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Appeals be heard

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Court of Appeals will be considering two cases when it convenes this morning.

At 10 a.m., a three-judge panel composed of Judges Denise G. Clayton, Michelle M. Keller and Joy A. Moore will hear oral arguments in a Pike County case, *Denver L. Stewart II vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky*.

Stewart is appealing a criminal conviction, arguing that he received ineffective counsel. Stewart claims the poor legal advice he received resulted in him pleading guilty to charges that would constitute double jeopardy. He also alleges that his attorney failed to keep adequate records.

At 10:45 a.m., the judges will hear a Floyd County case, *Gary McCoy, as executor of the estate of Mary Alice McCoy vs. Rosemary McCoy, Armstrong, et al.* The case involves allegations of breach of fiduciary duties of a power of attorney and for an accounting of assets.

In the case, Circuit Judge John David Caudill issued a summary judgment against McCoy. McCoy is asking the court to consider whether fraud was properly pleaded and whether there was sufficient evidence of fraud to defeat summary judgment.

Doctor ordered to pay \$1.7M

by **JACK LATTA**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A local doctor cough up nearly \$1.7 million, according to a decision by a Floyd County judge in a two-year-long malpractice suit.

According to Michael Liska, attorney for the plaintiff, Marketta Meade, of Prestonsburg, sought out Dr. Milot Faria for a laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gall bladder removal) in May 2009.

Court documents state that, during the surgery, Meade suffered a "surgical transection of the common bile duct, a potentially fatal injury."

"He cut the wrong structure," said Liska.

Additionally, the plaintiffs alleged that Dr. Faria's negligence was compounded from "the failure to recognize the surgical injury" or "to diagnose the potentially fatal medical condition caused by the free flow of bile into the abdomen."

When asked if the surgery was routine, Liska said, "It's supposed to be." Meade was forced to undergo additional surgeries to repair the damage. "They basically had to go in and reconstruct her plumbing, so to speak," said Liska.

Liska says that the trial itself was hard for Meade: "It was very difficult for her to get up there and put herself out in the open like that," Liska said.



Dr. Milot Faria

(See **AWARD**, page 2)

BACK-TO-TRAFFIC



Traffic backed up well past Middle Creek Battlefield early Tuesday morning, as parents delivered a horde of eager young minds to the first day of school at Prestonsburg Elementary.

Cecil Branch residents sue coal, trucking companies

by **RALPH B. DAVIS**
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Thirteen residents of the Cecil Branch area of Banner have filed suit against 10 mining and trucking companies, seeking unspecified compensation for coal dust pollution.

According to the lawsuit, filed Aug. 2 in Floyd Circuit Court by attorney Ned Pillersdorf, the residents say they first noticed problems with coal dust three years ago, and that the problem gradually grew worse, with the situation becoming "much worse" in 2010 and 2011.

Residents who have joined the suit include Amber Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, Jerry Campbell, Elsie Campbell, Loretta Conn, Junior Conn, Russell Conn, Larry Roberts, Sandra Roberts, James Tackett, Rhonda Tackett, Christy Tackett and Scott Tackett.

According to the complaint, Jimmy Campbell attempted to resolve the situation last year, by approaching one of the defendants, Cheyenne Enterprises, to complain about what the suits call "the intolerable conditions." The complaint says Campbell was met with "deliberate indifference" with coal company officials telling him it was the fiscal court's responsibility.

The residents allege that the problem has caused their property to be devalued, and they are seeking both compensatory and punitive damages against the companies.

In addition to Cheyenne Enterprises, other companies named in the lawsuit include:

- Cliffco Enterprises Inc.
- F&C Coal Inc.
- North Star Mining Inc.
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Floyd schools taking part in new education program

by **JACK LATTA**
STAFF WRITER

A new education initiative will be implemented in Floyd County Schools this year.

According to school board officials, Floyd County Schools have been selected to join an innovative, collaborative of five progressive Kentucky school districts, the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative (KVEC), and the Rutherford Learning Group. This collaboration will focus systemic efforts on effective learning and leadership.

The new initiative, PETLL (Perpetuating Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership), is a multi-year project designed to develop instructional talent from the inside out, relying on the utilization of individuals' unique strengths in each participating school district to continually increase student success.

A leadership team from Floyd County attended the opening event at the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg.

According to officials, 60 educators from across the region participated.

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Former Kentucky Wildcats star Kenny "Sky" Walker and Captain Tim Cooley took to the airwaves last week for the 48th annual Floyd County Rescue Squad Radio Auction.

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Obituaries

Danette Ellis

Farmer

Danette Ellis Farmer, 47 years of age, passed away August 4, 2011, at her residence in Hazard, Kentucky. Born December 3, 1963 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Gracie Griffith Ellis and the late Ollie Ellis. She was a native of Prestonsburg, living in Hazard for the last 10 years. She was a volunteer at the Kentucky River community Care Center in Hazard.

Danette is survived by her husband, George Douglas farmer, two daughters: Samantha Piedad and her husband, Rufino, and Rachelle Ferguson and her husband, Josh; four sons: Shane Spencer, Cory Franklin Spencer, Casey Edward Spencer, and Ralen Bradford Spencer; her mother, Gracie R. Ellis, one sister, Danita Bogale and four grand children: Kaden Ferguson, Perslee

Ferguson, Hannah Piedad, and Christian Piedad.

Funeral services were held Sunday August 7, 2011, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tommy Reed officiating. Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg. Serving as pallbearers were: Shane, Cory, Casey, and Ralen Spencer, Rufino Piedad and Josh Ferguson. The family entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

Veda N. Hamilton

Veda N. Hamilton, age 90, of McDowell, widow of Bill Hamilton, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2011, at the McDowell ARH, McDowell.

She was born August 12, 1920, in McDowell, a daughter of the late Bert and Fannie Vanderpool Newman. She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church (Indian Bottom Association).

She is survived by two sons, Billy F. Hamilton and Curtis Hamilton, both of

McDowell; one daughter, Gilva (Paul) Horn, of Prestonsburg; two brothers, Earl B. (Billie) Newman, of Steffner, Fla., and Curt (Dah) Newman, of Martin; three sisters, Violet Newman, of The Village, Fla., Mary T. Hamilton, of Ashabula, Ohio, and Maxie (Jonas) Hollan, of Beattyville; six grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; nieces; nephews; sisters and brothers in the Lord; and neighbors and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Hent and Harold Newman, and one sister, Edna Brown.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, August 10, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the Old Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin.

Sylvana Martin

Sylvana Martin, 80, of Printer, died Friday August 5 at Riverview health Care Center. She was born on November 6, 1930 to Willard Harvey and Lilly Yates McKinney. She was the wife of the late Crit Martin, and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters; Josephine McKinney, Goldie Spurlock, Ethel Simpson, Junior McKinney, Willie McKinney, Luther McKinney, Cecil McKinney, and Bob McKinney.

She is survived by her children: Billy Keith (Brenda) Martin of Printer, David Allen Martin of Printer, G l e n d a (L i n n v i l l e) Newsome of Printer, Arthur Dead martin of Printer, and Alicia (ronnie) Howard of Garrett; her brothers and sisters: Del Wayne McKinney of Printer, Joe McKinney of Prestonsburg, vivian Collins of Printer, Janette Watson of Columbus OH., Thora

Bentley of Columbus OH and Sherry McKinney of Martin; and grand children: Kathy, Byron, Michelle, Christopher, Justin, Jason, Billy and Arthur Crit, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Wednesday August 10 at 11 a.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Officiating.

Burial will follow at the Crit Martin Cemetery in Printer.

Delores Slone Miller

Delores Slone Miller, 45, or Hindman died Friday August 5 at Hazard ARH. She was born in February 1, 1966 to Jeanetta Gibson Slone and the late Coshel Slone. She was the wife of the late Thomas Miller and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her brother: Paul David Slone; and father-in-law: Elbert Miller.

She is survived by one son: Thomas (Tena) Miller of Hindman, two daughters:

Donna (Evan) Cross and Kaje Miller both of Hindman; three sisters: Shirley Stambaugh, Marie Cornett and Mary Ann Slone all of Hindman, and grandchildren: Kaitlyn Evanna Gross, Mikaela Kennedy Delores Gross, John (Keaton) Caudill and Jacob Mackinley Caudill; special friend: Denzil Gayheart; and mother-in-law: June Miller.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday August 9 at the Lighthouse Community Church in Colson, KY. The service was officiated by Glen Gross, Bill Kirby and Randy Combs. Burial followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Whitesburg, KY.

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Law firm pays penalty, takes down signs

By RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Kirk Law Firm has agreed to pay a \$7,500 penalty to the Social Security Administration to settle a claim that the office improperly advertised its services.

The SSA Office of the Inspector General had been investigating the placement of two signs, reading, "Social Security Sign-Up Office," placed at Kirk

offices in Prestonsburg and Inez. The OIG informed Kirk that the signs were in violation of the Social Security Act, because they were confusing and might lead some to believe the Kirk office had an official connection with the SSA.

Kirk Law Firm has admitted to no wrongdoing, but agreed to pay a civil monetary penalty to settle the claim.

John Kirk, founder of Kirk Law Firm, said there

was no attempt to mislead anyone with the signs.

"We had put up a sign that said, 'Social Security Sign-Up Office,' and when we did, we were honest in doing so, because we can sign up new clients at all our Kirk Law Office [locations]," Kirk said.

"However, we learned that the [SSA] said we could not have such a sign, and we took it down. We always attempt to follow the law and will continue to do so."

Elliott judge pleads guilty

By JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

ASHLAND — An Elliott County public official could serve up to 10 years in prison, after pleading guilty last week to third-degree bribery concerning programs receiving federal funds.

