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**briefs**

**Pike school spending comes under fire**

**Times Staff Report**

**PHELPS** – Official at one Pike County high school are spending time this week defending purchases with coal severance money afforded them by the state.

One state representative has come under fire recently for money earmarked for one thing but used for another at a Phelps High School.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported earlier this week that coal severance money secured by Rep. Harold Keith Hall for the school was used to buy sports equipment and art supplies when it was originally intended for the construction of a history center in the town.

Some \$100,000 has been sent to Phelps to date, according to records.

But school officials have responded by saying the money was used properly, adding that there was constant oversight with all purchases, which included sports equipment and upgrades to sound systems, and lighting for the school's gym. The gym is shared by both the drama students and student athletes.

"Everything that has been purchased is a direct benefit to our students," Phelps Principal Mike Hamilton told the media Monday. "Not only do our students benefit, but our community benefits from the facilities that we have."

## Hunt death penalty upheld

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** – The conviction against James Hunt, the Floyd County man found guilty in 2006 of fatally shooting his estranged wife, Bettina Hunt, was upheld in an opinion returned by the state Supreme Court last week.

Hunt was sentenced to death in the

case, having been found guilty not only of first-degree murder but also first-degree burglary and first-degree wanton endangerment.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said that the death penalty was returned by a jury was a first in several decades in the county and says now that the appeal has been denied that this is even more rare.

"In cases where you seek death as a sentence, it's something like less than 5 percent of the time that a jury returns that verdict," Turner said. "We had made it past the first part and had been waiting on this appeal. We're very happy and we're sure the family of the victim will be very happy as well."

Hunt was found guilty of visiting the home of his estranged wife on Nov. 30, 2004, following several arguments

by phone throughout the day and breaking into the home and shooting her several times.

The two had been married since 1991 and had had several problems throughout the marriage, family members said.

Part of the evidence linking Hunt to the murder of his wife were portions of

(See **APPEAL**, page eight)

### MASSIVE SPILL



The driver of an 18-wheeler loaded with coal apparently lost control on a curve at Blue River on Tuesday and took out electrical lines before crashing into a tree and flipping. According to rescue officials on scene, the driver, who was walking around after the accident, was transported to the hospital to be checked for injuries.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

## Judge files for another term

### Magistrate gains challenger

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** – Two more Floyd Countians have now officially thrown their hats into the ring in the upcoming May primary, and it's another pairing of longtime public servant and hopeful challenger.

Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen made the trip to Frankfort Tuesday morning to file paperwork for another run at the office he has held for nearly two decades.

"I just decided I wanted to run and I enjoy being district judge," Allen said. "I've enjoyed all my years as a public official."

Allen says he feels there is no one more qualified than him for the position, and he has the years of public service to point to when making that claim.

Allen has served four years as county attorney, 12 years as commonwealth's attorney and has just now completed 15 years as district judge.

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## Veterans to be honored

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** – A special event to honor the memory of those killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and to thank veterans of military service, will be held at the National Guard Armory in

Prestonsburg on Monday.

A pre-event meeting with the veterans will start at 4:30 p.m., followed by welcome remarks by Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. Khrys Varney, with the Mountain Arts Center, will recognize the establishment of each branch of

military service.

The event will also feature the "Address to the Nation" speech from President Franklin D. Roosevelt that was originally broadcast after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and entertainment from Susan Scott of the

(See **VETERANS**, page eight)

## County, cities eligible for ARC mini-grants

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**SOMERSET** – Officials with the Center For Rural Development in Somerset recently announced \$145,000 in mini-grant funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission, and Floyd County is eligible to apply for the funding.

According to information provided by the Center For Rural Development, two cycles of mini-grants will be awarded in 2010 for either the successful creation of a strategic plan or the implementation of priority community development projects identified in existing strategic plans. The application period for the first cycle of funding will be open through Jan. 4, and grants are expected to be awarded in February.

The individual project awards will range from \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$10,000 and all projects must be completed within a six-month period.

In 2008, \$170,000 in federally funded Appalachian Regional Commission mini-grants were awarded to 13 counties and cities in southern

and eastern Kentucky to help advance local economic and community development plans.

"Stimulating innovative and sustainable economic development solutions in the region we serve is at the core of The Center's mission, and these grants target communities that have the ideas, but lack the resources, to move them forward," Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of the Center For Rural Development. "The grants awarded during the last funding cycle in 2008 made a significant impact on each of the counties and cities that received them, and served to underscore the critical importance of strategic thinking and planning regardless of the size of the community. We fully expect this new funding will build on that beginning and impact our region to a much greater extent."

Recipients in 2008 included the cities of Inez, Corbin, Beattyville, Liberty, Mt. Vernon and Paintsville; and McCreary, Bell, Morgan, Lee and Letcher counties. Bell County and the city of Corbin received funding support in both funding cycles.



photo by Joshua Byers

Brothers of the Wheel motorcycle club member "Lickety-Split" joined his fellow enthusiasts in accepting donations for the club's annual Christmas program from Black Friday shoppers. For the past several years, the club has raised money to buy Christmas presents for children.

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# Obituaries

## Dorbin Adams

Dorbin Adams, age 63, of Louisville, died Thursday, November 26, 2009.

Born June 12, 1946, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Lenna and Gracie Prater Adams. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Maryville Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Brown Adams.

Other survivors include a son, Daniel Adams and (Destiney) of Paducah; a daughter, Seidina D. Conley and (Greg) of Lebanon; three brothers: Wilford and (Elizabeth) Adams, Clifford and (Hannah) Adams, Orville and (Hazel) Adams, all of Prestonsburg; his stepchildren: Paul and Michael DeRossett, Derena Chafin, Nyla and James Ross; six grandchildren; a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 29, at Schoppenhorst, Underwood and Brooks (Preston Hwy. at Brooks Road), with Rev. Jack Roberts officiating.

Visitation was Saturday and Sunday, at the funeral home.

## Ruby Akers

Ruby Akers, age 91, of Drift, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2009, at Highland Regional Medical Center.

She was born September 20, 1918, in Printer, the daughter of the late Hiram and Anna Martin Akers.

She was a retired school teacher in the Floyd County School System; a member of the Viola Bailey Community Center Advisory Board; was legislative chairman for Jenny Wiley A.A.R.P. Chapter No. 3528; a graduate of Knott Co. High School and Morehead State University with a B.S. degree with a major in Home Economics. She was retired from McDowell High School; a member of the Ky. Retired Teachers; Floyd County Big Sandy Retired Teachers; Delta Kappa Gamma; R.C.&D

Rural Construction and Development; ASCA - Agriculture Service Association; Floyd County Conservation District; the Drift Women's Club; McDowell ARH Advisory Board; McDowell ARH Auxiliary; and the Alice Lloyd Alumni Association.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Clive Akers and Eugene Akers.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 2, at 2:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Gene Bracken officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. (Paid obituary)

## Melinda K. Chambers

Melinda K. Chambers, 34, of Grethel, died Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at her residence.

Born November 22, 1975, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Tannie Gillespie Hamilton of Harold, and the late John Tracy Hamilton.

Survivors, in addition to her mother, include three sons: John Tracy Chambers of Hazard, and Darin Gillespie and Melvin Gillespie, both of Paintsville; two daughters: Lacy Chambers of Grethel, and Kassie Chambers Hall of Martin; and one brother, Curtis Gillespie of Grethel.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 29, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



## Glendon Argene Cowan

Glendon Argene Cowan, 79 of Miracle, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2009, at his home.

He was born January 7, 1930, in Cabbage, the son of the late Dexter and Glessie Hensley Cowan.

He was a member of the Brownies Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Bell County High School and Lincoln Memorial University. He had worked for U.S. Steel Corporation at Lynch, from 1960 to 1966. He then started to work for the University of Kentucky at the Prestonsburg Community College, where he served as Dean of Business Affairs from 1966 to 1992. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Marie Cowan.

He is survived by Tevis Alee Cowan, his loving wife of 59 years.

Other survivors include a daughter, Regena (Tommy) Lafferty of Georgetown; a son, Jeff Cowan of Clearwater, Florida; three grandsons: Thomas Lafferty III, of Atlanta, Georgia, Todd (Gina) Lafferty of Crestwood, and Brandon Cowan of Lexington; one great-great-grandson, Dylan Thomas Lafferty; a brother, Ray Cowan of London; two sisters: Brenda Ramsey of Pineville, and Deranda Miracle of Miracle, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 2, at the Creech Funeral Home Chapel, with

Elder Kenneth Robbins and the Elder John Robbins presiding. Music will be provided by the church singers.

Interment will follow in the Green Hills Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Thomas Lafferty III, Todd Lafferty, Brandon Cowan, Rex Marsee, Conley Marsee, Carl Wayne Marsee, Shawn Wilder, and Lanny Bruce Cowan.

Military honors will be given by American Legion Deway Guy Post No. 14 of Middlesboro.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the Creech Funeral Home.

Creech Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements. (Paid obituary)

## Cynthia Mae Music Frasure

Cynthia Mae Music Frasure, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at Riverview Health Care Center.

Born April 7, 1924, in Bonanza, she was the daughter of the late John Wesley Music and Mahala Stanley Music. She was a homemaker, and member of the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church; a former member of the Floyd County Homemakers; and a former chairperson of the Floyd County Republican Party.

She is survived by Andrew Frasure, her husband of 67 years.

Other survivors include three daughters: Cheryl Johnson (Bob), Debbie Stone (Eddie), and Kay Ann Frasure, all of Prestonsburg; one sister, Mary Katherine Gibson of Lima, Ohio; four grandchildren: Stacy Butcher (Barry), Terra Combs (John T.), Brent Horne (Melissa), and Jill Reynolds-Williams (Jason); and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor Jimmy Brown and Bro. Bill Campbell officiating.

Interment was in the Frasure Family Cemetery, Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Barry Butcher, John T. Combs, Brent Horne, Jason Williams, Zack Butcher, and Rick Lemaster.

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

## Joyce Ann Case Gore

Joyce Ann Case Gore, age 68, of Garrett, widow of Richard Gore passed away, Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at her residence.

She was born August 13, 1941, in Garrett, the daughter of Anna Jewell Pritchard Case of Garrett, and the late Johnnie Case. She was a retired school teacher; a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church; and a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include two brothers: James Martin Case and Jerry Thomas (Charlotte Beth) Case, both of Garrett;

two stepdaughters: Sherry Hamlin of New Tazwell, Tennessee, and Donna Bolen of Crittenden; four nephews: Shawn David Case, Christopher Case, John Virgil Case and Thomas Wesley Case; two nieces: Robin Walker, and Joy Jewell Case; a sister-in-law, Wanda Case; a stepgrandson, Zachary Bolen; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by a brother, John David Case; and a nephew, James Case.

Funeral services for Joyce Ann Case Gore were conducted Saturday, November 28, at 11:00 a.m., at the Garrett First Baptist Church, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Lackey Cemetery, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Shanda Bethelreen Jarrell

Shanda Bethelreen Jarrell, 23, of Honaker, died Thursday, November 26, 2009, at her residence.

Born July 25, 1986, in Martin, she was the daughter of Granel and Connie Williams Kidd of Honaker. She was a homemaker and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Patrick (Todd) Jarrell of Honaker.

Survivors, in addition to her parents and husband, include a daughter, Andrea Shantel Jarrell of Honaker; one brother, Cory Granel Kidd of Printer; three sisters: Connie Amanda Frasure of Grethel, Kasandra Kay Kidd of Honaker, and Cynthia Draxann Jarrell of Printer; and seven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 29, at 1 p.m., at the Old Time Baptist Church, (Frog Town), in Printer, with Denver Meade officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Carol Lee Majors Judd

Carol Lee Majors Judd, age 74, of Martin, passed away Monday, November 30, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Louisa, March 16, 1935, the daughter of the late Allen B Majors and Ellen Faye Slone. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Martin Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Judd.

Survivors include three sons: Lester Thomas (Edie) Judd of Martin, John Arthur Judd of Drift, and Mark Alan (Ruth Ann) Judd of Martin; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Carol Lee Majors Judd will be conducted, Wednesday, December 2, at noon, at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne

officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Memorial Park at Staffordsville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

## Sandra Kay Tackett McKenzie

Sandra Kay Tackett McKenzie, age 67, of Prestonsburg, passed away Saturday, November 28, 2009, at her residence.

She was born March 8, 1942, in Wheelwright, the daughter of the late Curtis Tackett and Ollie Stumbo Tackett. She was a member of the Community Methodist Church; a U.S. Navy veteran; a graduate of Wheelwright High School; and a retired business supervisor for McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Survivors include two sons: David Irvin (Rhonda) Tackett of Banner, and Shawn Edward (Kay Ellen) McKenzie of Frankfort; two brothers: Danny (Jonell) Tackett of McDowell, and Curtis (Marilyn) Tackett Jr., of Prestonsburg; one sister, Carla Ann (Earnest) Reynolds of Paintsville; four grandchildren: Kelsi, Kayce, Teagan and Kristen; two nieces: Whitney Kay and Angela Dale; and a nephew, Dale.

Funeral services for Sandra Kay Tackett McKenzie were conducted Monday, November 30, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Sandy Douglass and Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell.

Visitation was under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

As a family request, donations may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass or Cancer Foundation.

Pallbearers: Lance Hall, Michael Williams, Gerald

Osborne, Kip Dale Tackett, Joseph Kidd, Dustin Tackett, Earnie Reynolds, and Robbie Williams. (Paid obituary)

## Aaron (Pee Jib) Prater

Aaron (Pee Jib) Prater, 72, of Hueysville, died Sunday, November 22, 2009, in Floyd County.

Born February 14, 1937, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John Dee and Mary Prater. He was a disabled laborer.

Survivors include several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Sol "Bud", Ezra, Oscar and Felix "Fid" Prater; and three sisters: Polly Griffith, Juda Prater, and Gladys Marie Clem.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Dolvin Ratliff officiating.

Burial was in the Prater Cemetery (Salyers Branch Rd.), in Hueysville.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made toward the funeral). (Paid obituary)

## Shelby Jean Reynolds

Shelby Jean Reynolds, 71, of McDowell, died Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

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## To Thank You

The family of John R. Pelphrey would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who ministered to us during our recent loss. We were truly overwhelmed by the show of support and love from all our friends, our wonderful neighbors in Allen, and even strangers during this sad time. Thank-you to all those who brought food, sent flowers and cards, made memorial contributions to the Paintsville United Baptist Church and offered countless other gestures of support. We especially want to thank those members of the Paintsville United Baptist Church and the Buffalo United Baptist Church for their kindness and help during the visitation, funeral, and for the wonderful meal. Thank you to Mike Preston and Preston Funeral Home for their compassion and excellent service. Also, we would like to thank the members of the Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Prestonsburg Police Department and the Allen Volunteer Fire Department for their professionalism and kindness at the scene. We ask that you continue to remember our family in prayer as we attempt to move forward in our grief.

