee, D-Cynthiana, said he appreciates those who serve on special district boards in his area because they volunteer their time to serve. "I've got some great special districts and I thank all the people who serve because they serve without pay... To get some kind of benchmark will be your challenge," he told Edelen.

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Stapleton, Panthers make strong showing in Midwest Classic

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DAYTON, Ohio - Prestonsburg Blackcat Trey Stapleton helped the Ohio Panthers reach the final round of play over the weekend in the 35-team Midwest Classic. The Panthers compiled a 4-0 record in games played Thursday-Saturday. Ohio suffered its first loss on Sunday morning at the University of Dayton.

Stapleton played catcher for most of the weekend. He also played third base and pitched one inning. On the mound, Staple-

ton allowed one run on one hit. During his stint on the mound, Stapleton faced several accomplished hitters.

The Prestonsburg High School student-athlete also contributed offensively. Stapleton was 2-for-4 in one of the games played as part of the tournament. The Prestonsburg High School baseball player will play for the Ohio-based squad for another month.

Stapleton and the Panthers are scheduled to begin play in a tournament at Valparaiso University in Indiana during the upcoming weekend.



Trey Stapleton played catcher, third base and made an appearance on the mound during the Midwest Classic.

Austin Dillon captures first Nationwide Series win

Times Staff Report

SPARTA - Austin Dillon decimated the driver NASCAR Nationwide Series (NNS) Feed The Children 300 field Friday night at Kentucky Speedway by leading a series track record 192 of 200 race laps en route to seizing his first series victory in his No. 3 Richard Childress Racing (RCR) car. Dillon became the seventh NNS driver to earn a victory in a series track debut and set a new series track record for largest margin of victory when he crossed the finish line 9.828 seconds ahead of Kurt Busch in the No. 54 Kyle Busch Motorsports machine.

The 25-year-old Dillon started from the pole position and set the tone for his untouchable performance by leading the opening 81 laps. The No. 3 cycled out of the lead only twice during pit stops and closed out the stellar run by holding point for the closing 56 circuits.

"I was actually loose the whole race, but I just kept getting looser and looser. I was just really driving as straight as I could, trying not to slit the tires. I kind of backsteered the whole race, but that last adjustment he (Crew Chief Danny Stockman Jr.) made got me tight enough to fire off really good. We knew Kurt (Busch) was good, but our car was just stronger tonight," said Dillon, who snared his eighth top-five finish of the season and a two-point lead in the championship.

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Brad Keselowski

Keselowski wins Quaker State 400

Times Staff Report

SPARTA - Brad Keselowski expertly managed fuel mileage for his No. 2 Penske Racing machine through the closing 56 laps of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) Quaker State 400 and captured his second career Kentucky Speedway victory tonight.

The 28-year-old, from Rochester Hills, Mich., becomes the second driver to own both NSCS and NASCAR Nationwide Series (NNS) titles at the track after taking a Feed The Children 300 title on July 8, 2011.

"We were gutsy today, had a fast car and drove to the lead on the first run. We waited for someone to make a mistake or give us a chance. Hard work equals results and today this team got the results. It feels pretty dang good," Keselowski said.

He drove to the pits under green flag conditions on Lap 208 and saw his chances of stretching his fuel mileage to the end of the 267-lap marathon significantly improve when a caution flag flew on Lap 210 after Ryan Newman's No. 39 Stewart-Haas Racing car lost its engine and connected with the Turn 2 wall.

Keselowski's Crew Chief Paul Wolfe made the call to keep the No. 2 on the track while other contenders came to pits to top their cars' fuel tanks. The team's strategy paid off when Keselowski went to the lead for the third and final time off a Lap 220 restart.

With a stout No. 2 continuing to build its lead, late charges from Hendrick Motorsports driver Kasey Kahne in the No. 5 Quaker State car, Joe Gibbs Racing driver Denny Hamlin in the No. 11 car, Dale Earnhardt Jr., in the No. 88 car and five-

time NSCS champ Jimmie Johnson in the No. 48 all came up shy. Keselowski completed his three-race Kentucky Speedway weekend stretch owning tonight's victory, a seventh-place finish in Friday night's NNS Feed The Children 300 and a second-place showing in Thursday night's NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) UNOH 225.