According to the United States Attorney's Office, Elliott County Judge-Executive Flemen David Blair, 66, pleaded guilty to

distributing county-owned grave to private citizens. Blair agreed to immediately resign from his position as judge-executive.

During the proceedings, Blair admitted, that between July 2009 and July 2010, at least \$5,000 worth of gravel was spread on driveways of private citizens in Elliott County without any legal authority.

An investigation in the matter, conducted by the Federal Bureau of

Investigations, revealed that Blair had distributed the gravel to influence the outcome of the 2010 primary election in Elliott County.

Blair is currently scheduled to appear for sentencing on Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. The United States was represented in the case by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Taylor and Trial Attorney Maria Lerner, of the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Section.

Corbin joins U.S. Bank

Time Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — Don Paul Corbin has been named commercial relationship manager at U.S. Bank in Pikeville and will be based at U.S. Bank's 131 Main Street office.

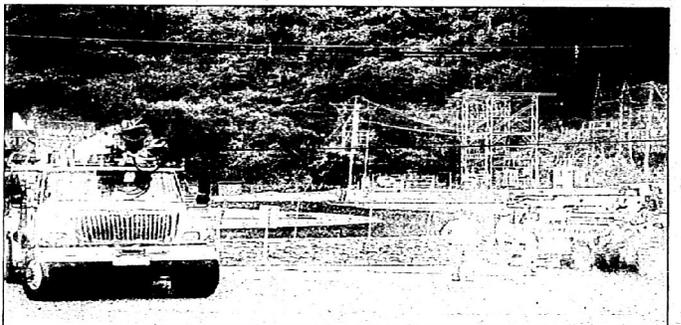
As relationship manager, Corbin provides full service banking to companies and individuals in Pikeville and the surrounding area.

A graduate of Pikeville High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in physics

and mathematics, and his master's degree in economics from the University of Kentucky. He currently resides in Pikeville with his wife Kari Lynn and their three children, Brady, Tristan and Scott.

U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB), with \$321 billion in assets as of June 30, 2011, is the parent company of U.S. Bank, the fifth-largest commercial bank in the United States. The company operates 3,086 banking offices in 25 states and 5,086 ATMs

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AEP was called out Sunday around 6 p.m. after a telephone pole was pulled down in a freak accident near Prestonsburg High School. The downed pole caused a transformer to blow at the power station behind the school, which left much of the city in the dark until Monday morning.

Award

The jury ruled in favor of Meade, and awarded her \$1,678,402.91, plus expenses.

"That jury was great," said Liska, "and you could really tell how much they paid attention, and how hard they worked."

According to the Center for Pancreatic and Biliary Diseases at the University of Southern California, Department of Surgery, "laparoscopic cholecystectomy is a very safe operation," with an overall complication rate of "less than 2 percent."

Despite statistics, Meade's case is not the first in which Faria is accused of negligence.

"There is another case in Johnson County with the

exact same injury," said Liska.

According to Johnson County Court records, Patricia Castle, of Paintsville, suffered a transection of the hepatic bile duct in September 2009, while she, too, was under the surgical care of Dr. Faria, this time at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville.

Paul B. Hall Medical Center, whose website lists Faria as one of "our physicians" is also named in the suit.

According to court records, Paul B. Hall Medical Center "failed to use due care in its selection, employment, hiring, credentialing, re-credentialing, and

supervision of, and granting of staff, admitting, and surgical privileges to, Defendant Milot F. Faria M.D."

The brief goes on to state that the hospital "should have known that he was unqualified to practice and perform the kinds and types of surgical procedures which were conducted on the plaintiff."

Jury trial is set to begin in this case on November 7.

Michael Liska is an attorney for Gary C. Johnson's law firm.

Dr. Faria could not be reached for comment because, according to his office staff, he was in surgery at Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

Program

ated in the initial training. The initial leadership cohort included teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents, college faculty and community leaders.

Mike Rutherford, the founding director of the Rutherford Learning Group, guided the initial day of PETLL training for the leadership teams. Rutherford is an educator, author, speaker and creator of The Learning Centered School and The Artisan

Teacher. Over time, the initiative will identify the individual talents of every educator, build upon and expand those talents, and work to develop a culture that is engaged in moving from "good to great" every day.

Those partnering with the Floyd County school district include Lee County School District, Jackson Independent Schools, Jenkins Independent Schools, Magoffin County

School District, KVEC and the Rutherford Learning Group.

KVEC is one of eight educational service agencies in the state and serves a 20-district region in Eastern Kentucky.

For additional information about the PETLL Initiative or other KVEC related programs or projects, contact Jeff Hawkins, KVEC executive director at (606) 439-1119.

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KSP asks motorists to be cautious around school buses

FRANKFORT — For some twenty-three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Unfortunately, each year many children are injured and even killed in school bus related crashes.

Last year, Kentucky had 985 school bus related crashes resulting in 278 injuries and four deaths. With school starting in many communities, KSP Spokesman Lt. David Jude is urging motorists to be alert for loading and unloading school buses.

"As motorists, we need to take extra caution any time we are in the vicinity of a school bus. Stop, slow down and look for children who may be loading or unloading from the bus," says Jude.

"Many parents worry about their child's safety once they set foot on the bus, but many of the injuries happen on the road outside of the bus," adds Jude.

Jude says he thinks distracted drivers and those who speed in school zones often put children in more danger than anything else.

"Texting while driving and using a cell phone often take a drivers attention from the road," he says. "Many times inattentive drivers may not see stop signs, reduced speed limit signs or even the flashing lights of a school bus."

KSP is asking all motorists to be extra cautious as schools open this month and especially when maneuvering around school buses.

"It is a good reminder for all of us that we need to take extra precautions to get our children to school safely and law enforcement will be strictly enforcing speed

zones in and around schools to ensure that happens."

Kentucky law states that if any school bus used in the transportation of children is stopped on a highway for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, with the stop arm and signal lights activated, the operator of a vehicle approaching from any direction must stop and not proceed until the passengers have loaded/unloaded and the bus has been put in motion.

Passing a school bus while it is loading or unloading is a class B misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for the second offense.

"As parents, we must reinforce proper school bus safety procedures with our children and this is the perfect time of year to talk with them," adds Jude.

KSP encourages parents to review the following schools bus safety rules.

Rules for getting on and off the school bus getting on the school bus

■ When waiting for the bus, stay away from traffic and avoid roughhousing or

other behavior that can lead to carelessness. Do not stray onto streets, alleys or private property.

■ Line up away from the street or road as the school bus approaches.

■ Wait until the bus has stopped and the door opens before stepping onto the roadway.

■ Use the hand rail when stepping onto the bus.

Getting off the school bus

■ If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk at least ten feet ahead of the bus along the side of the road, until you can turn around and see the driver.

■ Make sure that the driver can see you.

■ Wait for a signal from the driver before beginning

to cross.

■ When the driver signals, walk across the road, keeping an eye out for sudden traffic changes.

■ Do not cross the center line of the road until the driver has signaled that it is safe for you to begin walking.

■ Stay away from the bus' rear wheels at all times.

Correct way to cross the street

■ Children should always stop at the curb or the edge of the road and look left, then right, and then left again before crossing.

■ They should continue looking in this manner until they are safely across.

■ If students' vision is blocked by a parked car or

other obstacle, they should move out to where drivers can see them, and they can see other vehicles — then stop, and look left-right-left again.

Citizens can contribute to additional child safety by reporting drivers who disregard school bus signals to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555.

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Officers, agencies honored for seat belt and child seat enforcement

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety honored 141 law enforcement officers from 122 agencies across the state Tuesday for their efforts to increase the use of seat belts and child restraints.

The 2011 Governor's Occupant Protection Awards ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Lexington. Awards were presented to officers with the most occupant protection citations in each agency and division. There are six divisions, based on number of officers within the agency, plus a division for Kentucky State Police.

"Despite a wealth of data showing that seat belts and child restraints save lives, each year hundreds of unrestrained motorists lose their lives on Kentucky roadways," said State Highway Engineer Steve Waddle, who presented the awards. "These officers, their departments and agencies render a great service for public safety by enforcing our occupant protection laws."

There were 760 total highway fatalities in Kentucky in 2010 with 598 killed in motor vehicles. Of those killed, 62.5 percent were not buckled up.

"Our law enforcement is making a difference, as our overall fatalities decreased last year compared to 2009," said Waddle. "However, there is still a great deal of work to be done. One fatality is too many."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts, when worn correctly, are proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent, and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs and minivans.

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Guest View

Kentucky's Medicaid managed care

by JANIE MILLER

SECRETARY, CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is beginning a new era in its Medicaid program.

As Gov. Steve Beshear announced on Thursday July 7, Kentucky is expanding statewide what's called the managed-care delivery model, tapping private sector expertise to increase efficiency, innovation and effectiveness.

While Kentucky's 815,000 Medicaid recipients will continue to receive the high-quality health care to which they are accustomed, the benefits of this new model for taxpayers and Medicaid recipients alike are tremendous:

1 — New contracts signed with three new managed-care organizations earlier this month will save taxpayers \$1.3 billion over three years, including \$375 million in the General Fund. A new annual contract with Passport, the state's only existing managed-care organization, will save an additional \$37.6 million in taxpayer funds (\$10.5 million in General Funds) in the first year.

2 — With the Medicaid budget rebalanced this fiscal year, the pressure to "fix" Medicaid by making additional cuts in unrelated services like education, public safety and job care will be alleviated, both now and in the future.

3 — Nearly 550 new jobs will be created in Kentucky, as these companies hire new employees over the next several months to administer their contracts.

