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**Won arrested war cr**

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**LEXINGTON** — An accused war criminal who had been living in Stanton is now being held without bond after federal marshals took her into custody this past week on charges that she murdered and tortured civilians in Serbia.

Azra Basic, 51, a fugitive from Croatia, is wanted by Bosnia and Herzegovina law enforcement for one murder and several incidents at a prison camp during the Bosnian, from April to June 1992.

The complaint alleges that Basic murdered one person with a knife and made others drink the blood of the murdered victim. In another instance, the 51-year-old is alleged to have forced a Serb to drink a flammable liquid and then beat him until he was unconscious, afterwards setting his hands and face on fire.

"Given the shocking nature of the crimes she is accused of, we are delighted that the hard work to apprehend Azra Basic has paid off," said U.S. Marshal Loren Carl. "This brings her long run from justice to an end."

Basic is being held without bond and will next appear for a status hearing on April 1 in Lexington.

## Tire amnesty program this week

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**ALLEN** — The Waste Tire Amnesty Program, a program established in 1998 to rid Kentucky's landscape of waste tires, will begin in Floyd County on March 24 and continue until March 26.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court agreed in February to participate in the program, entering into that agreement with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Residents will have the opportunity to drop off their unwanted tires at the state Department of Highways' location north of U.S. 23 along Route 1423 at Allen.

All tires, including those on rims, will be accepted, with the exception of foam-filled tires, off-road construction equipment tires and solid tires with pressed on rims. Eligible participants do not include tire retailers or agricultural tire retailers.

According to the February agreement, county officials are required to provide a minimum staff of three employees during the amnesty program weekend to unload waste tires from those who participate in the program, and also provide someone to greet program participants, provide directions and answer questions. The county is also required to assist eligible participants in the amnesty program with the transportation of waste tires to the central staging area.

For more information, contact the Floyd County Division of Solid Waste at (606) 886-7890.

## CHEERING THE BEARS



Pikeville fans cheer as the team breaks from a timeout in the second period of the men's NAIA college basketball tournament. Floyd in Kansas City, Mo. Pikeville defeated Martin Methodist 110-99, to advance to the national championship game, played late last night.

## County OKs jail budget

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — With jails statewide pinching county coffers due to an ever-increasing number of arrests, the Floyd County Fiscal Court passed the Floyd County Detention Center's \$2.4 million budget Friday.

Salary for personnel at the jail makes up \$864,200 of the overall budget, with Jailor Roger Webb's set at \$88,300; the assistant jailer's at \$44,210; the remaining deputies totaling \$601,000, medical personnel accounting for \$15,000, and cooks at the facility making up \$115,690.

Other line items relating to jail employees and inmates, such as training, incentives, food, office supplies, equipment repair and pest control, among other operational needs and necessities, total \$568,000 of the jail's 2011-12 budget, the largest of those being \$190,000 for food.

County officials were presented with a total of \$60,000 to be expected for building maintenance and repair, \$448,000 for debt service, and another \$459,800 for administrative items such as insurance, transfers, retirement and worker's compensation.

A look at a summary of appropriations shows estimated revenue that would leave a cash balance of \$96,000 by July 1, with county contributions totaling \$1.75 million.

## Literacy put in 'prime time'

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Floyd County will be taking part in the Prime Time Family Reading Time program beginning April 7 and running through May 12.

The Kentucky Humanities Council, in cooperation with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, will bring the award-winning family literacy program to the Floyd County Library's Prestonsburg location.

"Since 1989 we've produced and distributed New Books for New Readers, which are aimed at adult literacy students," said the humanities council's executive director, Virginia Carter. "Prime Time targets young, at-risk readers before it's too late to turn them around. Homes without books are lives without hope."

In each of the six weekly sessions, a discussion leader and storyteller lead programs that demonstrate effective reading techniques. The storyteller for this year is Michelle Fields, while Sydney England will be the Prime Time scholar.

Organizers show statistics that say programs such as Prime Time work. National findings reflect a 99 percent retention rate and progress in the way parents talk with their children. Some 74 percent of parents reported that the program "enhanced discussion with reading, fostering more reading or a better quality of reading time, or led to better interactions" with their children.

Stats also show a need for such a program in Kentucky, says Carter, who points out that 26 percent of the state's adults do not have a high school education.

The program's first session will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 7 at the Floyd County Library's Prestonsburg location and all the following sessions will also be held there. There is no charge and the program includes meals, transportation and educational child care for younger siblings, organizers said.

## Attorney sponsors concert in support of coal mining

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — Confederate Railroad and the Kentucky Headhunters, two popular country music groups, will perform at a free concert sponsored by attorney Eric C. Conn to promote Friends of Coal on April 22.

"I am proud to be a friend of coal," Conn said. "It's really a no-brainer, because the coal industry is currently under attack both in Kentucky and nationwide. I can't think of a better organization than Friends of Coal to promote during this time of uncertainty."

The current advertising effort for Friends of Coal is funded by Conn, and he expects the advertising push to increase local awareness of the organization. The first phase of the campaign consists of a number of billboards that feature images of Conn and a miner along with the Friends of Coal logo and the phrase, "We're Friends of Coal."

(See CONCERT, page 5)



Hundreds of volunteers showed up at Jenny Wiley State Park early Saturday morning for "Operation Clean Sweep," the annual cleanup of Dewey Lake. After several hours of work, several tons of trash were removed from the park.

**2 DAY FORECAST**

**Today**  
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**Tomorrow**  
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- (2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice
- (3) Country Gravy
- (4) Fried Apples

# Obituaries

## Zyndall Adams

Zyndall Adams, 50, of Prestonsburg, died on March 18, 2011, at UK Medical Center. Born May 22, 1960, in Magoffin County, he was the son of the late Aaron and Versie Mullins Adams and the fiancée of Charlene Slone. He was a disabled Printer for the Floyd County Times and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include children: Kellan Lane Adams and Bethany Faith Adams, both of Prestonsburg and Brandon LeMaster, of Rensselaer, Ind.; grandson: Zeppelin LeMaster, fiancée's children: Shawna Leigh Phillips, of Silver Lake, Ind. and Dustin Ryan Slone of Clayport, Ind.; fiancée's grandchildren: Darian Taylor Dotson, Hanna Mae Dotson and Alyssa Ann Marie Gross and two sisters: Ethel McKenzie and Freda Watkins, both of Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister: Tammie Marsilott.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Water of Life Church, in Silver Lake, Ind., with Henry Arnett, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Graceland Cemetery, in Warsaw, Ind.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Crystal Scarberry Anderson

Crystal Scarberry Anderson, 31, of Auxier, died on March 21, 2011, at Parkview Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, Ind. Born March 29, 1979, in Martin, she was the daughter of Elizabeth N. Hall "Libby" Lawson and stepdaughter of Roger Lawson. She was the wife of Robert Bobby Anderson. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons: Darren Tackett and Andrew Tackett, both of Weeksburg, and two brothers: Billy Joe Hall and Charles Hall, both of Banner.

Funeral services will take place Friday, March 25, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Burial will follow at Burke Cemetery, in Weherville. Visitation is after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Irene A. Anderson

Irene A. Anderson, 78, of Prestonsburg, died March 22, 2011, at her home.

Born November 6, 1932, in Dunbar, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Ollie and Bett Norton Booher. She was a registered nurse.

She is survived by her husband, James Anderson; three sons: David (Margie) Anderson and Billy (Brenda) Anderson both of Prestonsburg and James "Jimbo" (Karen) Anderson of Mousie; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters: Robert Booher, David Booher, Lewis Booher, Raymond Booher, Catheryn Smith and Marie Branham; half-brother and sister: Joseph "Bronnie" and Larkie Booher.

Funeral services will be held March 25, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Jennings West officiating.

Burial will follow at Keel Family Cemetery along Sparlock Creek in Prestonsburg.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of funeral arrangements.



## James "Jim" Leo Erlod

James "Jim" Leo Erlod, 71, died March 19, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born September 8, 1939, in Lepanto, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Cleo Erlod and Cornelius Smith Erlod. On May 3, 1965, he was married to Dorothy Sue Hackworth.

James lived in Kosciusko County, Indiana for the last 46 years. He retired as a machinist from Dalton Corporation in Warsaw, Indiana. After retirement, he was co-owner of Elrod Daycares in Winona Lake and Warsaw. He was of the Methodist faith and was a member of the Harley Owners Group. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, James Christopher Erlod.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters: Michele Erlod, of Winona Lake, Alisha Erlod Wagner (Charles) of Warsaw; one son, Derek Erlod (Kelli) of Winona Lake; three grandchildren; three sisters: Helen Glass and Peggy Simmons (Ardin) both of Portageville, Missouri, Pat Manns (John) of New Madrid, Missouri; two brothers: Waddell Erlod (Leslye) of Texarkana, Arkansas, and Joe Erlod (Joyce) of Portageville, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow, March 24, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ryan Gilbert officiating.

Burial will follow at the Jack Arnett Cemetery where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Big Sandy Chapter #18 D.A.V.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

## Nancy Jane Firestone

Nancy Jane Firestone, 60, of Tiffin, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Kentucky, died March 17, 2011, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Born January 9, 1951, in Floyd County, she was daughter of the late George and Della Younce Tucker and wife of the late Harold James Firestone Jr. She was a nursing assistant.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by brother and sisters: Thomas Tucker, Bernie Tucker, Lertie Tucker & Dorothy Tucker.

She is survived by her children: Jenny Lynn (Jim) Carter, of Tiffin, Ohio, Michael (Stormy) Gish of Ocala, Florida, Thomas (Rana) Firestone and Frank Firestone both of Beaver, Kentucky; brothers & sisters: John Henry (Sue) Tucker, of Beaver, Kentucky, Joe (Jeanette) Tucker, of Teaberry, Kentucky, Logan (Elsie) Tucker, Michael (Brenda) Tucker, Gladys Hall, Kathleen Tucker and Bernita (Therman) Tackett, all of Beaver, Kentucky; grandchildren: Patrick Carter, Andrew Carter, Courtney Carter, Christopher Gish, Zackery Walker, Tristin Firestone, Destiny Firestone and Kaylie Firestone.

Funeral services were held March 20, 2011, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry with various Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed at Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, Kentucky.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Roberta Howell Frasure, 84, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, entered her heavenly home on March 17, 2011, at Mt. Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville, Kentucky.

Roberta was born on March 9, 1927, to Pearl and Sadie Orsborn Howell at Dony, Kentucky. She was saved at the age of 21 and was a member of Tabernacle Church in Prestonsburg, KY. She loved sewing and quilting. She was a former Craft Director at the Martin Senior Citizen Center. Roberta's main purpose in life was to provide a happy and loving home for her children. They were the most important part of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson David Gibson, one sister Ruth Tackett, one brother Ruford Howell and two nephews.