"What a weekend. We hit the wall on Lap 1 of (NSCS) practice and brought out a back-up car. This is my Martinsville car from the Chase (for the NASCAR Sprint Cup) last year, so, it isn't the newest car we have but it sure does run."

"We fought through adversity all weekend long in 100-degree temperatures, got this car out and got it ready to practice on the racetrack. That hard work is what got us into Victory Lane tonight. I wanted to See KESELOWSKI | B2

Brandon Kinzer finishes sixth in SRRS feature

Times Staff Report

ALLEN - Brandon Kinzer and the No. 18 Kinzer Motorsports team returned to Dirt Late Model competition on Thursday night, June 28 at Duck River Raceway Park in Wheel, Tennessee. The Southern Regional Racing Series (SRRS) invaded Duck River Thursday night to sanction a \$3,000-to-win program. Kinzer battled a tight racecar during his qualifying laps, but later posted a second-place finish in his consolation race to advance into the 40-lap

feature event. He eventually finished sixth in the feature. In his first start in over a month, Kinzer rolled off from the inside of the eighth row in the SRRS A-Main. His racecar was fast right from the drop of the green flag, but really got rolling in the later stages of the event. The Allen native wound up passing nine competitors on his way to a strong sixth-place effort behind winner Todd Morrow, Riley Hickman, Ronnie Johnson, Ronny Lee Hollingsworth and Daniel Miller.



Brandon Kinzer, pictured competing during the Memorial Day Weekend, finished sixth Thursday night in a Southern Regional Racing Series (SRRS) feature race. photo by Chad Wells

MSU fall sports season tickets on sale

Times Staff Report

MOREHEAD - Season tickets for Morehead State University's 2012 home football, volleyball and soccer seasons are now on sale. Fans purchasing season tickets will see a significant savings and guarantee their seats for every Eagle athletic home event this season.

Season tickets are the best option for our fans that want to be a part of every game," said Darian Westerfield, assistant athletic director for external affairs. "We have a number of packages to suit our fans' needs, and we believe our ticket holders will love not only watching our highly competitive and championship-level teams on the field but also will love the fun atmosphere associated with game day this season."

The MSU football team will host six games in Jayne Stadium. Season tickets are only \$55 for the general public and only \$25 for MSU faculty and staff. MSU also offers a season box (eight seats) and several tailgating and parking options.

The two-time defending Ohio Valley Conference champion volleyball team is set to battle 16 opponents in Wetherby Gym this year. A reserved season ticket is just \$40, a 50 percent savings over buying single-game tickets for each match. A general admission ticket is priced at \$30. Fans purchasing reserved tickets also get their own nameplate on a seat they personally select, and parking is free for regular season matches at Wetherby Gym.

The Eagle soccer team, which has been crowned OVC champions three of the past four seasons, hosts eight

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Six Wildcats selected in NBA Draft

Times Staff Report

LEXINGTON - Reigning national champion Kentucky made history once again on Thursday night as six players were selected in the NBA Draft, led by Anthony Davis, the second Wildcat selected as the first overall pick in the last three years.

Davis was selected No. 1 overall by the New Orleans Hornets, followed by Michael Kidd-Gilchrist at No. 2 by the Charlotte Bobcats. Davis and Kidd-Gilchrist are the

first teammates to go No. 1-2 in NBA Draft history.

Terrence Jones went 18th to the Houston Rockets, while Marquis Teague went 29th to the Chicago Bulls. Doron Lamb was the 42nd overall pick (12th pick in the second round) by the Milwaukee Bucks, and Darius Miller ended the night for Kentucky when he was selected 46th (16th pick in the second round) by the Hornets joining teammate Davis.



Christian Crider (pictured) won another race Saturday night. His brother, Cameron, finished second.

