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**Donors needed for blood shortage**

Officials at Central Kentucky Blood Center continue to keep a watchful eye on the fragile supply of blood available for central and eastern Kentucky this summer.

On Friday and Saturday, few donors registered to give blood — short of the 500-pint daily goal. More than 500 pints must be collected over the next week in Floyd, Pike, Johnson and Martin counties.

"We're going to need more than 100 donors to step forward each day to pull out of this crisis," said Dawn Wheeler, CKBC spokesperson. "The community is responding well — we just need to remind everyone how important it is to continue the effort."

In response to the blood shortage, blood drives have been scheduled this week at two Johnson County locations.

The first will take place at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursday, another blood drive will be held in Thelma at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Two Day Forecast...**

**Today**  
Variable Clouds  
High: 82 • Low: 66

**Tomorrow**  
Light showers  
High: 88 • Low: 70

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see [www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm](http://www.floydcountytimes.com/weather.htm)

*Coming down...*



The former offices of the Floyd County Board of Education came crashing down Friday and Saturday. The board moved from the former school building earlier this year and now occupies the former Bank Josephine building on Front Street in Prestonsburg.

photo by Ralph B. Davis

## Hall pleads guilty to 34 drug, gun charges, gets one year in jail

by RANDELL RENO  
STAFF WRITER

A man accused of multiple counts of drug trafficking and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon pleaded guilty to 34 charges Friday.

Timothy Wayne Hall, 37, of Galveston was offered a plea agreement for one year of jail time and three years probation in exchange for his guilty plea.

He was originally charged with 19 felony counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Twelve of the counts were labeled class D felonies and seven were class C felonies.

He was also charged with 13 counts of drug trafficking. Five of those counts were class A felonies, three were class C, five were class D.

He was also charged with two charges of possession of a police radio, class A misdemeanors.

(See GUILTY, page two)

## Out with the old, in with the who?

by RANDELL RENO  
STAFF WRITER

As of about 4:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd County is without a serving commonwealth's attorney.

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill administered the oath of office to John Earl Hunt as he accepted an appointment to serve as administrative law judge for the Big Sandy region. The ceremony took place just after the two men finished Friday's motion hour.

"I have worked literally to the last hour of the last day doing my duty," Hunt said. "I have made this effort today to bring to a conclusion as many pending cases as I possibly could. I believe it is very important that I leave no backlog of undisposed cases."

Hunt offered plea agreements in at least 18 cases Friday and then offered his appreciation to Circuit Judges John David Caudill and Danny P. Caudill.

Hunt said he had learned much from John David Caudill, becoming emotional as he recognized their years together.

"I thank every Floyd Countian for the opportunity to serve them as commonwealth's attorney," he said.

Hunt said he entered the office inheriting 605 cases. He and his staff disposed over 1,379 cases in his term. He said 107 cases remain in the now-empty office.

Brent Turner, who was elected to the office in May, is the only remaining assistant in Hunt's office.

"I humbly believe this office is in a much better position to serve our people, and my efforts will help the next commonwealth's attorney do a better job," said Hunt. "I leave with a clear conscience and confidence in my successor's commitment and abilities."

Hunt has been passed a new baton of service as administrative law judge.

"I will do my best every day to bring fairness, effectiveness and compassion to the workers' compensation process in Kentucky," the outgoing prosecutor said.

Hunt's departure leaves a void in the office of Floyd County commonwealth's attorney. An appointment into that position is expected in the coming weeks.



photo by Lon May

Frequent rainfalls in the area this week caused thousands of dollars worth of damage. This landslide occurred Tuesday in the Arkansas Creek area.

## Floyd, Pike counties come to agreement on 911 cell phone fees

by RANDELL RENO  
STAFF WRITER

The first disbursement of funds from the county's wireless phone companies to Floyd County's E-911 is tentatively set for August 15.

Members of the E-911 Executive Board met in regular session Thursday to discuss among other things that disbursement.

A panel of members from both Pike and Floyd counties' 911 boards met this week to set a foundation on how to collect the funds which will be disbursed in one check for both counties. Cell phone users are also charged with a E-911 surcharge.

The panel passed a motion to establish a governing board for the moneys. The motion suggested that both county judge executives, the two chairman of the E-911 executive boards, the two county E-911 coordinators, and a representative from the Kentucky State Police sit on the panel. A meeting of that group will be held Friday, July 28, at 12 p.m. at the state police post in Pikeville.

Among other things, the panel will discuss the establishment of a bank account and a county treasurer to distribute the funds.

The board accepted a proposal for the Pike and Floyd county treasurers to alternate every 18 months. When the treasurers trade positions, the

account will be audited by a private auditor to protect both county treasurers.

The panel will have sole control of the funds. Deposits will be made in the fund for about two years before the money can be accessed, said chairman Jim Caldwell.

Discussions on the communications problems in the Harold, Betsy Layne and Toler Creek area continued. Board members spoke of the possibility of moving the south repeater tower to the central part of the county.

But the possibility of losing established communications in the southern part of the county led members to propose a propagation study in the area. Should communications stay strong in the southern part of the county, a new tower site would be found.

Should that option fail, members are considering two more possibilities. Appalachian Wireless is in the process of building a new tower near the Left Beaver Fire Station. E-911 could make a deal with Appalachian Wireless to put a repeater on that tower.

Another option for E-911 is to use the tower at the courthouse. In either case, members said a search for new frequencies would have to be done and the radios reprogrammed.

The establishment of the fully enhanced 911

(See 911, page two)

## Board files third lawsuit over football field land

by RANDELL RENO  
STAFF WRITER

As demolition continues for the new Prestonsburg High School football field, the Floyd County Board of Education is plowing forward in its quest to obtain the land on which the field will be constructed.

The board filed a third lawsuit in Floyd Circuit Court against a property owner standing in the way.

Lawsuits against Carlos E. Neely, a former teacher at the high school, and Charles R. Wright ask the courts to condemn the property to allow construction of the Prestonsburg High School facility. A third lawsuit against Harold Newman seeks to accomplish the same task for another football field for South Floyd High

School.

The proposed project will include a running track.

The board recognized Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin in a letter for the sale of his property this week. Fannin's property was evaluated at \$86,800 but he sold it to the board for \$56,379.99.

Superintendent Paul W. Fanning recognized Fannin by giving him credit for a \$30,420.01 donation to the school system.

Fannin and city police officer Anthony Castle purchased the property in 1997 for \$45,000. Fannin said he would sell the property to the school system for that amount, plus the interest payments he had made on the property since buying it.

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**Every Morning**



Ashley Sayers is getting a head start on her college education by registering for summer classes at Pikeville College. Jason Hunt, admissions counselor, assists Ashley in the registration process. Ashley is a graduate of Feds Creek High School and is an incoming freshman at Pikeville College.

## Want a second chance to get healthy?

(NUE) - Are you a junk food addict? Does your first meal of the day consist of coffee, coffee and more coffee? Do you run to the nearest fast food restaurant during your lunch break? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you could probably use a serious health makeover.

Eating healthy is a way of life, and it influences you in more ways than you realize. It gives you more energy, helps you lose weight, wards off sickness and disease to help you live longer, and gives you an all-around sense of self-worth and self-esteem. It's no wonder some of the most successful people in the world are health nuts.

What? You say it's too late to get healthy? Wrong. Most health experts say it's never too late. That's because every day offers you another chance

to do something healthy. The easiest way to start is by cutting some of the most unhealthy habits out of your diet.

For instance, skip the coffee and substitute it with fruit juice. Besides too much caffeine, coffee drains all of the vitamins and nutrients out of your body. For lunch, eat lean meats and vegetables. And don't forget to take your

vitamins to make sure you're getting all the crucial minerals in your diet.

Still need help? You're in luck because now you can use the Internet to help you get healthy. Just visit [www.GeoHealth.com](http://www.GeoHealth.com), a Web site linking together some of the best health-related sites on the Web. It can help you get started on a new, healthier you.

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should and shouldn't eat. Plus, it gives you the inside word on all the latest vitamins and supplements. It also shows you how to maintain peace and tranquility in a fast-paced world.

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## Lawmakers begin considering new topics for in-depth studies

FRANKFORT - A glimpse of what may become the next issues to receive in-depth scrutiny from state lawmakers was offered at the July 13 meeting of the General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee.

Starting a new round of meetings after the 2000 legislative session, which ended in April, lawmakers on the committee turned their attention to a variety of topics they may choose to focus on in coming months. All the topics they discussed came from suggestions gathered from surveys of legislators and legislative staff workers conducted earlier this year.

Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, suggested the committee look into the state's solid waste practices to see whether there are better ways to rid Kentucky of litter and illegal garbage dumps.

Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, suggested the committee conduct an efficiency review of the hundreds of state boards and commissions.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, asked that the commit-

tee look into whether economic development incentives offered to businesses are providing a good return for the state.

In all, more than 25 topics were considered by the committee, which is responsible for studying the efficiency of state government programs and agencies and making recommendations for improvements where needed.

The committee has broad authority to look into the operations of state government and gather information.

In future meetings, committee members will start voting on the topics on which they want to authorize studies. They can choose to follow up on the suggestions gathered through surveys, or could propose new topics in the future for the studies.

The list of suggested topics at this point includes:

- The implementation of a managed care form of KenPAC, a primary care case management program administered by the state Department for Medicaid Services.
- The services provided to

Kentucky schools by the Kentucky School Board Association.

• The Victims' Information and Notification Network, known as VINE, which ensures that crime victims receive adequate prior notice of offenders' court proceedings and release dates.

• The extra cost that prevailing wage laws may impose upon state construction projects.

• The state's implementation of requirements for day care centers approved during the 1998 legislative session.

• Continuing review of the health insurance offered to state employees.

The Program Review and Investigations Committee typically authorizes six to 10 studies each interim - the period of time between legislative sessions.

Nine of the committee's 16 members must be in agreement in order to authorize a study. Once a study is authorized, the committee staff usually takes three or four months - even longer for more complex issues - to collect information and compile a report for the committee's review.

## Consumers should use caution when ordering contact lenses on-line

The Contact Lens Council (CLC) is advising consumers interested in ordering contact lenses on-line, that contact lens should only be purchased from sites that require a valid and unexpired prescription.

Recent efforts by the FDA have focused attention on the need for informed consumers to use extra caution in ordering prescription medical products on-line. A new FDA web page provides a number of important cautions. This page can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/buyonline/default.html>.

"The CLC is focusing our efforts on informing Internet shoppers of the safeguards they should take when ordering contact lenses online," said Edward Schilling, executive director of the CLC.

"While e-commerce may provide timesaving conveniences for those with hectic lifestyles, it is important to remember that contact lenses are medical devices that

require proper fitting by an eyecare professional, and a valid, unexpired prescription," Schilling added.

The CLC recommends the following when considering purchases of contact lenses online:

- Continue with your regular vision screenings by an eyecare professional.
- Check your online order for any typing errors before you submit it.
- Do not request or accept a substitute for the prescribed lens without checking with your eyecare practitioner first.
- Check the expiration date on the product immediately upon receipt of your order.
- Make sure your prescription is current and has not expired before placing your order. The online supplier should confirm this with every order.
- And finally, if a problem results from the order, visit your eyecare professional immediately.

The CLC is a non-profit organization serving as an educational resource on vision correction and is dedicated to promoting the safe use of contact lenses and lens care products. The CLC information line (1-800-884-4CLC) is a free service offering customers the most up-to-date information on contact lenses and lens care products.

The American Optometric Association, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, and the Contact Lens Society of America are advisory members of the CLC. The CLC is sponsored by Alcon Laboratories, Allergan Optical, Bausch & Lomb, CIBA Vision, Cooper Vision, Vistakon, a division of Johnson & Johnson Vision Products Inc., and Wesley Jessen.

For more information on contact lenses, contact the Contact Lens Council (CLC) at 1-800-884-4CLC or on the Internet at: [www.contactlenscouncil.org](http://www.contactlenscouncil.org)

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### 911

system continues to progress. 911 coordinator Bill Dotson reported that the Bellsouth region is complete. Ninety percent of the Harold and 75 percent of the Dana ZIP codes have been submitted.

All the major roads in the Coalfields Telephone exchange area remain, said Dotson. Route 979 will

have to be physically redone, he said. Dotson and his crew expect to do a door-to-door verification of the 911 addresses over the next few weekends.

The board denied the Floyd County Board of Education and Education Logistics request for 911's maps. EDULOG requested

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digital maps from the 911 database in order to build a school bus route database.

Members decided to deny the request, citing possible liabilities against the county. If the county decides to give the maps, board members will ask for strict use of the maps by the school system only.

### Guilty

Six of the weapons charges against Hall were amended to class D felonies, while three of the trafficking charges were amended to possession of a controlled substance.

Commonwealth's Attorney John Earl Hunt offered a total of 10 years for the charges — three years for the firearms possession

counts, three years for the trafficking charges, and three years for the possession of controlled substance charges, plus one year for the possession of the police radio charges to run concurrently.