Truly, our loss is definitely Heaven's gain.

**The Family of John R. Pelphrey**

## Letter of Appreciation

During the days after the passing of Brother Dave M. Flanery, we appreciated the floral tributes, the words of encouragement and prayers, and those who sent contributions to the East Point Church of Christ in his memory. Also, we can't forget those who sent Dave and Evelyn cards, called them, or came by to visit during the time of his illness. We especially want to thank Josh Akers and Aaron Davis for officiating at the funeral and graveside service. The memories you shared and your comforting words touched our hearts, and we will never forget the two young ministers who Brother Dave was so happy and proud to have assisting him. We also want to express our appreciation to Stephanie Davis for her beautiful songs that added so much to the service, and to the members of the East Point Church of Christ for your faithfulness to the family, and for the wonderful church dinner. To the Auxier Chapter 18 D.A.V., and to your chaplain, we appreciated the dignity that you brought to the service as a reminder of what each one of us owe those who served and those who gave their lives for our country. Finally, we want to thank James A. Preston and Jeremy Hyden, and the staff of Jones-Preston Funeral Home for the kind and efficient service to our family, which will not be forgotten.

**The Family of Brother Dave M. Flanery**

# Working your way into shape is a great holiday gift for your health

PRESTONSBURG — Americans love the holiday season. However, between home-baked goods, seasonal candy, office parties and family gatherings, our waists tend to expand just as our spirits do during this special time of year. At Highlands Regional Medical Center's Wellness Center, it's always time to work your way into shape.

Ernest Brewer, Director of the Wellness Center at Highlands Regional Medical Center, said that physical

activity during the season and throughout the cold winter months pays dividends in a number of ways. "Establishing a workout routine that you can commit to throughout the holidays helps you to minimize the negative effect of all the feasting, and your physical efforts can positively affect your willpower when making holiday choices," he said. "It's also a great way to deal with seasonal stress as you commit a certain amount of time to your

personal well-being."

Brewer noted that the Wellness Center has been named "one of the best fitness centers in eastern Kentucky" and is proud to be a part of Highlands Regional Medical Center's efforts to improve the health and wellness of each of its employees and community members. The Wellness Center offers its patrons cardio, flex circuit training and free weights. It is open from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday;

until 8:30 p.m. on Fridays; on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Both individual and family membership rates are available, along with discounts for students, seniors, law enforcement and military personnel.

Information regarding the Wellness Center, Highlands Regional Medical Center and its comprehensive services are available online at www.hrhc.org.

# PC offers guaranteed med school admission

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College, in conjunction with the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM), is offering students a cooperative eight-year program (4+4) leading to a bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree.

Applications to the College's Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program (OMSP) are open to qualified high school seniors. Selected students who participate in the program, maintain a required undergraduate GPA and achieve a required score on the MCAT are guaranteed admission to the medical school upon completion of their bachelor's degree and pre-med requirements.

"The Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program is one more example of the way Pikeville College is striving to serve the people of Eastern Kentucky," said President Paul Patton. "Our commitment to academic excellence and the career focus in our programs of study are an important part of our mission. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to prospective students."

OMSP applicants must apply as an incoming freshman, have a minimum 1200 SAT or 26 ACT, be in the top 10 percent of their graduating

class or have earned a 3.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and be a resident of Kentucky. Applications must be received by March 1.

Interviews will be conducted by PCSOM's Admissions Committee in March and April. Up to 10 scholars will be selected each year. After completion of the bachelor's degree program at the undergraduate college, scholars will be automatically admitted to the medical school if they have maintained a required cumulative and science GPA in undergraduate work, meet a required score on the MCAT and participate in program activities. Scholars will also participate in extracurricular health-related community service activities, community physician "shadowing," and pre-med club and PCSOM student activities. The OMSP does not carry a monetary award; however, applicants will be eligible to pursue other scholarship opportunities.

"We are excited to implement this new program for outstanding high school seniors who want to pursue a career in medicine and desire the opportunity to serve their communities in a significant way," said Boyd R. Buser, D.O., vice president and dean of the medical school. "The Osteopathic

Medical Scholars Program will be an important step in helping us to continue to fulfill our mission of easing the physician shortage in rural and underserved areas of Kentucky and Appalachia."

For more information on the Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program at Pikeville College call the admissions office at (606) 218-5251.

Pikeville College is an independent, four-year liberal arts

and sciences college in the heart of central Appalachia. Founded in 1889 by Presbyterian ministers seeking to provide educational opportunities for mountain youth, the college has played an integral role in the educational, economic and cultural development of its service area for more than a century. Recently ranked as one of the top 20 medical schools in the nation in rural medicine by U.S. News

& World Report, the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine was established in 1997 to provide men and women with an osteopathic medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions.



As part of a school-wide initiative, students at BLES have declared war on germs to combat the flu bug. Students are reminded each day during morning announcements of practical ways to fight germs, and the school's janitorial staff have doubled their efforts to disinfect high-traffic areas throughout the day. Pictured above is Ms. Rebecca Watts' kindergarten classroom showing off their "clean paws" as part of the "Be a Germ Fighter" program.

## Obituaries

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Born August 20, 1938, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Walker and Gilva Blevins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Claude Lowell Blevins (wife, Janie), of McDowell; a daughter, Robin Hall Reynolds (husband, Donnie) of McDowell; a brother, Ronnie Blevins of McDowell; two grandchildren: Courtney Rachelle Blevins and Gabrielle Dawn Reynolds; and five nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Earnest Blevins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, at noon, at the Old Time Baptist Church, in Printer, with Denver Meade and Josh Meade officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at Frasure's Creek, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

### Emitt Williams

Emitt Williams, 67, of Grethel, died Friday, November 27, 2009, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born April 11, 1942, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Miles and Ethel Evans Williams. He was a coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Parsons Williams.

Other survivors include three sons: Michael (June) Williams of Teaberry, and Steve (Carmen) Williams and Mitch Williams, both of Grethel; a daughter, Tammy (Phillip) Hall of Beaver; five brothers: Ray Williams, Willie (Pee Wee) Williams, and Hank Williams, all of Grethel, and Rex (Joe) Williams and Denver Williams, both of Ohio; four sisters: Alice Belles, Bertha Hollis, and

Mary Eschuck, all of Ohio, and Aliene (Judy) Collins of McDowell; two grandchildren: Mason L. Williams and Alex T. Williams; and two step-grandchildren: Coleen Ratliff and Phillip Dwight Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Edgel Williams, Butler (Tubby) Williams, and Tex Williams; and two sisters: Helena Williams and Clara Jarvis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 1, at 11 a.m., at the Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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# Viewpoint

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## Our View

### Stay home for the holidays

With Christmas just around the corner, it is certain that most of us are caught up in the hustle and bustle of gift-shopping for our friends and family. But while you are busy buying presents for those you love, you might also consider giving a gift to the place you love.

We know what you're thinking. You're already too busy, with all of the shopping, the parties, the decorating, the visits, the charities and everything else going on. How could you possibly add one more thing to your already bloated schedule?

But this one is easy. You can help take care of your community while you do your regular Christmas shopping, as long as you do some of your shopping with our local merchants.

Certainly, with all of the must-have gadgets on the market today, most of us will travel to the big-city malls or head online to do a portion of our shopping. But if each of us makes a commitment to obtain at least a few of our holiday items with local merchants, we can make a significant impact on the health of our local economy.

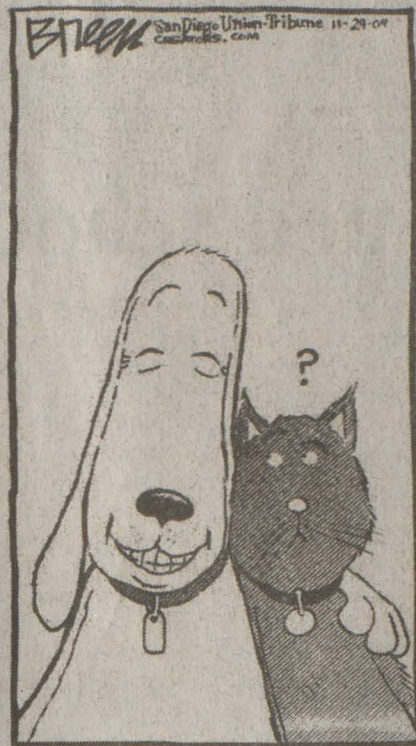
Economic statistics show just how much of an impact we have in the shopping decisions we make. When you buy an item from a chain store, only 20 cents of your shopping dollar stays in the community. If you buy that same item from a "big box" retailer, the type that anchors shopping centers, that number drops to 6 cents.

However, when you buy from a locally-owned merchant, the mom-and-pop shops, if you will, 60 cents of every dollar you spend stays in the community.

And while there is no statistic for this, we can just about guarantee that for every dollar you spend with an online merchant or at the malls in Lexington or Huntington, nary a penny of it makes its way back to Prestonsburg or Martin or Wheelwright.

So this holiday season, make a decision to do at least some of your Christmas shopping with our local merchants. You'll not only be able to cross a few items off your list close to home, but you'll be doing a favor for your community, and ultimately yourself.

— The Floyd County Times



## Guest Column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Why is coal under attack? Coal is cheap. If it weren't, it wouldn't be used to produce more than half of the nation's electricity.

Coal is plentiful, ensuring that we Americans will have enough coal for the next 300 years at the current consumption rate. Contrast that with oil which is considered to be in its twilight years with a global decline in production expected to begin within the next 20 years—and coal looks pretty good.

Coal is definitely good for business. It keeps production costs low for manufacturers that use the fuel to make paper, chemicals, steel and even products like medicine and plastic that can be made from coal gas. Cheaper production in turn keeps consumer costs down, driving increased production and bigger profits.

If you live in Kentucky, coal is part of your history, your present and your future.

In the Commonwealth alone, coal employs more than 17,000 miners, produces about 97 percent of the state's electricity and makes a combined direct and indirect contribution of more than \$12 billion to the state economy.

So why is this historic, abundant, productive and affordable fuel source under attack?

Because the federal government has allowed it to be under attack. And the attacks are getting worse under such destructive federal proposals as "Cap and Trade"—those three little words that convinced Ford Motor Co. to build its newest "World Car" assembly plant in Mexico where government officials assured Ford it would not have to conform to any carbon regulations.

Just recently, a Cap and Trade proposal was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives that would cripple coal by limiting or "capping" the amount of pollutants an industry can emit. Companies would be issued emission permits and be allowed to emit a specific amount of the pollutant, like carbon dioxide which is emitted by burning coal. The feds wasted no time labeling this common gas a pollutant when the new administration took over in January.

Once Cap and Trade takes effect, companies that want to exceed their cap must buy credits from companies that pollute less, increasing the cost of electricity for practically every Kentuckian and millions of other Americans.

But there is a problem with the Cap and Trade proposal. First of all, it would cripple the coal industry. Second, it would extend the recession. And last but not least, scientists themselves say there is no energy source in Kentucky or nationally—that can replace fossil fuel, especially coal, as the nation's leading source of electricity production anytime in the near future.

Director Rodney Andrews of the

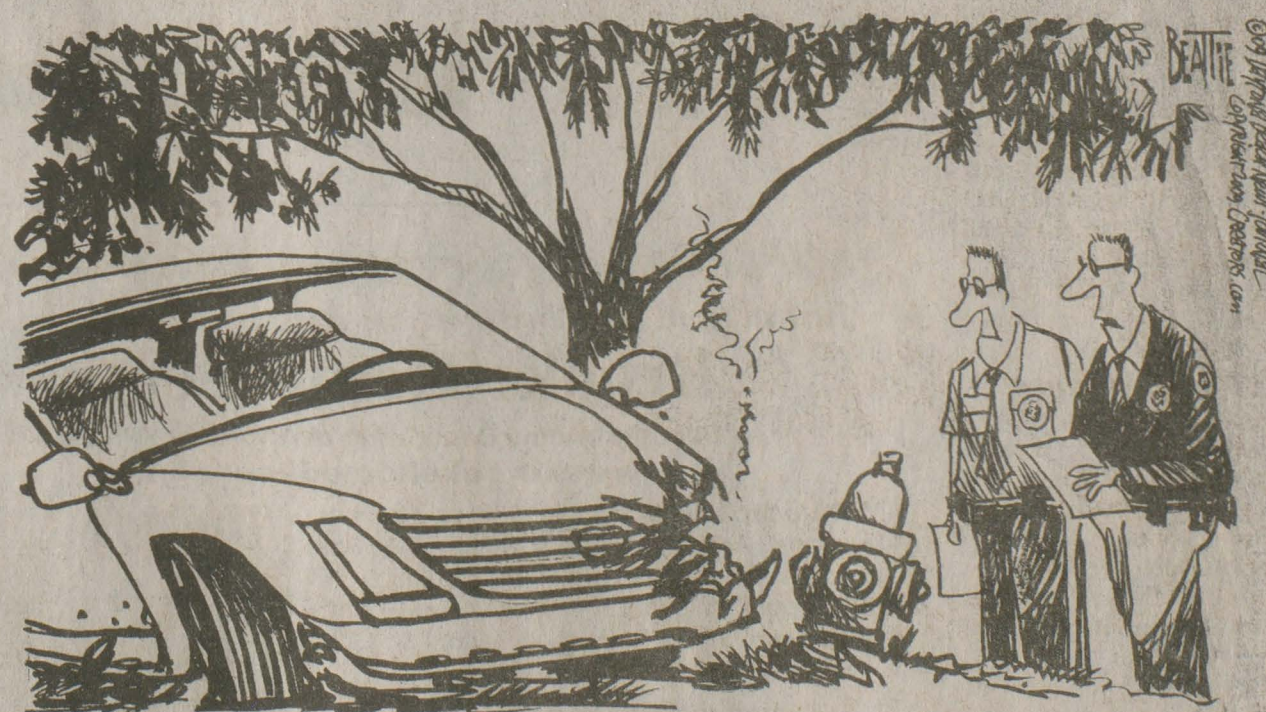
University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research told state lawmakers as recently as last month that he expects coal and other fossil fuels to produce at least 40 to 50 percent of the nation's electricity for the foreseeable future. Renewable energy sources like wind and solar, he explained, are not expected to be able to be produced at utility scale for quite some time.

