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briefs

3 motorcycle fatalities top weekly fatals

Preliminary statistics indicate that 13 people died in 13 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, March 9, through Sunday, March 15.

Nine of the crashes involved motor vehicles and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Allen, Harlan, Hart, Knott (2), Laurel, Letcher, Scott and Todd counties.

Three fatal motorcycle crashes occurred in Jefferson, Trimble and Wolfe counties. One crash involved the suspected use of alcohol. Two of the three victims were wearing helmets.

One pedestrian fatality occurred in Montgomery County.

Through March 15, preliminary statistics indicate that 126 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 16 fewer than reported for the same time period in 2008. Of the 112 motor vehicle fatalities, 68 victims were not wearing seat belts. Eight pedestrians have been killed. Five fatalities involved a motorcycle and one fatality involved an ATV. A total of 28 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555.

Cops say fatal shooting was over goats

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police testimony offered during a preliminary hearing for the father and son arrested last week following the death of John Salisbury say that both admitted to shooting the 27-year-old Hippo man at a strip mine.

Det. Jason Dials said both Robie Lee Miller, 27, and his father Robie Dean Miller, 44, confessed to shooting Salisbury, but that witnesses said it was the son who fired the shots.

Witnesses are also saying the shooting was the

result of an argument between the three men over dead goats.

According to police, Salisbury approached the Millers and asked them about his dead goats, suspecting the Millers' dogs might have killed them.

Robie Dean Miller, who is confined to a wheelchair, told police that he had taken a gun from Salisbury and then shot the Hippo resident.

Robie Lee Miller gave a different account in his confession, investigators said. The son says he tried to take Salisbury's gun from him and it jerked and



Robie Lee Miller



Robie Dean Miller

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SITTING DUCKS



photo by Jarrid Deaton

The sun was shining and the temperatures were climbing, but it was "fowl" weather on Tuesday, as ducks took advantage of the springlike conditions to lounge at Dewey Lake.

Super sees CATS changes as positive

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) will soon be a thing of the past, as the Kentucky legislature recently voted to scrap the test.

One of the major changes in testing would include the removal of writing portfolios from the accountability index. The scoring for state data collection and reporting for the writing portfolio is to be canceled, and the scoring for local use will be at the discretion of the local districts. The test will also focus on fewer standards with the hope that students will attain a better understanding of those standards.

Floyd County Supt. Henry Webb sees the decision to modify the testing as a positive change.

"We are not going to see too many changes in the interim," Webb said. "I think the changes are going to be beneficial for both students and staff. It's a good move to eliminate the portfolios from the accountability process. I'm pleased with the changes that have been made, and I think it will continue to help us move forward."

Webb was pleased with the recent scores attained by some of the Floyd County schools, including May Valley Elementary, which received the highest CATS test score in the state last year, with an index of 123.3.

While some local schools have had recent success with the CATS test, both state and local officials, along with educators, have voiced their opposition to the current method of testing.

Many Senate Republicans have been in favor of replacing the test for years, citing

(See CATS, page seven)

Spring cleanups next week

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Adopt-a-Highway groups are readying for spring cleanups across the region.

Kentucky Department of Highways District 12 announced yesterday that volunteers will be out and about next week to clean highways in Floyd, Pike, Letcher, Knott, Johnson, Lawrence and Martin counties.

The spring clean week will run from March 22 until March 28.

Nearly 1,100 groups participate in Kentucky's Adopt-a-Highway program totaling some 8,000 miles of roads cleaned each year by volunteers.

This level of involvement has resulted in higher and higher percentages of roadways throughout the region being adopted through the program.

Volunteers adopt two-mile sec-

tions of highway under a two-year, renewable contract with the transportation cabinet.

Floyd County has the second highest percentage of adopted roadways in District 12 at 12.4 percent. Only Pike County has a better percentage at 19.4 percent. Knott has 5 percent, Martin 10.9 percent, Johnson 6.7 percent, Letcher 4.6 percent and Lawrence with 5.7 percent.

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MSHA cites Kentucky mines

Times Staff Report

Five Kentucky coal mines were among 15 cited by the Mines Safety and Health Administration this week.

The mines cited in Kentucky were Double A Mining #4 mine, North Star Mining #5A mine, Rockhouse Energy Mining #1 mine, Century Operations Butcher Branch mine and Blue Diamond Coal #77 mine.

The mines received letters putting them on notice that each has a potential pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety

standards.

In addition to the five Kentucky mines cited, four others in West Virginia and three in Virginia received letters.

"The 13 coal mines and two metal/nonmetal mines represent the fourth round of mine operators to receive these letters under MSHA's enhanced enforcement initiative," said Michael A. Davis, MSHA's deputy assistant secretary for operations. "Hopefully, these operators will use this opportunity to incorporate needed improvements into

(See MINES, page seven)



Crystal Gayle (Branham) Hall, 24-year-old white female, of 108 Kentucky Ave. Apt 16 in Pikeville, has been reported as a missing person to Kentucky State Police Post 9. Hall is 5 feet, 4 inches tall, weighs approximately 107 pounds and is of fair complexion. She has shoulder length red hair and brown eyes. Mrs. Hall possibly has the tattoo H on a lower leg. Her teeth are reported as straight. She was last seen on Kentucky Avenue in Pikeville, but has not contacted any family since March 1. Anyone with information of Hall's whereabouts is asked to contact Kentucky State Police Post 09 at (800) 222-5555, or (606) 433-7711.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 58 • Low: 29

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Saint Joseph - Martin honored Donna Bradley as Employee of the Month for January. Donna is a member of the patient financial services team. She came to Saint Joseph - Martin for an interview in 1999 and did not hesitate to accept the position. "I knew it was the place for me because of the family atmosphere," said Bradley. Bradley and her husband Chris live in Prestonsburg with their two children, Jamie and Dannielle.



Angela Salisbury, a registered nurse and a member of the case management team, has been named Employee of the Month for February by Saint Joseph - Martin (SJM). Angela became a member of SJM's team in 1992. "After all of these years, I can still say that I am so glad that I chose to work at (Our Lady of the Way) now Saint Joseph - Martin," said Salisbury. Angela and her husband Scottie live at Hueysville with their two children Austin and Ashley.

Payday lending, school day waiver bills head to governor

FRANKFORT — Bills that would create a database to enforce current limits on payday loans and allow the state's schools chief to excuse school days missed due to recent natural disasters are on their way to becoming law.

House Bill 444, which cleared the House by a vote of 83-11, would require that a database be created by July 2010 to allow lenders to verify outstanding customer loans. The bill would also allow penalties for lenders that violate current per-customer loan limits, and prohibit new payday stores from opening between July 2009 and 2019.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Johnny Bell, D-Glasgow, said it would keep approximately 900,000 individuals out of the

payday loan system. Bell said there are around 3 million payday loans signed each year in the Commonwealth.

Rep. David Watkins, D-Henderson, a supporter of the bill, encouraged its passage saying it would allow the state to "collect data that will allow us to get this system in place."

HB 322, which passed 92-4, would allow school districts to request up to 10 "disaster days" be waived by the state once a district's makeup days are used. The bill as passed would also allow schools to extend their instructional day by a half hour to prepare for statewide testing, and allow schools to lengthen instructional days to makeup days missed due to bad weather.

PBH uses technology to ensure patient safety

PAINTSVILLE — On Tuesday, March 10, The Oprah Winfrey Show addressed medical errors. Dr. Oz was on the show along with actor Dennis Quaid, whose newborn twin's lives were endangered as they received 1,000-fold overdose of a blood thinner.

During Oprah's show, the IntelliDOT Safescan System was demonstrated. The IntelliDOT Safescan System is a barcode medication administration system that utilizes hand-held wireless devices which communicate with the hospital pharmacy's computer system to reduce medication errors.

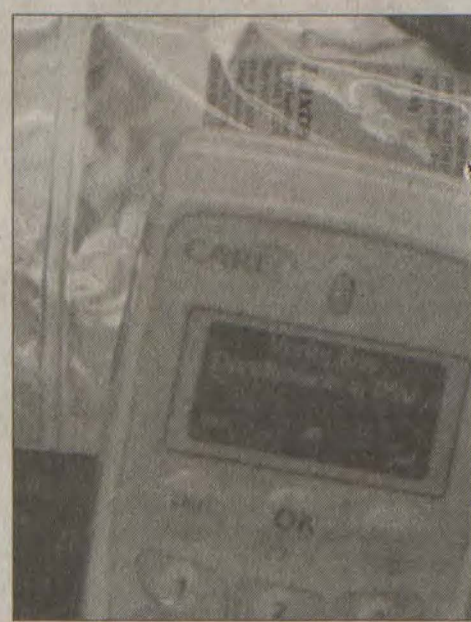
In January 2008, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center implemented this state-of-the-art technology as yet another tool to ensure the safety of their patients. Every medication is bar-coded by the hospital's pharmacy department. The nurse scans the medication at the patient's bedside to verify the 'Five Rights' — the right patient, right medication, right dose, right frequency and right delivery method (i.e. IV, oral, etc.).

"There are many drugs that look alike

or sound alike, which treat totally different conditions", said Larry Jervis, Pharm.D, pharmacist and director of pharmacy. "The whole idea of adopting the IntelliDOT Safescan System is to try to remove human error and keep patients safer. Used every time a patient receives medication, Safescan gives the nurse verification that the correct medication is being given and also alerts the nurse to possible contraindications".

The handheld device performs many duties beyond these measures and improves nursing workflow by alerting the nurse when medications are due so that they are given at the right time.

"We wanted to be sure that we were doing everything possible to make this a safe hospital," said Deborah Trimble, CEO. "This has created tremendous peace of mind for us and our patients. SafeScan was built by nurses for nurses and takes into account the way nurses work. They can use the device with one hand, so their focus is always where it should be — on their patients."



A demonstration of the IntelliDOT Safescan System employed by Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

Obituaries

Charles Alex Crider

Charles Alex Crider, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 6, 1940, in Lancer, he was the son of the late Woodman and Marie Crider. He was a disabled construction worker.

He is survived by his wife, Jewel Goble Crider.

Other survivors include two sons: Charles Randall Crider of Prestonsburg, and Ricky Woodman (Rachel) Crider of Dwayne; two daughters: Debra (Paul) Stanley and Connie (Bobby) Carr, both of Prestonsburg; a brother, Bill Jake Crider of Campton; seven grandchildren: Chassity, Jeremy, Cody, Zachery, Dylan, Christian, Cameron, Rhiannon, and Jewel; a great-grandchild, Brayden; and an ex-daughter-in-law, Tonya Ousley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Randall Crider; and a sister, JoAnn Livingston.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, Middle Creek.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Sallie Sizemore Goble

Sallie Sizemore Goble, 103, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 13, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born June 20, 1905, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Henry Hawk Sizemore and Mollie Miller Sizemore. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John L. Goble.

Survivors include two sons: Fred Goble of Prestonsburg, and Bert Goble of Huntingdon, Tennessee; one daughter, Betty Ann Goble of Prestonsburg; 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Lloyd "Blue" Goble; three sisters; and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 15, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jerry

Workman officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Dalton Fulks, Gilbert Stambaugh, Austin Gearheart, Austin McKinney, Mike Zemo, and Josh Craynon.

Honorary pallbearers: Seldon Horne, Steward Ray Horne, Eugene Blackburn, Gary Wright, Charles Hale, Bill Jack Darby, Jim Curnutte, and Paul Nunn.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Herman V. Harmon

Herman V. Harmon, age 85, of Hueysville, husband of Marguerite Webb Harmon, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2009, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville.

He was born October 7, 1923, in Auxier, the son of the late Frank Harmon and Thelma Meek Harmon. He was a retired radio engineer; an U.S. Army veteran; and a member of the Masonic Lodge, in Wayland.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bob Harmon of Hueysville; a daughter, Janet Harmon Coburn of Georgetown; a brother, Francis Harmon of Benton, Illinois; and four grandchildren: Breanne Harmon, Jared Harmon, Jessica Featherston, and Justin Coburn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Harmon.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Dennis Love officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Georgia Shumate Smith

Georgia Shumate Smith, age 88, of Pikeville, widow of Oscar B. Smith, passed away Monday, March 16, 2009, at the Cornerstone Hospital of Huntington, West Virginia.

She was born June 23, 1920, in Garrett, a daughter of the late Van and Jemima Allen

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The family of Gracie Kiser Brown would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who helped us in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, said a prayer, or spoke a comforting word. We deeply appreciate everything. May God bless all of you. Special thanks to Appalachian Hospice; the Old Regular Baptist ministers; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and staff for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF GRACIE KISER BROWN

Shumate. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include two sons: Jerry B. (Karen) Smith of Ivel, and Mark Lynn (Patsy Roberts) Smith of Pikeville; one sister, Wilma Davis of Frankfort; and five grandchildren.

Funeral service will be con-

ducted Friday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Thomas "T.C." May, would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time; those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergyman Mark Tackett and Ollie Watts for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Dept. for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all, we say thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS "T.C." MAY

Card of Thanks

The family of Jonathan "Spunky" Moore 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 Arnold Turner Jr., 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 JONATHAN "SPUNKY" MOORE

Card of Thanks

The family of Billy Ratliff wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all those family, friends, and neighbors for all the help during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food or prayers during the loss of our love one. A special thanks to Clergyman Randy Osborne and Larry Adams for their comforting words; Dr. Dustin Devers and Staff, and Highlands Regional Medical Center Critical Care Unit employees for all the care they provided; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Hall Funeral Home for the kindness that was shown to our family. For those who helped in any way, if only a gentle handshake, we say thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF BILLY RATLIFF

Card of Thanks

The family of Martha Williams 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; 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 MARTHA WILLIAMS

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We thought of you today with love, but that is nothing new.

We thought about you yesterday, and the day before that, too.

We think of you in silence, and all we have are memories and your pictures, which we look at all the time. God has you in His arms, and we have you in our memories, in our hearts, and in our thoughts.

You are missed every day and night, and we will love you forever and a day. We love you, Lisa.

Your Family and your Uncle, and most of all,
Your Best Friend, Bill Goble.
Lisa, Your Memory will not leave us.

Norman appointed Kentucky Poet Laureate for 2009-10

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Gurney Norman as Kentucky Poet Laureate for a two-year honorary term.

Norman will be formally inducted on Kentucky Writers' Day at 11 a.m., Friday, April 24, in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

Over the past 30 years, Gurney Norman has been a major force in the literary and cultural renaissance throughout the state and region. He played a significant role in the founding of the Appalachian Poetry Project and helped establish the Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative. A charter member of the Hindman Settlement School's annual Writers Workshop faculty, he continues to be involved in the Workshop



Gurney Norman

as Senior Writer In Residence. Norman's first novel, "Divine Right's Trip" was originally published in the margins of the "Last Whole Earth Catalog," which sold 2 million copies worldwide. "Divine Rights Trip: A Folk Tale" was subsequently published by Dial Press and Bantam Books in 1972 and Gnomon Press in 1990. Other fiction Norman has published includes "Book One From Crazy Quilt: A Novel in Progress," (Larkspur Press, 1990) and "Kinfolks: The Wilgus Stories," (Gnomon Press, 1977). His recent fiction has appeared in "Appalachian Heritage" magazine.

A writer and editor of non-fiction literary criticism, Norman, with co-editors

Dwight Billings and Katherine Ledford, edited "Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes: Back Talk from an American Region," published by the University Press of Kentucky. Sharon Hatfield and Danny Miller were co-editors, along with Norman, of a collection of essays titled "An American Vein: Critical Readings in Appalachian Literature," published by Ohio University Press. He has also written and narrated three documentary films about Kentucky's Appalachian region for KET: "Time on the River," "From This Valley" and "Wilderness Road."