The agreement offers one year served in jail time and three years probation. All the weapons seized will be forfeited.

Hall was found in possession of OC-10, Percocet, cocaine, Lortab, Tylox, Tylenol 4, Tylenol 3, Zanax and Valium.

He was arrested in an early morning drug raid in October by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Taken from his possession were 734 dose units of the various drugs.

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## Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-When paying for college, say experts at American Express Education Loans, borrow money only from a responsible lender that will assist you throughout the process and work with you to only borrow the amount needed.

Not all pool shock treatment products contain sanitizers which are just as vital as oxidizers to achieve clear, clean and safe pool water. For more tips, call the HTH® Pool Care Helpline at 800-POOL-987.

Shaving the night before you hit the beach can ensure that salt water doesn't sting freshly shaved skin. Moisturizing shave gels, such as Gillette for Women Fashion Collection Wild Berry or Flower Twist Satin Care Shave Gel, soften body hair, making it easier to cut. A razor with an aloe strip, such as a Gillette for Women SensoExcel Fashion Collection razor, will also help moisturize skin for a comfortable shave.

In her book, Aristotle Would Have Liked Oprah: Lessons for Living, Ethel Diamond shows today's readers how ancient insights offered by such great thinkers as Aristotle, Plato and Socrates can be applied to today's troubled times.

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The number one selling premium import wine and best-selling Australian wine in the U.S. is Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay.

According to the American Lawn Mower Company/Great States Corp., mowing when grass is dry will result in a cleaner cut.

For the past 45 years, Skippy Dog Food has been sponsoring an annual Dog Hero Contest to recognize and reward outstanding dogs for their bravery.

Fresh fruit and vegetables can be a delicious seasonal complement to hams, such as Cook's Hickory Smoked Bone-In Portion Half Ham or Cook's Spiral Sliced Ham.

New stronger packaging such as the Surlyn Air Tight Seal by DuPontPackaging protects meat and seafood by keeping juices in and the air out.

Using a light hairdressing such as VO5's Sheer Hairdressing anti-frizz shine cream can add smoothness and shine to curly hair.

A video that is available to help parents share the teachings of the Exodus Journey is DreamWorks animated treasure The Prince of Egypt, the masterful recounting of the epic journey of Moses.

# Starting a business requires well-thought concept, commitment

Every year, thousands of people launch new businesses in America. And every year, they watch their hopes fade as the business goes under.

It doesn't have to be that way, according to Becky Naugle, director of the Kentucky Small Business Development Centers program at the University of Kentucky.

"Anyone who wants to start his or her own business needs to take some time thinking about what they plan to do," said Naugle.

"Several things need to be in

place. They have to know what their business or product is, and what value their product or service has. They need to ask themselves, 'Why would people pay me to do this?' That's the cornerstone of how they'll market their business," she said.

Naugle and the Kentucky Small Business Development Centers have plenty of experience in coaching and encouraging business people.

In addition to the hundreds of entrepreneurs who have received

the centers' services, the centers also sponsor the annual Women Mean Business Conference presenting nationally known speakers who focus on issues ranging from networking to money management.

Naugle said the businesses that tend to fail are those conceived by a person who considers only his or her own personal interests. For instance, a person who opens a store that sells outfits for Barbie dolls may find he or she has targeted an extremely small market.

However, if the entrepreneur has mapped a plan to reach people who share an interest in Barbie outfits, the business may succeed, Naugle said.

In that instance, she said, the business person could find success by doing business on the Internet. Unlike a few years ago, World Wide Web sites now provide a means to establish relationships with people with similar interests and tastes.

"The Internet provides a wealth of opportunities. Markets aren't as land-locked as they used to be. You can go global in terms of marketing your product or service," Naugle said.

But Web-based businesses offer new challenges too. Business people need to be savvy about possible traps lying in wait—such as the costs of shipping products to customers.

"If you set a firm \$4 handling fee, you have to stop and think, 'Can I ship my product to Canada or Britain for \$4?' Chances are, you'll need to change more to pro-

tect your profit margin," Naugle said.

The Web presents other issues as well, including whether to permit customers to order over the Internet or to require them to phone in their orders. The businessperson must consider ways to make his or her Web site safe for customers to send credit-card numbers.

Naugle also said new business people must consider how much launching the business will cost and how they'll finance the launch.

"Lenders and investors aren't going to carry all the risk. They'll want the entrepreneur to pony up some of the start-up cash. You need to expect to have some of your own money in the start-up," she said.

Still, the businessperson should try to locate another source for start-up cash. "Nearly all businesses are going to need some debt capital, which means they need to borrow some money. They need a line of a credit, and it makes sense to operate with some debt, just like people do when they use a mortgage to buy a house," Naugle said.

Naugle noted these issues and others are on the agenda at the eighth annual Women Mean Business Conference, to be held Wednesday, September 13, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. The early registration fee is \$89 until August 18, when the fee rises to \$99.

For more information, contact Naugle's office by calling toll-free 1-888-475-7232 or via email at dmcknt1K@pop.uky.edu.



Ova Warren of Eastern wears her bonnet to church each Sunday as part of her attire. The bonnet was a standard dress item for women during the frontier days. (photo by Willie Elliott)

## Federal grant to study ethanol production

As Kentucky farmers continue to reel from downturns in the nation's agricultural economy, Gov. Paul Patton provided a ray of hope recently for corn producers in and around Christian County.

The governor presented a check for \$95,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program to Ronald Berry, president of the Hopkinsville

Grain Elevator. The 2,200-member cooperative of grain producers from 17 western-Kentucky counties will use the federal funds to match \$30,000 in state money and finance a feasibility study of ethanol production.

"While commodity prices remain at historically low levels and changes in tobacco production present additional downward pressures on our rural economy, it is essential that we look together at new and innovative ways to add value to our traditional farm products," Gov. Patton told the crowd in Hopkinsville. "The board and membership of the Hopkinsville Grain

Elevator have taken steps to do just that."

The grain producer cooperative, one of the largest in the state, is looking at the feasibility of partnering with the Delta-T Corporation in an effort to add value to their corn crop. One of the manufacturing options they would like to consider is ethanol production.

The federal funds will help defray the costs of the feasibility study required before the cooperative's board of directors decides to move forward.

Gov. Patton praised state Sen. Joey Pendleton for his strong leadership in securing the federal funds. Pendleton worked closely with the governor's office and the state USDA-Rural Development office to ensure that the feasibility study received proper support.

"We talk all the time about the need to add value to our crops to offset the decline in commodity prices. Here's a group of producers that wants to take the steps to do so, and I believe we should do all we can to help them," Pendleton said.

## Degree developed for public safety communications

The Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Institute has announced its participation in a joint venture to develop the world's first on-line degree program for the field of public safety communications.

The unprecedented distance-learning degree program will now give those in the profession an opportunity to earn a university degree via the World Wide Web.

Scheduled to begin in the September 2000 fall semester, the degree program initially offered is an associate of arts with additional certification from APCO. Phase two and three of the educational project will be the development of bachelor's, degree and master's degree programs.

All degree programs will be offered through Jacksonville State University (JSU) in Jacksonville, Alabama.

According to APCO Institute Director Dave Bubb, the partnership is the perfect synergy. "With APCO's expertise and resources in the public safety communications arena, and JSU's educational pedigree and established track record in distance learning, we are poised to offer quality, professional secondary education to the public safety communications community worldwide," Bubb said.

JSU and CML Emergency Services Inc., a systems provider for public safety communications,

joined forces and approached APCO with the academic concept. Thereafter, the groups formed a partnership, with APCO providing guidance on curriculum development and program quality.

"For me personally, this is the pinnacle of educational opportunities for our industry," Bubb said, adding the final stone has been laid in building professionalism into the industry. "Thousands of dedicated public safety communications personnel have chosen this career path, and we have worked for years to get them recognized as true professionals in their field. We can now seal this promise of professionalism with the coveted college diploma developed specifically for our industry."

APCO Institute has developed individual academic courses since 1980 to meet the specific needs of the industry, including its flagship certificate program, the APCO Basic Telecommunicator Course.

This first-of-its-kind endeavor culminates years of educational development for public safety communications and sets the pace for modern learning technology.

The world's oldest and largest public safety communications organization, APCO has more than 13,700 members. They include police, fire, emergency medical services, forestry, military and government personnel who manage and operate public safety facilities throughout the world.

## Safety tips



Never remove safety guards from appliances such as lawn mowers or other garden tools.

(NAPSA)-A few minutes of prevention may be worth months of safety and enjoyment when it comes to using electrical outlets and appliances outdoors.

Here are outdoor safety tips, courtesy of the National Electrical Safety Foundation:

- Check outdoor wall outlets for rain, cold weather or snow damage. Each outlet should have a snap-on cover to keep children's fingers and other objects from being inserted into the outlet.

- Outlets around sinks, pools or places where water accumulates should have ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI). Inexpensive GFCI adapters that plug into outlets can be purchased at hardware stores or a permanent GFCI can be installed by a qualified electrician.

- Repair or replace broken or cracked plugs and cords on power tools.

- When outdoors, only use extension cords marked for outdoor use. Never use extension cords not insulated to withstand water, snow, cold weather or extreme heat.

- Outdoor electrical products should never be left outdoors, unattended or plugged in while the switch is in an on position or being moved.

- Metal ladders conduct electricity, so only use them in dry weather and keep away from power lines or wires.

For more electrical safety information, send a 55-cent stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope to NESF, 1300 North 17th Street, #1847, Rosslyn, Virginia 22209 or visit [www.nesf.org](http://www.nesf.org).

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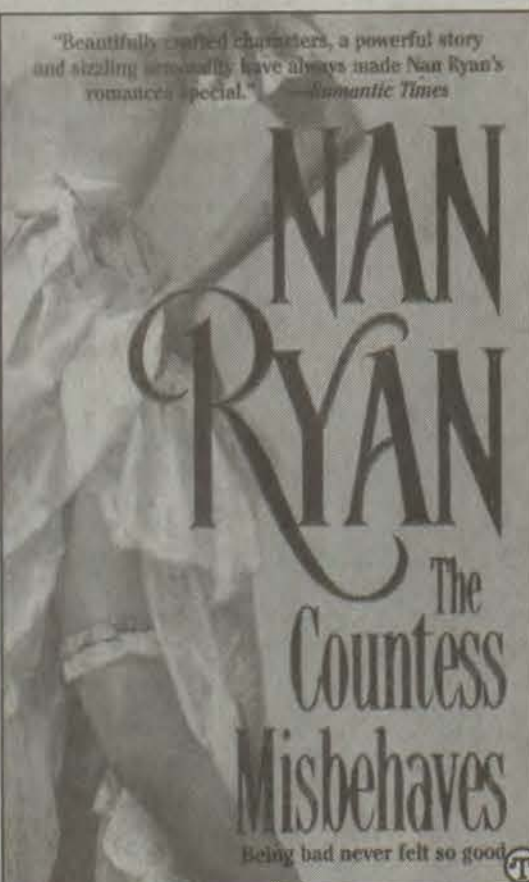
(NAPSA) - An entrancing tale of a woman torn between the fiancé who loves her and a man she can't stop wanting. That's what's in store for the readers of award-winning author Nan Ryan's latest book, *The Countess Misbehaves* (MIRA Books \$6.50).

During a transatlantic voyage from England to New Orleans, Lady Madeline Cavendish, the Countess of Ballarat, first encounters Armand de Chevalier, a man she distrusts from the first moment she sees him. With the exception of her constant encounters with this roguishly handsome Creole, Lady Madeline enjoys her sea voyage until the ship sails into a life-threatening hurricane.

In the midst of evacuating the ship Lady Madeline is nearly washed overboard. In that instant, Armand reaches out and saves her life. With no lifeboats to be found and no way off the ship, Madeline and Armand believe the end is near. They throw themselves into a passionate embrace.

What happens next, after Madeline is saved and believes Armand to have perished, is the discovery of a love neither Madeline nor Armand thought possible.

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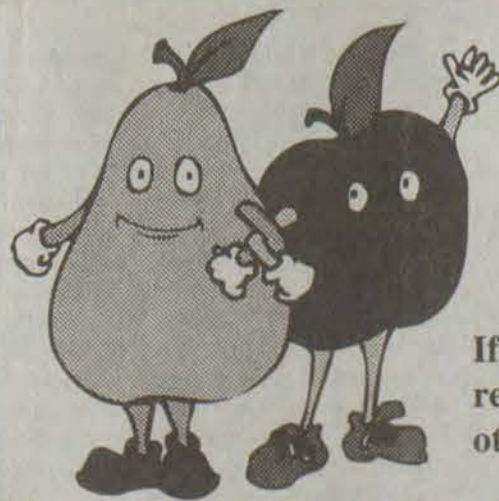
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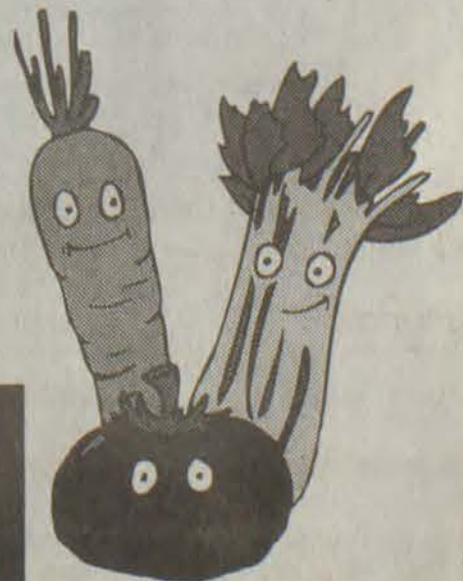
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# Viewpoint

## QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Not many sounds in life, and I include all urban and all rural sounds, exceed in interest a knock at the door.