Until scientists find out the best way to use renewable at utility scale, Andrews made it clear that regulations should not be passed declaring that "we know how to do that." He was speaking specifically about a rule proposed by the EPA last summer that would allow the agency to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from thousands of coal-fired power plants and industrial plants nationwide.

Most of us know this rule as the first step toward the passage of Cap and Trade and related climate legislation in Congress.

If some folks favor popular scientific thought about climate change, perhaps they will also consider rational scientific thought by brilliant scientists like Andrews who are telling us in no uncertain terms that only coal and fossil fuels are capable of providing our state and our nation with the power we need to survive on a mass scale.

Next week, I will discuss what could happen under the Cap and Trade policies being proposed in Washington. Until then, have a good week.



"This may be the shortest drive of Tiger Woods' whole career."

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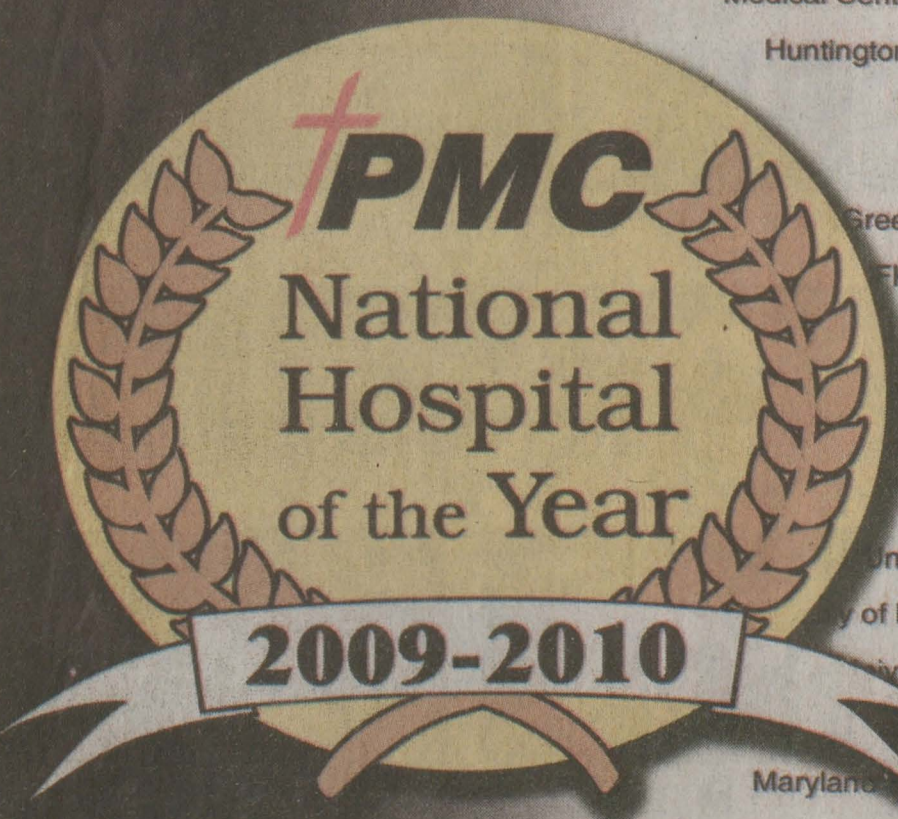
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# Governor proclaims 'Give a Gift Made in Kentucky Month'

BEREA — As retailers hold their breath hoping to exceed last year's sales, First Lady Jane Beshear along with regional artisans and dignitaries announced Gov. Steve Beshear's proclamation of December 2009 as "Give a Gift Made in Kentucky Month" in a ceremony held Monday at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Local gallery owners, craftspeople, tourism staff, and business owners joined Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Marcheta Sparrow, Lindy Casebier, deputy secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, Victoria Faoro, executive director of the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, Lori Meadows, executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council, Todd Lowe, chairman of the Kentucky Arts Council, and Ken Gastineau, Chairman of the Berea Tourism Commission to celebrate the Governor's proclamation making December 2009 the month to purchase and Give a Gift Made in Kentucky - an investment in Kentucky and its talented and creative people.

The proclamation read today by the First Lady states in part, "Kentucky craftsmanship produces the highest quality products, ranging from homemade blackberry jam to beautiful works of art; Kentucky is known around the world for its artisans and the quality crafts and arts they create - and buying Kentucky made products contributes significantly to quality of life in Kentucky..."

It was appropriate that this ceremony was held in Berea, the Folk Arts & Crafts Capitol of Kentucky, where you can find a wide variety of craftsmen studios, galleries, shops and the Kentucky Artisan Center, all offering wonderful Kentucky made choices for holiday shopping. In Berea visitors can find Kentucky-made gifts at a wide array of shops including Appalachian Fireside Gallery, Promenade Gallery, Top Drawer Gallery, Log House Gallery, Honeysuckle Vine, Gallery 103, I Love My Stuff, Appalachian Arts & Craft Quilt Shop, Fish Wisdom Gallery, The Kentucky Artisan Center, Family Tree, PhbeAD, The Chocolate Factory, Estelle Jewelry, Home & Hearth Gallery, and the Old Town Candy Kitchen, or visit working artist studios such as Hosfeld Jewelry, Weavers Bottom, Powdermill Pottery,

Images of Santa, The Glass Studio, Gastineau Jewelry, Haley-Daniels Woodworking, Mitchell Tolle Studio and Gallery, Warren A. May Woodworker, Jimmy Lou Jackson's Hot Flash Beads, Berea College Student Craft Tours and Jeannette's Jewelry, to name a few.

Statewide there are many other locations where Kentucky-made artisan works can be purchased. Some shops and galleries carry exclusively Kentucky-made works such as Completely Kentucky in Frankfort; True Kentucky in Glendale; Kentucky Haus in Newport; Taste of Kentucky in Louisville, DamselFly Gallery in Midway; Kentucky's Best in Owensboro; Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman, and the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Other places to find Kentucky made items are, among others, Artique, Lexington; Capital Gallery in Frankfort; Ann Tower Gallery, Lexington; and Cross Gate Gallery in Lexington, Cerlan Gallery and Studio and Savane Silver in Lexington; Be Be's Artisan Market in Paducah; The Cozy Corner in Whitesburg. In Louisville visit the Kentucky Museum of Art & Craft, B.Deemer Gallery, Zephyr Gallery, Gallery Janjobe, Lionheart Gallery, Edenside Gallery, Gallery Hertz, and others. Or find unique items at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah; Rivers Edge Gallery in Erlanger, Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill, the Kentucky History Center Museum Store, as well as at many of the gift shops at Kentucky's State Parks.

The Kentucky Unbridled Spirit Gift Card is another way to purchase Kentucky-made gifts for that hard-to-buy person. Gift cards purchased at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, can be used at other Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet agencies such as the Kentucky Horse Park, the Kentucky Historical Society, and at all Kentucky State Parks. The card can be used for golf, dining or an overnight stay at a state park, admission to the Center for Kentucky History, a visit to the Horse Park, or to purchase works by the over 650 artisans whose

works are sold at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Unbridled Spirit Gift Cards can be purchased at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, the Kentucky Horse Park, the Kentucky Historical Society and its museum store, at all Kentucky State Parks, or by calling 1-800-255-PARK or by going online at [www.unbridledspirit.com](http://www.unbridledspirit.com)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 975 Walnut Meadow Road, just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Center's exhibits, shopping, and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the café from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. The Center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's web site: [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet.



Lindy Casebier, Deputy Secretary of the Tourism Arts & Heritage Cabinet, Victoria Faoro, Executive Director, Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea; Marcheta Sparrow, Secretary of the Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet, First Lady Jane Beshear; Lori Meadows, Executive Director of the Kentucky Arts Council; and Todd Lowe, Chairman of the Kentucky Arts Council with Governor Steven L. Beshear's proclamation declaring December 2009 as Give a Gift Made in Kentucky month.

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# Social Security News: Help for the homeless

by JENNIFER HOPKINS  
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE  
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who is homeless, and you want to learn more about how Social Security might help, a place to get information is at [www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness).

For example, there is a link to our Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, or BEST. Based on answers to various questions, this tool helps determine the benefits someone might be eligible for and gives information about how to qualify and apply. Go directly to BEST at [www.socialsecurity.gov/best](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/best).

The Spotlight on

Homelessness is a page designed to help the homeless apply for SSI. It's available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-homeless.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-homeless.htm).

There are links to information on health care for the homeless, institutionalization, advocacy groups, reports on homeless outreach, and even links to other websites like the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, [disability-info.gov](http://disability-info.gov), [govbenefits.gov](http://govbenefits.gov), and HUD.

You can help us help the homeless. If you know someone who is homeless, take a

look at our Service to the Homeless website and look through the information. Tell anyone you know who is homeless or threatened with homelessness to use the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool, to visit our Service to the Homeless page, and to check out the different types of benefits and assistance they may be

eligible to receive. Spread the word about the help available to the homeless.

Every American should have a place to call home. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness) to learn more.

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-

8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

## Four deaths on Ky. roads over holiday

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that four people died in four separate crashes on Kentucky roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period, Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 29. Last year there were 14 highway fatalities during the same time period.

All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and two victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Carter, Perry, Warren and Webster counties. The crash in Webster County involved the suspected use of alcohol.

Through Nov. 29, preliminary statistics indicate that 702 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 40 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2008.

There were 568 motor vehicle fatalities and 314 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Thirty-five pedestrians and five bicyclists have been killed. Seventy-eight fatalities involved a motorcycle and 15 fatalities involved an ATV. Seventy-one crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. A total of 149 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. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas. Crash data for this report is generated from the Kentucky Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

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Wood may rarely be used as a primary heat source today, but many homeowners continue to use fireplaces and wood-burning stoves to help reduce their use of other energy sources.

Wood can provide an economical and enjoyable way to heat your home, and it pays to know a thing or two about purchasing and using this natural resource.

The first question often asked is what kind of wood to buy. Knowing if a species is a high or low density wood can have a big impact on the amount needed. Low density woods such as yellow poplar, silver and red maples, and buckeye, contain a greater amount of air between the cell walls. High density species such as oak, black locust, hickory, ash and beech produce more heat per unit volume because they contain more wood and less air in their cellular structures. Moisture contents being equal, the more economical purchase will be high-density woods that generate more heat.

Another important factor to evaluate is how well the wood was seasoned. Wood comes from living plants which means they contain water. The moisture in unseasoned wood can account for up to 50 percent of its weight. Energy gen-

erated from burning wet wood goes toward evaporating the moisture within the wood itself and can greatly diminish its heat producing capacity. Seasoned wood has been allowed to air dry for six to 12 months which removes the largest percentage of water. Well-seasoned firewood is gray in color. It has splits in the ends of the logs and looks weathered. Round logs split into smaller sections yield more surface area and speed the drying process.

Knowledge of how firewood is measured is a third important piece of information to learn in order to get the most from your wood-burning dollars. Terms used for describing a volume of wood include cord, face cord, fireplace cord and rick. The size and shape of individual logs and how carefully they are stacked influences the actual volume regardless of the weight purchased. These terms are open for interpretation, and the best buy is a mutual agreement between the consumer and the seller. The purchase price also may include splitting, delivery and stacking.

Finally, if you plan to transport your purchased firewood, you need to estimate the weight of the load. Common high density species used for fuel wood, such as oak and

hickory are extremely heavy per unit volume. Weights equaling 4,500 pounds can be quickly reached without using the full capacity of the truck or trailer used to transport the load.

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FRANKFORT — You can ring in 2010 at a number of Kentucky State Parks with New Year's celebrations and parties.

Several state resort parks across Kentucky are having parties, dances and dinners on Dec. 31 to say goodbye to 2009 and welcome in a new year. The resorts have lodges, cottages, restaurants and other facilities and many parks will be offering overnight packages that include meals and a party, dance or show.

Here's a listing of the parks

and the New Year's celebration details. For more information about these and other parks, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov):

### Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park, Buckhorn New Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year with us! Entertainment provided by HBS productions - DJ Entertainment with thousands of songs, with dance lighting effects, playing all your favorites while you dance your way out of 2009 and into 2010! We will pause the party for the

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Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signs a proclamation recognizing Great American Smokeout Day in Floyd County. Pictured with Marshall is Helen Crider and Carol Jo May. The day marked the American Cancer Society's 34th such day of observance.

## Appeal

a 911 call placed by Bettina Hunt that picked up a voice found to be Hunt's saying, "Maybe if I shoot you ..." and then a female voice found to be his wife's saying, "No, I promise" and "Stop - please no." During the same call there is another threat toward her and then portions where Bettina Hunt can be heard begging for her life, according to case history.

Other aspects of the case that were under appeal dealt with evidence that came out in trial. For instance, blood on

Hunt's clothing that matched Bettina Hunt's, a shell casing found resting on a rubber window seal in the vehicle Hunt used to flee the scene, a juice bottle found on the kitchen counter of Bettina Hunt's home that was linked to Hunt and, most significantly perhaps, the murder weapon itself.

Hunt wrecked his vehicle shortly after leaving the scene, dropping it off a bridge, and was later helped by locals from the creek below. At that time, one witness said she saw

Hunt drop something behind a tree. The gun used to kill Bettina Hunt was later located in the spot and casings found at the murder scene were later connected to the weapon.

Turner said he felt the case against Hunt was a tight one throughout the trial and so was not entirely surprised to have the conviction upheld. Still, considering it was a death sentence, Turner says it must have been near seamless.

"The history with these types of cases are that many times the appeals court will

just look for technicalities to overturn," he said. "In this case, it was upheld. He (Hunt) was offered life without parole numerous times, in fact once during the trial. From that standpoint, he sentenced himself as far as I'm concerned. He had an opportunity and wouldn't do it."

Turner said he is sure there will be several more times when Hunt's conviction will be again examined, but for now he's just pleased to have seen this first appeal upheld.

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## Filings

"I've served in an official position in Floyd County for most of my life and I love the people of this county and I'm hopeful they will reelect me."

Allen says he has not heard of any possible challengers who plan to file for his seat, but is ready for any possibilities.