4 — The delivery of health care services — and thus the health of nearly one in five Kentuckians who access care through Medicaid — will be improved.

Three of the contracts are with organizations new to Kentucky. They are:

■ **CoventryCares of Kentucky** — a Medicaid product of Coventry Health and Life Insurance of Delaware, which provides services in eight states.

■ **Kentucky Spirit Health Plan** — a subsidiary of Centene Corporation, which is based in Missouri and provides services in 12 states.

■ **And WellCare of Kentucky** — a part of WellCare Health Insurance of Illinois, which provides services in seven states.

Come Oct. 1, these organizations will begin coordinating physical, mental and dental care statewide for more than 560,000 Medicaid recipients across the Commonwealth, except for the region currently covered by Passport Health Plan.

With its new contract, Passport will continue to provide services to 170,000 Medicaid recipients in Jefferson County and 15 nearby counties. Its work over 13 years has proven the effectiveness of the managed-care model.

Taxpayers can rest assured that we will have strong oversight of the work of all these companies. In January, we created the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Branch, which will monitor the new contracts. We have also built strong patient-protection provisions into the contracts.

Medicaid recipients should also know that we are working hand in hand with these organizations to ensure an orderly transition of care. We have established a managed-care integration team, and we are working with health care advocates around the state to make sure no one sees an interruption in health care services.

Some 46 percent of Medicaid caseloads in this country are under managed care, the goal of which is not just to lower overall costs, but also to improve health outcomes and promote wellness and healthier lifestyles.

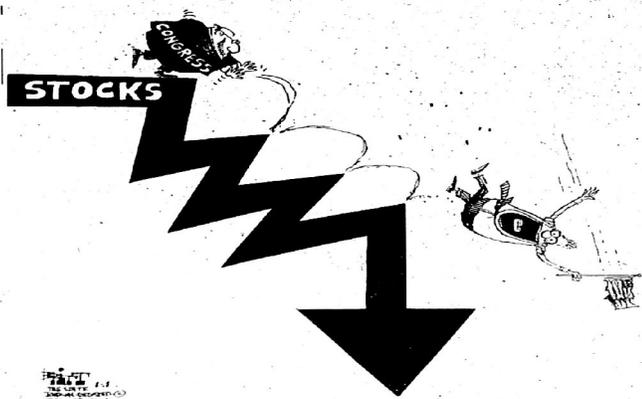
The emphasis is on prevention as well as coordination of care, and it's especially effective for people suffering from disease and chronic health conditions.

Gov. Beshear began the mission of educating the public about the change with visits to West Kentucky on Friday following the announcement. Other recipients will be hearing from us shortly.

There will, of course, be bumps in the road as we implement this model, but we will act quickly to smooth those out.

We see this as the beginning of a long process of change, a positive change that will improve lives.

We look forward to transitioning to this new model, and we believe that Gov. Beshear's approach — to accompany strategic budget cuts with innovative new ways of delivering services — is the right approach at the right time.



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

There have been several positive signs in recent months that the worst of the recession may finally be behind us, but perhaps the best indication yet for Kentucky came about a week and a half ago. That's when it was announced that state government ended the just-completed fiscal year with nearly \$157 million more than expected.

After taking out about a fourth for such unplanned expenses as clean-up for this past spring's devastating floods, the remainder was put into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund. It's the biggest one-time deposit since the General Assembly created this "Rainy Day" fund in 1989.

Overall, the budget for the 2011 fiscal year, which ended June 30th, was 6.5 percent larger than it was in 2010. That's well above the 5.2 percent growth for states on average, according to the National Association of State Budget Directors, and it's far ahead of what was seen during the two previous years, when the combined losses for the states amounted to about a tenth of

spending. It's worth noting that Kentucky was able to achieve its surplus without raising new revenue. Other states, meanwhile, hiked their taxes and fees by about \$5.5 billion last year.

When taking a closer look at the drivers behind our surplus, there is reason to believe that this uptick will not be short-term. That's because the added revenue came in part from people buying more and businesses posting better bottom lines. I'm proud to see that coal also saw a significant jump.

Vehicle sales, which had been in a three-year decline, also went up, thanks in part to a House-sponsored measure that gave a break to new-car buyers with a trade-in. This helped our Road Fund top expectations, and its surplus was more than \$67 million.

Another major contributor to the bump in our budget is the fact that state government is continuing to do more with less. Our workforce, for example, is about the same size it was 20 years ago.

We have also reduced spending by several percent — without touching the classroom — and we've cut back on contracts and re-focused our efforts on core services.

Additional help the federal government provided states in

2009 has also kept us from having to make steep cuts during the last two years. Our share totaled \$3.5 billion, and it went chiefly to education, infrastructure and maintaining Medicaid as its eligible population skyrocketed.

On Thursday, the Consensus Forecasting Group met to give us a glimpse of what we can expect in the upcoming two-year budget cycle, which begins next July. This group of economists, which provides the official estimate of how much revenue the state can expect, said we should see this fiscal year end with nearly \$200 million more than projected. That's certainly great news.

The budget process will formally begin in January, when the governor provides his plan and the General Assembly then takes over. Writing the budget is always the most important thing we do during even-year legislative sessions, and it is projected to be finalized by mid-April. That budget will still have a lot of difficult decisions, but we are on track to be back where we were before the recession.

Another point in our favor is that Kentucky appears to be coming out of this worldwide slump better than most states. If we can sustain that momentum, the next few years should be a lot better than the last few.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

I think it is fair to say that math has never been a favorite subject for most students in Kentucky public schools.

Well, until the Kentucky Center for Mathematics came along, that is.

Today, students statewide are enjoying math more as they improve their math skills under the tutelage of math intervention teachers through KCM's Primary Mathematics Intervention Program. The five-year old program trains elementary school teachers to become mathematics intervention teacher leaders who help students understand, and actually like, math. Just last month, the Center reported that the program has led to a significant increase in math achievement among individual students and school-wide math programs.

Proof of sustained student growth after math intervention training can be found by comparing the test scores of Kentucky elementary students who received math intervention in kindergarten during the 2006-07 school year to national grade level norms. This data, provided by KCM, shows that over 50

percent of low-achieving first graders who received math intervention from a KCM trained intervention teacher in 2006-07 were proficient or distinguished in math on the 2010 Kentucky Core Content test (KCCT) as fourth graders. Data from a nationally normed math test called the Terra Nova also shows that "many intervention students 'catch up' during intervention and maintain these gains over time," the Center reports.

More proof that math intervention works is found by comparing KCCT proficient or distinguished math scores from KCM intervention schools with non-intervention schools in Kentucky. The percent of students that scored highest in math on the KCCT from 2007-2010 grew by 14.4 percent in intervention schools—significantly more than the 10.1 percent growth in non-intervention schools, KCM reports.

The good work being carried out by KCM and its intervention program is not found in just one or two regions of the state but all over the Commonwealth. Kentucky has 120 schools with a math intervention teacher trained and supported by the Center. Collectively, these "MTIs" work directly with over 3,000 students every year and impact the learning of over 30,000 students a year by offering professional development to their teacher col-

leagues. With the help of the MTIs, KCM says studies show students advance more than one grade level in a year or less.

All of this data is encouraging, as is KCM's ongoing commitment to increase both math scores and the number of skilled math teachers in the Commonwealth. Last year, the Center applied for a federal Investing in Innovation (i3) grant through the U.S. Department of Education to further its work. Although it was not awarded grant funding, the Center was selected as a highly rated unfunded project which was encouragement enough to reapply to the i3 grant program this year.

Any money the Center receives in this round of grant funding will be used to train and support a new group of Primary Mathematics Intervention Program teacher leaders, some of whom could work right here in our district. And, with \$150 million in school monies available to school districts and non-profit organizations this year through the Investing in Innovation grant competition, there is good chance that KCM can bring some money home.

I see the math intervention program as part of the Kentucky General Assembly's larger goal to advance math learning in our

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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

20 Years Ago (August 7 & 9, 1991)

The Floyd County Board of Education is reportedly considering a call for a special meeting Thursday to review a host of controversial issues confronting the board. Among topics proposed for discussion are issues concerning purported restrictions on booster clubs at Prestonsburg High School; school activity fund finances at Martin Elementary; and the position of board secretary.

A federal judge denied a motion August 1 on behalf of a Floyd County teachers' aide to set aside a settlement in a civil rights case against the Floyd County Board of Education. Judge Joseph Hood ruled Thursday that a settlement on behalf of Karon Robinson would stand as submitted to the district court by her attorney, John David Preston of Paintsville.

Water samples taken from the area where medical waste was discovered in Dewey Lake on Friday, July 21 have been tested and the results returned on Tuesday, according to David Chaffins, Area 9 Disaster and Emergency Services representative. The results, provided from the Floyd County Health Department, showed no type of contamination, according to Chaffins. The Kentucky State Police are still investigating the incident and further information about the contents of a medical dispenser bottle found on the scene were unavailable.

An investigation is underway into the cause of a train derailment Tuesday morning near Allen Elementary School. At approximately 9 a.m. on August 6, a CSX train rounded a curve and two of the cars tipped off the rails and landed on the side embankment. The derailed cars had been ripped from their axles and they spilled a portion of their cargo, which was plastic beads. An engine and two other cars were also derailed in the incident but remained upright.

Morgan County native, Jerry Cecil, has announced his intention to seek the Democratic nomination for the 7th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cecil, 48, finished a distant second to incumbent Congressman Chris Perkins in the 1990 primary.

