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briefs

Hi Hat man killed in wreck on Route 122

Times Staff Report

BUCKINGHAM — A Floyd County man was killed Christmas Eve in a single-vehicle accident on Route 122.

Bryan Tackett, 30, of Hi Hat, was driving west shortly before 7 p.m., when he lost control of his vehicle. His car ran off the roadway and struck an unoccupied storage trailer.

Tackett was pronounced dead at the scene by the Floyd County Coroner's office.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Justin Cornett is leading the investigation into the accident. He was assisted at the scene by Vehicle Enforcement Officer Tommy Gearheart, Left Beaver Ambulance Service and Southeast Fire Department.

3-DAY FORECAST

Today
 Partly cloudy
High: 34 • Low: 18

Tomorrow
 Mostly sunny
High: 42 • Low: 27

Friday
 Rain, snow showers
High: 38 • Low: 22

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Coroner retires after 27 years

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Roger Nelson has held the position of coroner in Floyd County for 27 years, and on Tuesday, Dec. 30, his long legacy of dealing with death as a county official came to an end with his resignation, submitted to Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

Nelson said that the major factor in his decision to resign is a reduction in his retirement benefits if he waited two more years before leaving the position.

"I've tried my best since day one," Nelson said. "I worked till the last day. I was out last night. Above all, I value the fact that I always offered my honest opinions on cause of death. I valued honesty above everything."

Through the years, Nelson has dealt with death in an abundance of forms, from natural deaths, to accidents, suicides, homicides and more.

"I just wanted to make sure I did my job in the best way possible despite the situation,"

Nelson said. "The winter is always a busy time for coroners, also, with a lot of elderly people dying because they tend to try and do too much during this time period."

Nelson went on to talk about the training program for coroners in Kentucky, crediting the training as one of the main reasons that he feels like he was successful at his job.

"The training program for coroners in Kentucky is one of the top programs in the nation," Nelson said. "That's why we were asked to go to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina for assistance."

On the same day as Nelson's resignation, his son, Greg Nelson, was sworn in as the new coroner by Family Court Judge Johnny Ray Harris.

Greg Nelson is a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and currently works for Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, which was founded in Martin by his father in 1971.

"I think I've instilled my value of honesty in

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photo by Jarrid Deaton
Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson resigned from his position on Monday, and his son, Greg Nelson, was officially sworn in as coroner by Family Court Judge Johnny Ray Harris.

NEW HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAYS



photos by Sheldon Compton
Danny and Franceen Crum greeted visitors from the front porch of their new home Tuesday. The Crums were among the most recent Floyd County residents to benefit from the LINKS housing program.

Latest LINKS projects are a family affair

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ARKANSAS CREEK — The old homeplace. Three words that can bring a smile to almost any Eastern Kentuckian.

And for a region in which the idea of home is a paramount concern, preservation of the old homeplace would be a top priority.

Tuesday afternoon, three family members had the staff at LINKS to thank for helping them stay in the same place where they were born and raised.

LINKS, the Low Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky, started work with Danny and Franceen Crum nearly a year ago to help them tear down their old house and build a new one on the same land where Danny and his sister, Gladys, grew up.

During that process, LINKS Director Eddie Patton said

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Gladys Crum poured coffee in the kitchen of her new home along Robinson Hollow Tuesday afternoon. The new home, provided through the LINKS housing program, stands in roughly the same spot as her old homeplace where she was born and raised.

Gov's appeal to judges falls short

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was a different town, but the same message from Gov. Steve Beshear Monday as he again spoke with local leaders about using surplus coal severance funds to make steps toward balancing the state's budget.

Beshear met with several Eastern Kentucky judge-executives to pitch the plan, which would see \$17 million taken from the coal severance fund and earmarked for the overall budget.

That pitch, for the most part, fell on deaf ears.

Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford was one of the more outspoken officials, saying he told Beshear if the plan was to take \$17 million, then, "We are going to fight you."

Coal severance funds are taxes collected for every ton of coal mined in Kentucky. Much of that money is then sent back to coal-producing counties, to be used for building new infrastructure and other projects aimed at local

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KSP searching for car involved in Pike hit-and-run

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

STONE — A man who police said was walking along U.S. 119 in Pike County Saturday night was killed after two vehicles struck him.

James R. Chapman, 62, of Pond Creek Road in McVeigh, was pronounced dead by Pike County Deputy Coroner Mike Hall at approximately 7 p.m., after he was struck by a 2004 Jeep Cherokee driven by Crystal D. Blair of Canada, state police said.

According to reports from state police, Chapman was then struck by a second vehicle, described only as "light colored," which then left the scene.

At the time he was struck, Chapman was walking in the roadway along U.S. 119 wearing dark jeans and a dark shirt, police said.

As of press time police were still searching for the second vehicle and its driver.

The accident remains under investigation by KSP Trooper Brad Austin.

Austin was assisted at the scene by Sgt. Randy McCarty and Troopers Randall Coats and Donald White, as well as the Belfry Fire Department.

Anyone with information about the unknown vehicle should contact Kentucky State Police Post 9 at (606) 433-7711 or toll-free at 1-800-222-5555.

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Obituaries

Sparkle Hunter Brown

Sparkle Hunter Brown, age 64, of Martin, passed away Friday, December 26, 2008, at her residence.

Born December 16, 1944, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bert Hunter and the late Willa Dean Hale Hunter Collins. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker, and former waitress at Jerry's Restaurant for 25 years, and a member of the Church of Christ, Arkansas Creek, Martin, since 1988.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Edgar (Johnny) Brown. They were married on December 17, 1966.

Other survivors include one son, Edgar Brown Jr., of Martin; four grandchildren: Kevin Brown, Misty Brown, Dustin Brown, and Kaitlyn Brown; and one great-grandchild, Timothy Brown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Randy Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Robinson and Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Robert Carlson

Robert Carlson, age 43, of Seven Springs, North Carolina, passed away Friday, December 26, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 21, 1965, in Omaha, Nebraska, he was the son of Frances Winans Carlson of Goldsboro, North Carolina; and the late John Edward Carlson. He was a disabled Army veteran of Desert Storm.

He is survived by his wife, Monica Page Carlson.

Other survivors include three sons and three daughters, Danny Parker and John Carlson, both of San Antonio, Texas; Cody Shelby of Seven Springs, North Carolina; Michelle Gonzales of San Antonio, Texas; Catherine Carlson of Germany; and Tasha Akers of Banner; and one sister, Renee Letheo of Kathleen, Georgia; and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Conn Sammons Cemetery at Dana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Barry Ray Collins

Barry Ray Collins, age 30, of Minnie, passed away Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at Weeksbury.

Born August 31, 1978, in Martin, he was the son of Bobby Collins of Minnie, and Ellen Mae Gilliam Derossett; of Prestonsburg; stepfather, Tom Derossett; stepmother, Jillian Jones Collins.

Other survivors include: Melissa Hurd Collins, his ex-wife; two sons: Joshua Seth Collins of Minnie; and Logan Niklas Collins of Prestonsburg; one daughter: Kaitlyn Nichole Collins of Prestonsburg; a half brother: Isaiah Collins of Minne; a half sister: Ashley Derossett of Prestonsburg; two stepbrothers: Anthony Michael Jones and Jessie Morgan Chaney, both of Martin; one stepsister: Katie Autumn Marie Jones of Martin; and his aunt and uncle, Beth and Larry Compton.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Granger and others officiating; speaker: C.K. Dingus.

Burial was in the Drift Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Eula Mae Nelson Conley

Eula Mae Nelson Conley, 69, of Allen, died Tuesday, December 23, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 6, 1939, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Bill and Mary Ellen Conn Nelson. She was a retired businesswoman at Allen.

Survivors include her daughters: LaNeva Conley Hall and husband, Jeff Hall, of Allen, and Janet L. Conley and husband, Tony Schmidt, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two sisters: Glenna Adkins of Huntington, Indiana, and Judith Ann Garrison of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services for Gary T. Daniels were conducted Friday, December 26, at 1:00 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Clergymen Tracy Patton and Bobby Adkins officiating.

Burial was in the Walter Akers Cemetery, in Harold, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Green "Tanker" Hamilton

Green "Tanker" Hamilton, age 75, of Garrett, passed away Friday, December 26, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

Born February 27, 1933, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Sie T. and Ethel Meade Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner and a member of UMW local No. 945.

He was twice married, first to Irene Hall Hamilton, deceased; and later to Braska Isaac Hamilton who survives.

Other survivors include one son: Bobby Gates (Brenda), of Baltimore, Maryland; four daughters: Sue (Robert) Hurd of Langley, Debra (Paul) Kilburn of Martin, Brenda (Dean) Bates of Garrett, and Willa Dean Hamilton of Marion, Ohio; one stepdaughter: Brenda (Sherrill) Slone of Knott County; 10 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Vernon Patton, and eight brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 29, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Jimmy Hall and Paul David Kilburn officiating.

Burial was in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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JoAnn Howard

JoAnn Howard, age 78, of East Point, passed away Saturday, December 27, 2008.

Born July 17, 1930, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Earl Nelson and Violet Bradley Nelson.

She is survived by her husband, Reuben Howard; one son, Timothy J. Howard of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Debra Hall of East Point; one brother, Fred Charles Nelson of Grand Rapids, Michigan; one sister, Earlene Daniels of East Point; one grandchild; two stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, at the Little Paint First Church of God, with burial following in the Howard-Combs Cemetery on Little Paint.

Visitation was at the church. Arrangements were by the Phelps & Son Funeral Home. www.phelps-sonfuneralhome.com

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James Hobert Howell

James Hobert Howell, age 60, of Lake Station, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, husband of Dianne Howell, passed away Tuesday,

December 23, 2008, at his residence.

He was born August 29, 1948 in Harold, the son of Hobert Howell of Hammond, Indiana, and the late Edith Lathene Allen Howell. He was a truck driver for Swift Transportation.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne; three sons, James W. (Linda) Howell Jr., of North Judson, Indiana; Marcus Howell of Lake Station, Indiana; Paul (Jennifer) Howell of Austin, Texas; a brother, Darrell (Linda) Howell of Delaware, Ohio; a sister, Rosa Lee Thompson of Hammond, Indiana; and 11 grandchildren: Michelle, Thomas, Joseph, Gabrielle, Elizabeth, Matthew, Michael, Brandon, Monika, Kendell, and Hayley Howell.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Jack Allen and Dennis Howell.

Funeral services for James Hobert Howell will be conducted Wednesday, December 31, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Joe Meade officiating.

Burial will follow in the Howell Family Cemetery in Harold, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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Maggie T. Howell

Maggie T. Howell, age 81, of Teaberry, widow of Emmitt Howell, passed away Saturday, December 27, 2008, at her residence.

She was born March 9, 1927, in Craynor, a daughter of the late Andy Lee and Effie Jones Tackett. She was a retired teacher from the Floyd County School System.

She is survived by one daughter, Mylesia (Paul) Little of Minnie; one brother, Winston Tackett of Stanville; one sister, Cassie Tackett of Teaberry; two grandchildren: Misty (Chad) Fitzpatrick and Nicholas Little; and one great-grandchild, Kennedi Isabella Little.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Clifford and Tony Tackett; and one sister, Lula Mae Newsome.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at noon, in the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Ike Roberts Cemetery, in Grethel, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. (Paid obituary)

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Joe Innis

Joe Innis, 66, of Honaker, died Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at St. Joseph Martin.

Born September 15, 1942, in Pike County, he was the son of the late William "Bill" and Sarah Justice Innis. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the the Pikeville Old Regular Baptist Church since April 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Joann Kidd Innis.