"You never about that until the filing deadline," he said, laughing. "I've been here long enough to have run across some strange things. There was a man once who had said he was going to run all the way up until deadline. Then, on the night before deadline, he called me out of nowhere and told me he wasn't going to run. You just have to be prepared for whatever might happen."

In District 3, Magistrate Donny Daniels, who has just finished his first term on the fiscal court, picked up a challenger in longtime district resident German Stumbo.

To date, candidate filings include:

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Ashley is a 2008 graduate from the University of Kentucky and is employed by Operation UNITE; she is currently pursuing graduate school through the University of Kentucky.

Zethaniel is a graduate from Sullivan University and is employed by Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

The couple is planning a May 15th wedding at the Stumbo-Wilkinson Convention Center, located at Jenny Wiley State Park...and request that you save the date.

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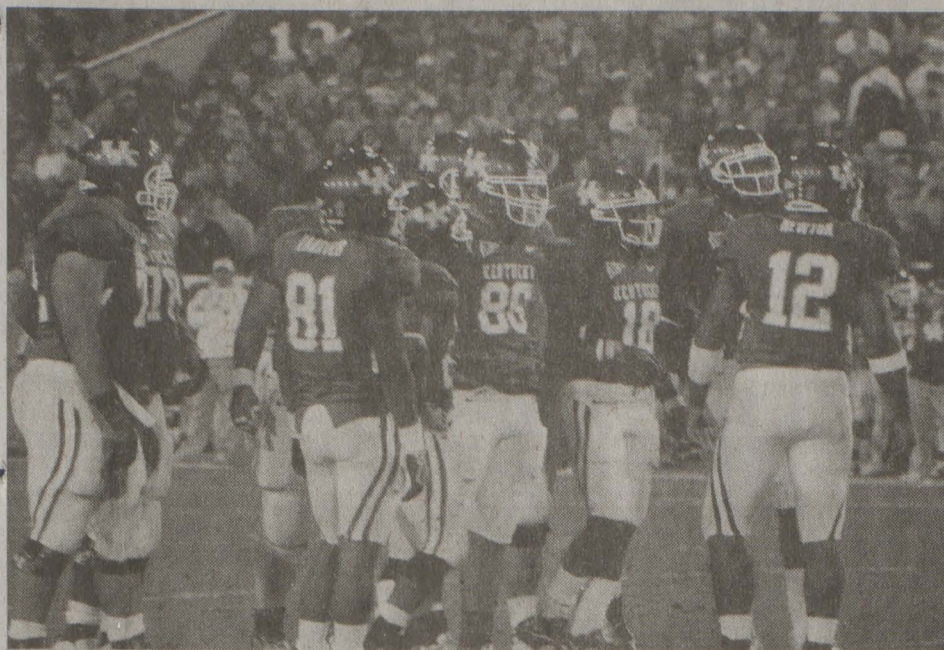
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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

**Alice Lloyd College  
Women's Basketball**  
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photos by Jamie Howell  
**KENTUCKY** fell to SEC rival Tennessee in overtime Saturday night.

The Wildcats (7-5) could be headed back to the Music City Bowl for the third time in four seasons. Kentucky has qualified for its fourth straight bowl game in the Coach Rich Brooks Era.

True freshman quarterback Morgan Newton (12) is pictured guiding the Kentucky offense.



## Eagles defeat UVA-Wise

**Combs pours in game-high 28 points for Alice Lloyd**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd Eagles came out of the gates strong and knocked off Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) foe University of Virginia-Wise 85-77 Tuesday, Nov. 24. The entertaining matchup took place before a large crowd at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

After losing to Wise by 29 points last month, ALC was determined not to have a repeat performance. Both clubs played hard in the first 20 minutes, but Alice Lloyd was able to quickly vault to a double-digit lead before settling for a 45-30 cushion at the intermission.

The Eagles maintained their inspired play into the second half and increased their lead to as much as 21 points.

With its back against the wall, UVA-Wise showed some determination, refusing to go away quietly. Sparked by a 15-4 run, UVA-Wise managed to cut the deficit to only nine points with 7:00 remaining.

Alice Lloyd needed a big play to reverse the momentum, and that was just what it got in the form of a clutch three-point field goal from junior guard Daniel Combs. His bucket ignited a 7-2 Eagle run which effectively ended the the Virginia team's last serious threat.

For ALC (2-4), three players reached double figures scoring. Combs shot extremely well and finished with a career-high 28 points. Junior forward Will Jones scored 12 points and sophomore guard Van Ferguson added 10 for the Eagles.

Four different players reached double figures scoring for the University of Virginia-Wise. Josh Jordan led the Cavaliers (3-4) with 15 points. Pance Kecev scored 14 points while Travis Berry and Norris Gaskins added 12 apiece for UVA-Wise.

Alice Lloyd will visit Pikeville on Saturday, Dec. 5. Tip-off for the Alice Lloyd-Pikeville game is slated for 8 p.m.



photos by Jamie Howell

## Blackcats fall to DeSales in Class 2A State Semifinals

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE – Prestonsburg had its stellar season end one game shy of reaching the Class 2A state title game in Bowling Green Friday night. After carrying a 14-13 lead into halftime, Prestonsburg fell short in its bid to upend DeSales in the Class 2A State Semifinals. Playing inspired football in the second half, host DeSales moved out in front of Prestonsburg in the third quarter and never trailed again, defeating the Blackcats 33-28.

DeSales led 13-0 in the second quarter following a pair of scoring runs from Andrew Beeler, who ultimately rushed 23 times for 181 yards and two touchdowns in the state semifinal.

Prestonsburg, however, battled back.

After trailing 7-0 at the conclusion of the first quarter and 13-0 in the second period, Prestonsburg answered with some much-needed offense.

Burchett, who ended his football career at Prestonsburg with 3,133 yards and 39 touchdowns during his senior season, completed 25-of-38 passes for a school record 370 yards and four touchdowns. The Prestonsburg signal-

caller, showing plenty of poise, shook off a pair of interceptions to lead Prestonsburg to a 14-13 halftime lead. Burchett connected with Josh Craynon on a 5-yard scoring pass in the second quarter. After Joseph Jamerson connected on an extra-point kick, DeSales clung to a 13-7 in the second period. The Prestonsburg offense returned to the endzone when Burchett connected with Tyler Hall on a 7-yard scoring pass. Prestonsburg forged out in front 14-14 before the intermission after Jamerson connected on his second straight extra-point kick.

DeSales with much more determination in the second half. The Colts secured a 26-22 lead in the third quarter at the 5:23 mark and never trailed again.

Burchett found fellow senior Josh Blackburn on a pair of touchdown tosses in the second half.

Prestonsburg drew within five points (33-28) of DeSales with 1:34 remaining but Beeler managed to recover an onside kick from the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg concluded one of its most successful seasons in school history 13-1.

(See **BLACKCATS**, page ten)

photos by Jamie Howell  
**Prestonsburg** battled back from an early 13-0 deficit Friday night. Senior quarterback Michael Burchett (pictured below) passed for a single-game school record 370 yards against the DeSales defense



## Big start pushes Bears to 7-0

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College ran out to a 19-0 start and rolled past OSU-Marion 108-62 Saturday afternoon in the Mid-South Conference Challenge.

The Bears improved to 7-0, remaining the only unbeaten team in the MSC.

Pikeville got points and rebounds from 12 of the 13 players in uniform in the easy win, getting double doubles from two post players.

Junior Andre Thornton tossed in 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, seven of which were off of the offensive glass. Senior Maurice Thomas finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds, missing only one of seven field goal tries for the Bears.

Senior guard Jonathan Clark tossed in 21 points while pulling down five rebounds, handing out four assists and picking up three steals. Junior guard Justin Hicks (Hazard HS) tossed in 12 points while handing out four assists and recording four steals.

OSU Marion (1-6) also placed four players in double figures, led by sophomore Marcel Jackson, who had all but two of his 20 points in the first half. Rob Reese and Raymond McDuffie finished with 12 each. Luthario Jones netted 11 points.

Jackson had eight rebounds for the Scarlett Wave, who was out-rebounded 67-43.

Pikeville will return to the East-Kentucky Expo Center on Wednesday night when NCAA Div. II member King College comes to town. Tip time is slated for 7 p.m.

## Bellarmino ranked 19th in nation

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LOUISVILLE – The Bellarmine University men's golf team ended the fall season with a No. 19 ranking (Golfstat) in the nation and No. 4 in the Midwest region. The ranking is the highest ranking the Knights have had in 10 years.

The Bellarmine golf team competed in six tournaments and one match during the fall season. Bellarmine placed in the top 10 in four of the tournaments and defeated Northern Kentucky 570-578 in its lone match.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Brooks Herrick is a senior for the Bellarmine men's golf program.

The Knights will tee it up in March during the Northern Kentucky University Invitational at Pendleton Country Club in Butler.



photo by Paula Goble  
**The Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball program** recently held its annual media day. Prestonsburg was hosting Clay County Tuesday night in a season-opener. The Prestonsburg-Clay County game ended too late to make this edition. A recap of the game will appear in Friday's edition.

## Lady Blackcats sweep Williamson in Belfry panorama

**P'burg girls to host Christmas tourney**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

BELFRY – The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats looked sharp on all levels over the weekend during a panorama game at Belfry against Williamson (W.Va.). The Prestonsburg junior varsity enjoyed a solid start and never looked back while playing pesky defense and hustling throughout the matchup. Prestonsburg won the junior varsity game in convincing fashion, defeating Williamson 38-18.

The Prestonsburg varsity unit was equally as impressive in its preseason outing. Prestonsburg defeated Williamson 42-28 in a varsity game.

The Lady Blackcats will open the season Friday, back on the road at Belfry. Prestonsburg will compete in a tournament at Bourbon County, Dec. 11. The Lady Blackcats will host a Christmas Tournament Dec. 18-20 at the Fieldhouse. Head coach Jackie Day Crisp guides the Prestonsburg girls' basketball program. Bobby Hackworth and Don Compton are assistant coaches on the Prestonsburg girls' basketball staff.

## Lady Eagles outlast visiting Virginia-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Trailing by 17 points with 15:00 remaining in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) contest, Alice Lloyd College mounted a furious comeback and knocked off the University of Virginia-Wise 107-104 Tuesday, Nov. 24.

The Lady Cavaliers rode a flurry of successful long-range shots to build a 59-45 lead by the intermission. Wise opened the second half on fire, and five minutes into the second stanza, still maintained a 17-point lead.

At this point, Alice Lloyd began to slowly eat into the deficit as Wise's hot shooting finally cooled off. Sparked by the guard play of Gemma Gray and Bree Frazier, combined with inside work from Nicole Lutes and Alison Feltner, Alice Lloyd connected on several tough shots to gain some

much-needed momentum.

As the game entered crunch time, Alice Lloyd had trimmed the deficit to only five (95-90). The Lady Eagles took their first lead (102-101) when Feltner connected from inside the paint with 1:15 remaining. On the ensuing possession, Wise connected on a three-pointer to gain a 104-102 lead. Lutes then tied the contest for the Lady Eagles with 32 seconds remaining. Wise had the ball with the opportunity to hold for one shot.

Rather than run the clock down, however, Wise went for a quick hitter that missed the mark. Feltner corralled the rebound for ALC and was fouled. The sophomore calmly sank two free throws to give her club a 106-104 advantage. On its next possession, Wise lost the ball and the Lady Eagles received possession. Gray was then fouled at the 3.5 mark for the Lady Eagles. The

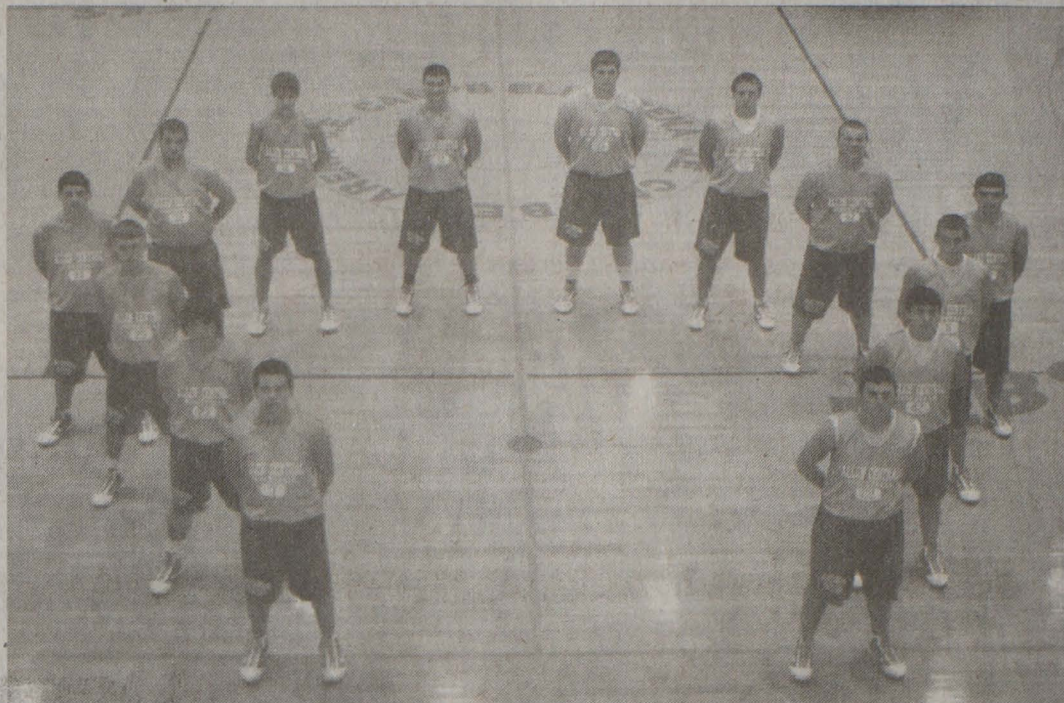
sophomore drained 1-of-2 free throw attempts. Wise's Amber Carter furiously rushed down the court looking to get off a shot but her 35-footer was off at the buzzer.

Gray led Alice Lloyd (3-6) with a game-high 26 points. Lutes followed with 20 points for the Lady Eagles. Feltner flipped in 19 points and Frazier added 12 for the Alice Lloyd women's basketball team.

Carter paced Wise offensively, scoring 17 points. Ayla Young added 14 points for the Lady Cavaliers (3-4). Jaydee Brewer and Charlotte Reasor pushed in 12 points apiece while Chelsea Cluesman added 11 for the Wise women's basketball team.