She is survived by four children: Elaine (Frank) Buskirk of Auxier, KY; Justin Setser (Annie Rodgers) of Columbus, OH; Erelene Collins of Prestonsburg; Judy (Danny) Treadway of Prestonsburg; 12 grandchildren: Lindsey Gibson, Shawn Allen, Robin Setser, Shelia Setser, Stephanie Hyden, Wesley Hyden, Scott Allen, Jeffrey Allen, Phoebe Collins, Gretchen Treadway, Natalya Treadway, Adam Treadway, 5 Great Grandchildren: Whitney Gibson, Nicholas Gibson, Logan Drain, Brooklyn Drain and Emma Allen, one niece: Nella Faye Lombard and one nephew: Ricky Howell. Her Life Celebration was held at graveside on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 12 p.m. at the Auxier Religion Cemetery under the direction of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home. Officiating was Frank Buskirk and Paul Aiken.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Little North Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, Kentucky. Burial will follow at Dye Cemetery, in McDowell.

## Barney Ross Simpson

Barney Ross Simpson, 65, of McDowell, died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at the Veteran Center in Hazard. Born October 2, 1945, in Horn, he was the son of the late Arthur Ray and Flora Bell Napier Simpson. He was retired

from the Air Force and a Vietnam veteran.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother: Reed Nantz and a sister: Leona Rose.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Burial will take place on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery in North Kingsville, Ohio.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Evert E. Slone

Evert E. Slone, 63, of Warsaw, Indiana, passed away in his residence on March 19, 2011 at 8:13 a.m. Evert was born on September 25, 1947 in Martin, Kentucky to Lamont and Anniebell (Robinson) Slone.

He was a 60-year Warsaw, Ind. resident. On June 22, 2002 in Warsaw he married Margaret Ann "Marge" Wood. Evert was employed for 29 years at Zimmer, Inc. of Warsaw as a QA Inspector. He was a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw.

United States Army Veteran, he served from 1966 to 1969 in Vietnam and Germany with 670th Transportation Battalion, 1st Support Unit. In addition, he served in the United States Army Reserve from 1969 to 1972 and was honorably discharged as an SP 5 Technical Sergeant on August 31, 1972.

He was a member of the Warsaw American Legion Post #49 and was the 2010 to 2011 Commander. Furthermore he served Post #49 as Past Vice-Commander and Honor Guard Member and past 4088 Member. Also, he was a Lifetime Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 1126 of Warsaw, a Lifetime Member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #15 and three Warsaw Moose Lodge #1423.

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Funeral services were held March 22 at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Wheelwright with Vernon Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Tilton Johnson Cemetery at Melvin.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home were in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Howard Douglas "Doug" Hall

Howard Douglas "Doug" Hall, 75, of Harold, died Sunday, March 20, 2011 at his residence. Born August 23, 1935, he was the son of the late Elcaney Hospital. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. He was a member of the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge #375 F & A.M.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter, Kevin Douglas Hall and his wife, Pam, Rodney Lee Hall and his wife, Deborah, Brett Alan Hall and his wife, Carolyn and Jill Renee Conn and her husband Dale, all of Harold, he sister, Mandy Wagner of Raceland, Ky. and seven grandchildren, Nicole Conn, Ashley Lindsey, Blair Smith, Jarod Hall, Caleb Hall, Christopher Hall, Joshua Hall and one great-grandchild, Bailey Hall.

Along with his parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Kermit Hall and one sister, Maxine Rice.

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Randy (spouse Jessie) Slone of Warsaw, IN; step-children: Kelly (spouse John) Slone of Warsaw, IN and Craig (Spouse Kathy) Sierk of Fort Wayne, IN; grandchildren Austin Jacob Slone; Landon Carter Slone and one expected grandson due May 22, 2011; and step-grandchildren: Kallie Shepard and John Shepard, Jr..

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 11:00 am at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church 3651 N. Detroit St Warsaw, IN at 11:00 am. Pastors David Cripe and William Whitaker will officiate the services. Calling hours are scheduled Tuesday from 2-4 pm and 6-8pm at McHatten-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, IN. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery; Warsaw, IN with full Military Honors conducted by the Warsaw American Legion Post #49 and Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #1126.

Memorials may be made to: Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice P.O. Box 1196 Warsaw, IN 46581-1196 or New Hope Freewill Baptist Church 3651 N. Detroit St. Warsaw, IN 46582 as it becomes available.

Caren Stallard, 59, of East Point, Kentucky, died (See OBITUARIES, page 5)

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Happy Birthday  
Randy

# Kick Butts Day urges teens to quit, not start smoking

## County leaders show support

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

The Floyd County Health Department is celebrating its fifth anniversary of participation in national "Kick Butts Day" today.

According to Jean Rosenberg, with the health department, 36 restaurants in Prestonsburg are covered by the smoke-free workplace ordinance, and eight county restaurants are smoke-free every day. The health department will provide signs for six establishments in the county that have volunteered to go smoke-free for one day. The participating restaurants are Sharon's Pizza, in Davitt, Hot Rod's Pizza, in Garrett, Maddy's Pizza Palace, in Huysville, Martha's Pizza and More, in Ivel, Pizza Den, in Ivel and Long John Silvers, in Martin.

"All the elected Mayors and Floyd County's Judge-

Executive have agreed to sign a proclamation and give their official approval to the "Kick Butts Day" activities of the Floyd County Health Department," Rosenberg said. "Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Mayor Sharon Woods, of Allen, Mayor Thomasine Robinson, of Martin, Mayor Jerry Farnon, of Prestonsburg, Mayor Jerry Fultz, of Wayland and Mayor Andy Akers, of Wheelwright have declared that they stand up with the young people of their communities in opposition to the sale, advertising and marketing of tobacco products to children."

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 is officially "Kick Butts Day" in the cities and county.

For more information on Kick Butt's Day, visit [www.kickbuttsday.org](http://www.kickbuttsday.org).



County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation designating today as Kick Butts Day in Floyd County. The day is part of an effort to convince teens to either quit or not start smoking. Similar proclamations were also signed by mayors of the county's five cities.

# Morgan actor to appear at lake

by FLOYD DAVIS

To all the people of Prestonsburg, greetings. By order of the Executive Board of the Friends of Middle Creek and the gen-

erosity of Jenny Wiley State Park, Civil War General John Hunt Morgan will travel to the dining room of the May Lodge in Prestonsburg to take dinner. Morgan will arrive with his staff and invited guests on Friday, March 25, at 6 p.m. unless hindered by Union forces. General Morgan has graciously agreed to mingle with other guests of the May Lodge during and after his meal.

answering questions about his life and mission as a Civil War general and explaining the role he played in the history of Prestonsburg.

Anyone interested in Civil War history should make plans to join General Morgan in the May Lodge's Country Music Grill for a night immersed in the drama and history of Civil War life. 1860s dress is invited, but is not required.

For additional information contact Floyd Davis with the Friends of Middle Creek at (606) 886 6323, or Trinity Shepherd with Jenny Wiley State Park (606) 889 1799.

## Obituaries

March 16, at her home. Born July 22, 1951, in Lackey, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Irene Conley Wicker of Prestonsburg and the late Lawsey Aster Wicker and the wife of Terry Stallard. She was a retired secretary for the state.

She is survived by one daughter, Tracey Michele Stallard Tran of Georgetown, Kentucky; one brother: Jack Wicker of Knoxville, Kentucky, and two grandchildren: Noah Austin Tran and Ethan Matthew Tran.

Funeral services were held March 19, 2011, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home with Paul Coleman officiating.

Burial followed at Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Francis Tackett**  
Francis Tackett, 82, of Hi Hat, died March 17, 2011, at her home.

Born March 6, 1929, at Lookout, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Wallace and Flora Moore Rackney and the wife of the late Arthur Tackett. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Baptist Church of Hi Hat.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Allan Tackett and Wallace Tackett; one brother: Jessie Patrick Rackney; and two sisters: Florida Lobe and Mary Aldridge.

She is survived by her children: James D. Tackett, Orville Dean Tackett, Willis Tackett, Timothy Ellis Tackett, Janette Johnson, and Gloria Gayheart, all of Hi Hat.

Kentucky; one brother: Johnny Rackey; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 20, 2011, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with various United Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed at Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, Kentucky. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### Daniel Harold Willoughby

Daniel Harold Willoughby, of Wayland, died on March 20, 2011. Born February 25, 1951, he

was a Marine and Vietnam veteran. He was a retiree truck driver and former biker.

Survivors include his wife: Sandra Willoughby; daughters: Lynn Chaffin and Cheryl Smith, sons Duane Duvall and Dusty Willoughby and grandchildren: Jimbo "Noogies" White, Brian "BooBoo" White, Andy "Doodle" White, Gregory "BG" Williamson, Brittain "Cricket" Smith and Cheyenne "Squeaky" Smith, and four siblings.

A memorial service will take place at the Wayland Community Center, in Wayland, on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations.

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## Worth Repeating ...

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— Abraham Lincoln

## Our View

### Pikeville, Morehead shine a good light on Eastern Kentucky

All eyes might be on the University of Kentucky Wildcats, as they prepare to take on the number-one Ohio State Buckeyes in the NCAA tournament this week, but here in the mountains, some other colleges are making some noise of their own.

The Pikeville College Bears last night played in the national championship game in the NAIA tournament. While the game ended too late to make today's paper, the result is inconsequential to the pride we in the mountains should take in a team that defied the odds to stand at the top of the small-college basketball world.

It is easy to say that the unseeded Bears went into the tournament lightly regarded, and unjustly so. On their way to the championship game, the team beat both last year's champs and last year's runners-up, as well as the overall number-one seed in the tournament.

Meanwhile, who can forget last week's stunning upset, when Morehead State University toppled the University of Louisville in the first round of the NCAA tournament?

While the Golden Eagles ultimately lost to another Cinderella team, the Richmond Spiders, in the second round, nothing can take away from what must be the biggest win in the school's history.

Pikeville College and Morehead State have been Eastern Kentucky's ambassadors of excellence during this tournament season. Yes, it's a good time to be a fan of mountain basketball.

If this is March madness, then here's hoping this madness is a chronic condition.

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## Guest Column

### A legislative perspective

by REP. BREG STUMBO  
 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The General Assembly returned to the Capitol last week a little earlier than expected, given that he normally quiet time was originally set aside as part of what is called the veto recess. Legislators weren't scheduled to return until Monday of this week, and only for one day to decide whether to override any vetoes the governor might have made.

Instead, the entire week was spent in a special legislative session debating an issue that we in the House felt should have been resolved during the regular session or, at the very least, on its last day this week.

