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Briefs

Spillway closing to cars for winter

PRESTONSBURG — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake will close entrance gates to the Downstream Recreation Area Jan. 2. Entrance gates to all day use areas will reopen March 16.

Visitors and fishermen who wish to access the Downstream Recreation Area from January to March are welcome. Park officials recommend parking in the parking area located just off Route 302, located on top of the dam.

This action is necessary due to reduced operating budgets to help prevent vandalism, ensure public safety and support physical security of the area.

For more information on Dewey Lake activities and events contact the Resource Manager at Dewey Lake at (606) 789-4521 or (606) 886-6709, or visit <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/lakes/Dewey>.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 46 • Low: 37

Tomorrow

High: 52 • Low: 48

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Wheelwright eyes coal camp fest

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Wheelwright Historical Society will soon begin work to organize a Coal Camp Days Festival in the city.

And though scheduled for this coming summer, the actual work, or perhaps more accurately the abstract work, has already started in the form of relentless efforts to secure grants to see the festival become a reality.

Lisa Perry, executive director of the Wheelwright Historical Society, announced this week that one of those many efforts seeking funding has paid off.

The city was awarded \$6,750 this week, the first round of funding resulting from an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant administered by the Brushy Fork Institute at Berea College.

The funding will not be used, however, to organize the festival, but to

train residents in this form of event planning, said Perry.

According to Perry, the festival will be unique in that a plan is in place to see that it be run in part by local youths.

"The Wheelwright Historical Society youth program is designed to provide classroom and experiential training for 28 students from South Floyd High School to assist in the development of the festival to celebrate the heritage and culture of coal towns,"

Perry said.

The students will work under the leadership of South Floyd teacher Bobby Akers and Perry, as well as historical society board member Sam Little Jr., while receiving training from Pikeville College business faculty in addition to their training in festival planning and organization.

Few could argue that the choice for a coal camp festival could find a better

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STILL 'WEIGHT'-ING



photo by Sheldon Compton

The sign posted along the off-ramp for the East Point weigh station told truckers Tuesday the facility was still closed, though it had been scheduled to be operational in September. Officials say now it may be after the first of the year before the station is opened.

Software pushes weigh station opening until after new year

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

EAST POINT — Though officials said this past summer the weigh station located just on the Floyd County line at East Point had an expected opening date some time in September, that date has come and gone.

At the time, officials with the Kentucky State Police Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, an entity formed when the Kentucky State Police and the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement recently merged, had been working on various equipment relating to the station.

Tuesday, Sgt. Jamie Collins

said equipment, specifically computer-based systems, remains the focus as the agency works to open the station now with September two months gone.

"Right now they're still working on the computer program," Collins said. "Where most scales at facilities have to deal with only one weight, we deal with two — coal trucks and regular trucks that haul general freight."

This difference sees officers who will ultimately monitor the station checking for a maximum weight for coal trucks of 80,000 pounds and freight trucks with a maximum weight of 120,000 pounds. Collins said the computer system that is

being created would enable the station to be manned by only one officer.

"When the computer system is fixed, we'll be able to operate it sitting in our vehicles," said Collins. "We can also operate it from the station itself, but the result will be that the station can be operated by one officer."

Collins said if the weigh station were to be made operational today, it would take five or six officers to maintain, adding that the program itself for weighing the two types of trucks is operational with the exception of enabling the system to be monitored from an

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Couple sought for robbing tobacco store

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WARFIELD — Kentucky State Police officials are looking for two individuals who robbed a Martin County discount tobacco store over the weekend.

Police say that the alarm at Fast Lane Discount Tobacco at Warfield activated at just before 8:30 p.m. Saturday night. Local sheriff's deputies responded to the alarm and then advised state police that an armed robbery had taken place.

According to reports

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State police are looking for a man and woman who robbed the Fast Lane Discount Tobacco in Warfield Saturday night. The couple was caught fleeing the store by a security camera.

Pike bank may get stimulus money

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A capital purchase program offered through the U.S. Department of Treasury might soon see a local banking chain doing its part to help boost the national economy.

A statement released this week says Community Trust Bancorp. Inc. has received preliminary approval to participate in the treasury department's

Capital Purchase Program, a voluntary program with a specific design, according to Community Trust Chairman, President and CEO Jean R. Hale.

"This program is designed to help healthy institutions build capital to support the national economy," Hale said Tuesday. "Since we have these very healthy higher levels of capital already, we made the decision to apply."

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Board says goodbye to departing members

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Monday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education was tinged with a sense of appreciation and sadness as the board gave a farewell to two departing members, including one that has been on the board for a decade.

Carol Stumbo, who was elected to the board in 1998 during the tumultuous time when the school system was taken over by the state, has served longer than any of the current members. She decided to not seek reelection earlier this year, citing the

progress made by the board during her tenure as the main reason behind her decision to not return to her seat.

"It was a critical time for Floyd County schools when I decided to run for the position," Stumbo said. "The board is ready to move forward now at a different speed."

At the meeting, Stumbo, a former teacher, was praised for her dedication to the school system by her fellow board members and the principals in District 5 that Stumbo represents.

"I learned a lot from Carol," said Dr.

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The Floyd County Board of Education said goodbye on Monday to board member Carol Stumbo, who decided not to seek reelection. Stumbo served on the board for a decade.

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Obituaries



Jack Bittinger McNicol

Jack Bittinger McNicol, 77, of Lester, West Virginia, passed away Thursday, December 11, 2008, in Beckley, West Virginia.

Born July 20, 1931, in Oak Hill, he was the son of the late Amos Porter and Elizabeth Ellen McNicol.

He is survived by Nola Trail McNicol, his wife of 54 years, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Trail of Lester.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two sons: Jack M. McNicol of Newark Delaware; and Mark G. McNicol of Lester, West Virginia; daughters-in-law Ruth Neal of Newark Delaware, and Deborah McNicol of Palm Harbor Florida; and grandchildren: Mary Frances McNicol of Beckley West Virginia, and Thomas James and Catherine Jane McNicol of Newark, Delaware.

He was very proud of his two sons, both of whom followed him to Virginia Tech. Jack Michael attended Virginia Tech, graduating with a BS degree in mechanical engineering, and then attended Northwestern University, obtaining a masters degree in biomedical engineering. Mark Gregory attended Virginia Tech, graduating with a BS degree in business administration.

He resided at Summerlee, Prosperity, Sprague, and Beckley, West Virginia, during his youth. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1948. During 1948 and 1949 he attended Beckley College while working as general labor in area coal mining operations. He entered Virginia Tech in January 1950, as a student in electrical engineering. He was a member of the West Virginia National Guard Company F, 150th Infantry, at Beckley, from 1946 through 1950. He was a member of the Virginia Tech Cadet Corps while a student at VA Tech and was a distin-

guished military student and distinguished military graduate. As a senior he was a company commander in the VA Tech Cadet Corps.

He was a member of the varsity wrestling team three years, wrestling in the unlimited weight class. He was team captain of the 1953 team; won the Southern Conference championship in the unlimited weight division; and participated in the 1953 NCAA wrestling meets.

He remained a "Hokie" throughout life as a huge VT sports fan and member of the "Hokie Club" and Alumni Monogram Club.

He graduated from Virginia Tech with a BS degree in electrical engineering in June 1953. He was then employed by Appalachian Power Co. as an electrical engineer until entering the US Army in February 1954 as a 2nd Lt. He attended Basic Infantry Officer's Course at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he graduated at the top of a class of 200 fellow officers. He was retained at the Infantry School as an instructor in the weapons. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a 1st Lt. in February 1956, when he returned to work for Appalachian Power Co.

In April 1957, he was hired by Allied Chemical Corp. Semet Solvay Division, as an electrical engineer with the coal group. During a 23-year career at Allied Chemical Jack held positions of electrical engineer; technical assistant to the superintendent; asst. superintendent; mine superintendent Tralee Mine; mine superintendent Shannon Branch Mine; manager of operation services, director of mining operations, and vice president of Allied's Coal Group. He retired from Allied in 1980, when Allied left the coal business, and then joined a small coal company as vice president and later company president. He passed engineering examinations to become a registered professional engineer in 1960. In July 1981, he was hired by Industrial Fuels Corp. as vice president-general-manager of Chapperal Coal Corp. He was later appointed to vice president of Industrial Fuels Corp. East Kentucky operations and a successor company, Costain Coal Corp. In December 1995, he retired from the coal industry and returned to his long held home near Lester, West Virginia. During his retirement he obtained his pilot's license and enjoyed flying as a recreation. During retirement he enjoyed riding

his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, flying, boating and water sports, playing golf, gardening, Virginia Tech sports, and being with his family. He was a member of the Church of Christ; worshipped at church at Lester, West Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, December 13, in the Calfee Funeral Home Chapel with Fred Dinkler officiating.

Interment followed in Sunset Memorial Park.

Family and friends served as pallbearers.

On line condolences may be left at www.calfeefh.com

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Jack B. McNicol scholarship fund (account 860338) at Virginia Tech. Donations are to be sent to the Virginia Tech Foundation at Virginia Tech, University Development (0336), Blacksburg, VA 24061. (Paid obituary)



Ersha Deskins Layne

Ersha Deskins Layne, age 95, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2008, in Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 22, 1913, at John's Creek, the daughter of the late Harvey and America Pinson Layne. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Arthur L. Layne; and daughter, Connie Shae Layne; her grandson, Jeffrey Bryon Layne; her brothers, Thurman, Lonzo and Fred Deskins; and her sisters, Grace Williams, Mattie Dulco, and Lokie McGlown.

Survivors include her son, Douglas (Dottie) Layne of Dana; a daughter, Susan Akers of Prestonsburg; her grandchildren: Bridgett Shae Marcum, Kimberly Kay Marcum, Sherry Lynn Collins, and Malisa Ann Collins; her great-grandchildren: Adam Collins, Zackery Collins, Ashley Prater, Bill Curtis Collins, Shonda Honeycutt, and Dustin Collins; and her great-great-grandchildren: Carston Collins, Audrey Prater, Madelyn Collins, and Andrew Collins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 19, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will be in the Layne Cemetery at Harold, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Amanda Ellen Miller

Amanda Ellen Miller, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, December 14, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 3, 1928, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Eva Adams Prater.

She was a mother, grandmother, homemaker, and a member of the West Prestonsburg Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Miller.

Survivors include a daughter, Mae Elizabeth Meredith of Prestonsburg; a sister, Cynthia Pearl Holbrook of Warsaw, Indiana; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a stepgreat-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Hall; three brothers: Herbert Prater, Hoover Jay Prater, and Raymond Prater; and five sisters: Emma Mae Holbrook, Gracie Adams, Susie Miller, Nervie Miller, and Ocie Prater.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 17, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Irvin Allen and Russ Taylor officiating.

Burial will be in the Adams Cemetery, Ray Branch, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.



Taylor Reffett

Taylor Reffett, 78, of Clark County, husband of Dorothy Thomas Reffett, passed away, Saturday, December 13, 2008, at his home.

He was born March 7, 1930, the son of the late Malcolm and Kathryn Miller Reffett. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force

in 1969, after 20 years of service; and retired from the Bluegrass Army Depot in 1985. He enjoyed working on his small farm and playing golf.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two daughters: Renee Reffett Diodonet (Hector) of North Carolina; and Judith Reffett Stabel (Tim) of Iowa; four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Mark Reffett in 1999.

Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Scobee Funeral Home, Winchester.

Funeral services will be private.

Memorial contributions are suggested to: Hospice East, 407 Shoppers Dr., Winchester, KY 40391.

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Dick went to church early each Sunday to open the doors. He had the church nice and warm or cool as the weather permitted.

Brother Wohlford was the Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary of the Adult Bible Class. He saw that each Sunday School class had their literature for that Sunday.

Brother Dick was promoted to heaven last week. We are not saved by works, but we are saved unto good works. I believe he has heard the Lord say, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Pastor Lorie Vannucci
1st Assembly of God
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Area students rank high in national job skills competition

FRANKFORT — At the 12th annual Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Student Leadership Conference, Kentucky students won awards in competitive events.

The conference was held Dec. 3-7 in Washington, D.C. Students from 30 states competed in a variety of events designed to showcase their workplace skills.

Brittany James, a student at Sheldon Clark High in Martin County, won first place in Employability Skills. Holly Turmmire, a student at Pike Central High, finished third in

the Public Speaking competition.

Jobs for Kentucky's Graduates (JKG) is an affiliate of JAG, which operates in 30 states and the United Kingdom. JKG is a dropout-prevention school-based program for disadvantaged and at-risk youth, providing students with resources and support to attain a high school diploma

and/or postsecondary education or training leading to a career.

In Kentucky, JKG began in 1993-94 and was funded by the JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) and local boards of education. Since 1999-2000, JKG has been funded by WIA (Workforce Investment Act) funds and local school district funds.

Happy Birthday, Cret

For a very special man whom I have loved for a long time and who I will always love and will never forget. It's been two years that your birthday has come and passed. But I haven't forgot you—I send you a special birthday wish and a little prayer, a gift from my heart to yours, and a gift that will always belong to you. I sit by your graveside with tears only wishing you were here. Tears flow from my eyes every day and night. I can't get you off my mind. I will always love you. I had the best man that God could have given me, but you had to go away, and now I am all alone with no one, but good memories of me and you in the past, and I will never forget them. You gave me life, you gave me hope, you gave me something that no one will ever take away—your love. But there are days I don't think I can hold on, and then I look back at the good times we had. You gave me hope every day to get out of bed and strength to hang on. You could never be replaced. So I just hope you're that special star in the sky that stays bright through the night. I will always love you.