Another test from an area team looms for the Lady Eagles.

Alice Lloyd will host Pikeville on Thursday (Dec. 3) at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.



ALLEN CENTRAL was hosting former head coach Johnny Martin and Pike County Central Tuesday night in a season-opener. A recap of the game will appear in Friday's edition.



photo by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG finished the 2009 season 13-1 following the loss to DeSales in the Class 2A State Semifinals Friday night. Senior quarterback Michael Burchett passed for over 3,100 yards and 39 touchdowns during his senior season.

## Late layup gives Union win over Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – A three-point shot to win at the buzzer rattled out and Union College escaped with a 78-76 win over the Pikeville College Lady Bears Saturday afternoon.

Union (6-2) had taken a lead on a layup from All-American Brooke Smith with nine seconds to go, setting up Pikeville's last chance. A three-point shot by sophomore Megan Mosley (Knott County Central HS) fell off as the horn sounded, giving the visiting Bulldogs the win.

Pikeville (4-3) got 29 points and eight rebounds from junior Natiera Hinton

before she fouled out with four minutes remaining. Hinton joined junior Whitney Compton – who had fouled out with nine points and eight rebounds – on the Pikeville bench.

Smith paced Union with 32 points and seven rebounds. Senior Carley Blankenship followed with 10 points and six rebounds to go along with a team-high six assists.

Mosley finished with 13 points and eight assists. Playing out of a reserve role, junior Lauren Potts added 10 points and six rebounds for the Lady Bears, which edged Union on the glass 38-35.

Pikeville shot 47.4 percent

from the field and hit 46.2 percent (6-of-13) from the arc. The Lady Bears finished 69.6 percent from the free throw line, but in the second half, hit only 9-of-15. Meanwhile, Union was 11-of-13 from the stripe in the second half to help secure the win.

The Lady Bears will return to action on Thursday night when they visit Alice Lloyd. Pikeville will be looking for a sweep of the three-game season series over its regional rival. The Lady Bears will then return home on Friday night to play Morris College. Tip-off for the Pikeville-Morris game is set for 7 p.m. at the Pikeville College Gym.

## Pikeville pounces Ohio State-Mansfield

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Seven players reached double figures in the scoring column as Pikeville College blistered the nets for 67 percent shooting in a 128-49 win over outmatched Ohio State-Mansfield. The game was the second of eight contests played Friday in the Mid-South Conference Challenge at the Frankfort Convention Center. MSC teams played on back-to-back days in the debut event.

Pikeville improved to 6-0 for the first time since the 2004-05 season. That particular Pikeville team lost its seventh game to Brevard College; this edition of Bears will try for their seventh win to start the season against OSU-

Marion at 12:30 on Saturday. The Scarlet Wave lost the day's opener to St. Catharine 96-51.

Not only did the Bears shoot 66.7 percent for the game, but also they were over 80 percent until midway through the first half, exploding out to a lead that would be 67-30 by recess. Pikeville then scored 25 of the first 26 second-half points as Kelly Wells substituted liberally in the game. Every player in uniform logged at least 12 minutes, and all three playing that amount are in the regular rotation for the Bears.

Senior Josh Samarco paced Pikeville with 18 points. Seniors Anthony Smith and Jonathan Clark netted 16 points apiece. Senior Adam

Simmons tossed in 15 points and pulled down seven rebounds for the balanced Bears. Junior Ryan Whitaker and sophomore Kane Belcher chipped in 11 points while senior Maurice Thomas added 10 as part of the convincing Pikeville win.

Pikeville won the rebounding battle 48-23. The Bears recorded 25 assists to only nine turnovers.

Pikeville forced its Ohio opponent into making numerous miscues. Mansfield committed 25 turnovers in the set-back.

Freshman Tim Stakolich led the Mavericks (1-6) with 24 points. Shannon Catron came in off of the bench and added eight points.

## Snyder resigns from position as Marshall football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall University Head Football Coach Mark Snyder announced his intention to resign Sunday.

"I met with Mike Hamrick (Director of Athletics) extensively today and we discussed our football program. I feel that it was in the best interest of our program for me to announce my intent to resign my position," Snyder said. "It has been an honor to be the coach here and I will always be appreciative of the opportunity my university gave me.

"I want to thank all of the fans for their support and all of my players and assistant coaches for their hard work and dedication. I wish the program nothing but the best."

Snyder, a 1988 Marshall graduate, has served as head coach for the past five seasons at his alma-mater and has a career record of 22-37.

"I want to thank Mark for his five years of service to Marshall University," Hamrick said. "He is a Marshall guy and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Hamrick confirmed that a

search for a new head coach will begin immediately and to protect the integrity of the search he will not comment on any aspect of it during the process.

**Fulmer among candidates for Louisville job:** Former University of Tennessee head coach Phil Fulmer is among the coaches on a long list for the Louisville head coach position. Louisville let Steve Kragthorpe go following a 15-21 showing. The Cardinals ended the 2009 season 4-8.

## Blackcats

The John DeRossett-coached Blackcats compiled a perfect 10-0 regular-season record.

Blackburn led Prestonsburg in receiving, catching three passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns. Blackburn was one of two Prestonsburg players to reel in a pair of scoring receptions. Josh Craynon netted 86 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns on six catches for

the Blackcats. Austin McKinney was the second-leading receiver yards-wise for the Blackcats, making a game-high nine catches for 111 yards.

DeSales held Prestonsburg to minus-four yards rushing.

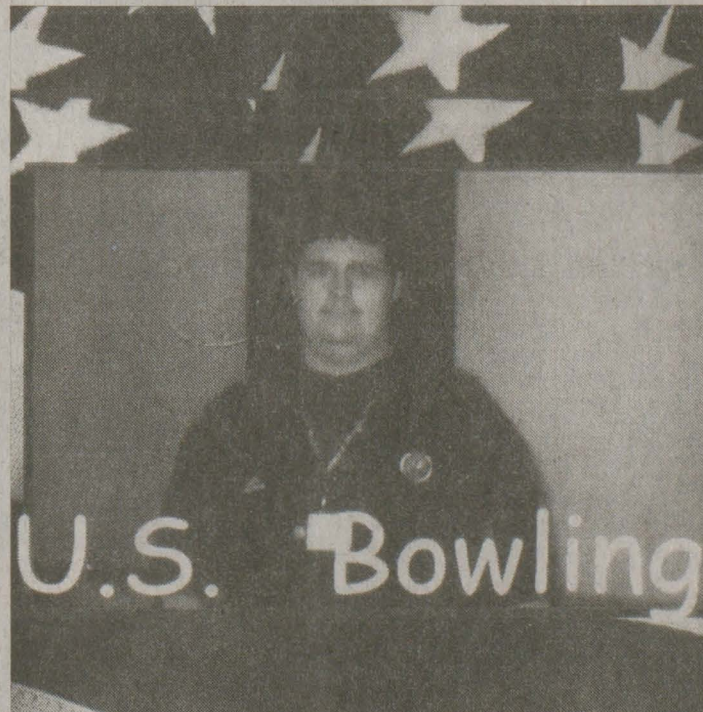
On the defensive side, Alex Griffith and Trevor Stovall recorded a team-high 12 tackles apiece for the Blackcats. Numerous Prestonsburg

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defenders stepped up and played well against a fast, strong and very athletic DeSales offense. McKinney, a leader for the Prestonsburg defensive unit, exited the field with 11 tackles. Zack Key and Alex Garner collected 10 tackles apiece for the Blackcats.

DeSales (11-3) will play Fort Campbell (14-0) in the Class 2A state championship game.

## BOWLING AMBASSADOR



Brandon Christopher Taylor was chosen to compete in a sports competition in Vienna, Austria, with the People to People program over the summer. Taylor and other students from around the United States were chosen to represent the nation in the People to People Friendship Games in July. He completed in bowling, earning the name "Kentucky" since he was the only participant from the state to compete in the sport. He received a perfect performance athletic evaluation and college credit. Gearheart Communications and the Upper Toler Church of Christ helped to make the trip possible for the Floyd County student. Taylor is the son of Chandra Lea Taylor and the late Daniel R. Taylor of Harold. He is the grandson of Charles and Towana Frasure of Harold and Dennis R. Taylor of Pikeville.

## Wall earns more league, national accolades

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – University of Kentucky men's basketball player John Wall was named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

Wall, a 6-4 guard from Raleigh, N.C., averaged 19.0 points, 5.5 assists and 4.0 rebounds in leading the Wildcats to the Cancun Challenge championship. He was named the tournament MVP after he scored a career-high 23 points in leading Kentucky to a 73-65 overtime victory against Stanford in the finals of the Cancun Challenge. He hit a jumper with 30 seconds left in regulation to tie the score and then knocked down two free throws with 2.4 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

The honor was the second straight SEC Freshman of the Week honor for Wall. The Wildcats have won all three weekly freshman honors from the conference office this season, beginning with Eric Bledsoe in the first week and Wall the last two weeks. Junior Patrick Patterson was also named the league's Player of the Week last week giving the Wildcats four SEC Player/Freshman of the week awards this season.

Wall was also named the ESPN.com National Player of the Week last week.

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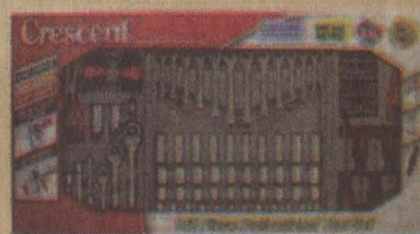
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### Tips

For a holiday party, cook two rack roasts at a time; they will fit side by side in most roasting pans and two rack roasts will feed 8 people. Serve the two racks interlaced with fresh herbs twisted around the bones for a show stopping presentation.

### Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb With Rosemary Balsamic Sauce

Serves 8

- 2 frenched racks of lamb
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons coarse grain mustard
- 2 cloves minced garlic
- 3/4 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup toasted and chopped pecans
- 4 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary, divided
- 4 ounces semi-soft goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 425°F. Rub lamb with oil and salt. Place in a roasting pan, fat side down. Roast 8 minutes. Turn and continue roasting 8 minutes. Remove from oven, leaving oven on.

Combine mustard, bread crumbs, garlic, pecans, 2 tablespoons rosemary, and goat cheese. Spread over lamb. Return to oven and cook 15 minutes, until crust is golden brown. Remove from oven and cover with foil to keep warm.

In saucepan, combine balsamic vinegar and remaining 2 tablespoons rosemary and let simmer for 6 to 8 minutes or until reduced to half.

Slice lamb into individual chops and drizzle sauce over chops. Serve with roasted butternut squash.



Pecan Crusted Rack of Lamb

### Roasted Leg of American Lamb With Feta Vinaigrette

Serves 8 to 10

- 1 6 to 7-pound boneless leg of lamb
- 1 pint plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Mix all marinade ingredients together and rub over lamb. Marinate overnight in fridge.

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Place lamb on roasting rack in a roasting pan. Roast lamb for approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches desired doneness. Once lamb is removed from oven, let it rest for 15 minutes. Slice to desired thickness and top with feta vinaigrette. Serve with roasted fingerling potatoes and green beans.

### Feta Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup juice from 2 lemons
- 2 ounces red wine vinegar
- 1/2 bunch parsley chopped
- 4 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound feta cheese (coarsely crumbled)

In a bowl mix together all ingredients except cheese. Add cheese at the end.

### American Lamb Lollipops With Minted Tomato Sauce

Serves 8

- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh rosemary
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 frenched racks of lamb

Combine mustard, balsamic vinegar, oil, rosemary, garlic and salt. Place lamb in a roasting or sheet pan with the ribs curving down, and coat the tops with mustard mixture. Allow to stand for 1 hour at room temperature.

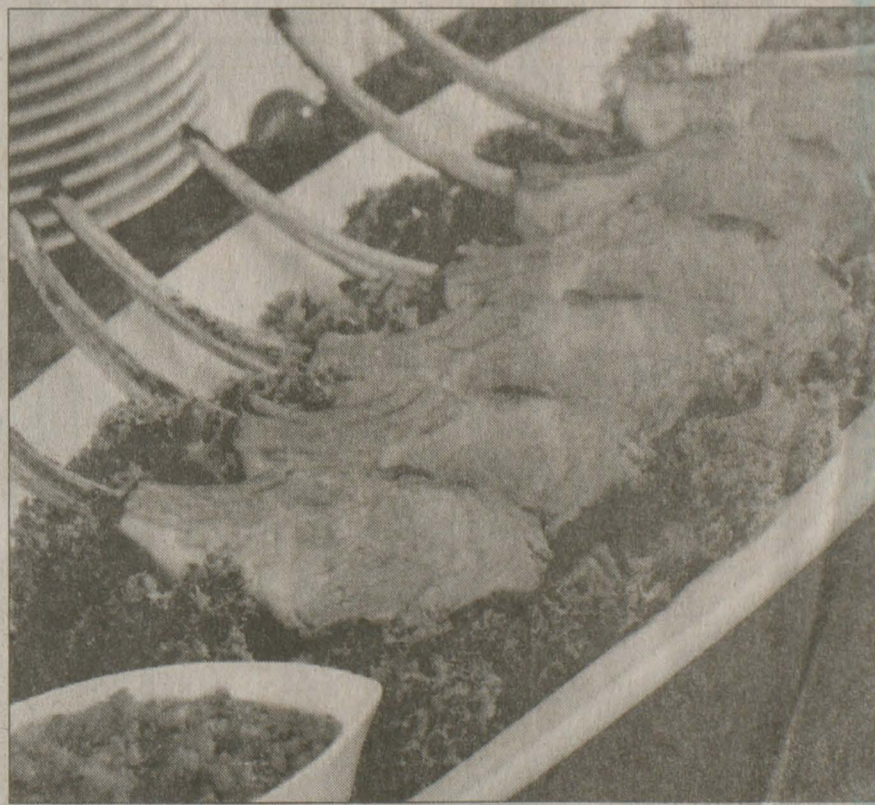
Preheat oven to 450°F.

Roast lamb for 20 minutes. Remove from oven and cover with aluminum foil. Allow to sit for 15 minutes, then cut into individual ribs and serve with sauce.

### Minted Tomato Sauce

- 1 clove garlic, crushed with a little salt
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 to 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 to 3 tomatoes, crushed
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped mint

Combine all ingredients in food processor and blend for 1 minute.