In 1990, Appalshop, of Whitesburg, produced a short dramatic film starring Kentucky's Ned Beatty based on Gurney's short story "Fat Monroe," which was first shown at the New York Film Festival. Andrew Garrison directed "Fat Monroe" and two

other films based on Norman's short stories; "Night Ride" and "Maxine." "Night Ride" was featured at the 1994 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Gurney Norman was born in Grundy, Va., in 1937 and was raised alternately by his maternal grandparents in western Virginia and his paternal grandparents in eastern Kentucky. After graduating from Stuart Robinson School in Letcher County, he attended the University of Kentucky from 1955 to 1960, majoring in journalism and English. He then studied writing at Stanford University as a Stegner Creative Writing Fellow. Other Kentucky writers who went to Stanford in that era include Wendell Berry, James Baker Hall and Ed McClanahan. Norman lived in the San Francisco Bay area from 1967 to 1979 when he returned to Kentucky to join

the English Department faculty at the University of Kentucky. Presently the Director of the University of Kentucky Creative Writing Program, Norman will soon complete his thirtieth year teaching at the university.

In addition to his writing, editing and university teaching, Norman carries on an active service role as advisor to schools and community-based arts groups in Kentucky and the Appalachian mountain region. He is a frequent presenter at education conferences and enjoys visiting small rural schools where Kentucky literature and culture are under discussion.

The Kentucky Poet Laureate is appointed by the governor to promote the literary arts in Kentucky through readings and public presentations at meetings, seminars, conferences and events, including Kentucky Writers' Day.

The Kentucky Arts Council coordinates the nomination and selection process for recommendation to the governor. Kentucky's Poet Laureate must be a resident of Kentucky with a long association with the commonwealth and have received critical acclaim for their literary work. The word "poet" in the position's title is interpreted in its broadest sense to include persons whose accomplishments are in any literary form.

The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet that creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

Carl D. Perkins forum in Hindman March 24

HINDMAN — "The Legacy of Rep. Carl D. Perkins" will be the topic of the Hazard Community and Technical College "Community Dialogue on Leadership Series" in Hindman, on March 24.

The dialogue will feature presenters Judge Sarah Combs, Louisville Courier-Journal Editorial Director David Hawpe, Knott attorney and writer Bill Weinberg, Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne Rutherford and moderator Ron Daley to start the discussion.

The event is open to the public which is invited to participate in the discussion on Perkins' leadership. The Knott County Chamber of Commerce and the Hindman Settlement School are co-hosting the event which will be held in the Great Hall of the Hindman Settlement School. The reception will begin at 6 p.m. with the dialogue commencing at 6:30 p.m.

The goal of the series is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to become leaders or enhance their lead-

ership skills in their communities. The sessions are intended to encourage discussions between community members and HCTC students, faculty and staff.

David Hawpe, a native of Pikeville, grew up in Louisville, and became The Courier-Journal's Eastern Kentucky bureau reporter, working out of Hazard, in 1969. His first major story as a mountain reporter was the Hyden mine disaster, and he subsequently participated in coverage of the Scotia disaster.

Over a journalism career of nearly 40 years in Kentucky, Hawpe has been a reporter, editorial writer, city editor, managing editor, and is the editorial director of the Louisville Courier-Journal. He won the 1999 Walker Stone national trophy for editorial writing, recognizing a series commenting on the coal industry.

Judge Sarah Combs is currently serving her 16th year on the Kentucky Court of Appeals for the First Division of the 7th Judicial District. She received her B.A., M.A., and J.D. degrees from the University of Louisville. Judge Combs has brought a diverse range of training and experience to the bench and served as the Commonwealth's first woman on the Supreme Court. Elected unanimously as the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in May of 2004, she is the first woman to serve as Chief of an appellate court in Kentucky as well as the first Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. In May of 2008, she was re-elected to a second term as Chief Judge. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, Judge Combs resides in Powell County.

Bill Weinberg is a Knott County attorney, businessman and writer. In 1977, he co-edited, along with Laurel Shackelford, Our Appalachia: An Oral History. In 1996-1997 he was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in Creative Writing, working with novelist Jill McCorkle, and also did extensive research on Congressman Carl Perkins. Weinberg is Chairman of the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation and served six years on the Kentucky State Board of Education. He was the founding Chairman of the East Kentucky Corporation and served for four years as Vice-chair of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission. He was State Representative for Knott and Magoffin Counties

from 1978-1982 and has been elected to four Democratic National Conventions (1976, 1988, 1996 and 2008). He is married and has three children, Jed, Zach and Tomas. His wife, Lois Combs Weinberg, was the Kentucky Democratic nominee for the United States Senate in 2002. He is a published short story writer.

Wayne Rutherford was elected to an unprecedented fifth term as Pike County's chief executive in 2006, and upon entering office in January 2007, Rutherford trademarked Pike County as America's Energy Capital. Since entering office, he has spent the majority of his administration working to advance energy initiatives throughout the county. Rutherford previously served

three consecutive terms as county judge from 1970 until 1982, and again from 1992 until 1994. Prior to being elected as county judge, he served as a Kentucky probation and parole officer. Following his first 12 years in office, Rutherford served as a deputy cabinet secretary during the administration of Gov. John Y. Brown, Jr., and as an executive with the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

For more information about the series contact Ron Daley, HCTC Senior Director of Advancement and Governmental Relations at 606-487-3158 or by email at ron.daley@kctcs.edu.

SPELLING BEE



Tate Greene, a fifth-grade student at Prestonsburg Elementary School, competed March 14 in the 2009 Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee, an annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau. Pictured with Greene are, from left to right: Catherine Smith, KDF Spelling Bee Committee chair, and David S. Beck and Steve McCormick of Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Pikeville Medical Center offers free health screenings

PIKEVILLE — This Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, Pikeville Medical Center and Wal-Mart stores around the region will offer free health screenings.

Patients from Pike, Floyd and Mingo counties are invited to take part in the screenings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Medical professionals will be available at three Wal-Mart locations — Cassidy Blvd. in Pikeville, Prestonsburg and South Williamson.

Among the screenings offered are blood pressure,

diabetes risk, peripheral vascular disease risk assessment, cholesterol, oxygen saturation and heart rate. Pikeville Medical Center's professional medical staff will personally explain each patient's screening results and answer any questions they may have.

Free patient medication cards and other items will be offered to anyone visiting the health screening booth.

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been fasting at least eight hours before a screening takes place.

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Guest View

Dancing in the dark

The great screenwriter William Goldman once wrote, apropos of the movie business, that "Nobody knows anything. Not one person in the entire motion picture field knows for a certainty what's going to work. Every time out it's a guess."

The longer the nation's economic crisis goes on, the more apparent it becomes that nobody knows anything about it, either. We're not the first to make this observation, but the events of the past week underscored its truth.

Nationally, comedian Jon Stewart spent the past week gleefully beating up on the CNBC financial network and its star financial analyst, Jim Cramer, for passing out bad advice. In St. Louis, after his firm was sued for misleading investors about the safety of something called auction-rate securities, Ron Kruszewski, CEO of Stifel Financial Corp., replied, in effect, that we just sold them, we didn't know what they were.

We'll give him points for honesty, but that's not something you really want to hear your financial adviser admit.

There was a lot of dancing in the dark going on in the last two decades. The Federal Reserve board said Thursday that the net worth of U.S. households declined by nearly 18 percent in 2008. That amounts to \$11 trillion in wealth that simply disappeared.

Much of it, as we've come to understand, was ephemeral, driven by a housing bubble built atop exotic collateralized debt obligations designed by "quants," quantitative analysts who used mathematics to create risk profiles that turned out to be bogus. "Beware of geeks bearing formulas," said Warren Buffett, the investment guru who personally lost \$25 billion last year.

Now these CDOs are known by another name, "toxic assets," plaque on the arteries of the international banking system, choking off the flow of credit and making the people who financed this spree -- foreign investors -- a little nervous.

On Friday, America's biggest creditor sent a shiver up Wall Street's spine. Wen Jiabao, China's prime minister, said at his semi-annual news conference that "We have lent a huge amount of money to the U.S. Of course we are concerned about the safety of our assets. To be honest, I am definitely a little worried."

America doesn't even want to think about what happens if China starts unloading its \$1 trillion in Treasury bills and other assets. For that matter, China doesn't want to think about it, either, which gives us a little breathing room.

In a way, this is the end result of what happens when we refinanced our homes so we could buy all those Chinese-made plasma TVs and Japanese cars. The mortgage company repackaged our mortgage into CDOs and sold them to banks, who then bought insurance for them in the form of credit swaps issued by AIG.

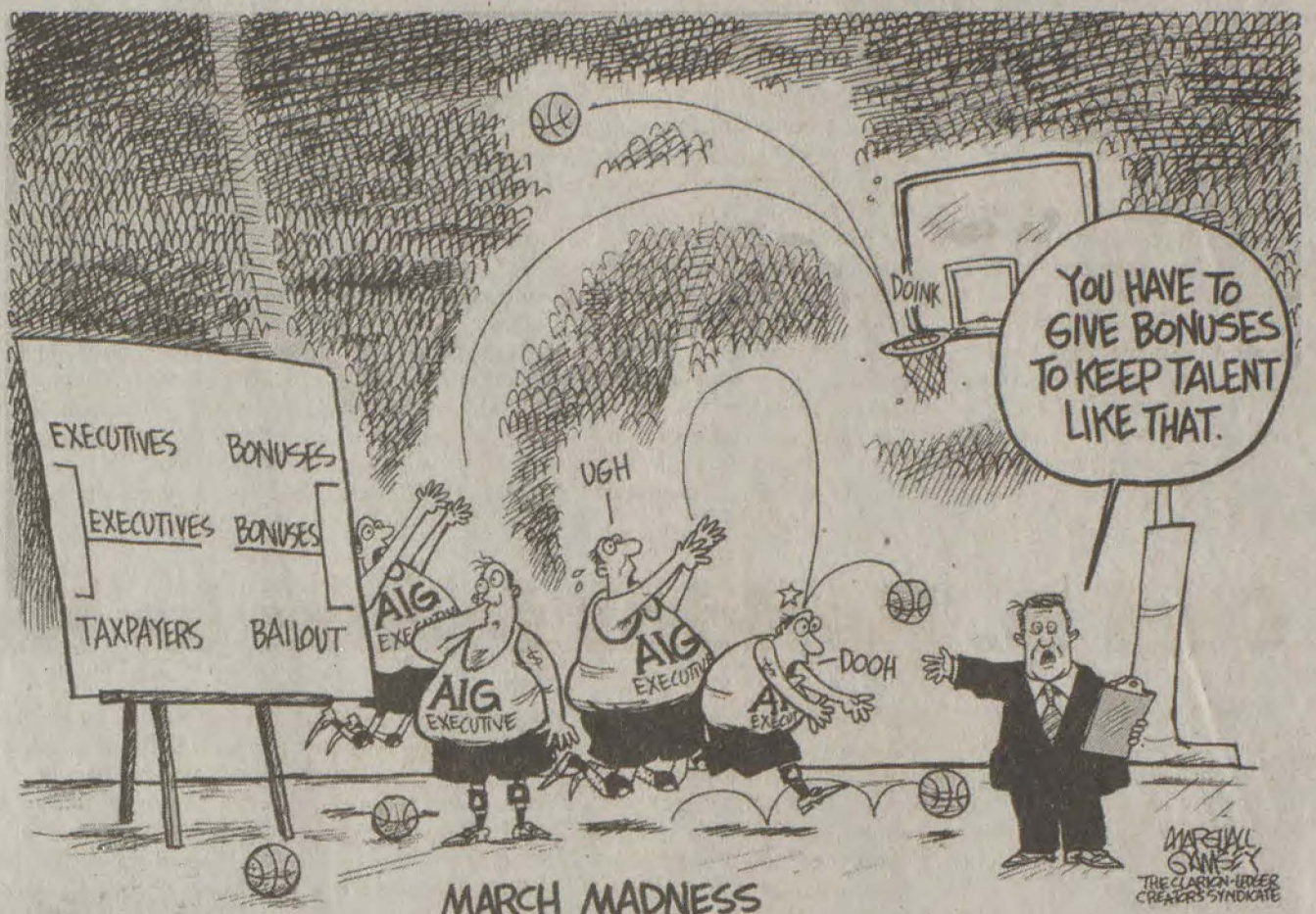
Now nobody knows anything: Not the value of the credit swaps, the value of the CDOs, the value of the banks or the value of our homes. So we continue printing and borrowing money to bail out banks and AIG because, we're told, if we don't things will get a whole lot worse.

This is the Gordian knot that President Barack Obama and his economic team must untangle. No wonder they're moving slowly. Wall Street is apoplectic at the thought that big banks will nationalized, that somehow the people and institutions holding all those toxic assets are going to get short-changed. Congress is apoplectic that it will have to spend another trillion or so bailing out the same people who started this mess or else see credit collapse and bring on the second Great Depression.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Tim Geithner were at pains last week to reassure the markets that a middle ground is being sought. Thus the markets rebounded a bit.

Someone, however, will get stuck holding the bag. Nobody knows anything, but the guess here is that it will be the taxpayers.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Lawmakers took care of a half-billion dollar General Fund budget crisis in the first weeks of this winter's session. Now, as the session comes to a close, another part of the state budget hard-hit by the recession—the state road plan—has been worked out between the House and Senate.

The \$3.7 billion road plan package agreed to by both chambers will preserve \$126 million in annual road fund revenue, and add \$400 million in bond funding — along with expected federal stimulus-package road money of around \$441 million — for needed transportation projects across the Commonwealth. It will also include all road projects in House Bill 433 that were omitted from earlier legislation.

The road fund package will also freeze the current state gas tax at 22.5 cents, giving the state four-pennies-a-gallon more than it would otherwise collect after the tax is scheduled to drop April 1 to pay debt service on

road bonds and provide millions of dollars for local road projects. Each penny is estimated to be worth \$32 million in revenue.

Projects in the 2008-2010 state road plan were included in HB 330, which the House gave final passage to on Friday by a vote of 87-3. The biennial road plan now goes to the governor for his signature.

Roads also had the attention of the House last Monday when the body passed a measure creating a state transportation infrastructure authority to finance so-called "mega-projects" worth at least half a billion dollars.

The state authority created under HB 102 could finance some \$12 billion in projects—including, but not limited to, the \$3 billion Louisville bridges project, I-69 Henderson bridge project and Brent Spence Bridge project in Northern Kentucky—with bonds or tolls instead of relying on the state road fund for money. Local input on the mega-projects would come from local infrastructure authorities that could be created under the bill to propose and help manage the projects. The measure passed the House by a vote of 67-23 and is now in a House and Senate conference committee that will try to agree on

changes each house has made to the bill.

The House did give final passage last Friday to SB 1, a major reform bill that will change the state's school accountability testing system. Lawmakers agreed that they wanted to do away with the cumbersome CATS

(Commonwealth Accountability Testing System) test and, in the final hours of the day Friday, agreed on a way to assess schools over the next two years while a new state test is being devised.

The interim test will include some norm-referenced testing—similar to many college entrance exam tests—and current core content testing in math, reading and science with assessment in social studies added to the mix. It will also require K-12 and postsecondary schools to align their content so that high remediation rates can be reduced at Kentucky's colleges and universities. SB 1 passed the House 93-0 and now goes to the governor.

Maintaining roads and beefing up other state programs are important, and need legislative attention. But other issues of the day also had lawmakers' attention in the waning ses-

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Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

As expected, this last week was the busiest of the year's 30-day "short session," with a flurry of bills winning final passage and negotiations in conference over the details of others.