Other survivors include three sons: Billy Joe Innis of Pike County, Mack Freddie B. Innis of Honaker, and Kelvin Innis of Paintsville; a daughter, Della Innis of Betsy Layne; a sister, Martha Damron of Mouthcard; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Kelly Jackson Innis; four brothers: Henry Innis, Nathan Innis, Norman Innis, and Robert Innis; a sister, Ella Innis; and a halfbrother, Dave Stevens.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 20, at 11 a.m., at the Pikeville Old Regular Baptist Church, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Kidd Cemetery, in Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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William Lewis (Bill) Miller

William Lewis (Bill) Miller, age 75, of Prestonsburg, passed away Saturday, December 27, 2008, at his residence.

Born February 16, 1933, in West Prestonsburg, he was the son of late Linden and Lillie Mae Elliott Miller. He was a retired self-employed salesman, and a member of Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, where he was a deacon for 16 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Calhoun Miller.

Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Fayette and Carl Stumbo of McDowell, and Connie and Bryce Krueger of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; two brothers and two sisters: Boyd Miller, Gary Lynn Miller, Katie Owens, and Norma Jean Shepherd, all of Warsaw, Indiana; one granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Jaynie and William Watts of McDowell; and one great-grandson, Noah Watts of McDowell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Stewart Miller and Manis Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, with Phillip Ramey and Manford Fannin officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Dorothy Moore

Dorothy Moore, age 84, of McDowell, passed away Thursday, December 25, 2008, at Highland's Regional Medical Center.

Born March 19, 1924, at Hi Hat, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Eddie Thacker Justice. She was a mother, grandmother, a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Moore.

Survivors include four sons: Henry Poston, of Flat Gap; James Poston Jr., and Sherman Poston, both of McDowell; and Ricky Moore and wife, Tracey, of Nicholasville; three daughters: Marie Gayheart, and husband, Billy, of McDowell; Nadine Springer and husband, Clinton, of McDowell; and Lola McClanahan and husband, Terry Lee, of Teaberry; one brother, Nathaniel Justice, of Clyde, Ohio; 20 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; one stepson, James Alvin Moore, of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and one stepdaughter, Nancy Sue Bailey, of Ironton, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Noah Justice and James

Justice; three sisters, Mary Magaline Moore, Kizzie Halbert, and Rebecca Dye.

Funeral services were Sunday, December 28, at 11 a.m., at the First Baptist Church at McDowell, with Gene Bracken and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Gloria Gaye Porter

Gloria Gaye Porter, age 67, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 16, 2008, at her residence.

Born October 4, 1941, in Wheelwright, she was the daughter of the late Ollie P. and Grace Trustley Ellis. She was a retired postal worker, and a member of the Tabernacle Church, in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde Porter.

Other survivors include two sons: Steven Gregory Porter and Clyde Ollie (Suzanne) Porter, both of Prestonsburg; a brother, Tilden R. (Vervie) Ellis of Prestonsburg; and a sister, Betty Joe Hipster of Lima, Ohio; two grandchildren: Gabrielle Victoria (Brandon) Spears and Christian Steven Porter; and a great-grandchild, Rachael Madison Grace Spears.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Willie George and Ollie F. Ellis.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 19, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Aiken officiating.

Burial was in Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with additional services each night at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Gartha M. Stewart

Gartha M. Stewart, age 91, of Tram, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2008, at her residence.

She was born January 16, 1917, in Johnson County, the daughter of the late James and Margaret Dale McClure. She was a homemaker.

She is preceded in death by, her husband, Charles Thomas Stewart, two sons, Charles Edward Stewart and Rex Allen Stewart, and a daughter, Lola Newsome.

Survivors include: four sons: James T. Stewart of Betsy Layne, Paul D. Stewart of Ivel, and Kenneth E. Stewart and Kent E. Stewart, both of Tram; four daughters: Glenna T. Stewart of Tram, Judy Adkins of Nankin, Ohio, Ilene Clark of Harold; and Sandra Collins of Drift; one sister, Verna Caldwell of Wyandotte, Michigan; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 25, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin.

Burial was in the Stewart

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Card of Thanks

The family of Ersha Deskins Layne would like to express our appreciation to all 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 Clergyman Belmont Johnson for his 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 ERSHA DESKINS LAYNE

Card of Thanks

The family of Shirley Vanderpool would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman Jack Adkins 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 SHIRLEY VANDERPOOL

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, 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.

Faith Freewill Baptist Watch Night Service
Night Watch Service at Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church, located on South 1428, Prestonsburg. Wednesday night, Dec. 31, starting at 7 p.m.; Donnie Patrick, Pastor.

Samuel May House schedules Old Christmas
Please join us as we celebrate Old Christmas at the Historic Samuel May House, Sunday, January 4, 2 p.m., to 6 p.m. Entertainment—Refreshments—Tours. House is located on North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Melvin Goins Homecoming honors troops and veterans
Melvin Goins Homecoming concert in honor and tribute to our troops and veterans. Saturday, January 10, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Featuring: Melvin Goins, Moron Bros., Charlie Sizemore and many more. Admission: \$20 in advance; \$22 at door. Tickets on sale now. 1-888-622-2787 or call 1-606-928-2121 for more information.

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

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!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?
The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

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 learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:
Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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.

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 wel-

come 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.

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External Diploma Program
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YES MAN (PG-13). Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
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There is nothing worse than aggressive stupidity.

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

— Guest View —

Times require new approaches to retirement

FedEx, Motorola, General Motors.

Those are some of the large American companies that have recently announced they are suspending contributions to employees' 401(k) plans. Their announcements, and others, have come since September as the global financial crisis worsened and, in particular, credit markets seized up.

As companies struggle to find cash for operations, capital projects and debt service, it is understandable that they consider trimming or eliminating the matching payments they make to workers' self-directed retirement accounts — most typically 50 cents on the dollar up to a maximum of 3 percent of pay.

Such cuts, of course, are a blow to many workers' retirement plans, already walloped by the stock market's precipitous decline over the last 14 months.

Traditional pension plans — in which an employer promises a defined benefit paid over time or in a lump sum — have been on a path to extinction for some time. They have been replaced by 401(k)s, named for the section of the tax code that authorized them, which allow workers to invest pretax income, usually accompanied by a company match, into a basket of stock, bond and money-market funds. Workers then bear the burden of managing those investments, something that probably seemed unthreatening to many until the arrival of the punishing bear market.

In any case, with the disappearance of traditional pensions, the government's paralysis on reforming Social Security and Medicare and now the nascent trend toward reduced 401(k) contributions, workers are facing radical changes to the way they must plan for retirement.

Our preference is that one reward of every long working career be a secure retirement, through some combination of employer contributions, Social Security and individual savings. But market forces are at work here. If private employers judge that 401(k) cuts are necessary to survive and thrive, so be it. In fact, if such cuts allow them to avoid layoffs, that is to be welcomed in these difficult times. When the economy eventually improves, we trust that many of these companies will be compelled to reinstate 401(k) matches and other retirement benefits or risk losing quality employees to those that do so.

In the meantime, workers looking toward their golden years really have only one choice: self-reliance. As difficult as it may be just now, they must save, and save aggressively.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



— Letters —

Israel's actions wrong, self-defeating

I would like to share with your readers an e-mail I wrote to President Bush and Kentucky's U.S. senators about Israel's weekend air strikes on Gaza, in Palestine, that killed so many innocent people:

Israel's continued insistence on attacking Gaza with all its disproportionate might, killing hundreds of people, is barbaric and self-defeating, for if they really want peace they wouldn't do it. Nor would they build a partition wall on Palestinian territory. Nor would they cut off electricity and water to millions of Gazans. Nor would they refuse to allow humanitarian aid (food, medicine and other basic needs) into Gaza to help the hundreds of thousands who are destitute as the result of their collective punishment for having democratically elected Hamas into their government. No one dares to say it here in the

U.S., where few people understand the truth about the history of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, but Hamas is not a terrorist group. It is a national, patriotic, humanitarian organization which was voted in by Palestinians because of all the good things they have done for them and their dedication to defending them against a criminal occupation.

Since taking power in Palestine, the Hamas leader has several times extended an olive branch of compromise to Israel with assurances that if it ends the occupation, removes the illegal settlements and apartheid wall, and withdraws to the 1967 borders, it would be possible for the two entities to live side by side in peace. These overtures were ignored ... even by most in the American press.

Israel's ongoing violent occupation speaks volumes about its intentions for Palestine and its people. Yet, we refuse to see it and effectively intercede. Such actions and America's apparent blind support of them merely serve to breed terrorism, not prevent it. Is this what we want? Israel has not learned that destructive air strikes in

Gaza, Lebanon, or anywhere else will not quell the masses as it always claims it will. Instead, it will foment further hatred and indignation and more generations of resisters will undoubtedly emerge.

If, on the other hand, Israel is being honest about wanting peace, then I urge you to persuade its leaders to cease with this continued, counterproductive policy of oppression and inhumane treatment of Palestinians and the usurpation of their land by illegal settlements and government land grabs.

If we don't take action, our country is sure to go down in history as Israel's biggest partner in extinguishing an entire indigenous population. Is that what we want?

This is not a legacy that I as an American citizen wish to share.

Please do something to stop these air strikes on Gaza. These people have already suffered beyond our comprehension.

Thank you for your time.

Elaine Shiber
Van Lear

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House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

The 2009 Regular Session starting in less than a week will give state lawmakers the chance to address new issues like rapidly dwindling reserves in the state unemployment trust fund, but "old" issues that we were unable to address in session this year or in past years will also likely crop up.

Some of these old issues are tied to legislative successes this year, particularly last summer's reform of the state pension system. You will remember that last June we passed major pension reform that extends the years of service new state employees are required to work, increases the amount that employees pay into the overburdened state health insurance system and makes other changes that we expect will eventually save the state retirement system nearly \$500 million. Matters relating to state retirement that were not able to be addressed in the June special session — including improving system investments and the possibility of offering employees a defined contribution plan for retirement rather than a traditional benefit plan only — have either been under study by a state working group this summer or are found in leftover bills from 2008.

Besides considering any recommendations from the working group that are drafted into legislation, lawmakers will likely revisit the idea of extending what is called a "retirement window" — or a timeframe that allows employees to receive enhanced benefits if they retire by a certain date — for many state and county employees. Hundreds of employees have taken advantage of the current retirement windows which expire on Jan. 1, 2009, leading some lawmakers and

state agencies affected by the retirements to seek an extension of the Jan. 1 deadline to keep experienced employees.

The issue was last addressed in the 2008 Regular Session through House Bill 53 but never got out of committee. There could be a few reasons for that. One reason could be concerns among some lawmakers and others that extending the window would not save the ailing retirement system any money and only temporarily delay the loss of experienced employees. Another issue is whether the bill is really necessary: Based on recent data from the retirement systems, fewer and fewer employees are eligible for the retirement window since so many have already retired. As of late June, only 3,800 total state employees were eligible for the window, along with 1,196 county employees.

Still, I believe we will at least receive an introduced bill similar to HB 53 to consider in the upcoming session, whether or not it goes anywhere. Serious consideration of the working group recommendations I feel is more likely at this point.

In the area of education, at least one issue we may consider is the need to improve college access for nontraditional students (usually those over the age of 24) in order to meet the state's goal of doubling its number of bachelor's degree holders by 2020. These adults typically have to enroll part-time due to family duties and/or financial constraints and will need more state assistance — financial, tutoring, etc. — to get back into the classroom. There are existing programs for these students available through the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, but they are limited. With fewer avenues for success available, lawmakers will likely be called on to ramp up assistance programs for nontraditional students in order to meet our 2020 goal. The current \$450-plus million state budget

shortfall will make that and the need to increase general funding for education at all levels difficult, but it is an issue that likely will come before us.