American Lamb Lollipops With Minted Tomato Sauce

### American Lamb Roasts for Holiday Entertaining

Perfect for relaxed entertaining, American Lamb roasts make a great holiday meal for sharing with family and friends. Nothing could be easier than roasting lamb. While lamb roasts need to cook slow and low, they take very little preparation time, allowing you to spend time with your guests while the lamb cooks to perfection!

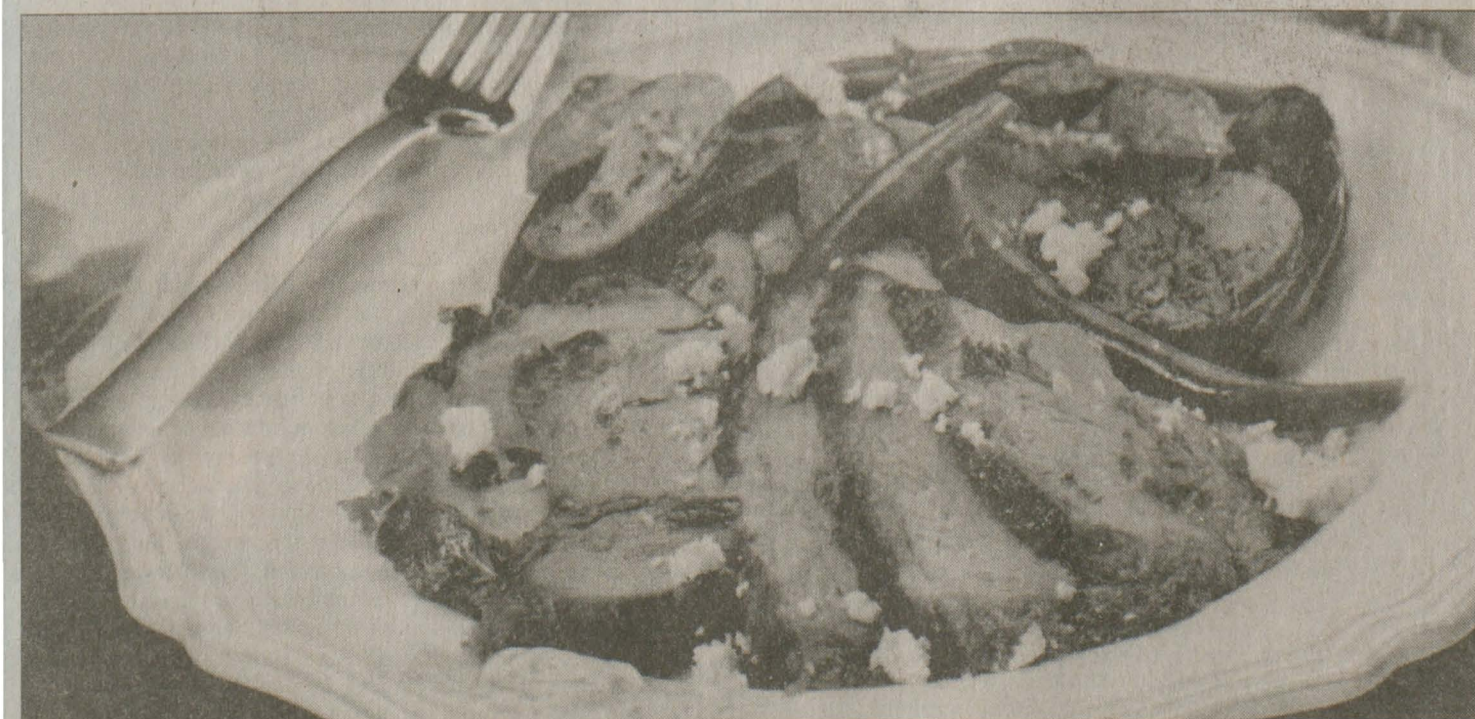
Leg of lamb is a popular and traditional roast and is readily available at most grocery stores during the holidays. Shoulder roast and boneless loin roasts are also great options but may need to be special ordered by your grocery store or butcher.

### Tips

Let the lamb roast rest for 10 to 15 minutes until the internal temperature reaches the ideal temperature. A cooling period will allow the meat's juices to settle and make carving easier.

Serve lamb roasts family style with carved, sliced meat arranged on a large platter with fresh herbs and roasted vegetables.

For more recipes and cooking information visit [americanlamb.com](http://americanlamb.com).



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I, Jennifer Burke Elliott, a duly licensed attorney practicing in Floyd County, Kentucky, have been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court as Warning Order Attorney for the **unknown spouse of Crystal D. Burchett**. The Order is to notify the unknown spouse of Ms. Crystal D. Burchett that a legal action has been brought against him, the same being Floyd Circuit Court Civil Action No. 09-CI-1196. The legal action is in the nature of a debt collection against the unknown spouse of Ms. Burchett by the Plaintiff, Kentucky Housing Corporation, and to secure a mortgage upon properties located at East Point, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described in the Deed of Record in Mortgage Book 528, Page 488, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Notice is hereby given to the unknown spouse of Ms. Crystal D. Burchett that his failure to respond to the Plaintiff's Complaint could result in a loss of his interest in the property that was stated herein. As Warning Order Attorney, a response must be filed within fifty (50) days of November 12, 2009.

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The operation is located 1.4 mile southeast from KY Route 122's junction with KY Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The deferment is sought due to a coal marketing problem and is being requested for an initial period of six months. The deferment may be renewed for additional periods up to a maximum of 30 months.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed within 10 days of this notice with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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**NOTICE TO UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF RICHARD BEVINS WARNING ORDER**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF RICHARD BEVINS, that a civil action has been filed against her in Floyd Circuit Court, Division II, as C.A. No. 09-CI-00136. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in this matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against her. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

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(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, (606) 889-8440, has applied for renewal to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Brainard, Kentucky, and in Floyd and Magoffin counties. The proposed operation, will disturb 594.87 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 18.55 acres, making a total area of 613.42 acres within the permit boundary.  
(2) The permit area is approximately 0.75 mile southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch, and located 0.92 mile southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude is 37°39'26". The longitude is 82°54'44".  
(3) The operation is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Kennie Carpenter Jr., and Ron Cooley, Debbie & Phillip Ousley, Luther Miller Estate C/O Kathleen Miller, Fork Farm Inc., C/O Della W. Burke, Osie Dunn, Green Holbrook Heirs C/O Charles Bays, Bill England Heirs C/O Glen Allen, Jamie & Lisa Powell, Richard & Bernice Risner, Charles Prater Estate C/O Ezra Allen, Johnnie & Linda Adams, Black Diamond Land Company, and Alma Land Company. The operation will use the area mining method of surface mining. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Puncheon Camp Creek Road and Rough and Tough Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.  
(4) The renewal has been filed for public inspection in the Division of Mine Permits, Department for Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5516 Renewal No. 2**  
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that LA Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 731, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.1 mile south of Eastern in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 10.13 surface acres, and will underlie 504.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 514.13 acres.  
The proposed operation is approximately 0.9 mile south from KY 80's junction with KY 777, and located 0.1 mile east of Turkey Creek. The latitude is 37°30'59". The longitude is 82°47'13".  
The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Harold Ray Hagans and William B. and Debra Hagans. The operation will underlie land owned by Harold Ray Hagans, J.B. Ellis, Charles and Joyce Gibson, Lynn M. Parrish, Jerry Donald Hagans, Larry Edgar Hagans, Oakie Shepherd, Stephen D. and Deborah Bailey, Teddy Gibson, Lovel and Cendia Hall, James and Melinda Stumbo, Ellis Little, Dave and Leila Harvey, Earl Edward and Mary Webb, Earnest Hayes, Mable Willis, Minnie Irizarry et al., Delbert Glen Goins, Marion Jr. and Claudia Hayes, Sidney Jean Hayes, Virgil and Sandra Moore, Mander Moore, C.M. and Edith Wise, Marie Stelbasky, Gordon Neil and Belinda Carro, Joey Wells-Adams and Leo C. Harmon.  
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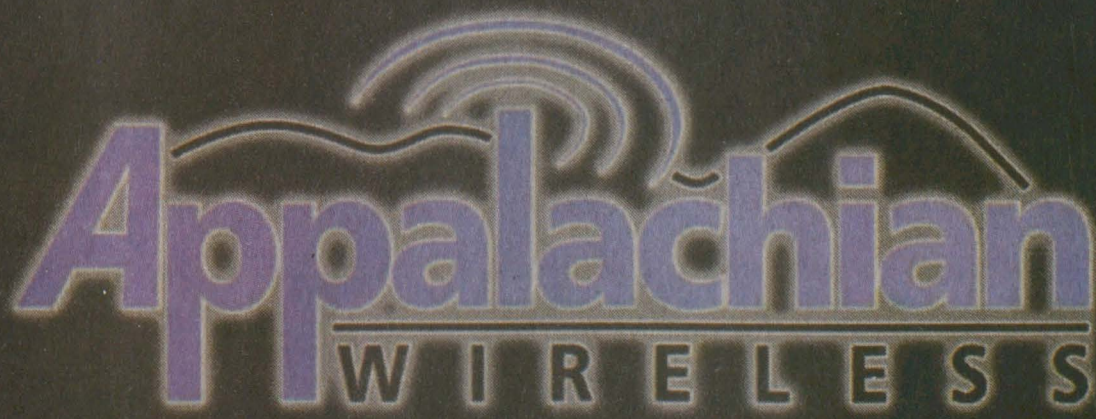
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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## Bring on the grapefruit!

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

I'm already making out my Christmas wish-list and checking it twice -- for Christmas 2010.

No, I didn't lose my calendar and I haven't broken my reading glasses. However, I just read about some research that may take a little while to pay off, but I am patient, oh-so-patient, because I've already waited many long years for this particular piece of good news.

You see, I love grapefruit and grapefruit juice. I don't mean I'm just mildly fond of those items; I love them. My mouth waters when I get those mail-order offers for glorious red grapefruits the size of bowling balls, and I have to avert my eyes in the juice aisle at the grocery store as I walk past those gorgeous shiny jugs of delicately pink grapefruit juice.

Why do I deny myself such a wonderful, healthful treat? Here's the problem: I take cholesterol medicine.

In case you don't get the connection, here's the whole sad tale in a nutshell: Grapefruit contains natural compounds called furanocoumarins (thankfully known as "FCs" for short). Those FCs can inhibit the enzymatic activity responsible for the body's ability to metabolize certain prescribed medication -- in other words, the body's ability to take up more of the medication in the bloodstream and get the most good out of it.

"Aha!" I hear you saying, "But I don't take cholesterol medication." But you still may not be off the hook, because there's a wide range of medications that FCs can affect: medicines for allergies, abnormal heart rhythm, depression, hypertension, infections and heart disease. I'm not saying grapefruit juice wreaks havoc on every medication used to treat every one of these problems -- but if you're not sure about your medication, it might be worth checking with your doctor.

I didn't find out about this little twist on the grapefruit tale until a friend of mine underwent a heart transplant. He mentioned in passing that he'd had to give up grapefruit juice because of its possible interference with some of the double-handful of drugs that he now has to take every day, for the rest of his life, to ensure that his body's own immune system doesn't reject his new heart as an "invader."

Not all FCs are bad news. In fact, FCs are really just phytochemicals commonly found in plants, and two of the best known are vitamins C and E (both of which I pop every day, as a matter of routine).

So where's the good news in this story? Here it is: Two Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Florida have found that fungi could help solve this problem of grapefruit compound complications. The scientists began their study using a fungus called *Aspergillus niger* to bind and break down the FCs in grapefruit juice.

It seems that grapefruit juice contains three main FCs. The ARS scientists found that *A. niger* either binds up these FCs or uses enzymes to break them down into other products. The enzymatic inactivation of these compounds could be a means of eliminating them from commercial grapefruit juice, so work is under way to identify these specific enzymes in *A. niger*.

In case you're wondering about whether we're trading the devil we know for the devil we don't know, *A. niger* is one of the most common species of the fungal genus *Aspergillus*, and yes, it can cause black mold on certain fruits and vegetables, but it's not a known culprit in human disease.

The scientists went a bit further afield and tried putting edible fungi (that's mushrooms to us) in the grapefruit juice. They found that when they dried and pulverized morel, oyster and even everyday button mushrooms and added the mushrooms to grapefruit

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## KDMC offering free vascular screening at Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — A free vascular screening for those 50 and older will be offered at the King's Daughters Medical Specialties — Pikeville, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at 5425 North Mayo Trail, Suite 202, in Pikeville.

KDMC physician assistant James Dalton will review patient results. The screening includes lipid profile (fasting required), ankle brachial index (ABI), blood glucose and an electrocardiogram

(EKG).

A lipid profile (blood test) gives a breakdown of good and bad cholesterol levels. Ankle brachial index (ABI) is a measurement of blood pressure at the ankle to check for signs of peripheral artery disease (PAD). Blood glucose screening checks the level of sugar in the blood. An electrocardiogram (EKG) is a non-invasive test to measure electrical activity in the heart by attaching electrodes to the

skin.

Additional screening guidelines may apply, which help us see those most at risk for vascular disease. Space is limited and appointments are required by calling 1.888.377.KDMC (5362).

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may help reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke. This vascular screening is provided free by KDMC, in cooperation with the Kentucky Heart Foundation (KHF). KHF is a nonprofit organization working to improve the life expectancy of people affected by cardiovascular disease. The foundation oversees cardiac research, education and prevention programs and is closely linked with the heart and vascular specialists at KDMC.



Dr. Thomas Matijasic, professor of history at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was recently appointed to the Perryville Battlefield Commission.

# APPOINTMENT WITH HISTORY

## Local professor named to Perryville Battlefield Commission

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Dr. Thomas D. Matijasic, professor of history at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was recently appointed by Gov. Steve Beshear to the Perryville Battlefield Commission, a group dedicated to preserving the history of the Civil War conflict that took place in Perryville, Kentucky.

Matijasic, of Hager Hill, replaces Robert E. Martin, of Danville, as a member representing academic scholars and the public.

According to historical information, the battle that took place in Perryville on Oct. 8, 1862, was the largest and most significant battle fought in Kentucky during the Civil War. More than 849 Union soldiers were killed and 2,800 were wounded. Confederate forces lost 510 men along with more than 2,600 wounded. The battle ended in a stalemate with Confederate General Braxton Bragg's troops forced to end the campaign in Kentucky after the battle and retreat back to Tennessee.