Even facing a money crisis, in the end, our efforts resulted in legislation that will have long-lasting benefits to Kentuckians. From the war on drugs — to the economy — to better roads and education, we have accomplished a great deal in our time here.

One of the lasting successes of this session will be a pretrial diversion program aimed at getting Kentuckians off drugs and breaking their cycle of crime. Senate Bill 4 would allow local jails to screen people when they are first arrested. Trial judges could make outpatient drug treatment a condition of their bail, and serious addicts could voluntarily undergo inpatient treatment to get clean.

The goal of SB 4 is to eliminate situations where drug problems lead to repeat felonies, driving up sentences and the cost of housing prisoners. State corrections officials tell us that more than three-fourths of all prisoners in Kentucky are there in some way because of substance abuse. Not only is it expensive to keep people in prison, it also robs our society and economy of the valuable contributions these Kentuckians could make if they were drug-free and living productive lives.

We also agreed this week to complete a legislative study of our entire criminal code, including drug laws. Our State has not comprehensively updated its criminal laws since the 1970s, and a great deal has changed in the meantime. We have changed

crimes and punishments piecemeal, without regard to how the whole pattern fits together. We hope Senate Joint Resolution 12 will help us bring coherence to our criminal justice system, so punishments fit the crimes; lawbreakers are sent to jail or entered into treatment programs, whichever is more appropriate; and ultimately the taxpayers save money.

Another long-lasting benefit of this session will be our reform of the State's school testing system. For all the strides we have made in the last 20 years, we have lost our focus on individual student achievement. Senate Bill 1 will make sure that tests allow for relatively quick feedback and individual assessment by eliminating open-response questions — with their highly subjective and overly lengthy grading system. Likewise, in the arts, the emphasis will be on students creating art and music — to truly appreciate their virtues.

SB 1 will also move the focus for teachers to student learning rather than test preparation and other assessment pressures. Writing portfolios provide a valuable tool to help students develop their language skills, but they will now simply be a tool, rather than an end goal, as they have been in our current system. The tests that students do take, meanwhile, will be wrapped up in five days rather than the current 10.

The number of school days devoted to testing is especially worrying this year. Between windstorms from Tropical Storm Ike last fall and winter ice storms in late January, many districts have missed 20 days or more. Making all those days up would mean school year would continue well into June — long after State testing has been completed. House Bill 322 will allow school districts to request the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of up to 10 days once they have used their makeup days.

We also addressed the health risks

of high school athletes. Media attention has focused on Kentucky in recent months because of the death of a high school football player in Jefferson County, and we want to make every effort to keep our children safe and healthy. House Bill 383 would ensure that all high school coaches complete a safety course, and that starting next school year one coach with proper certification is at every practice and game. Meanwhile, we have directed the KHSAA to study athlete safety and ways we can protect all students.

The legislature also did its part to put federal stimulus money to work and get our economy moving again. By working with the state Transportation Cabinet, we identified more than \$370 million in "shovel-ready" road and bridge projects that can begin immediately. These projects are part of the State's overall Road Plan in House Bill 330, which also includes infrastructure improvements across the Commonwealth.

Another way we worked to boost the economy was in helping local governments save money on exploding pension costs. House Bill 117 allows cities, counties and other members of the County Employees Retirement System to phase in their health care contributions over 10 years, just as the State does. In the short term, this will allow local governments to save money in these rough economic times, keeping taxes as low as possible while preserving needed public safety money.

We will return to the Capitol on March 26, for two days of final decision-making on a wide range of issues, including any gubernatorial vetoes. As always, you may call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 to let us know how you feel, or follow our work online at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov> or e-mail me at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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Food City adds director of healthy initiatives

ABINGDON, Va. — Food City officials recently announced the addition of a new position to their company, director of healthy initiatives.

The director of healthy initiatives will serve as an associate advocate, providing direction and assistance on health-related issues and health and wellness matters as they related to the company's associate health plan. She will also work to provide consumers with dietary information, direct the company focus on nutritional programs and assist the Pharmacy Operations staff with health related issues.

"This is a position that we have been seeking to fill for several months," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and CEO. "We are confident

that it will bring added value to our associates and customers alike."

The company selected Lori Ann Hamilton, R.N.C of Piney Flats, Tenn., to fill the position. Hamilton received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from East Tennessee State University, where she graduated magna cum laude. Prior to joining the Food City Team, she was employed for 27 years with Mountain States Health Alliance as an R.N.

Hamilton has experience in the health care field, having served in obstetrics, gynecology and medical/surgical nursing for a number of years, including the positions of OB/Gyn Clinical Manager, Women's Health Education Coordinator, Health Resources

Center Coordinator and Educator, Health Resources Center Community Outreach Director and most recently Director of Community Health and Wellness.

Hamilton is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society and American College of Sports Medicine and is active within numerous community related organizations. She is the recipient of the Business Journal's 40 under Forty Award, Media Nurse Award, Healthcare Hero individual award and two time Healthcare Hero team award winner.

"This is a new position for our company, one that we feel is greatly needed and we are

extremely excited to welcome Lori to our team. I am confident that her vast knowledge and numerous years of experience will prove vital to this

new key position within our company," added Smith.

Headquartered in Abingdon, Virginia, K-VA-T Food Stores operates 102 retail

food outlets throughout the tri-state regions of Southeast Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee.

CNB announces appointments

PAINTSVILLE — The board of directors of Citizens National Bank has announced the appointment of six officers to assistant vice president. They include Todd Dials, Ronnie Merrill, Nancy Osborne, Stephanie Salyer, Misty Turner and Grady Underwood.

Dials began his career with Citizens National Bank as information systems manager in September, with a bachelor of arts degree from Morehead State University. His background includes information systems and network training and nine years of banking experience.

Merrill began his career with Citizens in March 2007. He brings five years of financial experience to his current position of electronic banking manager.

Osborne joined Citizens in January 2002, with 20 years previous experience in banking. She is currently mortgage underwriter.

Salyer began her career with Citizens in July 1979. She is currently the customer service manager.



Todd Dials



Ronnie Merrill



Nancy Osborne



Stephanie Salyer



Misty Turner



Grady Underwood

Turner joined Citizens in April 2004 as a branch manager. She attended Pikeville College and has completed the Kentucky Bankers Association branch management certification. She is branch manager of the Left Beaver and Garrett

locations. Underwood joined Citizens in May 2006 with 12 years of banking experience. A graduate of Kentucky State University, he is the branch manager of the Salyersville location.

Drug treatment plan wins final passage, heads to governor

FRANKFORT — A proposal to treat arrested drug addicts before heading to trial won final passage Thursday, sending it to the governor for his signature.

Senate Bill 4, co-sponsored by Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, and Senate Minority Floor Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, had earlier passed each chamber unanimously. With the Senate concurring in House changes today, the program is one step from becoming law.

"This is an outstanding piece of legislation," Worley said. "It pays for itself."

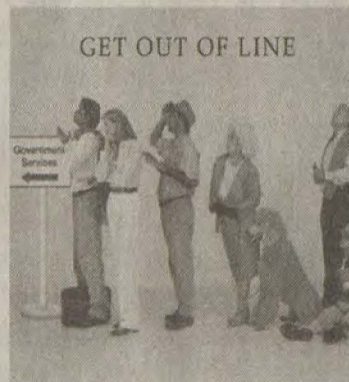
Under the plan, those charged with a felony would be screened for substance abuse problems before they appear at trial. At the judge's discretion, the offender could

be ordered into an outpatient recovery program as a condition of bail. If they completed the pretrial diversion program and did not commit any other offenses, the charges could eventually be dropped and no felony listed on their record.

The state corrections system would also set aside at least 200 beds for an inpatient facility - similar in restrictions to a minimum security prison - for people who have been charged with a felony and have substance abuse issues. Prisoners in the program would voluntarily undergo intensive counseling for at

least 90 days to make sure they can overcome their addictions. An aftercare plan would also be in place for each participant, including referral to a local substance abuse counselor, to make sure they stayed away from their vices upon leaving the facility.

The General Assembly provided funding for the program in the budget last year, Kelly said. He gave credit to state Justice and Public Safety Secretary J. Michael Brown with initiating parts of the program already, giving the state a head start in its implementation.



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Ronald Haney

from Inez who died from injuries received on US 23 at Louisa, and for Brooke Castle, a former Johnson Central High School student seriously injured in another crash on US 23. Thanks to your responses, trials were canceled in all of these legal actions and JUSTICE WAS DONE. Thank you.

Please review the matter below and see if you have information that will further help in our QUEST FOR JUSTICE.



William Patrick



Daniel Pennington



Dustin Rodriguez

William Anthony Patrick, Daniel Clay Pennington and Dustin Rodriguez died on February 27, 2009.

William Anthony Patrick was one of Johnson County's finest young men with exemplary personal habits and with dozens and dozens of friends, all of whom speak of him in respectful and loving terms. Only 21 years old, on Friday morning, February 27, Anthony traveled on Kentucky Route 460 just west of Paintsville when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was violently crashed into by a loaded Pepsi truck. His dear friends and fellow passengers, Daniel Clay Pennington and Dustin "D-Rod" Lee Rodriguez, also lost their young lives in this fiery catastrophe. These young men, like Anthony, were (and are) loved by their parents, their friends, their former teachers and fellow workers.

On behalf of Anthony's parents, Eddie and Nadine (and Daniel's parents, Danny and Glenia, and Dustin's parents, Valerie and Robert who are represented by other counsel) we wish to ascertain the whole truth of this tragedy; we want to know for sure what happened.

There were quite a number of witnesses, some of whom we have met and talked with. If you were there or have any information that may be relevant to this tragic accident, please call John Kirk, Brett Butcher or Kyle Salyer at 297-5888 or go to Kirklawfirm.net and contact us by email.

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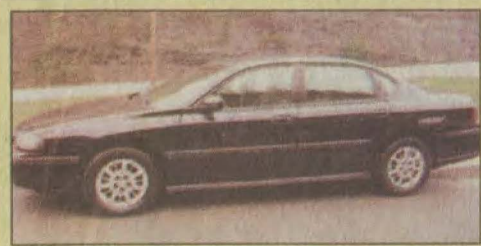
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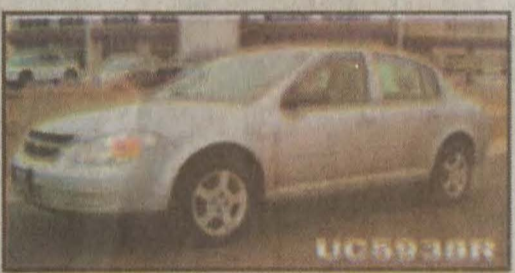
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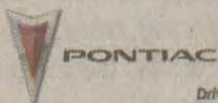


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Knott veteran testifies before Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers introduced on Tuesday former Army Specialist Travis Fugate of Knott County at a House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee hearing regarding the "Vision Center of Excellence."

The Vision Center of Excellence would create a comprehensive database of all

combat veterans with eye injuries so that doctors around the country could access vital medical records and proceed with treatment based on this data. Congressman Rogers and Mr. Fugate were at the hearing to encourage the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration to quickly establish the vision center.

"I am deeply honored to introduce Travis Fugate, a true American hero whose resolve and optimism is truly contagious," said Rogers. "He has proudly worn our nation's colors on his sleeve and his story is one that embodies the American spirit and should compel Congress to do everything in our power to implement the Vision Center of

Excellence. This center is imperative to assist those brave soldiers who have, in duty to their country, endured severe eye injuries in order to keep our nation safe."

Former Army Specialist Travis Fugate entered the Kentucky National Guard in December 2003 and in February 2005 was deployed to Iraq with Company B, 206th Engineers. On May 18, 2005, Mr. Fugate was severely injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq which resulted in significant injuries, the loss of vision in his right eye and a battered retina on his left eye. Fugate underwent several surgeries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, returned to Kentucky and started attending classes at Hazard Community College and on April 2, 2006 was retired medically from the military. In December 2008, Fugate developed a sinus infection in his left eye requiring additional surgery and, as a result, all remaining vision in his eye was lost. He spoke at the hearing today to talk about how important a Vision Center of Excellence is in order to increase communication and

awareness of eye injuries and ultimately how it would help prevent cases like his where his vision was permanently lost.

In 2008, the National Defense Authorization Act included language to establish and create the "Military Eye Trauma Center of Excellence and Eye Trauma Registry." Today's hearing focused on what has been accomplished in the last thirteen months to establish the Vision Center of Excellence.

As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Rogers has supported our nation's military men and women and worked to ensure our veterans receive adequate care and assistance.

CATS

lack of effectiveness, amount of time and cost as the main reasons behind finding an alternative or updated method of testing.

Negotiations are currently underway to determine what type of interim test will be given until state education

officials create a new exam by the 2011-12 academic year. The new state assessment system will be a criterion referenced text that will combine with a norm referenced test based on new state content standards. The test will be a single common test with mul-

iple choice and constructed response items.

The CATS test, an extension of the Kentucky Education Reform Act, was created in 1998 after a legislative session.

Murder

then went off, shooting Salisbury.

Salisbury was shot twice and investigators have concluded that the shots fired were from his own gun, which was later found in a truck belonging to the Millers.

Police have said that eyewitness accounts are in line

with the son's version of what happened.

Salisbury died from two gunshot wounds in the early morning hours on Sunday, March 7. The Millers were arrested shortly afterwards.

Robie Lee Miller was charged with murder while his father has been charged with

tampering with physical evidence and falsely reporting an incident.

Robie Dean Miller was returned to the custody on a \$100,000 cash bond while his son was given a \$1 million cash bond.

The case has now been waived to a grand jury.

Cleanups

The average across District 12 roadways for adopted roads is 10.6 percent.

"The increase in new groups enrolling in the program shows that Kentuckians place a high importance on maintaining and improving the scenic beauty of our state," said Kentucky Transportation Secretary Joe Prather.

"Through their participation they are sending a message that littering is simply unacceptable in our commonwealth."

Each year, the cabinet spends about \$5 million and 200,000 worker hours to remove some 96,000 bags of litter from Kentucky roadways.

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.transportation.ky.gov and follow the links to Adopt-a-Highway. For questions or comments, contact Sandy Layne, Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator, Highway District 12 at (606) 433-7791 or toll-free 1-877-433-7791.

House

sion hours, including final passage of a bill to better supervise payday lending in the Commonwealth. HB 444 will require that a state database be created by July 2010 for lenders to search for any outstanding loans a customer might have. It will also allow penalties for businesses that violate the two-loan/\$500 or less per-customer loan limit now on the books, and prohibit new payday loan stores from opening over the next 10 years. HB 444 now goes to the governor for his signature.

Schools that missed from a few days to a few weeks of classes due to 2009 winter storms and Hurricane Ike last fall also received help this session from HB 322, which will allow school districts to ask the state to waive up to 10 "disaster days" once all make-up days are used. It will also allow schools to extend the instructional day by 30 minutes to prepare for statewide testing, and lengthen school days to make up any days missed due to bad weather. HB 322 is also headed to the governor's desk.

Also on its way to the governor is Senate Bill 4, which will allow drug addicts and other felony drug offenders to avoid incarceration by successfully completing drug treatment.

SB 4 will require that local jails screen felony drug offenders at booking to determine what treatment, if any, is needed. A judge could order outpatient or some other form of treatment at the person's preliminary hearing, or allow more serious offenders to voluntarily enter a secure treatment facility for at least 90 days, with a total of 18 months to 2 years supervision. Those whose treatment is successful could eventually have their drug charges dismissed. The bill will also ensure due process for offenders, among other provisions.