A motorcycle accident on Friday, August 2, near Honaker, resulted in the death of a Floyd County man Tuesday. According to state police reports, Edessel Case

Jr. of Honaker was driving his 1974 Honda motorcycle west on Route 2030 when he apparently lost control of the bike on a curve and crossed the center line, striking a 1991 Toyota Corolla driven by Clifton Hughes.

While presenting a drug awareness and prevention program to a group of Headstart teachers Wednesday at Adams Middle School, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt and D.A.R.E. officer Ricky Thomsbury were unaware of the real-life drama unfolding involving the eradication of marijuana in a remote area of the county.

The intersection on the east side of Prestonsburg at the entrance to the Jenny Wiley State Park was the site, on Wednesday, August 7, of yet another accident. It was the third accident at that intersection in less than one month. According to Ricky Conn, investigating officer for the Prestonsburg Police Department, David Pruitt, driving an '81 Chevy Malibu, was leaving the park heading west on Route 3 and failed to stop at the intersection of Route 1428, striking a 1985 Dodge Aries driven by Darlene Campbell, 36, of Prestonsburg.

There died: Elma Nellie McKinney, 53, of Gretnel, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Dicie Watson, 70, of Printer, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Gladys Marie Schmidt, 65, of Sciotoville,

Ohio, Friday, at her home; Lawrence Edward Conley, 28, of Lackey, August 2, in the Cabell Huntington Hospital; Finley Boshears, 79, of Halo, Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Grover Watkins, 77, of Middletown, Ohio, Tuesday; Henry (Jim) Hamilton Jr. of McDowell, Sunday, at HRMC; Bersheba (Ber) Dingus Stumbo, 89, of Nicholasville, formerly of Prestonsburg, August 2, at her residence; Lon Irvin Stone, 32, of Blue River, Tuesday, at his residence; Vonda Humble Webb, 60, of Dwayne, dead on arrival Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mandy McCoy Ray of Wheelwright, during a prayer session at Sunday services, at the Pentecostal Church of God; Neola Burke, 70, of Virgie, Monday, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital; Aggie J. Chick, 63, of Martin, Wednesday, at her residence; David Lee Allen, 33, of Garrett, Tuesday, at Garrett, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Lizzie Newman Frasure, 87, of Harold, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; James Elzie Keathley, 57, of Galveston, July 31, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Edessel Case Jr., 26, of Honaker, Tuesday, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident, Friday; Willow Johnson Makarewicz, 55, of Ecorse,

Michigan, Tuesday, at the Wyandotte General Hospital in Michigan; Otto (Bruiser) Endicott, 77, of Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, Saturday, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Curtis Tackett, 66, of Harold, Wednesday, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

30 Years Ago (August 12, 1981)

For the second year, the Floyd school district will be ending in the black, said Assistant Superintendent Ray Brackett. Brackett warned that state and federal budget cuts would mean difficult times ahead for the district.

The Floyd County Board of Education has stated that a new middle school for Prestonsburg is the system's number one priority.

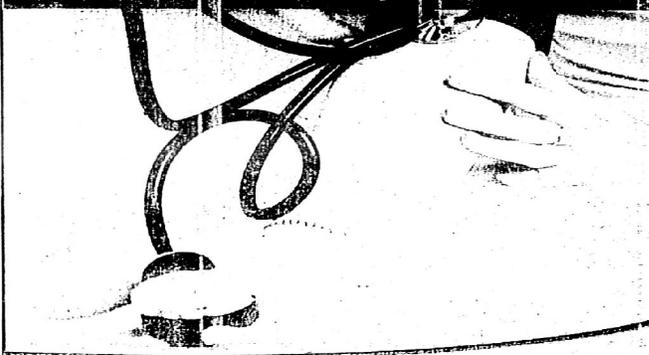
The trial of Teaberry coal operator and merchant Sterling Hamilton, 54, and five other defendants on charges of trading in stolen explosives began Monday in U.S. district court in Pikeville.

Officers involved in the search for Michael Dwayne Cline of Emma and Elijah Branham Jr. of Prater Creek who disappeared, along with two vehicles, have no new leads regarding the youths' whereabouts. Also missing is Greenberry Tackett, from LaGrange prison. Tackett failed to return to prison after being permitted to visit his sister in Floyd County. Tackett had been visiting his sister in Floyd County. He was serving a 20-year sentence for murder.

Community pressure may prove the most effective means of controlling live entertainment at the Prestonsburg Drive-In, complainants were advised at a city council meeting Monday. Citizens were com-

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East Ky. to be home to state's longest rails-to-trails project

PAINTSVILLE — A former railroad line will become a new trail for hikers, horseback riders and cyclists and will be the latest adventure tourism attraction for Eastern Kentucky, Governor Steve Beshear announced today.

Known as the Dawkins Line, the 36-mile stretch runs through Johnson, Magoffin and Breathitt counties and will be managed by the Kentucky State Parks. The trail will be developed in phases. Once complete, the Dawkins Line will be the longest rail-to-trail project in the state.

"This trail will help attract tourists to Eastern Kentucky and will be a boost to the local tourism economy," Gov. Beshear said. "This trail will not only promote adventure tourism, but it will also be a community asset that pro-

motes fitness and health." First Lady Jane Beshear said the former railroad line will make an excellent multi-use trail.

"This new trail gives us a great opportunity to show guests the beauty of Eastern Kentucky," Mrs. Beshear said. "Other places have successfully converted rail lines to trails, and I am confident this will become a popular attraction for this area."

Another successful rails-to-trails project is in southwest Virginia — the 34-mile Virginia Creeper Trail. The trail in Virginia has led to new businesses and shops with a positive economic impact.

The Kentucky State Parks have received a multi-county coal severance grant of \$500,000 to help support the trail development. The Kentucky Transportation

Cabinet is providing the Department of Parks with up to \$2 million in transportation program funding for the transformation of the Dawkins Line into a multi-use trail.

State funding for the property was initially provided by the 2006 General Assembly. The purchase of the property from the R.J. Corman Railroad Group was finalized in the spring of 2011.

The project has support from trail organizations and is expected to help develop the local tourism economy. The trail name comes from the Dawkins Lumber Company, which developed the rail line in the early 1900s for timber.

For more information about trails in Kentucky and other adventure tourism opportunities, visit www.getoutKY.com

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public schools so we can increase the number of math majors in our postsecondary institutions. The General Assembly's emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math learning (or STEM subjects) has been well documented in recent sessions with the passage of legislation like 2009 Senate Bill 1, which creates more emphasis on students' core content knowledge in math and science.

Dr. Lee Todd, the recently retired president of the University of Kentucky and a successful, highly trained engineer, told state lawmakers many times that the lack of engineering students in our colleges and universities

has reached a dangerous level—dangerous enough to be a matter of national security, he told us. Dr. Todd indicated that we as a Commonwealth must focus more on math and science and produce more degree holders in both fields, but especially in the field of mathematics.

Funding KCM was an important step taken by the General Assembly toward improving Kentucky's standing in the math and science field. Students build on interests learned when they are young. By engaging students in math and related fields in elementary school, we can create the interest—and abilities—our young

people need to enter engineering and other math fields when it is time for them to consider a career.

If you would like more information about programs provided through the Kentucky Center of Mathematics, please search the Center's web site at <http://kentucky-mathematics.org>. You will find plenty of good information there. Have a good week.

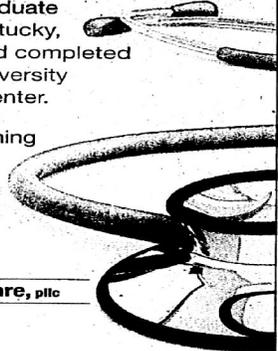
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Yesterdays

planning about a series of events, most recently a "wet nightgown" contest, held at the drive-in some Saturdays to entertain the audience between movies.

The Jenny Wiley Summer Music Theatre enters its last week of what has been hailed as one of the finest seasons ever.

There died: John A. Reatherford, 69, of Paoli, Indiana, formerly of Prestonsburg, at his sister's home; Mildred S. Nelson, 55, of Prestonsburg, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; James Walter Sanders, 51, of Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Betsy Layne, at Cincinnati General Hospital; Marson Moore, 97, of Mollie, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Zola G. Craft, 77, of Lackey, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wilson Crum, 70, of Town Branch, at HRNC; Myrtle B. Hall, 84, of McDowell, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Jewel D. Allen, 48, of Martin, at her home; Rex Ramey, 73, of Mousie, at Knott County Health Center; Carl Robinette, 60, of Harold, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Sarah J. Cole, 82, of Garrison, at Knott County Hospital, at Mercy Hospital in Portsmouth; Julius F. Schmidt, 70, of Leitchfield, Michigan; at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Michigan; Clara G. Warren, 80, of Prestonsburg, at her home.

40 Years Ago (August 12, 1971)
Prospects for an open-air mall in the Court Street business district here may have appreciably dimmed with the appearance last Thursday night of only business houses at the City Council meeting scheduled for consideration of the project.

Contract for construction of a two-story, six-classroom grade school building as an addition to the Martin school campus was tentatively

awarded at Saturday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education to Akers & Akers, Dana contractors, on the firm's low bid of \$220,000.

The Floyd County Comprehensive Health Services Program may have been snatched from its deathbed by action of its board of directors here last Friday night. The board by 9-1 vote agreed for an interim committee to be formed along the lines suggested by the health Affairs Office of OEO, and it was indicated in Washington that reorganization and reactivation of the program will be started almost immediately.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gary Hall, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Jayne Elizabeth, July 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Rector, of Martin, a son, Robert Lee, July 27.