Health issues like increasing physical activity in schools and including vaccinations against the human papillomavirus among school immunizations for young girls which have not been resolved in past sessions are sure to come before us again in January. But they are not the only issues we face in the health arena. Another issue we may consider that is particularly noteworthy is how involved the state should be in expanding health insurance coverage for uninsured Kentuckians.

Action taken by the governor last month will help increase membership in KCHIP (state Children's Health Insurance Program) by doing away with a face-to-face interview requirement for enrollment, shortening the application process and allowing a 30-day grace period to renew participation in the program for uninsured children. This is a tremendous effort that state lawmakers may build on in the next session by making other changes that increase the number of insured Kentuckians.

Looking at the issue of safety, I have little doubt that legislation to restrict the use of cell phones while driving will be raised again next session although such bills have been unsuccessful in the past. Since state Transportation Cabinet data shows that cell phone use while driving is a factor in less than one percent of all traffic collisions, lawmakers may continue to turn down any proposed restriction. We will have to wait and see.

There will be much to report on issues facing the 2009 Kentucky General Assembly when we convene next week after the New Year's celebrations have passed. That said, I hope that 2009 brings good things to the Commonwealth and to you and yours.

Calendar

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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Obituaries

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Family Cemetery in Tram, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Justin Boyd, Don Shephard, Charles Newsome, Richard Lyon, Dennis Hall, Jimmy Stewart, Gary Adkins, and James Stewart. (Paid obituary)

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Paul Douglas Stewart

Paul Douglas Stewart, age 55, of Ivel, passed away Friday, December 26, 2008, at his residence.

Born June 19, 1953, at Tram, he was the son of the late Charles Thomas and Gartha Mae McClure Stewart; he was a self-employed contract laborer.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Keathley Stewart.

Other survivors include: one son and one daughter, Jimmy Stewart of Tram, and Amanda Stewart of Ivel; three brothers and four sisters: James Thomas Stewart of Betsy Layne, Kenneth E. Stewart and Kent E. Stewart, both of Tram; Glenna Faye Stewart of Tram, Judy Adkins of Ashland, Ohio; Ilene Clark of Harold, and Sandra Darlene Collins of Drift; and five grandchildren: Jordan Ray, Makayla, Elijah, Shianna, and Andria.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son and one daughter: Michael Paul Stewart and Paula Stewart; two brothers and one sister: Charles Edward Stewart, Rex Allen Stewart, and Lola Patsine Newsome.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frasure Funeral Home, Martin, with Bob Damron officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart Family Cemetery at Tram.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Henry J. Wright

Henry J. Wright, age 76, of Minnie, husband of Matifern Martin Wright, passed away Saturday, December 27, 2008, at the King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He was born August 14, 1932, in Drift, a son of the late Roy and Rosie Kelso Wright. He was a Korean War veteran; a member of the UMWA; and Left Beaver Rescue Squad.

In addition to his wife, Matifern, he is survived by two sons: Nathan Wright of Martin, and Jeff Wright, of Lexington; one daughter, Cindy (William) Nantz, of Lexington; four brothers: Amos Wright of Sturgis, Michigan, Andy Wright of Emma, Johnny Wright of Prestonsburg; five sisters: Katherine Newman of Martin; Ruth Ann Striby of Cocoa Beach, Florida; Phyllis Senyk of Charleston, South Carolina; Doris Armstrong of Fawn River, Michigan; and Violet Hurst of Prestonsburg; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Imogene Castle.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 30, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Ted Shannon and Gene Bracken officiating.

Burial was in the K.F. Martin Cemetery, in Minnie, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Roy Dale Wright, Amos Wright, John Wright, Matthew Martin, Brandon Hall, Lenville Martin, and Mallory Wright. (Paid obituary)

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Legislator files bill to raise alcohol taxes, close loopholes in horse industry

FRANKFORT — Rep. Rick Nelson will be filing a bill to reduce the state's reliance on cigarette taxes to fill its \$456 million revenue shortfall, the representative has said.

"Smokers and tobacco users should not bear the entire load of any tax increase," said Nelson, D-Middlesboro. "If we have to raise taxes, they should be spread more evenly, and we should close the loop-

holes that give a preference to some citizens at the expense of others."

Nelson's bill calls for increasing the wholesale tax on alcoholic beverages to 20 percent, up from the current 11

percent. "Advocates say that a cigarette tax is important because it will reduce the number of youth smokers," Nelson said. "We should also be doing everything we can to prevent minors from accessing

beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages."

The bill would also eliminate several loopholes that allow horse breeders and owners to avoid taxes. Boarding, training, and stud fees, as well as horse sales, are currently exempt from the state's 6 percent sales tax. "I understand that we have to keep our equine industry competitive," Nelson said, "but it needs to be on a level playing field with other agricultural pursuits. Our cattle farmers are a large component of our farm economy, and they are seeing tough times as well. We can't play favorites when everyone is struggling."

Gov. Steve Beshear has proposed a 70-cents-per-pack tax increase on cigarettes to meet the commonwealth's needs. In order to cut costs, he

has also asked state agencies to reduce spending by 4 percent on top of 12 percent cuts, from the previous year's budget. The governor has also suggested diverting more than \$17 million in surplus coal severance money to the state's general fund.

"We're facing tough times, and that calls for tough decisions," Nelson said, "but all Kentuckians should bear the burden, not just smokers and those from coal counties. We have to work together to find a better solution, and I intend to put forward my ideas."

Nelson said economists with the Legislative Research Commission will review the bill to evaluate the revenue from the bill, with the information available to lawmakers when they return to Frankfort in January.



The Highlands Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is a group of dedicated members who volunteer their time and services to support the mission of HRMC. To financially support the hospital, this group gives countless hours and money toward various projects throughout the year. Besides their large gift to the Highlands Foundation "Hope for Life" Campaign, this group bought new furniture for the Support Care Recreational Area on the third floor of Highlands Regional Medical Center this year. During the recent annual Auxiliary Christmas event, new officers were named for the 2009 year, including Hollie Blanton, as president; Ada Caudill, as vice president; Marvin Sturgill, as secretary; and Elizabeth Ramey, treasurer. If you would be interested in volunteering at Highlands Regional Medical Center, please call Melissa Vance, Director of Community Development, at 886-7468.

Draud submits resignation as education commissioner

FRANKFORT — Jon E. Draud, Kentucky's fourth commissioner of education, today announced that he would resign the position effective in early February.

"I have informed Joe Brothers, chair of the state Board of Education, that I am resigning my position as Commissioner of Education for the state of Kentucky," Draud said. "While I feel that I have provided outstanding leadership during my illness, it has caused me to rethink my priorities."

"Dr. Draud has distinguished himself as an educator and a tireless advocate for education over the past five decades," said Kentucky Board of Education Chair Joe Brothers. "His service in various leadership roles, including classroom teacher, principal, superintendent, legislator and commissioner, reflect an untiring commitment to public education in Kentucky. His decision to retire is a personal one, and the entire board supports him in that decision."

"We wish him well as he enjoys his family and improving health in the coming years. We shouldn't be surprised in the future to find that Jon is out there somewhere, advocating for public education in his retirement years."

Draud was selected as commissioner in November 2007, after serving as a state legislator representing Kentucky's 63rd District. He was vice-chair of the House Education Committee. Draud also served as director of School/University Partnerships at Northern Kentucky University.

Draud was an associate professor at NKU; superintendent of the Ludlow Independent school district; assistant superintendent of Lockland (Ohio) Public Schools; member of the Kenton County Board of Education; and a school principal and teacher.

In September, Draud suffered a mild stroke that affected his ability to walk. He is currently engaging in physical therapy to strengthen his leg muscles and expects to make a full recovery.

Brothers said that the board will likely schedule a special meeting in January to discuss plans for the future, including consideration of selection of an interim commissioner and the search process to fill the position for the long term.

Blue Grass CARE Fund to aid needy during economic downturn

LEXINGTON — Desperate central and eastern Kentucky residents in need of food, shelter, utility assistance and other emergency services will receive additional help through local nonprofit agencies, thanks to a new emergency needs fund announced today by Blue Grass Community Foundation.

The fund, known as the Blue Grass Collaborative Assistance Relief Effort or CARE, is being built through private donations and corporate gifts from around central and eastern Kentucky. It is in response to the alarming increase in requests for aid by many individuals and families in the region due to the severe downturn in the local economy.

"We became distressed as reports from local nonprofits poured into our offices about shortages of money and supplies to help those in need in our communities," said Anne E. Nash, President and CEO of Blue Grass Community Foundation, which will manage the fund. "We decided to act quickly to establish a fund to help as many individuals and families as possible cope with this economy reality. We don't want anyone to have to make a choice between 'heat or eat' when we can do something about it," added Nash.

Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry attended the CARE fund announcement and urged the public to donate to the fund to aid local residents in this unprecedented time of need. "I was thrilled to learn of Blue Grass Community Foundation's leadership in coordinating this collaborative response to aid our most vulnerable citizens. CARE will help local nonprofit agencies on the front lines of serving those in need continue their good work and deal with the impact of these difficult times. I encourage individuals and other corporations to step up to the plate and support this effort."

Several local organizations and corporations have already pledged to support the fund, including Fifth Third Bank, Keeneland Association, Lane Charitable Foundation Fund at BGCF, John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and Toyota Motor Manufacturing

Kentucky. About \$65,000 has already been committed by the partners as a challenge to the community.

"During these difficult times it becomes even more important to reach out and help your neighbor. Toyota is pleased to reach out with other community partners to support the CARE Fund for our Central Kentucky neighbors," said Nila Wells of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc.

Eileen O'Malley of The Nest, a nonprofit social service agency in Lexington, said the community's need has increased in the past year and could grow even more dramatic. "Parents come to The Nest for free day care services, counseling and parenting classes. Some haven't eaten in two days. They can't afford clothes, diapers, food. A few months ago we were seeing 10 to 15 people a day. Now it has increased to 25-30, a 100 percent increase. There is tremendous need here."

This story is not unique to The Nest. Jack Burch of Community Action Council reports a 43 percent increase in requests for help in their energy assistance program, 77 percent of which are new clients.

Similarly, Marian Guinn of God's Pantry Food Bank expressed her concerns. "While fully prepared to help, we continue to be startled by the overwhelming increase in need from families in this community. We have experienced some months where we have had requests for emergency food assistance from more than 1,900 households, which more than doubles a long-standing average of 600 to 800 families served per month. As startling as this data related to Fayette County is, we know that other member agencies across our 50-county service area are seeing similar and sometimes more dramatic increases," said Guinn.

Blue Grass Community Foundation, founded in 1967, provides philanthropic leadership and support by connecting people who give to causes they care about. The Foundation has assets of \$30 million and awarded over \$3 million in grants in 2008. The Foundation offers a variety of ways donors can meet

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AG issues refund checks to donors misled by purported veterans charity

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway last week issued refund checks totaling nearly \$10,000 to 558 Kentuckians who made donations to the American Veterans Coalition.

Earlier this month, General Conway announced a settlement with the Washington-

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.

"Kentuckians gave to the American Veterans Coalition with the belief that their contributions would help those who have sacrificed so much for our

country. Unfortunately, they were misled. I am pleased that we were able to recover the money and that we can now return it to the families who gave so generously," said General Conway.

In the settlement announced Dec. 10, American Veterans Coalition and its principal

operators, Robert Friend, Jr. and Shao Mei Wang, were barred from soliciting contributions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 10 years. The settlement also required the charity to refund \$9,927.50, the entire amount raised in Kentucky, as restitution.

The Office of the Attorney

General alleged 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 raised nationally in 2006, the group only spent \$7,400 in financial assistance to veterans.

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

Conway announces \$1.1 million settlement with drug manufacturer

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway announced last week a settlement with Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) resolving contentions that BMS violated court orders in two earlier lawsuits blocking the company from entering into collusive agreements with generic drug competitors.