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Community Calendar

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

Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Annual Santa Claus Run Sunday, December 21

12:00 Across from Drift Ball Park;
12:15 Minnie Ball Park
12:30 Left Beaver Creek Townhouse;
12:45 McDowell ARH;
1:15 Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Station No. 2
1:45 Pilgrim Rest Church, Hi Hat
2:00 Little Nancy Church, Hi Hat
2:15 Foot of South Floyd High School Hill
2:30 Old Bud Reynolds Store, Ligon

Town Branch Church Christmas Clothing Give-away

The Town Branch Church will be giving away new women and children's clothing on December 11, 12, and 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

First Baptist Church Christmas Program

The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial).

Auxier Community Center

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

Attention! Attention!

Another year for the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire

Department Station No. 1 (the old fire department) to have our clothes, etc., give-away to everyone in need. The days are Friday, December 5, from 4 p.m. til 9; Saturday, December 6, from 9 til 5; Monday, December 8, from 9 til 5; and Thursday, December 11, from 3 til 9.

Then on Saturday, December 13, from 12 til 6, Santa will be here, and that is when we are giving out the gift bags with toys, etc., this year. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you, there.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

VFW Post 5839, available for meetings, celebrations

The VFW Post can be rented for birthday parties, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, meetings. We have a good sound system. For more info, call 606-297-5666, ask for Paul or 606-226-0187, ask for Larry.

Free Bible Lessons

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

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 learn-

ing to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims.

— Aristotle

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Guest View

We lose when lawmakers play foolish games

If a knowledgeable sports fan were told that a bill had been introduced in Congress to force a college football playoff, he would make an instant guess that the sponsor was from Texas.

He would be right. Legislation introduced this week by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of the Lone Star state seeks to make it a violation of federal trade law to market a postseason college football game as a "national championship" contest unless it was the culmination of a playoff.

The current system used by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, in which the title contenders are determined by polls and computer ratings, "consistently misfires" and thus deprives some worthy school of millions of dollars in bowl revenue in a given year, Barton says.

Left unspecified was one of this year's also-rans, the University of Texas, whose partisans are complaining it should have made the big game ahead of archrival Oklahoma. Instead, the Longhorns will trudge to a different major bowl, where millions also will be made as feuding fans across America refresh the bulging coffers of big-time college sports.

And this is a cause for Congress? Did we miss the resolution of the Big Three crisis and the conquest of terrorism? Should we let out an old-school cheer that our servants have knocked off the boring chores and earned the leisure to micromanage scholastic entertainment? Not to mention keeping student-athletes performing and out of the classroom for several additional weeks?

We ought to be used to this sort of grandstanding. Whether it's the innocent indulgence of presidents welcoming sports champions to the White House or the embarrassing spectacle of congressional hearings into steroid use by baseball players, the urge to play to crowds and take a break from their real job can prove irresistible to elected officials. This is especially true when the fortunes of the home team are at stake — and when, as in the case of Texas football, devotion to that team approaches religious worship.

Let us single out Barton for this latest episode, please note that the high-ranking Republican has bipartisan support. He can even claim the Democratic president-elect, an ardent sports fan who pledged during a "60 Minutes" interview last month to "throw my weight around" on behalf of a college football playoff. And we thought Barack Obama had a lot on his plate.

The bully pulpit is available for this pressing issue, we suppose. On the other hand, mandating internal changes by the NCAA, a private entity, is probably a non-starter, constitutionally speaking. Whatever the politicians do, they're playing games when there's work waiting. The big show is doing fine without their sideshow.

— The Indianapolis Star



Letters

Left with the mess

It seems to me that greed and special interests have led our leaders in Washington down a road of mistrust and fear, by most Americans and the world. Their greed can be compared to children turned loose in a candy store. Naturally they gorge themselves with candy; then they get sick, and yell help. We try to help them, and they throw up on our shoes. We are left to clean up the mess, while they are out playing.

Cliff Barker
Morehead

Where was Sen. Shelby?

Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby has expressed his outrage at the proposed bailout for U.S. automakers. Could it be because of his anti-union animus towards labor unions in general, and the United Auto Workers in particular? It is apparent that Sen. Shelby is interested only in protecting the interests of the union-free foreign auto manufacturers in his state.

The \$14 billion bailout package proposed for the Big Three U.S. auto manufacturers pales in comparison to the open-ended \$700 billion bailout package given to mortgage lenders. At least there are payback provisions attached to any bailout for the

automakers. Given the alternatives, the automaker bailout seems to be the best bang for the buck.

It's also obvious that Sen. Shelby's record of working against the interests of union members demonstrates his obvious contempt for collective bargaining, rationalizing that union workers make too much money. Really? I wonder if Sen. Shelby also believes that corporate executives are making too much money.

Where was Sen. Shelby's expressions of outrage when corporate CEOs were (are) raking in millions upon millions of dollars in annual wages, stock options and bonuses? Where was his outrage at the Lions of Commerce and Industry when they got paid this outrageous compensation while at the same time leading their corporations into an economic abyss?

Where was Sen. Shelby when the mortgage-lending shell game was being played out?

Paul G. Jaehnert
Vadnais Hts., Minn.

Post office will help you through the holidays

It's that time of year again and we're ready to help our customers with their holiday mailings. We have free Priority Mail and Express Mail packaging supplies, plenty of holiday stamps in stock — such as Holiday Nutcracker and Christmas: Virgin and

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And there's still plenty of time to mail your holiday greetings and packages. The Postal Service recommends the following mail-by dates:

- Dec. 16 — Parcel Post, the most economical shipping service.
- Dec. 20 — First-Class Mail
- Dec. 20 — Priority Mail
- Dec. 23 — Express Mail

We'll also be happy to explain how you can print and pay for shipping labels from your home or office and request free carrier pickup. After you get home from shopping, you don't have to go out again to mail your packages. You letter or rural carrier will pick it up the next day.

Check out usps.com for other holiday features, including postal-related gift items and the CardStore, where you can design and customize your greeting cards and choose the day you want your cards mailed.

We're here to help you through the holidays!

Edith Risner
Postmaster
Prestonsburg Post Office



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AG settles claims of fraud against purported veterans charity

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway announced Wednesday a settlement with a Gig Harbor, Wash.-based charity that claimed to raise funds to help pay veterans' expenses but ultimately gave less than 1 percent of the money raised to veterans.

The agreement, filed Wednesday in Franklin Circuit Court, bars the charity, American Veterans Coalition, and its principal operators, Robert Friend, Jr. and Shao Mei Wang, from soliciting contributions in Kentucky for 10 years.

In the settlement, Friend and Wang, who are husband and wife, also agreed that no other charity operated by them will solicit contributions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 10 years. The settlement requires the charity to pay the Commonwealth of Kentucky \$10,000 and to refund \$9,927.50, the entire amount raised in Kentucky, as restitution.

"Given the tremendous sacrifice made by the thousands of Kentucky soldiers who are serving or who have served in places of great danger, I welcome any charity that seeks to assist our veterans and their families," General Conway said. "However, organizations that defraud consumers and deny much needed assistance to our military men and women will not be tolerated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The Office of the Attorney General alleges that the American Veterans Coalition violated the Consumer Protection Act by making false and misleading statements to donors about how contributions would be used. Investigators report that the Coalition misled donors into believing that a substantial amount of their donations would be spent on providing financial assistance to veter-

ans. Of the \$1,239,812.00 raised nationally in 2006, the Coalition only spent \$7,400 in financial assistance to veterans. The American Veterans Coalition and its operators dispute the allegations. The Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is not an admission or finding of a violation.

Since taking office, General Conway has filed five other settlements and recovered \$46,827.50 for the Commonwealth and consumers from charities or solicitors that have allegedly violated Consumer Protection laws.

"There are many reputable charities and responsible solicitors that do a great deal of good in our communities, but there are also fraudulent organizations that deprive those in need. Particularly during this holiday season, I encourage Kentuckians to give generously, but wisely, to the causes and organizations of their choice," said General Conway.

Questions to ask before making a charitable donation:

- What is the full name, address and phone number of the charity?
- Do you work for the charity or are you a paid fundraiser?
- How much of my contribution will go to the charity and how much to the solicitor?
- What will the charity use my contribution for?
- Is my contribution tax deductible?
- Is the charity registered

with the Office of Attorney General?

■ Is the solicitor registered with the Office of Attorney General?

■ What percentage of its total income does the charity spend on its charitable purpose?

■ Can I obtain a copy of the charity's IRS Form 990 or other financial statement showing the percentage of donations spent on fundraising and administrative expenses?

Red Flags

Some charitable solicitations send messages or "red flags" that might lead a person to question whether this is an organization worthy of support or even whether it really is a charity:

■ The solicitor pressures you to make a donation. Hang up on aggressive or pushy solicitors.

■ The person refuses to send you written material or financial information.

■ The charity sends you an invoice or statement that indicates a payment due for a contribution you never pledged.

■ The organization's name and logo closely resemble

another charity with a similar charitable purpose.

■ If solicited by mail, the full name, address and phone number of the entity soliciting is not disclosed in the material.

Tips to prevent fraud:

■ Never give your credit card number to someone soliciting by phone.

■ Never give cash. Always make the check payable to the charity and ask for a receipt.

■ Never respond to emails requesting personal information, including your name, address, date of birth, place of birth, social security number or your mother's maiden name.

■ Never agree to meet with

a solicitor in your home or accept an offer for a courier to come to your home to pick up your donation.

If the solicitor claims to be raising funds on behalf of a local charity, contact the charity yourself to verify that it is conducting a fundraising event. It is not uncommon for fraudulent solicitors to falsely associate themselves with local charities just to collect money and leave town.

If you have been a victim of a fraudulent charitable solicitation, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Hotline at 1-888-432-9257 or visit <http://ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection/charity/>

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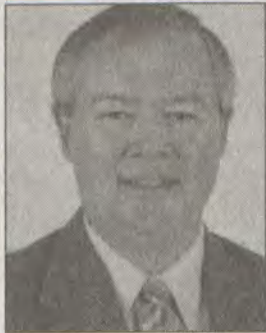
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PCSOM dean participates in global health summit

Boyd R. Buser, D.O., vice president and dean of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, traveled to Beijing, China, to participate in the World Health Organization's Congress on Traditional Medicine Nov. 7-9.

A member of the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and representing the Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA), Buser served as both a presenter and advocate for the osteopathic medical profession.

The summit focused on the role of traditional medicine and how it has been integrated into health care systems globally. The meeting also commemorated the 60th anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO), hosting 1,000 attendees from around the world, including physicians, government officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations. Participants shared information on policy, regulation, research, education and the practice of traditional medicine.



Boyd R. Buser

Buser gave two presentations on osteopathic medicine, highlighting the history, philosophy and unique features of the osteopathic approach, and addressed the status of osteopathic medicine throughout the world, including education, regulatory and scope of practice issues.

"Osteopathic medicine is a patient-centered approach that encompasses the best of modern medicine and a traditional hands-on approach to patient care," said Buser. "The principles of osteopathic medicine are in concert with the WHO's initiatives in expanding access to health services around the world and I was honored to represent my profession at this important conference."

An expert in osteopathic manipulative treatment and manual medicine, Buser has represented the AOA and the OIA for a number of years at the World Health Organization's meetings and has played a key role in the development of the WHO's "Guidelines on Basic Training and Safety in Osteopathy," which is expected to be published in 2009.



The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce recently held the opening session of the 2009 Leadership Floyd County Program. Pictured is state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner with this year's participants: Eric Thomas, of East Kentucky Science Center; Talila Kidd, of First Commonwealth Bank; Liz Kestner, of First Commonwealth Bank; Bonita Dove, of Big Sandy Community and Technical College; Stephanie Salyer, of Citizens National Bank; Joyce Wilcox, of Big Sandy Community Action Program; Jimmie Stone, of Carl D. Perkins Job Corps; and Angela Duncan, of Floyd County Schools. Not pictured is Trish Williams, of McDowell ARH.

Calendar

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

Senior employment program
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

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.

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

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

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support

group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous

(NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Dr. James D. Adams wishes to express sincere appreciation to the many friends for the kind expressions of sympathy shown upon "Doc's" passing.

Thanks to Hall Funeral Home, Reverend Jim Sherman, and all who made the service special. The prayers, visits, funeral attendance, food, flowers, and contributions to the Middle Creek Sportsman's Club are greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the physicians, nurses, and other medical staff who provided treatment and care for Dr. Adams during his illness. We will always be grateful.

Card of Thanks

The family of Hollie Barnett would like to express our appreciation to all those who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergymen Jim Stephens and Jerry Manns for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF HOLLIE BARNETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Ruby LaFaye Hughes would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. Thanks to those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Pastor Randy Osborne for his comforting words; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF RUBY LaFAYE HUGHES

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Bobby Jay Meade, would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors, who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time; those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss. Thanks to Clergyman Chuck Hall his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we thank you. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF BOBBY JAY MEADE

Card of Thanks

The family of Imogene B. Caldwell wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all who came to our side after the passing of our loved one. If you sent flowers, food or just dropped by to share our sorrow, we say, thank you. A special thanks to Clergyman Jerry C. Workman for his comforting words; the First Baptist Church/Irene Cole Memorial for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Hall Funeral Home for the kindness at a time when it meant the most. For those who helped in any way, if only a gentle handshake, we say thank you, and God bless.