With the session's "concurrent days" Thursday and Friday behind us, there are only two days left in this 30-day session to finish the people's work. Those last two days may carry late into the night, as "t's are crossed and "i's dotted on bills passed in the final hours.

Lawmakers are now on break as part of what we call a veto recess, which is a 10-day period near the end of session set aside to allow the governor to veto bills. We will return March 26-27-the final two days-to consider overriding any vetoes and to pass last-minute bills that may be unresolved.

For a "short session", the 2009 Regular Session has been incredibly successful. By boosting state budget revenues, protecting road fund dollars, and considering several bills to lower annual state correctional costs of around \$450 million, the Kentucky General Assembly has worked hard in these times of recession to protect state programs and services that taxpayers need. By session's end next week, at least 100 bills addressing those needs, both immediate and future, will have been sent to the governor for his consideration.

You can continue to stay informed of legislative action on bills this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, you can call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181.

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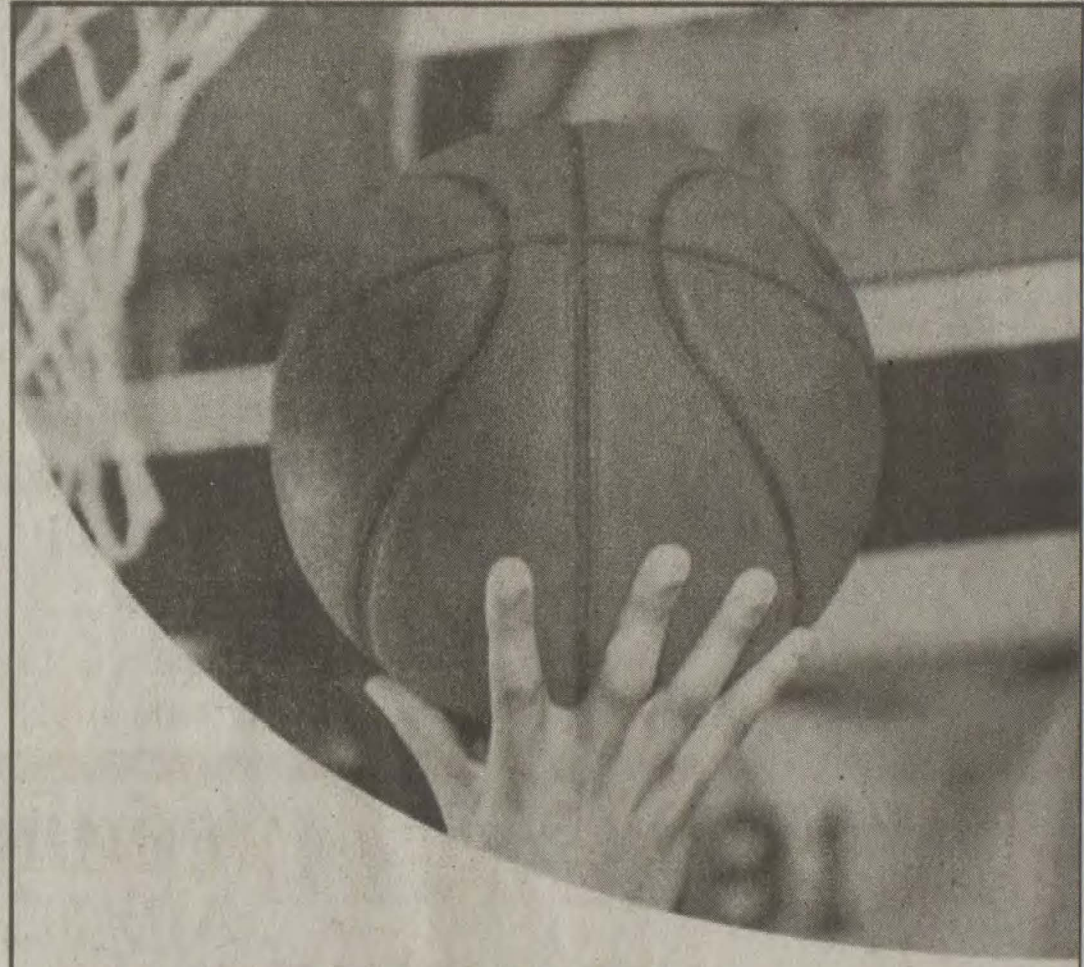
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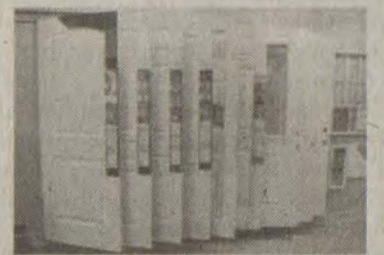


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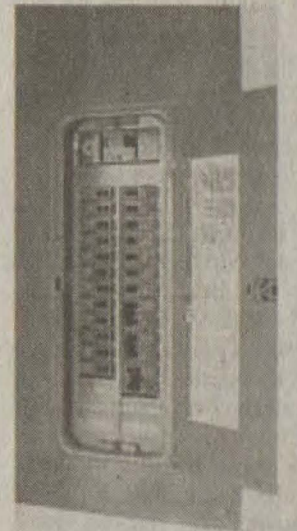
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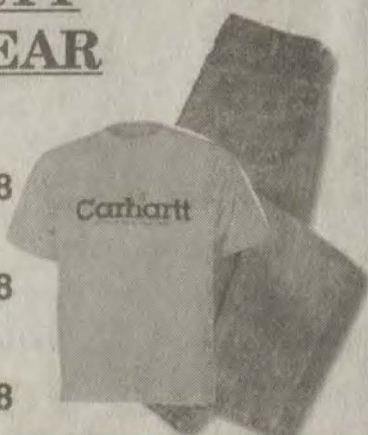
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Kinzer to race at famed Bulls Gap track

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway won't be the only venue for racing in East Tennessee the third weekend in March. Volunteer Speedway will begin its 36th season of exciting dirt track racing on Friday during Bristol NASCAR weekend by hosting the Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series for a 50-lap \$3,000-to-win Super Late Model main event, with the Fastrak Racing Series-sanctioned Pro Late Models in action for a 30-lap \$1,000-to-win feature. Among the drivers

scheduled to take to the East Tennessee track is Allen driver Brandon Kinzer. Kinzer did not compete over the weekend following a rainout. Defending Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series champion Rick Rogers of Knoxville, along with three-time (2005, '06 and '07) champ Anthony White and four-time (1997, '98, 2000 and '05) Volunteer Speedway champion Vic Hill are also expected to take to the Volunteer Speedway track.

Highlighting the Friday racing program will be the Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series \$3,000-to-win feature.

The fastest 12 drivers from Powermaster Time Trials will be locked into two Sunoco Quick Six Dashes (Qualifiers 1-6 and 7-12), with two last chance West Haven Speed Equipment B-mains scheduled to complete the 24-car starting field. The Fastrak Racing Series Pro Late Models will run 30 laps in a \$1,000-to-win feature.

The pit gate will open Friday at 3 p.m., with the grandstands opening at 5 p.m. Drivers' meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. in the backside pits. Hotlaps are tentatively scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., fol-

lowed by qualifying and then racing action.

Adult grandstand admission is \$12, youth (ages 10-15) \$5, children 9-and-under admitted free in the grandstands when accompanied by an adult. Pit passes and backside tier-parking is \$30 for all ages.



BRANDON KINZER



BEAVER JUNCTION MOTOCROSS, located in Dwale, is scheduled to host round one of the 2009 Outdoor Series Saturday.

Martin earns Court of Honor recognition

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Former Allen Central boys' basketball coach Johnny Martin will receive a much-deserved honor later in the week during the state tournament when he takes his place among other top coaches from around the state as the 2009 KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) 15th Region Court of Honor award-winner. Martin, one of the state's top all-time boys' high school basketball coaches, won over 500 games during his storied career.

A breakdown of the 2009 Boys Court of Honor follows.

The 2009 Boys Court of Honor (Region, Coach, School) — 1, Barney Thweatt, Paducah Tilghman High School; 2, Jim Wallace, Trigg County High School; 3, Delmas Gish, Central City High School; 4, Gerald Sinclair, Logan County High School; 5, Fred Waddle, Taylor County High School; 6, Glenn Collie, Valley High School; 7, Joe Bergamini, Saint Xavier High School; 8, Glen P. Drury, Anderson County High School; 9, George Schneider, Covington Catholic High School; 10, Julian Cunningham, Montgomery County High School; 11, Elmer Baldy Gilb, Henry Clay High School; 12, Kirk Chiles, Somerset High School; 13, Vencil R "Dinky" Phipps, Barbourville High School; 14, John Paul Amis, Buckhorn High School; 15, Johnny Martin, Allen Central High School; 16, Randy Ward, Greenup County High School.

Meeks, Patterson receive All-SEC hoops honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

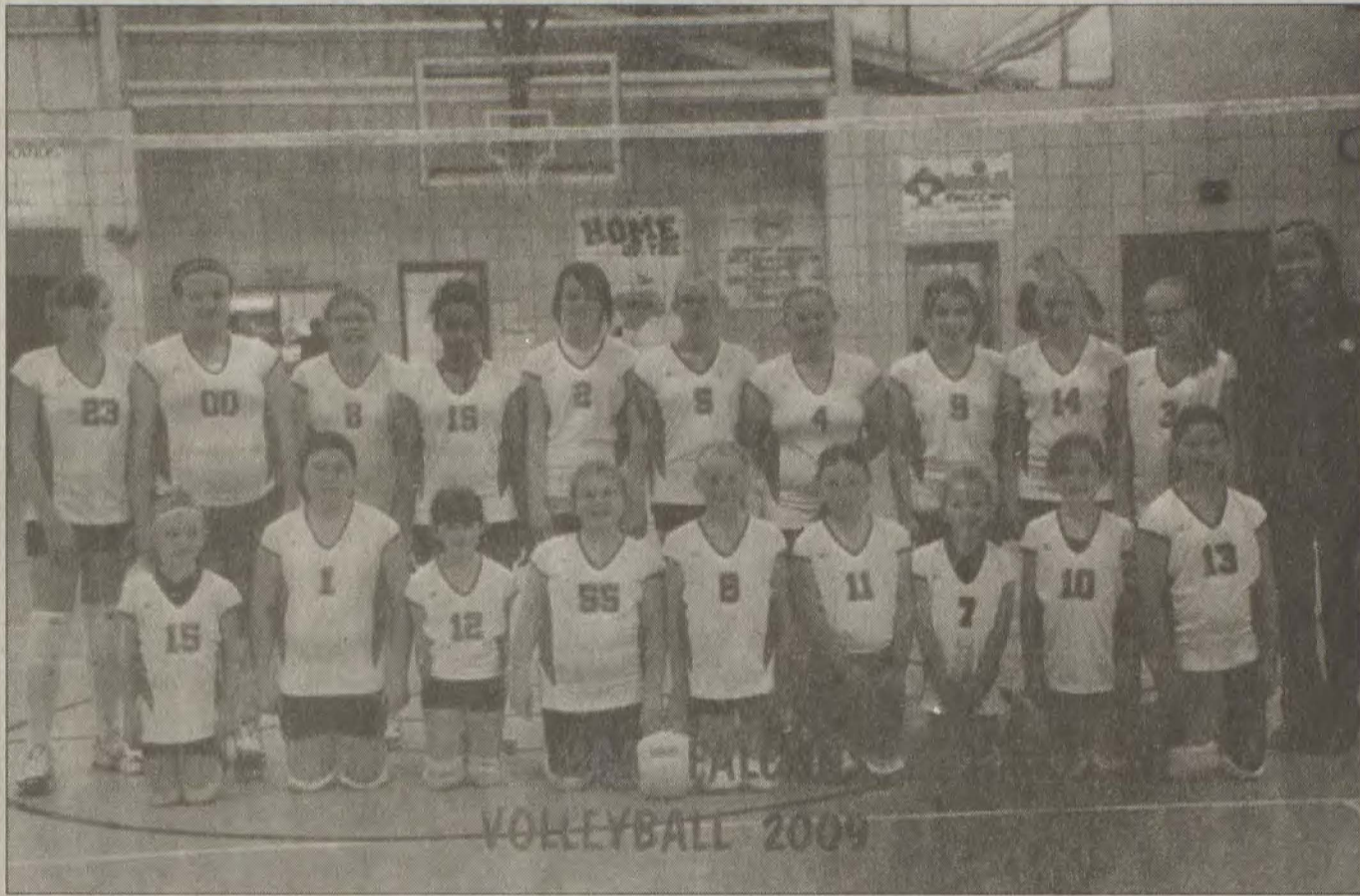
LEXINGTON — Jodie Meeks and Patrick Patterson were both named All-SEC performers by the Associated Press as announced by the conference office on Monday.

Meeks, who was named First Team All-SEC, leads the SEC and ranks fifth in the country in scoring averaging 24.2 ppg. He set the school record for points in a game (54 at Tennessee) and three-pointers in a season (108) while also shooting 89.4 percent from the free throw line.

Patterson, who was named Second Team All-SEC, is the only player in the SEC to rank in the top five in scoring (fourth — 18.2 ppg) and rebounding (third — 9.4 rpg). He leads the league and ranks 10th nationally in field goal percentage (60.5).

Meeks is the first Wildcat to be named AP first team since Chuck Hayes in the 2005 season.

Both players were named First Team All-SEC by league coaches last week.



MCA VOLLEYBALL: The Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) Falcons opened the volleyball season in convincing fashion last Wednesday, defeating Allen Elementary in A-, B- and C-team match. Each match only went two games. MCA won the final A-team game 21-0. Kelli Akers, an eighth-grader, served the entire final game. The MCA Falcons are under the direction of Coach Darlene Moore.

Bears bowlers win sectional; women qualify for nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Sectional championships have become the norm for Pikeville College and its bowling programs. The women's bowling team, the current defending national champions, had won their section six times in its seven tries entering this weekend.

So it wasn't much of a surprise when they rolled back in from Allentown, Penn., with sectional championship in hand. The only shock was which team was carrying the trophy.

This year it was the men's team turn to bring home the hefty hardware from the sectional meet, signifying the highest qualifying score from its regional meet that took place Saturday and Sunday at AMF Parkway Lanes.

With the women's team finishing second in Allentown, both teams qualified for next month's USBC

Intercollegiate Team Championships in Rockford, Ill., at The Cherry Bowl. The event will be held April 15-18.

The top four teams from the four sectional tournaments make up the field for the 16-team national event.

The men's bowling team was first after Saturday's 32-game Baker format but quickly fell behind as Rochester Tech rallied. By the day's end, however, they had returned to the top of the standings, finishing the 64 Baker games with a total of 13,066. Rochester Tech was second at 12,983, slightly ahead of Weber International in third at 12,956 and Robert Morris, which finished fourth at 12,546.

That means William Paterson, which was ranked seventh in the latest power rankings, will miss the national tournament this year.

On the women's side, Pikeville was third heading

into Sunday's action and wasted no time moving up to second, where they finished behind defending NCAA champion Maryland-Eastern Shore.

Maryland-Eastern Shore won the Allentown sectional with a final total of 12,027. Pikeville was right on its heels at 11,902, followed by Penn State at 11,791 and Erie Community College at 11,575.