Crider Brothers finish 1-2 in Clay County

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MANCHESTER - Brothers Christian and Cameron Crider were back in action

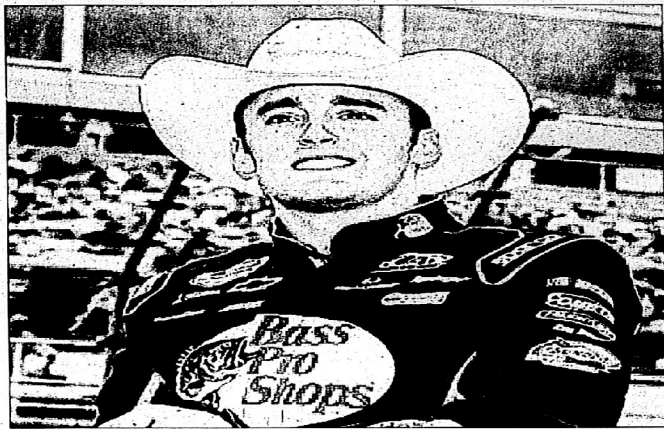
on a go-kart track over the weekend, racing in Clay County. The Crider brothers, who hail from Allen, continued to fare well in their initial go-kart racing

season. Christian Crider finished first and Cameron Crider crossed the line second in the 11-12-year-old class on Saturday at the familiar Manchester track.

Doubling up, Christian Crider ran in the unrestricted 11-15 class but had a restrictor plate in his kart during the event. He finished sixth.

A total of 65 karts competed at the Southeastern Kentucky track Saturday night.

The Crider boys will enjoy some time away from the track before returning to action next weekend.



Austin Dillon claimed his first NASCAR Nationwide Series win at Kentucky Speedway late last week. photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

Dillon

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tionship standings over his teammate Elliott Sadler.

Kurt Busch earned his first Kentucky Speedway NNS top-five finish in his first series start at the track.

He owns a combined six top-five and 10 top-10 series finishes this season.

"I thought it was a great battle for us tonight. We started out really loose, but (Crew Chief) Mike

Beam and his experience and leadership brought us to the front to contend for the lead. That being said, Dillon was in another zip code. Congratulations to him, Richard Childress and his team on Dillon's first Nationwide win.

The track was really hot today for qualifying and then really cooled off for the race. We knew that the track was going to get loose, but we still were just a little

behind on the setup. It is my first Nationwide race here at Kentucky. To come home with a runner-up finish is something that the team can be proud of and build on," Busch said.

Kevin Harvick took third in the No. 33 Kevin Harvick, Inc., car. Michael Annett claimed fourth in the No. 43 Turner Motorsports car and Justin Allgaier rounded out the race top five in the No. 31 Turner Motorsports car.

Keselowski

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win all three this weekend, but if I had to pick one, this is the one," Keselowski added.

Kahne placed second in the Quaker State 400, Hamlin took third, Earnhardt Jr. raced under the checkered flag fourth and four-time NSCS champ Jeff Gordon closed out the race top five in the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports machine.

Keselowski claimed his NSCS-leading third victory of the season and holds what could prove to be a decisive advantage as drivers determine Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup eligibility through the next nine events.

He will enter the July 7 NSCS race at Daytona International Speedway with a combined five top-five and seven top-10 finishes. He sits 10th in the NSCS standings and 96 points behind leader and Roush Fenway Racing driver Matt Kenseth, who deposited his 12th top-10 finish of the season with a seventh-place effort in the No. 17 Fifth Third Bank car.

"Now we can look forward, we don't have to look back at all," Keselowski said.

Kahne encountered trouble early when he was forced to make a repeat pit stop to tighten loose lugnuts. He raced 34th on

Lap 60 and valiantly cut his way through the field. He advanced to 22nd by Lap 135, 11th by Lap 195 and moved into the top 10 for the first time when he showed eighth on Lap 225. He advanced to fourth by Lap 255 before closing out the race with his fourth top-five and eighth top-10 finish of the season.

"We had to pass a ton of cars and came up a little short. The team was awesome. (Crew Chief) Kenny Francis called a great race and prepared an awesome car. My pit crew was really, really good. We just had a couple of mistakes at two different stops. We couldn't get enough track position, so we had to fight for a long time. I wish we could've caught Keselowski because we need the wins, but we came pretty close," Kahne said.

Hamlin grabbed his eighth top-five and ninth top-10 finish of the season while Earnhardt Jr. collected his seventh top-five and 13th top-10 finish of the season. He will start next week's Daytona International Speedway race second in the series standings and 11 points behind Kenseth.

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Tyler returns to UK football program

LEXINGTON — Safety Dakota Tyler has returned to the Kentucky football team, Coach Joker Phillips has announced.