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Child safety seats are a must for holiday travel

LEXINGTON — With the busy holiday travel season right around the corner, car seats are an important safety device both on the ground and in the air.

"Air turbulence can be dangerous and can appear suddenly without warning," said Sherri Hannan, coordinator of Safe Kids Fayette County. "Infants and toddlers on airplanes are safest in a car seat with a harness. A child who rides in a car seat on the ground should ride in that car seat on a plane."

Not all car seats can fit on standard airplane seats, which are typically about 16 inches wide, but Safe Kids Fayette County and the Federal Aviation Administration strongly recommend using a car seat in an aircraft whenever possible. As in cars, babies under a year old and 20 pounds are best restrained in a rear-facing car seat, and a forward-facing car seat can protect toddlers up to 40 pounds or more. Make sure your child's car seat is labeled "certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft."

"You need your child's car seat to travel to and from the airport anyway," said Hannan.

"Car rental companies might not have reliable car seats available and checking your child's seat as baggage could result in damage. Your kids are better off in their own car seats."

Children who have outgrown car seats should sit directly on the airplane seat and, like all passengers, keep the lap belt buckled across their thighs or hips. Booster seats are not allowed on airplanes, because they require shoulder belts and airplane seats have only lap belts.

The FAA advises travelers with small children to reserve a pair of seats by a window. Car seats are not allowed in aisle seats or exit rows, where they could block emergency escape routes; they must be installed at a window seat.

Parents cannot rely on there being empty seats onboard an aircraft, especially during the busy holiday travel season. Holding a child on an adult's lap is not the safest option. Whenever possible, buy a child his or her own seat to ensure an approved car seat can be used. Most airlines offer a discount for children under 2.

Adult air travelers should buckle up, too. "You're a role model," says Hannan. "Children learn safety behavior by watching parents and caregivers. Also, children who ride in car seats on the ground appear to be more comfortable and better behaved when using one on a plane."

For more information about aircraft child passenger safety, visit the "Flying with Children" page at www.faa.gov/passengers. For information about car seats and child passenger safety in general, visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Safe Kids Buckle Up, the child passenger safety program created by Safe Kids USA and General Motors in 1996, teaches families how to keep children safer in and around vehicles. Chevrolet became the lead brand in the partnership in 2004. Nationwide, more than 19 million people have been exposed to the program through hands-on educational activities, car seat checkup events and community outreach programs and more than one million car seats have been inspected for proper installation.



The Eastern Kentucky Branch of the National Association of Social Workers, serving the counties of Perry, Leslie, Letcher, Pike, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence and Knott, presented wooden toy boxes for the DCBS office in each county. Soliciting donations of materials, the members and volunteers built the wooden boxes hoping to provide the county offices with a place to store toys and games for families as they visit. The toy boxes were presented to the DCBS offices on Dec. 9 in plenty of time to enjoy them while having Christmas visits. For more information about the Eastern Kentucky NASW Branch activities, please contact Deirdra Robinson, Branch Chair, at drobi3@email.uky.edu or 606 233 3400.

Cruise into the holiday spirit with a good book

LEXINGTON — Whether looking to relax and unwind during the holidays or to give a book as a special holiday surprise the University Press of Kentucky (UPK) may have just what you desire. Currently, the press is in the midst of its annual holiday book sale, which runs through Feb. 15.

The UPK book sale has discounts ranging from 20 to 75 percent for a variety of old and new books from the press. The selection includes fiction titles as well as books on nature, the Civil War, music, history and folklore.

The sale also includes a wide variety of works from the fall 2008 catalog that highlight the Bluegrass state, including "Uneven Ground-Appalachia Since 1945" by Ronald D.

Eller, which tells the complex and often contradictory role that Appalachia played in the unfolding of American history. "Blue Ribbon Cookbook" by Jennie C. Benedict, a classic cookbook that examines more than 400 timeless recipes from the state, has been re-issued for readers. Another popular book found on the regional holiday sale list is "Kentucky Horse Country: Images of the Bluegrass," in which renowned photographer James Archambeault captures the natural beauty of Kentucky's Bluegrass region and the thoroughbred industry.

To peruse the UPK books on sale this holiday season, visit the sale online at www.kentuckypress.com/upk_holiday_2008.html. If you prefer to order by phone or have

questions, call UPK at (800) 839-6855. A print version of the holiday sale mailer is available upon request.

Kentucky residents will be charged 6 percent sales tax on their order. For those purchasing books as gifts, orders made by Dec. 10 are ensured Christmas delivery.

UPK publishes works by authors from around the globe and is the scholarly publisher for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, serving all of the state universities, five of its private colleges and two historical societies. Offices for the administrative, editorial, production and marketing departments of UPK are found at the University of Kentucky, which provides financial support toward the operating expenses of the publishing operation.

HRMC wins award

PRESTONSBURG — Alliant Purchasing Corporation recently presented the Food and Nutrition Services Department at Highlands Regional Medical Center with the Highest Utilization of Committed Manufacture Contracts Award.

Alliant Purchasing, the outreach arm of Norton Healthcare for affiliation with Premier, offers materials management services and programs to healthcare providers.

Eric Fleming, Director of the Food and Nutritional Services at HRMC, was on hand to accept the award at Alliant's Customer Business Meeting.

"I received this award for utilizing the contract purchasing procedures in a way that allowed us to receive a higher percentage of rebates," Fleming said. "This in turn helps Highlands Regional Medical Center control costs and pass on that savings to our patients."

Highlands Regional Medical Center was the only hospital in the Alliant Purchasing membership to receive this award. The honor demonstrates Highlands' continued commitment to managing their financial resources effectively, while providing sustained value to the community.

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MSU offers free courses to high school seniors

MOREHEAD — High school seniors who want to get a head start on their college career may enroll in a class at Morehead State University.

Seniors with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take up to six hours of college courses tuition-free in the 2008-09 academic year.

Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. Classes will be offered online, as well as at the Morehead, Mt. Sterling and West Liberty campuses.

Students are responsible for textbooks and course fees. Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 12, at all locations. The term ends May 8.

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by calling Tina Stafford, MSU's distance education director, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; MSU at Mt.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

The operation is located 1.5 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.2 mile northeast from KY 2040's junction with Big Branch-Honaker Rd., and located adjacent to

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5505

Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5505 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The operator presently approved in the permit is Cheyenne Elkhorn Coal Company. In addition at Cheyenne Elkhorn Coal Company, the new operator will be S & B Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 129, Dana, KY 41615.

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Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments on objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments, or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF SALE

On the 10th day of June, 2008, the City Commission of the City of Weyland, Kentucky, adopted an Ordinance directing the sale, at public outcry, of a city electric power franchise. The Ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

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*****JOB ANNOUNCEMENT*****
Weatherization Crew Laborer
 Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is seeking a Crew Laborer for the Weatherization Program in Floyd and Pike County. Duties include, but are not limited to: performing energy saving functions to existing structures which include air infiltration, duct repair, insulation, roofing, ceiling repair, wall and floor repair, window and door replacement, and heat system installation.

Two years of carpentry and construction experience that includes a wide range of general skills and knowledge is required.

The successful candidate must possess the ability to lift/move heavy objects (up to 100 lbs.), bend, stoop, crawl, climb, and perform work in various weather conditions. Candidate must have knowledge of occupational hazards, safety precautions, and be proficient in the proper use and care of power and hand tools. The position will require a valid driver's license and frequent travel throughout the five-county service area.

Qualified applicants may submit a résumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Community Action Program ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Wednesday, December 24, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, providing for the Advertisement and Sale of a Franchise Authorizing the Owner Thereof To Own, Maintain, Construct and Operate Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Lines Upon, Along, Over and Under the Streets, Thoroughfares, Alleys, Sidewalks, Bridges, Public Ways and Other Public Places of Said City.

WHEREAS, the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is incorporated under the provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and desires to grant a franchise for an electric power company to own, maintain, construct and operate its electric power transmissions and distribution lines upon, along, over and under the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a public necessity for adequate service of electric power and energy to the citizens of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the interest of the public that a franchise be advertised and sold, granting and entitling the grantee to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of lines for the transmission and distribution of electric power to the citizens of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and to persons, firms and corporations

beyond the limits of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky. THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYLAND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That there be sold at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles, and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now and may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across said City.

SECTION 2

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in the use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges and public places.

The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION 3

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all lia-

bility arising, in any way, from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance or operation of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION 5

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

SECTION 6

Wherever in this franchise, either the City of Wayland, or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of said City, and said grantee whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7

The grantee of this franchise may make such rules and regulations covering the furnishing of said electric energy as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render

service under said franchise of like quality that is adequate, efficient and reasonable to that now being rendered in said City.

SECTION 8

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for said franchise, privilege and right, and for the use and occupancy of the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other places of the City in lieu of any street or alley rental, or to the charge for the use or occupancy of said streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, thoroughfares, public ways or public places of said City and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION 9

Sharon Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed Special Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sell same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City Building in Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Dec. 22, 2008, after she has advertised the time, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law, by inserting a Notice of Sale in the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation in Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this Ordinance.

SECTION 10

Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and

authority hereby granted shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor upon the date and at the time fixed by the Special Commissioner in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Special Commissioner shall report and submit to the City Commission at the time and place of its next regular meeting said bids and proposals for its approval, and said City Commission reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Wayland to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Special Commissioner shall be refused by the said City Commission, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefore shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit, and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning in or adjacent to the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11

Each bidder for said franchise, privilege and right shall file, as part of his bid, a certified copy of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

SECTION 12

The ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

Approved this 9th day of December, 2008.

TOMMY ROBINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

S H A R O N ANDERSON, Clerk

Introduction and First Reading, May 13, 2008. Second Reading, June 10, 2008.

Pursuant to the direction of the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, as set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, the undersigned will, on the 22nd day of December, 2008, at the front door of the City Building in the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 a.m., offer for public sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, an electric franchise on the public streets and thoroughfares of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, which electric franchise shall be in terms set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, and said sale shall be made, in all respects, in accordance with the Ordinance set forth above, and all bidders will be required to comply with the terms of said Ordinance.

WITNESS

Sharon Anderson, City Clerk and Special Commissioner, this 9th day of December, 2008.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, KY 41649, has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments No. 1 and 2 of Permit No. 836-0340, which was last issued on August 3, 2007. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 15.85 acres, and Increment No. 2 covers an area of approximately 28.92 acres, and is located 5.70 miles southwest of

Harold, in Floyd County. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY State Route 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located along the right side (ascending) of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a surety in the amount of twenty three thousand and one hundred dollars (\$23,100.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$23,100 is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a surety in the amount of ninety seven thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$97,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$97,900 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching. It was completed in October 2008.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 7, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 2, 2009.

The hearing will be cancelled if no

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., 251B Tollage Creek, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for Phase II and III release on Permit Number 877-5023, Increment #1, which was last issued on 12/4/01. The application covers an area of approximately 10.78 surface acres, of which 8.02 acres have been overlapped by Frasure Creek Mining, L.L.C. and 198.72 undisturbed underground acres, for a total of 209.50 acres. The operation is located 2.6 miles south of David in Magoffin County. The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from State Route 7's junction with Brushy Fork County Road, and located 1.0 mile southeast of the confluence of Brush Fork and the Licking River. The operation is located on the David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37°33'33". The Longitude is 82°54'19".

The bond now in effect for 877-5023, Increment #1, is \$23,000. All the remaining bond amount is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding, completed on July 15, 2004, and tree planting, completed on December 7, 2005.

Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 9, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., February 11, 2009, at the Department for Natural Resources Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no

request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 9, 2009.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5422, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile north of Dana, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.0 surface acres, and will underlie an additional 374.0 acres making a total area of 806.96 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.2 mile southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road, and located within Johnson Fork.

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by J.R. Conn, Randy Hayes, et al, Junior Williams, Keith Williams and Industrial Fuels Minerals Company.

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

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Tax tips for holiday charitable giving

INDIANAPOLIS — The spirit of giving seems to grow during the holiday season, and many donations are made to charitable causes at this time of year. The IRS reminds taxpayers to keep some important points in mind when making donations with the expectation of deducting them on a federal tax return.

Taxpayers can deduct donations only if they make them to a qualified tax exempt organization.

"Taxpayers can search for many charitable organizations online at IRS.gov with Publication 78," said IRS spokesperson Jodie Reynolds.

"Qualified organizations include nonprofit groups that are religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary in purpose, or that work to prevent cruelty to children or animals. Generally, organizations will be able to tell you whether they are tax exempt under the Internal Revenue Code and eligible to accept tax-deductible donations."

Reynolds added that it is necessary to file Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A to receive a charitable contribution deduction. Be sure to keep good records, too.

To deduct any charitable

donation of money, a taxpayer must have a bank record, credit card statement or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity and the date and amount of the contribution. A bank record includes canceled checks, bank or credit union statements. Bank or credit union statements should show the name of the charity and the date and amount donated. Credit card statements should show the name of the charity, the transaction posting date and the amount donated. Prior law allowed taxpayers to support their donations of money with personal bank registers,

diaries or notes made around the time of the donation. Those types of records are no longer sufficient.

For all donations of property, including clothing and household items, obtain from the charity, a receipt that includes the name of the charity, date of the contribution, and a reasonably-detailed description of the donated property. If a donation is left at a charity's unattended drop site, keep a written record of the donation that includes this information, as well as the fair market value of the property at

the time of the donation and the method used to determine that value. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$250 or more you must have a written acknowledgment from the qualified organization. To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Noncash Charitable Contributions, and attached the form to your tax return.