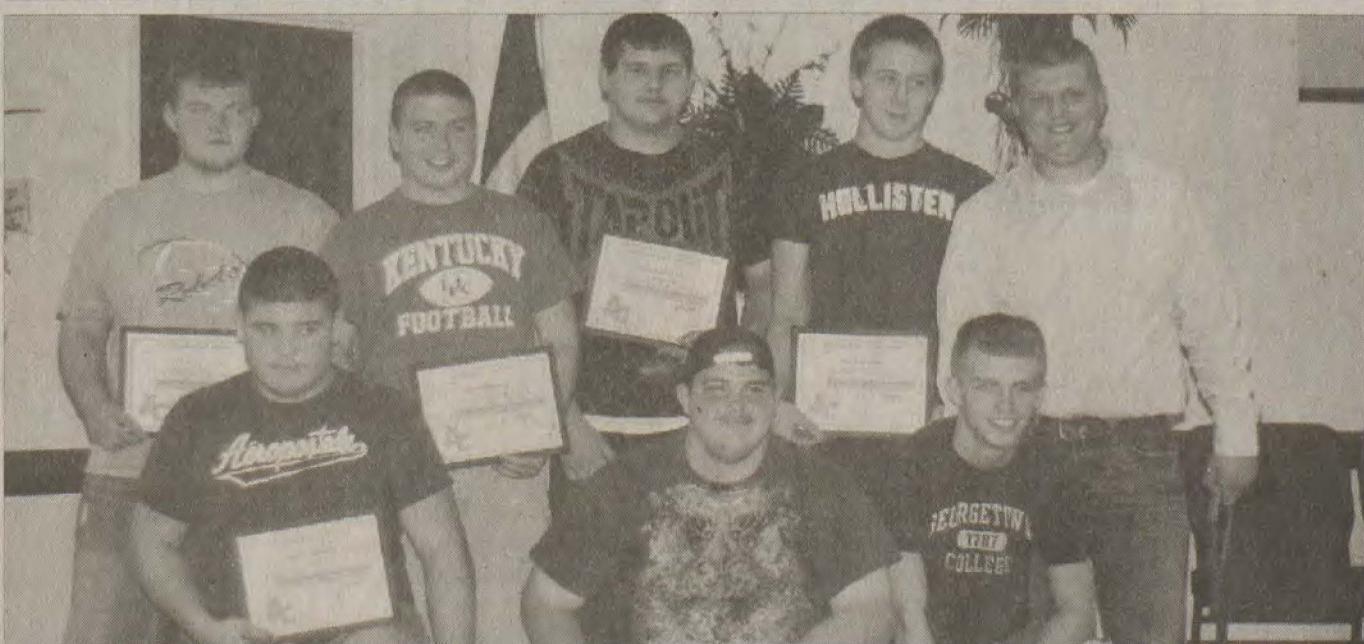
Briarcliffe College, which was ranked seventh on the women's side, will also be on the outside looking in when national's begin. It finished fifth at Allentown with a final total of 11,159.

Academic All-Americans: Eight members of the women's bowling team and two of the men were named Academic All-Americans by the United States Bowling Congress over the weekend. They were:

• Amanda Hammel, a

junior from Olmsted Falls, Ohio, majoring in biology; Megan Kyle, a freshman from Westport, Md., who majors in criminal justice; Jennifer McDaniel, a senior from Mt. Juliet, Tenn., majoring in communication; Michelle Ostrowski, a sophomore from Cincinnati majoring in Business Administration/Accounting; Brittani Scruggs-Barber, a sophomore from Del Valle, Texas, who majors in psychology; Ashley West, a junior from Westerville, Ohio, majoring in pre-education; Emily Whit, a junior from Grand Rapids, Mich., majoring in psychology; and Kim Yioulos, a freshman from Rochester, N.Y., majoring in pre-education.

• Chris Hollis, a junior from Canal Winchester, Ohio, majoring in business administration; and Billy Jones, a freshman from Erlanger, who majors in pre-education.



REBEL LINEMEN HONORED: The Allen Central High School football program honored its linemen during the team's annual banquet held recently. ACHS, behind its outstanding offensive line, led Class A in rushing and ranked fourth in rushing overall in all classes. The ACHS linemen are pictured. From left to right, front row: OT Blake Salisbury, OT/OG Steven Thornsbury, TE Marty Dye. From left to right, back row: C Cory Conn, OG Chase Hansford, OT/OG John Carraway, OG Micah Harlow, Line Coach Zach Branham. Not pictured: OT Bradley Fields, OG Tyler Salyer.

KABC honors boys' basketball players, coaches

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) has honored the top boys' basketball players and coaches in each region. Locally, in the 15th Region, Shelby Valley coach Jason Booher and Pikeville player Matt Clevenger claimed honors.

A breakdown of the KABC boys' basketball honorees follows.

KABC 2009 Boys' Basketball Coach Honorees (Region Region, Boys Coach of the Year, School): 1, Brian O'Neill, Carlisle County; 2, Matt Bell, Hopkins Central; (Tie) Jeff Embrey, Lyon County; 3, Todd Johnston, Grayson County; 4, Willie Feldhaus, Russell County; 5, Gary Goode, Bardstown; 6, Todd Rague, Southern; 7, Larry Miller, Moore; 8, Glenn Drury, Anderson County; 9, David Henley, Covington Holmes; 10, Chris O'Hearn, Mason County; 11, Allen Feldhaus Jr., Madison Central; 12, Jeff Jackson, Lincoln County; 13, Tony Pietrowski, Corbin; 14, Jeff Honeycutt, Cordia; 15, Jason Booher, Shelby Valley; 16, Jeremy Webb, West Carter.

KABC 2009 Boys' Basketball Player Honorees (Region Player of the Year School): 1, Aaron Wilson, Fulton City; 2, Jon Hood, Madisonville; 3, Tommy Oates, Muhlenberg North; 4, Bryon Ellis, Russell County; 5, Darren Ballou, Adair County; 6, Corey Jackson, Shawnee; 7, Chris Dowe, Eastern; 8, C.J. Penny, Anderson County; 9, Jamel Riley, Holmes; 10, Russ Middleton, Mason County; 11, Richie Phares, Scott County; 12, Ethan Spurlin, Lincoln County; 13, James David Strange, Pineville; 14, Andy Blank, Buckhorn; 15, Matt Clevenger, Pikeville; 16, Ethan Faulkner, Elliott County.

Boys' Sweet 16 in Rupp Arena

First-round games Today

Noon: Central (16-14) vs. Graves Co. (23-9)

1:30 p.m.: Grayson Co. (25-6) vs. Adair Co. (26-7)

6:30 p.m.: West Jessamine (26-8) vs. Hazard (26-8)

8 p.m.: Eastern (16-14) vs. Corbin (29-3)

Thursday

Noon: Holmes (32-2) vs. Christian Co. (24-6)

1:30 p.m.: Mason Co. (24-6) vs. Shelby Valley (30-4)

6:30 p.m.: Lexington Catholic (25-7) vs. Bowling Green (26-6)

8 p.m.: Anderson Co. (24-5) vs. Elliott Co. (30-2)

IRS offices planning a 'Super Saturday'

Taxpayers can get free advice, form preparation

The Internal Revenue Service and scores of its community partners will open their doors on Saturday, March 21, to help people who need free tax preparation, a question answered or a payment schedule arranged.

The IRS will open more than 250 local offices from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Community partners will open approximately 1,000 sites on March 21. Tax return preparation is limited to people who earn \$42,000 or less. There is no income limitation for people needing IRS assistance for other services at Taxpayer Assistance Centers.

Locally, the IRS office at 311 North Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg will be participating.

"Because of the economic downturn, many financially distressed taxpayers may be in need of free services. Our Super Saturday service will make it a little easier for people to get that help. Although our Taxpayer Assistance Centers are not normally open on Saturdays, we're trying to go

the extra mile in these difficult times," said Doug Shulman, IRS Commissioner. "Our Super Saturday service will help people get their refunds quickly. Also, if you think you owe taxes and can't pay, please come in and talk to us about it. There are steps we can take to help."

Locations and hours of operation of Super Saturday sites are available at IRS.gov, keyword Super Saturday. People without computer access can call 1-800-906-9887 to find a nearby IRS or partner office. IRS customer service telephone lines, 1-800-829-1040, also will be available on Super Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer tax questions.

People who earn \$42,000 or less can have their tax return prepared by the IRS or a community volunteer at participating locations. Filing a tax return may also be the fastest way to get some extra money. Approximately 75 percent of taxpayers receive a refund. IRS employees and the community volunteers can

help people get all the tax credits and deductions for which they are eligible. Taxpayers who electronically file their tax returns and who use direct deposit can receive their refunds in as few as 10 days.

Because of lost jobs or reduced income, many people may be eligible for certain tax credits for the first time. For example, the Earned Income Tax Credit is for people who work but who do not earn a lot of money. The EITC adds an extra \$2,000 benefit on average. It is the government's largest anti-poverty program. The additional child tax credit and the first-time homebuyers' credit are important benefits also affected by a taxpayer's income.

People who owe taxes but who cannot pay should contact the IRS as soon as possible. Regardless of income, people who need payment options can get help at an IRS office. The IRS can help set up an installment payment plan or a deferred payment plan. It is important that people

contact the agency so they can avoid penalties and interest that will make their tax bill even higher.

People who want their tax returns prepared should bring the following information:

- Valid driver's license or photo identification (self and spouse, if applicable)

- Social Security cards for all persons listed on the return

- Dates of birth for all persons listed on the return

- All income statements: Forms W-2, 1099, Social Security, Unemployment, or other benefits statements, self-employment records and any documents showing taxes withheld

- Dependent child care information: payee's name, address and Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number.

- Proof of account at financial institution for direct debit or deposit (i.e. cancelled/voided check or bank statement)

- Prior year tax return (if available)

- Any other pertinent documents or papers

For those who don't want to make a trip, the IRS also offers other free services for tax preparation including the Free File program on IRS.gov.

For people with computer access, the IRS web site remains the best place to go for answers, access to forms and publications and other free services. For example, taxpayers will find the latest details on the tax provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 at IRS.gov.

People also can track their refunds through "Where's My Refund?" - another free service offered by the agency. People without computer access can still use "Where's My Refund?" by calling 1-800-829-1954. Taxpayers should have their tax return handy to answer questions from the "Where's My Refund?" application.



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Thunder Valley: NHRA drivers to visit Bristol Dragway May 15-17

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The stars of NASCAR are not the only ones that make noise in Bristol. To truly understand why this is called Thunder Valley, head to Bristol Dragway May 15-17 and catch the NHRA gang roar down the legendary quarter-mile.

The NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals brings the NHRA to town for one of the most anticipated races of the season. Those in attendance will be treated to high-speed action in Top Fuel, Funny Car and Pro Stock, as well as many exhibition and Sportsman classes.

The impressive acceleration and extreme speeds reached by these drivers are a spectacle that true race fans should witness firsthand. The nitromethane-powered engines of Top Fuel dragsters and Funny Cars churn out

7,000 horsepower, while each cylinder produces more than 750 horsepower, the same output of a NASCAR race engine.

The Top Fuel cars accelerate from 0-100 in .8 sec. and leave the starting line with a force nearly five times that of gravity, the same force astronauts feel during a Space Shuttle launch.

Among the drivers fans can expect to see are defending event winner and six-time Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher, Funny Car megastars John and Ashley Force, as well as 2009 Pro Stock champion Jeg Coughlin.

Top Fuel pilots Antron Brown and Larry Dixon will take aim at Schumacher's dominance, while Allen Johnson from nearby Greenville looks to add his name to the Bristol Pro Stock winner's column.

Gates open at 8 a.m. on

Friday, May 15 with the first round of Pro Qualifying slated for 5 p.m. Gates open at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16 with Pro Qualifying rolling off at 12:30 p.m. Sunday's action kicks off when gates open at 9:30 a.m. and Final Eliminations crank up at noon.

Ticket prices are as follows: Friday — Sections A - D \$30 Adult / \$10 Junior; Sections E - U \$35 Adult / \$15 Junior; Thunder Terrace \$35 Adult / \$15 Junior, Saturday — Sections A - D \$45 Adult / \$15 Junior; Sections E - U \$55 Adult / \$25 Junior; Thunder Terrace \$55 Adult / \$25 Junior, Sunday — Sections A - D \$45 Adult / \$15 Junior, Sections E - U \$55 Adult / \$25 Junior, Thunder Terrace \$55 Adult / \$25 Junior. Weekend combos are: Sections A - D \$95 Adult / \$40 Junior, Sections E - U \$120 Adult / \$60 Junior, and Thunder Terrace \$110 Adult /

\$60 Junior. Tickets for the Thunder Valley Club are \$300 for adults and \$100 for juniors.

To purchase tickets, call the Bristol ticket office at 423-989-6900 or visit www.bristoltix.com.

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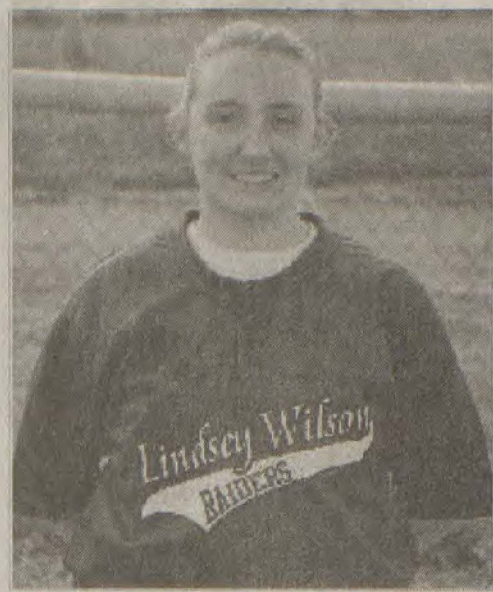


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PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL: Prestonsburg High School graduate Alicia Mayfield is a freshman member of the Lindsey Wilson College softball team.

HAVE RACING NEWS?

If so, contact The Times Sports Department. Phone: 606-886-8506.

Softball teams sought for church league

Softball teams are being sought for a church league in Johnson County that will play games every Saturday starting April 11 and running through August 1. Fellowship will come first and softball last in the church league. For more information, call Garry Crum, 789-2142.

Regents honor MSU soccer, basketball teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Board of Regents honored two Eagle athletic teams, elected officers, and heard reports on the University's academic audit and possible 2009-10 tuition and mandatory fee increases during a meeting on Thursday, March 12.

Both the men's basketball and soccer teams were recognized for winning their respective Ohio Valley Conference tournaments. The soccer team captured its first title in November while the Eagle basketball team had a double overtime win over Austin Peay (March 7) and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Sylvia Lovely of Lexington, executive director and chief

executive officer of the Kentucky League of Cities, was re-elected chair, while Jean Dorton of Paintsville was re-elected vice chair of the Regents. Mike Walters, vice president for administration and fiscal services, was re-appointed treasurer while Carol Johnson, assistant to the president, was re-elected secretary of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Karla Hughes had a presentation of the academic curriculum audit. The complete audit can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/provost/index.aspx?id=45193.

The Regents also approved a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing. This is the only BFA degree offered by a public university in Kentucky. The degree will offer study in three major genres: fiction,

poetry and creative nonfiction.

Beth Patrick, vice president of planning, budgets and technology, updated the Board on anticipated increases in tuition and mandatory fees. Patrick said the Council on Postsecondary Education placed a maximum tuition increase of 4 percent and that the University has not yet developed a final 2009-10 rate.

Among other business: the Board approved tenure with promotions, contracts for banking services and allocation of Bucks for Brains dollars. The Regents also ratified personnel actions, accepted second quarter financial report and amended the operating budget, heard reports on spring 2009 enrollment, personal service contracts and gift income, and six-year capital plan.

Celebs to drive in Bristol charity event

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Football coaches, football players, TV/radio personalities and more have signed on to run the celebrity heat races as part of the Scotts Saturday Night Special, March 21 at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer, who also will serve as grand marshal of the Food City 500, will climb behind the wheel of a race car for the first time as will Terry Bowden. Bowden returns to the college coaching ranks this year after 10 years in the broadcast booth, taking over the Division II powerhouse University of North Alabama.