A portion of the battlefield is owned by the state, and a museum is maintained in the park. A

reenactment of the battle takes place every October. The park itself covers 600 acres of land in Boyle County. The site became part of the park system in 1936. More than 7,000 acres of land at Perryville have been recognized as a National Historic Landmark. The area reportedly receives 100,000 visitors per year.

Matijasic's term on the Perryville Battlefield is scheduled to last until May of 2013.

For more information of the Battle of Perryville, including the dates for the reenactment, visit <http://www.perryvillebattlefield.org>.

## Record number of Americans go hungry

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than one in seven, or 14.6 percent of American households, suffered from food insecurity in 2008, according to the most recent data on hunger released Nov. 16 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 3.5 percentage point increase from 2007 is the largest one-year increase since the USDA first began publishing data in 1998.

"The data released today is not surprising," said Bread for the World president David Beckmann. "What should really shock us is that almost one in four children in our country lives on the brink of hunger." According to the report, in 2008, 16.7 million children, or 22.5 percent, were food insecure — 4.3 million more than the year before. "We must make serious progress against child hunger when Congress

renews child nutrition programs next year," Beckmann continued.

The most recent data was released just as Agriculture Secretary Vilsack testifies before the Senate about the administration's priorities for reauthorization of child nutrition programs. President Barack Obama set the ambitious but achievable goal of ending child hunger by 2015, and Vilsack is charged with making it a reality.

Beckmann pointed to skyrocketing unemployment and SNAP participation as a barometer of food security. "With millions of Americans losing their jobs, participation in SNAP has reached record levels as more families are in need of food assistance," he said. More than 36 million people, half of them children, received SNAP benefits in August 2009 — a 24 percent

increase since the same time last year.

"Child hunger is not just a casualty of the recession. It was a problem before the recession, and unless we take the necessary steps, kids will continue to suffer after the economy recovers," Beckmann said. Even before the recession, researchers estimated that nearly half of all children, and 90 percent of African American children, will receive SNAP benefits by the age of 20, according to a study recently published in an American Medical Association journal.

"The recession has made the problem of hunger worse, and it has also made it more visible," Beckmann said. "Increased public awareness and the administration's commitment gives me hope. To end hunger, our leaders need to strength-

en nutrition programs and provide steady jobs that allow parents to escape the cycle of poverty and feed their families for years to come."

The job-creating potential of "greening" the U.S. economy is the subject of Bread for the World Institute's 2010 Hunger Report: A Just and Sustainable Recovery, which will be released on November 23. The report explores how the worst recession in 75 years can be the catalyst for a historic shift in the economy that creates sustainable opportunities for low-income Americans to work their way out of poverty and provide for their families.

For state facts on child nutrition programs and a state-by-state data on food security, unemployment, and SNAP participation, visit [www.bread.org/foodsecurity](http://www.bread.org/foodsecurity).

# 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](mailto: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

### Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Master Mason degree slated December 5, 6 p.m.

Zebulon Lodge No. 273 F&AM, in Prestonsburg, will confer the Master Mason degree on two Brothers at the meeting to be held Saturday, December 5. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m., and the first section of the degree will be conferred before dinner. After dinner, the work will continue. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

### Christ United Methodist Live Drive Through Nativity December 12 and December 13

Christ United Methodist Church, 105 Methodist Lane, Allen, will be having a Live Drive Through Nativity in the church parking lot from December 12 and 13, from 6:00-till 9:00 p.m. Also plan to attend December 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

### Adult Day Services Center Christmas party, Dec. 12

Happy House Adult Day Services Center is having their Christmas party, December 12, from 4:30 pm.-8:30 p.m. Foods, Christmas crafts, handmade scarfs, kids can paint their own Christmas ornaments, etc. All proceeds go to Happy House Adult Day Services Center! Phone: (606) 886-0265.

### Adult Day Services Center Christmas Bizarre, December 5

Happy House Adult Day Services Center is having their Christmas Bizarre on December 5, from 10:00-4:30 p.m. Foods, Christmas crafts, handmade scarfs, etc. All proceeds go to Happy House Adult Day Services Center! Phone: (606) 886-0265.

### GraveWay United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

GraceWay United Methodist Church, "At the top of Maytown Hill", would like to invite everyone to the "Annual Christmas" Bazaar!! Saturday, December 5th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be: Soup/Chilli, Desserts, Crafts, Christmas Items...And F-U-N!!! For more information, contact Donna Gray, 285-3808.

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### Riverview Health Care Center to hold Christmas Bazaar

Riverview Health Care Center, 79 Sparrow Lane, Prestonsburg, will hold a Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Proceeds for resident Christmas Fund. If you are interested having a booth. Contact the facility.

### Christmas Bazaar

Prestonsburg Womans Club will sponsor a Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, November 21, starting at 10 a.m., thru 2 p.m., at the Archer Park Clubhouse.

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### Invitation to a Christmas Open House, November 24

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Instructor: Donna Woods  
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### Duff Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be every Wednesday, from 9:00-12:00 at James A. Duff Elementary. Call the school at 358-9420 or 358-9878 for the required items necessary for

kindergarten registration.

### 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!

### 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](mailto:patricia.466@hotmail.com); also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

### 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 889-8260 for more information.

### Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

### Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

### Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays, at David, The

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

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

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

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

### Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

### UNITE

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

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

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

### Senior employment program

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

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

### 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.

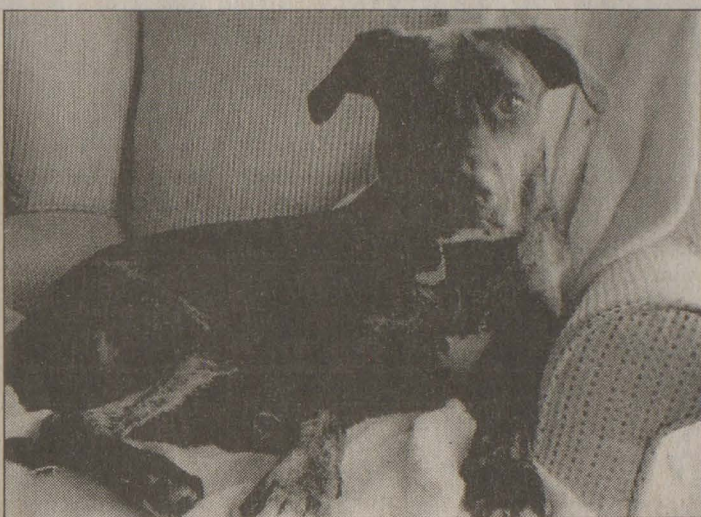
•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•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](mailto:doslone@eastky.net).

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

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



Toni Baker, daughter of John and Anne Baker, of Prestonsburg, has been volunteering at an animal shelter. "Coco" is one the animals recently adopted during Baker's time at the shelter.

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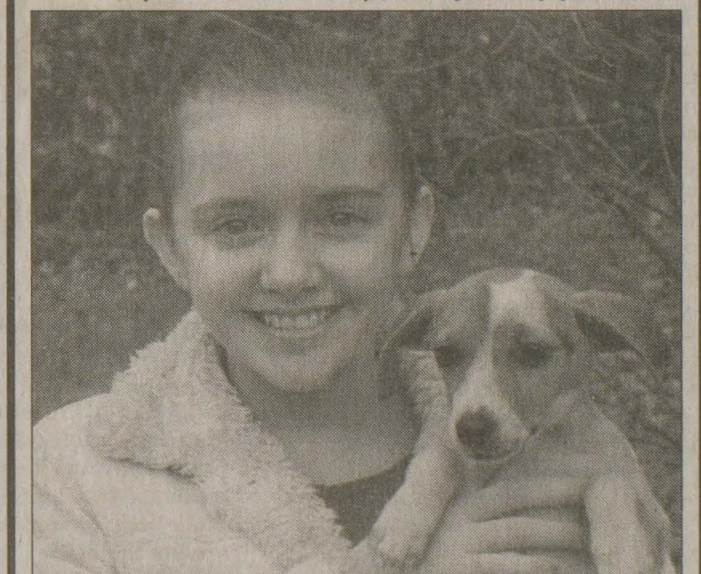
juice, yes, the mushrooms did remove the FCs. This suggests to the researchers that fungal proteins, rather than the fungi themselves, could be responsible for removing the FCs from the grapefruit juice.

This research isn't yet far enough along for me to avail myself of those mouth-watering mail-order grapefruits whose offers drive me to dis-

traction every year about this time. But I'm keeping Santa's mailing address handy for next Christmas!

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>.

## The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



This week's Animal Shelter celebrity is JULIA STUMBO, who is with SEBASTIAN STUMBO, a ten-week-old male Jack Russell, who has a larger sister named Mara Stumbo. Both are available for adoption at the animal shelter.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg Phone 886-3189

### What is a hero?

This child, and thousands like her, have the hope of a better future and the power to make it happen. By taking part in afterschool programs, kids explore, learn, grow, and most importantly, find the hero inside themselves. Let us know you want afterschool programs in your area. Call 1-800-USA-LEARN.

**Afterschool programs**  
Helping kids find the hero within.

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(Nov. 26, 28 and Dec. 1, 1999)

A Floyd County couple has been named in a 21-count indictment alleging they accepted payments from customers who believed they were purchasing insurance but were instead lining the accused couple's pockets Regina C. Lafferty, 46, and Tommy L. Lafferty Jr., 48, were indicted, Monday, by a grand jury on charges of posing as an insurance agency; Arley Michael Jackson, 21; Bryan Rister, 19, and Joseph Collett, 19, all of Garrett, were arrested and charged with burglarizing property owned by former Wayland mayor Eugene Mullins on October 28

Floyd County Judge-Executive Pau Hunt Thompson, says area roads are ready for winter, Thompson said most of Floyd County roads have been repaired

Having turned 18, a Grethel teen will be tried as an adult for the alcohol-related of his friend. A single of charge of murder has brought against Jacob Ellis Carroll in Floyd District Court as a result of a June 10 accident which claimed the life of 18-year-old Edgar Dewayne Hughes, a passenger in Carroll's truck

Kenneth Bolden, 26, of Harold, was killed early Tuesday morning when his vehicle rear-ended a coal truck on U.S. 23. He died at Highlands Regional Medical Center

Kentucky State Police and the Martin County's Sheriff's Department arrested Tarkey Blackburn, 35, of Inez, on numerous drug and gun violations

Facing numerous counts of drug possession and trafficking, the case of Scott Forest Moore, 33, of Ivel has been sent on to the grand jury. Trooper Mickey Watson said in Floyd District Court that his investigation into a forged prescription led him to the home of Moore. The Kentucky State Police Trooper said a check with Moore's address on it was allegedly used by Teresa Collins in the forgery case

The group known as Farmer's Market operating at Martin, met last Friday evening at the Extension Service Building in Prestonsburg to celebrate a successful tear and make plans for another season

On Tuesday, Marlow Tackett and helpers passed out over 20 tons of food to needy families across the region. The event started at 10 a.m. and in just one hour, over 1,400 people from Pike, Floyd, Letcher, Knott and Johnson counties arrived to receive the numerous donations

Police in Pike County are staying busy as they investigate their second robbery of the week, as well as an attempted robbery on Thanksgiving night. Angie and Lynn Wagoner left St. Cloud, Fla., and came to McDowell to operate the God's Appalachian Partnership (GOP) under the auspices of the First Baptist Church of McDowell. GOP is a Christian endeavor to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Appalachia

Anthony Francis, 33, of McAndrews, is being held in the Pike County jail on charges of attempted murder, after 18-year-old Danny Ramey, of Pond Creek, was shot in the stomach, Thanksgiving Day

A new food stamp debit card, which looks and behaves much like a credit card has now been fully integrated in the Floyd County area; meaning the end of traditional paper food stamps

A late evening blunder by Michael K. Allen, of Langley, resulted in his arrest, being charged with multiple counts of drug possession and drug trafficking

Randall Scott Holbrook, 35, of David, was killed over the weekend when the Lawrence County trailer he was sleeping in caught fire, along Sand Branch Road in Webbsville as part of an overnight fishing trip. The number of fatalities on Kentucky's roadways this Thanksgiving holiday was down two from the same period last year

A one-vehicle crash in Majestic in Pike County, has left Evie Hurley, 46, of Phelps dead. Kentucky State Police report that Howard Hurley was driving west on Route 194, around 9:30 p.m., Monday when he lost control of his vehicle, causing him to run off the road and strike a rock wall

There died: Howard Mayo Ferguson, 89, of Auxier, Monday, November 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jarvey Jacobs, 40, of Pippa Passes, Monday, November 22, following a house fire; Haley Maria Salyers, 17-day-old infant daughter of Boyd and Stephanie Thornsby Salyers, Wednesday, November 24, at her home in Ezel; Haven Little, 67, of Virgie, Thursday, November 25, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Joseph Greene, 73, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, November 25, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Oeda Music, 74, of Bull Creek, Thursday, November 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willie Hunter, 77, of Garrett, Sunday, November 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Marie Martin Cook, 83, of Drift, Monday, Nov. 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Versie Gayheart, 91, of Pippa Passes, Monday, November 29, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sandra Kaye Bates, 54, of Winchester, Saturday, November 27, at Winchester Health Care Center; Randall Scott Holbrook, 35, of David, Saturday, November 27, as the result of a trailer fire; Mary Louise Hall, 74, of Auxier, Wednesday, November 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maw Opal Smith, 89, of Leburn, Friday, November 26, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Julia "Julie" Layne Martin, 89, of Hueysville, Sunday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ravenna

Lyons, 70, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, November 27, at the Pikeville Medical Center; Tonnie Matthew Slone, 35, of Carlisle, formerly of Floyd County, November 26, in Cynthiana; Marie Martin Cook, 83, of Drift, Monday, November 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago

(Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, 1989)

Emergency measures were authorized Monday night by State Superintendent of Schools John Brock, allowing the Floyd County School Board to keep trying to get construction bids for the new Allen Elementary School under budget and off the ground

Martin residents will soon be provided environmentally safe waste water treatment facilities as the result of a \$690,420 grant

Johnny Boyd, 30, of Tram, was injured, Sunday morning when his foot was run over by a train in Ivel

A fugitive from justice from Arizona was captured in Prestonsburg, Tuesday, by Kentucky State Police Detective James Stephens, Melinda Louise Perry, 19, was wanted on three counts of perjury in Prescott, Arizona, in connection with a homicide investigation

A stronger regional education system with greater involvement and support by area business leaders was the focus of the Seventh Congressional District's education conference in Prestonsburg, Wednesday

A faulty electric medical scooter is being blamed for injuries caused to Sheila Spurlock of Printer in a suit brought against Glasrock Home Health Care and Invacare Corp. of Kentucky

There died: Melissa Ann Compton, 16, of Prestonsburg, November 24, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Jean Corder Conley, 74, of Floyd County, November 21, at the Kentucky Rest Haven in Madisonville; Osie Daniels, 73, of Stanville, November 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Blaine Fraley, 84, of Auxier, November 19, at his home; Everett Hunsaker, 68, of Auxier, November 18, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington; Simpson Martin, 77, of Kileen, Texas, formerly of Floyd County, November 8, at a Temple, Texas, hospital; John "Dime" Stratton, 63, of Ivel, November 21, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Woodrow Wilson Allen, 76, of Prestonsburg, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andy Inmon, of Greenwich, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, November 22, at his home.