To be deductible, clothing and household items donated to charity must be in good used condition or better. A

clothing or household item for which a taxpayer claims a deduction of over \$500 does not have to be in good used condition or better if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with the return. Household items include furniture, furnishings, electronics, appliances, and linens.

More information about charitable donations can be found in IRS Publication 526, available online at IRS.gov, or requested by calling, toll-free, 1-800-TAX-FORM.

Festival

home.

In the 1930s the coal camp, which at the time was owned and operated by Consolidated Coal Company, received a shock when the town and its mining operations were sold to Inland Steel. However, the transaction would prove to be the catalyst in seeing Wheelwright become a standard for the nation's coal camp

towns.

Inland Steel placed E.R. "Jack" Price in as manager of coal operations after the sale, but Price, a welfare capitalist, soon spread his attention from coal operations to the town itself, paving streets and renovating existing homes.

The result was a booming coal town considered a "model" for its time nation-

wide often called "the town that Jack built." The Wheelwright of this prosperous time boasted its own library, hospital, hotel, nine-hole golf course, movie theater, bowling alley and department store.

The exact dates set for what will be the city's and the region's first festival of this kind has been tentatively set as June 4-6. Perry says more information about the festival will be announced at a later date.

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Robbery

from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, deputies informed troopers that a man produced what they say was most likely a revolver at the scene.

The man has been described as wearing black mask, red hoodie with a black eagle design and blue sweat pants.

Accompanying the man was a female, police said. The

two fled from the scene on foot with an undetermined amount of cash.

As of Tuesday, police were still searching for the suspects, and the case in under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Brad Austin.

Anyone with information they feel could be of use to investigators should contact the state police at (606) 433-7711.

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Bank

What this could mean for Community Trust customers would be a potential \$68 million offered from the bank in senior preferred shares and warrants to purchase Community Trust common stock.

Whether this funding is received or not has yet to be determined, Hale said, but added that discussions about taking part in giving the economy a boost in what is a healthy environment for the bank was discussed early on.

"When the program was

first released we began looking at that time," Hale said. "It was a developing program then and we did not immediately apply for the funding."

Hale stressed that the decision to apply for the program was voluntary, saying that Community Trust is currently enjoying an "excellent" economic climate and adding that this reflects directly back to the reasons for applying in the first place.

As of September, Community Trust was listed as having a "significantly higher"

level of capital than required by regulatory authorities to be designated as "well-capitalized."

In mid-October, the treasury department announced the program, which saw officials approve the purchase of up to \$250 billion to be made available for U.S. controlled banks, savings associations and certain bank and savings and loan holding companies engaged only in financial activities.

The deadline to have applied was Sunday, Nov. 14.

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Board

Chandra Varia, board member for District 2. "I don't know what we are going to do without her."

Stumbo, with a slight smile on her face, was quick to respond to Varia's statement.

"You'll do fine," Stumbo said.

Stumbo is well-known for posing questions to school administrators and the board itself, and Prestonsburg High School Principal Ted George addressed Stumbo based on her infamous questionings on Monday.

"I know a lot of principals base their presentations on

what Carol might ask," George said. "It makes us all work harder, and I really appreciate that."

In true Stumbo fashion, she then proceeded to ask questions about George's presentation on Prestonsburg High School, and also praised the school for heading in the right direction, a trend that Stumbo hopes will continue in all the schools of Floyd County.

Supt. Henry Webb gave thanks to Stumbo and Sherry Robinson, board member for District 5, who also decided to not run for reelection this year.

"On behalf of the kids of

Floyd County and all of our staff, I want to say a special and sincere thank you to each of you for your years of service," Webb said. "Our district has made tremendous progress during your tenure, and we are deeply appreciative of your leadership and service."

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Opening

officer's vehicle.

The station was scheduled to officially open to traffic on Sept. 15, but Collins says now it may be after the first of the year. Despite this, he remains optimistic.

"We haven't heard anything specifically about a certain date, but we have been doing testing and things are progressing well," he said.

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P'burg police chief appointed to Law Enforcement Council

RICHMOND — Two Kentucky police chiefs recently were appointed to serve as members of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Gov. Steve Beshear appointed both Owensboro Police Chief Glenn W. Skeens and Prestonsburg Police Chief Michael Ormerod to join the 21-person council.



Michael Ormerod

Ormerod was hired in 1982 as an auxiliary officer with the Prestonsburg Police Department and became a full-time patrol officer in October of the following year. During his service to the department, Ormerod has been assigned as an investigator, patrol supervisor and collision reconstructionist. He was appointed in 2001 to serve as the department's director of public safety before being named chief in 2003.

In addition to his service to the KLEC, Ormerod serves his home community as a member of a golf advisory board, which oversees the operation of Stonecrest, as well as the emer-

gency management council for Floyd County schools. Married to his wife Della for 37 years, Ormerod is father to one daughter, Kristen.

Ormerod is pleased to serve the council, and accepted the appointment, "mainly due to the fact that the Justice Cabinet, Department of Criminal Justice Training, the efforts that they have made over the years in making Kentucky the forefront in law

enforcement training in the country," he said. "I just hope that I can contribute to the council in their efforts to advance law enforcement in the state."

He is serving the KLEC certification committee. Ormerod also will serve the council until July 1, 2012.

Owensboro Police Chief Glenn W. Skeens was appointed to a four-year term expiring July 1, 2012. He is serving the KLEC curriculum committee. Skeens is a 20-year veteran of the Owensboro Police Department, rising through the ranks to become chief last year. Prior to being named chief, Skeens served as the deputy chief, responsible for the day to day operations of the department, he said.

A former marine and veteran of the Persian Gulf war, Skeens is a native of Owensboro. Skeens earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Roger Williams University and then a master's

degree in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Department of Criminal Justice Training's Criminal Justice Executive Development and the School of Strategic Leadership.

A certified Kentucky Law Enforcement Council instructor, Skeens also serves as an adjunct faculty member for the Owensboro Community College. He is active in numerous Owensboro boards and panels and serves local youth as both a baseball and football coach. He and his wife of 17 years, Kelly, have three children - Logan, 12, Luke, 9, and Will, 7.

"I think it is very important and I am very appreciative and humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve on the curriculum committee. And as a career law enforcement officer being familiar with the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, I am aware of the

council's work and the impact it can have on law enforcement throughout the commonwealth. I was certainly very humbled and excited to have been given the opportunity to serve the KLEC and Kentucky law enforcement."

"Glenn Skeens is a new and upcoming chief who is progressive in law enforcement," said KLEC Executive Director Larry Ball. "He is a very energetic, young chief and will be a leader in law enforcement for many years to come. Mike Ormerod is a veteran police chief and has done an excellent job in Prestonsburg. He is a critical representative of south-eastern Kentucky and really helps us."

"We want to be sure that the communities in which these men work recognize that they contribute well beyond their official paid duties to improve law enforcement in the state of Kentucky," Ball said. "We are just tickled to have men of their stature on the council."

The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council governs training for all of the state's law enforcement. The council is charged with certifying or approving law enforcement training schools, training instructors and curriculum, as well as administering the Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS) certification process and monitoring the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF), as prescribed by KRS 15.310 to 15.370. The voting body of KLEC is made up of members appointed by the governor for four-year terms, as well as a variety of others who are members by virtue of their offices. The 11 appointed members always include a city manager or mayor, three Kentucky sheriffs, a member of the Kentucky State Bar Association, five chiefs of police, and a Kentucky citizen who doesn't fit one of the aforementioned classifications.

KSP offers winter driving tips to motorists

With the onset of winter and the possibility that motorists may have to drive in inclement weather, the Kentucky State Police are offering safe driving tips.

"Winter provides new challenges and responsibilities to the public and the Kentucky State Police," said KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "We ask that drivers be prepared to meet the challenges of the upcoming winter season in Kentucky. Plan ahead, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained, drive defensively and be sure the vehicle is properly maintained to handle the effects of cold temperatures."

KSP reported that slippery roads were the contributing factor in 12,175 crashes and 67 fatalities in 2007.

Highway Safety Branch Commander, Captain Tim Lucas offers a word of caution about braking on snow covered roads.

"Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have anti-lock brakes, apply firm pressure, if you have non anti-lock brakes,

pump the brakes gently," said Lucas.

"If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your vehicle in line with the front," added Lucas.

The Highway Safety Branch has posted these additional safe driving tips on their website:

Winter Safe Driving tips to follow:

- Be cautious about travel
- Listen for radio or television reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.
- Avoid traveling on ice-covered roads if at all possible.
- If you must travel, let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive. Ask them to notify authorities if you are late.
- Check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your car before you leave.
- Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice

or snow; shattering may occur.

- Never rely on your car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down.
- Always dress warmly.
- Always carry clothing appropriate for winter conditions.

What To Do If You Get Stranded

Staying in your vehicle when stranded is often the safest choice if winter storms create poor visibility or if roadways are ice-covered. These steps will increase your safety when stranded:

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers.
- Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area.
- Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers.
- Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.
- Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let air in. Make sure that snow is not blocking the

exhaust pipe-this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warmer.

■ Do not eat un-melted snow it will lower your body temperature.

Prepare Your Vehicle For Winter

■ You can avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends.

■ Have the radiator system serviced, or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze, as needed.

■ Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.

■ Replace any worn tires, and check the air pressure in the tires.

■ During winter, keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Winter Survival Kit For Your Vehicle:

Equip your vehicle with these items:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets
- First-aid kit
- A can and waterproof matches (to melt snow for water)
- Windshield scraper
- Booster cables
- Road maps
- Compass
- Tool kit
- Paper towels
- Bag of sand or cat litter (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Tire chains (in areas with heavy snow)
- Collapsible shovel
- High-calorie canned or dried foods and a can opener
- Flashlight and extra bat-

teries

- Canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)
- Brightly colored cloth

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Four double-fatality crashes reported on state roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 15 people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Dec. 8, through Sunday, Dec. 14.

All of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and eight of those victims were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of three victims could not be determined. Three crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol. Single vehicle crashes occurred in Allen, Knott, Meade and Taylor counties.

A triple-fatality crash occurred in Pike County and alcohol was suspected as a possible factor. A total of four double-fatality crashes occurred last week. These

crashes were reported in Harlan, Hart, Jefferson and Nicholas counties.

Through Dec. 15, preliminary statistics indicate that 772 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2008. This is 59 fewer than reported for this time period in 2007.

Of the 595 motor vehicle fatalities, 371 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 88 motorcycle fatalities, 52 were not wearing helmets. Twenty-three people have been killed in ATV crashes and 21 of those were not wearing helmets. Sixty pedestrians have been killed. A total of 165 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Motorists can contribute to highway

safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at (800) 222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter
PET OF THE WEEK

The celebrity is Carlos Neeley, a well-known, former art teacher, who taught for 27 years at the high school and college levels. Carlos is holding a six-week-old male, Chinese Shar Pei mix named "Yow Ming" (not the Houston Rocket). Yow has a sister who is also available for adoption.

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Miners defeat West Virginia team in home opener

East Kentucky rolls to 140-94 victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Six players reached double figures in the scoring column Sunday evening as the host East Kentucky Miners defeated the West Virginia Blazers 140-94 in a CBA-ABA Interleague Challenge game. East Kentucky, which defeated the ABA's Kentucky Bisons in a

season-opener on the road Thursday, Dec. 11, improved to 2-0 following the win over the Blazers.

Mike Dean nailed 10-of-15 shots from the floor and 11-of-12 free throws to lead East Kentucky with a game-high 31 points. Jermaine Blackburn netted 22 points in his home debut for the Miners. Delvin Thomas, playing out of a reserve role, turned in a double-double effort of 17 points and 14 rebounds for the East Kentucky professional basketball team.

"Overall, it was a great run," said East Kentucky Coach

Kevin Keathley. "This is a great group of players and an excellent passing team. We need to make sure that they stay consistent. Tonight's game was a good indicator that we know how to keep leads."

East Kentucky sprinted out to a 15-0 lead and never looked back. After outscoring West Virginia 33-21 in the opening quarter, East Kentucky carried a commanding 56-39 lead into the intermission.

All 12 East Kentucky players made it into the scoring column. Former University of Kentucky Wildcat Wayne

Turner scored 16 points from his starting point guard position. Jason McLeish scored 15 points and Galen Young added 11 for the host Miners. Mike Crain and Justin Taylor added eight points apiece for East Kentucky in its first home game of the 2008-09 season. Crain paced the Miners from beyond the arc, connecting on each of his two three-point field goal attempts.

East Kentucky led 93-65 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

As a team, East Kentucky shot 64.2-percent from the field

and 82.9-percent from the free throw line.

Desi Crisp led West Virginia (0-2) with a near double-double of 26 points and nine rebounds. Corey Love added 25 points and five rebounds for the Blazers.

West Virginia shot 39.3-percent from the field in the inter-league matchup.

The Miners will host the Kentucky Bisons tonight in another CBA-ABA game on the East Kentucky Expo Center hardwood. Tip-off for the East Miners-Bisons game is set for 7:05 p.m.



TONIGHT
EK Miners host
Kentucky Bisons,
7:05 p.m.

PC kicker Chilton named All-American

Postseason accolades continue to roll in for Pikeville junior

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WACO, TEXAS — Pikeville College specialist Kyle Chilton has been named All-American by the American Football Coaches Association.