The issue at hand is a large Medicaid deficit that has to be closed by June 30th, the end of the fiscal year. If the legislature doesn't act, Governor Beshear will have to start cutting reimbursement rates by 35 percent to hospitals and doctors, that treat Medicaid patients, a situation no one wants to happen.

Governor Beshear offered a sensible solution last fall that would solve this problem within the Medicaid program, and the House supported the concept in early February. Senate Republican leaders, however, did not offer their plan until just a few days remained before the veto recess, and then they used the regular session's final day — without the House — to make it

impossible to return this past Monday. Their goal to close the Medicaid gap is to make across-the-board cuts, even to the classroom. Eighty percent of the House and Senate members, however, are on record against taking away anything from our children.

Last week, the House began taking a much more in-depth look at two scenarios: What would happen if the Senate's cuts were enacted on top of more than \$1 billion in reductions during the last three years, and what would happen if healthcare providers serving Medicaid patients took a 35 percent cut. Not surprisingly, neither was positive.

During a meeting of the House Judiciary Committee, for example, we heard from Justice and Public Safety Secretary J. Michael Brown, who testified that carrying out the just-passed landmark overhaul of the state's criminal code would be greatly hampered if additional cuts took place.

Prisons would lose more than \$7 million; public advocates would potentially lose more than 50 attorneys, pushing case-loads past 500 for those attorneys that remain; and Commonwealth's Attorneys would lose 20 more attorneys. Domestic violence programs would also be severely curtailed, as would substance abuse treatment.

Other agencies would take steep hits as well. The Senate's original proposal for cuts were added to the current reductions, the Attorney General's office would have 20 percent less revenue from the

state next fiscal year than it had in 2009-10. Public health programs would have 16 percent less; Kentucky State Police would have 13 percent less; and our public postsecondary schools would have 10 percent less.

If no action is taken on this issue, however, the news would be even worse for many healthcare providers. Hospitals could lose as much as \$135 million in the next three months, and one nursing home operator said his seven nursing homes would lose nearly half of their income.

The House plan does require moving money forward that had been set aside for next year, but there is ample evidence that this could be made up in large part by expanding the type of managed care programs that have worked so well during the last dozen years in the 16-county Louisville area.

My hope is that we can wrap up our work this week on Medicaid and the session's other item: Raising the high school dropout age from 16 to 18. The House gave its approve to that latter issue on Wednesday last week, the third time we have voted in favor of this in little more than a year. If the Medicaid crisis is about today, the dropout issue is about tomorrow.

I will keep you updated on the session's progress next week. In the meantime, if you would like to leave a message for me or any other legislator, you can call toll-free, 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Growing uncertainty about how things will play out — but also a growing sense of House unity — marked the first week of a special legislative session primarily on Medicaid funding, a session that convened last week and still has no clear end-date in sight.

You might recall March 9 was the day the Senate adjourned the 2011 Regular Session before reaching an agreement with the House on how the General Assembly would fill a \$166.5 million hole in Medicaid (and a nearly \$19 million hole in postsecondary education) in his fiscal year. At the time the Senate adjourned sine die — ending the session for good — the House still had one remaining day for the two chambers to work out differences on the Medicaid bill or other issues. The House had planned to use that remaining day, on March 21, to vote on a Medicaid agree-

ment it hoped could be forged with the Senate during what would normally be a veto recess.

But the House couldn't convene, and certainly could not pass any legislation, without the Senate also in session. The Senate went home still holding firm to the idea that across-the-board state spending cuts were a better solution to the Medicaid dilemma than transferring \$166.5 million from fiscal year 2012 Medicaid budget to fiscal year 2011 to cover the current shortfall and filling the hole in 2012 with projected savings from enhanced Medicaid managed care. And the governor — who warned that not having this year's regular in place before April would lead to devastating Medicaid provider reimbursement cuts of at least 30 percent — said lawmakers had to solve the problem now.

So, almost as soon as the 2011 Regular Session came to an end, the 2011 First Extraordinary Session, or "special session," was officially called by the governor for Monday, March 14. And almost as soon as the special session began, grave reports of how potential Medicaid reimburse-

ment cuts — now estimated at 35 percent — would gut services at hospitals, community mental health centers and other providers began streaming out of the House budget committee. It is estimated that cuts to hospitals alone could reach \$135 million.

One provider of services for the developmentally disabled in Louisville and Oldham County that is 95 percent dependent on Medicaid for its budget said a 35-percent cut would reduce its revenue by \$18,000 per day and force the provider to cut 80 to 100 jobs. Even a 5-percent cut would hurt, reducing the provider's services by over \$1 million annually, lawmakers on the budget committee were told.

A provider of mental health services in centers around the state said community mental health centers have already gone 10 years without an increase in their Medicaid reimbursement rate, and a 35-percent cut will make it even more difficult for the centers to operate since Medicaid is 55-to-60 percent of the centers' budget.

No decision has yet been

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# Growing Appalachia conference April 9

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — The second "Growing Appalachia" conference is scheduled to be held at Jenny Wiley State Park on April 9, and this year's conference will feature noted author Wendell Berry, a recent recipient of

the National Humanities Medal.

Along with Berry, other workshop presenters will include representatives from the Solar Energy Partnership, UK Extension Service, and the Community Farm Alliance.

The workshops include growing edible mush-

rooms, becoming a certified organic gardener, tips for beginning gardeners, horse-drawn logging and more.

"We want to give people who are looking for extra information about opportunities to make money and create jobs," said Rick Handshoe, one of the conference planners.

"We want to promote the things we can do here to help ourselves and boost our economy."

Also at the conference, customers of Big Sandy RECC can learn about the "HowSmart" program that provided upfront financing to pay for energy efficiency and weatherization improvements.

"The winterization program can be big here with local people buying locally and saving energy," Handshoe said. "I hope people will take advantage of the program."

"Growing Appalachia" is sponsored by the Floyd County Chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

The conference is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 3:45 p.m. There is no charge for attendance, but pre-registration is requested in order to provide enough food for lunch.

To register, visit <http://www.kfkc.org/growing>, or call Britany Combs at (606) 422-0100.

# Medicaid bill passes House, goes to Senate

**FRANKFORT** — The House voted 94-4 Monday night to allow the governor to fill a \$139 million state Medicaid shortfall through expanded Medicaid managed care programs.

House Bill 1, sponsored by House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rick Rand, D-Bedford, would allow the

\$139 million to be drawn from \$166 million that the Executive Branch would be allowed to move from the fiscal year 2012 Medicaid budget to meet this fiscal year's obligations. Medicaid expenses for fiscal year 2012 would be met through managed care efficiencies, according to the legislation. The governor

would also be allowed to use \$23.1 million freed up through government transfers, if necessary, to meet next year's Medicaid budget.

HB 1 also includes a provision that Rand said would allow the governor to "take full advantage" of an enhanced federal Medicaid match, saving the state

around \$12 million.

If the governor cannot certify to lawmakers by August 15 of this year—after state Medicaid managed care contracts are signed—that he can meet the fiscal year 2012 obligations through managed care savings and other authorization actions, he would have until Oct. 1 "to demonstrate

to us the cuts that would need to be made in order to balance the budget for the remainder of the year," Rand said. Lawmakers have said those cuts, if necessary, would be made across state government with few exceptions including, but not limited to, K-12 education and state universities. "We have every confidence that the governor can make (the managed care approach) work," Rand said. "It's working in other states."

Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, said he understands that HB 1 would create a roughly \$420 million hole in Medicaid that would have to be filled in fiscal year 2012. Rand said that is "roughly accurate," adding that the governor assures lawmakers that he can handle fiscal year 2012 obligations through expanded managed care.

Rand explained the House's intent to allow the

governor to manage Medicaid, as has been the custom in the Commonwealth.

"We have always let the Chief Executive in this state manage the Medicaid budget, and that is what we are doing now," he said.

HB 1 also limits the governor's debt restructuring this budget cycle, requires the governor to meet \$169 million in already-required efficiency savings next fiscal year through contract

reductions and non-merit employee reductions, and orders any surplus state revenue be placed into the state's "rainy day fund" or budget reserve trust fund—among other things.

A provision that moves \$18.9 million in postsecondary education funding from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2011 is also found in the bill.

HB 1 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

# Governor signs bills to benefit veterans

**FRANKFORT** — Gov. Steve Beshear signed into law nine bills Tuesday that will help and honor Kentucky veterans.

"From helping military families with deployment costs to providing a preference for veterans in state hiring, my administration is committed to honoring all who sacrifice and serve our great state and our great nation," said Gov. Beshear. "With these new laws, we continue our efforts to assist military service members and veterans with their education, health care and job-seeking efforts, make it easier for disabled veterans to receive the homestead exemption on property tax, and provide new ways for Kentuckians to show them recognition they so mightily

deserve."

At a public bill signing ceremony today at the Frankfort VFW Post 4075, Gov. Beshear was joined by legislators and Kentucky Veterans as he signed the following bills in law:

HB 425 allows Kentucky public universities to charge in-state tuition to veterans who are non-Kentucky residents if that veteran qualifies under the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

HB 202 helps veterans obtain commercial driving licenses by waiving the driving skills test for applicants with recent military service who are experienced in operating commercial-sized motor vehicles.

HB 244 amends the homestead exemption on property tax to allow totally

disabled veterans to document their qualifying disability at the time of initial application, eliminating the need to reapply annually for the exemption.

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## Concert

Coal!" Conn said that both bands quickly responded to the invitation to perform at the free concert in support of Friends of Coal. "They were really excited about it," Conn said. "We expect a packed house full of coal supporters and music fans alike."

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made as to how the Medicaid budget will be balanced, although budget bills have been filed and are being discussed. The House, for its part, appears open to solutions other than letting "Medicaid be managed within Medicaid"—as some lawmakers have said—through the transfer-and-managed-care savings plan as originally proposed. The line in the sand, though, is education. The Speaker of the House has said that he and the House Minority Floor Leader are talking about other ways to cut state government spending that would not affect education, with more details expected soon.

Speaking of education, the other multi-million-dollar issue of this special session is the need to add around \$19 million to the current fiscal year's postsecondary education budget to meet federal requirements related to additional education jobs funding. The plan, both now and last session, is to transfer \$18.94 million from fiscal

year 2012 to this fiscal year to meet the obligation. No vote has been taken this session on the proposal by the House.

Action was taken in the House last Wednesday on House Bill 2, or the "graduation bill" that would make dropping out of school harder in Kentucky by raising the school dropout age from 16 to 18 by July 2016. Supporters of HB 2 hope it will encourage students to stay in school, get their diploma, and reap higher earnings throughout their lifetime than they would without a diploma. HB 2 is the first bill to clear the House this session, passing by a vote of 87-13.