Upon the completion of summer-school courses, Tyler will be able to play in the 2012 season and will be a junior in eligibility. He sat out the 2011-12 school year for personal reasons.

Tyler saw action in the last 11 games of the 2010 season, in-

cluding one start, after missing the first two contests that year because of an ankle sprain. He totaled 13 tackles, one tackle for loss, one pass breakup and caused one fumble. He had a season-high three tackles at Mississippi State and in the win over Vanderbilt. He had a tackle for loss and caused a fumble in the regular-season finale at Tennessee. He also contributed on special teams.

Tyler came to Kentucky as a tailback in 2009 and worked that season. He moved to the defensive backfield in the spring of 2010.

The return of Tyler gives the team another experienced player at safety. The Wildcats have two returning starters at safety, seniors Martavius Neloms and Mikie Benton, along with sophomore lettermen Ashely Lowery and Glenn Faulkner.

Blue Water Trails: Levisa Fork

LEE MCCLELLAN
KENTUCKYAFFIELD

FRANKFORT — The people of the city of Pikeville and Pike County can move rivers and cut through mountains if it improves the quality of their lives. The Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River once cut a horseshoe-shaped loop around the top of Peach Orchard Mountain. The city of Pikeville rose up inside this loop in Peach Orchard Bottom, but the nearly 90-degree turn of the river created a bottleneck that resulted in regular flooding.

City leaders devised a plan using the resources of over 20 federal, state and local agencies to move the Levisa Fork by cutting through Peach Orchard Mountain and rerouting the river's flow away from downtown. After 14 years and over 18 million cubic yards of material removed, the Pikeville Cut-Through is one of the largest civil engineering projects in United States history. Only the Panama Canal moved more material for a civil engineering project in the western hemisphere.

Tourism officials with the city of Pikeville are now showing the same visionary leadership by creating the Hatfield-McCoy River Trail, an 8.5 mile stretch of the Levisa Fork with the some of the best paddling access and infrastructure in the state of Kentucky.

The Levisa Fork holds gentle riffles and flowing shoals, perfect floating conditions for families and beginners. This section is ideal for canoes, kayaks and small one-man pontoon boats. Since the Levisa Fork receives the waters of Russell Fork along with releases from Fishtrap Lake Dam upstream, the river has great flow all summer long.

The Levisa Fork rarely flows under 200 cubic feet per second (cfs), but should be avoided at flows above 1,500 cfs. Swift currents and bountiful woody debris in the water make this current level dangerous. Check the flow levels at the United States Geological Survey's website at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov> under the "Levisa Fork at Pikeville" gauge.

The blue-green waters of the Levisa Fork hold excellent populations of smallmouth and rock bass along with sunfish,

catfish, spotted bass and an occasional largemouth bass. Floaters should wear protective shoes to prevent cuts from the many mussel shells lining the bottom of the river.

The Hatfield-McCoy River Trails offer excellent access points along the U.S. 23 corridor, where U.S. 23, 119, 460 and KY 30 converge. Floats can be as short as a couple of hours or last all day long. All the access points have ample parking with easy carries to launch boats.

The first access point is along U.S. 23 south of Pikeville (S. Mayo Trail) at the Jubilee Christian Church on the right (going south). Paddlers may float nearly 4 miles to the Island Creek River Access for a leisurely half-day float with a short shuttle.

Although those to downstream Pikeville, this section flows through an intimate gorge with gentle riffles, deep pools and flowing shoals with good fishing for smallmouth bass and rock bass.

The take-out for this float lies just downstream of the Island Creek Bridge on the right (looking downstream). To reach it by vehicle, take KY 3496 off U.S. 23 and proceed immediately to the left toward the Holiday Inn Express. The road leading to the access lies behind the hotel. Those wanting to extend their float for another 1 1/2 miles may continue on to the Cedar Creek River Access.

Paddlers desiring a short two-hour float may launch their boats at the Island Creek River Access and float to the Cedar Creek River Access. About midway of this float, the river takes a slight left bend where the terraced mountainside informs the paddler they've entered into the Pikeville Cut-Through. Paddling through this section reveals the incredible feat of this engineering marvel. The boulders lining the bottom of the Pikeville Cut-Through are good places to fish for smallmouth and spotted bass. The take-out at Cedar Creek River Access is just downstream of the Cedar Creek Road Bridge (KY 1384) on the right.