Chilton, a 5-11, 170-pound junior from Clearwater, Fla., was named All-Mid-South Conference East Division twice last month in a vote of league coaches, both as a place kicker and as a punter. He was honored by the AFCA for his kicking talent.

"We're very proud of Kyle and what he's been able to accomplish for us," said Coach Mac Bryan. "We've said all along we thought he is the best kicker in the country, and the football coaches have now said it for us."

For the season, he hit 7-of-9 field goals, including his last five in a row. His season long was 49 yards, a dozen shy of his school-record 61-yarder. He was also 18-of-19 on PATs for the season. His 39 points led the Bears in scoring this season.

As a punter, Chilton averaged 39.1 yards on 64 punts. He had a long of 65 yards and buried opponents inside the 20 17 different times.

Chilton was honored named MSC Special Teams Player of the Week four times this season, and was named NAIA Player of the Week once. In his amazing career, he has been honored by the MSC seven times and by the NAIA three times. It's the second time he's been named all-conference, and was honorable mention once.

Chilton is one of four players representing the Mid-South Conference on the AFCA First-Team All-American Team, joining Bethel's Beau Weiss (offensive line), Campbellville's Greg Fountain (running back) and Cedric Fisher (defensive line) of Lambuth.

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photo by Tony McGuire
Prestonsburg junior guard Michael Burchett worked to move the basketball against Perry County Central late last week. The host Commodores defeated Prestonsburg. More on the game will appear in Friday's edition.

Bobcats beat Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Betsy Layne remained perfect, and in the process, kept 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Allen Central winless Friday night. The visiting Bobcats led at the end of each quarter en route to a convincing 52-55 district/conference win at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Betsy Layne outscored Allen Central 10-18 in the opening quarter and entered halftime out in front 34-28.

Bryant Tibbs tossed in a game-high 23 points and led Betsy Layne past its longtime nemesis. Three — almost four — Bobcats reached double figures in the scoring column. Nathan Martin was the second-leading scorer for the Rebels, finishing with 18 points. Bryce Adkins tallied 10 points for Betsy Layne. Richie Tackett narrowly missed netting double figures for the Bobcats. Tackett tossed in nine points for the winning team.

Betsy Layne opened its lead up in the second half,

outscored Allen Central 20-11 in the third quarter.

Logan Crowder led Allen Central with 18 points. Chris Stumbo added 10 points for the Rebels. Seth Jarrell and Justin Jackson aided the Allen Central offensive effort, scoring seven points apiece. Hunter Crowder and Chad Helson scored five points apiece while Blake Meade added three to round out the Allen Central scoring.

Betsy Layne improved to 4-0 following the win over the Rebels. Allen Central slipped to 0-3 as a result of the district/conference setback.

BETSY LAYNE 72,
ALLEN CENTRAL 55
Betsy Layne (4-0) — B. Adkins 10, Martin 18, Newman 6, Tibbs 23, Tackett 9, C. Adkins 2, Newsome 2.
Allen Central (0-3) — Stumbo 10, H. Crowder 5, Meade 3, L. Crowder 18, Nelson 5, Jarrell 7, Jackson 7.
BL...20 14 20 18-72
AC...18 10 11 16-55

Central beats Breathitt for second straight state title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Central defeated Breathitt County 40-19 Friday in the Class 3A championship game, winning its second straight state title. The Yellowjackets beat the Breathitt County team in front of 3,917 fans at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium — home of the University of Louisville football team. Chance Hughes rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns to lead Central to the

championship. Chris King passed for one touchdown and ran for another, aiding a balanced Central offensive effort.

King was a catalyst for Central, rushing eight times for 27 yards and completing five of 11 passes for 130 yards.

As a team, Central rushed for 323 yards. The Yellowjackets prevailed, despite fumbling six times and losing two of the dropped footballs.

In a game-changing play, Central intercepted a pass from Breathitt County junior quarterback Jade Haddix and returned it 87 yards to the Bobcats' 1-yard line with only two seconds remaining in the opening half. Tim Patterson pounded it into the endzone from there for the Yellowjackets, pushing the Louisville team out in front 21-7 at the intermission.

Junior running back Channing Fugate rushed for 133 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries for the Bobcats. Fugate led Class 3A in rushing and scoring during the regular season. He entered the contest averaging 208.5 yards rushing per game.

Haddix rushed for 113 yards and one touchdown via 13 carries. He completed 9 of 18 passes for 100 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions.

Breathitt County finished the season 12-3.

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photo by Roy Harlow
ALLEN CENTRAL GUARD JUSTIN JACKSON made a move to the basket when Allen Central visited Prestonsburg earlier in the month.

Adams runs past Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — After falling in the opening round of the Pikeville College Middle School Tournament, Adams was looking to get back on the winning track last week against a talented Allen Central team. After trailing 7-6 to start the second quarter, Adams would go on a 18-6 second quarter run and take a 24-13 lead at the half. Garran Newsome ultimately led all scorers with a game high 16 points (15 coming in the second half). Adams would hold a 36-26 lead after three quarters and go on to post the 51-36 win. Gary Arnett pitched in 11 points for the winning team while Bryson Williams added 10. Tyler Keens finished with six points and 10 rebounds for the Adams basketball team. Trey Stapleton tossed in four points and Derek Newsome added three as Adams improved to 7-3.

Junior Handshoe with led Allen Central with nine points.

Samarco shoots Bears past KCU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Junior Josh Samarco poured in seven three-pointers en route to 37 points to lead Pikeville College to an 84-66 win over Kentucky Christian University on Saturday afternoon.

Samarco was 7-of-13 and 14-of-23 overall in leading the Bears to their ninth win in 12 games. In addition, the 6-1 guard had five rebounds and four steals.

Kentucky Christian (2-12) scored the first six points of the game before the Bears came to life. Pikeville scored the next 11 points and eventually built to a 26-11 lead after a free throw by senior Ewan Linton with 9:26 remaining in the half.

The halftime edge was 40-22. The teams played even in the second half.

Samarco's big night was supported by senior Haakim Johnson's 17. Senior J.B. Smiley came off the bench to hand out eight assists.

Junior Anthony Smith had 10 rebounds to lead the Bears to a 35-25 advantage on the glass. Pikeville had 15 offensive rebounds.

Samarco fell one point short of his season-high, which he has reached on two occasions this year. The Bears will play once more before departing for Christmas, hosting Ohio State-Mansfield in the back end of a doubleheader next Friday night at 8 p.m.

Lady Bears hold off Ky. Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Sophomore forward Whitney Compton scored 20 points and pulled down 13 as Pikeville College ended a three-game losing stream with a 59-54 win over Kentucky Christian University Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville had opened the season with eight straight wins before dropping three straight.

Kentucky Christian fell to 10-4 after absorbing the setback.

The Lady Bears led by 15 early in the second half, when sophomore Lakia Bailey scored inside with 18:51 remaining. But KCU went on an 11-4 run, and when sophomore Cheryl Rutherford had a layup with 14:10 left, the lead was down to 39-31.

The Lady Knights continued to battle, and when junior Kristin Hecht sank a free throw with 4:27 remaining, the score was tied at 48.

Pikeville settled down from there, and thanks to hitting all four free throws in the final 25 seconds, pulled out the win.

Bailey joined Compton in double figures with 16 points, starting for an injured Natiera Hinton. Pikeville turned it over only 11 times and had 13 steals to go with six blocked shots.

Hecht and junior Heather Stacy had 11 points apiece for Kentucky Christian. Hecht and sophomore Meredith Reed had seven rebounds each for the Lady Knights, which won the rebounding battle 39-30.

Pikeville will go to the Christmas break after playing Ohio State-Mansfield in the opener of a doubleheader on Friday night at the Pikeville College Gym.

UK football team returns to practice in preparation for bowl

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - After four days off, the Kentucky football team got back to work Friday morning with a two-hour practice in Nutter Field House.

"We're rotating everybody through, getting some good fundamental work with some of the young guys and the guys who are going to play in the (bowl) game," Coach Rich Brooks said. "That's one of the real advantages of bringing your program along is getting those young people extra work. The teams that are in bowl games get a huge advantage on that. It's like having two spring practices."

From the end of the regular season until the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2, Kentucky will have 17 practices, three of which have been completed already, plus the game itself. Teams have 15

workouts allotted during spring practice, including the spring game.

Brooks is excited about taking his team to a third-straight post-season appearance following victories in the 2006 and 2007 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

"It's a real great thing for them, the young players who have never experienced a bowl trip of any kind, the seniors who have been to two successful ones," Brooks said. "Now they're going to a different environment and different game. I'm not sure how many bowl games can say they've been in business for 50 years like the Liberty Bowl and all the great players, coaches and teams that have been in those games. This is a historical thing in my mind for the University of Kentucky, the very first appearance in a bowl game that's been around for 50

years."

Brooks was asked if the Liberty Bowl had a special place in his heart, given that he played in the fourth edition of the contest - a 6-0 win for Oregon State over Villanova in 1962.

"It really does," Brooks said. "It was a meaningful experience for me, my only bowl game, and it was a successful one. It was my last college football game, so it was a good way to go out."

Wildcats formally accept Liberty Bowl invitation

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky football team

received the formal invitation to participate in the 50th AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Saturday afternoon, at Rupp Arena during halftime of the Indiana at Kentucky men's basketball game.

Perry Winstead, Chief Financial Officer of the Liberty Bowl, was on hand to make the invitation, which was accepted by Coach Rich Brooks and the Wildcats. The team received a standing ovation from the Rupp Arena crowd.

Kentucky, with a 6-6 record on the season, will take on East Carolina on Jan. 2, in Memphis, Tenn. The Pirates are 9-4 and qualified for the bowl as champion of Conference USA. This game will mark the 50th edition of the Liberty Bowl.

Earlier in the day, Kentucky put in a two-hour practice at the Nutter Field House, with continued empha-

sis on fundamentals and the development of the younger Wildcats.

"It was good energy, good practice, we got a lot done," Brooks said. "They (the more inexperienced players) get a jumpstart on spring ball, on getting playing time next year. (They get) A lot more fundamental work, improving their technique and knowing what they have to work on in the weight room, in conditioning or agility going into spring practice."

Brooks reiterated that freshman quarterback Randall Cobb continues to go through rehabilitation after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery on Dec. 2. His status for the bowl game remains uncertain, with a decision expected to be made the week of the game.

BASKETBALL - Harris continues to improve:

Ramon Harris began rehabbing his neck and back less than two weeks ago. His neck brace was removed on Friday. He will be re-evaluated early this week by the UK medical staff.

The pain in his neck and back have decreased enough to no longer require a protective neck brace but he continues to experience muscle soreness.

Further testing was administered last week and all results were normal. Once the current muscle soreness subsides he can return to basketball activity.

Harris and teammate Michael Porter collided during the Dec. 3 game against Lamar after chasing after a loose ball. Porter received 10 stitches to a laceration over his left eye, while Harris suffered a blow to the back of his head.



ALLEN CENTRAL REBEL CHAD NELSON went up for a shot during the Allen Central-Prestonsburg game played at the PHS Fieldhouse less than two weeks ago. photo by Roy Harlow

Hazard falls to Beechwood in Class A State Finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - Beechwood dominated the first half Friday and held off a late Hazard rally, defeating the Bulldogs 14-7 in the Class A state championship game. The Tigers found the end-zone twice, before entering halftime, en route to its 11th state championship. This year's Class A championship game was played in front of 3,316 fans.

The Beechwood offensive unit showed its versatility in the title tilt. Junior quarterback Matt Rigdon rushed for a touchdown and passed for another in the Beechwood triumph. Senior running back Nieco Teipel rushed for 128 yards and caught Rigdon's scoring pass. The championship victory was the second straight

for the Tigers (14-1). During the regular-season, Beechwood dominated numerous opposing teams.

Hazard scored a touchdown late to make the game interesting in its final minute.

Senior quarterback Tyler Olinger scored the only touchdown for the Bulldogs (11-4). The Hazard senior signal-caller, however, tossed a late interception as the Bulldogs were driving.

Olinger scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with four minutes remaining to pull Hazard within a score of the Tigers.

The Bulldogs outgained Beechwood 134-118 in the second half. Olinger, who didn't complete a pass in the first half, proved to be more accurate in the second half. The Bulldogs quarterback completed 10 of 19 passes for 99 yards and rushed 10 times for 28 yards in the second half.

Hazard finished the season 11-4.

BEECHWOOD 14, HAZARD 7

B—Matt Rigdon 6 run (Cullen Burke kick); B—Nieco Teipel 3 pass from Rigdon (Burke kick); H—Tyler Olinger 1 run (Austin Delpont kick).

Hazard.....0 0 0 7—7
Beechwood....7 7 0 0—14

Records: Hazard 11-4; Beechwood 14-1.

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Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year!
Dr. Chip Salyers and Staff

Lady Colonels fall to Houston Baptist

Cole scores career-high 21 points

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University's women's basketball team allowed Houston Baptist University to shoot 57.1 percent in an 81-69 loss today at McBrayer Arena in Richmond. Junior Colette Cole scored a career-high 21 points for the Lady Colonels (3-5). Cole is a Breathitt County High School graduate. The Huskies (3-6) were led by Fallon Thomas with 19 points.

Cole made 10 of her 11 shot attempts and added seven rebounds. Freshman Kayla Drake scored 14 points, all in the second half. She also grabbed eight rebounds and dished out five assists while only making one turnover in 27 minutes on the court.

Megan Green made three of

five three-point attempts and finished with 18 points for HBU.