Adding solemnity to the mood at the Capitol were reports of worsening conditions in disaster-stricken Japan. Members of the House voted unanimously for a resolution last Tuesday that formally encourages all Kentuckians, and indeed all Americans, to contribute materially and through prayer to the rescue,

recovery and nuclear abatement efforts in Japan in the aftermath of last week's horrific earthquake and tsunami. Approximately 3,000 Japanese citizens live in the Commonwealth, which is also home to at least 150 Japanese companies that provide over 31,000 Kentucky jobs. The Japanese have chosen Kentucky as a home for their business ventures for nearly a quarter century.

You can catch up on all the legislative action on bills of interest to you from the 2011 First Extraordinary Session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. For committee meeting schedules, please call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-623-9650. Or, to comment on a bill, please call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181.

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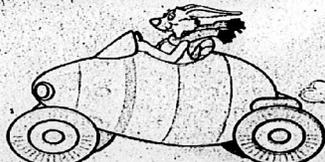
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# Electronic records the new frontier in health care

by TARA KAPROWY  
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

Just two years ago, the acronym EHR didn't mean much to many people. But since Congress passed the health-care reform law last year, physicians and hospitals have become intimately acquainted with it — and patients may follow suit.

EHRs are electronic health records. They are quickly being adopted by hospitals and physicians as the federal government begins to pay out \$19 billion in incentives, extra Medicare and Medicaid payments. Kentucky health care facilities and providers have been especially eager to sign up, perhaps because so few of the state's doctors had adopted EHRs. Kentucky doctors' offices were the least digitized in the nation last year, according to a national survey.

An EHR is a digitized copy of a person's health record, essentially replacing the file folder that has typically held handwritten information about a patient. It generally contains information about a patient's laboratory and radiology results, diagnoses, prescriptions and other treatment.

EHRs' advantage is their easier accessibility. Rather than being locked in a doctor's office, the information, in theory, can be accessed by other health-care providers, regardless of which one the patient is seeing. "It's about the information always moving with you," said Nancy Szmraj, spokeswoman for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

"That's like the pot of gold," said Jeff Brady, executive director of the Governor's Office of Electronic Health

Information. "If you've been to six different hospitals and three different doctor's offices, literally all of that data can be viewed."

EHRs are expected to reduce unnecessary tests and treatment because they will list tests that have been performed, and to reduce the potential for medical errors, because they containing such cautionary information as the patient's allergies.

### Protecting your information

One risk of electronic health records is the potential for the information being leaked, lost, altered or merely read by an unauthorized person. Leaks can be purposeful or by accident. In January, the private information of thousands of people who visited the Green River District Health Department in Owensboro was found online, where it had been mistakenly available for several months.

Brady acknowledged the danger of unauthorized access, but said safeguards have been taken to avoid it. Participating providers in the Kentucky Health Information Exchange, the state clearinghouse for EHRs, have to sign several agreements in which they attest the information they obtain will be used responsibly.

"The golden rule is this data will only be viewed by a provider who is providing care to a patient," Brady said. To make sure that is happening, he said, the software has an audit function, in which administrators are able to see who looks at a patient's data, when they did, from what computer and what piece of data they examined.

The national network will not be a database, and

thus not in danger of being hacked, said Szmraj, of the national office. "It's simply a means to securely push and pull information as needed," she said, citing an example of a person traveling around the country, and falling ill in New York City. "At that time, they would be able to tap into your medical record in your home base and say, I want to pull your medical information. It's not literally sitting out there in a repository where anybody could heck into it."

To set up EHR systems, hospitals and doctors choose from a list of federally approved software. The programs don't necessarily have to communicate with each other," Brady said, "but they do have to conform to certain standards that would allow them to communicate with a health information exchange."

The state's exchange has been operating in the pilot stage since April 2010. It will act as a "middleman" between hospitals and health care providers, Brady said. "We will be the hub and all information will flow from a provider, to us, back to another provider."

Under ideal circumstances, Brady said he hopes to see half of the state's hospitals and doctors' offices connected to the exchange by the end of the year, with the other half signed on by the end of 2012. That may be ambitious, since a recent survey showed Kentucky had the lowest percentage of doctors' offices that have adopted EHRs, just 38 percent, compared to 51 percent nationwide.

While Kentucky builds its exchange, other states are doing the same. Eventually, the goal is to create a National Health Information Network that

will allow information to flow from state to state. That will be especially beneficial to Kentucky, Brady said, "because we have so many hospitals and medical facilities on our border. We're talking to Tennessee and Ohio about exchanging data with them. There's going to be a lot of development in the next 12 months."

But when will the state information exchange or national network be useable? Brady said no date has been set for the state exchange, and Szmraj said of the national network, "We are truly just beginning."

### Cost savings?

The Obama administration and other supporters of the health-reform law say EHRs will save money. A 2005 study by the RAND Corp. indicated that implementing EHRs and networks could eventually save more than \$81 billion per year by improving health care efficiency and safety, but that study was theoretical in nature and assumed 100 percent compliance. Drs. Jerome Groopman and Pamela Hartband wrote in an op-ed piece in The Wall Street Journal.

Some data show EHRs do not necessarily improve patient care, the doctors wrote, pointing to a study published in the journal Circulation that reviewed the influence of EHRs on the quality of care received by more than 15,000 patients with heart failure. It concluded that "Current use of electronic health records results in little improvement in the quality of heart-failure care compared with paper-based systems."

Another study looked at

the Department of Veterans Affairs' health information technology investments and estimated a potential value of \$3.1 billion "in cumulative benefits net of investment costs." But Brandon Glenn of Medcity pointed out "the study's lead researcher stressed the dollar amount reflects only what's possible — not actual savings."

The prevailing opinion in the industry is that EHRs will save money, but no one is really sure how much. On the expectation of savings, the health-reform law calls for extra Medicare and Medicaid payments to providers as incentives to adopt the technology. Providers have until 2014 to adopt EHRs. If they don't, Medicare will start penalizing them by paying them less in Medicare payments.

### A rural equalizer?

Since the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services started distributing EHR incentive payments in January, Kentucky hospitals and other health-care providers have received more than \$18 million of about \$38 million handed out nationwide so far. University of Kentucky Healthcare and Central Baptist Hospital, which together received \$4.1 million, were the first facilities in the nation to receive the extra payments. In the next four years, Kentucky hospitals are expected to receive more than \$100 million in incentives.

To receive the incentives, which can mean up to more than \$60,000 for eligible professionals and millions for hospitals, applicants must prove their EHR systems are being used in a meaningful way. To show

"meaningful use" in the first of three stages — the only stage that, so far, has been officially defined — eligible professionals must show "continuous quality improvement and ease of information exchange," according to regulations in the Federal Register. Professionals must meet 25 measures, hospitals 24, to prove meaningful use. One measure, for example, is the ability to send electronic data to the state's immunization registry.

The list of incentives already paid shows providers in the most rural to the most urban areas of Kentucky are switching over at equally rapid rates. In fact, two of the few hospitals already linked up to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange are Pikeville Medical Center and Murray-Calloway County Hospital, both outside metropolitan areas.

Brady said the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology "is very interested in rural areas, the critical-access hospitals, the very small but important hospitals... that typically get left out on technology. This an effort to bring them along and be the equalizer."

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# OUR YESTERDAYS

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

## Twenty Years Ago

An emergency session of the grand jury named three men on murder charges. James Noel and Denver Patrick were accused in the slaying of James Niemi. Otis Lee Wallen was charged with the shotgun slaying of Paul Mullins.

Elected county officials will get a 12.4 percent cost of living salary increase as a result of a fiscal court decision last week. As a result of the wage increase, the county judge executive, sheriff and county court clerk will earn \$26,058, county magistrates will earn \$19,139 and the county coroner will receive \$9,216. The county attorney could earn as much as \$34,000 per year, depending upon his caseload.

The state Department of Energy announced that it would begin exploratory

natural gas drilling at Cliff. If found, the gas could mean a virtually free supply of the fuel for the city.

Workers at Highlands Regional Medical Center voted to go on strike against that hospital at midnight Sunday.

The 1980 census showed the official population of Floyd County to be 48,764 people.

There died: John Short Burchett, 80, of Cow Creek; Glinis Mullins, 63, of Emma; Orris Delano Stumbo, 48, of Prestonsburg; Mrs. Donna Shepherd, 87, of Gunlock; Sallie Jane Stephens, 78, of Harold; Marie Webb Hobson, 61, of Auxier; Sadie A. Hunter, 65, of Estill.

## Thirty Years Ago

Prestonsburg High School, Monday morning, had the first bomb scare experienced in the

school system when a threat was received by telephone. The building was quickly evacuated and a search made before classwork was resumed.

Coach Pete Grigsby's McDowell team, ranked among the top 10 in the state all season, proved its mettle by defeating Maytown in the district meet here, and then easily downing Pikeville High in the 15th region playoffs at Johnson Central, Paintsville, last Saturday night, 82 to 52.

A continuing drive to raise the \$25,000 necessary for the completion of the Floyd County War Memorial at Archer Park here will be taken to every part of the county. Estill Lee Carter, chairman of the fund-raising committee, said Monday.

New Proposals to regulate surface-mined drainage, blasting, and coal prospecting were announced by

Elmore Grim, director of the Reclamation Division of the state Department of Natural Resources.

Spec. Four Gary Shepherd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Shepherd, of David, recently received the Army Commendation Medal in Vietnam.

There died: Mrs. Nancy Johnson Bryant, 86, of Hi Hat, Tuesday at a nursing home here; Mrs. Anna Short Fitzpatrick, 71, of Flatwoods, formerly of Prestonsburg, at a hospital here, Saturday; Mrs. Vera Alma Damron, 45, of Harold, at a Pikeville hospital, Wednesday; Vernon Bates, 21, of Punchedon, was electrocuted Saturday while climbing a utility pole; W. L. (Dock) Hamilton, 72, of Ashland, O., formerly of Honaker, in Ashland Saturday; Milt Lewis, 72, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday at Pikeville; Walter Hamilton, 37, of Teabery, Saturday at his home; Miles M. Branham, 80, of Prestonsburg, Saturday at a Pikeville hospital; Mrs. Cleo Mae Wilson, 50, of Wayland, Tuesday at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Donna R. Ratliff, 74, of Risner, Sunday at home.

Jarrell, 59, of Dona, Tuesday at Prestonsburg General Hospital, Grover C. (Dock) Patton, 76, Saturday at his home near Manton; William E. Stinnette, 50, federal mine inspector and former Martin resident, March 6 at Lackey, West Virginia.

There died: Patsy Lewis, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elder Lewis, Saturday morning of burns suffered at her home on Cow Creek; Mrs. Margaret Moore Meade, 79, Monday at her home on Spurlock Creek, near Printer.