"I have been amazed at the enthusiasm the participants have had toward this event," said Jeff Byrd, president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway. "It's like they are getting ready for the Food City 500."

Coaches are not the only ones suiting up. David Akers, Pro-Bowl kicker for the Philadelphia Eagles will participate. Also racing for charity will be local hero Mike Compton, current head football coach at Patrick Henry High School (Glade Spring, Va.) and two-time Super Bowl winner with the Patriots of New England.

Rounding out the first heat will be: Bill Jordan, owner/founder of Realtree Camouflage and host of two of his own television shows, Bill Jordan's Realtree Outdoors and ESPN's "Driven to Hunt," and TV/radio personality Riki Rachtman of MTV's "Charm School" and "Daisy of Love."

Taking the wheel in the second heat will be a field of more experienced drivers.

Former car owners and two of the top crew chiefs of all time, Andy Petree and Ray Evernham, now ESPN race analysts, as well as Brad Daugherty, a former No. 1 pick in the NBA draft and retired all-star player with the Cleveland Cavaliers will be part of the festivities.

Taking advantage of a weekend off on the National Hot Rod Association schedule are Greg Anderson (Pro Stock), Ron Capps (Funny Car) and Doug Herbert (Top Fuel Dragster) who will fill out the field.

The celebrities will run 15-lap or 10-minute heats to help determine the starting spots of their pro driver teammates, who then will run 35 laps. That field includes Junior Johnson, Harry Gant, Cale Yarborough and Jack Ingram.

The winning "team" is guaranteed \$25,000 for their charities and a total of \$10,000 will go to the charity or charities of the second-place duo. Every other team will get \$5,000 for their charities. Team pairings will be announced at a later time.

Tickets may be purchased at www.bristoltix.com or by calling the BMS ticket office at (423) 989-6900.

Canisius uses ninth-inning rally to get past Eagles, 13-10

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University led visiting Canisius College 10-5 heading into the seventh inning of the two teams' series finale at Allen Field Monday, but the Eagles could not hold on as the Golden Griffons scored eight runs in the final three innings, including a six-run ninth inning outburst, to get past MSU 13-10. The Eagles fell to 6-10, while Canisius won the final three games of the series to move to 6-7. The Eagles' game at home with West Virginia on Tuesday has shifted to a 1:30 p.m. EST first pitch.

J.D. Ashbrook hit his team-leading seventh home run of the season as the Eagles rallied from a 5-2 disadvantage after five innings. The Eagles scored six times in the sixth inning, helped by a two-run single by Paintsville native Daniel Pugh and a two-run double by Drew Lee, to move

on top 10-5. Ashbrook's round-tripper, a two-run job, came in the fifth to start MSU's middle inning rally.

Canisius' second baseman Kevin Mailloux homered twice, including a two-run smack in the Griffons' three-run first inning and a solo shot in the seventh as Canisius began its rally. Griffon right fielder and pitcher Shayne Willson hit two homers, including a two-run blast to pull his team to within 10-9 in the ninth. He also picked up the win in relief, tossing the final two innings and getting three strikeouts. The Eagles utilized three pitchers in the ninth inning before Jeff Arnold finally coaxed a double play to end the six-run scoring flurry.

Josh Barnes (0-1) was tagged with the loss, allowing three runs in the ninth. He came on after Michael Fahs allowed the two-run homer to Willson. Only one of the runs charged was earned, however, as two Eagle errors helped the

Griffons tack on a pair of extra runs. Trey Smith started the Eagles and allowed eight hits and five earned runs in the first five innings. Matthew Nichols pitched well in relief, striking out four in 2.2 innings and allowing two runs.

Steve McQuail hit a two-run homer in the first to get Canisius on the board, and Mailloux crushed a Smith offering over the fence in deep left center to push the Griffons' lead to 3-0 after a half-inning. The Eagles answered with a duce in the bottom of the second. Michael Bottoms singled to lead off and later scored on a balk by Griffon starter Nathan Linseman. Eric Bainer added an RBI single that scored third baseman Taylor Davis.

Bainer and Lee each had two hits to lead MSU's 10-hit day. Ashbrook had a trio of RBIs, and Pugh added two RBIs. Mailloux and Willson each had three RBIs to pace the Griffons' 13-hit attack.

LWC football program announces 2009 commitments

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — Lindsey Wilson College football coach Chris Oliver announced the commitments of the program's first 19 student-athletes to Blue Raider football on Friday.

The commitments will red-shirt during the upcoming season as the Blue Raiders get set to kick off their inaugural season in the NAIA and the Mid-South Conference in 2010.

"I am thrilled with this group of young men who have chosen to attend our institution. It is a talented group that is well balanced by position," Oliver said. "I believe our ability to attract prospects from all over the state of Kentucky and beyond in such a small amount of time speaks volumes about the great things going on here at Lindsey Wilson. We have tremendous educational

opportunities, a beautiful campus and some of the top athletic facilities in the entire NAIA.

"These young men are going to play a huge role in establishing the tradition of Blue Raider football. That's a truly unique opportunity. This is a great start to our 2009 recruiting class, and I look forward to adding more quality prospects as we progress through the spring."

Lindsey Wilson's first game is scheduled for Sept. 4, 2010, at home.

The following is a list of the 2009 commitments (Student-Athlete, Pos., High School): Chris Dobbins, WR, Calloway County; R.J. Dunagan, OL, Green County;

Kyle Frames, DL, Pleasure Ridge Park; Justin Harlan, QB, Monroe County; J.R. Heiner, DB, Madison Central; Spencer Hobaugh, DB, Independence

(Tenn.); Justin Hoosier, DL/OL, Taylor County; Josh LaFond, OL, Adair County; Caleb Maxey, RB, Monroe County; Zack Mings, DB, Taylor County; Chance Morris, LB, West Forsyth (Ga.); Charlie Mullenney, OL, Pleasure Ridge Park; Cameron Murrell, TE, Adair County; Corey Rainey, DB, Mercer County; Nathan Roberts, OL, Breathitt County; Zeth Rogers, RB, Green County; Zack Smith, LB, Mercer County; Tanner Strein, DL, Tate Creek; Nick Walters, WR, Hart County.

SPRING FOOTBALL: Area high school football teams are gearing up for the start of spring football practice.

Multiple drivers added to JR Motorsports' lineup

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — JR Motorsports' No. 5 Chevrolet in the Nationwide Series will have multiple drivers for the rest of the season, with Ryan Newman, Scott Wimmer and Tony Stewart joining team owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. and all-time series wins leader Mark Martin for the 21-race schedule.

Wimmer will compete in six events and Newman in four. Stewart's one race for JR Motorsports will be Oct. 16 at Charlotte. He is already a race-winner in 2009, driving a Hendrick Motorsports entry to victory in the season opener at Daytona.

"This No. 5 team carries a strong tradition and a lot of expectations, and we are fortunate to attract such quality talent to help carry on that tradition," Earnhardt said. "We had a similar setup with this team last year, and we were able to go to Victory Lane twice. Obviously with this driver lineup, there's no reason we can't exceed last year's win total."

The driver additions leave only two races on the No. 5 team's 21-race schedule unfulfilled - the road-course events at Watkins Glen on Aug. 8 and Montreal on Aug. 30.

Earnhardt has already driven the No. 5 in two events this year, finishing seventh at Daytona and fifth at Las Vegas. He is scheduled for five more, starting with the April 4 race at Texas.

Martin, whose 48 victories are the record in the Nationwide Series, will drive the No. 5 on May 1 at Richmond.



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STATE TOURNAMENT BOUND: A large contingent of Adams Middle School archers will be in competition today during the state tournament in Louisville.

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Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for April 16, 2009. At the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge-Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge-Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.
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For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606-285-3681.

All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2:15 p.m., local time, March 23, 2009. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Marlow Tackett and David Lee Tackett hereby declare intention(s) to apply for a retail beer by the drink license(s) no later than April 18th, 2009. The business to be licensed will be located at 11954 Hwy. 235, Harold, KY 41635.

The (owner(s); principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: Owner, Marlow Tackett, Box 115, Martin, KY 41649; and David Lee Tackett, 154 Cherry St., Harold, KY 41635. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., P.O. Box 565, Betsy Layne, KY 41605, has applied for a Phase III Bond Release, on Increment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Permit Number 836-0212, that was last issued on April 6, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 143.9 acres, located 0.8 mile west of Northern, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile southwest from KY 550s junction with KY 850, and located 0.1 mile west of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The bond now in effect on Increment 1 is a surety bond for \$5,600; on Increment 2 is a surety bond for \$9,000; on Increment 3 is a surety bond for \$8,400; and on Increment 4 is a surety bond for \$3,100. Approxi-

mately 15% of the original bond amount of \$171,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching, completed in December of 1991.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 18, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 19, 2009, at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 18, 2009.

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KCTCS Board of Regents approves tuition increase

VERSAILLES — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents approved a \$4 per credit hour increase in tuition for the 2009-10 academic year during their quarterly meeting Friday.

The tuition ceiling for all public postsecondary institutions was established by the Council on Postsecondary Education the previous week during its quarterly meeting.

"We applaud the thoughtful process that was employed this year by CPE to establish the recommendations," said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. "These are extremely difficult economic times not only for public higher education institutions but for all Kentuckians and it is important that college tuition remains affordable."

KCTCS tuition will slightly increase from \$121 to \$125

per credit hour for in-state students and from \$390 to \$425 per credit hour for most out-of-state students.

The KCTCS budget has been reduced seven times for a total of \$35.9 million since 2001. Reductions in KCTCS' 2008-09 state appropriation resulted in no salary increases for faculty and staff, 240 fewer full-time and part-time positions, a decrease in programs and services, and for the first time in the system's ten-year history, a 3.1 percent decline in 2008 fall enrollment.

"KCTCS is doing what the majority of households across that state are doing...we are tightening our belts and focusing our resources on core programs and services that have the most impact on our students and communities," said KCTCS Board of Regents Chair Richard A. Bean. "As the largest provider of postsec-

ondary education and workforce training in the state, KCTCS remains committed to providing Kentuckians with a low-cost, quality education right in their own community."

The additional tuition revenue for 2009-10 generated by tuition rate growth (\$5.6 million) will be available to the KCTCS Board of Regents in developing the 2009-10 operating budget. This additional revenue is sufficient to fund fixed cost increases in employee benefits, utilities and property insurance cost increases and the cost of faculty promotions.

The Board of Regents also approved a change in the employment status categories and retirement benefits for KCTCS faculty and staff. The approved policy regarding employment status reduces the employment categories from seven to two by primarily eliminating tenure for faculty and continuing employment status for staff for appointments effective on or after July 1, 2009. All future KCTCS employees will be either hired on a contract or "at will" basis.

"This decision will allow KCTCS to expand statewide economic growth by providing responsive and flexible workforce training solutions for the state's businesses and industries," said Bean. "KCTCS faculty will continue to have the same rights and privileges afforded to faculty in other higher education institutions through existing organizational policies regarding academic freedom, promotion, shared governance and due process."

A change to the employee retirement policy was also approved that eliminates post-retirement health insurance benefits and requires a five year vesting period for an employee to be eligible to receive accrued benefits from employer contributions to 403 (b) plans for those appointed on or after July 1, 2009. This change will result in a projected ten-year savings of more than \$60 million.

"Significant budget reductions for KCTCS from 2001-02 to the present put significant pressure on our human resource expenses because they represent the majority of

the KCTCS budget," said Bean. "KCTCS needs the ability to manage these expenditures, including the ability to eliminate programs that are not cost effective or consistent with KCTCS goals."

In other business, the board approved:

■ Ratification of three new credit certificate programs, including 3D Modeling Specialist at Bowling Green Technical College; African American Studies at Jefferson Community and Technical College; and Health Physics Technician I at West Kentucky

Community and Technical College.

■ 1,796 candidates for graduation who applied for academic credentials (certificates, diplomas or associate degrees) between October 14, 2008 and January 6, 2009.

The credentials include 1,077 candidates for certificates; 144 candidates for diplomas; and 575 candidates for associate degrees.

The next meeting of the KCTCS Board of Regents will be June 11, 2009 at the KCTCS system office, Versailles, Kentucky.

Conservation service accepting applications for EQIP, WHIP

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office. In addition, NRCS is accepting applications for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) sign-up.

Landusers may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by April 15, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2009) program year. Applications received after April 15, will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the resource concerns of their local area.

EQIP provides cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice. All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed with the landuser to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, pipeline and watering facility, grassed waterway, diversion, forest stand improvement, and fencing.

WHIP provides landusers an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat. The program

provides financial incentives for installing eligible practices on land they own or control. The landuser must devote at least 10 acres to eligible wildlife practices.

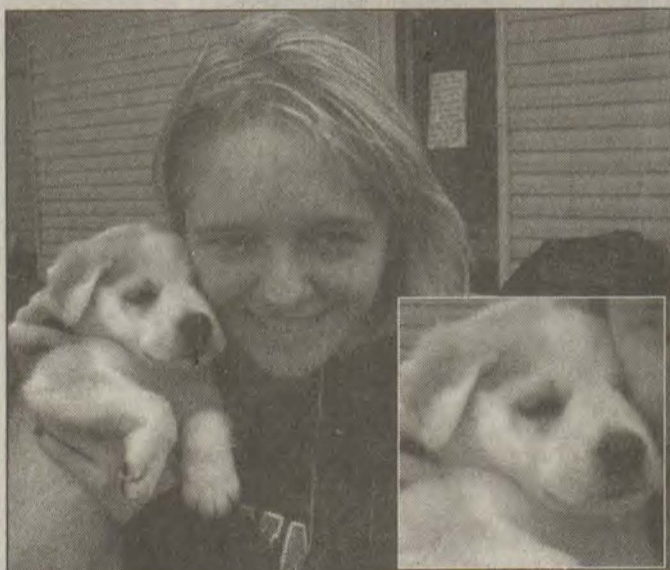
In Kentucky, the primary focus of WHIP is to improve early successional and forestland habitats for declining species and other wildlife. Restoring remnant prairies, planting native grasses, shrubs, and trees, implementing wildlife beneficial forest stand improvements, and creating shallow water areas are some of the eligible practices for the program. Excluding livestock from sensitive streams and woodlands is also important focus under Kentucky's 2009 WHIP. Since WHIP focuses on improvement to wildlife cover, food plots are not eligible under the program.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/p> rograms. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or Conservation District Office:

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The celebrity of the week is Megan Edwards with Hoss Halbert, a six-week-old, male Husky blend. Hoss has been bottle fed by the shelter staff. Megan is the daughter of retired Army veterans Elizabeth Stumbo Edwards and Robert Edwards. Her older sister Michelle has just returned from a tour of duty with the US Army in Iraq.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Seafood — fresh from the farm

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

If you're like me, you're probably trying to shed a few pounds these days. But sometimes I fear I'm just on the infamous "seafood diet": If I see food, I eat it!

All joking aside, seafood is definitely on my list of favorites. But more often than not these days, while I may linger longingly at my local grocery store's seafood counter, the prices prompt me to move on without actually putting anything in my cart.

However, thanks to a group of enterprising Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists, at some point in the future, the availability may go up (and perhaps the price might go down) for a couple of seafood superstars.

The treats in question are cobia and pompano, now found in the warm waters off the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. These two winners have firm, mostly white flesh that's perfect for grilling, pan-frying or baking. But that culinary perfection comes at a hefty price: sometimes as much as \$30 a pound filleted.

How can ARS scientists help?