The Huskies shot 28-of-49 from the field for the game. Houston Baptist made 12 of 19 second half shot attempts for 63.2 percent. EKU shot 40.3 percent (27-of-67) for the game.

After Houston Baptist scratched the scoreboard first with a jumper in the paint by Jelela Simpson, Cherie White knocked down a three-pointer from the left side to give the Lady Colonels an early 3-2 lead. White intercepted a pass on HBU's next possession and raced down court to convert the transition lay-up and give Eastern a 5-2 lead with 18:25 to play in the first half. However, back-to-back three-pointers by Green and Raquel Jones put the Huskies back in front 8-5.

Houston Baptist stretched its run to 11 unanswered with an old-fashioned three-point play by Simpson and a jumper by Green which put the visitors on top 13-5 with 15:45 remaining in the first half.

The Huskies made five of

their first seven shots from the field.

Eastern Kentucky answered with seven straight points as part of a 9-2 run that cut the deficit to a single point. Jasmine Lewin hit a pair of jumpers and Ilona Muszak knocked down a three pointer during the run. Lewin's second jumper made it a 15-14 game with 12:16 to play before intermission.

After Nadia Mossong hit the first of two free throw attempts with 5:57 showing on the clock to make it a 25-22 game in favor of HBU, the Huskies went on to end the half on a 13-2 run. Thomas scored six points and Green contributed another trey during the run. A steal and lay-up by Thomas as the first half ended sent Houston Baptist to the locker room with a 14-point lead, 38-24.

The Huskies shot 53.3 percent (16-for-30) in the first half. HBU went 4-for-9 from behind the arc. Eastern Kentucky made 10-of-27 shots for 37 percent.

The Lady Colonels scored the first four points of the sec-

ond half to cut the deficit to 10. It took Houston Baptist more than three minutes to score in the second half.

The Huskies led by 11, 44-33, after a three-pointer by Simpson.

A 9-2 run engineered by Cole and Drake got EKU to within six. Cole scored the first four points and Drake accounted for the next five. Her off-balance jumper, after an old-fashioned three-point play, made it 44-38 with 13:47 left in the game.

The Lady Colonel run ended with six straight points by HBU that doubled the Husky lead to 12, 52-40, with 11:15 to play. Another 6-0 Houston Baptist run, including four points by Jamie Spriggs, push the visitors to a 15-point lead, 62-47, with 7:48 showing on the clock.

Six unanswered by the Lady Colonels cut the deficit to single digits. Cole scored back-to-back baskets and Mossong made two free throws with 2:58 left in the game to bring EKU to within eight, 66-58. However, the Huskies scored the next four

points to end the threat.

Back-to-back three-pointers by Drake and Muszak with a minute and a half to play got Eastern back to within eight, 72-64. The Huskies made 7-of-10 free throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

Mossong finished with 11 points, seven rebounds and four assists for Eastern. Simpson finished with 11 points and eight rebounds for Houston Baptist.

Next up for the Lady Colonels is a game against 24th-ranked Oklahoma State on Dec. 22 in Stillwater, Okla. Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Colonels hold off Ball State for 71-58 win: The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team tallied its third straight win thanks to a 71-58 victory over host Ball State Saturday afternoon at Worthen Arena. The Colonels move to 7-3 while the Cardinals fall to 4-5.

Junior Josh Taylor recorded a season-high 16 points, 12 of which came in the first half, to lead all Colonel scorers. Junior Papa Oppong added 11 points and nine rebounds

while junior Dayvon Ellis chipped in with 11 points and six assists.

For Ball State, Anthony Newell posted a game-best 17 points.

Taylor jump-started the EKU offense with three early three-pointers to give the Colonels a 12-6 lead. The Cardinals later rolled off six straight points, highlighted by a Newell dunk, to level the score at 19-all.

From there, Eastern Kentucky responded with a 16-3 run to take control of the game. Six different Colonels contributed points during that stretch, including a pair of lay-ups from freshman Jorge Camacho. Camacho came off the bench to finish with eight points and six rebounds.

Eastern shot 55.6 percent (15-of-27) from the field and 63.6 percent (7-of-11) from behind the arc in the first half and took a 41-30 lead into halftime.

EKU will be back in action on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Cincinnati. This will be Eastern's first meeting with the Bearcats in 10 years.

Eagles fall to undefeated host Illinois State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NORMAL, Ill. — Champ Oguchi scored 25 points to lead undefeated Illinois State (9-0) to a 76-70 win over Morehead State Sunday afternoon.

ISU also got 18 points from Lloyd Phillips and 13 points from Emmanuel Holloway.

Morehead State (3-7), which had a three-game winning streak stopped, was led by Robert Murry, who scored 20 points in a reserve role. Leon Buchanan and Kenneth Faried scored 12 points each and Demonte Harper added 10 points. Faried had a game-high 14 rebounds and a game-high five blocked shots.

"We played very hard

against a very good Illinois State team," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "But, again turnovers were the difference in the game. We won the rebound battle and we shot the ball better, we've just got to quit turning the ball over."

Illinois State led 38-37 at halftime. Oguchi scored 14 points for the Redbirds. MSU got 12 points in a reserve role from Murry. The Eagles shot 56 percent (14-of-25) in the first period.

For the game, the Eagles hit 45 percent to 39 percent for the Redbirds. MSU out-rebounded ISU 45-to-33. The Eagles had 17 turnovers to only seven for Illinois State.

The Eagles will play host to James Madison at noon EST

on Thursday (Dec. 18). The special noon start will allow many area school groups to attend.

out of the Missouri Valley Conference, has won four games on a current five-game home stand: Nicholls State (75-65), Winston-Salem (53-33), UC Santa Barbara (87-59) and Bowling Green (78-65). On the road, the Redbirds have wins over Wright State (69-61) and SMU (84-73). ISU also defeated Alabama State (77-71) and Houston Baptist (107-70) in SMU's Tipoff Classic in Dallas.

Last season, Illinois State tied a school record with 25 wins (25-10). The Redbirds lead the series with MSU two games-to-one.

MSU women outlast Houston Baptist, 70-62

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Sophomore Chynna Bozeman posted her second straight career high 27-point game, junior Brittany Pittman tallied a double-double with 10 points, a season high 16 rebounds and seven blocks, and freshman point guard Courtney Lumpkin handed out a career high 10 assists - all to help the Morehead State women's basketball team fend off Houston Baptist, 70-62, Sunday, at Johnson Arena. The Eagles won their 10th straight home game and improved to 7-2 overall, while the Huskies - a school in its second year of an NCAA Division transition period - fell to 3-7.

Bozeman, who raised her season scoring average to a team-high 15.3, hit her first six three-point attempts in the first half and finished 7-of-10 from beyond the arc. She was 9-of-16 from the field overall and also added five rebounds. Pittman grabbed 12 rebounds in the first half and then blocked five second half shots and tallied her fourth double-double of the year. Lumpkin

had seven assists in the first 20 minutes with Bozeman being the beneficiary of most. The Eagles also got eight points and nine boards by junior Deja Watson and eight points, six rebounds from Tiffany Hamilton.

Houston Baptist was led by Raquel Jones with 14 points, while Fallon Thomas had 13. Jelela Simpson had a team best five assists, scored six and grabbed eight rebounds.

Morehead State made up for a 21-12 edge not in their favor in turnovers by out-rebounding the athletic Huskies, 49-28. MSU had 14 offensive rebounds, leading to 12 second-chance points, and the Eagles made HBU's 12 mistakes count, scoring 17 points.

The Eagles finished the day shooting 39 percent (23-of-59), including a 12-for-31 effort from three-point range. In the last four games, MSU has drained 42 treys. MSU also was efficient at the free throw line, hitting 12-of-14.

The Eagles opened up a 20-6 after a Bozeman three-pointer at the 12:27 mark of the first half. But, Jones caught fire and hit three straight three-balls to

bring the Huskies back to within 23-17 with 9:12 left. MSU kled by 10 on two other occasions but could not shake the pesky HBU team. At the 1:09 mark, the Huskies took their first lead (37-36). Lumpkin hit a trey with eight seconds left, and the Eagles went to the locker room with a 39-37 lead.

In the second half, a Watson layup gave MSU a 43-38 advantage with 18:02 left, but it was more of the same for HBU. They rallied back with an 11-3 run and pushed ahead 49-46 at the 14:25 mark. Bozeman hit her seventh basket from long range with 12:29 left, and MSU never relinquished its lead after that.

The Eagles led 63-59 before Hamilton nailed a trey at the 2:13 mark. MSU then forced HBU top miss its next five shot attempts as the Huskies went more than two minutes without a field goal. MSU was 4-for-4 from the free throw line in the final 37 seconds to hold on for the win.

Morehead State will begin a seven-game road stretch on Wednesday at the University of Detroit Mercy. Game time is set for 5 p.m. at UDM.

NASCAR

Keselowski heads list of 2008 most popular drivers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Saturday night at the final awards banquet of the 2008 season, NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Ted Christopher was also honored as the series' most popular driver.

He was the last of eight drivers to receive the honor via first-time fan voting on NASCAR.COM and through www.nascarhometracks.com, the official NASCAR developmental series Web site. The most popular driver award wasn't revealed until each series' season-ending banquet.

More than 253,000 votes were cast for 258 drivers in the Nationwide Series, Craftsman Truck Series and each of NASCAR's six national touring series. Voting began July 7 and closed for each series as its season ended.

In addition, many track and team/driver Web sites throughout NASCAR carried the links to voting on NASCAR.COM.

Brad Keselowski, the most popular driver in the Nationwide Series, led all drivers with 59,300 votes. Fans cast 131,875 votes for drivers in the Nationwide Series, tops among the eight series.

Every fan vote was crucial, especially in one series. The closest battle was in the Camping World Series West where Moses Smith won the award by percentage points over Austin Cameron. Of the 7,612 votes tallied, Smith earned 15.409 percent while Cameron totaled 15.151 percent.

Two series champions were also voted as most popular drivers - Christopher and Johnny Benson (Truck Series). But the other six winners were drivers inside - and outside - their series' final championship top 10, illustrating the fans' passion for their favorites regardless of ranking.

CBA

Miners take game one of Interleague Challenge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO — The ABA-CBA Interleague Challenge tipped off Thursday night in as the East Kentucky Miners traveled to the Owensboro face the ABA's Kentucky Bisons. The Miners featured former CBA MVP Galen Young and University of Kentucky star Wayne Turner as they looked to take on a new state rival. The Miners ran out to a 23-20 lead and took a 51-45 lead into halftime. The Bisons battled back to win the 3rd quarter 30-27, but the Miners held on to capture the first interleague game with the ABA, 102-94. The Miners take game one of 42 in the Interleague Challenge.

Leading the way for the Miners was Jermaine Blackburn with 26 points on a 12-for-19 shooting effort. Joe Buck netted 17 points and pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds. Young had his usual balanced game of 10 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Turner had a game-high nine assists for the Miners.

UK women's basketball program offering special ticket package

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A special season-ticket package for Kentucky women's basketball's eight home games in 2009 went on sale Monday, Dec. 15 for a cost of just \$25. The Wildcats, who have ranked in the top-25 nationally and in the Southeastern Conference's top four in average attendance five consecutive seasons, have already sold over 3,200 season for the entire season.

"We thought this would be a great gift for the holidays," UK Hoops Coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We average close to 4,000 fans per game right now and they have been absolutely super. We also have an exciting home schedule in 2009 and eight games for just \$25 is a great deal. We hope our fans continue to come out and support us because they truly are our sixth man and what makes Memorial Coliseum such a unique place to play."

The second half of the sea-

son in Memorial Coliseum features eight home contests, including seven against SEC competition. The league portion is highlighted by matchups with defending NCAA Champion Tennessee (WBCA Pink Zone game) and 2008 Final Four participant LSU (Pack the House game). The Vanderbilt game on Feb. 8 marks UK Hoops' celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Many special guests will be introduced, including UK female student-athletes, UK Hoops alumni, and honorary guests. Senior Day will be Thursday, Feb. 26 against Georgia, marking the final home contest for seniors Jenn'e Jackson (Radcliff), Carly Ormerod (Louisville), and Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio).

Season ticket holders are eligible to receive a UK Hoops Reward Card, good for various rewards throughout the season. Fans can view the schedule of rewards at ukathletics.com/ukhoopsreward. Tickets went on sale

Monday at the Joe Craft Center ticket office. Tickets will remain on sale Monday through Friday and also at UKathletics.com/tickets. Fans also can call the ticket office at 859-257-1818 or 1-800-928-CATS (2287).

2009 UK Women's Basketball

Home Schedule:
January 1 vs. North Carolina A&T - 7:00 pm
January 11 vs. Arkansas - 2:00 pm
January 18 vs. Mississippi State - 4:00 pm
January 25 vs. LSU - 1:00 pm (Pack the House)
February 5 vs. South Carolina - 7:00 pm
February 8 vs. Vanderbilt - 1:00 pm (National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Alumni Day)
February 19 vs. Tennessee - 7:00 pm (WBCA Pink Zone)
February 26 vs. Georgia - 7:00 pm (Senior Day)



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EASTERN KENTUCKY NATIVE EDDIE CARRIER JR. (28) and the rest of his race team are busy gearing up for the 2009 season.

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THROUGH THE LENS

All about snow

by ERIC THOMAS

The start of winter is just a few days away and already we have had several episodes of snow. I thought with the winter season upon us, I would switch from the Astronomy related topics I have written about lately and look at some things that are a little closer to our everyday lives.