Reaching the Cedar Creek River Access by vehicle is difficult for the uninitiated. Boaters using this access must travel south on U.S. 23 and look for a gravel road between exit 24 off U.S. 23 and a guardrail.

This gravel road leads under the Cedar Creek Road Bridge and around to the access. Those wanting to extend their float to nearly five miles may proceed to the lower take-out of the Hatfield-McCoy River Trail at the Thompson Road River Access.

The Cassidy Boulevard Bridge (leading to the Wal-Mart) has a sign hanging over the river alerting boaters the Thompson Road River Access take-out lies 1/2-mile downstream on the left. If you float under a highway bridge quickly followed by a railroad bridge, you've floated too far. To reach the access by vehicle, take Cassidy Road off U.S. 23 and follow around to the Texas Roadhouse restaurant. The access lies directly behind the restaurant and is suitable for small trailerable boats at certain water levels.

The lower two miles of this float hold excellent smallmouth bass. Sean Cochran, director of attractions for the city of Pikeville, recently caught a smallmouth bass over 20 inches in this stretch.

Cochran recommends 3- to 4-inch tube baits Texas-rigged with 1/8-ounce bullet heads in crawfish colors such as watermelon and red flake, pumpkinseed or green pumpkin for smallmouth bass. He also downsizes his line to 4-pound test during the warm months.

Fish a tube bait just downstream of streamside boulders and eddy areas just below riffles. If current carries your tube bait, quickly away, use a slightly heavier weight.

A weightless blue and pearl soft-plastic jerkbait worked slowly behind boulders will draw strikes from smallmouth bass. Four-inch finesse worms rigged on 1/8-ounce leadheads crawled on the bottom above and below riffles

work well for these fish. Three-inch green pumpkin curly-tailed grubs rigged the same way also produce.

Early and late in the day, smaller cigar-shaped topwater baits in bone or chrome colors worked with the "walk the dog" retrieve in eddies downstream of stream drops and behind boulders draw vicious strikes from smallmouth bass. This presentation gets better as summer melts into fall, peaking in September.

The city of Pikeville offers free shuttles for those who own kayaks or canoes each Friday, Saturday and Sunday from April through October at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Thompson Road River Access behind the Texas Roadhouse restaurant. They also offer kayak and canoe rentals.

The Hatfield-McCoy River Trail would make a great weekend getaway combining a morning Hatfield-McCoy River historical tour with an afternoon of floating. The city of Pikeville offers Main Street Live downtown with live music on a different genre every first and third Friday of the month through September.

For more information on Pikeville attractions, log on to www.visitpikeville.com. For information on kayak and canoe rentals, contact Sean Cochran at the Hatfield-McCoy River Trails at 1-606-794-4231.

The Blue Water Trails series supports Gov. Steve Beshear's Adventure Tourism Initiative. Log on to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Blue Water Trails webpage at fwky.gov for a detailed map.

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Times set for EKVU football home games

Times Staff Report

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University football team will open its 2012 home schedule with a pair of games under the lights at Roy Kidd Stadium. EKVU's home opener is slated for Sept. 8 against Morehead State at 6 p.m.

Two weekends later on Sept. 22, the Colonels host OVC foe Jacksonville State as part of Family Weekend at 6 p.m.

Homecoming is Oct. 13 versus Austin Peay. EKVU has won five consecutive Homecoming games, but fell to the Governors last year in Clarksville, 23-17. The Eastern-Austin Peay game will kick-off at 3 p.m.

On Oct. 27, Eastern Kentucky will take on Eastern Illinois as part of EKVU Athletics Hall of Fame weekend. That game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The Colonels will conclude the regular season with an OVC rivalry game against Murray State on Nov. 10 starting at 1 p.m.

EKVU will kick off the 2012 schedule at Purdue on Sept. 1. The season-opener will be televised by the Big Ten Network beginning at 3:30 p.m. Fans can reserve 2012 season tickets by contacting the EKVU athletics ticket office at 859-622-2122.

2012 Eastern Kentucky University Football Schedule
Sept. 1 — at Purdue — West Lafayette, Ind. — 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8 — Morehead State — Roy Kidd Stadium — 6 p.m.
Sept. 15 — at Coastal Carolina — Conway, S.C. — TBA
Sept. 22 — Jacksonville State* — Roy Kidd Stadium (Family Weekend) — 6 p.m.