In settling, BMS acknowledged its responsibility, agreed to pay \$1.1 million, including \$14,421.52 to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and consented to court orders designed to avoid future misconduct.

"BMS's actions in violation of express court orders denied the Commonwealth of Kentucky critical information needed to guard against anti-competitive conduct," General Conway said. "We are sending a strong message to all companies that we will not tolerate non-compliance with court

orders or failure to abide by agreements made with the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

In the two prior cases, BMS had settled state charges that it had unlawfully deprived consumers of cheaper generic versions of its drugs Buspar and Taxol. Under those settlements, BMS paid the states \$150 million. The company also agreed to two federal court orders that required BMS to avoid any future similar anti-competitive conduct, to notify the states of any patent litigation settlements with generic drug competitors and to provide the states with yearly compliance reports.

In March 2006, BMS reached a settlement with generic drug manufacturer Apotex, Inc. in a patent infringement lawsuit involving BMS' blockbuster drug, Plavix. The Plavix settlement triggered BMS's notification obligations under the earlier

court orders in the Buspar and Taxol cases and was subject to state approval.

According to the states, the Plavix settlement that BMS provided was inaccurate and incomplete, as were BMS's 2007 and 2008 compliance reports, because BMS failed to disclose non-documented, "side" arrangements that a BMS official had made with Apotex. Kentucky and 49 other states contended that BMS's failure to inform the states of the secret arrange-

ments violated the Buspar and Taxol court orders.

As a result of this investigation, BMS acknowledged responsibility for making incomplete and false statements to the states, and agreed to pay the states \$1.1 million. BMS further agreed to revised court orders extending its reporting obligations to the states and establishing harsh monetary penalties for any future violations of the Buspar or Taxol court orders.

Nelson

Greg," Nelson said. "I'll be there for advice and assistance, and I truly think that Greg is the most and best qualified person to serve Floyd County as coroner."

Along with Roger and

Greg, a large part of the Nelson family work in the funeral business, including Sandy Nelson, wife of Roger Nelson. Another son, Roger Nelson II, also serves as a funeral director.

LINKS

Gladys Crum was helping his staff consider property lines along the family's land when she asked about the possibility of getting a new home of her own.

"This was the first time we ever worked with a brother and sister who were neighbors," Patton said during the Crums' open house along Robinson Hollow at Arkansas Creek Tuesday. "But we ended up just tearing down both the old houses and putting these new houses in their place."

Danny and Franceen entertained guests at their new two-bedroom home while Gladys invited friends of her own to her new house, an exact replica of her brother's.

"I'm so grateful to be able to stay here," Gladys Crum said. "I knew I was going to have to do something about the old house and I just appreciate what they have done for me."

Gladys Crum had lived with her and Danny's mother until 2006, when she passed away. She was buried on the

land with their father, just above where the new homes now stand.

"I wish they were here to see this," Danny Crum said Tuesday. "Our old house was about to fall down."

Danny and Franceen Crum had lived for four decades in a mobile home beside Danny's mother's house before finally making the decision to apply for LINKS assistance.

On Tuesday, the Crums were all smiles as Gladys Crum poured coffee in her kitchen and Danny and Franceen Crum adjusted ornaments on a Christmas tree set up in their otherwise empty living room.

"Now we're just eager to get all the rest of our stuff and get moved in for good," Danny Crum said.

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Beshear

progress and growth.

Beshear met with officials recently in Hazard and said the coal severance fund had seen a surplus in collected taxes over the past year. That surplus was more than the state ever expected to see, Beshear said, adding that moving the excess funds to the general budget would do nothing to place any approved projects in harm for coal-producing counties.

The surplus was the result of a higher price for coal over the past year than anticipated.

Beshear has been traveling the state in the last month seeking support for his plan to shore up a mounting \$456 million budget shortfall. Other issues have been the need for jail reform and also highlighting the upcoming legislative session.

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Beshear has been met with the same firm resistance at other stops when mention of taking the coal severance funds has been brought to the table.

In Hazard, the governor pointed to a precedent for diverting restricted funds, particularly the last session earlier this year when approximately the same amount was taken from a tobacco settlement to ease state budget woes.

In total, 11 judge-executive from Eastern Kentucky attended the meeting in Prestonsburg Monday.

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PET OF THE WEEK



This week's celebrity is retired air force major Paul Stumbo. Paul is employed as an engineer designing the F-35 air force jet. Also, he is the brother of Court of Appeals Judge, Janet Stumbo. Paul is holding Jules, a ten-week-old female, springer spaniel mix.

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EK Miner Blackburn named CBA Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY — The Continental Basketball Association announced last week that Jermaine Blackburn of the East Kentucky Miners had been named the first CBA Player of the Week of the 2008-09 season. Blackburn, a Boise State product, averaged 20.7 points, 8.0 rebounds and 7.2 assists per game for the 6-0

"Miners as the second-year professional basketball franchise played the first section of its schedule against three different ABA teams in the CBA-

ABA Interleague Challenge. Blackburn earned the CBA's first quadruple-double ever in the East Kentucky Miners' 154-111 victory over the American Basketball Association's West Virginia Wild Saturday, Dec. 20. In the victory, Blackburn scored 22 points, dished out 14 assists, stole the ball 10 times and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Blackburn followed this unprecedented performance one night later with a triple-double against the same West Virginia team. Blackburn had 22 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists in only 31 minutes of

playing time to wrap up the CBA Player of the Week award-winning effort.

"I'm very happy at what Jermaine has brought to this basketball team," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He has the ability to play four different positions on the basketball floor and he creates mismatch problems for our opponents. I'm very happy that the CBA recognized Jermaine's accomplishments over the first six games of the season."

Blackburn has been productive for East Kentucky since the opening tip of the

2008-09 season. In a season-opening win over the Kentucky Bisons, Blackburn led East Kentucky in scoring, finishing with a game-high 26 points on a 12-for-19 shooting effort.

Blackburn etched his name into the basketball record books with the recent triple-double performance.

A list of professional and college basketball players who have earned quadruple-doubles follows.

NBA: Nate Thurmond, October 18, 1974, Chicago Bulls vs. Atlanta Hawks; 22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists,

12 blocks.

Alvin Robertson, February 18, 1986, San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns; 20 points, 11 rebounds, 10 assists, 10 steals.

Hakeem Olajuwon, March 29, 1990, Houston Rockets vs. Milwaukee Bucks; 18 points, 16 rebounds, 10 assists, 11 blocks.

David Robinson, February 17, 1994, San Antonio Spurs vs. Detroit Pistons; 34 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists, 10 blocks.

CBA: Jermaine Blackburn, December 20, 2008, East Kentucky Miners v. West

Virginia Wild, 22 points, 14 assists, 10 rebounds, 10 steals.

USBL:

Darrell Armstrong, July 3, 1992, Atlanta Trojans; 43 points, 10 rebounds, 13 assists, 10 steals.

ABL:

Debbie Black, December 8, 1996, Colorado Xplosion v. Atlanta Glory, 10 points, 12 assists, 14 rebounds, 10 steals.

ABA:

Jamel Staten, February 2, 2007, Minnesota Ripknees v. St. Louis Stunners, 29 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists, 10 steals.

Floyd native Slone provides spark for UK



LANDON SLONE

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — For a second straight game Monday night, freshman walk-on Landon Slone provided the University of Kentucky men's basketball program with a spark off of the bench. Slone, a Floyd County native who starred at Paintsville High School, scored eight points, grabbed five rebounds and dished off two assists as Kentucky crushed Central Michigan 84-52. Slone hit two of four three-point field goal attempts in 24 minutes Monday night. The player who came up through the Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) basketball program in junior high, also played 20-plus minutes Saturday.

"I was surprised he missed his shots on Saturday because he is a guy that can take us the right way," said Kentucky Coach Billy Gillispie said in a postgame press conference Monday night. "He doesn't get caught thinking a whole lot. He is not catching and shooting the ball thinking I hope this goes in or I hope I don't miss. He is going to catch the ball and shoot it. He has obviously been coached very well and comes from a great basketball program. He has played great for us the last couple of days. I think he can shoot it, and I think he can score. He has been giving us a great spark defensively. He was the best guy in the first part of the game when we were down nine. He was the best guy at pressuring the ball and making some extra-effort plays. He got us going a little bit and they started missing."

Slone, who led Paintsville to the 15th Region championship, received a standing ovation from the Rupp Arena crowd Monday night.

"I love playing in front of a big crowd," said Slone. "It's always been fun for me. I've never played in front of a crowd like this before but when you get a standing ovation, it really means a lot."

Slone is hopeful to gain more playing time as the season progresses.

"That's Coach Gillispie's decision, but I just have to keep doing what I'm doing," Slone said when asked about the possibility of playing more. "I just want to keep building my trust with coach. He really does want guys to compete out there. I think if I keep doing that I'll have a chance."

CHAMPIONSHIP FORM



Adams players hoisted the championship trophy following a title game triumph in the Cougar Classic at Elkhorn City. The Blackcats are scheduled to resume Floyd County Conference play next week.

Adams wins Cougar Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ELKHORN CITY — The Christmas break usually means some well-deserved rest and relaxation for area hoops teams, but for the Adams Blackcats, the supposed holiday layoff brought about a six-game marathon over a two-day period in the Elkhorn City Cougar Christmas Classic. The run ended in a championship as Adams captured the tournament title.

Adams took the court on Friday in opening round play, facing Millard. The Blackcats raced out to an early 17-5 lead and never looked back en route to a 45-26 win. After a three-game break, the Blackcats would take on Martha Jane Potter in the second round. The Cardinals from Letcher County would come away with a 51-40 win over the

Blackcats, sending Adams to the losers bracket for day two.

In order to win the tournament, Adams would have to win four games on Saturday. The Blackcats opened the afternoon with a 37-22 win over Dorton. After a one-game break, the Cats would have a rematch with Millard. A second game with Millard would see Adams race to a 44-8 lead after three quarters. The Blackcats went on to win 46-27.

Game three would pit Adams against the host Elkhorn City Cougars. The Blackcats would take a 27-13 lead into the half and go on to win 47-35. The win over Elkhorn City would give Adams the losers bracket title and a second shot at Martha Jane Potter for the overall championship.

Adams took a 12-8 lead after one quarter behind the

play of Bryson Williams. The Blackcat point guard tossed in five of his 13 points in the first quarter. Adams held a 20-17 lead at the half. Martha Jane would take the lead 28-27 after three quarters. Both teams exchanged baskets in the final quarter and MJP held a 34-33 lead with :10 left in the game. After an Adams timeout, Williams took the inbounds pass and raced the length of the floor. A 10 foot jumper hit nothing but the bottom of the net with :01 left to give the Blackcats the tournament title.

Seventh grader Tyler Keens finished the championship game with seven points and 12 rebounds for the Adams team. Gary Arnett added nine points.

Adams Coach Jamie Howell was pleased with his team's performance.

"These kids have really earned my respect after these

two days," Howell commented. "We had to win four games in one day to win this tournament and they told me this morning they wanted another shot at MJP and they did it and I could not be more proud of them."

Adams improved to 16-4 overall with the win. The Blackcats will get some well-deserved rest this week.

"We don't play again until January 5, so the boys will get some time off," explained Howell. "We get back to Floyd County play on the Jan. 5 at Stumbo and hope to keep playing well then."

"I can't say enough about the play of guys like Derek Newsome, Trey Stapleton, Garran Newsome, Bryson Williams, Gary Arnett, Tyler Keens, Jacob Chaffins, Kody Davis and JD Adams they worked really well together this weekend."