Eric Thomas

Why not start with snow?

We all know that snow is frozen water in the form of crystals, but how does snow develop? Contrary to some popular beliefs snow is not "frozen rain drops", rather

snow begins to form high in cold clouds where water vapor is deposited onto a very cold speck of dust or ice crystal. The water vapor freezes forming a crystal and depending on the temperature and the humidity in the cloud different types of snow crystals form.

Here in Kentucky we usually see snow in some basic forms; snowflakes and snow pellets. Snowflakes start out as individual, flat, star shaped, six

(See LENS, page six)

POISON OAK

A winter's-day memory

by CLYDE PACK

It's been years and years since I've eaten snow cream. But what with all the pollutants in the air these days, that's probably a good thing. However, when I was a kid, I loved it. Problem was, it didn't much care for me because when I'd swallow a big spoonful, I'd be in pain for hours.

There's probably a scientific name for what would happen, but I don't



Clyde Pack

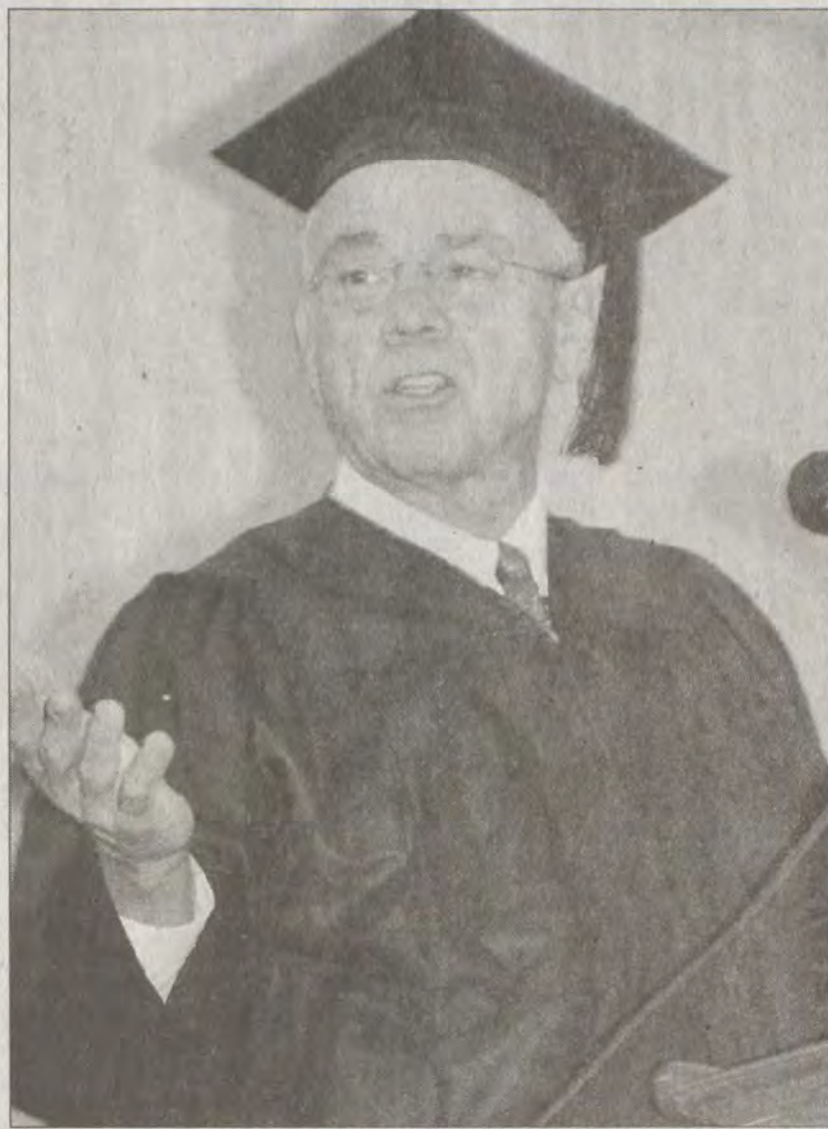
know what it is. All I know is that when the sudden coldness would freeze the roof of my mouth, it would give me a headache the likes of which I'd never experienced before...or since, except once when I bought a big orange slush.

Anyway, what prompted this particular memory of my winter days as a kid in an eastern Kentucky coal camp was an article I came across in a newspaper that gave the recipe (or at least a recipe, since there seems to be several) for snow cream.

Actually, it was my older sister, Mary Jean, who would begin the process by gathering up a bowlful of new-fallen snow. Her favorite collection spot was the top of a little lean-to shed that Dad had tacked on to the back of the smokehouse. She'd only get the very freshest snow, because after it lay there for a couple of hours it would be dirty from soot falling from neighborhood chimneys. Most everybody in the camp had a fireplace and burned coal. Anyway, Mary did all the work and I enjoyed the fruits of her labor.

Since we can't make snow cream

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Paul Patton, former governor, spoke to the graduates of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Dec. 8.



Judi Patton, wife of former Gov. Paul Patton, was honored at the Dec. 8 graduation ceremony of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Pictured are Dr. George Edwards, president of BSCTC, Judi Patton, and Randall Roberts, interim dean.

MATTER OF DEGREES

228 graduate during BSCTC winter commencement

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — "Don't forget the people who helped you reach this milestone," said Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George Edwards, addressing 228 graduates of the college on Dec. 8. "Remember to thank the parents, friends, teachers and others who made it possible for you to go to college and succeed."

The graduates gathered in the Mayo Auditorium on the Mayo campus of the college in

Paintsville.

The atmosphere for the event was festive, as Christmas decorations adorned the auditorium, with music provided by Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC director of music and drama.

Along with the graduates, the college honored Judi Patton, the wife of Paul Patton, former governor of Kentucky, for her work with women and children.

"I feel honored to have been the voice for those little children whose voices were too small to be heard and those women whose voices have been taken away through domestic violence,"

Patton said. "I have seen the abuse and neglect that can result from poverty, ignorance and prejudice and it has been my mission to work toward correcting those wrongs."

Paul Patton served as the commencement speaker at the graduation, speaking about the importance of communities and how the accomplishments of each graduate will benefit everybody in the community where they live and work.

"I am extremely proud of the accomplishments I made in post-secondary education while I was governor of Kentucky," Patton said. "Education is the key to your success."

More than 500 graduate from MSU

MOREHEAD — Kimberly F. Valerio of Frenchburg and more than 500 other Morehead State University students were joyful Saturday when they participated in the University's Winter Commencement exercises at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center.

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degrees.

Valerio, a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Education, was an honors graduate. She completed a degree in elementary education, preschool through fifth grades, and special education, learning and behavior disorders (LBD) P-12.

A Hazard native, Valerio earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in human sciences from Hazard Community College. After six years of working as an extended services coordinator for a public school system, she returned to college at MSU.

Valerio recently completed back-



From left, Sylvia Lovely, chair of MSU's Board of Regents, Dr. George M. Luckey Jr. and Dr. Sue Y. Luckey, honorary degree recipients, and Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president.

to-back student teaching assignments at Botts Elementary School and Menifee County High School.

"It was difficult to say the least to go back to college. I must admit I had second thoughts," said Valerio. "I was quite aware that going back to college at this time of my life was going to be a major transition. Today, we reached our goal and can

all be proud."

A husband-and-wife team of faculty members with a total of 82 years of service to MSU were also honored. Sylvia Lovely, chair of the MSU's Board of Regents, presented Dr. George M. (Mac) Luckey Jr., professor emeritus of philosophy, and Dr. Sue Y. Luckey, professor emerita of business, each with

Doctor of Public Service degree for their distinguished academic careers.

The Luckeys live in Morehead much of the year and remain active in MSU events.

Following the ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Patricia Dorton Whitaker of Cincinnati.

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (December 18, and December 23, 1998)

Contrary to what some may think, folks at The Floyd County Times also get into the holiday spirit. Today—Friday—the office is closed for a staff gathering. Next week, there will be no Friday paper so the staff can spend Christmas Eve Day and Christmas with family and friends...It's hard to tell what's fall and what's winter, but, according to the calendar, winter officially begins Monday, with the winter solstice...The Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center is changing its hours of operation...Yesterday, parents of students at W.D. Osborne Elementary School gathered at the Bevinville school to support Paul Tackett, and to learn reasons for his dismissal as principal...The Mine Safety and Health Administration has amended its report of a mine, fatality investigation two years ago at a Honaker mine and added two citations against the mine owner...In 1926, John M. Stumbo Sr., and his wife, Della, deeded a parcel of land at Harold to the Floyd County Board of Education, and now their heirs want it back. In late October, W.C. Stumbo of LaGrange, acting on behalf of the other children and grandchildren of the late John M. Sr., and Della Stumbo, presented a check for \$500 to the board, and asked that Harold Elementary School be returned to them...Ellis Martin, a resident at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, no doubt, has seen more than nearly anyone around. On Monday, December 28, Martin will celebrate 101 years of enjoying Christmases and other holidays...Yesterday was Interim Superintendent Mike King's last day with the Floyd County Board of Education. King has been with the system, working on a 100-day contract, since March 2...Christmas, or at least a portion of it, came early for about 300 parents and children at D.W. Osborne Elementary School on Saturday night. Curtis Anderson and his Manna Outreach Program used the occasion to tell the children and parents about the importance of having God in their lives, and to distribute Christmas goodies...Elected officials and local citizenry weathered the cold rain to take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Saturday, for the new Right Beaver Community Park at Garrett. Some work remains to be done on the county-owned park. District 2 Magistrate Jackie Owens said the park was "a couple of weeks from being finished"...Three of the five members of Floyd County Fiscal Court participated in their last meeting, Friday. Judge-Executive Ben Hale, will leave office at the end of the year, as will District 3 Magistrate Elmer Johnson, and District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens...Chris Howell of John M. Stumbo Elementary, Vonnie Kelley of Prestonsburg Elementary and Wesley Cramer of Duff Elementary shopped with Kentucky State Police Troopers Mickey Watson and Todd Wheeler during Friday's, Shop-with-a-Cop program at Wal-Mart in Pikeville...The Floyd County Board of Education in the past, has had board meetings that ran far into the night. Monday night's regularly scheduled meeting, which had several items on the agenda—plus parent representation from Osborne Elementary where a principal had been dismissed—was over almost as soon as it started. Board chairman Terry Dotson announced that interim superintendent Mike King had left the system, and, since King had left, the board secretary position, which is traditionally filled by the superintendent, was open. By state law, a board meeting cannot be held without a secretary...Remember how it was to go into a country store and look, feel and smell the merchandise in jars, barrels, and sacks? And how each country store had its own distinct personality? Lynda Spurlock of Printer, is trying to achieve that look and feel in her new store with an old look, Beaver Creek Mercantile...There died: Malcolm Little, 74, of Clay City, formerly of Price, Thursday, December 16, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Darlene Clay Angel, 42, of Dandridge, Tennessee, Saturday, December 12, at the Park West Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee; Gene Turner, 52, of Oklahoma City, formerly of Garrett, Saturday, December 19, at the Hillcrest Hospital in Oklahoma; Alkie Marie Akers Burton, 79, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, December 5, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, Michigan; Janice Arnett Haywood, 77, of Johnstown, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, December 12, in Columbus; Beulah Mae Hughes, 89, of Hueysville, Saturday, December 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Clarence Lee Hinkle, 61, of Stanville, Sunday, December 20, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Ballard Moore, 89, of Plymouth, Ohio, Dec. 16, at Mercy Hospital, in Willard, Ohio; Effie Tibbs Hamilton, 93, a resident of Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, Friday, December 18; Virginia B. Adkins, 66, of Lima, Ohio, December 16, at St. Rita's Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago (December 21, 1988)

In a special meeting, last week, the Floyd County Board of Education approved the sale of \$3.5 million in construction bonds for the new Right Beaver (Garrett-Wayland) Elementary School...The body of a 33-year-old Prestonsburg woman, Sharon Kay Robinson Spradlin, was found lodged in the window opening of the Windcat Lounge early Thursday. The woman apparently died of suffocation while trying to climb out the window...A 21-year-old Hager Hill man died Thursday after-

noon, after being struck by a train at a crossing in Dwale; Aster L. Hill Jr., who was trimming trees in the area for his employer, Asplundh, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd Coroner Roger Nelson...Wheelwright City Council members were told that residents should be using water from the new source on Jack's Creek by mid-week, but that the new supply was only a "short term solution"...There died: Louverla Bryant Adams, 34, of Grethel, Dec. 17, at UK Medical Center; Carl Akers, 75, of Harold, Dec. 15, at his residence; Mary Hall Bolen, 74, of Garrett, Dec. 13, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Edith Sharon Mullins Boyd, 45, of St. Mary's Ohio, formerly of Wheelwright, Dec. 3, at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima, Ohio; Earnest "Cattail" Campbell, 60, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James "Jim" Brennan Donahoe, 77, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 18, at his residence; Ella Mae Hall, 78, of Beaver, Dec. 19, at the Fleming County Hospital in Flemingsburg; Lucy Hall, 87, of Kite, Dec. 17, at her residence; Minnie Thompson Hall, 87, of Harold, Dec. 14, in Riverview, Mich.; Eli Hicks, 99, of Minnie, Dec. 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Tom Ratliff Jr., 51, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 17, at his residence; Lucian Rice, 83, of Goldsboro, N.C., formerly of Floyd County, Dec. 20, in Wayne Memorial Hospital; Buell Courtney Spears, 64, of Langley, Dec. 15, at his residence; Opal Spears, 72, of Barnett's Creek, Dec. 18; at her residence; Raymond Harvey Spears, 56, of Emma, Dec. 18, at his residence; Sharon Kay Robinson Spradlin, 33, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 15; Robert Stephens, 65, of Pierceton, Ind., formerly of Floyd County, recently at Whitley County Memorial Hospital; Charlie Tackett, 71, of Grethel, Dec. 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Otis Lee Jamup Wallen, 49, of Prestonsburg, Dec. 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William Younce, 59, of Melvin, Dec. 15, at his residence.