Sept. 29 — at UT Martin* — Martin, Tenn. — 2 p.m.
Oct. 6 — at Tennessee State* — Nashville, Tenn. — TBA
Oct. 13 — Austin Peay* — Roy Kidd Stadium (Homecoming) — 3 p.m.

Oct. 20 — at Tennessee Tech* — Cookeville, Tenn. — 8 p.m.
Oct. 27 — Eastern Illinois* — Roy Kidd Stadium (EKU Athletics Hall of Fame Weekend) — 1 p.m.

Nov. 3 — at southeast Missouri* — Cape Girardeau, Mo. — 2 p.m.
Nov. 10 — Murray State* — Roy Kidd Stadium — 1 p.m.
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When: July 9th and July 10th
Where: Stumbo Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary, and McDowell Elementary
Time: 8:30a.m. - 2:30p.m. daily

When: July 9th
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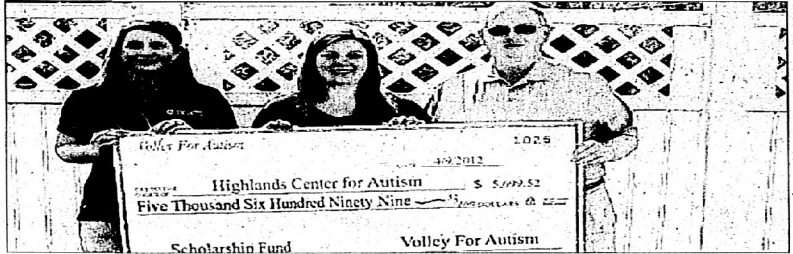
Lifestyles

Highlands Center for Autism receives donation

PRESTONSBURG — On June 27, the Highlands Center for Autism accepted a very generous donation of over \$5,000 from local high school student, Tori Nairn. Tori has been a volunteer for Highlands Health System for over a year now. Along with volunteering, she is also involved in the Rogers Scholar program. The Scholar program is dedicated to showing our young people that they don't have to leave the region to find their future. At the end of the Scholars program the students are required to develop a project. On April 9th, Tori developed a fund raiser she called, Volley for Autism. Tori hosted a volley ball game where all proceeds were donated to the Highlands Center for Autism.

She accepted donations as well as sold items such as bracelets, hair bows and t-shirts. Even the money that she collected as the entry fee went to the Center. On June 27th, she presented the Highlands Center for Autism with a check for \$5,699.52.

"It is so great to see someone so young deciding to do this for the Center and the community. She is a great role model to all our youth and we are so grateful to her." - Dr. Shell Deskins, Program Director, Highlands Center for Autism. To learn more about Highlands Center for Autism go to www.highlandsautism.org, or learn how to donate through the Highlands Foundation at www.highlandsfoundation.com.



From left to right: Dr. Shell Deskins, Tori Nairn and Ted Nairn, Highlands Center for Autism Board Member.



Floyd County senior citizens celebrated Friday at the Floyd County Library's "Senior Prom." These five were chosen as Prom Kings and Queens from their various Senior Citizens Centers. Pictured from left to right are Zeneth Hall and Ruby Hall, from the Wheelwright Senior Center, Virginia Artrip and O'Dell Martin, from the Martin Senior Center, and Sharlene Osborne from Betsy Layne Senior Center.



On May 22, Sen. Mitch McConnell's field representative, Donna Baker McClure, Rep. Hal Rogers' field representative, Pat Wooten, and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner visited the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center for the quarterly Community Relations Council Meeting. Baker, Wooten and Turner had an opportunity to visit with local work-based learning partners and tour the center to see all the new remodeling that has been completed by the students and discussed how much work, and volunteer time students give to the community on a daily basis, while learning valuable on-the-job training.

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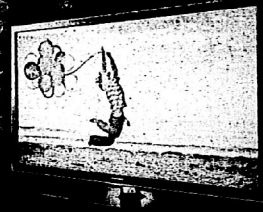
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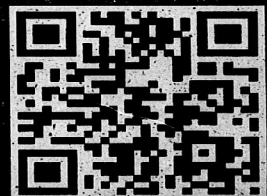
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Free healthy heart with EKG screening to be held July 10 in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG — King's Daughters Medical Center is offering a free healthy heart and EKG screening beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, on the KDMC Mobile Health Unit at Save-a-Lot, 525 Village Drive, Prestonsburg.