Charles Lamb—

Sunday, July 16, 2000 A4

## Editorial

### Rules have changed

Beginning this weekend, if you are under age 18, you'd better hide those cigarettes from police officers, and if you are under age 12, you need to wear a life jacket when boating.

But if you are a motorcyclist, you no longer have to have proof of health insurance to ride without a helmet.

The rules have changed — and not always for the better.

Friday was when most of the laws enacted by the 2000 General Assembly took effect. One of those laws is House Bill 10, which for the first time prohibits the use of tobacco products by those under the age of 18.

That's significant. Previously, it had only been illegal for retailers to sell tobacco products to minors; there were no restrictions on minors using tobacco.

HB 10 changes that — at least on paper — but it is an extremely weak law that will do little to keep tobacco products out of the hands of children.

The law gives police officers the power to confiscate tobacco products from youths. However, the law specifically says the tobacco products must be "in plain view" of the confiscating officer. That means the officer can take the cigarette from the child he spots smoking, but not the pack of cigarettes the child has stuffed in his pocket. More important, the law assesses no penalty for minors caught using tobacco products — except for the loss of the product, of course.

We support any reasonable effort to discourage young people from picking up a potentially deadly tobacco habit, but if the legislators really want to give local police officers a meaningful role in curbing youth tobacco use, they should give them the power to enforce the ban against retailers selling tobacco products to minors. State Alcohol Beverage Control officers now are the only ones who can enforce the law, and until that changes the chances of a retailer actually being cited for selling tobacco to a minor are slim.

House Bill 465 requires children under age 12 to wear a "personal flotation device" when engaged in boating, and it establishes penalties for the adult owners and operators of boats that allow kids to ride without life preservers.

It shouldn't take a state law to convince boaters of the safety value of life preservers. In fact, while assuring the children that are wearing their life jackets, adults would do well to also wear them. It's the smart thing to do.

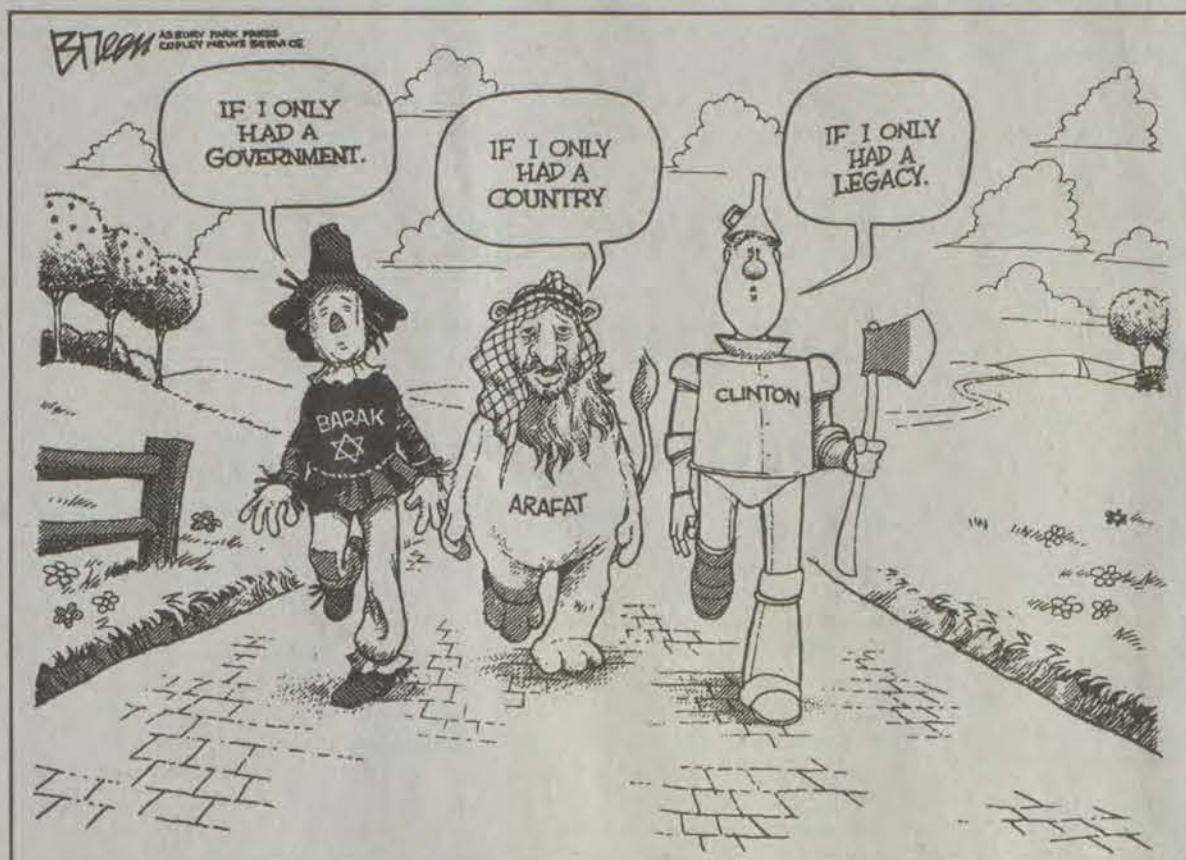
We were among those that objected when the 1998 General Assembly repealed the law requiring all motorcyclists to wear helmets, but at least legislators attempted to protect taxpayers from getting shackled with paying for the increased medical costs of helmetless cyclists injured in accidents by requiring those without helmets to have medical insurance.

That requirement is now history. Beginning today, anyone riding a motorcycle can go without a helmet.

To be honest, the old law was unenforceable. It was impossible for an officer to determine if the motorcyclist speeding down the highway without a helmet had health insurance or not, but the change likely will result in taxpayers footing more medical bills for serious injuries motorcyclists incur because they were not wearing helmets.

Our support for a mandatory helmet law has not changed. Like seat belts, helmets save lives and reduce injuries.

— Ashland Daily Independent



## Guest Column

### America Lite — Dumbing down history and biology

A lilting old Sam Cooke tune begins: "Don't know much about history /Don't know much biology," and concludes nonetheless, "What a wonderful world this would be."

Well, perhaps. These are meant as whimsical lyrics about love. But, they also seem to carry a darker meaning. One new study reveals a sobering illiteracy of American history, even among this year's graduates of elite colleges and universities. Another points out glaring deficiencies in high school biology textbooks. If ignorance is bliss, then America seems a happy place.

Let's take history first.

Researchers gave a pop quiz to 556 of this year's seniors at 55 of the nation's top-ranked colleges (Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Duke, University of California at Los Angeles, Michigan, Carleton, Macalester, etc.). Nearly 80 percent of them scored a D or F.

The questions were high school stuff. But only a third of the seniors could identify George Washington as the American general at Yorktown, the concluding battle of the Revolution. (The other choices were Gens. Sherman, Grant and MacArthur.)

Fewer than a quarter knew that James Madison was the primary architect of the Constitution (not Washington, Thomas Jefferson or Ben Franklin).

Only 22 percent were able to identify "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" as a line from the Gettysburg Address.

Fewer than half could place Abraham Lincoln's presidency as roughly between 1860 and 1880. Only a third knew the Battle of the Bulge came during World War II, or that Harry Truman was president at the start of the Korean War or that the Voting Rights Act was part of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society.

But 99 percent knew Beavis and Butthead as car-

toon characters and 98 percent identified rap singer Snoop Doggy Dogg.

"Losing America's Memory" was an appropriate title for the report issued by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. "These students are allowed to graduate as if they didn't know the past existed," complained one of the study's authors, noting that none of the colleges requires U.S. history for graduation.

Happily, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., aims to change that. He introduced a resolution recently calling on educators to strengthen history requirements. They should do so.

Forgetful democracies repeat their mistakes and lose the civic glue that binds their citizens to one another.

After all, it was Jefferson (not Doggy Dogg) who rapped: "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be."

Now biology.

In an evaluation of 10 widely used biology textbooks, the American Association for the Advancement of Science gave none a high rating. The greatest problem is that textbooks treat topics piecemeal without conveying key biological ideas or their connections to physics, math and technology.

One researcher compared the situation to studying the carburetor, fuel injector and universal joint without providing the sense of the car as a mode of transportation.

Surely educators can do better. The recent announcement that scientists have cracked the genetic code of human life ought to provide the impetus for explaining its significance to everyone. It is, after all, a monumental event — in history and biology.

Reprinted from the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

### Fighting AIDS in Africa must be world priority

Ours is a world that can detect water on Mars, create the Internet and decipher human biology. And, yet, millions are dying of a preventable disease — AIDS. Two-thirds of its sufferers are concentrated in Africa.

AIDS in Africa is not a new story; for several years now, experts have been sounding the alarm in various ways. But the crisis will stay in the news as a global killer unless the world mobilizes to stop it.

Late last year, the first U.N. report on the subject noted that nearly 20 million Africans carry the virus and that 2 million are expected to die this year.

In January, Vice President Al Gore declared that AIDS is a worldwide national security threat. And now come more staggering numbers about the magnitude of the problem — and why the rest of the world should respond.

According to the most recent U.N. study, 50 percent to 65 percent of all those now 15 years old will die of AIDS in some southern African nations if current infection rates continue.

It is almost more than the mind can fathom — that half or more of an entire region's teenagers could be on their deathbeds in their 30s and 40s.

But what can be done?

First, most African nations have waged battles against colonial powers and some are still involved in civil wars. They must treat the AIDS threat like a liberation war — a battle to save their own futures. Every government and every organization — private, nonprofit and religious — must join the campaign to remove stigma and denial about the disease, educate the population, promote safe sex and facilitate the use of anti-AIDS drugs.

Across the board, African leaders must convey strong, consistent messages about the disease and make it a top priority.

Success stories in other parts of the continent hold lessons. Senegal, for example, held its infection rate to under 2 percent. Uganda, once the center of the continent's plague, reduced its rates by half in 10 years through an intensive public information campaign led by President Yoweri Museveni.

In addition, African nations need all the help that the international community can muster; a continent

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## Poison Pen

by Ralph Davis  
Managing Editor



## Summer snooze

It's July and that means it's a pretty boring time for those of us who get our thrills from watching the political dramas. At this time of year, with the primary election a distant memory and fall race too remote to consider, most campaigns at all levels are operating on cruise control.

Of course, things will start to get a little more at the end of the month. That's when the first of the two major parties has their presidential nominating convention.

The Republicans will meet in Philadelphia beginning July 31, while the Democrats will have their shindig in Los Angeles starting August 14.

One of the most talked-about aspects of the conventions this year is the fact that the networks are not planning to give them the gavel-to-gavel coverage they have in the past.

Well, why should they? The conventions have become nothing more than four-day long infomercials.

At one time, there was a reason to watch the conventions, a hint of uncertainty regarding the outcome which kept them interesting.

These days, however, there really is no reason to watch unless you're a rabid Democrat/Republican who would enjoy such a pep rally. There is no uncertainty regarding the presidential candidate and the approval of platforms and running mates are rubber-stamp formalities.

So it is little wonder that the networks have decided not to waste their time to offer complete coverage of two events which are no longer newsworthy.

So bring on Regis and Survivor and pre-season Monday Night Football. At least with those programs, there will be some amount of uncertainty.

**TROUBLING THOUGHT...** If the conventions are too cheesy for network TV, what does that say about the state of politics in this country? After all, television is no bastion of enlightenment itself.

**SPEAKING OF...** watered-down news, the trend doesn't appear to be stopping with television.

I felt a great amount of dismay reading the front page of a certain statewide newspaper a few weeks back. There, at the bottom of the page, was an in-depth look at the battle for supremacy between the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync.

Wow! What a display of investigative journalism!

Last week, the same newspaper ran a story about the Wimbledon match between Venus and Serena Williams, not in the sports section, not just on the front page, but as the lead story at the top of the page, banner headline and all.

Here we are, living in a time of unprecedented technological change, while disease and war and poverty and hunger still run rampant through most of the world, and the best we can fill our minds with is boy bands and tennis?

Someday, probably not too far in the future, Americans will pay a stiff price for placing a premium on entertainment over knowledge.