There died: Ben Woods, 72, of Bonanza, last Thursday; Raymond Samons, 73, of Arkansas, near Martin, Aug. 3; Emma Weddington Alley, 76, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday; Henry Jenkins, 43, of Garrett, Saturday; Willie R. Spradlin, 69, of Cliff, Saturday; Shiller King, 80, of Harold, last Thursday; Bessie E. Wells, 81, of Auxier, Aug. 3; Lilly Click Frasure, 84, of Bonanza, Saturday; Orville R. Porter, 63, of Prestonsburg, Friday; Martin V. Shepherd, 84, native of this county, July 30, at Columbus, Ohio.

50 Years Ago (August 10, 1961)
Low bid of \$826,000 on construction of a 36-room lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park was offered by Akers & Akers, Dana Contractors. A dynamic blast shortly after Sunday midnight caused \$300 damage to the Standard Oil bulk plant at Allen.

The death Monday at a Paintsville hospital of Magistrate Johnny D. Caudill, 61, of McDowell,

places on the Democratic Executive Committee, the responsibility of naming a Democratic nominee for the Magisterial District 3 office, Miss Jo Pack, of Paintsville, has installed equipment here for the manufacturer of souvenirs.

There died: Della Frazier Crisp, 73, Wednesday, at her home at Martin; Alex Welko, 68, formerly of Wheelwright, July 28, at a Pikeville hospital.

60 Years Ago (August 9, 1951)
All doubt of the intentions of anti-administration forces in the Floyd county school system to carry out its plan to change County Superintendents was dispelled Tuesday afternoon when the Floyd County Board of Education appointed Virgil Osmer Turner, principal of the Maytown consolidated school, to the post for a four-year term, effective July 1, 1952.

Survey and deeds for the proposed Buckingham road connecting Left Beaver Creek with Knott county have been returned by County Judge Henry Stumbo to Emerson "Doc" Beauchamp, former commissioner of rural highways, with the reminder that Floyd county is not interested in the route until a promise to build a highway up Jack's Creek is kept.

A 26 1/2-inch walleye was caught at Dewey Lake recently by a McDowell angler fishing in a minnow in deep water near Goble Branch.

Planning funds for the proposed Floyd County War Memorial Hospital are being withheld, pending acceptance of a site, the Housing and Home Financing Agency wrote County Judge Henry Stumbo, August 1.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Isen, of Prestonsburg, a son, Bert Stephen, July 29.

There died: Emma Moore Gayheart, probably the county's oldest resident, at age

104, Wednesday, on Little Mud Creek; Hattie Craft Powers, of Tandy's Branch, August 5 here; Kelly Turner, 58, of Minnie, August 1, at Huntington, West Virginia.

70 Years Ago (August 7, 1941)
Another hectic Democratic primary last week resulted in the following nominations: Jerry Fonce Howell for Representative, Edward P. Hill for County Judge; Woodrow Burchett for County Attorney; A. B. Meade for County Clerk; Dr. W.L. Stumbo for Sheriff; Guy Horn for Jailor; and Clive Akers for Tax Commissioner. Farmer Halbert, son of Jailer Will Halbert, suffered a skull fracture Saturday when struck with a hammer wielded by a jail inmate whose name was listed as Joe Hill who is being held for trial on a charge of slaying Henry Hale of Elkhorn. James Halbert, grandson of Jailer Halbert, also was struck by Hal but his injuries were minor. There died: Rhoda Mayo, 80, Aug. 2, at the Martin home of her daughter, W.J. Reynolds; Nancy Wallace, 81, last Wednesday, at Estill; May Moore, 33, of Orkney, last Wednesday; Victoria Adkins, 40, of Galveston, July 31, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Casey Jones, 27, of Martin, July 31, when hit by a mine car inside a Hale of Elkhorn mine; Stafford Gibson, of Tram, when hit last Saturday by a train near the Betsy Layne depot; Noretta Spurluck, 5, of Printer, July 29 at a Martin hospital, of measles.

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This week's celebrity is 10 yr. old Austin Dye. He was a member of the winning District and Regional Academic Team at May Valley Elementary. Austin also played Forward on the Regional Champion Floyd County U-10 All-Star Soccer Team, of which he scored 16 goals in just 7 games. Austin is hoping to help find a good home for "Happy", a 5 month old male Siamese mix cat.
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King's Daughters Medical Center cardiothoracic surgeons Robert Fried, M.D., and J.C. MacFannaford, M.D., have been recognized in the September edition of Consumer Reports magazine for outstanding performance in coronary artery bypass grafting.

Their group, Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Kentucky, received a three-star rating, the highest possible. No one in the region achieved this ranking. In fact, only a handful of groups (one each in Lexington, Louisville and London and two in Morgantown, W.Va.) matched King's Daughters. In Ohio, you'd have to travel all the way to Toledo to find a group that compares.

Consumer Reports is a nationally recognized, independent, non-profit consumer organization.

In determining the rankings, Consumer Reports used data from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons' Adult Cardiac Surgery Database. The database is the largest in the world and includes more than four million surgical records. The analysis looked at surgeons' use of optimal surgical technique, administration of recommended medications, patient survival and absence of surgical complications. The study period was July 1, 2009 through July 30, 2010.

Congratulations to the surgeons and to the entire open heart surgery team at King's Daughters — from pre-op to the operating rooms, from the physician office to the Cardiovascular Intensive Care, from quality management to discharge and more.

Our surgeons — in fact the whole open heart surgery team — works hard to deliver the best quality care," said Kristie Whitlatch, senior vice president for service line development at King's Daughters.

"Recognition of this sort — from a credible, nationally known, consumer-driven organization is especially meaningful," she said, "because patients and families know Consumer Reports to be rigorous, unbiased and thoughtful in

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KDMC earns Heart Association's Gold Quality Achievement Award

King's Daughters Medical Center has received the Get With The Guidelines™—Heart Failure Gold Quality Achievement Award from the American Heart Association. The award is given in recognition of King's Daughters achievement in meeting aggressive treatment guidelines for patients with heart failure.

The Gold Award means KDMC achieved 85 percent compliance with the GWGT protocols, which were developed by the AHA and the American College of Cardiology for at least 24 months.

"This award demonstrates our continuing commitment to providing care to heart failure patients that is effective and has the greatest impact on the quality of life of those we serve," said Stacy Patrick, vice president of King's Daughters Heart and Vascular Center.

Get With The Guidelines is a quality improvement initiative that provides hospital staff with tools that follow proven evidence-based guidelines and procedures in caring for heart failure patients to prevent future hospitalizations.

Under Get With The Guidelines — Heart Failure, patients are started on aggressive risk reduction therapies such as cholesterol-lowering drugs, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, aspirin, diuretics and anticoagulants while in the hospital. They also receive alcohol/drug use and thyroid management counseling as well as referrals for cardiac rehabilitation before being discharged.

"King's Daughters is dedicated to making our care for heart failure patients among the best in the country and implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines — Heart Failure program will help us accomplish this goal by making it easier for our professionals to improve the long-term outcome for these patients," Patrick said.

Get With The Guidelines — Heart Failure helps King's Daughters staff develop and implement acute and secondary prevention guideline processes.



Maintaining good health

Maintaining good health requires a balanced mix of prevention, knowledge and action. The Community Screen of King's Daughters Medical Center, along with your family doctor, can help you achieve the balance.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, KDMC, in conjunction with the Kentucky Heart Foundation and the Kentucky Heart Institute, will offer a free screening for peripheral artery disease at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, 219 Pike Floyd Hollow, Betsy Layne, Ky.

Vascular/endovascular surgeon Brandon Law, M.D., will review screenings. **The screening is open to persons ages 50 and older and is recommended for those who:**

- have leg pain/cramping when walking that goes away when at rest;
- have a family history of vascular disease;
- use or have used tobacco products;
- have poor circulation or swelling (edema) of the legs and ankles.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, the KDMC Mobile Health Unit will visit the Floyd County Public Library, 161 N. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, offering a free Healthy Heart/EKG screening.

In addition to a screening EKG, participants will receive tests for total cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and blood oxygen levels. The screening is designed to detect abnormalities in these important markers of heart health. Screening results will be reviewed by a Kentucky Heart Institute cardiologist.

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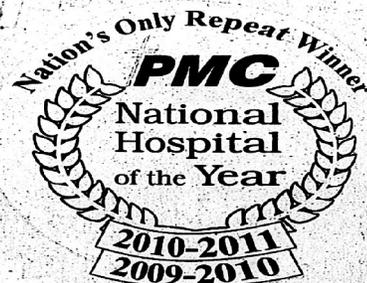
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Pre-registration available for hunter ed courses

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Obtaining a hunter education course completion card for yourself or a youth in your family is easy to overlook until it is too late for the start of hunting seasons.

Hunter education courses are not required for children under the age of 12, although a child must be at least 9 years

old to take the course. Those required to have a hunting license and born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 must carry a hunter education course completion card while hunting any species. This applies to Kentucky resident and non-resident hunters.

Hunters may obtain a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit, but it is good only for one year from

the date of purchase. A hunter education course completion card is good for a lifetime. Hunter education courses are spread over 2-3 days. Training concludes with live range work.

Online pre-registration is now available for hunter education courses in September and October, the two busiest months of the year. Preregistration will help

hunter education instructors anticipate the number of participants in these courses earlier. The instructors will also have contact information in case of an emergency course change or cancellation.

To pre-register for a course, visit the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' homepage at fwky.gov and select the "Education and Outdoor

Activities" tab. Click the "Hunter Education" tab followed by "Hunter Education Class Schedule."

After selecting a course, the information page comes up and you'll see a "Register online" link in blue. Hunter education courses are offered across Kentucky all year long.

Those without computer access can call the Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources for more information weekdays at 1-800-858-1549.