## Fifty Years Ago

Upward of 70 school children almost miraculously escaped serious injury Friday morning when a crowded school bus lost a wheel and plunged over an embankment at the junction of the Toler's Creek and Mud Creek highways.

Eight from Prestonsburg High School will be among those attending the Kentucky Youth Assembly when youngsters from all parts of the Commonwealth gather in Frankfort, April 4-7, to conduct a mock legislative assembly.

The deadline for filing forms with the Office of Price Stabilization (the new OPA) is March 28.

Forty-two registrants with Draft Board 25 here will leave next Tuesday morning for Portsmouth, O., where they will undergo pre-induction examinations.

Three South Charleston, W. Va., men, one of whom was a former resident of Prestonsburg, died instantly late Tuesday afternoon when their car reportedly exploded upon colliding with a tractor-trailer west of Milton, W. Va. Among the dead was Don Loxford Williamson, 34, who lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williamson, here until a few years ago.

Wayland High School Wasp will meet Lyon County in the State Basketball Tournament at Lexington, Friday afternoon.

The county's population grew from 52,866 in 1940 to 53,473 in 1950, according to the U.S. Census preliminary report.

Three women, all residents of the Prestonsburg area, escaped serious injury Monday morning, though their car was a total wreck after it had skidded from the highway at Knotley Hollow. Mrs. Worth Music

There died: The Rev. William Fraley, 82, at Drift Friday, while funeral rites were being conducted at Cliff for his brother, Benjamin, 74; Willis Hobson, brother of Prestonsburg attorney Joe Hobson, Friday, in Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Ella S. Layne, 68, former postmistress at Justell, Sunday at her home in Clermont, Fla.; Mirphy

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and Mrs. Billy Prewitt suffered head injuries, and Miss Barbara Jean Hall sustained bruises.

Born: A daughter, Deborah Lucille, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor Hyden, who formerly resided here, now of Louisville.

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## Sixty Years Ago

Surfacing of the entire Left Beaver highway will be done this year, County Atty. Forrest D. Short was assured recently by Thomas H. Cutler, chief engineer for the State Highway Commission.

Receivers of the Elk Horn Coal Corp. this week moved to evict miners and their families from company-owned property at Wayland.

B. H. Cox, owner of Valley Chevrolet Sales, last week purchased the Carter Motor Sales, Buick and Oldsmobile agency, here.

Prestonsburg High School won the district basketball title at McDowell, defeating Garrett. Both teams are in the regional here this week.

For the fourth consecutive year Edith F. James and her Plainsong Chanters have been invited to participate in the National Folksong Festival in Washington, D. C.; Miss Kay Hopson, of Prestonsburg, freshman at Morehead State College, has been elected queen of the college's annual Winter Carnival by the student body.

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## HONORS PROGRAM HONORED



Last November, the BSCTC Honors program-led "Give Thanks. Walk" fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital resulted in \$4502 being raised. Eleven teams and over 120 individuals collected donations. In honor of their work, St. Jude sent a plaque recently: "In grateful appreciation of your leadership and support 2010-2011." On March 17, Honor Council members presented the plaque to President George Edwards. Pictured above: David Proffitt, Honors Program Director; Mary Wallen, Walk Coordinator; Courtney Cox, President Edwards, Tonya Blanton, and Brynna Marshall.

## Baldrige awarded internship

Elliott C. Baldrige, a 2007 graduate of Prestonsburg High School, was recently awarded a coveted internship with the Environmental Research Institute, an academic partnership co-sponsored by Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky, and directed by Dr. Alice Jones, of Eastern Kentucky University.

Elliott, a 23-year-old senior Environmental Studies major at EKU, will be part of a team that will employ the use of the emerging technique of carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis to study biogeo-

chemical cycles and their influence on ecosystem dynamics, carbon cycling, and storage in soils and sediments in headwater streams.

The 10-week internship program will include housing on the UK campus, as well as a weekly stipend.

Elliott will participate in field trips to Lilley Cornett Woods, the oldest and largest preserved remnant of old-growth forest in eastern Kentucky, as well as various sites located in Letcher, Perry, and Leslie Counties.

Elliott is the son of Kathy Prater, of Paintsville, and Phillip Baldrige, of Prestonsburg.

He is the grandson of Lillian Baldrige, of Prestonsburg, and the late Delmar Baldrige, and the late Herbert and Ruth Prater.

Students nationwide applied for the opportunity to participate in the National Science Foundation funded program. Elliott is one of only 10 students chosen.

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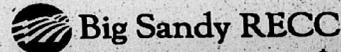
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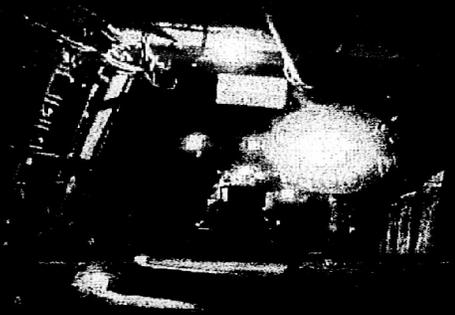
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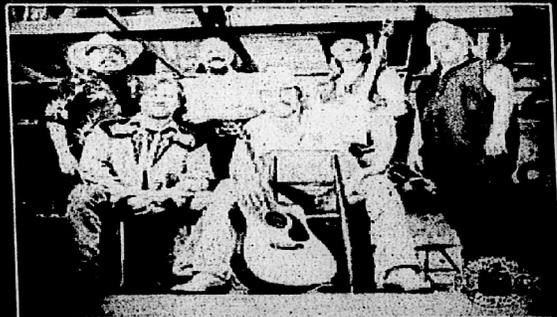
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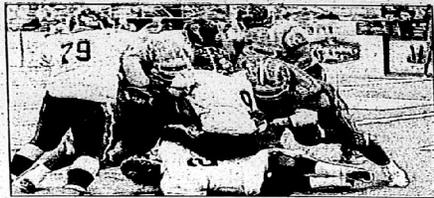
**Eastern Kentucky surrenders coveted Coal Cup**  
by STEVE LAMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The visiting Eastern Kentucky Drillers lost possession of the prized Coal Cup Friday night as the host Huntington Hammer pulled out a 39-28

win. Huntington, thanks to the win, moved into first-place in the Ultimate Indoor Football League (UIFL) standings. An estimated crowd of 1,300 was in attendance at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The Hammer now share first place with the Northern Kentucky River Monsters. Both teams boast 3-1 records. Eastern Kentucky dropped

to 2-2 after suffering the loss. Huntington quarterback Martevious Young ran for three touchdowns and threw for two scores. Young only tossed one interception. When the two teams met in Week 2, Young threw four interceptions. The Hammer thrived both offensively and defensively during the home game. Defensively, Huntington remained strong, limiting its

fourth straight opponent to under 40 points. The 28 points is a season-low for the Drillers. Eastern Kentucky trailed for most of the game. Huntington moved out in front in the first quarter on a Young 12-yard touchdown run. The Hammer carried a 7-0 lead out of the opening quarter.



The Eastern Kentucky Drillers fell short Friday night on the road at neighboring Huntington.

## Cats advance to 22nd Sweet 16

LEXINGTON — After posting two wins in the second and third rounds of the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats make their 22nd appearance in the NCAA Sweet 16 taking on the top-seed Ohio State Buckeyes on Friday at 9:45 p.m. ET televised on CBS.

The Wildcats earned a berth in the regional semifinals with a 71-63 win over West Virginia in the third round in Tampa, Fla. Led by a career-high 30 points from Brandon Knight and Terrence Jones' 12th double-double this season, the Wildcats exacted some revenge on the Mountaineers for bouncing them in last year's Elite Eight.

Knight's 30-point outburst was a UK freshman record in NCAA Tournament games and Josh Harrellson had another solid night with 15 points and eight rebounds after posting his seventh double-double against Princeton in Kentucky's second round win over the Tigers.

Kentucky is 10-8 all-time against Ohio State, but 0-5 in NCAA Tournament games.

## Compton named MSC Pitcher of the Week

PIKEVILLE — Shawnee State University's Brooke Baker is the Mid-South Conference Softball Player of the Week while Pikeville College's Whitney Compton is the MSC Pitcher of the Week, conference officials announced on Monday.

The conference's weekly award is the first of the season and the first of their careers for both Baker and Compton.

Compton won four times last week, including a no-hitter to earn MSC Pitcher of the Week. The Haysi, Va., senior pitcher, finished the week with a 4-0 record, a 0.84 earned run average and 32 strikeouts in 25 innings of work.

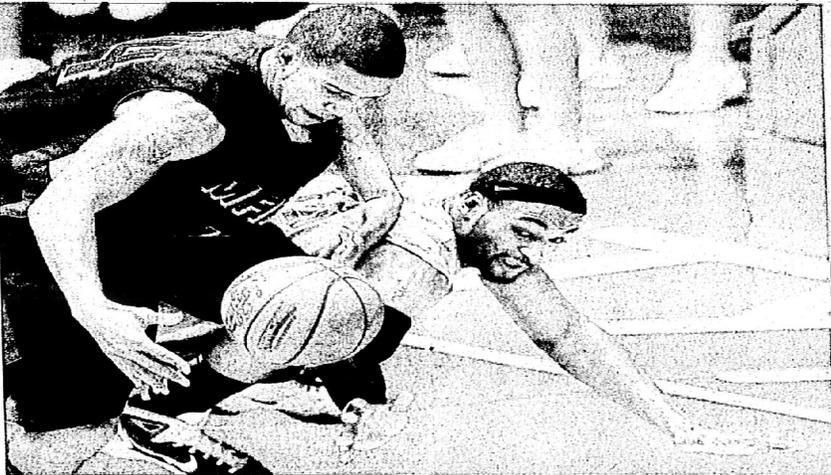
Compton didn't allow a hit in the Bears' 8-0, five-inning win over Morrisville State College at the Fastpitch Dreams Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last week. She helped the Bears win all seven of their games last week.

This season, Compton is third in the MSC with a 1.91 ERA and fourth in the conference in opponents' batting average (.153) and strikeouts per nine innings (10.4).

Pikeville is 7-6 overall



**WHITNEY COMPTON**  
(See COMPTON, page two)



Pikeville College senior Quincy Hankins-Cole worked to knock the ball away Monday night against Martin Methodist. The Bears were facing Mountain State Tuesday night in the NAIA title game.

## PIKEVILLE PERSEVERES

### Bears complete comeback, advance to NAIA title game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Unseeded Pikeville College used an 18-0 run to turn a 15-point deficit into a 15-point lead and will play for its very first national championship after a 110-99 win over No. 5 Martin Methodist College Monday night.

The win for the Bears puts them in the championship game for the first time in the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship.