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**BRAD MARTIN,**  
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# "Be a hammer, not a nail"

## Jones could be youngest football coach in Kentucky

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

When you get a look at the new South Floyd football coach the first thought is, "what position does he play?"

When you have your first conversation with him the second thought is, "where does

he get all that enthusiasm?"

Nathan Jones is a native Ohioan and hails from the Dayton area where he attended high school and played some football. He just graduated from Eastern Kentucky University this spring and already has landed a position that most just out of college dream about.

Jones became the head football coach at South Floyd High School replacing veteran coach Donnie Daniels, who resigned at the end of last season.

Jones hopes to bring that excitement,

bubbling inside of him, to the gridiron when his team opens on the road against Evarts on August 18. Coach Jones said being excited was an understatement in describing his feelings about taking the job and the confidence the school showed in him.

"I am very, very excited to have the chance to be a head coach in my first job," said Jones. "South Floyd took a chance and hopefully it will pay off for them. I'm con-

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## Still youthful, Brewer doing what he loves

by ED TAYLOR  
 SPORTS EDITOR

At the age of 22, most young men are thinking of establishing themselves in a corporate office or working on a career that will take them to the top of some corporate ladder.

At times in planning one's career, it is the lifestyle that goes with it that is the most appealing.

But for Jason Brewer, age 22, he is doing the one thing he loves and that is being around horses. Brewer, who hails from the state of Ohio, has been involved with racing "all my life."

"My dad was in it for six years but I have been around it all my life," he said. "I have only been driving for the past four years."

Brewer owns 19 horses of his own and is a certified trainer for harness horses.

"I claim a lot of horses," he said. "Eighty percent of my horses are claim horses."

Horses begin their harness careers as

yearlings and it takes about a year to get them ready for the bike, according to Brewer.

"They don't race until they are about two years old," he said. "We start them out as a yearling and begin to work with them. It takes a few months."

Brewer, who also trains for other horse owners, said that he will be honest with people in determining if their horse is capable of being a harness horse.

"I have had a few, not many, where I had to tell them the horse had to go," said Brewer. "Their horses will never make it. I want to be honest with them. I don't want to take their money. I don't need to."

Brewer said all the owners he trains for are mostly from Kentucky.

"I train for owners from down here. We have owners from Oil Springs, Staffordsville, Paintsville, Martin, Pikeville and around," said Brewer.

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## A Look At Sports...

### Have the Reds said good-bye to the 2000 season?



From all indications the Cincinnati Reds have all but abandoned the 2000 major league baseball season.

Dumping potential free agent Denny Neagle, the ace of the "not much" Reds pitching staff, for future stars seems to say the Reds are not confident that they can overtake the St. Louis Cardinals the second half of the season.

Talk is that the key person in the trade was Drew Henson, but even the Reds do not know if Henson will ever play third base for them. You see, Henson is in love with the game of football and could very well be the starting quarterback for Michigan this football season. Word has it that Henson is "more" interested in a career in the NFL rather than the major leagues.

He had been playing third base for New York's Double-A ballclub and is described as a Mike Schmidt-type third baseman. But he is also described as a Troy Aikman-type quarterback.

Now the problem of whether Henson is a major leaguer or an NFL prospect lies with the Reds. It becomes their problem. Can GM Jim Bowden persuade Henson to devote his time to baseball and forget football? I don't know. Jim has pulled off some pretty

(See **SPORTS**, page three)



## Musick and Johnson Central set for another 4-A football season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS WRITER

Turn back the clock to spring 1992. The weather was warming and two high schools were getting ready to cross paths, something neither expected.

Evarts High School, a small Class A high school was coming off another successful season under head coach Bill Musick.

Johnson Central High School, a Class 4-A school, was coming off yet another losing season with a dismal record of 2-8.

Current Johnson Central Principal Steve Trimble was coach of the Golden Eagles back in 1992, stepping down in the winter of that year and giving way to a new coach.

The rumors of a new coach ran wild as they normally do with any head coaching vacancy. Names rumored for the job included everyone you had and had not heard of. After all, a Class 4-A school offers a whole lot of opportunities for a coach.

A bigger school usually has good facilities, including the athletic facilities. The

one thing missing the most from the Johnson Central football program was tradition. A program without tradition often doesn't know how to win. The new coach would have to be able to come into the program as a proven winner, someone who has been there, done that. That coach would be none other than Bill Musick.

Bill Musick came to the Johnson Central program from Evarts High School, fresh off of a string of state playoff appearances.

Musick remains one of the only coaches in the area to have coached a Mr. Football. Musick coached former Mr. Football Scott Russell while coaching at Evarts.

The task of making Johnson Central a winner was laid before Musick, and he took it head on. Taking over a 4-A school with absolutely no winning tradition is not easy for any coach.

That debut season, Musick and his young Eagles were somewhat slow getting out of the gates. The team finished 0-10 on the season playing such state football powers as Clark County and Madison Central. Johnson Central played one of

the toughest schedules of any team in the state during the 1992 campaign.

The reception for Musick among some of the "non-believers" was less than receptive. The coaching staff felt the Central team needed a new look to break away from the old. Musick went to black and white jerseys, eliminating gold from the football jerseys. The coach just wanted to try something new. Feedback Musick got from the uniform change was from doubters who said Musick was taking away from the school's tradition.

All Bill Musick was trying to do was build a tradition, nothing wrong there. Some people didn't agree with Musick's choices or decisions, but who was in the coach's office for days at a time sacrificing his time and his family for the program? It sure wasn't the drugstore coaches admiring from afar.

Those who like to tell you everything that is wrong with the program, and nothing that is right with it, were nowhere to be found when Musick was making winter conditioning schedules, or coordinating

(See **JCHS**, page three)







**NEW HEAD FOOTBALL** coach Nathan Jones will look to returning assistants for help during the 2000 football season. Jones was hired to replace Donnie Daniels, who resigned after last season (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Jones**

fidient that I will. I have a lot of enthusiasm, time and energy to give to the program.

"They left me with some good talent coming back. I am real pleased with what I have seen so far. The players look like they are really excited to go this year."

Jones will inherit a program that will return a veteran backfield of B.J. Bryant, Matt Tackett and Joe Platkus. But the Raiders will have a couple of young speedsters in Jeremy Tackett and Leon Brown.

"Bryant is very explosive," said Jones. "He can turn it on anytime. He has some of the best ones (times) I have seen. I am very excited about coaching him this year. He has an opportunity to become a fabulous player."

"Joe is a very big kid. He can move. He had dropped his 40 time down some this year. He is going to get in better shape and be a back to mess with this year."

"Jeremy Tackett will get a lot of playing time this year. He looks like he can really run the ball. He has looked real impressive. Leon Brown did not play last year but came out this season. I expect a lot of big

things out of him this year. He is an explosive type runner. He will handle the ball some."

Coach Jones said junior Josh Johnson will be behind center when the season kicks off in August.

"Josh played a little bit last year and got some experience," said the new South Floyd coach. "I think he has got another year of maturity under his belt. In just talking with him he is ready to lead this team."

Coach Jones would not give much of an assessment of Brackett Field only to say, "I am looking forward to the new stadium next year."

Georgetown College will be the site of the camp for the Raiders July 30-August 2. Coach Jones said it will be a time of dedication for the Raiders.

"We'll get them down there away from parents, girl friends and other distractions," he said. "We want to get some quality time in while there. We then come back put the pads on and then play our gridiron."

An adopted slogan posted around the Raiders weight room reads, "Be the hammer and not the nail."

"I have to credit by high school

coach, Butch McPhearson for that one," said Coach Jones. "That was his philosophy in life, be a leader. Be aggressive."

Jones commented on the things the Raiders need to do before the season opens.

"We will have a new play book and each player is going have to learn the book," he said. "That is number one. We will learn new plays and they (players) will be tested on them. If you don't pass certain percentage of the plays the consequence may be loss of playing time."

Coach Jones stated he did not want a player on the field where they are required to think too much.

"I want it to come natural to them," he said.

The new Raider mentor said the kicking game will be a part of the South Floyd scheme of things.

"I would like to find a good kicker," he said. "I will put a lot of emphasis on the kicking game."

The eastern part of the state is not really that foreign to Jones as his grandparents were one time residents of Paintsville.

"I used to come down here in the summer and visit them," he said. "I love it here. I love the scenery and the mountains are so beautiful."

Jones said he was impressed with the friendliness of the area.

South Floyd interest in Jones came via the Internet where he had filed a resume.

"They got in touch with me," he said. "They searched the Internet and it gave my name as a recommendation for this area."

Jones said the thing he loves about football is putting points on the scoreboard.

"I love to score," he said. "Whatever it takes."

He does not prefer one phase of the game over the other as long as it produces points.

The Raiders are expected to be a 50-50 club this season and will use the pass if necessary.

"We have players who can run the ball and catch the ball out of the backfield," he said. "I hope to be knowledgeable enough of my players to know what they can or cannot do."

Nathan Jones. He may look like "just one of the boys" but you will notice the difference when the game gets underway. Don't be surprised by a youthful figure leading the cheers on the Raider sidelines.

"I get excited when we score," he said. "I will be cheering and hollering and jumping up and down."

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**15th Region football officials to meet**

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS EDITOR

Aspiring football officials as well as veterans are urged to be in attendance for the officials organizational meeting on Thursday, July 20, at 7 p.m.

The meeting, mandatory for all returning officials, will be held at Pikeville High School, according to 15th Region assigning secretary Jerry Hurley.

For more information, contact Jerry Hurley at (304) 235-6778 or (606) 237-5100.



**SOUTH FLOYD'S** Jason Johnson hit the weights in preparation for the upcoming football season. The Raiders open on August 18 against Evarts on the road (photo by Ed Taylor)

**JCHS**

summer passing leagues.

Four years into his tenure, Bill Musick had Johnson Central into the playoffs for the first time in the school's history. Although the Golden Eagles would fall to the Bell County Bobcats in their first playoff game, history had been made.

Musick, his coaches, supporters and true fans of the program haven't looked back since. Since that first playoff game in 1995, Musick has made the state playoffs an annual thing. It's something the program is now familiar with, something they had never experienced before Bill Musick came to town.

Musick has always surrounded the program with great coaches. Mike Baldwin, a former coach at Union College and Elkhorn City, was Musick's head assistant for several years. Baldwin has been out of the program for a year now, but is considering a return.

Johnson Central alumni Billy Johnson, Mo Hall, Larry Salyer, Scott Rowland and Ben Hamilton have all served under Musick at one time or another. The Golden Eagles are building on a great football tradition going into this season.

The Golden Eagles return a solid defensive unit this season; one built around seniors Casey Music and Scott Salyer. Those two seniors will lead a very experienced defense.

Casey Music returns for another season in 4-A football, looking to improve from the 6-5 season of a year ago. Music is an athletic quar-

terback who can do many things with the football.

The Eagles also return a veteran offensive line this season. Paul Browning will more than likely be Music's center.

This year's schedule for Central will call for the usual game with Paintsville, along with the tough 4-A schedule. The Eagles open up with Leslie County in the Big Sandy Bowl Saturday, August 19.

Musick and his squad will play another demanding 4-A schedule this season, a 4-A routine the Golden Eagles are quite familiar with. Practice is now getting underway and Musick will constantly remind his players how their is no looking back.

The high school football season is growing close and Coach Bill Musick is sure to have his team ready for another season of 4-A battles.

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**Brewer**

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"There are a lot of people down there who like harness horses. I just wish we could get more involved and come out."

Brewer said that most horses can run until they become 14.

"They can race a long time," he said. "Once they are through racing a lot of them go the Amish up in Pennsylvania."

Others, according to Brewer, become riding horses and pets on farms. Some even end up as show horses.

"If you go to this thing (horse show) they have on Saturday nights, a lot of them are now riding horses that were harness horses. But it takes a special kind of horse to show. Most of my horses, you could ride because they are used to having someone on their back."

Brewer said he wouldn't do anything else and that racing is his life. While he drives for others, he mostly races his own horses. He

has become one of the bigger money winners as a driver on the circuit.

"As just a driver you get five percent of what the horse wins," he said. "If you are an owner you get all the purse."