A temporary hunter education exemption permit is available to all hunters for a fee of \$5. The exemption permit is good for one year only and cannot be renewed. The permit is available online at the department's website.

UPIKE football players report to campus

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The first edition of the University of Pikeville Bears has reported to campus.

The UPIKE football squad is expected to number a school-record 192 after the entire squad makes it to the university as the Dudley Hilton Era begins at the school.

Team members reported Wednesday afternoon as the coaching staff set up registration tables at the Gym. While the process was to begin at 1 p.m., a line was formed by 12:15 as team members went through the check-in process.

Practice officially started with two-a-days on Saturday.

"We have a lot of excited young men and many of them are local products," said Hilton, who left Bell County High School tied for the record of most wins in a career by a football coach in the Commonwealth. "They're thrilled to be here and we're really excited to finally get them here and get started."

Among those reporting early was starting quarterback Trevor Hoskins, a junior who set single-season records for completions, attempts, yards and touchdowns last year.

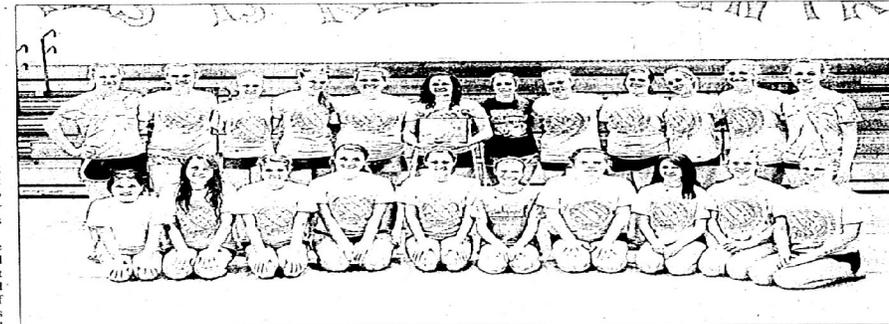
"It's great to finally see everybody get to campus and see that they're excited about us getting cranked up," said Hoskins, a native of Middlesboro. "Several of us have been here working hard this summer and it looks like the newcomers and the returning guys are ready to roll. There's a lot of enthusiasm here right now thanks to Coach Hilton who I've known for a long time. It's great to see."

Having Hoskins be among the first in line meant a lot to Offensive Coordinator Allan Holland Jr. "It's all part of the leadership process," Holland said. "It's something we've spent a lot of time talking about and he's definitely buying in. He wants to lead this team where we want to take it, and that begins for this team today."

The Bears will have an open exhibition on Thursday, Aug. 25 when they take on Point University at the W.C. Hambley Athletics Complex at 7 p.m. The regular-season opener will be Saturday Sept. 3 when UPIKE hosts Southern Virginia University at 6 p.m. at Hambley.



Host Allen Central (above) and Pikeville (below) were division winners on Saturday as AC hosted its annual referee clinic/preseason tournament at J.E. Campbell Arena in Eastern.



Allen Central, Pikeville win divisions in referee clinic/preseason tourney

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Host Allen Central and Pikeville prevailed in their respective divisions Saturday at the annual referee clinic/preseason tournament held at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Allen Central won the Red Division by a margin of 39 points. Pikeville prevailed in the Blue Division, finishing 26 points out in front of its next closest competitor.

In the Blue Division, Pikeville defeated Johnson Central 55-34 and Magoffin County 62-42. Betsy Layne

won over Pike Central 58-40. Belfry defeated Betsy Layne 49-38 and bested Magoffin County 52-48. Johnson Central beat Pike County Central 50-40.

In the Red Division, Allen Central defeated Paintsville 58-29. East Ridge powered past Prestonsburg 46-40.

Perry County Central knocked off Sheldon Clark 68-44 in another tournament match. Prestonsburg racked up a win over Paintsville, prevailing 51-34. Allen Central earned a 62-34 victory over Sheldon Clark. East Ridge shut down Perry County Central 52-40 in another tournament match.

Kranz to return as Drillers head coach in 2012

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Eastern Kentucky Drillers owner/president Rick Kranz has announced he will coach the team in its second season. Kranz took over as Drillers head coach in Week 11 of the UIFL season after Lance Brown, who started the season as the team's mentor, stepped down due to family issues.

The Drillers owned a 4-5 record when Kranz stepped in as head coach. The Las Vegas native excelled early on in his coaching stint, guiding Eastern Kentucky past Canton 45-0. The shutout over Canton was the first in UIFL history.

The success continued for Kranz and the Eastern Kentucky indoor football team as the Drillers won four of their last five regular-season games to earn a spot in the UIFL Playoffs. The Drillers finished the regular season 8-6. Under Kranz, Eastern Kentucky compiled a 4-1 record.

The Drillers rolled past border rival Huntington in the opening round of the UIFL Playoffs, defeating the Hammer 20-4. Kranz then guided Eastern Kentucky into Ullrich Bowl I.

Saginaw captured the UIFL title following an 86-69 win over the Drillers in the championship game.



RICK KRANZ

Drillers sign two players, assistant coach

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Eastern Kentucky Drillers have announced the signings of two players and an assistant coach for the 2012 season. Free safety Jarnell Mingo (5-11, 182, Montana) and offensive

KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl game times finalized

Volleyball season opens statewide

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Game times for the 2011 Russell/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl

have been finalized. The action begins on Friday, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. central time with the Class 1A championship. The Class 2A championship follows at 3 p.m. with the Class 6A championship game scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m.

Saturday's contests will also kick off at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The Class 3A championship game will be played

first, followed by the Class 4A title game. The Class 5A championship will be the final game of the weekend.

For the third consecutive year, all games will be played at Houchens-L.T. Smith Stadium on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Russell Athletic, a Fruit of the Loom company located in

Bowling Green, has agreed to an arrangement to be the title sponsor of the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl for the next four years. The event will also continue to be played at Houchens-Smith Stadium during that time.

FALL SPORTS: The fall sports season continues this

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Russell Athletic to sponsor Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, WKU extends as host

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Russell Athletic has agreed to a four-year arrangement to serve as title sponsor of the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett announced during a press conference held at Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium on Friday.

In addition, Tackett announced that Western Kentucky University and Houchens-Smith Stadium will continue to serve as host site of the event through 2014.

"Again, the corporate community in the Bowling Green area, along with the great folks at Western Kentucky University, have openly showed their appreciation and understanding of the value of the young people in the Commonwealth," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "It continues to amaze me the great community spirit and welcoming attitude that is displayed here in Bowling Green. From the fantastic folks at WKU, to the outstanding cooperation from Amy Cardwell, Vicki Fitch and the rest of the Bowling Green CVB office, to the generosity and support of the corporate community including our new partners at Russell Athletic, this town 'gets it', as it relates to high school sports in this state. This move gives one of our marquee championships stability and allows for continued growth in the coming years."

Russell Athletic, whose official name is Russell Brands, LLC,

is a fruit of the Loom company with corporate offices located in Bowling Green. The company has been in existence for more than 100 years and is the leading supplier of team uniforms at the high school, college and professional level.

In addition to its collegiate licensed product line, Russell Athletic's Active Wear® is widely distributed through retail and department stores, as well as sports specialty markets.

"Russell Athletic is excited to partner with the KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) as the title sponsor of the state football championships," said Gary Barfield, Executive Vice President of Russell Brands, LLC. "With Russell being a part of Fruit of the Loom, Inc., this partnership allows us to tie in Kentucky high school athletics, Western Kentucky University and the city of Bowling Green to help create a memorable experience for Kentucky high school football for many years to come."

Western Kentucky University and Houchens-L.T. Smith Stadium have been the site of the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl since 2009. The past two years increased crowds have flocked to the remodeled 23,500 seat facility, the home of the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers of the Sun Belt Conference. Last year a total of 47,759 fans attended the event, the most since the event was expanded to six classes in 2007.

"We are pleased and excited with the partnership KHSAA is creating with Russell Athletic to keep the KHSAA Football

Championships at WKU for the next four years. Most in the WKU family know about our great apparel partnership with Russell Athletic. Long before its WKU ties, however, Russell has been the national brand for high school athletes," said Western Kentucky University President Gary Ransdell. "Now they are combining their corporate priorities to further connect their products with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, WKU and our community by sponsoring the KHSAA Football Championships in Houchens-Smith Stadium. We are delighted! This is great news for Kentucky, for our region and for WKU. Three cheers for Russell Athletics and the KHSAA!"

Since its move to Bowling Green in 2009, the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl has become one of the busiest weekends of the year for the city's hotel, restaurant and tourism industry.

"This is a tremendous day for Bowling Green and Warren County as we share this exciting news with the community," said Amy Cardwell, Sports Director, Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The city is privileged to now host multiple KHSAA events from which our local economy greatly benefits. We are fortunate to have community partners such as Russell Athletic and Western Kentucky University who are committed to bringing positive exposure and growth to the city."

Drillers

sive lineman Daniel Stantz (6-5, 320, Sacramento State) have signed to play for the Drillers during the upcoming campaign.

Clyde Harrison has joined the Eastern Kentucky coaching staff as an assistant coach.

The Drillers recently released John Sloan. In another

move, Stone has been named Danville Dragons defensive coordinator.

Eastern Kentucky finished runner-up in the inaugural UIFL season. Saginaw, playing at home, outlasted Eastern Kentucky 86-69 in the UIFL championship game.

College Football: Cats remain competitive in preseason practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky football head coach Joker Phillips began his daily post-practice media exposure Monday by telling the large group of more than 20 reporters he and the coaching staff have started giving the team a word a day to follow in preparation for the season opener against Western Kentucky on Sept. 1.