Pikeville (29-7) broke the school record for wins in a season on Monday, one more than the first team to represent the school in the national tournament in 1958-59. It will meet the winner of the night's second semifinal, between fellow-Mid-South Conference team Georgetown College and Mountain State University.

The title game was being played Tuesday night. Results from the championship contest were unavailable at press time.

Martin Methodist saw its seven-game win streak come to an end, and a remarkable season close at 34-3.

It was the third time in four tournament wins the Bears were forced to come back from a large second-half deficit. This one swelled to 15 points on two occasions, including at 76-61 when junior Ree McCrory nailed a three with 14:27 remaining.

McCrory led the RedHawks with 27 points and added seven rebounds and four assists. Pikeville answered with an 11-2 run to get back in the

(See BEARS, page two)



Above: Trevor Setty celebrated following Pikeville college's win over Martin Methodist. Below: Pikeville college head coach Kelly Wells was all smiles near the end of Monday night's game.



## Kinzer to open season in SRRS feature race

by STEVE LAMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports raceteam are scheduled to open the 2011 campaign on Friday, April 1 at Boyd's Speedway in Ringgold, Ga., as the Southern Regional Racing Series (SRRS) sanctions a \$3,000-to-win feature race. Boyd's Speedway is located in the Chattanooga area.

Kinzer visited victory lane in 2010 at the Green Valley (Ala.) Speedway when he won a \$3,000 SRRS feature race.

The Allen native has been racing for 16 years. He was the UMP "Fall Nationals" winner at Eldora Speedway in 2004. A veteran driver who enjoyed a significant amount of success at an early age, Kinzer made the starting field for the Dirt Track World Championship when he was only 17 years old.



**BRANDON KINZER**

## All 'A' Classic moving to Frankfort

by STEVE LAMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT — The Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic is moving its boys' and girls' state basketball tournaments to the Frankfort Convention Center for at least three years starting in 2012. The All "A" Classic was played in EKU's McBrayer Arena in Richmond the last 20 years. All "A" Classic director Stan Steidel said the relocation was due to scheduling because EKU could not lock in dates far enough in advance. The Frankfort arena has 5,265 seats, which affords the small-school state tournament a smaller capacity than McBrayer Arena.

Betsy Layne is the defending All "A" Classic boys' basketball champion. The Bobcats, under the guidance of veteran head coach Junior Newsome, defeated DeSales in this year's title game.

## Morehead State falls to Richmond

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DENVER, Colo. — It was a magical season for the Morehead State men's basketball team, but unfortunately for the Eagles, they ran into one of their strongest opponents Saturday in the NCAA Third Round at the Pepsi Center.

Twelfth-seeded Richmond shot 47 percent, committed only six turnovers, and led wire-to-wire, defeating the 13th-seeded Eagles 65-48 to advance to the Sweet 16 in

the Southwest Region. MSU finished its OVC championship season at 25-10, tying the school record for wins. "First and foremost, a guy that means the world to me in Wayne Martin (former MSU coach), he had the school record for 25 wins. So for us to tie the school record of 25 wins is quite an honor and quite a privilege for me. When you look at our five years, we went from 12 wins to 15 to 20 to 24 and now to 25. So we've improved the program each

and every season," said coach Donnie Tyndall. "Attendance has grown dramatically every year. We have a true program now with some good players returning, although they didn't get to show it a lot this season because we played seven guys, most of those guys were upperclassmen. MSU just could not reproduce its efficient performance from Thursday when it upset Louisville. MSU was held to 38 percent shooting (18-of-48) and was

2-of-14 from three point range. The Eagles did rebound the Spiders 34-32 with Kenneth Faried grabbing a team-high 13. He finished his career with 1,673 rebounds, just two shy of MSU career leader Steve Hamilton. Faried also scored 11 points for his 86th career double-double. He'll finish second, just one behind only Tim Duncan in doubles-doubles in NCAA Division I

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## Floyd County Hunter Education classes scheduled

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Hunter Education Classes will be held March 28, 29 and 30 from 6-9:30 p.m. each night at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club. For more information on the classes, call any of the following individuals — Tom: 226-1919; Joe: 496-8683; Jones: 886-8656; Chris: 477-3680; Tim: 874-2490.

# East Kentucky Energy reach ABA Final Four

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The American Basketball Association (ABA) has announced that the No. 1-ranked Southeast Texas Mavericks will host the 2011 ABA Championship: Final Four at Nuity's Entertainment Center (NUEC) in Winnie, Texas on March 23-29. The East Kentucky Energy will be one of the four teams vying for the 2011 ABA title. "East Kentucky is a first-year franchise based in Pikeville. The Energy boasts former Paintsville High School stand-out and Kentucky Mr. Basketball J.R. VanHoose along with Pikeville College alumni Daniel Price and Scottie Samarco. Nutty Jerry's is a newly-constructed facility that has hosted some of the top shows and events in the southeast Texas since it opened in

September 2010. The arena is owned by Southeast Texas Mavericks' owner Jerry Nelson, who has been an owner in the ABA since the 2008-2009 season. His teams have dominated the ABA during that time frame, compiling an amazing 78-7 record, winning three division championships and capturing the 2009-10 league title.

This season's ABA championship format "will be a double-elimination format involving the Final Four teams in the ABA, two from the West and two from the East. Thirty-six (36) teams were are playing in the qualifying rounds to determine which teams will be playing in Winnie, Texas. The Southeast Texas Mavericks (West) and the Jacksonville Giants (East) received byes into the Final Four as a result of their records during the

regular-season. The ABA Championship Finals will be highlighted with a 3-game series between the final two teams to decide the 2010-11 ABA Champion.

The Gulf Coast Flash, the only team to defeat Southeast Texas during the regular-season, also advanced to the ABA Final Four.

"We're very excited to be hosting this year's ABA Championship Finals," stated Nelson. "There are some very strong teams in the ABA and we know that the competition for the championship will be very intense. I really wish we had twice the number of seats available because the quality of basketball and the competition will be tremendous. I would really suggest that fans get their seats early as we anticipate a great demand for tickets and soldout games everyday."

## Drillers

Aric Evans allowed Eastern Kentucky to tie the game when he hauled in a 4-yard touch-down pass from quarterback Alan Holland in the second quarter.

Huntington, however, answered. The Hammer moved back out in front in the second quarter when Young hooked up with Jeff Phillips on a 30-yard scoring pass. Huntington, following Phillips' scoring reception, picked a 14-7 lead into halftime.

Huntington led 27-14 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Holland passed for three

more touchdowns in the second half, hooking up with Phillips once and Matthew Barbour twice, prior to Eastern Kentucky falling short.

Huntington gained possession of the Coal Cup, which goes to the winner of each game in the rivalry. The Drillers defeated Huntington during the first meeting on Feb. 25. Eastern Kentucky will visit the Saginaw Sting Friday night (March 25).

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Huntington 39;  
Eastern Kentucky 28  
H-Young 12 run (Phillips kick); EK-Evans 4 pass from Holland (Miller kick); H-Phillips 30 pass from Young (Phillips kick); H-Kalans 1 run (Phillips kick); EK-Evans 7 pass from Holland (Miller kick); H-Phillips 16 pass from Young (kick failed); H-Young 33 run (kick failed); EK-Barbour 14 pass from Holland (Miller kick); EK-Barbour 9 pass from Holland (Miller kick); H-Young 14 run (pass failed).  
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## Bears

Senior Quincy Hankins-Cole, en route to a career-high 28 points, scored seven during the stretch, and when senior Justin Hicks scored on a run-out layup, the Bears were within six, 78-72, with 11:26 to play.

The RedHawks seemed to settle in after a timeout and for the lead to double figures three times, including at 87-77 off an inside bucket by senior Chris Wegett with 8:18 left. Wegett tossed in 22 with eight rebounds and three steals. From there, though, it was all Pikeville College.

The Bears scored the game's next 18 points, with Hankins-Cole again being the difference. He had 10 of the last 12 in the stretch, closing it out with a three-point play and then a three-point bomb from the top, which put the Bears on top 95-87, with five minutes to play.

Hankins-Cole added 16 rebounds, eight coming off the offensive glass, and led six Bears in double figures. Sophomore Trevor Setty and senior Vance Cooksey finished with double-doubles as well, with Setty tossing in 20 and grabbing 11 rebounds, while Cooksey

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had 17 points and 11 assists. Pikeville won the rebounding war 52-49 and had 20 assists compared with 10 turnovers, its first game with a 2:1 assist-to-turnover ratio since handing out 40 assists with only nine turnovers in a 145:52 win over OSU-Mansfield on Dec. 11.

Hicks, the senior from Hazard who is 11th on the all-time scoring list, reached 1,550 career points with 15 on the night. Senior Chris Donald came off the bench 11 and junior Cordaro Ellis reached double figures for the first time with 10.



## PC BEARS

Pikeville College overcame a 15-point deficit to defeat Martin Methodist Monday night. The Bears were facing Mountain State Tuesday night in the NAIA championship game in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Compton

and in third place in the MSC East Division with a 2-2 conference record.

Baker hit 517 last week with one home run and 14 runs batted in to earn MSC Player of the Week. The Baker helped the Bears win six of nine games last week. This season, Baker leads the MSC with a 471 batting

In a doubleheader with Saint Ambrose (Iowa) University, Baker went 6-for-10 with six runs, a home run and nine RBIs. She concluded the week with a .724 slugging percentage. The Baker helped the Bears win six of nine games last week. This season, Baker leads the MSC with a 471 batting

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average. She is second in the conference in slugging percentage (.676) and hits per game (1.5).

Shawnee Stats is 8-4 overall and is second in the MSC East Division with a 2-0 conference record.

The next softball weekly awards are scheduled to be announced on Monday, March 28.

## Bears bounce top-ranked Robert Morris in NAIA tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Unseeded Pikeville College will return to the semifinals of the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship after an 86-77 win over top-ranked Robert Morris University Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville tied a school record for wins in a season as it improved to 28-7 and advanced to the NAIA Fab Four.

On Saturday, the Bears did their damage from the free throw line, hitting 28-of-34 (82.4 percent) from the stripe. That helped overcome sub-par shooting from the floor (37.5 percent) and the arc (4-of-18, 22.2 percent).

"It got to the point late where it didn't matter who we sent up there, they were going in," said Coach Kelly Wells. "All our guys were hitting them today, and that was good because for a while there I didn't think we were ever going to get an open look to fall."

Pikeville advanced to the semifinals with the most difficult of paths. The Bears opened the tournament by beating the defending national champion Oklahoma Baptist, then advanced to the quarterfinals by knocking off last year's runner-up Azusa Pacific. On Saturday, it was the

No. 1 seed in the tournament. "We said it earlier in the week," said Wells, "when we win this thing nobody will be able to say we backed into it."