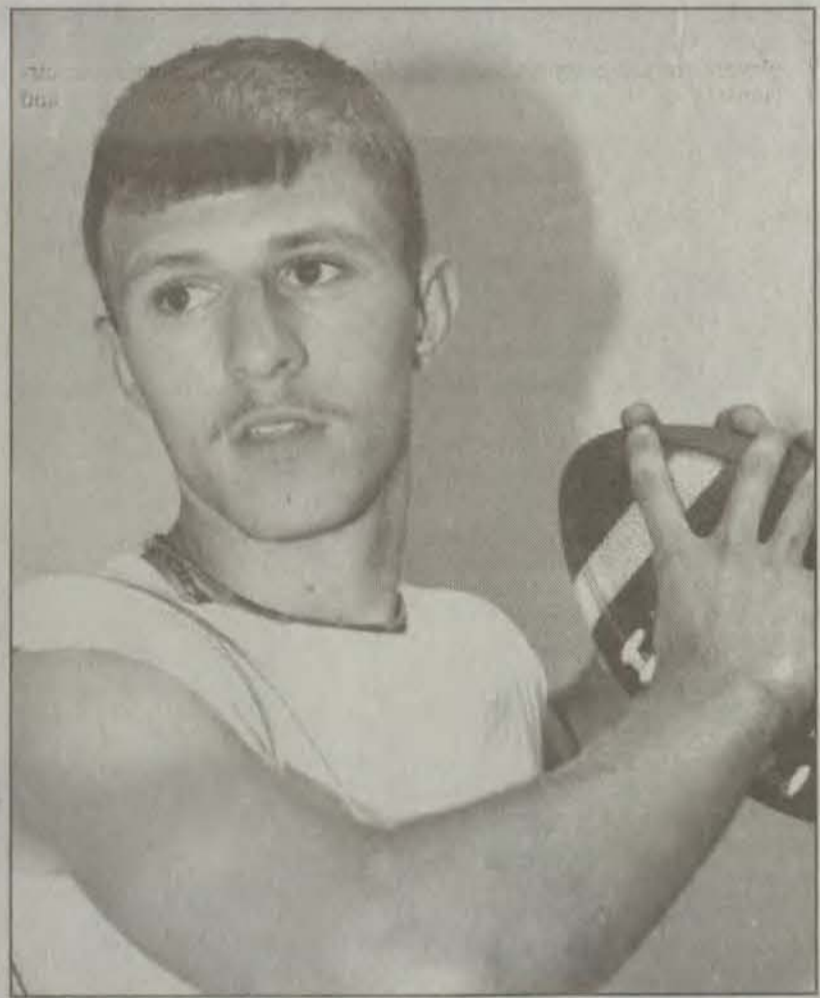
A purse can run anywhere from \$1,200 to \$2,000. Brewer said there is money to be made in the sport.

"You just have to use your head," he said. "You can make some money racing. As a driver, I am usually in every race. I'll run about five to six races a night."

Brewer said his father, who is 40, got out of the sport and is involved only has a half-owner in one of the horses.

"They still live in Ohio and he decided that is it, and got out of it," said Brewer.

Brewer will, after the Thunder Ridge stay, will move on to Paducah and the Bluegrass, the third stop on the circuit.



**JASON JOHNSON** will be behind center for the South Floyd Raiders when the season kicks off in August. Johnson, a junior, started the first three games last season for the Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**Sports**

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big deals. Henson has said that it is a hard call for him right now.

"This trade happened partially because of that," he said. "Baseball is a business and I can understand their thinking."

George Steinbrenner, owner of the Yankees, tried to persuade Henson to forget about the pigskin and commit to baseball. Steinbrenner all but promised Henson stardom if he would make that decision and would always remain in a Yankee uniform.

However, experts say, the Yankees knew that football would win Henson over and thus the dealing to the Reds.

Henson reported to the Reds Double-A affiliate in Chattanooga. What happens if Henson says no to baseball and yes to football?

Well, the Reds still feel they have good prospects in the other three taken in the deal with the Yankees.

Ed Yarnall, pitching in Triple-A, is the closest of the four to making it with the Reds. He was 13-4 for the Yankee Triple-A team last year but has slipped to 2-1 this season.

He started one game for the Yankees this season.

Jackson Melian, another hurler, is playing at the Double-A level. The fourth minor leaguer is Brian Reith, a pitcher in Single-A. He is currently 9-4 this season.

Now, will the Reds use the dumping of Neagle to sign short-stop Barry Larkin to a multi-year deal that will keep the native Cincinnati in town for the rest of his career?

According to reports, Neagle was traded simply because the Reds could not sign him. Bowden has contended all along that the Reds are interested in keeping Larkin but the two cases are separate ones. Larkin is seeking \$28 million for three years. I say that is unjustifiable. Larkin is 36 years old and his best years are behind him.

Bowden said the Reds payroll could take a hike from the projected \$44 million to \$70 million. Bowden contends that the Reds cannot afford such a payroll.

While all the dealings were going on in the office the on-field players were remaining silent and not wanting to get involved in the

discussing the latest Reds dealings.

Remember back in February when it was announced that Ken Griffey Jr. was coming home? The Queen City was abuzz. They all but had the Reds penciled in to win the National League Central Division in a walkaway.

Today, the same city stands in awe of what has happened to their cherished team that has seen an increase of 33 percent in attendance from last year.

Personally, I think the Reds made a wise decision unloading a player they had no chance to resign. Neagle is a good pitcher, but like most pitchers, arm problems could send you home permanently.

One team is not built, or should not be built around one player. The Reds still have a 25 man roster and if they dedicate themselves to the cause in front of them, they could still overcome the Cards. It is not likely, but they will just have to try to outscore the opposition the rest of the way instead of trying to out-pitch them.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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# STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS...

## NFL training camps open after tainted off-season

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

NFL teams are currently opening training camps all across the country following one of the most nightmarish off-seasons any pro league has ever went through.

Two NFL players found themselves jailed on charges of murder while another, Fred Lane, was just recently found dead, possibly a homicide.

The league also lost one of its best defensive players of all time in Kansas City Chief Derrick Thomas. The Chiefs linebacker was killed in a car wreck this past off season.

The Cleveland Browns have already opened up training camp for the 2000 season and are content to build on the 2-14 season of a year

ago.

Being the big Browns fan I am, I would love to see the Browns get back to the level they were on back in the late 1980s when they challenged Denver year in and year out for the AFC Championship.

The additions of number one pick Courtney Brown and free agent Orpheus Brown should strengthen the defense as far as end positions go.

Cleveland still hasn't added another quality receiver for Tim Couch to throw to. Another receiver would open the Cleveland offense up for more of the deep balls Couch is capable of throwing from time to time.

Cleveland's training camp home is Berea, Ohio.

The Cincinnati Bengals will

open training camp next Friday, July 21, at Georgetown College. The Bengals are looking to build on the 4-12 season of a year ago.

Quarterback Akili Smith does have an offensive threat at his disposal in the form of number one draft pick Peter Warrick. The big question for Cincinnati appears to be whether running back Corey Dillon will holdout this season, and if so how many games will he hold out?

Cincinnati's first intrasquad scrimmage is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, July 29, at Rawlings Field in Georgetown. It's great to have a professional football franchise holding their training camp in the Bluegrass State, even if it is the Bengals.

An interesting team to watch this

season will be the Tampa Bay Bucs. The off-season acquisition of Keyshawn Johnson should help the Tampa Bay offense catch up a little bit to their ruthless defense. Tampa Bay's defense is one of the best the NFL has seen in recent years.

Off season losses of quarterback Trent Duffer, and linebacker Hardy Nickerson leave holes on both sides of the ball that Tampa Bay has to fill in order to compete this season.

Shaun King is a sensational young quarterback prospect, but can the Bucs rely on him this early in his professional career?

Warrick Dunn and Mike Alstott are a great power-finesse duo in the backfield, but that still doesn't make up for a quarterback who has experience. It would take years to obtain.

Veteran 'backer Hardy Nickerson was a mainstay on the Bucs defense over the past few years. A linebacker who can virtually play any linebacker position is definitely hard to replace.

The 2000 NFL season will promise to be something to behold.

onship.

This year's Big Sandy Bowl features Paintsville taking on Fleming County and Johnson Central battling Leslie County.

Another great bowl here in the area is the Pike County Bowl, a bowl played at one of the Pike County schools.

Bowl games are fun to watch. The atmosphere at high school bowls is usually upbeat and very festive. Everyone is usually looking forward to the upcoming season.

### OTHER FALL SPORTS

Fall isn't just for football anymore. Girls' volleyball, golf and cross country all take place during the early fall months. Each sport is equally important to the athletes who participate in them.

The area has seen several outstanding high school golfers come out of the high school golf pro-

grams. Cross-country is always popular, with a large percentage of athletes taking part also being members of the basketball teams at their respective schools. Cross-Country serves as a great way for those not participating in football to get in shape for the basketball season, or even the upcoming wrestling season.

Don't forget about high school wrestling. Prestonsburg wrestling Coach Jerry Butcher has done an outstanding job with the new wrestling program at that school.

Wrestling teams usually begin conditioning in late October or early November.

It never hurts for young athletes to try new sports. They just might find one they really like. Don't be afraid to try a new sport or activity. If you look hard enough you might find something you really enjoy.

That's all for now. See you at the games.



IT WAS A BIG EVENING at Thunder Ridge Speedway this past Friday night as drivers met just before the qualifying races began. (photo by Ed Taylor)

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON ONE MONTH AWAY

High school football teams throughout the area are practicing full steam in preparation for the 2000 season.

Several area schools take part in bowl games to begin the season. One of the great bowl games in the area is the Big Sandy Bowl.

The Big Sandy Bowl traditionally pits Johnson Central and Paintsville in separate games against two other teams from the region or state. Local teams who have participated in the Big Sandy Bowl include South Floyd, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg played Johnson Central (a Johnson Central team I played on) back in 1992, defeating the Golden Eagles on their home field. As most of you know, Prestonsburg would make it to the state finals the following year falling just short of a state champi-



MICHAEL MORRISON hurled no-hit baseball against Magoffin County in the Junior League All-Star tournament at Paintsville last week. (photo by Steve Lemaster)

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# Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

## Notes to be named later:

■ Last year, the Reds season lasted all the way to the final day of the season.

This season, it ended the day after the all-star break.

Trading Denny Neagle is like waving the white flag. Weve surrendered. Well start working toward next year. Well spend the rest of this season trying to re-sign Barry Larkin and trying to get Junior Griffey a respectable batting average.

And seeing how many runs a team can give up.

One thing for sure. If Danny Graves is going to win the Fireman of the Year award, he'd better get himself traded too. I don't see too many save opportunities in the near future in Cincinnati.

■ Rick Pitino in South Bend? Could be.

He'll want a statue of himself right beside Touchdown Jesus, but

■ Drew Henson, who the Reds got in the Neagle deal, is quite a story. Many of you know when he's not playing minor league baseball, he's the quarterback of the Wolverines of Michigan.

He's from the small town of Brighton, which isn't much more than a touchdown toss from Michigan's most beautiful town, Chelsea. A couple of years ago when I was on vacation there, I talked to one of Chelsea Highs (Go Bulldogs!) baseball coaches, who doubles as a huge Wolverine fan, and he was worried UM may lose its coveted quarterback prospect. Apparently, on the diamond, he's the real deal.

But if he decides the best path to riches is playing 16 Sunday afternoons in the fall instead of every heat-riddled evening of spring, summer and fall, this could go down in the annals of Reds' history.

Jim Bowden hasn't made many

bad moves. In fact, since firing Tony Perez 42 games into his first season, I struggle to remember one. But this one was a risk to say the least.

■ Count me among those a little skeptical about Matt Doherty's chances of success in North Carolina.

North Carolina is one of the top five mens' basketball programs in the country, but I had to say I was surprised at its search for a replacement for Bill Guthridge.

To put it bluntly, Carolina wasn't looking for the best candidate for the job, it was looking for the best candidate within the family.

Folks, this ain't the local lumber yard were running here. Its a big-time basketball program. Now, perhaps Doherty will make us forget Dean Smith, but were doubting it here.

I'd be surprised if Kentucky or Duke would hire someone with only one year of experience to lead the charges. Its just not going to happen. Doherty did a fine job at Notre Dame, but a little more seasoning (no pun intended) was needed before he was cast into the big time.

Even many of the faithful on Tobacco Road were surprised by this move.

No one could doubt the Tar Heels when they offered the job to Roy Williams. But when he shocked most of us by saying no to his mentor, it was time to open the doors to Carolina Blue.

In fact, says here the happiest folks about this hiring were two schools wearing a darker shade: Duke and Kentucky.

■ Among the most annoying things in sports these days is ESPN's infatuation with the term "walk off".

Most often, it is used as "walk

off home run," which means a home run to end a game. But they've thrown in "walk off singles," and even "walk off walks" lately.

Is "game-ending" so difficult? Hasn't it served us well for baseball's first 125 years?

■ If someone came to me and told me they'd found out Ronnie Edwards was 14, it wouldn't surprise me.

This young man just wrapped up an outstanding District Seven, Area One Little League tournament, helping the Belfry all-stars to a third-place finish. Hes about 5-10, and I'd say he's well on his way to being a lineman for Philip Haywood if he so chooses. He's a good-sized young man.

He really looked a lot older than every other child in the tournament. And he used his size to his advantage. On the mound, he overpowered many hitters.

But at the plate, he was really amazing. Check-swing foul balls traveled 175 feet. And Sunday, he was jammed, not extending his arms at all on a pitch, he hit well over the fence in right field.

All this said, what really made him a pleasure to watch was his enthusiasm for the game. During introductions, he made sure he slapped every hand extended for him. He smiled a lot and celebrated with his teammates when he, or any of them, did something eventful.