Offensive line was "as good as they want to be."

Monday's word — or technically, phrase — was "totally focused."

"We are trying to give the kids one word a day, and actually it was two words today: 'totally focused,'" Phillips said. "We are competing our tails off. I really like the way this team is competing against each other, but being totally focused is understanding your assignment, understanding your alignment and understanding how we practice. As we were competing we kind of lost how we (need to) practice. In practice, we try to stay up off the ground so nobody gets hurt and try to face up the runners. Sometimes we get away from that, which takes away from your technique when you are trying to tackle or wrap up."

"But I really like the way they are competing. The attitudes of both sides of the ball (are good) and we are playing physical and playing fast. We just have to be totally focused on the little

things." Much of the talk around fall camp has centered on the possibility of Kentucky's true freshmen being able to make an impact. So far, Phillips has said multiple times that he thinks the talented group of newcomers will be able to help the Wildcats, but that he hasn't seen enough of them in practice to fully tell.

One thing the coaching staff has done in order to see more of the freshmen this fall is end each day of practice with what Phillips called a "15-minute help session." While Phillips takes the veteran players off to the side to stretch and condition, the younger players stay behind to work on fundamentals, participate in seven-on-seven segments and do some team segments.

Phillips said having those drills on video to review after practice will help the coaching staff understand who needs more tutoring and who understands the schemes well.

"Actually, watching today's film will give us a better idea how many of those young guys are getting it," Phillips said about the freshmen understanding the team's schemes. "We have put in a lot of stuff and this is our fourth day of installation. We will see how they are grasping what we have put in thus far. This is really the time when they can make a move in those 15-minute help sessions."

Tuesday was the first day in full pads for the Wildcats.

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week. The first regular season volleyball matches were held Monday night. Regular-season boys' and girls' soccer matches will begin on Monday, Aug. 15. The first date of football games Friday, Aug. 19. Golf enters its second week of play while the first date of cross-country meets is Monday, Aug. 22. Schedules for boys' and girls' soccer as well as volleyball and football have been posted on the

Rihards/KHSAA Scoreboard. Coaches, athletic directors and media members are encouraged to call every contest result into the Scoreboard at 1-800-453-6882.

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September 15: KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington.

September 22: Annual Meeting of Delegates, Lexington Center, Lexington.

Brown wins Kentucky Open

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Former Eastern Kentucky University men's golfer Brandon Brown continued his stellar play this year by capturing the 92nd Annual PowerBit Kentucky Open title on Saturday at Persimmon Ridge Golf Club. Fellow former Colonels Jesse Massie tied for third and Ryan Britt finished fifth. Brown fired rounds of 67-69-67 to finish with a 54-hole total of 203, 13 shots under par and four shots better than second place Blake Watts (65-77-65—207). Watts kept the contest close until Brown's birdie and Watt's bogey on hole No. 17 turned the tide for the eventual winner.

Brown has won three Hooters Tour events this year and is the tour's top money winner with \$115,600.

Massie began the day tied for second with Watts. He carded rounds of 69-73-71 to finish with a total of 213. Britt (75-68-71—214) was one shot back.

Others in the event with EKU connections included former Colonel Clay Ballard (T13), current Colonel Garrett Hinton (T15), Eastern Head Coach Pat Stephens (T28), former Colonel Patrick Williams (T38), current Colonel Stuart Witt (T44), current Colonel Brian Flister (T62) and former Colonel Trey Bowling (T66).

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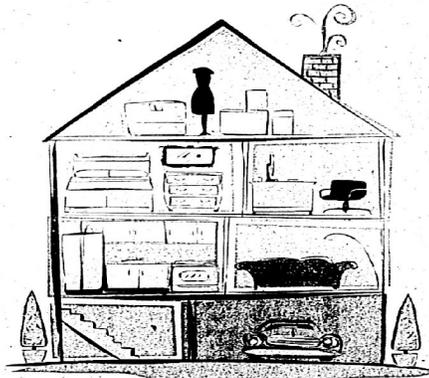
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Making a career of playing in the mud

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I confess: I love oddities.

Nothing tickles me more than to find out that something isn't quite what we've always thought, that some ordinary household item started life with quite another purpose (a friend of mine says a certain kitchen gadget for creating lattice-top pie crusts makes a great scalp-massager), that a well-worn story has a secret meaning.

Take nursery rhymes, for example. I recently read a book about the "secret meaning" of some of our best-loved nursery rhymes--you know, "Mary, Mary, quite contrary," "Jack and Jill went up the hill"--and all I can say is, if the author is right, most nursery rhymes are not quite fit for the children's hour. Talk about gruesome! (But then, the original stories of the Brothers Grimm were, well, fairly grim.)

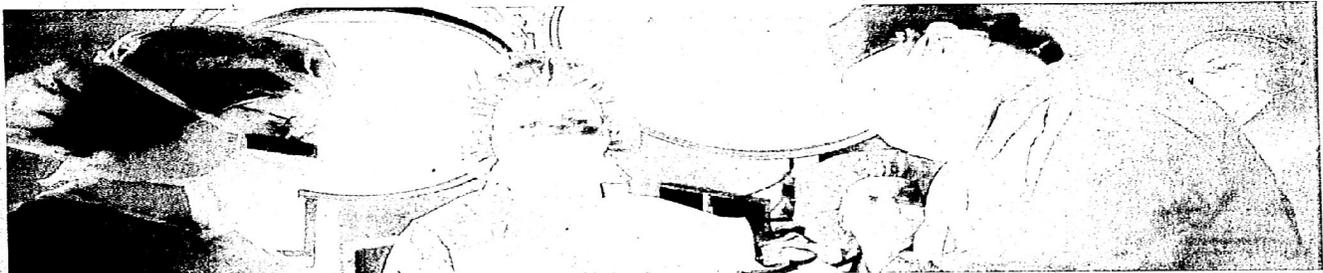
For example, one theory about Humpty Dumpty is that it actually was a large cannon used during the English Civil War of the 1600s to protect the Royalist-held town of

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HIGH OCTANE 102ND BIRTHDAY



On July 12, Goldie Conn was honored with a special birthday party to mark her 102nd birthday. All of Conn's family and friends were there. On this day, one of Goldie's biggest wishes came true -- to ride on a motorcycle. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin came and helped make this wish come true. Mayor Fannin took Conn on a short ride around town. When they returned, her smile told it all. She had a great time! After the ride she smiled and said to Mayor Fannin, "If I make it to be 103 and if I am able, I would gladly take another ride with you again."



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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 299, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: fctfeatures@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

BLHS Class of 1970 reunion

The Betsy Layne High School class of 1970 will hold a reunion at the May Lodge in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, August 20, from 5 to 11:30 p.m. Classes from 1969 to 1976 are also invited.

The cost is \$20 per person and can be paid at the door.

For more information, contact Benie Lynn Hammond at (606) 478-8188.

Joyous junk sale

The Auxier Center will hold a "joyous junk sale" Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and on Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will be held at the center, 21 South River Street, in Auxier.

Furniture, clothing, appliances, baby items and more will be sold. All proceeds will benefit the home repair fund.

Free clothes and household giveaway

The Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary will give free clothes and household items to anyone in need on Friday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The giveaway will take place at the old Middle Creek Fire Department, along Route 114. Donations of any kind will also be accepted.

For more information, contact Dearl Holbrook, (606) 886-8481 or (606) 26-3525, or Faye Click, (606) 889-0216.

PHS Class of 1961 50-year reunion

Sept. 23 and 24. Contact (606) 886-2774, 886-0990 or 874-2526, or email garredsee@msn.com for details.

Become a foster/adoptive parent

There will be an informational meeting on becoming a foster or adoptive parent, August 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Floyd county Protection and Permanency Office in downtown Prestonsburg. This is a question-and-answer time, with no time commitment required.

Classes will begin the week of Sept. 12. Dates and the specific location of the 10 required classes will be determined based on those in attendance at the informational meeting. They could be in Prestonsburg, Pikeville or both locations, depending on the response.

Classes are free and materials will be provided. For more information, call Lisa LeMaster, (606) 349-3123, or Angela Blankenship, (606) 433-7596, or your local DCBS office.

Veterans service officer

VFW Post 5839 in Lancer will have a service officer available every Wednesday, from noon until 4 p.m. Some services offered will be initial claim filing, upgrades, appeals, permanent and total claims and others.

Contact (606) 886-9428 or (606) 297-1973 for more information.

Back-to-School Bash

Camp Nathanael will hold a Back-to-School Bash on Tuesday, August 16, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be games and activities from 4:30 to 6 p.m., including an open gym, ping pong, box bowling, foosball, air hockey, cornhole, hay rides, pony rides, swimming (one-piece suit or t-shirt cover-up, please), and more. At 6:15 p.m., there will be a picnic area.

There is no charge for the event. Donations will be accepted.

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Communities Against Drug Addiction

Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Allen Baptist Church.

Autism Awareness & Support Group

2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation/bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at: <http://www.benchmarkfamily-services.org/>

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Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by 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 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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.drugsn0.com

Auxier Community Center

Free GED 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?

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays, at Allen

Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

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

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

World's 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.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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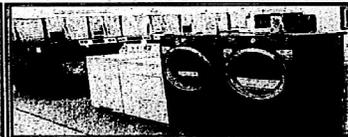
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-0319, Amendment No. 3 in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Cedar Coal Corporation, 81 Enterprise Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.2 miles southwest of Davolva in Martin, Johnson, and Floyd Counties...