Unlike their first two wins, the Bears didn't need a late rally for this win. After trailing by six twice early, the Bears took the lead at 16-14 when senior Vance Cooksey hit a three with 13:52 to play in the first half. The guard, who eliminated his hometown school, led all scorers with 22 points.

Robert Morris led only two more times, both in the second half and both by only two points. The Bears responded on the very next possession both times, and when senior Quincy Hankins-Cole hit two free throws with 10:20 to play, the Bears led 60-58 and never trailed again. He had his second straight double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

His effort on the glass, which included being one of three Bears with four offensive rebounds, led the team to a 46-43 edge.

Pikeville led by as many as 15 (44-31) with 1:24 left in the first half when senior Ryan Whitaker scored on a layup after a steal by junior Kyan Hines. It was 44-33 at the half.

The first half was keyed by the bench. Junior Quintel Maxwell got extended minutes with Cooksey in foul

trouble and had seven points. Junior Cordaro Ellis finished the game with four rebounds, while Whitaker had four points and a pair of rebounds, assists and steals.

"We've gotten some solid minutes out of the guys coming off the bench," said Wells. "Ellis has been solid for us inside, and today we got great time from Maxwell."

"Whitaker is a guy who just comes in and gives us all he has, all the time. He goes to the glass hard, worked his tail off on defense and never complains, even if I pull him out after just a minute or so. Those guys are the reason we're still playing."

Sophomore Trevor Setty who had 21 in each of the first two games of the tournament, was 9-of-10 from the line for 14 points and seven rebounds. Senior Chris Donald came off the bench for 11.

For senior Andr Thornton, who scored 12 and added seven rebounds, it's a special time. He's thrilled for himself and his teammates, but it's for his coach that he's most pleased.

"I love these guys, I love my teammates," the Memphis native said. "But I'm really happy to bring Coach Wells this far. I love that man."

"He's done so much for me since I met him. I'm thrilled to be able to do this for him."

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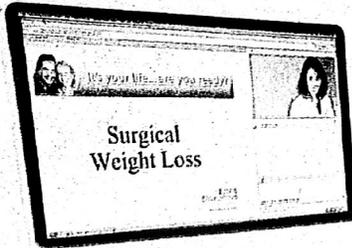
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# NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES: Kyle Busch wins Jeff Byrd 500 Presented by Food City

**Veteran driver completes second-straight weekend sweep at Bristol track**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle Busch earned his second-straight weekend sweep at Bristol Motor Speedway, claiming the Jeff Byrd 500 Presented by Food City on Sunday.

Last August, Busch won the O'Reilly Auto Parts 200, Food City 250 and IRWIN Tools Night Race to sweep at Bristol. He won Saturday's Scotts EZ Seed 300 Nationwide Series race, as well, making Sunday's victory his fifth straight victory at the World's Fastest Half-Mile.

On a restart with 38 laps to go, Busch led, with Carl Edwards second and Jimmie Johnson third. Edwards worked hard to get around Busch, trying to pass the No. 18 machine high and low. Edwards made his way around Busch, only to have Busch drive back by the next lap.

**Morehead**

history. Faried's first basket, dunk, also signified his 2,000th career point as he finished his four-year MSU career with 2,009 points for third all-time.

MSU had four players in double figures, led by Faried and Sam Goodman with 11. Terrance Hill and Ty Proffitt scored 10. Demonte Harper struggled with a 2-for-15 night shooting, but did tie his career high with 11 rebounds.

Richmond was led by Justin Harper's 19 points. Kevin Anderson had 14, and Dan Geriot scored 13. The Spiders forced just nine MSU turnovers, but the zone

defense they played never really allowed MSU to get into its best offensive rhythm.

"I want to congratulate Richmond. They have a very, very good basketball team. Similar to us, they're an upperclassmen oriented team and they play like it. They're poised, disciplined, they don't take bad shots," said Tyndall. "I thought that their defense was tough, it's kind of a sagging man to man, and sometimes it's a matchup zone. It's very complicated to really run any set offense against it. So you have to space the floor and drive the basketball."

Richmond went on a 10-2 run to lead 12-4 with 12:52 left in the first half. MSU was able to creep back to within 22-19 with 3:41 remaining after a Faried layup, but the Spiders ended the half on an 8-2 flurry to lead 30-21 at the break.

MSU could not generate enough of a rally to make it a game in the final half. The Eagles cut the Richmond advantage down to six (45-39) with 11 minutes left and had it at eight (51-43) with 6:52 left. But, Richmond got a layup from Harper to make it a 10-point game, and the Spiders never relinquished their double-digit lead.

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Johnson lurked in third place, just a few car lengths behind, as the two leaders battled side-by-side waiting for a mistake. Busch, however, was able to pull ahead and found himself crossing under the checkered flag in first.

"It was a lot harder today," he explained. "Carl kept me honest. I made a couple of mistakes, but we came out okay... You have to be patient sometimes, and then other times put it up through the middle."

"The guys won it on the last pit stop. I don't think I could have gotten by Carl. Then, I was worried Jimmie might get by him and come razzle me."

Busch, once again, was thrilled to bring home a win in Thunder Valley after a tough battle with Edwards and Johnson at the end.

"It is awesome to come to Bristol and win in front of these fans," he said. "We put it all together when it mattered the most. I love coming to Bristol. There is nothing not fun about Bristol. I'm sure they'll be partying outside tonight."

"I thought the finish was going to be reminiscent of 2008 when, he [Edwards] drove in to me. When Joey [Logano] hit the wall, it jarred me a little bit. But I got my thoughts back together."

The significance of win-

ning the race named after Jeff Byrd, the former President and General Manager at BMS who died last October, was not lost on Busch.

"It is cool to have a race named after Jeff Byrd; he meant a lot to the sport and this track. To win the Jeff Byrd 500 means a lot. Thanks to Food City for giving up the race name to do that."

Edwards admitted after the race that he considered putting the bumper to Busch, but did not want to make the move too early. As it turns out, he did not have a second opportunity.

"It was exciting," Edwards said. "I thought I could get to him at the end and rough him up a little bit and maybe get by him, but his car took off. I just told them [the crew] I should have hit him harder when I got to his bumper the first time, but we were racing really hard."

"His car was better there at the end. I didn't know how fast Jimmie was, so I thought, 'Man, if we start roughing each other up, it might end up worse for us in general.' But it was a good race at Bristol. Kyle did a good job. Our team did a good job. We've got to thank all the fans and we appreciate them coming out and supporting us."

"It was a good race at

Bristol; it was fun... I told him after Phoenix, I owed him one. I decided I'd let him go... hindsight is 20/20."

Johnson who was just behind the leaders, waited for the perfect opportunity to strike.

"We were all running hard," he said. "There were a couple moments where I thought I'd be given a big gift. There was nowhere for me to go though. I left some room, but I still ran hard."

Matt Kenseth finished fourth and Paul Menard came home in fifth, his third career top-five. Kevin Harvick was sixth, while Kurt Busch finished seventh and left Bristol as the points leader, by a single point over Edwards. Greg Biffle, Kasey Kahne and Ryan Newman rounded out the top 10.

Edwards' finish moved him up to second in the standings, just one marker out of first. Teammates Tony Stewart and Newman are tied for third, with Menard in fifth.

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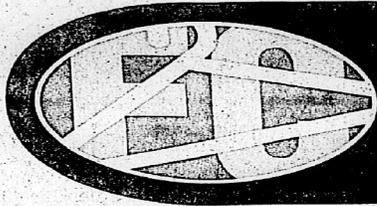
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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

#### Enter the dragon

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
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Hawaii is driving me crazy these days.

I've traveled all over the world, so it's not like I haven't been anywhere. But for some reason, I've never made it to Hawaii, and truth be told, it didn't worry me that much until recently.

But in the past six months, I've taken up yoga (at home, in the wee hours, in the privacy of my den), using some marvelous DVDs in which the instructor is leading the viewer through Half Lord of the Fishes Pose and Plow Pose and yes, Downward Facing Dog among some of the most beautiful scenery imaginable—in Hawaii.

It's no mean feat to make someone happy about essentially tying their body in knots at 4:30 a.m., but those Hawaiian views go a long way toward easing the pain (literally). After all, let's not forget that I'm no bendy-flexy spring chicken; at this stage in my life, I'd say I'm more like an early autumn chicken, and even that description might be erring on the side of vanity.

Hawaii is a long, long way from my humble abode in Maryland, but I'm lusting to go. In the meantime, I'm discovering that I can feast my taste buds, if not my eyes, on the fruits of Hawaii, thanks to the efforts of some innovative scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS).

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That's because the export potential of Hawaiian produce was limited by strict quarantine restrictions and phytosanitary measures (a fancy way of saying "let's make sure this plant isn't

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## Silas House talks to students about 'Eli the Good'

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Best-selling author and environmental activist Silas House came to the Prestonsburg campus of Big

Sandy Community and Technical College on Monday to read from his newest novel "Eli the Good" and speak about his writing life.

According to the synop-

sis for the book, "Bicentennial fireworks burn the sky. Bob Seger growls from a transistor radio. And down by the river, girls line up on lawn chairs in pursuit of the perfect tan. Yet for 10-year-old Eli Book, the summer of 1976 is the one that threatens to tear his family apart. There is his distant, beautiful mother, Loretta; his traumatized Vietnam vet dad, Stanton; his wild and beloved sister Josie; his aunt Nell, a former war protester who understands him; and his tough yet troubled best friend, Edie, the only person with whom he can be himself. As tempers flare and his father's nightmares rage, Eli watches from the sidelines, but soon even he cannot escape the current of conflict and commits an act

of betrayal for which he cannot forgive himself."

House is the author of "Clay's Quilt," released in 2001, "A Parchment of Leaves," from 2002, "The Coal Tattoo," in 2004, and "Eli the Good" in 2009. House also co-authored with Jason Howard a non-fiction book about social protest and mountaintop removal titled "Something's Rising." House's young adult novel, "Same Sun Here," co-written with Neela Vaswani, will be published by Candlewick Books in early 2012.

"All my life I've been told that Appalachia is vanishing," House said. "I consider myself a preservationist. We are a disappearing culture, and one way to preserve that is through litera-

ture." After the reading, House answered questions from the crowd and signed copies of his books outside of the Gearheart Auditorium.

House serves as the NEH Chair in Appalachian Studies at Berea College and on the fiction faculty at Spalding University's MFA in Creative Writing program. House also works as a press kit writer for musicians, having written the press kit bios for such artists as Kris Kristofferson, Kathy Mattea, Leann Womack, and others. He is also the creator of the Mountain Heritage Literary Festival at Lincoln Memorial University.

For more information on Silas House, visit <http://www.silashouse.net>.