A Kentucky Heart Institute heart specialist will review screening results. The screening, which includes an EKG, total cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and blood oxygen levels, is sponsored by King's Daughters in cooperation with the Kentucky Heart Foundation. Appointments are required and may be made by calling 1-888-377-KDMC (5362). Fasting is not required.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S., accounting for more than 34 percent of all deaths annually. Every 38 seconds, an American dies of cardiovascular disease, according to the American Heart Association.

An EKG is a test that checks for problems with the electrical activity of your heart. It also is used to check the health of the heart, especially when conditions such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes are present.

To be eligible, participants must be at least 50 years of age and not have participated in a KDMC heart/vascular screening in the past 12 months. Additional screening criteria may apply to allow us to see those at greatest risk for heart disease.

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State grocery prices fall 2.3 percent in second quarter

The latest Marketbasket Survey, conducted by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation in June 2012, indicates that average retail food prices in supermarkets across the state have declined during the second quarter of the year. According to the survey, the total cost of 40 basic grocery items was \$113.03. This reflects a decrease of \$2.68, or 2.3 percent, from the same list of items reported in the previous quarter.

For the fourth consecutive quarter the Marketbasket Survey has shown decreases in the average total price of retail food prices in Kentucky. The newest figure is \$4.41, or 3.9 percent, lower than the same reporting period in 2011 (the highest quarterly total recorded in this survey's history), but it still remains \$4.55, or 4.2 percent, higher than the second quarter of 2010.

Of the six food groups recorded in the most recent survey — beef, dairy, eggs, vegetables, grain/pork, and poultry — the beef category showed the greatest total decrease with an average price drop of 4.8 percent (\$1.37). The pork category made the largest (and only) average increase in price at 1.7 percent (\$0.13). T-bone steak had the greatest single-item decrease with an average price drop of \$0.28 per pound, while the highest single-item increase was cut-up chicken fryers, climbing an average of \$0.39 per pound. Overall, 22 of the 40 items in the survey experienced decreases in average price, 17 increased, and one went unchanged (chuck roast).

The Marketbasket survey's top five average price decreases reported for items in the second quarter of 2012 were: T-bone Steak, from \$9.81 per pound, to \$8.93 per

pound, down 88 cents per pound, or 9.8 percent; Rib-Eye Steak, from \$10.25 per pound, to \$9.56 per pound, down 73 cents per pound, 7.6 percent; Vanilla Ice Cream, from \$3.41 per half-gallon, to \$3.11 per half-gallon, 30 cents per half-gallon, 9.5 percent; Grade A, Ex. Large Eggs, from \$1.98 per dozen, to \$1.69 per dozen, 29 cents per dozen, or 17.1 percent; Butter, from \$3.27 per pound, to \$2.98 per pound, down 29 cents per pound, or 9.7 percent.

The Marketbasket survey's top five average price increases reported for items in the second quarter of 2012 were: Cut-up Chicken Fryers, from \$1.47 per pound, to \$1.86 per pound, up 39 cents per pound, or 26.4 percent; Whole Smoked Ham, from \$2.61 per pound, to \$2.86 per pound, up 25 cents per pound, or 9.5 percent; Vegetable Oil, from \$2.53 per 32 oz., to \$2.76 per 32 oz., up 23 cents per 32 oz., or 9.0 percent; Sirloin Tip Roast, from \$4.50 per pound, to \$4.72 per pound, up 22 cents per pound, or 4.9 percent; Lettuce, from \$1.16 per head, to \$1.26 per head, up 10 cents per head, or 8.5 percent.

Spicing Corn, from \$2.95 per 5 pounds, to \$3.06 per 5 pounds, up 10 cents per 5 pounds, or 3.3 percent. Kentucky's retail food prices increased 0.3 percent in the second quarter. The survey's Marketbasket Survey fared better than recent national trends. Based on the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index data that was released in mid-June (reflecting figures through May 2012), national food prices made no changes in the last reported month. Over the past 12 months, however, the national average price has continued to increase by a

total of 2.8 percent.