They call him "Boomer", and its easy to see why. Its also easy to see why he's as popular with the fans of the other teams as his own.

■ Endquote: It's been a while since we've used this feature, but loved this quote from Atlanta manager Bobby Cox, after the Braves got Andy Ashby from Philadelphia Wednesday:

"We kind of like to trade a lot."

# A nation divided. And the bridge that spanned it.

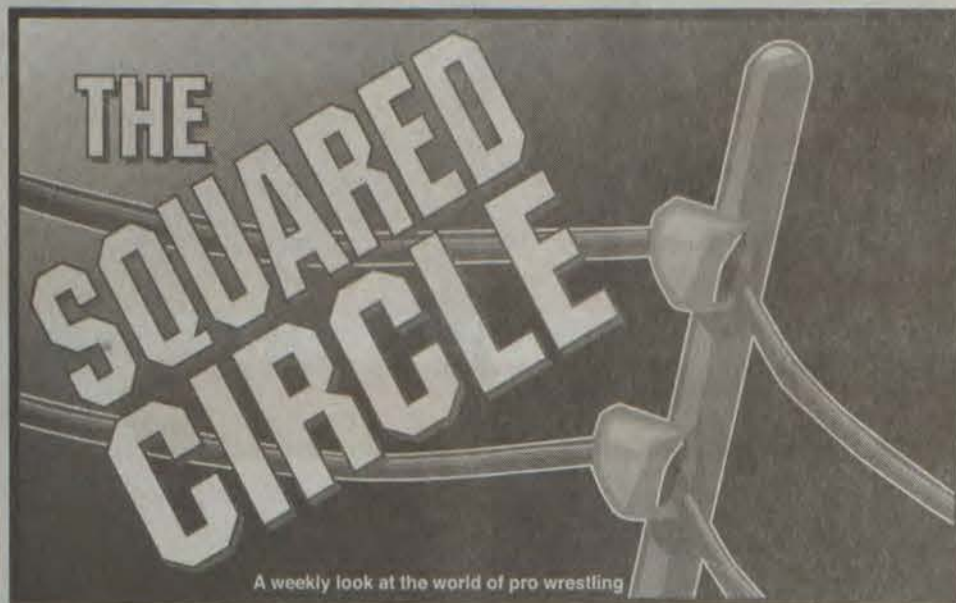
*"I still remember the day I walked into the living room and saw my mom crying. She said that Martin Luther King Jr. had been shot and killed. I wasn't sure who he was, but one look at Mom's face told me he must have been someone special. A few years ago, I got the chance to take my parents to see a special trail of civil rights history. With every stop I could, for the first time, touch and feel the events that shaped a divided country during a turbulent time. Monuments such as the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the National Voting Rights Museum near the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma are showing the world how a state once divided can come together in a unified commitment to heal the wounds of the past."*

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**TOP 10**

1. The Rock, WWF
2. Justin Credible, ECW
3. Chris Benoit, WWF
4. Triple H, WWF
5. Kane, WWF
6. Booker T, WCW
7. Chris Jericho, WWF
8. Sabu, XPW
9. Crash Holly, WWF
10. Rhino, ECW



■ THE ROCK



■ CRASH HOLLY

Look for: Rhino to challenge for the ECW world heavyweight title soon.

**PAY-PER-VIEW**

- ECW, Heatwave, Los Angeles, July 16
- WWF, Fully Loaded, Dallas, July 23
- WCW pay-per-view, Vancouver, British Columbia, Aug. 13

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Dear Squared Circle, Here are my top 10:  
 1. Sting  
 2. Ric Flair  
 3. Kevin Nash  
 4. Scott Hall  
 5. Hulk Hogan  
 6. Scott Steiner  
 7. Diamond Dallas Page  
 8. Buff Bagwell  
 9. Billy Kidman  
 10. Jeff Jarrett  
 Also, does David Flair really hate his dad, Ric Flair?  
 — Jessica Hixon  
 Chillicothe, Ohio

A: Nice top 10, but have you ever heard of the WWF, Jessica? As for Flair, no, he and his dad are really close. It's just an angle.

Dear Squared Circle, Here are my top 10:  
 1. Kane  
 2. Undertaker  
 3. The Rock  
 4. Stone Cold Steve Austin  
 5. X-Pac  
 6. Scotty Too Hotty  
 7. Rikishi  
 8. Chris Jericho  
 9. Goldberg  
 10. Mankind  
 — Alan Hill  
 Williamsburg, Ky.

A: Nice top 10, but have you ever heard of WCW, Alan?

Dear Squared Circle, Here are my top 10:  
 1. Kane  
 2. Undertaker  
 3. Rikishi  
 4. Jeff Hardy  
 5. Too Cool  
 6. Justin Credible  
 7. Austin  
 8. Goldberg  
 9. Buh-Buh Ray Dudley  
 10. Big Show  
 Does Undertaker ever put on Kane's suit when Kane cannot make it?  
 — Dario Rodriguez  
 Parkton, N.C.

A: No.

**FEUD OF THE WEEK**



**Scotty Anton vs. Rob Van Dam, ECW**

**CATCH PHRASES**

"It doesn't matter what your name is."

— The Rock

**REAL NAMES**

**Hulk Hogan, Hollywood Hogan, Terry Bollea**  
 6-7, 275  
 Hometown: Venice Beach, Calif.  
 Birthday: Aug. 11, 1953  
 Pro debut: 1978

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



■ The Hardy Boyz are a popular WWF tag team.

**GIRLS LOVE HARDY BOYZ**

By Jaime Householder  
 Squared Circle Correspondent

Matt and Jeff Hardy are two of the young and attractive superstars of the World Wrestling Federation.

In the May issue of Raw Magazine, they were compared to the Backstreet Boys in that their popularity is rising with female fans.

Matt told Raw Magazine, "I didn't really expect this kind of response from the female fans with the way our image was." He was speaking of their time with Michael Hayes when they were darker. "Our image is somewhat young and hip now. And the clothes we wear are considered pretty cool — it's what all the young people wear out there," Jeff said.

It's not just where these boyz shop that attracts these fans. It's their whole persona — from Jeff's multi-colored hair to the way Matt flashes their signature "gun" pose that makes the Hardys so irresistible to today's teens.

They're not the wholesome All-American boys. They have an essence of excitement and danger that the boy-next-door type doesn't possess.

They talk about the reaction they get when female fans meet them. Many are crying and shaking nervously as they meet them.

Matt said, "You just want to grab them and hug them to make them feel comfortable. But you know whenever that happens it's just amazing that somebody can be that dedicated to you without ever actually meeting you."

But both Matt and Jeff understand why their fans react like this. "It's still so hard to swallow when you take part in a scene like that," Jeff said. "I mean, I'll sit here and watch TV and look up to a certain rock 'n' roll star and I know that if I were to see them in real life I'd be freaking out and stuff, too. But then to think that people look at me in that light, it's just so strange and it all happened so fast. But hey, it's wonderful."

Both Matt and Jeff knew at a young age that they wanted to wrestle. They learned moves with their friends on their trampoline and competed for cardboard title belts. Their dream was to be tag team champions.

They looked up to the legendary Fabulous Freebirds, especially (and ironically enough) Michael "P.S." Hayes. Now that they have accomplished that feat, their goal is to become the most over tag team in wrestling history. There is no doubt they'll be able to reach that status.

Before they got to the WWF, they were in an independent federation known as OMEGA. Many other OMEGAs' have broken into the business, including Joey Abs (WWF), Shannon Moore, Shane Helms (WCW), C.W. Anderson and ChamPain (ECW).

Though their wrestling styles contrast, they also complement each other.

Twenty-two-year-old Jeff is more of a risk-taker, especially with his finishing maneuver, the Senton Bomb. Matt, 25, is the power wrestler of the two. He uses his strength and mat wrestling abilities to destroy his opponents, then finishes them off with the "Twist of Fate" (a swinging neckbreaker). When you put these two together they are a definite force to be reckoned with.

In 1999 they earned "Match of the Year," along with Edge and Christian, for their tag team ladder match at Wrestlemania. As it was the Terri Invitational Tournament, the Hardys won the managerial services of Terri Runnels and a cash prize.

They reached the top of their game on June 29, 1999, when they defeated Faarooq and Bradshaw, The Acolytes. Matt and Jeff became the federation's youngest tag team champions.

With Matt winning the Hardcore title a few months ago and Jeff being compared to a young Shawn Michaels, who knows what the future has in store for these two superstars.

**AFTER THE BELL**

News and gossip from the wrestling world:

■ Paul Bearer will return to the WWF soon with a new gimmick and look.

■ The USA Network-WWF deal runs through the end of September, which suggests that "Raw" will make the move to TNN in October, a month after TNN's deal with ECW ends. There is expected to be no interruption in WWF programming, but no exact start date or time has been set.

■ Jimmy Hart hasn't been on WCW television lately because he tore ligaments in his knee during a match with Mancow at Spring Stampede in Chicago. He'll be out for a couple of months.

■ Mae Young and The Fabulous Moolah were not under WWF contract. They were being paid per show. The WWF has no plans to use them in the near future.

■ Hardcore Holly's (Bob Howard) broken left forearm should have him out four to six weeks. Holly is in tremendous physical condition, and this will help the process.

■ Johnny Ace is quitting All Japan Pro Wrestling to work as a booker for WCW.

■ More than 30 corporations have pulled advertising from WWF "Smackdown!," according to the Parents Television Council. Dr. Pepper/Seven-Up joins Coca-Cola, Wendy's, Ford, General Motors, AT&T, State Farm, M&M Mars, Gap, McDonald's, Delta Airlines and Johnson & Johnson as major companies who no longer will advertise products on the show. The WWF has agreed to tone down the language and gestures in hopes of not losing any more sponsors.

■ Jerry The King Lawler will wrestle more often in addition to doing color commentary for WWF TV. Despite being 50 years old, he's still in good shape and competes weekly in his promotion, Memphis Championship Wrestling.

■ ESPN2 has had discussions with ECW about a possible television deal. ESPN used to air AWA wrestling and USWA in the 1980s.


■ The Dupps and Acolytes will start a major feud soon.

■ Lance Storm and Billy Kidman reportedly like working together. This tag team could get a push in WCW.

■ Ric Flair's father, Dr. Richard Fliehr Sr., died June 25 from complications after bowel surgery earlier in the week. Dr. Fliehr, who was an ob/gyn, actually delivered several pro wrestlers in Minneapolis. He had been on dialysis for some time. He and Mrs. Fliehr were married for 59 years. Our condolences go out to the family.

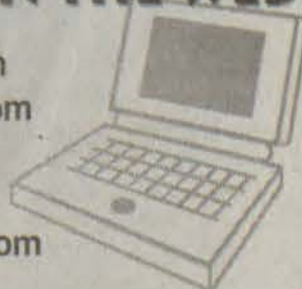
**COMING TO YOUR TOWN**

A look at upcoming wrestling shows across the country:

<b>WWF...</b>	
July 16, Trenton, N.J.	
July 17, "Raw," Albany, N.Y.	
July 18, "Smackdown!" Uniondale, N.Y.	July 21, Dayton, Ohio
<b>WCW...</b>	<b>ECW...</b>
July 18, "Nitro," Auburn Hills, Mich.	July 21, Decatur, Ill.
July 19, East Lansing, Mich.	July 22, Peoria, Ill.
July 20, Toledo, Ohio	July 28, Dallas
	July 29, Houston
	Aug. 11, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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**MAT MEMORIES**

A look back at memorable moments in pro wrestling history:

■ April 7, 1956: Wilbur Snyder beats Verne Gagne in Chicago to win the NWA U.S. title, ending Gagne's 31-month title reign.

■ July 4, 1990: Ed Leslie (Brutus Beefcake) suffers massive facial injuries in a parasailing accident in Florida. He underwent 8 1/2 hours of surgery.

**WHO'S HOT/WHO'S NOT**



**The Big Show:** The 500-pounder should be back in the WWF ring soon. He's working out in Louisville, Ky., with Ohio Valley Wrestling, the WWF's farm system.

**New Jack:** His aerial antics finally have sidelined him. His latest balcony dive resulted in a chipped ankle in three places. He's out for two months.