Lynn Camp too much for South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CORBIN — Lynn Camp gradually pulled away from South Floyd Sunday in a tournament matchup played as part of the Cumberland Falls Invitational, defeating its fellow Class A boys' basketball team 76-60.

South Floyd exited the first quarter with a 19-17 lead. The early lead, however, proved to be shortlived. Lynn Camp outscored South Floyd 12-8 in low-scoring second quarter. The Wildcats, a former regional football foe for South Floyd, outscored the Raiders 28-17 in the third quarter, extending a lead that had been established in the first half.

Sophomore Tyler Wagner led Lynn Camp with a game-high 27 points. Wagner, a proven performer for the Wildcats, led a quartet of four Lynn Camp scorers that reached double figures. Senior Jonah Mitchell added 18 for the Wildcats.

Junior center Corey Paige led South Floyd with 16 points. Tommy Joe Hall — a versatile player who can play forward, guard or center — joined Paige in double figures for the Raiders, scoring 11 points.

A host of South Floyd players dented the scoring column. Matt Tackett and Chris Gibson scored six points apiece for the Raiders. Tyler Mitchell pushed in four points while Brandon Marson and Jordan Burke added two each.

Other teams playing in the Corbin Falls Invitational included host Corbin, South Laurel, Boyle County and Knox Central.

Highlands pounds P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOUNT STERLING — Highlands scored 21 points in each of the first two quarters Sunday en route to a 70-28 win over Prestonsburg in the Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery County. The Blackcats struggled offensively and were held to eight points or less in each of the first three quarters.

Highlands outscored Prestonsburg 21-6 in the first quarter and packed a wide 42-14 lead into halftime.

A school known for its football program, Highlands has claimed its share of hardwood hardware. The Bluebirds remained out in front comfortably in the second half versus the Blackcats, outscoring Prestonsburg 18-3 in the third quarter. Junior guard Stephen Kowolonek led Highlands with a team-high 13 points. Zach Lothar — another junior guard for the Bluebirds — netted 12 points.

Senior Austin Gearheart led Prestonsburg with 10 points. Gearheart — one of the 15th Region's most athletic players — was the lone Prestonsburg Blackcat to reach double figures.

Michael Burchett and Steven Patrick had six points each for the Blackcats. Seth Setser scored four points and Jody Tackett added two for Prestonsburg.

Scott County defeated Prestonsburg 102-61 Saturday. The Blackcats broke back into the win column Monday, defeating Howell Central, Mo., 57-55. Complete statistics from the Prestonsburg-Howell Central game were unavailable at press time.

Prestonsburg driver Blackburn turns in fastest time in ARCA test session at Daytona

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH Fla. — Steve Blackburn ended the three-day ARCA RE/MAX Series open test at Daytona International Speedway just as he started it — on top of the speed charts.

The Prestonsburg driver led the way again late Sunday, Dec. 21 during the final drafting session with the fastest lap of the day. Blackburn, in his own Dodge Charger, circled the "World Center of Racing" in 49.952 seconds, for an average speed of 182.246 mph.

"We put on a new set (of tires) and they hooked up," said Blackburn, who was also fastest in both sessions on Friday. "The test was a real boost to our team; we can walk out of here with our

heads held high. Just hope we can come back in February and do it again."

Newcomers JR Fitzpatrick, Parker Kligerman and Mikey Kile followed on the Sunday afternoon speed charts.

Patrick Sheltra, in the Saturday afternoon drafting session, posted the overall quickest time of the three-day test with a top speed of 183.846 mph.

The three-day open test was in preparation for the 46th annual Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200, LIVE on SPEED, coming Saturday afternoon, February 7th, a pre-amble to the Budweiser Shoot Out for the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.



STEVE BLACKBURN

It's official: Clay County elk hunter holds new state record

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kelvin Jackson of Clay County holds Kentucky's new state record for a non-typical bull elk. Jackson's 8x8 bull, shot Oct. 4 in Harlan County, officially scored 367 7/8 in the Boone & Crockett Club's scoring system. The bull beat the previous non-typical record of 349 3/8 held by Andy Kidd of McCreary County.

"When I got drawn for a bull permit, you can ask my wife, I was like a kid," Jackson said. "That's the first time I've felt that way since I was seven years old."

Jackson decided not to hunt in his home county, opting instead to try a county with a larger population of elk. He began scouting Harlan County in July.

"I wasn't after a state record or anything," said Jackson, who had previously hunted elk in Colorado. "I'm kind of a meat hunter — everything I harvest, I enjoy it."

Local residents helped Jackson locate elk, and he received permission to scout and hunt on private land.

"I went to people in a little place they call Greasy," remembered Jackson. "They told me where they've been seeing elk. When I found the herd, there were 22 cows and seven bulls. I stayed behind a

big mound of dirt to watch them, up into August. I'd go there once a week to watch them."

Jackson's work paid off. As he studied the herd's behavior, he prepared to take a long-range shot.

"They were in a field, and if you approached them, they would leave," Jackson said. "I practiced shooting long-range because I figured I'd have to do that."

Jackson took the bull at 465 yards with one shot from his 300 Remington Ultra Magnum. The bull's antlers had to dry for 60 days before official scoring could take place.

Jackson's elk is the largest non-typical bull officially scored and reported to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources for the 2008 season.

"This bull is an outstanding example of what conservation can accomplish," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "A little more than a decade ago, Kentucky had no wild elk. Today, we have a large, healthy herd that consistently produces quality animals that any hunter would be proud to take home."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife intends to issue 1,000 quota elk hunting per-

mits for the 2009-10 season. The state's herd is now estimated at 9,000 animals.

"Our restoration program has reached a management stage," Brunjes said. "It will take the help of hunters, along with sound, science-based management decisions, to maintain the kind of elk herd that produces such an exceptional bull."

So far this season, no hunter has reported a typical bull larger than the 371 0/8 elk taken last year by Greg Neff of Kenton County. Archery season for elk, however, continues through Jan. 19, 2009.

Elk lottery applications for the 2009-10 hunting season are on sale now through April 30 for \$10 online at fw.ky.gov. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will conduct a random drawing in May to award the quota hunt permits. The department plans to issue 250 bull and 750 cow elk hunting permits.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Jerky making tips: Every year I look forward to making deer jerky. The scent of spicy marinade fills my kitchen as I thaw, cut, soak and dry, gradually emptying my freezer full of deer meat. I beam like a kid on Christmas morning when I lift the top of the dehydrator, revealing tray after tray of perfectly dried strips

of venison. I pack the cooled jerky into plastic bags with various marinade labels, and can't wait to give them to friends, family and co-workers.

If I seem over-enthusiastic about making jerky, it's probably because I can't cook. My attempts have led to small kitchen fires, burnt breakfast pastries and even my Mom's classic dinner-table comment, "Well, at least we have a good dessert."

My point is, if I can make jerky, anyone can.

Entire books are written on this subject, and there are many ways to do it well. But there are a few things I wish I'd known when I started. Through trial and error I've learned to use a lot of meat, clean it well, cut it consistently, marinate it for just a few hours, and dry it longer than it seems to need.

It takes a lot of deer meat to make a small amount of jerky. Ever heard the saying that our bodies are mostly water? The same is true of deer. Ten pounds of venison becomes about two pounds of jerky after drying. So set aside plenty of meat if you plan to share. It's amazing how quickly your jerky will disappear. People love this stuff.

The cleaner your meat, the better your jerky will taste.

Remove the whitish membrane, or 'silver seam', from the outside of the meat, as well as all the gristle and sinew that you can cut off. If you don't plan to make jerky right away, wrap the meat tightly in butcher paper and freeze it, then move it to the refrigerator a couple of days before you're ready to begin. Meat that is still partially frozen is far easier to cut than completely thawed meat.

I use only the large muscle groups like hams and shoulders for jerky. Large sections of meat are easier to cut and dry more consistently than smaller, more irregularly shaped pieces. Save the small cuts for stew or hamburger meat, and the tenderloins for steaks.

Be consistent in your cutting, making all strips the same thickness. It's a pain to remove jerky from the oven or dehydrator in shifts, but that's exactly what you'll be doing if your meat isn't a uniform thickness.

If you like brittle jerky, cut across the grain. If you want chewier jerky, cut with the grain. Some people prefer to turn their venison into hamburger first, then use a jerky gun to make uniform strips. I prefer the texture of cut jerky, but either method can yield good results.

Soak the cut strips of meat

in marinade for a few hours to overnight, depending on how strong you want the marinade flavor. Turn the meat several times while it soaks. Marinating too long can overwhelm the taste or lead to mushy, stringy meat.

An oven works just fine for jerky making, and many people prefer this method. I prefer a dehydrator. It takes a lot of the guess-work out of the process. I know exactly how long it will take to dry a quarter-inch thick piece of venison, and I know that every piece is drying at the same temperature. Besides, making jerky is messy, and I can throw my dehydrator racks in the dishwasher. I'd rather dress a deer than chisel dried, caked-on marinade out of my oven.

Dry the jerky a bit longer than it seems to need. The jerky's surface should crack when you bend it, but the piece should not break apart. Moisture will build up during storage, and pulling it too soon will result in sticky jerky within a day.

For marinade recipes, storage tips and more, buy a good jerky-making book or search online. There's plenty of information out there to create this convenient, high-protein snack. Best of all, even the worst cook can make great deer jerky.

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OL — Adam Dempsey, Highlands
OL — Seth Harvey, Saint Xavier
OL — Robbie Logan, Raceland
OL — Samuel Simpson, Henry Clay
OL — Larry Warford, Madison Central
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DL — Roy Philon, Bryan Station
DL — Kody Rosenhagen, Highlands
LB — Josh Carter, Fort Campbell
LB — Ichiro Chiba, Oldham County
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LB — Ridge Wilson, Central
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DB — Justin Green, Male
DB — D. J. Hall, Saint Xavier
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ATH — Tevin Barksdale, Bowling Green
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ATH — Dominic Mainello, Beechwood
ATH — Zack McCarthy, Bullitt East
ATH — Scott Radcliff, Trinity
ATH — Chase Richardson, Johnson Central
ATH — Tyrrell Willis, Calloway County

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Jordan Whiting, Trinity
COACH OF THE YEAR: Jeff Marksberry, Simon Kenton

East Kentucky Miners, Unite Pike team up for free youth camp Jan. 3

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization and UNITE Pike have teamed up in the fight against drugs. The Miners and UNITE Pike will co-host the inaugural Shoot 3 to be Drug Free camp on Saturday, Jan. 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Pikeville YMCA. Free to children ages 5-15, the camp will feature instruction from former University of Kentucky Wildcat Wayne Turner, Miners fan favorite Jason McLeish, Coach Kevin Keathley and the rest of the East Kentucky professional basketball team.

"We invite everyone ages 5-15 out to the Pikeville YMCA for this free camp," said Keathley, an Eastern Kentucky native. "This is an excellent opportunity for young players. We look forward to seeing everyone at the camp."

Food and refreshments will be provided during the Shoot 3 to be Drug Free camp. The Miners are 6-0 in the 2008-09 season. East Kentucky features some of the top talent in minor league basketball.

For more information on the Shoot 3 to be Drug Free camp, contact Leigh Ann Hughes via phone at 213-5032.

Eagles top New Hampshire, in Cardinal Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Junior Brittany Pittman scored 20 points, grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double and blocked seven shots as the Morehead State women's basketball team held New Hampshire to 27 percent shooting, and the Eagles made a season high 13 three-pointers in winning 73-46 over the Wildcats Monday in the Downtown Marriott Cardinal Classic. The Eagles improved to 8-5 overall.

"Defensively we were outstanding. That's probably the best defensive game we played all year. In the first half, we rebounded well, we got open looks and made them, and we got our transition game going and that was the key," said Morehead State Coach Mike Bradbury.