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Best-selling author and environmental activist Silas House spoke to a large crowd in the Gearheart Auditorium at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Monday.



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

**Foster parent info**  
Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to help a child in need, this is your chance. Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m., at Benchmark Family Services Office. For more information, please call (606) 886-0163.

**FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes**  
The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

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

Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-

4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

**OutPatient Drug Treatment**  
Program and Education Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208. [www.drugsno.com](http://www.drugsno.com)

**Auxier Community Center**  
Free exercise classes Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. - 12.

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

**Need help with addiction?**  
Lifetime 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.

offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

**Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge**  
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Prestonsburg City Hall

**Have an 'Out of This World' birthday party!**  
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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**Cinema 2 - Starts Fri, March 25**  
TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT (R), Mon-Sat, 7:00-9:00; Sun, 1:30-7:00-9:00.

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**Cinema 1 - Hold Over**  
MARS NEEDS MOMS 3D (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:15; Fri, (4:30) 7:15; Sat-Sun, (2:20-4:30) 7:15

**HALL PASS (R)**, Mon-Sun, 9:25 only

**Cinema 2 - Hold Over**  
RED RIDING HOOD (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 6:50-9:20; Fri, (4:10) 6:50-9:20; Sat-Sun, (1:50-4:10) 6:50-9:20

**Cinema 3 - Hold Over**  
THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R), Mon-Thurs, 6:55-9:15; Fri, (4:10) 6:55-9:15; Sat-Sun, (1:55-4:15) 6:55-9:15

**Cinema 4 - Hold Over**  
RANGO (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:15-9:15; Fri, (4:30) 7:15-9:15; Sat-Sun, (2:20-4:30) 7:15-9:15

**Cinema 5 - Hold Over**  
BEASTLY (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 7:15-9:20; Fri, (4:30) 7:15-9:20; Sat-Sun, (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:20

**Cinema 6 - Hold Over**  
LIMITLESS (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 7:05-9:25; Fri, (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun, (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25

**Cinema 7 - Starts Fri, March 25**  
SUCKER PUNCH (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 7:05-9:25; Fri, (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun, (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25

**Cinema 8 - Hold Over**  
PAUL (R), Mon-Thurs, 6:59-9:15; Fri, (4:15) 6:59-9:15; Sat-Sun, (1:55-4:15) 6:59-9:15

**Cinema 9 - Starts Fri, March 25**  
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES (PG), Mon-Thurs, 7:00-9:20; Fri, (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat-Sun, (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20

**Cinema 10 - Hold Over**  
BATTLE: LOS ANGELES (PG-13), Mon-Thurs, 6:50-9:20; Fri, (4:10) 6:50-9:20; Sat-Sun, (1:50-4:10) 6:50-9:20

## Science

carrying hitch-hiking pests") to protect the U.S. mainland's fruits and veggies. Those export restrictions have cost Hawaiian growers around \$300 million annually in lost sales.

But research by those enterprising ARS scientists changed all of that. The scientists, based at the agency's research center in Hilo, Hawaii, were the first to apply generic radiation protocols to control a wide variety of quarantine insect pests found on fresh commodities.

Based on their extensive research, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in 2006 published a landmark rule accepting the generic doses of radiation for treatment of Hawaiian produce—and the floodgates were opened.

A little more than a decade ago, the first commercial irradiation facility dedicated to treating fresh produce for export from Hawaii was built by a company called Hawaii Pride LLC. But at first, the facility

wasn't able to process large amounts of produce because in those days, each type of fruit or vegetable had a different protocol for treatment.

Getting rid of the insect pests that might hitch a ride on fruits and vegetables definitely was not a "one-size-fits-all" proposition; there were treatments with heat and treatments with cold, treatments with irradiation and treatments with fumigation. Typically, the entomologists who knew those insect pests had to develop treatments for one pest and one commodity at a time, a process that could take years of research.

Since Hawaii's small farmers were very interested in using irradiation as an alternative to costly methyl bromide treatment on fruits and veggies bound for export, the ARS scientists began exploring a generic radiation dose that could control a broad variety of pests on a wide range of commodities with one treatment.

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They eventually found that a generic dose of 150 Grays (Gy) of radiation would work for controlling the three species of tephritid fruit flies found in Hawaii, which contributed to APHIS approval of this dose for all tephritid fruit flies. The ARS scientists also demonstrated that a generic dose of 400 Grays is broadly effective against many other pests of fruits and vegetables—and that's become the mostly widely used generic treatment today.

Today, Hawaii uses generic irradiation treatments to export 15-20 million pounds of various tropical fruits and vegetables annually. So, from the Island State to your local supermarket, Enter the Dragon Fruit!

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 [www.ars.usda.gov/news](http://www.ars.usda.gov/news).

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### 100 Legals

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 100**  
TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENT 1. PLAINTIFFS-HEIRS AT LAW OF ROGER WHITAKER, ET AL. DEFENDANTS-NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION BE IT KNOWN, that Mitchell D. Kinner, a practicing attorney in the Floyd Circuit Court, has been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court, Division 1, to act as the Heirs-at-law of Roger Whitaker, that a will was admitted in the Floyd Circuit Court, Division 1, to the will of David, Kentucky and being the same property conveyed to Roger Whitaker and Marlene Whitaker by Deed Book 1984, recorded in Deed Book 284, page 17 of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Any Heirs-at-law of Roger Whitaker should take note that the purpose of the lawsuit is to enforce delinquent tax liens that have been purchased by Tax Ease Lien Investment, LLC for the purpose of obtaining possession of the property and that they have (50) days from and after February 22, 2011 in which to file an answer or other responsive pleading in the Floyd Circuit Court, failure to do so may result in the relief requested in the Complaint of Tax Ease Lien Investment, LLC. Further inquiries should be directed to the above Warning Order Attorney at Kinner & Patton, 239 College Street/Paintsville, Kentucky 41240(606) 789-0161

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EXPERIENCED FLORAL DESIGNER. PRESTONSBURG, PAINTSVILLE AND MARTIN AREAS. SEND RESUME TO: P.O. BOX 97, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653.

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MOUNTAIN MANOR OF PAINTSVILLE is looking for a full time RN or LPN for the 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM shift and 5 part time 11:00 PM - 7:00 AM shift if interested, please apply in person monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### Help Wanted - General

Residential property inspector needed, part time, work your own schedule, inspect houses for insurance purposes, must have transportation, and computer. Contact roth@insurancerniskservices.com

### Job Announcement

Big Sandy Community Action program is seeking a crew for the weatherization assistance program in Pike county. Duties include but are not limited to performing energy saving functions to existing structures which includes air infiltration, duct repair, insulation, roofing, ceiling repair, wall and floor repair, window and door replacement, and heat system installation.

### Two years of heating systems, carpentry and/or construction experience that includes a wide range of general skills and knowledge is required.

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

### Qualified applicants may submit a resume and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Attn: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, Ky 41240 or via email to [lwbb@bscac.org](mailto:lwbb@bscac.org). Closing date for applications for is Friday, March 25, 2011. An equal opportunity employer

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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION 898-0845

Viking Mining LLC, 800 North Hwy. 25, Suite 277, Summersville, WV 26651, telephone (606) 639-6091, as required by 405 KAR 16.120, hereby advises that they will conduct blasting at their surface mining operation located 4.5 miles northwest of Pike County, KY 1489's junction with KY State Route 690. The blasting operations will be conducted January through December 31 through sunrise to sunset Monday through sunrise. All access roads to the blast area will be barricaded not less than 100 feet prior to each detonation. A "Warning Signal" consisting of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts prior to the "Blast Signal". "Blast Signal" consisting of a series of short siren blasts will be sounded one (1) minute prior to the start of the blast. The "Signal" consisting of one (1) prolonged siren blast will be sounded following inspection of each surface blast area. All warning signals will be audible for at least one-half (1/2) mile from the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those announced in this blasting schedule, except when an emergency situation arises, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or the safety of the operator or public requires an unscheduled detonation. Should an emergency situation arise, all residents within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site will be given oral warning, and all other safety precautions stated above will be implemented. This notice applies to Viking Mining, LLC. Permit number 898-0845.

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Pursuant to Application Number 836-5463, the operator, Change in accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that the Elk River Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise Permit Number 836-5463 to change the operator. The operator is presently approved in the permit to Black Thunder Mining, Inc., P.O. Box 83, Minnie, KY 41651. The new operator will be Viper Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 85 HWY 122, Malvin, KY 41650. The operation is located 0.25 miles northwest of Burton in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.85 miles northwest from KY 149's junction with KY 122 and located 0.25 miles west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 1 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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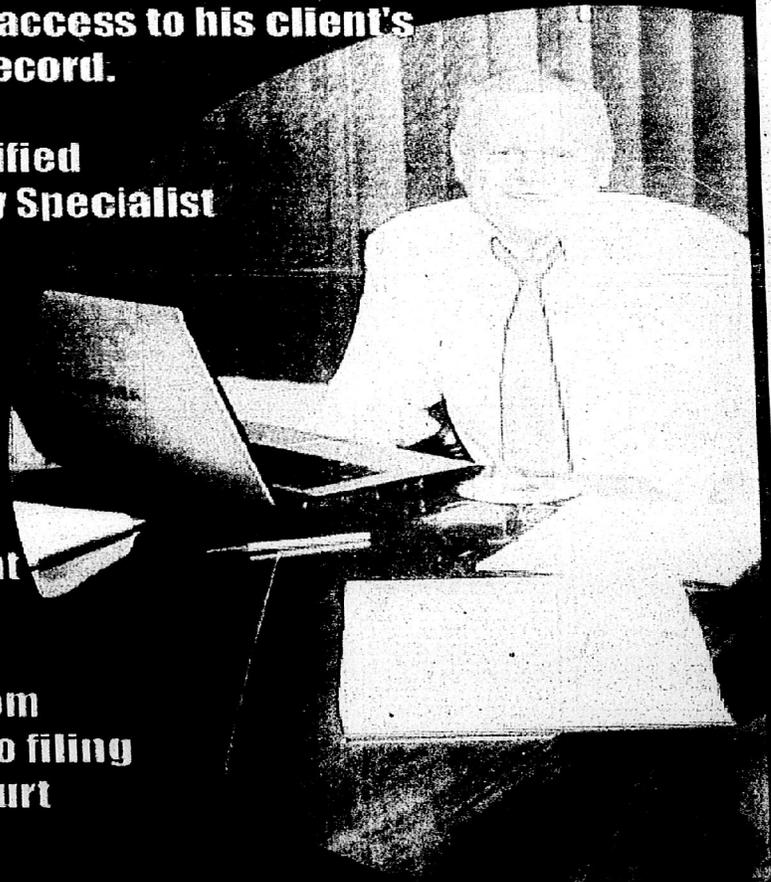
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