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WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Bobby Labonte, 2,670	Jeff Green, 2,812	Greg Biffle, 2,412
2. Dale Earnhardt, 2,625	Todd Bodine, 2,424	Mike Wallace, 2,270
3. Dale Jarrett, 2,602	Jason Keller, 2,313	Andy Houston, 2,263
4. Ward Burton, 2,456	Kevin Harvick, 2,290	Jack Sprague, 2,226
5. Tony Stewart, 2,455	Elton Sawyer, 2,213	Kurt Busch, 2,207
6. Mark Martin, 2,453	Ron Hornaday, 2,189	Randy Toisma, 2,075
7. Jeff Burton, 2,449	Randy LaJoie, 2,157	Steve Grissom, 2,002
8. Ricky Rudd, 2,419	Tony Raines, 1,917	Rick Crawford, 1,938
9. Rusty Wallace, 2,377	David Green, 1,900	Bryan Refner, 1,926
10. Jeff Gordon, 2,348	Casey Atwood, 1,899	Dennis Setzer, 1,917

## TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- |                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. (4) <b>Tony Stewart</b>   | <b>Only driver with three wins</b>   |
| 2. (2) <b>Bobby Labonte</b>  | <b>Pair of teammates up front</b>    |
| 3. (3) <b>Dale Earnhardt</b> | <b>Drawing ever closer in points</b> |
| 4. (1) <b>Dale Jarrett</b>   | <b>Nary a wrong move</b>             |
| 5. (7) <b>Mark Martin</b>    | <b>If only the rain had held off</b> |
| 6. (5) <b>Jeff Burton</b>    | <b>Loudon win streak snapped</b>     |
| 7. (6) <b>Jeff Gordon</b>    | <b>Pulled out a top-five</b>         |
| 8. (8) <b>Ward Burton</b>    | <b>Fourth in points ... by one</b>   |
| 9. (9) <b>Rusty Wallace</b>  | <b>He'd trade those seven poles</b>  |
| 10. (—) <b>Ricky Rudd</b>    | <b>Another top-10 and no wins</b>    |

## FROM LAST WEEK

### WINSTON CUP

LOUDON, N.H. — Tony Stewart dedicated his victory in the thatlook.com 300 to his fallen colleague, Kenny Irwin.

Stewart and Irwin were fierce competitors and one-time teammates in the open-wheel ranks. Stewart said that Irwin, who was killed in a Friday practice crash, was responsible for much of his success because Irwin's presence on the track always made Stewart better. They had their differences over the years, as fierce competitors always do, but no one was more devastated at Irwin's death than Stewart, who grew up less than an hour's drive from Irwin in Indiana, the native state of both.

In the first of two annual races at New Hampshire International Speedway, Stewart dominated for the second year in a row. He needed a few gulps of fuel again, though, and this time he was so fast that not even Mother Nature would stand in his way. Mother Nature, in fact, stood in everyone else's way

and provided the beleaguered Stewart with a rain storm that shortened the race to 273 of a scheduled 300 laps.

A year earlier, Stewart had led until running out of fuel with two laps to go, dropping him to 10th behind Jeff Burton.

Stewart led 156 laps. After 40 minutes, NASCAR, like most of the drivers chasing Stewart, called it quits.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

The Busch Grand National Series was off last week and will race Sunday at Nazareth, Pa. Jeff Green, who has four victories this season, owns a 388-point lead over second-place Todd Bodine in the driver standings.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

LOUDON, N.H. — Rookie Kurt Busch, who has teamed with fellow Roush Ford driver Greg Biffle to dominate the series, won for the second week in a row, capturing the thatlook.com 200 at New Hampshire. Joe Ruttman started on the pole.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

### Tony Stewart vs. Ward Burton

Tony Stewart won the race at New Hampshire but was miffed afterward at what he considered unnecessarily rough driving by fellow Pontiac driver Ward Burton.

"Ward Burton tried his damndest to crash me all day when I was trying to lap him," Stewart said. "You don't expect a guy like him to race you like that. Every time I got beside him, he drove into me. I would try to be more patient, and I was trying to be patient. But at the same time, I've got second-, third- and fourth-place guys running behind me and trying to get by me, so I had to do what I could to try to get by Ward. But Ward would've rather crashed me than go a lap down. It's a tough situation."

**NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "It was a tough situation, and one can sympathize with Ward Burton's desperate desire to stay on the lead lap, especially since he is in a points race with Stewart and all the other contenders. This one is a tough call, one you can see both ways."

### WINSTON CUP

■ **What:** Pennsylvania 500  
■ **When:** 1 p.m., July 23  
■ **Where:** Pocono International Raceway, Long Pond, Pa. (2.5-mile track)  
■ **Format:** 200 laps/500 miles  
■ **Defending champion:** Bobby Labonte  
■ **Qualifying record:** Mike Skinner, Chevrolet, 170.451 mph, July 23, 1999  
■ **Race record:** Rusty

Wallace, Ford, 144.892 mph, July 21, 1996

■ **Notable:** Jeff Gordon has won three races at this track. ... Bobby Labonte swept both Pocono races last year.

### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

■ **What:** Econo Lodge 200  
■ **When:** 12:30 p.m., Sunday  
■ **Where:** Nazareth (Pa.) Speedway (1-mile track)  
■ **Format:** 200 laps/miles  
■ **Defending champion:** Matt Kenseth

■ **Qualifying record:** Jeff Green, Chevrolet, 130.866 mph, May 22, 1999

■ **Race record:** Chuck Bown, Pontiac, 104.772 mph, May 11, 1991

■ **Notable:** With the Winston Cup Series taking a week off, Kenseth likely will defend his victory of a year ago. ... Tim Fedewa has won this race twice.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

■ **What:** Chevy Silverado 200

■ **When:** 1:30 p.m., Saturday  
■ **Where:** Nazareth (Pa.) Speedway (1-mile track)

■ **Format:** 200 laps/miles  
■ **Defending champion:** Greg Biffle

■ **Qualifying record:** Mike Bliss, 128.315 mph, July 11, 1998

■ **Race record:** Jack Sprague, 99.252 mph, June 30, 1996

■ **Notable:** Kurt Busch enters this race riding a two-week win streak.

## PROFILE

# Kenny Irwin Jr.

Aug. 5, 1969-July 7, 2000



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

A smile and Kenny Irwin Jr.'s face went hand-in-hand during his three years on the Winston Cup circuit. The 30-year-old Irwin died Friday in a practice crash.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

For the second time in three months, a tragedy occurred in the third turn of New Hampshire International Speedway. Only a few moments after practice began for the thatlook.com 300, Kenny Irwin crashed at almost the same spot where Busch Grand National driver Adam Petty lost his life May 12.

Irwin was a former Winston Cup rookie of the year, a two-time winner in the Craftsman Truck Series and a champion of the United States Auto Club's National Midget Series.

The fatal crash occurred at approximately 11:23 a.m., leaving everyone in shock. His driving ability will be missed, but those who knew him will miss even more his sense of humor, pleasant personality and bright smile.

**Hometown:** Indianapolis  
**Car:** No. 42 BellSouth Chevrolet, owned by Felix Sabates

**Crew chief:** Tony Glover  
**Career statistics:** 87 starts, 0 wins, 4 top-five finishes, 12 top-10 finishes, 3 poles, \$3,606,943 in earnings

**Firsts:** Start (Sept. 6, 1997, at Richmond), pole (Nov. 6, 1998, at Atlanta), victory (none)

**What other drivers said in tribute to the life of Kenny Irwin Jr.:**

**Tony Stewart:** "I want to dedicate this win to Kenny Irwin. We were (once) teammates, and I knew him and raced with him for the last nine years. We weren't always on the best terms with each other, but we always respected each other in a race car and respected what each other could do in a race car. ... He is part of the reason I got to Winston Cup because he made me become a better race car driver because I had to beat him every week, and he was as tough as anybody around."

**Joe Nemechek:** "Believe me, the accident that happened this weekend, it probably hits nobody harder than myself. Losing my brother (John) three years ago in a racing deal, it's tough. I still ask myself why this is happening to all these young drivers. The Lord works in mysterious ways."

**Rusty Wallace:** "I don't know how to say it, except that there are days that really make you sit back and look at yourself in the mirror and go, 'Why do I do this?'"

**Dale Jarrett:** "We're all shocked and stunned that this could happen again. It's pretty somber there, but we, unfortunately, have to go on about our business."

## Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** In the past six races, Tony Stewart has three victories and six top-10 finishes.

■ **NOT:** Crashes have left two-time Winston Cup champion Terry Labonte 41st and 43rd, and injured, in the last two races.

## Trackside Trivia

- Who founded Charlotte (now Lowe's) Motor Speedway?
- What current driver was once a crew member on Bobby Labonte's Busch Grand National team?
- What driver appeared in the movie "Cannonball Run II"?

1. Curtis Turner and Bruton Smith;  
2. David Green; 3. Harry Gant.

## ANSWERS

## AROUND THE GARAGE

# Injured Terry Labonte can't buy a break on the racetrack

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Terry Labonte has a fractured bone below his right knee.

The injury occurred when Labonte crashed during the July 1 Pepsi 400 at Daytona, but was not discovered when Labonte was treated at Halifax Medical Center for a possible concussion. Labonte, who is now on crutches, said he did not seek treatment until he returned home to North Carolina the day after the race.

Jack Sprague, Hendrick Motorsports' driver in the Craftsman Truck Series, was standing by for possible relief duty Sunday at New Hampshire, where Labonte was again

involved in a crash on the seventh lap. He apparently did not further aggravate the knee injury.

**ROUSH POWER:** Every major NASCAR race run on Independence Day weekend was won by a car whose engine was supplied by Roush Racing.

The Jack Roush organization obviously supplied the Ford power that propelled Jeff Burton to victory in the Pepsi 400, and Kurt Busch in the Craftsman Truck Series race in West Allis, Wis.

But Roush also built the Chevrolet engine that Jeff Green drove to victory in the Busch Grand National race at the Milwaukee Mile.

to Indianapolis.

Stewart's pilot, Bob Burris, landed "as softly as any other landing," in Stewart's words, when one of the two engines went out on the prop plane.

"I didn't think there was anything to worry about until I saw fire engines pulling up on the runway," Stewart added.

**WHEN KYLE GETS BACK:** Fred Graves has taken over as crew chief for the No. 44 Pontiac normally driven by Kyle Petty. Petty skipped the New Hampshire race, but Graves, 53, handled the crew-chief chores with the substitute driver, Steve Grissom.

**REALLY, IT WAS NOTHING:** Tony Stewart played down the scare he received July 5 when his plane had to make an emergency landing in Asheville, N.C., en route

## CREW OF THE WEEK

■ **Jimmy Fennig made sure that driver Mark Martin had enough gas to complete the thatlook.com 300. It was the only way Martin could have won. As it turned out, no one completed the thatlook.com 300, and Tony Stewart won the rain-shortened race, which fell 27 laps shy of its scheduled distance. Stewart dominated the race and was a deserving winner, but Fennig and the Valvoline crew deserve credit for giving their driver a chance.**

## Fan Tips

■ What in the heck is thatlook.com? The online company emerged last Wednesday to sponsor not only the Winston Cup race, but the entire weekend of modified, Busch North and Craftsman Truck events.

According to its press release, thatlook.com is "an experienced national service group assisting individuals to obtain affordable and convenient elective cosmetic surgery to improve their physical appearance."

So if you're in the market for hair implants, laser eye surgery, plastic surgery, etc., these people want to do business with you.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ When NASCAR held its first "strictly stock" (now Winston Cup) event June 19, 1949, Lee Petty drove the family's Buick from Level Cross, N.C., to Charlotte Speedway to compete in the event. He rolled the car on the 107th of 197 laps. "After the race, I was just sitting there thinking about having to go home and explain to my wife where I'd been with the car," Petty said.



## All in the family



The Rowan County Caudills meet the Floyd County Caudills: from left, Benjie Caudill, the two Estills in the middle, and Lafe Caudill.

by WILLIE ELLIOTT  
 STAFF WRITER

You don't often go to a reunion as a stranger. That basically was the case with Benjie Caudill and me when we went to the Caudill reunion in Morehead. (My mom was a Caudill and sister to Benjie's Dad.)

Our cousin Estill Caudill who lives in Florida had called us and invited us to the reunion to visit members of the family that we did not know existed.

Estill had run into the family by accident. He was in Branson, Missouri, and the clerk at the hotel told him another Caudill (pronounced Caud-duhl here in the mountains but Ka-dill elsewhere) family was there and wanted to meet him.

Just by observing body language and nuances in their personalities, the two came to the conclusion that they were indeed of the same family tree.

As they talked, Lafe Caudill from the Morehead clan deduced that his dad Abner Caudill was a brother to our grandfather Nelson Caudill. The story was that Grandpa Nelson left Morehead with a cow and mule and came to

Floyd County, never to go back.

Ironically enough, Lafe's son is also named Estill which seemed to create an extra bond between the two so-named individuals.

As often happens in rural reunions, a visit to the family cemetery was in order. We took a photo of Abner's grave marker that listed his dates, rank and company in the service.

Looking at genealogy papers that Benjie had copied at the Magoffin County Historical Society, we tried (sometimes successfully, but more times not) to ascertain our degree of kinship to those on hand.

Benjie promised to do more research and let us all know what facts he found.

All that deep thinking whetted our appetite, so we took part in a yearly ritual that these Caudills engage in. In a wooded area set aside for such gatherings, the family comes together for fun and conversation and food.

The menu included the typical foods you would expect at a summer outing, but, as a throwback to the old days, soup beans (pinto), fried potatoes and fried green tomatoes were cooked over an open fire.