The Eagles opened up a 40-19 halftime lead shooting 41 percent in the opening 20 minutes. Pittman had 14

points and seven boards by the break. Overall, the Eagles' defensive showing was a season best for lowest opponent field goal percentage. MSU also forced UNH to shoot 3-of-18 from three-point range while MSU was hitting 13-of-37.

Pittman, who has 75 blocks in 13 games this year, has 198 for her career and is now just eight blocks away from breaking Tasha Gales' MSU career record of 205.

MSU also got a near double-double by freshman Ashley Martin. She was 5-of-8 from the field for the second consecutive night, scoring 15 points and also grabbing nine rebounds. Sophomore Chynna Bozeman notched 15 points, and junior Tiffany Hamilton had 12. Both Hamilton and Bozeman knocked down a quartet of treys apiece. Courtney Lumpkin handed a team high six assists as the Eagles had 20 total assists on 25 field goals made.

Candace Williams led the short-handed Wildcats, who only dressed eight players, with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Amy Simpson scored 11. The Wildcats did out-rebounded MSU 50-46.

Hamilton, Bozeman, and Martin staked MSU to a quick 9-2 lead four minutes into the game with trifectas each. The Wildcats cut the lead to 9-7 at the 15:02 mark, but the Eagles went on a 13-4 run and led 22-11 with 10:30 left in the opening stanza. Later, a 12-4 run — capped by a Pittman 15-foot jumper — gave MSU a 20-point lead (37-17) with 2:03 remaining.

In the second half, the Wildcats never got to within less than 21 points, and MSU's largest lead was 31 (73-42) with less than three minutes left in the contest.

For the game, the Eagles shot 39 percent and had 15 floor mistakes. MSU forced 21 UNH turnovers and scored 16 points off those miscues.

Kentucky prepares for East Carolina

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Thanks to a change of venue, the University of Kentucky football team was on firmer footing during Monday's practice as the Wildcats continue preparations for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

UK practiced for two hours and 10 minutes at mid-day on the artificial surface at Memphis University School. Because of a torrential rain Saturday night, the Wildcats had slipped and slid in muddy conditions at Rhodes College during Sunday's practice, prompting the change of site.

Monday's practice saw the arrival of quarterbacks coach Randy Sanders, who had missed Sunday's workout because of kidney stones.

"It's important to have Randy here and preparing our quarterbacks," Coach Rich

Brooks said. "It's good to have him here. There may be some down time for him in the next day or so and I hope he doesn't have too much more pain."

During a post-practice news conference, Brooks announced that sophomore tailback Moncell Allen will not participate in the bowl game. The third-team tailback, Allen has rushed for 202 yards and one touchdown this season while catching five passes for 39 yards and one TD. He also made 10 tackles in special-teams action.

Official bowl activities began Monday afternoon when several UK players visited patients at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The welcome party for the Kentucky and East Carolina teams will be held Monday night. On Tuesday, the Wildcats will attend the official bowl lun-

cheon, followed by practice.

The 50th edition of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl will be played Friday at 5 p.m. EST (4 p.m. CST in Memphis) at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium. The game will be televised by ESPN and also will be carried on ESPN Radio, the Big Blue Sports Network (radio) and on ESPN360.com.

Catwalk, Memphis Style: Kentucky fans are invited to participate in "Cat Walk" on Friday by cheering the players when they arrive at Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium.

Fans should be at the stadium by 1:45 p.m. Central time. The team buses will arrive via Mississippi Avenue and stop where the avenue dead-ends (press box side of the stadium). The players will walk past Gate 4 and enter the South Tunnel of the stadium.

Lady Blackcats fall to host Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY — Linsey Fields turned in a double-double of 19 points and 18 rebounds Monday but it wasn't enough to lead Prestonsburg past host Belfry in the Mountain Schoolgirl Classic. Belfry outscored the Lady Blackcats

25-10 in a crucial second quarter en route to a 46-36 win.

Prestonsburg failed to recover from the dismal second period.

The Lady Pirates, which improved to 3-5, snapped a two-game losing streak after defeating Prestonsburg. Belfry

dropped games to host Boyd County and Knott County Central in this year's KFC Shoot-Out.

The Lady Blackcats dropped to 2-6 following the loss. Alexis DeRossett and Kristian Waugh added seven points apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

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MILESTONE: 500 columns and counting...

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

This whole mess started up again nearly 10 years ago when I got a call from Rob Herbst, who had just assumed the role of sports editor of the Pikeville paper.

"So Bentley," he said, in that way of nearly yelling but not quite raising his voice Herbst had about him, "about this column. You want to write it for us or not?"

You may notice the final sentence isn't a question, because with Herbst, it never was. I mean, this is the guy who once came by the college gym after covering a different game because of the post-game spread we offered at the time. He walked by me grinning, never quite making eye contact, and returned moments later with a couple of sandwiches and some dessert as if he'd been here all night.

The answer to his com-

mand, though, was an easy one. Of course I wanted to write it for "us," with the "us" in this case being the paper for which I'd started writing 10 years earlier. After a couple of years off I'd returned to journalism, this time as a part-timer, writing for the paper in Williamson because they'd offered me the space.

When the News-Express came calling, I was thrilled to come home.

It was the same with this paper. I'd always had a lot of respect for The Floyd County Times. Around the time I started as sports editor in Pikeville, Ed Taylor was in charge in Prestonsburg.

Shortly before the Pikeville paper called, I was offered space in Floyd County. They didn't have to ask twice. I jumped at the chance.

And today, I join you for the 500th time since my return.

I'd love to tell you that,

like my namesake Mr. Reilly, all of them have been stellar, but the truth is that's just not the case. Some have been well above average, but most have not been worthy of the back page of Sports Illustrated.

But they've all been written with passion. That much I'm sure about.

Among those 500 columns have been odes to state championships, a couple of national titles for our local colleges and more than a few from state championship tournaments all across the commonwealth.

Along the way we've met pro baseball players, big-time coaches and a few of my friends in the media.

We've laughed until we cried and you comforted me when I lost my friend Brad Lockard and my brother within 32 days of each other five years ago last summer.

Some of the times you've read. Sometimes, I'm sure,

you've skipped me for a week or two. There've been times I've hoped you read but knew you probably didn't, times I hoped you overlooked me but could tell from my inbox you hadn't, and times we've just plain not been happy with each other.

But in the end, we've made it through.

And thank God we have.

Sometimes I feel like I could walk away from this space, turn it over to someone who follows the sports you're most passionate about — high school games in general and basketball in specific — a little closer than I'm able to do these days.

But then something will happen — something like the Pikeville College bowling team winning a national title — and I feel like I'm the right person for the job.

That's the thing about this: You can't do it very well if you don't have a certain

amount of ego. I could be wrong about it, but I believe on those days when Belfry has played for the football title or Pikeville College was in the final four of the basketball, tennis or bowling championships that I was absolutely the right man in the right place.

Of course, I could be wrong about that.

In the world of sports, 500 is a magical number. Until the steroids era brought baseball to its knees, 500 home runs meant you were a lock for Cooperstown. In coaching, 500 wins is a milestone few achieve.

I'm not ready to claim my place in anybody's hall of fame just yet. We have a long way to go before that happens. But I can tell you that when I sit in front of my blank computer monitor on Wednesday nights, wondering which words to use to fill it up, there's always a little bit of

excitement that comes over me.

It could be the fear that I'll not be able to put together a proper sentence. It could be that I have absolutely no idea what I should write about.

Or it could be the feeling often have that the words I'm comfortable using aren't adequate to tell someone's story properly. That they deserve better than I can do.

But if it's ok with you, next week will start the downhill march toward 1,000 columns and see how close we can get.

There are a lot of stories left untold. A lot of championships left to win. A lot of heartbreak to help soothe.

If it's ok with you, we'll try for another 500. Maybe by then, we'll have a few more titles under our belt, a few more trophies on the shelf, a few more athletes we've made feel good about themselves.

In the end, after all, that's why we do what we do.

EK Miners guard Mike Dean joins rare 50-10 company

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners have been on the road to success the past three weeks, as they are now 6-0 in the CBA-ABA Inter-League Challenge. Part of the reason for that success has been the play of guard Mike Dean. Dean, a 2005 graduate of Middle Tennessee State, is currently averaging 27 points a game on an incredible 63.7-percent shooting from the field clip. Dean started the season slowly with only 10 points in the Miners opener. From there, Dean would put up 31 and 30 points against the West Virginia Blazers. After a 15 point output against the Kentucky Bisons, Dean hit for 26 point against the West

Virginia Wild.

In a game for the ages, Dean followed his 26-point performance with 50 points and 10 assists against the same Wild. Dean was an



MIKE DEAN

on January 6, 2006.

What makes Dean's performance even more extraordinary is the fact that he became just the sixth player since 1975 to score 50 points while dishing out 10 assists in a professional game. Dean joins such names as Michael Jordan and LeBron James to accomplish this feat since 1975.

\$5 Fridays: Each of the East Kentucky Miners' Friday games throughout the remainder of the 2008-09 season will be known as \$5 Fridays. A fan can watch a Miners game for only \$5 thanks to the new promotion from the East Kentucky professional basketball team and Appalachian Wireless. Hot dogs will also be \$1 each on \$5 Fridays.

amazing 20 for 27 from the field and 7 for 9 from the free throw line in 41 minutes. Dean's 50 points was the first 50-point outburst in the CBA since Jimmie "Snap" Hunter had 50 points



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM: The Adams Middle School boys' basketball team recently captured the Cougar Classic title.

Knott County Sportsplex Upcoming Events Schedule

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- January 10-11: EKBA/YBOA Boy and Girls Tournament
- January 17-18: EKBA/YBOA Boys State Preview Tournament
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of Oma T. Johnson; Arizona T. Isaac/deceased and the unknown heirs of Arizona T. Isaac; Hager Thorns-bury/deceased and the unknown heirs of Hager Thorns-bury; and Floyd County, Kentucky Respondents

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the center of said right hand fork as it meanders to the head of same; thence a straight line to a large rock on top of the point between Reed Branch and Beaver Creek; thence down the point; said beech being marked with a knife mark on the sides; there also being a large hole about three feet from ground on Beaver Creek side of said beech; thence turning to the right and leaving the point a straight line down the hill toward Reed Branch to the beginning.