Thirty Years Ago (December 20, 1978)

A water shortage which began December 7, with heavy rainfall and flooding of streams which caused line breaks, and a pump failure, was almost ended, Sunday, when service was restored to hundreds of customers...Warrants were issued, last Friday, for three persons charged with selling marijuana...One of the early blood donors at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Santa Claus, is a busy man this time of year...Bodies of two Mud Creek residents were found early last Wednesday morning in an automobile in Teaberry...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stewart of Morehead, formerly of Langley, a son, Thomas Edwin, Wednesday, Dec. 9...There died: Elder Crofford Mosley, 79, of Dema, at U.K. Medical Center; Lucy Hyden, 75, of Van Lear, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Newsom Smith, 96, of Martin, in Lexington; Leonard "Dock" Bryant, 65, of Hi Hat, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Miles Moore, 82, at his home in McDowell; Lorraine Turner, 74, of Minnie, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Tennis S. Hatfield, 60, of Emma, at the Charleston Medical Center in W.Va.; John Paul Compton, 59, managing editor of the Pike County News, in Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago (December 19, 1978)

The groundbreaking ceremonies to mark the beginning of a \$1,386,276 construction project was made in rain and mud. The project will add to the P.C.C. campus here, a two-story academic building, and a one-story student activities structure...U.S. Department of Agriculture aided 183,481 needy persons during October, in 77 counties...The first check due, under a contract with the Kentucky Department of Libraries, which may, over a 20-year period, benefit Floyd County in excess of \$140,000 is expected to be received here shortly by the Floyd County Library Board...Clark Elementary on Middle Creek, is one of the few schools in Eastern United States originating a new method of teaching 75 early-age school children, Charles Clark, superintendent of Floyd County schools, said this week...The new sanctuary of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ, under construction at Lancer, is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy by Feb. 1, the minister, Bennie Blankenship, said this week...There died: Mrs. Ethleen Woody, 43, formerly of Floyd County, at Ridge Osteopathic Hospital, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mrs. Rebecca Jacobs, 87, daughter of the late Billy and Catherine Jacobs Sparkman, at Mountain Manor Convalescent Home; Mrs. Nannie Newsome, 60, of Teaberry, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was a daughter of the late Burt and Cindy Hall Newsome; Pearl

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Davis, 82, Zebulon, Pike County, formerly of Floyd County at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville. She was a daughter of David and Mattie Stevens McKee; Bill Vanderpool, 90, at his home at Garrett. He was a son of Robert and Kathy Allen Vanderpool; Mrs. Maggie Hall Hopkins, 78, of Minnie, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Thomas B. Blackburn, 75, formerly of Floyd County, at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was a son of Levi and Malissa Stanley Blackburn.

Fifty Years Ago (December 18, 1958)

County Judge Henry Stumbo wired Governor Chandler, this week, asking that Floyd County be declared an emergency area...Eleven Floyd Countians touring Boyd County farms and hatcheries found the commercial egg and poultry production at its best in the area, according to County Agent Robert M. Jones...Floyd County's tree-planting program may have received a setback at the recent practices formulating meeting of the county ASC Committee last week, persons interested in reforestation say. The local group voted to limit the number of acres allowable for payment to five...County Judge Henry Stumbo said, this week, that the State Highway Department has rejected bids submitted on construction of a bridge across Beaver Creek at Allen, to supplant the span which partially collapsed last year...Wednesday brought a break in the winter weather which has held this section, and a large part of the country, in a tight grip for the last 10 days. Local temperatures hit a reported low of 6. The river and Dewey Lake were frozen...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Herald, a daughter, Rhonda, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Otis Fitzpatrick, 48, of Garrett. He was a son of the late G.C. and Fanny Watkins Fitzpatrick; Anna Hamilton, 80, daughter of Granville and Martha Artist Rice; Oscar Hayes, 70, former Lackey merchant at his home in Holly Hill, Florida. He was a son of Madison and Rebecca Martin Hayes.

Sixty Years Ago (December 16, 1948)

The Inland Steel Company proposed, this week, to construct a steel and concrete bridge at Buckingham, if the county will contribute \$5,000 on the project. The project was accepted by the fiscal court at its meeting, Monday. Total cost of the span was estimated, at \$15,000...Democrats of the county put in a busy few hours, Saturday, with legislative district party leaders being named by precinct chairman. Tax Commissioner Clive Akers, of Drift, was named county chairman, and John Allen, of Prestonsburg, secretary...Six murder cases are docketed for trial during the January term of the Floyd Circuit Court, which convenes Jan. 3...With the approach of a new session of Congress, interest probably mounted higher here, this week, in Big Sandy River canalization, than at any previous time. Part of this heightened interest stemmed from the doldrums

eastern Kentucky's coal industry is facing...Enforcement of the state health code regulation, requiring first-grade pupils to undergo physical examination, is giving Callia S. Branham, health coordinator, Floyd County Board of Education, recurring headaches...The Floyd County Fish and Game Club will spend \$3,370 next year, if the club membership approves the budget planned by its board of directors here, Friday night...The Princess Elkhorn Coal Company is looking out for its "family" again this Christmas, and it is spending in excess of \$7,000 to see that all 600 members of the family—those on the payroll—have Christmas turkey...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Denver Sammons, their first child, a son, Stephen Dennis, Dec. 2, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. James Camicia, a daughter, Katherine Hodges, Dec. 7, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Marion Martin, 53, of Jack's Creek, son of C.C. and the late Cordelia Martin; Pvt. Henry Holbrook, 22, Middle Creek road, while conducting a search for wounded Americans in Italy; Richard Bingham, 28, in Sicily, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bingham, of Lancer.

Seventy Years Ago (December 15, 1938)

With an "almost undreamed-of goal" in sight—the convening of a Floyd Grand Jury without a slaying to investigate—three murder warrants were issued last week, marring the county's longest "peacetime record," in approximately 15 years...The fight for two positions on the Floyd County Board of Education was resumed, last week, as both John Coburn and Wesley Campbell, defeated candidates, filed suits...Unreasonably slow driving speeds on the highway are more and more being recognized as a traffic menace by legislators, and already 22 states have adopted minimum speed laws...For the benefit of drug store coaches and "cracker barrel second guessers," Walter Price, local athletic official, gave out his selections for an all-time all-Prestonsburg High gridiron team. Russell Rice, current All-Big Sandy Conference tackle, is the only member of this year's squad to be placed on Price's all-time team, which includes: Backs—Harkie Mayo, now playing for Navy, whose booming punts will long be remembered here, Frank "Red" Branham, bone-crushing full-back, who could toss a football like a baseball. Price's linemen, each a tower of strength, are Tom Marshall, center; Harold Williamson and Jim Dotson, guards; Victor Hale and Russell Rice, tackles. For ends be chooses Wendell Spurlock and John Hunley, who perhaps is best remembered for his backfield work...There died: Mrs. Drendy Slone, 69, mother of Dr. C. R. Slone, of Prestonsburg; Mrs. Nancy Nelson Campbell, 95, who died at her home at Water Gap, was probably Floyd County's oldest woman; James Hackworth, 51, of Bonanza, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hackworth.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Trounce
- 6 Blunder
- 9 Recipe meas.
- 12 Pack animal
- 13 Chit
- 14 H look-alike
- 15 "He's — nowhere man ..."
- 16 Conjectured
- 18 Minimal
- 20 Begged
- 21 "Monty Python" opener
- 23 Feedbag morsel
- 24 Sitcom surname
- 25 Busy one
- 27 Spandex material
- 29 Tranquillize
- 31 Knob
- 35 Its participants must form a line
- 37 Confederate soldiers
- 38 Harold of "Ghost-busters"
- 41 Upper limb
- 43 Lamb's mama
- 44 Sheltered
- 45 Overuses the mirror
- 47 Holy
- 49 Shocking weapon

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- 9 Magnetic flux unit
- 10 Trusty horse
- 11 Rice field
- 17 Arose suddenly
- 19 Greek physician
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- 22 Pirouette pivot
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- 32 Not naked
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- 42 Apportions
- 45 Toiler
- 46 Basilica section
- 48 Hot tub
- 50 Work unit
- 51 Catcher's place

Lens

sided snow crystals. As these snow crystals fall, they can combine with other snow crys-

tals to form the fluffy snowflakes we are accustomed to.

Snow pellets on the other hand form when super cooled water drops come in contact with a snow crystal and form a ball shaped pellet. Snow pellets can also occur when a snowflake melts about half way then refreezes as it falls. Snow pellets are crisp and will crush and break apart easily when pressed. More often than not, snow pellets fall in shower form, either before or

together with snow, and usually does not account for significant amounts of accumulation.

When it snows in Kentucky it seems to either be very heavy snows that make good snowballs or a snow that is very dry and powdery. When I was younger, it was always the heavy snows I looked forward to, as these were that ones that resulted in days off from school. The heavy snows occur when a winter storm system pass to the south of us over Tennessee. These storms

allow cold air to move into Kentucky and the moisture in the system has the opportunity to form snow. These events, when the conditions are just right, usually bring our snow storms with significant accumulations.

Dryer snows occur when the low pressure systems originate to our north in Canada. These lows swoop down on us and the really fast moving ones are sometimes referred to as Alberta Clippers. These lows usually do not have

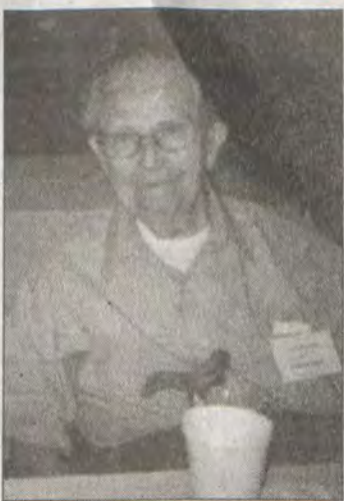
access to the moisture that southern lows do so the snow they produce tends to be a lot dryer and will hardly form a snowball at all let alone make a good snowman.

These days I still enjoy snow, just not nearly as enthusiastically as when I was younger. I still like the way it crunches under my shoes, the way it blankets everything changing the bleak, leafless end of autumn landscape into a (if you will pardon the cliché) winter wonderland. I especial-

ly liked snow when I was young though; it meant unexpected days off from school, sledding and tubing, snowmen and snowball fights, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Eric Thomas is the Director of East Kentucky Science Center, a part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College and is located on BSCTC's Prestonsburg Campus.

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The oldest relative attending the Hicks Family Reunion was Hargis Hicks, grandson of Smith Hicks, who turned 99-years-old in Nov. He lives in Xenia, Ohio and was accompanied to reunion by his daughter, Omalee Agnor and Angela George and their families from Xenia.

Oak

nowadays, though, or at least I can't imagine anyone wanting to. I won't reprint the recipe I saw. I guess it's pretty much accepted that we'd probably glow in the dark if we ate snow or drink rain water.

But, I'm speaking of a time in the 1940's, when we'd not

give a thought to drinking out of the creek, if we got thirsty from running the hills, or even eating a snowball.

But while polluted snow wasn't a problem for me in those days, winter in general was. Simply stated, winter hated me. Just as soon as it arrived, I'd

get sick with a cold or the "flu-like symptoms" they're always talking about on TV these days. (Not then, of course, because TV hadn't made its way to Muddy Branch yet.)

I'd have a snotty nose, low-grade fever, or nagging cough until spring, and Mom would

spend the entire winter trying to keep me in good enough shape to stay in school. Vick's salve rubdowns were her specialty, and many is the night I'd fall asleep with a hot towel draped over my puny little chest with Vick's salve fumes penetrating my body and clearing out my

sinuses. Her cure must have worked, though, for I can't remember ever having been laid up for any amount of time due to colds and fever.

Isn't it odd how a recipe in a newspaper can conjure up so many half-century-old memories?

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The Hicks Family Reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 6, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. As usual, it was a great gathering of relatives and friends of William and Oma Reffett Hicks. We have all had great pleasure seeing old friends, meeting and making new friends, and sharing loving memories making us all become one big wonderful family. Delphia Hicks did a wonderful job in planning the reunions for the past 10 years with the help of her husband, Don and Paulene H. Allen. The group enjoyed musical entertainment by Rachael and Will Hayes, children of Dr. Stan and Krista Hayes, and great-great-grandchildren of Smith Hicks. We have seen and met friends and relatives from Mich., Ohio, Ind., Ky, Ga., and W.Va. over the past 10 years. We look forward to our next reunion on Saturday, Aug., 15, 2009 which will be under new management. Submitted by: Edna, Wanda and Loyce, (great-granddaughters of Smith Hicks).



Alex Joseph Begley celebrated his fourth birthday on Nov. 8, with a Mickey Mouse party held at Gatti's. Alex is the son of Larry Joe and Rhonda Begley. He is the grandson of Donald and Freeda Horne, of Lackey, and Larry and Suzette Begley, of Hazard.

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