Americans continue to enjoy some of the lowest food prices in the world, spending only about 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. Food costs remain far lower in the U.S. than in any other country thanks in large part to the agricultural efficiencies utilized in America. Putting those efficiencies to use currently allows the average U.S. farmer to produce enough food and fiber to provide for about 154 people. In 1960 each farmer only produced enough food and fiber for 115 people. That output drops to just 19 people when looking back to 1940. Yet while more food is now being produced on less land, the farmer's share of the retail food dollar in America is down. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new Food Dollar Series, a farmer earns less than 16 cents per dollar spent on food, down significantly from the 31 cents earned as recently as 1980.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation has conducted its regional Marketbasket survey over the past four decades as a tool to reflect local retail food pricing trends and their relationship to what farmers receive for their raw commodities. Cities reporting on the Kentucky Farm Bureau Marketbasket Survey for the second quarter of 2012 include: Ashland, Augusta, Bardstown, Bowling Green, Brandenburg, Danville, Glasgow, Grayson, Harrodsburg, Hopkinsville, Jackson, Lexington, Louisville, Madisonville, Manchester, Mayfield, Maysville, Munfordville, Murray, Nancy, Owensboro, Paducah, Powell, Richmond, Russellville and Shelbyville.



Instructor Debbie Ousley, RN from Highlands Health System, with students from the Southeast Area Health Education Camp.

HHS hosts health career summer camp

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Health System held a Summer Camp for Johnson Central High School and the Area Health Education Center (AHEC), educating participants on the careers available within the health system.

AHEC, a national network that provides information about health care to students, has been partnered with Highlands for the past four years to produce this career camp. This year the four day camp educated over 25 students on careers within the health-care field.

Throughout the camp multiple hospital employees presented to the students and explained to them the diversity of health-

care. In addition, the students participated in a number of activities, such as water surgery being performed through the University of Kentucky's telemedicine network, performing blood draws on phlebotomy dummies and touring a helicopter.


"In all my years of activities that are presented to the students, this has to be one of the best," said Jeff Horn, of the Johnson County Board of Education.

On Nov. 1, Highlands and AHEC will be holding a Health Career Expo at the Mountain Arts Center, an event for all high school seniors who are looking at health care as their future. For more information visit HighlandsHealthSystem.com

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Task force to seek ways of improving health of state's pension funds

FRANKFORT — A new state task force charged with recommending ways to improve the financial health of the state's public pension funds held its first meeting on Monday.

The Kentucky Public Pensions Task Force — chaired by Sen. Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown, and Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton — will hold monthly meetings up until a Dec. 7 deadline for offering recommendations. Members plan to take a wide look at issues surrounding the systems, including benefits, investments, funding and any other matter that impacts the financial stability of the state-administered retirement systems.

As of June of last year, the unfunded liability of Kentucky's state-administered retirement systems exceeded \$30 billion. The systems administer retirement and retiree health benefits to more than 475,000 current and former public employees.

At the task force's first meeting, members were provided with an overview of the administration, benefits, funding, investments, and concerns of the Kentucky Retirement Systems and a national perspective on public pension issues and individual state reactions.

The task force is also tentatively scheduled to meet July 24, August 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. The next July meet-

ing is expected to focus on input from public policy experts with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and the Pew Center on the States. Employee and employer groups, along with other interested parties, will be heard at the August meeting. A presentation of possible task force recommendations will be discussed in September, with decisions on those recommendations finalized in the October meeting. A presentation of the task force's draft report is scheduled to be offered in the November meeting.

The Kentucky Public Pensions Task Force was created by House Concurrent Resolution 162, sponsored by Rep. Cherry, which lawmakers approved during the 2012 legislative session.

In addition to co-chairs Sen. Thayer and Rep. Cherry, task force members include Sen. Paul Goffman, R-Shelbyville; Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville; Sen. Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson; Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon; Sen. Mike Wilson, R-Bowling Green; Rep. Derrick Grahame, D-Frankfort; Rep. Keith Hall, D-Pikeville; Rep. Brad Montell, R-Shelbyville; Rep. Marie Rader, R-McKee; and Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville.

The chairs of the Senate and House budget committees — Sen. Bob Leeper, I-Paduach, and Rep. Rick Rand, D-Bedford — will also serve as non-voting ex-officio members.

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