Being the same land conveyed to Marline Burchett from Anna Doner by deed dated January 31, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 532, Page 252, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same land conveyed to Marline Burchett

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from Nancy Walker by deed dated February 5, 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 532, Page 256, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same land conveyed to Marline Burchett from Myra Slate by deed dated February 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 532, Page 256, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same land conveyed to Marline Burchett from Rose Isaac and Graner Isaac, by deed dated February 2007, and recorded in Deed Book 532, Page 244, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Matthew Castle

Marline Burchett by Quitclaim Deed dated February 2007 and appearing of record in Deed Book 532, Page 268, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

As a further reference, see deed to Cecil Thornsberry and Linda Thornsberry, his wife from Harvey Jr. Johnson and Oma Johnson, by deed dated September 20, 1954 and recorded in Deed Book 157, Page 406, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

As a further reference, see Affidavit of Descent of Cecil Thornsberry recorded in Deed Book 531, Page 469, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk; and Affidavit of Descent of Linda

Thornsberry recorded in Deed Book 531, Page 470, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Terms of Sale:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject

to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be

given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the Master Commissioner.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick,
Floyd County
Master
Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE DOOR, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on

Plaintiff vs. Robert Jaime Thelma Jaime, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$59,700.68, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on

Thursday, the 15th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No.: 036-10-01-004.00
Legal Description: The following described property, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

A certain tract of parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Waters of Spurlock Creek, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lot Number 4, of Hall and Howell Developing recorded in Map File Number 541, on June 1983, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. Being the same property conveyed

to Robert Jaime and Thelma Jaime, husband and wife, by virtue of a deed from Robert Jaime and Thelma K. Jaime fka Thelma K. Fife, husband and wife, dated December 15, 2003, filed January 15, 2004, recorded in Deed Book, 494, Page 662, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Parcel #036-10-01-004.00
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(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with

the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and

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NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before January 31st, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	06-P-239	Elmer Slone	Martin Thomas Hicks	11-19-08
Final	06-P-300	Marie Shephard	Johnathan Shepherd	11-19-08
Final	06-P-363	Dorcus Montgomery	Tom Ed Music	11-20-08
Final	06-P-216	Linda C. Ferrell	Vanidan Ferrell Jr.	11-20-08
Final	07-P-279	Justine Meade	Thomas Ray Meade	11-24-08
Final	06-P-368	Celia B. Horn	Charles B. Horn	11-24-08
Final	06-P-306	Eugene R. Hutchinson	Lou Ann Hutchinson	11-24-08
Final	08-P-391	James Hall	Randall Hall	11-26-08
Final	06-P-334	Ruth Yvonne Daniels	Donald R. Daniels II	11-26-08
Final	06-P-383	Virginia Buskirk	Franklin Buskirk	11-25-08
Final	08-P-207	Buford Conley	Karla Conley	12-01-08
Final	06-P-376	Lorene S. Griffith	Robert E. Griffith	12-02-08
Final	06-P-232	Malta Akers Howell	Alberta Turner	12-03-08
Final	06-P-319	Milford Case	Julie Case	12-03-08
Final	06-P-284	Soley Bryant	Tessie Bryant	12-04-08
Final	06-P-265	Theodore R. DeRossett	Claude C. Osborne & Virginia Whitt	12-04-08
Final	06-P-259	John B. Sammons	Marie Samons	12-04-08
Final	07-P-4	Clifford P. Childers	Patricia Shepherd	12-04-08
Final	06-P-188	Curtis Blackburn	Hope Blackburn	12-03-08
Final	06-P-303	Tony Hall	Ada Lou Hall	12-05-08
Final	08-P-218	Willie "Bear" Little	Patricia A. Miller	12-05-08
Final	06-P-357	Willia Faye Johnson	Danny C. Johnson & Wanda M. Little	12-08-08
Final	06-P-209	Edgle Moore	Edgle Moore Jr.	12-08-08
Final	06-P-361	Elmer Slone	Dorothy Slone	12-09-08
Final	06-P-218	Bill Woods, Jr.	Cathy Steffy	12-09-08
Final	07-P-126	Gary Lee Wright	Herbert Gary Wright	11-26-08
Final	06-P-316	Ruby N. Hall	Trudy Hall	12-15-08
Final	08-P-227	William R. Little	Linda Little	12-16-08
Final	06-P-342	Lassie Hart	Paul Jarrell	12-17-08
Final	08-P-213	Gracie Kilburn	Kathryn Spurlock	12-18-08
Final	06-P-79	Ivel Okel Perry	Gary L. Perry	12-19-08

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For more information, please call (606) 886-2717 or (606) 886-6423, or stop by the offices located in the complexes at Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie in the Goble-Roberts Addition, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

Invitation to Bid Surplus Property Furniture and related items FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS 106 North Front Avenue Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

The Floyd County Board of Education is now receiving sealed bids for surplus property including, but not limited to desks, chairs, tables, filing cabinets, book shelves and various other items. The items are located at the old Prestonsburg Elementary, 236 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. To receive bid forms, submit bids, and/or obtain copies of a complete listing of items declared surplus, contact Mike Robinson prior to the time and date specified for bid opening by phone at 606-874-2435 ext. 5203, by e-mail at mike.robinson@floyd.kyschools.us or by mail at:

Floyd County Board of Education, Maintenance Department 23 Martin Street Allen, KY 41653

Bids must be mailed or delivered to address listed above. All envelopes must be sealed and clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope, "Surplus Property." Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, January 15, 2009, at the Maintenance Building, located at the contact address listed above. All bids must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Bids will be opened and read at the time and location stated above. You are invited to be present at the bid opening. Items are to be awarded to the highest bidder(s) meeting all specifications and conditions, and subject to all other provisions of the invitation to bid, on a per item basis, on a group basis, or on a total basis, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board of Education. Bids are scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting held at 6:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 26, 2009, at May Valley Elementary School, 401 Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority community.

Phone numbers to contact:

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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

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

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11-24-08	08-P-439	Dock Reynolds, Jr.	Darrin Dock Reynolds	Anthony C. Davis
1-24-08	08-P-440	Joe Wallen	Betty Porter	
11-26-08	08-P-443	Ralph J. Watkins	Ernestine Watkins	
12-01-08	08-P-444	John Irwin Jarrell	Lois Jean Jarrell	Clyde Combs Jr.
12-01-08	Guardianship 08-P-445	Guardian: Frankie George	In Re: Haley N. George:	
12-01-08	08-P-446	Guardian: Frankie Gorge	In Re: Michael B. George	
12-02-08	08-P-447	Frank Prater	JoAnn Joseph	
12-01-08	08-P-448	Frank Martin Jr.	Merlene Jo Dingus	
12-02-08	08-P-449	Imogene Burchett Caldwell	Jim Caldwell & Judy Cumutte	Anthony Craig Davis
12-04-08	08-P-451	Anna Lou Patton	Pamela Sue Dutton	
12-01-08	08-P-452	Aaron Tuttle	Roma Tuttle	Dwight S. Marshall
12-05-08	08-P-454	Willard Stanley	Pansy Johnson Stanley	Daniel P. Stratton
12-08-08	08-P-456	Cecelia Hamilton	Pluma Branham & Eulene Ratliff	
12-08-08	08-P-457	James Douglas Adams	James D. Adams II	
12-10-08	08-P-458	Evelyn Hamilton	Katie Cordial, Donna Ray, and David Hamilton	
	Guardianship	Guardian:	In Re:	
12-04-08	01-P-249	Temphra Williams Collins	Daniel Joseph Belcher	
12-11-08	08-P-461	Chester Keathley	Georgia Keathley	Kevin P. Keene
12-18-08	08-P-453	Jimmi Odell	Aubrey Odell	
12-10-08	08-P-460	Lorena E. B. Horne	Steward R. Horne	
12-11-08	08-P-462	Ruby Lafaye Hughes	Donald Steven Hughes	
12-13-08	08-P-463	Edna DeRossett Hammons	Carol Holbrook	
12-13-08	08-P-464	Eula M. Robinson	Paul E. Robinson	
12-15-08	08-P-465	Denver Osborne	Denise Stephens	Arnold Turner, Jr.
12-15-08	08-P-466	Aaron Justice	Patty Ann Justice	
12-15-08	08-P-467	In re: Ronsheena Ray	Guardian: Glenda Ray	Bruce R. Bentley
12-18-08	08-P-470	Ida M. Pritchard	Larry Stone	
12-15-08	07-P-134	James Edward Donta	Mattie Donta	Keith Bartley
12-22-08	08-P-469	Amanda Ellen Miller	Mae Meredith	
12-22-08	08-P-472	Brenda Faye Newsome	Melinda Gayheart	

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THROUGH THE LENS

The science of potholes

by ERIC THOMAS

What do potholes and rock falls along our roadways have in common? Ice. The solid form of water, ice has some very unique properties. First and foremost is that as water freezes to become ice it expands. It is the only known non-metallic substance that does this.



Eric Thomas

As ice expands it exerts an incredible amount of force. Have you ever put a glass bottle of soda pop in the freezer to chill it quickly and accidentally forgot about it? I'll hazard a guess that when you came back to the freezer you found a shattered bottle and a little bit of a mess to clean up.

This same force can burst an un-insulated water line, as I, like many others can attest to. This is why on really cold nights some people will leave a faucet open to allow a little trickle of water to escape. This can prevent a waterline from bursting by not allowing the water to freeze.

As water freezes, the water molecules go from being able to move about freely into being locked rigidly in place. When in a liquid state these molecules are actually a little closer together than when locked into ice. When frozen, the water molecules line up in a rigid pattern that scientists refer to as a "crystal lattice". When the ice melts, this lattice breaks apart allowing the water molecules to move about freely and move back closer together.

Have you ever noticed that ice always floats in your glass? What about the fact that 9/10 of an iceberg is underwater? This happens because the expansion that occurs as ice forms increases its volume by about 9%. When you increase the volume of a substance without increasing the amount of the substance (scientists call the measured amount of a substance its "mass") you decrease the density. If the decrease in density is enough, the object floats.

But what does this have to do with potholes and rock slides? Ever wonder why throughout the winter and spring there are more rock falls along our roadways? Why in the spring potholes seem to sprout as fast as wildflowers? This expansion of water as it freezes is how nature breaks down rocks.

Known as "Ice Wedging" or "Frost Wedging" water seeps into crack in a rock (or pavement), freezes, and expands forcing the rock apart. When it melts, the crack in the rock (or pavement) is just a little wider than it was before. The next time water seeps into the crack, since it is wider now, a little more water is able to get in; it freezes, expands, and opens the crack a little more. Repeat this over and over and eventually the rock breaks into smaller pieces.

Potholes get a little help in this process from us. As we drive our cars and trucks along the road, those tiny cracks get a little extra pressure from the weight of our passing vehicles. This can cause the crack to flex and open a little more than it would through the natural ice wedging process, accelerating the breakdown of the pavement. To combat this you may have noticed little lines of a tar like substance on the roadway. This is a measure taken by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to seal those little cracks before they become a bigger problem. This preventive measure means a longer interval between road resurfacings and saves taxpayer dollars over the long run.

Ice Wedging is a part of winter's "Freeze and Thaw" cycle and this is

(See LENS, page four)



Bobby Lee Caudill, a singer and songwriter from McDowell, recently entertained students at McDowell Elementary School with his brand of country music.

SCHOOL SOUNDS

Musician plays music for McDowell Elem. students

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

A group of students at McDowell Elementary were recently among the first ears to hear two new songs from Bobby Lee Caudill, a local singer and songwriter.

Caudill brought his acoustic guitar to the classroom and played the songs with a smile on his face as his daughters, Jamaica and Desirea, also students at McDowell Elementary, sang along with him.

"This is the second time that I have played music for the kids at McDowell," Caudill said. "They really seem to enjoy it."

Caudill, 46, has been playing music and singing songs since he was 6-years-old.

"My mother taught me how to play guitar," Caudill said, winner of the first Prestonsburg Idol contest. "I've opened up shows for country superstars, and I also do a lot of free stuff to help people that need it. You have to give back. If you have a gift and you don't give back to the community, then you aren't using it the right way."

Some of the shows that Caudill has played include a free benefit for the American Cancer Society and a toys program at the Mud Creek Clinic.

"It's really hard to get a break in the music

industry," Caudill said. "I do my own song writing, and I'm trying real hard to get somebody to pay attention to me, to listen to me, and to help me. WMDJ has really been great, and they play a lot of my music. It's nice when local artists get support from people, businesses, and organizations in their home area."

A new Christmas CD featuring two songs by Caudill is currently available, and he plans to record a new country CD for release in the near future.

To purchase albums by Bobby Caudill, those interested can contact Caudill by calling (606) 377-9221.

Postal Service offers inauguration souvenir

by MARILYN LOESER

According to the U.S. Constitution, only one thing is required for the inauguration of a president - the oath of office. "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

On January 20, President-Elect Barack Obama will take the oath, becoming America's 44th president, before delivering his inaugural address.

In observance of the inauguration, the Postal Service is offering a philatelic folio which includes a collectible stamped envelope with silk portraits of Barack Obama and Vice President-Elect Joseph Biden, and a digital color postmark dated January 20, 2009.