They're working on a system to produce pompano, cobia and other marine finfish on dry land, in huge tanks of water—fresh or slightly salty—in what's known as a "recirculating

(See SCIENCE, page four)

POISON OAK

Clean coal? No way!

by CLYDE PACK

"Clean coal." A term heard a lot on the news lately, from President Obama on down. But to those of us who grew up in and around a dusty eastern Kentucky coal camp, "clean coal" sounds more like an oxymoron than anything else. To us "clean coal"

fits right in with the likes of "pretty ugly," "paid volunteer," and "old news."

While I've never set foot inside a working coal mine, nor worked on a strip job. I know plenty of people

who have, and there's one thing, to a man (or woman), they'll tell you: There's nothing clean about coal.

Of course, all this talk about clean coal is simply describing technologies being developed that will hopefully reduce the environmental impact of coal energy generation, by chemically washing minerals and impurities from the coal. Its a "global warming" thing, but just the same, the term itself doesn't ring true to those of us who've been exposed to coal all our lives.

For some, it all goes back to the days even before strip mining became popular in this part of the country; to the days when coal mining required miners to retrieve coal via pick and shovel, after going deep inside the earth, sometimes on hands and knees; to the days when loaded coal cars were pulled to the surface by mules. (Van Lear High School didn't just pick a mascot out of thin air, you know.)

About the only thing I remember,

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Clyde Pack



Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation on Monday proclaiming March 25 as "Kick Butts Day" in Floyd County. Pictured left to right are Jean Rosenberg, consultant with the Floyd County Health Department, R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Nicholas Hites, and Helen Crider.

photo by Sheldon Compton

KICKING BUTTS

Health department continues fight against public smoking

by JEAN ROSENBERG

The public has heard about the health dangers of second-hand smoke when someone nearby lights a cigarette.

The risk of asthma attacks, heart attacks, even lung cancer in non-smoking people and pets that can be traced to the inhaled particles present in air filled with cigarette smoke. Now a professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Jonathan P. Winickoff, has given us a new concern and a new vocabulary work in the January 2009 issue of the Journal of Pediatrics. It is third-hand smoke.

Third-hand smoke describes the invisible yet toxic brew of gases and a particle clinging to the smokers hair and clothing, couch cushions, dining room table surfaces and carpets long after the second-hand smoke has cleared from the room. This residue has been studied and contains substances found in cigarette smoke such as arsenic, lead, cadmium, even Polonium 210, a radioactive

material.

A young child or pet can get this third-hand smoke residue on their skin, even ingest it, especially if they crawl or play on the floor. A diner in a non-smoking section of a restaurant that permits smoking can eat these chemicals as they settle on food even when they are not visible.

Dr. Winickoff describes third-hand smoke as the odor a non-smoker smells when entering a hotel room after a smoker has been smoking in that room, or what one smells when a smoker comes into an elevator after going outside to smoke. Opening a window or turning on a fan may get rid of the second-hand odor, but no the third-hand smoke residue.

Dr. Philip Landrigan, a pediatrician who heads the Children's Environmental Health Center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, says the phrase third-hand smoke is a brand new term that has implications for behavior.

Landrigan told New York Times reporter Roni Caryn Rabin that, "The central message here is

that simply closing the kitchen door to take a smoke is not protecting the kids from the effects of that smoke. There are carcinogens in this third-hand smoke, and they are a cancer risk for any age who comes into contact with them."

The Floyd County Health Department will celebrate the the fourteenth annual Kick Butts Day sponsored by the national Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids on March 25 by asking all Floyd County restaurants to be smoke-free on that day. There are currently 25 voluntary smoke-free restaurants in Floyd County. Eating in a smoke-free restaurant is one way to decrease the public health risk from second-hand and third-hand smoke exposure.

Last year, at the request of the Floyd County Health Department, 18 other restaurants volunteered to go smoke-free on Kick Butts Day. The Kick Butts Day activities are designed to highlight everyone's need to be protected from second-hand and third-hand smoke and to promote everyone's right to breathe clean air.

Kelly Clarkson, Keith Urban, Journey and Heart among main acts in State Fair concerts

LOUISVILLE — From Grammy Award winners to consistent Billboard chart-topping performers, fans of all music genres will fill the seats of Freedom Hall during the Kentucky State Fair Main Stage concert series. The concert line-up will excite fans of all music genres during the Fair, August 20-30.

Pop sensation Kelly Clarkson will perform on opening night of the Kentucky State Fair with special guest Gavin DeGraw, Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. Former American Idol champion and cross-genre musician, Kelly Clarkson will perform songs from her latest album, "All I Ever Wanted" and hits from her storied seven-year career in the music industry, including songs like "A Moment Like This," "Since U Been Gone," "Because of You" and her recent No.1 smash hit "My Life Would Suck Without You." Special Guest Gavin DeGraw is also no stranger to the spotlight. New York-native DeGraw has been featured on the television show, "One Tree Hill," where his song, "I Don't Want to Be" was the show theme song. DeGraw's third album, "Free" will be released March 31. Tickets for

this concert go on sale Monday, March 23, 2009 at 10 a.m.

The second night of the Fair belongs to rock favorites Journey and Heart. According to USA Today, Journey was named the fifth best rock band in American history. Throughout Journey's three decades of commercial success, 18 power ballad hits reached top 40 including, "Any Way You Want It," "Faithfully", "Open Arms", "Send Her My Love" "Separate Ways," and "Wheel in the Sky." Their signature song, "Don't Stop Believing" is the top-selling catalog track in iTunes history, surpassing two million downloads in 2008. Heart members, Ann and Nancy Wilson, stormed the charts in the '70s and '80s with hits like "Crazy on You," "Barracuda," "Straight On," "What About Love" and "Alone." These hits have been featured on numerous movies and television shows, as well as influencing the sale of 30 million records. Ticket announcements will be released at a later date.

Keith Urban, who is set to release his fifth studio album at the end of this month, will play to admiring fans at the Kentucky State Fair, Aug.

22 at 8 p.m. As a country music tour-de-force, Urban has released a total of seven studio albums charting more than 15 singles on the U.S. country charts, including 10 number ones. Urban's last album, "Love, Pain & the whole crazy thing" spawned four top six sensations and was certified two-times Multi-Platinum. Special Guest Pat Green will open for Urban singing chart-rising songs like "Wave on Wave" and "Feels Just Like It Should." Ticket announcements will be released at a later date.

After seven nights of World's Championship Horse Show action, country singer-songwriter Taylor Swift takes the stage with Kellie Pickler and Gloriana on the last night of the Fair. Pennsylvania-born Swift has emerged on the country/pop music scene as a successful crossover act, with her self-titled debut album producing five hit singles on the Billboard charts and was certified three-times Multi-Platinum. At only 19 years old, Swift has touched younger and older listeners with hits like "Tim McGraw," "Teardrops on My Guitar" and "Love Story." The latter

song recently became the most paid downloaded country song and the first country song to top the Mainstream Top 40 chart. Fellow country artist Kellie Pickler rose to fame after finishing sixth place on American Idol in 2006. Her debut album generated three top 25 singles, with "I Wonder" reaching #14. Newcomer Gloriana released its first single, "Wild at Heart" in 2009. Band member Cheyenne Kimball has achieved independent success as the winner of TV show America's Most Talented Kid at the age of 12 and the subject of a MTV show called "Cheyenne." Ticket announcements will be released at a later date.

All tickets will be available at the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at (502) 361-3100 or 1-800-745-3000, or purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com using ticketFast.

For more information on this and other exciting Kentucky State Fair entertainment and events, visit www.kystatefair.org.

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.

Higher education begins here

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older. Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free. For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30

p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Photo Preservation Workshop

March 26 at 6 p.m., at the Maytown Community Center, Langley. Taught by Theresa Scott, County Extension Agent for family and consumer sciences. Learn how to preserve your family memories using creativity and basic technology to be able to share photos with many generations of family and friends. Workshop is free, but you must call to register. Call Theresa Scott at 886-2565 or Dan Chauncy at 285-0539/285/9080 to register. Workshop is sponsored by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service and the Maytown Community Center.

Newbee's Quilt Group

Mark your calendars! This is a new year for the Newbee's Quilt Group. Everyone is welcome, as we are all "new bees" in the world of quilting. Newbee's starts again on March 26 from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension Office. This year we start a new adventure: a Mystery Quilt will be a traditional pattern however, you will have no idea what it looks like until the sixth clue. Please call the Extension Office for a full supply list at 886-2668, and to confirm your attendance.

Gospel music

An evening of gospel music featuring Michael Combs and the Barrett Family. Friday, March 27, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg at 7 p.m. For ticket information,

contact 1-888-622-2787.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information. Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m. **April 22, 2009**

* Ask the experts; a general Q & A for your issues!
* Our expert panel includes expertise in neurology, psychiatry, social work and the experts at the Alzheimer's Association.

July 23, 2009
* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches. Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event. Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

Auxier 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.

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.

Annual Married Couples Retreat At Camp Nathanael

Camp Nathanael in Emmalena, will host its 18th Annual Married Couples

Retreat on April 24-25. We will visit "The University of Matrimony" for a weekend of fun, food and fellowship. The cost for the weekend is \$75.00 and includes all meals. Registration is required by April 19. You may call Camp Nathaniel at 251-2231 for more information or download a brochure from our website, www.campnathaniel.org and click on "Family and Adults."

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 welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

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

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

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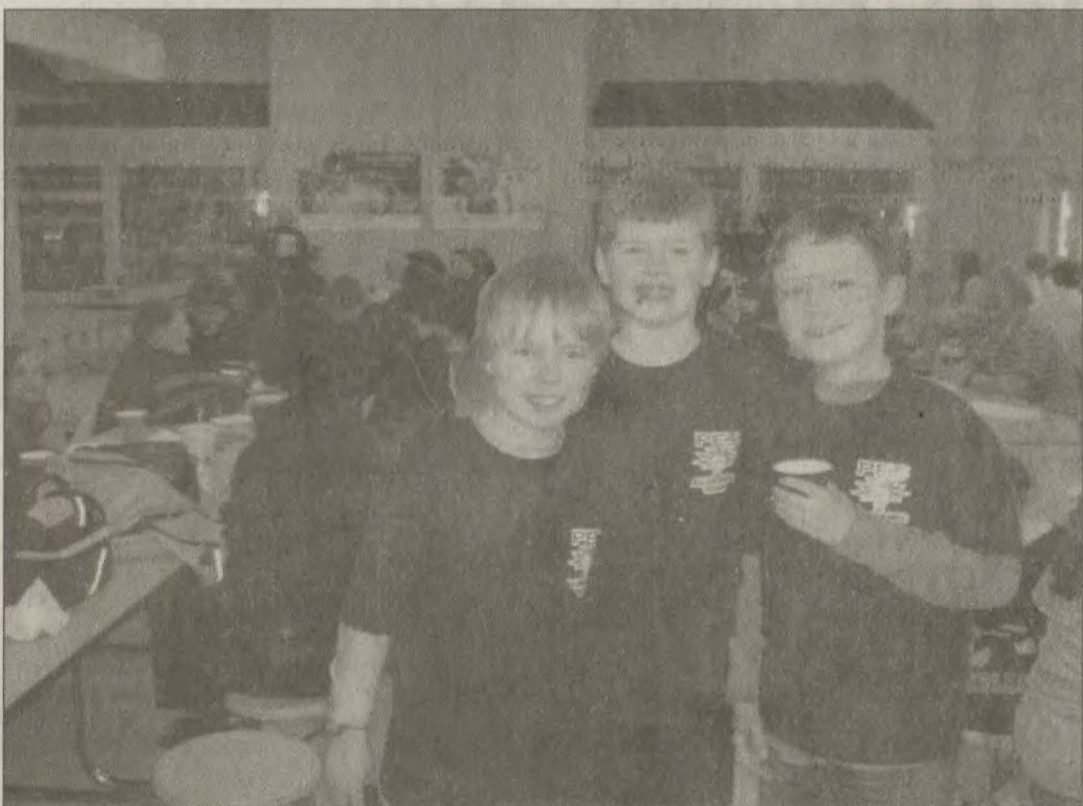
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

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

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

(See CALENDAR, page four)



Grant Minix, a fifth-grade student at Stumbo Elementary, was recently awarded second place in social studies at the district academic meet held at the school. The Stumbo Quick Recall team also went on to win overall in the district. Pictured are Grant Minix, Tanner Hall and Tate Greene, who also went on to win special awards at the meet. The three will go on to compete in the regional academic meet at Betsy Layne Elementary. Grant Minix is the son of Isaac Minix, of Salyersville, and Jamie Ward Tramel, of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Mike and Judy Ward, and Pam Hazelett, all of Prestonsburg, and JB and Mildred Minix, of Salyersville. He is the great-grandson of Erma L. Ward, of Paintsville.



Emily Ryan Bailey was born at Pikeville Medical Center on Jan. 11. She is the daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Newman Bailey, of Salyersville. Her paternal grandparents are the late Ellis Bailey and Eva Howard, of Medaryville, Ind. Her maternal grandparents are Carmel and Dorothy Newman, of Grethel.



Alaina Elizabeth Morris celebrated her first birthday on March 17. Alaina is the daughter of Greg and Tara Morris, of Prestonsburg. Alaina has one brother, Bryce Morris, and one sister, Alexa Kate Morris. She is the granddaughter of David "Acie" and Kathy Shepherd, of Hueysville, and Bill and Betty Morris, of Tyner. She is the great-granddaughter of Sonny and Shelby Conley, of Hueysville, and Pat and the late Gene Shepherd, of Martin.



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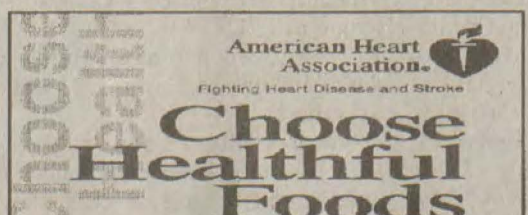
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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 12 and 17, 1999)

An Allen Central High School student aused a ruckus, yesterday, when he reportedly roke the glass to an entry door, but Principal 'atty Maynard said the incident is termed an accident, because he did not intend to break the anel.

Jenny Wiley Theatre is accepting applications for its \$500 Henry R. Campbell Memorial cholarship. The winner, who must demonstrate a commitment to study in the performing arts, will be announced at the opening of the theatre's 35th season.

In cooperation with the PRIDE and Floyd County Spring Cleanup, Prestonsburg Community College will sponsor a riverbank cleanup on March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m.

He's originally from New York, but he knows more about Kentucky than probably anyone else in the state. Robert Rennick wrote the book—literally. He's the author of the popular "Kentucky Place Names," first published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1984, and in continuous print since.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson is looking into "shutting down the local juvenile facility and using the space to expand the county jail capacity. The move would save the county an estimated \$400,000 a year.

The Wheelwright City Commission met in special session, Wednesday night, to handle two time-sensitive items: a police ordinance and the tatus of the Wheelwright swimming pool.

On Tuesday, an 18-wheel tractor-trailer ran a Floyd County school bus off the road at Price, as it was on the way to South Floyd and Osborne Elementary Schools. According to Osborne Elementary teacher, Jeff Castle, who was following the bus, the tractor-trailer was taking most of the road as it entered the steep Jephth Moore curve, just below Tackett's BP station at Hi Hat.

Rubble is all that remains of the 30,000-plus square foot structure that housed Porter Industries and two apartments, following a fire yesterday. Because of an inadequate water system in Allen, water had to be trucked to the scene by area fire departments.

The second roof fall in a week has resulted in the death of James Sturgill, 35, of Kite, when a section of a coal mine at Lackey, near the Floyd County line, fell on him.