## Thirty Years Ago

(December 12, 1979)

The Paintsville Hospital is taking Highlands Regional Medical Center and the licensing board to court over the granting of a certificate of need to HRMC to expand its facility by 47 beds, thereby blocking Paintsville Hospital's application for a new building, before even hearing Paintsville's request

According to CPA Bill Bottoms, the school district has a "reasonable" chance of ending the current fiscal year in the black. A \$640,000 deficit was reduced to \$199,000 last year and is being further reduced at a rate "well in advance of the schedule." Following a September review of Floyd County's compliance with the federal Education for Handicapped Children Act, the state bureau for the Education of Exceptional Children, cited the school district for numerous deficiencies

Joe McCauley, executive-director of the Big Sandy ADD, and Edward Collins, administrator of the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, both expressed their concern over the Floyd Fiscal Court hiring an Atlanta-based grants writing firm which recently secured an HEW grant for \$41,000 for McDowell ARH for a fee of \$19,000

Of the \$43,240 Floyd County Coal Severance Economic Aid, \$15,000 is allotted to the Floyd County Child Care project, and the rest to four volunteer fire departments for upgrading of facilities and services

Official ground breaking for the \$3.8 million apartment complex at Cliff was held Friday afternoon with Congressman Carl D. Perkins, local and state officials taking part

There died: Robert Lawson, 67, of Printer, Monday, at HRMC; Douglas Campbell, 29, of Larkslane, from a car accident; Ocie Marie Clark Linville, 62, of Greenville, Tennessee, formerly of Auxier, Friday, at Lake Shore Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee; Maudie Goodman, 89, of Emma, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Archie Burke, 56, of Martin, Saturday, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Merle C. Campbell, 68, of Waver Gap, Friday, at HRMC; Epp Newsome, 88, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Floyd County, Saturday; Ollie Owsley Jr., 42, of New Buffalo, Mich., formerly of this county, Nov. 13, at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Ind.; Darwin Ray Maynard, 61, of Endicott, at his home, Sunday; Columbus Collins, 73, of Georgetown, formerly of Van Lear, Tuesday, Dec. 4, at Spring Haven Nursing Home in Georgetown; Goldia S. Cornett, 66, wife of Circuit Court Judge Chris Cornett, of Hindman, Friday, at the June Buchanan Clinic, Hindman.

## Forty Years Ago

(December 11, 1969)

How near the Highlands Corporation it to actual work, on the proposed regional hospital will likely be determined by the size of contrac-

tors' bids which are due to be opened at 1:30 this afternoon (Thursday), it was said

The Big Sandy Community Action Program several weeks ago voted almost unanimously to end its association with VISTA, but CAP officials weren't sure this week, the action has had a visible effect

Maytown High School, one of the smaller teams physically in the area, won the Floyd County Preseason basketball tournament here last weekend by defeating Betsy Layne, 92-75

There died: Frank Burkett, 57, of Emma, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Gracie Allen Branham, 71, Saturday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; Charlie Hall, 74, Sunday, at his home at Ivel; Belva Patrick Johnson, 55, Floyd County native, Nov. 27, at her home in Vaughnville, Ohio; Andy Lee Martin, 77, Friday, at his home at McDowell; Ray R. Walk, 54, formerly of Martin, Sunday, in Indiana; Dee Branham, 44, formerly of Water Gap, Dec. 2, in Michigan; Dakota Hall Hamilton, 57, last Thursday, at her home at Grethel; Billie Marie Klaiber Lewis, 62, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Lewis Bradley, 64, of Risner, Monday, at Lexington; Fannie E. Clark, 84, of Allen, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jemima Ousley, 86, Monday, at her home at Risner.

## Fifty Years Ago

(December 10, 1959)

Floyd County's Bert T. Combs, became Governor of Kentucky, Tuesday, with his formal inauguration marked by all the color and pageantry traditional to the occasion. A yellow flag at the northern end of the Second Avenue fill marks the point at which a road linking the Mountains with the Blue Grass will enter Prestonsburg, the eastern terminus of a gigantic new highway building project. The road, the Mountain Parkway, is the product of work and planning by the state's new governor, Bert Combs

Dedication of the Community Methodist Church in the Porter Addition here will be held Sunday, Dec. 13

Santa Claus and his helpers will again visit the children of Left Beaver Creek, under the auspices of the Beaver Valley Kiwanis Club, of Wheelwright

There died: Curtis Webb, 18, of Dwale, Sunday, in a motor vehicle accident in France, where he was serving with the US armed forces;

Pete McCoy, 67, of Thomas, Monday, at his home; Estill Shepherd, 49, Tuesday, at his home at West Prestonsburg; Gracie F. Hall, 49, of Drift, Tuesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

## Sixty Years Ago

(December 15, 1949)

Proponents of Big Sandy canalization returned here late Wednesday, from the hearing in Louisa before the US Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, confident they and their associates has bested foes of the project in the battle of pros and cons

Sheriff-elect A.B. Meade this week advised Floyd County's law-breakers to start the new year right—in short, to get out of whatever lawless business they may now be pursuing

The Floyd Circuit Court will start the New Year off by wading into a docket of 275 cases, ranging from assault and battery to violent murder. Eight of the cases on the docket accuse 12 men and one woman of murder

A wave of burglaries which started two weeks or more ago, hit crest, early this week, at Martin with the theft on successive nights of a company's safe and entry into a service station

There died: Thursa Spears, Monday, at her home at Hi Hat; Andy J. Tackett, 64, Friday, at his home on Mud Creek.

## Seventy Years Ago

(December 7, 1939)

Because disturbances occurring at roadhouse have reached an alarming state, the Floyd County Court, at a special meeting, Tuesday, with County Judge E.P. Hill presiding, ordered that all such establishments be closed at 9 p.m., during week nights, and at 10 p.m., on Saturday nights

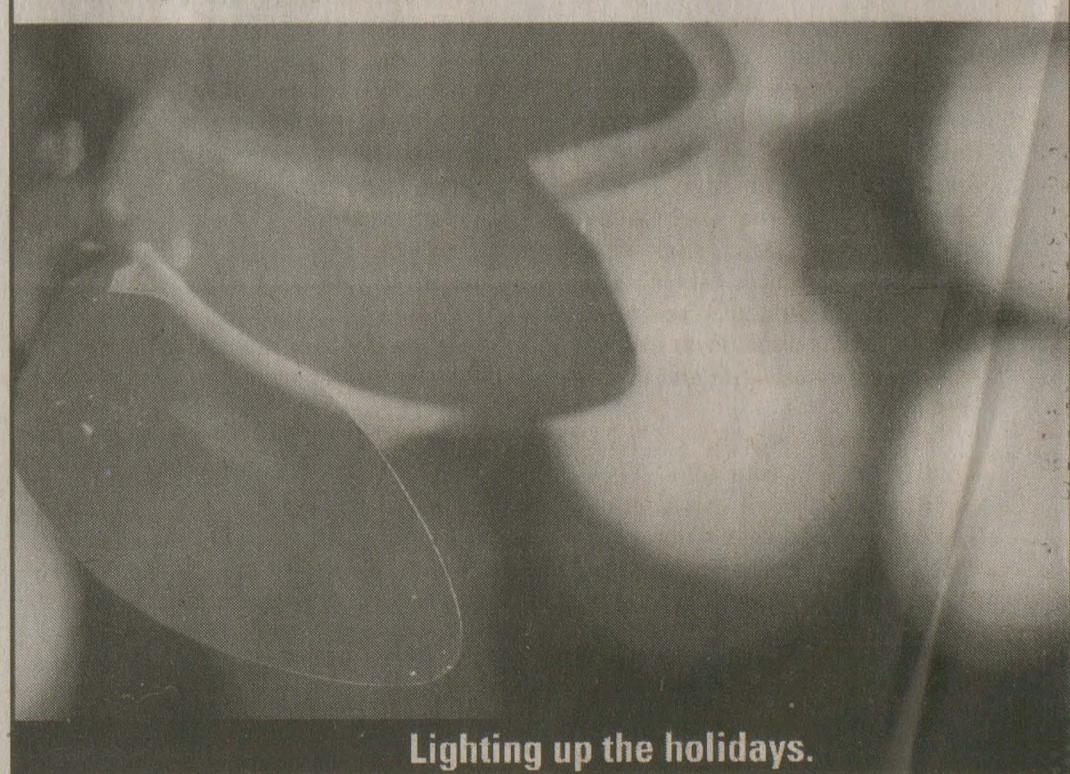
Deputy Sheriffs Bud Hicks, 38, and Malcolm Reffitt, 31, both of Pyramid, shot each other to death late Sunday afternoon, on Beech Branch of Middle Creek, a jury empaneled by coroner Elliott Prater held Sunday night

Seven elections contest suits were filed Wednesday afternoon in the clerk's office of the Floyd Circuit Court

Ten murder cases are docketed for trial at the January term of the Floyd County Court

There died: Angie Myers, 74, of Ashland, formerly of Laynesville, at the home of a daughter; Ferd Stephens, 68, at the home of Susan Allen, Northern; Martha E. Pinson Stratton, 68, Betsy Layne; Evan Brown, formerly of Clear Creek, at her home at Point Pleasant, W.Va.

5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, Kentucky Power reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at Kentucky Power, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **Kentucky Power is there, always working for you.**

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# Local residents in amazement yesterday as Collectors provide a stimulus package to Pikeville!

*They are paying out right on the spot for my stuff. Unbelievable!!*

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Spokesperson for the event said he expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week for vintage items and precious metals from local residents. Here are some examples of what is going on in the event that started yesterday in the **Hampton Inn.**

One person sold an old Gibson guitar that was purchased in the 1960's for less than \$250.00 to a collector at the event for \$2175.00

Another person had a pocket watch collection that sold for \$4600.00., with one of

the watches in this collection bringing \$375.00 of the \$4600.00 tally.

A husband and wife brought in a box of old Jewelry, wristwatches, coins, and two German daggers from WW2 and left \$785.00 richer.

This is cool that something like this would come here to our town. Where else would this stuff ever be sold? The refinery has teamed up with the collectors for a 24 month tour of the United States, both big and small towns to dig up hidden gems.



"I'm glad I came in! I really need the money."  
CLAUDIA MCDONALD says, who received \$825 for a gold coin minted in 1986.

## Dozens cash in yesterday with jewelry, railroad watches and guitars. An estimated \$200,000 in Pikeville!

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

The first day of the 5 day reclamation drive in **Pikeville** was a hit with those looking to sell their gold and silver. Representatives were on hand Tuesday purchasing all types of unwanted and broken jewelry. An estimated 55 people left the event with over \$200 dollars from old class rings, wedding bands, herringbones, and gold teeth. Coins dated before 1965 were bringing big premiums as well. Silver dollars, halves and quarters arrived in large quantities. Lots of gold coins were also brought in. Rebecca Hughes walked away with over \$1200.00 after selling an original \$20 gold piece from 1888.

On the other side of the room were

representatives from the Antique Association. They were purchasing all types of guitars, large currency bills dated before 1923, military items and pocket watches. One watch was purchased by a collector in Montana for \$835 dollars. There were piles of sterling silver items like old silverware sets and tea pots. One gentleman rolled a cart in with 3 boxes full of silver coins. Company officials reported spending over \$80,000 the first day of the event, alone. Brian Eades with Ohio Valley said "we have had an overwhelming turnout this first day and we expect to get busier every day this week". The event continues today and runs through Saturday. The event is free and the public is welcome.

**If you go:**  
WHO: Ohio Valley Refinery Reclamation Drive  
WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.  
WHEN: December 1st-5th  
WHERE: Hampton Inn  
831 Hambley Blvd.  
Pikeville, KY 41501  
TIMES: TUESDAY-FRIDAY  
9:00am - 6:00pm  
SATURDAY  
9:00am - 4:00pm

**Items we will accept include:**  
Scrap Jewelry  
Dental Gold  
Sterling Silverware  
Sterling Silver Tea Sets  
Silver Dollars  
All Coins Dated before 1965  
Industrial Scrap  
All forms of Platinum

## Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

*Collectors and Enthusiasts in Pikeville with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!*

By **CHRISTINA BUTLER**  
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday the International Collectors Association in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. The better the grade the more they are worth according to collectors I talked to. With the silver and gold markets high prices of older coins are too. Any coins minted before 1965 in the U.S. are 90% silver except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now even well worn heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters, Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times the face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. This country didn't start minting coins until 1792 says Eades. Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform

system of making change. The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933 Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn't completely trust the government and choose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

**Items we will accept include:**  
Scrap Jewelry  
Dental Gold  
Sterling Silverware  
Sterling Silver Tea Sets  
Silver Dollars  
All Coins Dated before 1965  
Industrial Scrap  
All forms of Platinum

### Items of Interest:

**Vintage Guitars;**  
Martin, Gibson, Fender, National, Rickenbacker, Gretsch, Mandolins, Banjos and others

**Pocket Watches;**  
Hamilton, Illinois, Waltham, Patek Phillippe, Ball, Howard, South Bend, Elgin and others  
**Wrist watches:** Omega, Accutron, Longines, Hamilton, Breitling and many more

**Old paper money:** United States, Confederate States, Blanket Bills, \$1000.00 bills and more

**Antique Toys:** Trains, Tin wind-ups, Mechanical Banks, Robots, Pressed Steel trucks, and many more

**War Memorabilia:** Swords, Bayonets, Helmets, German, Confederate, Union, USA, and others

Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.

Below: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday through Saturday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!



### Local Residents are ready to cash in!

*International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!*

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Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see below) along with the coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the **Hampton Inn** paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company has explained that these collectors are paying collector price for the vintage items and is great way for people to get a great value for their items.