The commemorative folio is \$14.95. Pre-orders are now being accepted at usps.com/shop and will be shipped starting Jan. 20, 2009. Official sales begin Jan. 20 at select Post Offices, usps.com or by calling 800-STAMP24.



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Brat Super Party Sub

Game Day Party-Planning Tips

Set the Game Day Stage

Decorate with fan favorites by topping the table with a piece of artificial turf, found at your hardware store. Then, use white athletic tape to add yard lines and white self-adhesive numbers, found at the craft store, to finish your themed tablescape with yardage markers.

Score With Sweets

After the delicious appetizers and main entrees, don't forget dessert. Display cupcakes on a platter and add green "turf" and "yard lines and markers" with frosting.

Send Your Guests Off in Style

Create sports-themed gift bags for guests, featuring team-colored tissue paper and small prizes, such as a freezable plastic mug, bottle koozies and a team bottle opener or coasters. These gift bags also make great prizes for any contests you have during the party, as well!

Brat Super Party Sub

Prep: 30 minutes
Grill/Bake: 35 minutes
6 servings

Sauce

- 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
- 1/2 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded, and finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper, optional

Sub

- 1 package (19.76 ounces) Johnsonville Original Bratwurst
- 1 loaf (1 pound) French bread
- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 medium tomato, thinly sliced

In a bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

Grill brats according to package directions. When cool enough to handle, cut into 1/4-inch bias slices. Slice bread lengthwise and transfer to baking sheet. Arrange brat slices on bread bottom. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until bread is lightly browned. Remove from oven. Top with sauce, onion and tomato. Cut sub and serve.

Cheesy Cheddar Roll-Ups

Prep: 20 minutes
Bake: 15 minutes
6 servings

- 1 small onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2-tablespoons coarse ground mustard
- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville Beddar with Cheddar Sausage

In a skillet, sauté onion in oil until light golden brown; cool slightly. Unroll crescent dough and separate into triangles (bake or discard two extra triangles). Spread each with mustard and top with onions. Place one sausage on wide end of each triangle; roll up. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350°F for 15 to 18 minutes or until golden brown and crispy.

Cheesy Game Time Sausage Dip

Total Prep: 25 minutes
Yield: 6 cups

- 1 package (16 ounces) Johnsonville All Natural Ground Sausage
- 2 pounds Velveeta processed cheese, cubed
- 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky salsa
- 1 tablespoon fennel seed, crushed
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon anise seed, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- Garlic toast

In a skillet, cook and crumble sausage until no longer pink; drain. Place cheese in a large microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 6 minutes or until melted, stirring every 2 minutes. Stir in salsa, seasonings and sausage. Microwave 2 minutes longer or until heated through. Serve with garlic toast.

Tips:

- Add 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper for a spicier dish.
- Serve garlic toast with diced tomatoes and chopped black olives.
- To serve in a bread bowl, cut off the top of a round loaf of bread; carefully hollow out bottom, leaving a 1-inch shell. Cube removed bread. Spoon cheese dip into bread shell. Serve with bread cubes.

Football Sausage Pancakes

Prep/Cook: 35 minutes
4 servings

- 1 package (12 ounces) Johnsonville Breakfast Sausage Links
- 2-1/2 cups Hungry Jack complete pancake mix
- 1 teaspoon baking cocoa or cinnamon
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Maple syrup

Cook sausage according to package directions; set aside.

In a bowl, combine pancake mix and cocoa/cinnamon. Stir in water and vanilla. Pour 1/2 cup batter onto a hot greased nonstick skillet or griddle in the shape of a football. Place one sausage link lengthwise down center of batter. Cut two sausage links into thirds; arrange on sides of center link to form football laces.

Using two spatulas, carefully turn pancake when bubbles form on top and edges are dry. Cook until second side is golden brown. (Trim edges to resemble a football if necessary). Invert onto a plate, sausage-side up. Repeat with remaining batter and sausage.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (December 30, 1998)

Arlis Bates of Bevinville received a New Year's Cash Kentucky Lottery Instant Ticket for Christmas from his daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Michael Caudill. He didn't scratch the ticket until the day after Christmas after watching a basketball game with family members. When he scratched it, he saw \$900 next to the matching symbol.

Shirley Compton, 44, and Pearl Howell, 68, both of Island Creek, were pronounced dead at the scene, after their pick-up crossed the centerline on the Mountain Parkway and collided with a Children's Hospital ambulance.

The Floyd County Grand Jury will be in session on January 12, at 9 a.m., on the second floor of the Justice Center, according to Commonwealth's Attorney John Earl Hunt.

There will be no Friday paper this week. So the staff of The Times takes this opportunity to wish everyone a happy 1999.

As with Christmas, most federal, state and local government offices will be closed Friday to celebrate the coming of the New Year, as will banks and post offices. Garbage collection will however, continue in both town and county—weather permitting.

Charges against Jimmy Wolford, 42, of Mouthcard, are to be changed from assault one, to capital murder following the death Sunday of Patricia Skeenes, 32, of Feds Creek. Skeenes died from complications from injuries she sustained on Sept. 29, when Wolford allegedly threw a flammable liquid on her and then ignited it.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced its priority routes for snow and ice removal when the inevitable occurs. Roads in the area with the highest traffic volume will be cleared first, before moving to the less-traveled state roadways.

Herbert Ousley, a 77-year-old Maytown native, and owner of Ousley Feed Store, runs it much the same way he did when he stated it some 50 years ago—the old-fashioned way.

At the end of each year, many people throw out those things from the past year that no longer have any value. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department yesterday disposed of confiscated drugs and files no longer needed for evidence.

Taking pictures off the wall and packing books and private papers into brown boxes, the man who has been Floyd County's chief executive officer for three years declares he "can't believe how fast this month has gone! The tenure of Ben Hale as county judge-executive ends tomorrow at midnight. There died: Samuel "Sam" Hale, 83, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Levi Conn, 70, of Martin, Monday, December 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elder Brodey Amburgey, 76, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Lucy Blackburn Burchett, 90, of Bowling Green, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, December 25, at her residence; Beulah Faye Robinette, 71, of Zebulon, Friday, December 25, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Paul V. Daniels, 75, of Van Lear, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Eva Anna Mitchell Furman, 88, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, December 28, at her residence; Velvia Justice Kidd, 76, of Harold, Saturday, December 28, at Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon; Randall Parsons, 64, of Lima, Ohio, Sunday, December 27, at St. Rita's Medical Center, in Lima; Joner Ousley, 63, of Claypool, Indiana, Sunday, December 27, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw; Edna L. Madison McBurney, 83, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, December 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Estie Webb Brown, 86, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Cledith Howard, 65, of

Hueysville, Monday, December 28, at his residence; Joe M. Roberts, 61, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Anna Mae Hall, 68, of Melvin, Saturday, December 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Ruth Fairchild, 79, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center,

Prestonsburg; Ruth Stanley Roberts, 95, of Lake Wales, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, December 25, in Lake Wales; Susie M. Parsons, 60, of Lima, Ohio, Saturday, Dec. 26, at St. Peter Medical Center, Lima; Hatler Kiser, 79, of Harrison Newsome Branch, Tuesday, December 22, at his residence.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009 AT 11:00 A.M.
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT
LOCATED AT 855 ABBOTT MOUNTAIN ROAD
PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a nice 3 bedroom home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen and 1 bath. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be determined at a later date.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 11:00 am., at the property site, at 855 Abbott Mountain Road, Prestonsburg, KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$53,321.83 principal, plus interest credit subsidy in the amount of \$30,780.00, plus interest in the amount of \$2,897.60 as of February 8, 2008 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.9565 per day from February 8, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.35% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:08-CV-58 on the Southern Division Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on July 9, 2008, in the case of the United States of America vs Marsha A. Moore, et al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 855 Abbott Mountain Rd, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated July 26, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 9 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 2.35% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquires should be directed to:
Peggy T. Meade, Area Specialist
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Paintsville, Kentucky
Telephone: 606/789-3766

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College Goal Sunday provides free help to students filing for financial aid

College Goal Sunday, which provides free help to families applying for college financial aid, will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 25, at 20 sites across the state. The program begins promptly at 2 p.m., and most sites close at 4 p.m. Each site will hold a

drawing for a scholarship that can be used at any Kentucky school.

Locally, the event will be held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the Postsecondary Education Building.

At College Goal Sunday, financial aid professionals from Kentucky will help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the form students must submit to receive federal and state student aid.

College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA). It is funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education, The Student Loan People and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"Submitting the FAFSA can help students qualify for thousands of dollars in financial aid and is the ticket to a college education. It enables students to receive a variety of grants and loans that would

otherwise be out of reach. The financial aid experts at College Goal Sunday can open the door of opportunity for Kentucky students," said KASFAA President Jennifer Cosens.

In Kentucky, grant and scholarship programs help some 93,000 students every year. Students who file the FAFSA before March 15 have the best chance of receiving these funds.

What to bring
Students are encouraged to

attend College Goal Sunday with a parent or guardian. They should bring their and their parents' completed 2008 IRS 1040 tax return and any other 2008 income and benefits information. If families haven't completed their taxes, financial aid professionals will be able to help fill out the rest of the FAFSA and give instructions for the financial portion. Everything else — pens, pencils and FAFSA worksheets — will be provided.

Demand continues to rise
According to KHEAA, participation in state aid programs has more than quadrupled since the 1990s. In the 2007-2008 academic year, KHEAA awarded over \$191 million in higher education grants and scholarships to almost 121,000 students.

Cold poses more risk than discomfort

by WILL RUTTER
DEWEY LAKE PARK RANGER

The weather is beginning to change and being on the lake in the winter is an entirely different experience from being out there in the summer. Hypothermia is the cause of nearly 700 deaths each year and can easily be prevented.

Hypothermia occurs when the body's temperature drops below 95 degrees. As body temperature drops, uncontrollable shivering starts, accompanied by progressive loss of coordination, slurred speech, combativeness and confusion. If your body temperature drops to about 80 degrees, functions of the body will stop. It only takes about 15 minutes in 35 degree water for a fatal accident to occur.

Treatment for hypothermia is gradual warming. The best treatment is to seek medical help immediately. You should not rub the patient's body in an attempt to warm them. Instead, wrap the individual in warm blankets or use your own body heat to help in warming the core of the body first. Also warm, sweet liquids, will aid in heating of the core of the body. Dry the victim as best you can. This will help to slow heat loss. Always remember if you fall into the water, get out as quickly as possible. Even if the air temperature is much lower than the water temperature, it is better to get out and dry off than remain in water colder than your body temperature.

Prevention begins with you as you start on your adventures. Clothes that repel water during hiking or fishing trips keep you dry and help prevent hypothermia. Keep your head covered with a warm hat. Up to 40 percent of your body heat loss can occur through your head. Wear your life jacket on or near the water. Your life jacket can prevent heat loss and keep you from drowning. Anytime you go out tell a responsible individual where you are going and when you expect to return. When swimming always swim with a friend! Outdoor and water safety starts with you.

For more information on hypothermia and water safety feel free to contact the ranger staff at Dewey Lake between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 606-886-6709.

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the initial part of the bigger process of erosion. The term "Erosion" carries with it many negative connotations. It is thought of as destructive and something that we need to control. If we (and by this I mean people in general) are the cause of the erosion then by all means we must take action to stop it and mitigate its effect on the environment.

There is however, a natural type of erosion that is constantly occurring. This is the process that given enough time will one day bring the Alps, Rockies, and Himalayan Mountains down to the heights of the hills of Appalachia. It will fill in lakes and seas and turn rocks into soil and sand. Try as we might we will never be able to totally control this type of erosion and I am not sure we would want to anyway.

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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