Six projects in Floyd County have been under for nearly \$112,000, as part of the PRIDE cleanup campaign and the county's massive cleanup thrust.

The lock-up Friday, for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, raised a total of \$13,400. Prominent local persons had to call friends and colleagues to contribute money to AD, to get them out of "jail." Sandy Boggs of The Bank Josephine was the top bail-raiser with \$854.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad has received a grant of \$5,547 to purchase two boat motors. The money represents one of 33 grants statewide from the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KyEM) to local emergency response units.

Who has ultimate authority over the Floyd County 911 Emergency System has apparently become another issue in the system's troubled history.

Retired Prestonsburg businessman Fred Cottrell died Friday, March 12. Cottrell leaves a legacy in business development in the City of Prestonsburg. He designed and built the Richmond Plaza in downtown Prestonsburg, and established the Richmond Cemetery on South Lake Drive in the city.

A collision between a tractor-trailer and a sick-up on US 23 South, near the Holiday Inn, Monday, sent Ricky Barnette, 43, and his son, Brandon, 12, of Wise, Virginia, to Highlands Regional Medical Center.

After a special-called session, Monday

night, the Floyd County Board of Education is one step closer to hiring a superintendent. The board selected the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) as a consulting firm to assist in a superintendent search.

There died: Paul E. Turner, 68, of Wayland, Wednesday, March 3, at the VA Medical Center at Huntington, W.Va.; Lilly Hicks Inmon, 87, of Garrett, March 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Bernice Nickles Salisbury, 67, of Eastern, March 2, at her home; Vivian C. Shannon, 75, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Billie Robinson, 71, of Martin, Wednesday, March 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Charlie Victor Potter, 91, of Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, formerly of Dorton, Wednesday, March 10, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ava Lee Salyers Allen, 64, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 7, in Saint Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Kermit Charles Yates, 77, of Honaker, Friday, March 12, at his residence; Evelyn Baldwin, 64, of Deane, Sunday, March 14, at Letcher Manor Nursing Home; Corbett Waddles, 60, of Bypro, Friday, March 12, at his residence; Rat Hall, 59, of Wheelwright, Sunday, March 14, at Hazard ARH; M. Victoria Collins, 76, of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Harold, Monday, March 15, at the residence of a daughter; Fred Richmond Cottrell, 75, of Prestonsburg, Friday, March 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; William J. "Bill" Hall, 66, of Grethel, Saturday, March 13, at his residence; William Herald, 59, of Centerville, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, March 12, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 15, 1989)

The Prestonsburg Blackcats won the 15th Regional Tournament and headed to the Sweet 16 in Lexington for a chance of the state championship title.

Edith Fitzpatrick James, founder of the Kentucky Highlands Folk Festival and the annual Old Christmas Celebration, died in Louisiana.

Floyd County was one of 16 more counties added to the federal listing of flood disaster areas.

The US Postal Service to seeking to lease a building for a new post office in Auxier.

Two men, armed and wearing cloth bags over their heads, robbed a Stanville gas station in the wee hours of March 13.

The Floyd County Board of Education, by a continuous split vote, took action to comply with state officials' recommendations, eliminating three central office positions—the assistant superintendent of finance, the school health coordinator, and one food service director.

There died: Howard Keathley, 66, of Lincoln Park, Michigan, February 17; Woodrow Akers, 71, of Almonth, Michigan, March 1; Paul Martin Blevins, 71, of West Prestonsburg, March 10; Nellie Louise Conn Click, 49, of Banner, March 11; Octavia Allen Combs, 92, of Langley, March 10; Houston McCoy, 66, of Lincoln Park, Michigan, February 17; Carl Dean Hamilton, 52, of Jefferson City, Tennessee, March 6; Janna McKinney, 67, of Harold, March 14; Hazel Sexton Miller, 70, of McDowell, March 12; Ed Napier, 86, of Dema, March 13; Dolly Triplett Richerson, 62, of Louisville, March 2; Abraham Shepherd, 50, of Willard, Ohio, February 22; Samuel Sizemore, 85, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, March 12; Charles Ed Slone, 45, formerly of Martin, February 25; Jessie Lafferty Willis, 84, of Water Gap, March 5.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 21, 1979)

South Central Bell is in the final stages of

construction projects, totaling 53.1 million to improve telephone service in Prestonsburg.

The murder charge against Randy Hall, named as the slayer, 15 months ago, of Charles Varney, was amended to second degree manslaughter on his plea of guilty.

The employment of John David Evans as new city administrator of the city of Morehead was confirmed.

Already eight years old, the Martin stream improvement project, planned as a deterrent to flooding, may be losing ground due to financial difficulties.

The wreck of a tanker truck resulted in the spillage of about 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel into the Big Sandy River.

District Judge Harold J. Stumbo entered an order probating 18 days of the 30-day jail term given Tivis Neeley of Hueysville, by a jury in January for bootlegging after Neeley had served 12 days of his term.

There died: James Crum, 91, of Banner, March 14; Otis B. Martin, 55, former Wayland resident, March 19; Thurman L. Sellards, 52, of Endicott, March 14; Leonard Slone, 82, March 17, at Leburn; William Bill Tussey, 66, formerly of Middle Creek, March 11; Wilda Cox, 59, of Mousie, March 5; Gernie Kendrick, 68, of Cow Creek, March 13; James Freddie Martin, 45, of Hindman, March 10; Mitchell Conley, 71, March 10; Joe Hunter, 61, of Prestonsburg, March 13; Oma Lea Moore, 42, of Hi Hat, March 17; Tilmare Ermal Tackett, 50, of Grethel, March 19; Lula A. Salisbury, 78, of Printer, March 15.

Forty Years Ago

(March 20, 1969)

Contracts for construction for the Lancer-Water Gap road and bridge at Harold were officially awarded to the low bidders, it was announced in Frankfort by Eugene Goss. The low bid of \$1,790,048.45 was by Kentucky Road Oiling Co., Georgetown.

Island Creek Coal Company announced plans calling for an investment, this year, of nearly 1 million dollars in new capital improvements, including new equipment in its mines in this area. At the present rate of production, they foresee more than 20 years of productive life.

The crusade against miners' "black lung" which has been centered in West Virginia, will shift in this county, Sunday, when a meeting is scheduled at 2 p.m., at Wheelwright High School.

Mayor George P. Archer said this week that the work of extending the Prestonsburg water system, and installation of new and larger mains within the corporate limits, is 90 percent complete, but that streets damaged by the work cannot be repaired till mid-April.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Lenny Harris, their second daughter, Paula Gayle, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

There died: John E. May, 83, formerly of Floyd County, at his home in Laurel, Mississippi; Tim Johnson, 69, of Hi Hat, at McDowell Hospital; Marion Burchett, 68, formerly of Prestonsburg, at his home in Baltimore, Maryland; George Slone, 53, Prestonsburg, following surgery at Murphy Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana; Hecelle Morrison, 62, Harold, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Johnie Vanderpool, 75, of Oak Ridge,

Tenn., formerly of McDowell, at an Oak Ridge Hospital; Frank Mullins, 58, Hi Hat; John Strewsbury, 79, Wheelwright; Boone Hall, 61, veteran Floyd educator, at Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 26, 1959)

Forest fires burning rampant, this week, over hundreds of acres of grass and timberlands in Floyd County, prompted the Division of Forestry to appeal to farmers, gardeners and landowners to stop burning trash until the weather improves. One fire between Allen and Prestonsburg burned nearly 600 acres.

The area redevelopment bill providing \$389,500,000 for aid to economically-depressed sections will be of little assistance to eastern Kentucky, it is being said by persons familiar with problems of the region.

Given one more week of good weather, it is said the earth-fill across Trimble Branch at Second Street will protect Prestonsburg against such a flood as last year's. The work is 60 percent complete.

Chairman Daniel Akers of the Floyd County Agricultural Stabilization office, reminds wool producers to be sure that the sales documents they have received for selling wool during the past year, contain all the information required under the wool incentive program.

There died: Albert Lee Dotson, 81, Cliff, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Arminta Laven, 89, at the home of a daughter at Allen. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth Scutchfield Banks; Garrett Baldridge, 89, of Abbott Creek, at the Paintsville Hospital; James Worland, 72, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Octavia Slone, 69, of Allen; Howard Keith Barts, 36, band director at Prestonsburg High School from 1952 to 1955 at his home in Rochester, Indiana.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 24, 1949)

The House Appropriations Committee, Wednesday, approved a \$558,000,000 navigation and flood control program, including remaining funds necessary for completion of Dewey Dam. The work on the dam is 92 percent complete, with \$1,030,800 approved for the project. Because of declining construction costs, the army engineers expect to accomplish for \$558,000,000 work which originally estimated would cost \$736,000,000.

If Left Beaver in this county is to be connected with Right Beaver Creek in Knott, the connecting highway should go up Jack's Creek on the way to Knott County, magistrate Henry Stumbo declared here Monday.

Thirteen year-old Nancy Spurlock won, last Friday, the spelling championship of the Prestonsburg Grade School and with Magalene Howell, 10-year-old Clear Creek pupil, who won the county-wide bee here recently will represent Floyd County in the Tri-State spelling bee.

There died: Enon Caudill, 49, of Ligon, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Everidge Collins, Topmost Merchant when his truck left the highway and plunged 20 feet in water in Jones Fork;

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BIG SANDY STARS TALENT SHOWCASE



Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Music and Drama wowed the audience on February 20, 2009 with the 2009 presentation of Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase. Students, faculty, staff, and members of the community participated in the presentation which involved 19 acts featuring various comedy, musical and dancing performances. The Big Sandy Singers also performed in the show. Laura Hall, Director of Music and Drama at BSCTC said, "Needless to say, everyone had a great time. The interaction of the diverse group of performers was wonderful and the entertainment was superb. I am so appreciative of all of the participation from our college community and friends. We are already planning the next showcase."

(Kneeling, from left) BSCTC Music Director Laura Ford Hall, Bonita Dove, Susan Chafin, Joel VanHoose, and Gail Cooley (second row) Brennan Case, Dustin Newsome, Erin Conley, Lindsey VanHoose, Sarah Adams, Rhonda Alley, Kathy Dixon, Virginia Jones, Michelle Fields, Daphne Goble, Mary Stepp, Stephanie Calhoun, Mary Lou Lavender, Stephanie Prater (third row) Caleb Tackett, BSCTC Music Asst. Dir. Clayton Case, Josh Pugh, Jeremy Dempsey, Dr. Doug Herman, Dr. Don Barlow, and Mike Dixon.

Oak

as a kid, about the mining industry, is that my father went to work clean and came home dirty. Coal dust covered his clothes, was in his hair...and even in his ears. The term "clean coal" would have been absolutely foreign to him.

The same would likely have been true for my mother. New white streets and pillowcases were only white until they were washed the first time. After hanging on the line for an hour or two, they became a dingy

gray. Coal dust from the tippie, or soot from neighborhood coal-burning fireplaces, pretty much did away with whiteness. I suppose the clothes were clean—or at least as clean as they could have been under the circumstances. Add to that the dust that settled, even indoors, on furniture on appliances, and on every flat surface in the house, and "clean coal" would not have been an acceptable term for her either.

Then, there were the coal-

camp kids who spent summer days running shoeless, gathering little black sweat rings 'neath their chins and in the bends of their elbows. They, too, can attest to the fact that coal is a lot of things, but "clean" isn't one of them.

Hopefully, for everybody's sake, scientists will discover a way to do all the things they hope they can do with coal, but I'm afraid that some of us will never be convinced they can ever make it clean.

Calendar

out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

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

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.
Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

•**Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group** meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
 •**Domestic Violence Support Group** - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge.

Call 886-6025 for more information.

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

•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

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

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

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international,

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

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

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

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

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Yesterdays

Owen Shepherd, 19, automobile accident victim. He was a native of the Salt Lick section; Harve Prater, 42, of Salyers Branch, near Hueysville, at his home; Richard D. Ball, 53, of Prestonsburg, at his home; Gail Chafins, 42, at her home on Rock Fork Creek, near Garrett; Jesse Vance, Hi Hat, at the home of a sister; Mrs. Ellen Elam, 56, at the home on Middle Creek of a daughter, Mrs. Mary Amburgy Coburn, 70, at her home, at Lackey.

"holler" left between the Garfield Addition and second avenue—claimed its second automobile victim, Sunday night, when an auto said to be driven by Walter Pack, crashed over the thinly barricaded end of the street, and plunged approximately 50 feet into the ravine

Concrete evidence of unprecedented interest of Floyd County farmers in soil-building and conservation practices were cited, this week, by County Agent S.L. Isbell

The position of clerk in the Certifying Agent's office here was vacated by order of the fiscal court and new cases for WPA employment were refused certification this week, The Times was told

Born to: Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Dingus, of Martin, a son, James

There died: Ernestine Wallen, 21, of Allen, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Inez Laferty; Mrs. Alice Adkins, 64, at the home of her son, Robert Adkins, near Bosco; Mrs. Susan Horn Osborne, 78, at her home on Lick Branch, near Cliff; Mrs. Inez Allen Gearheart, 22, Hueysville, at a Martin hospital.

Seventy Years Ago

(March 23, 1939)

County officials here promised a delegation of citizens from the Turkey Creek and Stone Coal sections, they would cooperate in every way possible to procure construction of a road, which will serve both areas and also of the two valleys. The delegation of 500 citizens came to Prestonsburg after a mass meeting. Sheriff Dial Salisbury, was the only official to attend the gathering

Prestonsburg's own individual chasm—the

Science

aquaculture system," or RAS. These systems use the water, clean it up and use it again.

Because of their water thriftiness, these types of systems offer the potential to reduce the discharge of fish farm effluent to as little as 3 percent or less of the total amount of water used each day. Compare that with the current coastside flow-through operations that run millions of gallons of seawater into and out of tanks every year.

Also, the effluent from the RAS could be treated to make it suitable for application on land if it's freshwater, or on artificial saltwater marshes if it's on the salty side. And the fish waste and uneaten fish feed captured in the system's filters could be used as a nutrient-rich compost.

Need more convincing? The scientists say the RAS-based fish farms could provide an alternative to today's practice of raising marine fish in net cages or pens in the ocean. By contrast, the RAS production could diminish the unwanted spread of nutrients from feed or fish wastes, and reduce the risk of diseases

being transmitted from the domesticated fish to their wild relatives.

So is it all clear sailing to farm-raised seafood? Not quite, the scientists say. They still need to learn more about the needs of the saltwater fish that would grow in these systems.

For starters, they have to figure out the biological realities of growing marine fish in this way. And then there are a whole host of engineering details to work out—such as getting around the fact that RAS technology was actually designed for use with fresh water, not saltwater, and thus some of today's RAS filtering technology is about 30 percent less efficient at handling saltwater than fresh water.

But the ARS scientists are tackling these problems. They're looking at every aspect of the fish, from spawning by the parents to the needs of the larvae that hatch out of the tiny fish eggs, and the requirements of the young fish that end up as fillets on our plates.

They're off to a promising start. In an experiment with 2,400 juvenile pompano, the

scientists showed that it's possible to raise this species in water that's just a little bit salty—for example, with a salinity of only about 5 parts per thousand, compared to the 35 parts per thousand that you'd find in most of the world's oceans.

That's a much bigger achievement than you might think, because it provides important proof that you really can raise saltwater species in nearly fresh water, an environment to which these particular creatures are not adapted, for short periods of time. In this case, the pompano lived in the low-salinity water of the tanks for only 110 days.

There are still lots of questions to be answered before a farm near you starts cranking out the marine fish. But when this does come to pass, I'll have my grill fired up and ready to roar!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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