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 02 C.A. NO. 11-01-00100 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC. Successor in Interest to Community Trust Bank, N.A. PLAINTIFFS, TONY L. LUNDGREN, HUSBAND AND SPOUSE OF TONY BUTLER, and FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, DEFENDANTS. NOTICE OF SALE... By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 16th day of May, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property for the sum of \$49,026.72 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 15th day of August, 2011, at 9:15 a.m., within the premises set forth following the description, the following described property to wit: being the same property conveyed to Geoffrey L. Barrett and Sheila L. Barrett, his wife, from Federal National Association, by deed dated March 6, 1995, of record in Deed Book 388 of Page 1, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Middlefork, Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows: Mobile Lots No. 33 and 34 of the Woodland Industrial No. 3, as shown by Plat of said addition dated September 25, 1968, File No. 1-1-173 that being conveyed on the 15th day of May, 2010 by Geoffrey Barrett and Sheila L. Barrett, his wife, by deed recorded in Deed Book 416 of Page 139 in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Middlefork, Floyd County, Kentucky, which is hereby incorporated by reference and fully copied at length. This notice is further secured by a 1974 Oldsmobile Mobile Home 28X68, VIN #1R1A282925, Home 28X68, VIN #1R1A282925. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale taken precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

100 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0319, Amendment No. 3 in accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Cedar Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robertson Creek, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.00 miles south, east of Printer in Floyd County. The major revision will add 18.99 acres and delete 18.99 acres of surface disturbance area and will include an additional 0.20 acre and delete 0.20 acres, making a total of 273.18 acres with the revised permit boundary. The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.45 miles west from KY Route 2919 junction with County Route 1147 and located within a Gunstock Branch. The proposed major revision is located on the Hold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by the Surface Mining, L.L.C., Charles and Dorothy Meade Heirs, Jeffrey and Judith Gayheart, Bolva Jean Harbit Grove, Son and Gayheart, David Coleman and Bruce and Elizabeth Coleman, Tandy Sports, Paul David Cardie, Marlene Monson, Willard, Fred, and Anna Perkins, Harold Bowling, Philip Davis, Melvin and Marvin McKinney, The Elkhorn Coal Company, Albert and Barbara Parsons, Rose Humble, Tonia Michele Cox, and Tommie Cook and Paul David Castle. The major revision proposes to add 18.99 acres of surface mining area and proposes to delete 18.99 acres of surface disturbance. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

100 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-7012, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., c/o Cedar Coal, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation for a total of approximately 0.07 miles east of Big Branch in Floyd County. The amendment will add 23.74 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 65.20 surface acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Tri-Star Development, Inc. and Alina Mining Company. The amendment will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed in the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

100 PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 02 C.A. NO. 10-CI-90109 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFFS, SANDY REALTY COMPANY CHRIS JONES, NORMAN JONES and CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE DEFENDANTS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE... By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in Monroe Circuit Court on April 6, 2011, to raise the sum of \$60,257.02, plus interest, fees and costs of sale, I will expose the sale to the highest and best bidder at the Courthouse door, in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 10:15 a.m., the following described property: being the same property conveyed to Big Sandy Realty Company, Inc., from Robbie Wright and Mary Wright, his wife, by deed dated October 29, 2007 of record in Deed Book 540, Page 346, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows: Lot 414 ad delineated on Subdivision Plat or Survey prepared by Richard E. Martin and filed in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale taken precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

100 PUBLIC NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 09-CI-1148EC LAND ASSETS, INC. PLAINTIFFS, USAN BRANHAM, ET AL DEFENDANTS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE... By virtue of a Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 22nd day of April, 2011, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$79,447.33 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs, please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 25th day of August, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the following described property, to wit: being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake at the Northwest corner of Stationation Drive on the line of Herbert Stapleton, thence south with Stapleton Drive 115 feet to a stake, thence a Westerly direction 115 feet to a stake, water mark of the Big Sandy River in a northerly direction to the line of Herbert Stapleton; thence with the line of Herbert Stapleton 118 feet to the beginning, being lot no. 12 of the Woodrow Subdivision as shown by plat of subdivision filed in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, file no. 345. Being the same property conveyed to the above named Branch Family Federal Savings and Loan Association, a Corporation, by deed dated the 8th day of October, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 322, Page 467, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety. B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the 2011 tax year and all subsequent years and all tax assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price. C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof. Any announcements made on date of sale taken precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

100 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5314, Renewal #4 in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Cedar Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, The Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.5 miles south of Cedar in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 10.63 surface acres and will underlie 195.67 acres, and the total area will be 206.3 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southeast from KY Route 1428 1/2 junction with KY Route 979 and located on Toler Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ned Bush and K.C. Rogers. The operation will be underlie land owned by Ned Bush, G.C. Stevens, Roberts Heirs, and William S. Kendrick. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Reclamation's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

100 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5314, Renewal #4 in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Cedar Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, The Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal processing facility located 1.16 miles north of Cedar in Floyd County. The proposed facility is approximately 1.5 miles north of Cedar, KY 28 1/2 junction with Ky. St. Rt. 302 and located 0.6 miles East of Bull Creek. The proposed facility is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation and Paul F. Burchett. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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CRIT LUAllen AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Robert D. Marshall, Floyd County Judge/Executive The Honorable Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, December 31, 2010. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

Crit LuAllen Auditor of Public Accounts

July 7, 2011 State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs, and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126

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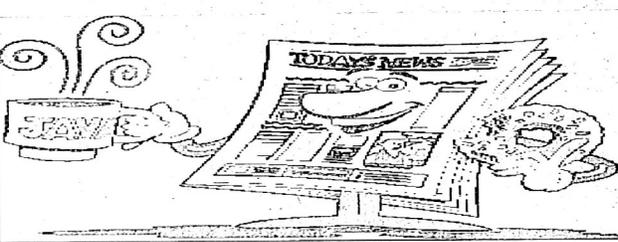
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CRIT LUAllen AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Robert Marshall, Floyd County Judge/Executive The Honorable John K Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2010. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

Crit LuAllen Auditor of Public Accounts

July 6, 2011 State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs, and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126

Calendar

Looking for a Support Group?
Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30

p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.
Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.
US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all

men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.
Community Weight Loss Support Group Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric

bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.
Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.
A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare

will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to doslone@eastky.net.

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PRIDE funds available for environmental education

SOMERSET
 Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 PRIDE Environmental Education Contract Program.
 The funds can be used for a variety of hands-on activities that promote awareness of the importance of a clean environment, personal responsibility, and community pride.
 Examples of activities eligible for funding include recycling programs, community gardens, greenhouses, wetlands, science equipment, and multimedia mate-

rials.
 Applicants can request up to \$1,250 for eligible environmental education activities, plus an additional \$250 to operate a service-oriented PRIDE Club.
 Contracts will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applications will be accepted from public and private schools, nonformal educators, and nonprofit organizations in the following 38 counties served by PRIDE: Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Floyd, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson,

Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.
 Sept. 2 is the deadline to submit applications. Contract recipients will be announced by Sept. 14. The contract period will end April 30, 2012.
 For more information, please call PRIDE, toll free, at 888-577-4339.

Science

Colechester. The cannon sat on a wall next to St. Mary's Church, and the story goes that a well-aimed blast from the opposing Parliamentarians (also known as the "Roundheads" for their close-cropped hair) damaged the wall and caused the cannon to fall, and the Royalist troops—"all the King's men"—couldn't lift it to reposition it.
 If this theory is true, Humpty Dumpty's "great fall" may well have contributed to the fall of Colechester to the Parliamentarians after a horrifying 11-week siege in which the townspeople ran out of food, had to eat their own cats, dogs and horses and eventually were forced to eat soap and candles.
 Of course, we've all grown up thinking of Humpty Dumpty as a roly-poly egg. In his egg incarnation, Humpty Dumpty comes to mind every time I buy eggs; I routinely open the egg carton and give each egg a quick flick, because an egg that's cracked will have leaked into the carton and "glued" itself to its compartment. After all, nobody wants to buy a carton of eggs, only to get home and find that some of them are cracked!
 Why is a cracked egg a big deal? Because those cracks can allow contamination of the egg's contents by pathogens such as the bacteria Salmonella. While some high-speed egg processing plants use high-frequency analysis to inspect their eggs, others still do it the old-fashioned way, using human graders to visually inspect eggs with a

bright light source in a low-light environment to show up any cracks.
 But neither system is perfect; it would be impossible to detect all the cracks, especially the tiny ones known as "microcracks."
 So scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) came up with a new way to detect Humpty's hidden flaws. Their system doesn't press or squeeze the egg to reveal cracks, but instead tugs on the shell with a slight vacuum pressure, while a specialized camera captures images of the eggshells as they're being tugged.
 In tests, this system detected 99.4 percent of eggshell cracks while recording almost no false positives (0.3 percent), for an overall accuracy rate of 99.6 percent. By comparison, professional human graders in the tests had 85.8 percent crack detection and 1.2 percent false positives, for an overall accuracy rate of 94.2 percent on the hard-to-see microcracked eggs.
 The next question, of course, is whether tugging on those eggshells might do more harm than good in terms of internal egg quality. So the ARS scientists conducted a study to determine if putting the eggs to the modified-pressure imaging test had any effect on egg quality during storage.
 The answer, I'm happy to report, is "no." After five weeks of refrigerated storage, the only effect seen in the pressure-treated eggs was a slight difference in the amount of water in the whole egg. All the other quality attributes were the

same for both the imaged and non-imaged eggs. Those other attributes included the egg's weight, the height of the egg white, the egg's shell strength, and the membrane strength of its yolk.
 This means Humpty Dumpty has nothing to lose from this new technique—and we food-safety-conscious consumers are the winners!
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 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.

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