A dinner bell has been erected



The "taters" and fried green tomatoes were simmering on a special-made stove.

on the site, but on this day, it was not needed since we were all drawn to the food by smell not sound. Family members said the bell was just a "conversation piece," any-

way. So we left the reunion with a sense of knowing a little more about ourselves and our family. We also promised to return for future

engagements and extended an invitation to them to join us in some of our set's meetings.

At least we are now more than strangers to one another.



Getting the beans ready for the crowd was a big part of the activities.

## This Town That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.*

Home from Los Angeles and the Democratic convention, Bob Francis is doing his hand shaking with his left hand. He explains: "I used my right hand to shake with Kennedy, Johnson and Stevenson. Haven't washed it since."

Rockefeller says nix on the idea of being the G.O.P. nominee for vice president. The fact is, he would like to apply the same expression to Nixon's idea of being the No. 1 man on the ticket.

### PALEFACE NAMES—UGH!

A historical paper seeking to fix the origin of names is all wrong on at least two counts, it appears. It puts both Thealka and Helechawa down as stemming from the noble redskin, but both sprang from more modern origins.

Thealka was named for Alka Meek, who was later to be the wife of John C. C. Mayo, late eastern Kentucky financier. The story is told that Green Meek directed a sign painter to inscribe on the side of a steamboat which he owned and which plied the Big Sandy the words, "The Alka," in honor of his daughter. The wielder of the brush, however, put the two words together and thus came up with the name, "Thealka," which later became that of a Johnson county railroad station and postoffice.

And Jack Howard, Prestonsburg attorney, can personally vouch for the fact that Helechawa is entirely of paleface origin. This spot was a station on the old Ohio & Kentucky Railway, and it was so named for Helen Chase Warren, daughter of the railway line's president.

Mr. Howard should know. In his younger days he and others from the White Oak section in Morgan county would walk overland, catch a train and ride it to Helechawa where they would alight and walk another six or seven miles to the Hazel Green Academy to do a bit of book-work. Then the walk back to Helechawa and the return home. It was out of these overland treks that Helechawa earned from these youngsters an even more colorful name—"Hell Each Way."

### WE AGREE

Out of my conversation with Jack Howard about this and other matters pertaining to other years and places I came up with the discovery that we are in almost perfect agreement that perhaps the greatest contribution science has made to the race has been the elimination of corn-thinnin'. It develops that both of us had given considerable thought to an invention which would mechanically pull those extra stalks and thus spare young backs.

It is passing strange that it did not occur to two such minds that maybe the solution to the problem would be to plant fewer grains to the hill.

### TIPS FROM AN EXPERT

Now for some hot-weather fishing tips which reach this desk from a so-called fishing expert. The remarks in parentheses are not by a fishing expert, and I'll give you three guesses as to his identity.

1. Wear an old hat lined with aluminum tinfoil which insulates against heat and protects the angler from the sun. (Better yet, wear a cap that won't blow off, get there before the sun comes up and leave early.)
2. Use polarized sun glasses to cut the surface glare and thus be able to see the fish beneath the surface (What fish?)
3. Take along a fishing thermometer. (The fish I catch do not have a fever.)
4. Keep the catch out of the hot sun. Clean and scale your fish before taking them home to the little woman. (Pooley! The little woman will take care of that fish-scaling matter when and if friend husband brings any home by the simple expedient of handing him a fish scaler, pointing toward the door, and hissing, "Git!")

## Writing history

County. Charles Wells — known throughout the Big Sandy Valley as "Hardware Charlie" — has published three books that are vital to research on the history of the area.

In fact, he's done the hard work so that amateur researchers can have an easier time of ferreting out information about their families and their communities.

His hardbound book, "Annals of Floyd County, Kentucky, 1800-1826," records property transactions — land, as well as human — along with marriage bonds posted and actions of the county court, now known as the fiscal court, during the county's first quarter century.

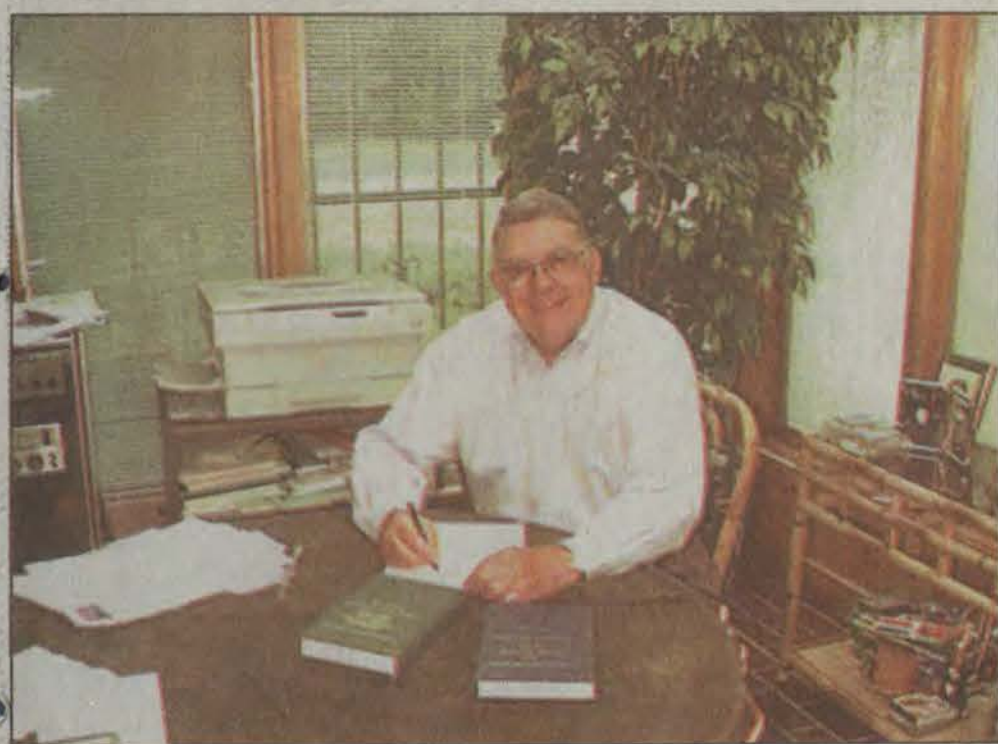
The book is a valuable research tool for the

whole region, since it covers the years when Floyd encompassed all or parts of 15 present counties.

Wells, who lives at Hager Hill, spent hundreds of hours in the Floyd County Courthouse, tediously poring over records that had been handwritten in the ornate style of the early 19th century. He even took classes in handwriting, taught by experts in genealogical research.

"I got run out of the courthouse more times," he says, with a smile. "The records were in bad shape. The marriage bonds, for instance, were folded

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Historian Charles Wells starts his books in long-hand and then transfers to computer.

STORY AND PHOTOS  
 by PAM SHINGLER  
 LIFESTYLES EDITOR

The best book about early Floyd County history was compiled by a Johnson Countian. But it's OK. His people came here when all of this section of Kentucky was Floyd

## Both sides

The film "Stranger With a Camera" on KET last Tuesday raises questions that probably will forever confound us hill folks.

Produced by a Perry County native, Elizabeth Barret, through Appalshop, the documentary looks at the killing 33 years ago of a Canadian filmmaker by a Letcher County man.

It's not a common film. It does not exploit a mystery. The murder doesn't require the services of Columbo, Jessica Fletcher or Shaft. When the hour is up, we're no closer to the answers than when we started.

At the heart of the film is the interpretation of image — specifically the image of people in this region.

Hugh O'Connor came to this area to capture what he saw on film for what was to be a larger piece on social and economic prob-

lems across the country.

Hobart Ison shot him because of what he and many other natives saw, the region being portrayed negatively by outsiders.

This has been an issue for most of our history and has involved all the media — newspapers, magazines, books, radio, television, movies.

We've been depicted as ignorant hillbillies, rabble-rousing, violent, lazy, moronic, child-like, innocent, inbred, illiterate, untrustworthy and any number of negative descriptives.

Even many whose intentions are good have painted us as pathetic and impotent and, often as not, have stripped us of dignity.

Mr. Ison's rage was so well understood that an impartial jury was not found in his home county, and after he was tried, he served less than two years in jail. Yet, this was clearly murder.

His act was inexcusable; his anger was understandable.

## PostScript

by Pam Shingler  
 Editor



# ANNIVERSARIES



## Celebrating 53 years

Ersel and Edith Kidd Huff celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on July 1, 2000, with a family dinner party. They were married by Rev. J.C. Wright on July 1, 1947, at the Pike County Courthouse. He is a retired coal miner and has been a minister for 47 years in the Old Regular Baptist Church. She is a homemaker. They have 12 children, 40 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Their children are Mary Dye of Grethel; Bessie Howell of Minnie; Doris Miller, Phyllis Robinson, Ezekiel Huff, John Huff and Noah Huff, all of Michigan; and Roxie Conn, Martha Robinson, Dennis Huff, David Huff, and Alex Huff, all of Drift.

## Writing

with a rubber band around them. You had to be very careful or they would fall apart."

To some folks, the reading might be pretty dry. But to those who are interested in history and genealogy, it's captivating.

"The best compliment I ever got," Wells says, "came from Russell May (the late artist). He told me, 'I don't appreciate you putting out a book like that. I picked it up after supper, and I didn't get to bed until 3 a.m.'"

Some of the entries are matter-of-fact, stripped of any intrigue. A typical one: "7, May 1818: Indenture from Abner Conley to Jeremiah Hackworth in the amount of \$135 for 30 acres on the South Fork of Middle Creek."

Or a typical marriage bond record: "This is to certify that George Bradley is willing for Hiram, Prewitt to have his daughter Rebeka Bradley."

But others are so surrounded by intrigue that you wish you'd been there. To wit:

"25, July 1817: I, John Turman, do hereby certify that the slanderous words which I spoke of Polly Havens, the wife of John Havens of Prestonsburg, was spoken by me when drunk and that I had no cause for speaking the same. That I never knew anything disrespectful of Mrs. Havens, nor had I any grounds for speaking the words or any other word which derogate from the character of a chaste, honest, virtuous woman, ..."

From the county court records of May 1809, we get Thomas Evans' report on the funeral expenses of Jacob Maynes, which include \$4 for three gallons of whisky and then another entry of 50 cents for a quart of whisky.

The coffin, by the way, cost \$7.50 and a candle was 18 cents. The court allowed the expenses against Maynes' estate.

More about spirits: That same court meeting set the tavern rates for the county. They included 37-1/2 cents for "Good rum wine and French Brandy per 1/2 pint." Whisky was a better buy at 12-1/2 cents per half-pint.

A warm breakfast was 21 cents; dinner, 25 cents, and supper, 21 cents. Overnight lodging "with clean sheets" was a bargain at 8-1/2 cents, less than what it cost to keep your horse — 12-1/2 cents.

Some of us may find out things we didn't want to know about our ancestors. One court action from August 1813 orders that a dead woman's "base born children" be "bound out" to other families.

Wells began the book, he said, because his wife, Floyd County native Carlos Horn, wanted to join the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). His research on her behalf — which was successful in establishing her Revolutionary ancestry — made him want to make it easier for other researchers.

The book was originally published in 1983 by Gateway Press of Baltimore, and it was brought out again in 1995. Copies of the book have been sold to people in "practically every state," from Alaska and Hawaii to Connecticut.

This was Wells' second book. The first, published in 1979, presented records of Johnson County, where the author's family is part of the

"Greasy Creek Wellses" from the northeastern part of Johnson County.

The first book is titled "Kentucky Archives, Johnson County Vital Statistics: Births, Deaths, Marriages of Johnson County, 1843-1904."

In addition to the information noted in the title, the book contains listings of slaves, the 1890 special veterans census, a list of Confederate veterans, and delinquent taxes lists.

The historian's latest book is the "1890 Special Veterans Census for Eastern Kentucky." It lists Civil War veterans or their surviving widows and families and such information as whether they were given a pension for their service time.

Wells said it covers 30 eastern Kentucky counties and has more than 5,000 names.

Lately, he has been compiling Johnson County records, but he isn't sure if they will be the subject of his next book.

Wells is proud of his research. Whenever possible, he takes the information directly from original documents to avoid the chance of repeating mistakes that might have been made by previous compilers.

He sticks to traditional methods,

recording the material in spiral notebooks, still using "pen and ink."

"I went to the expense of buying a laptop computer, but I hate the thing," he said. "I like to ponder over (the records)." He does, however, transcribe the information onto computer and edits from there.

He can laugh now about typing the first book on a typewriter and having to retype when he found an error. "I swore I would never do another one," he said. Computers have made the process much easier.

Wells said he has been interested in history since he was about 10 years old, some 55 years ago. As a lad, he would go "graveyard hunting" with his aunt, Mable Rice, in Magoffin County.

He comes from a family that is keenly aware of its history and that includes many scholars. He traces his Kentucky ancestry back to Richard Wells, who settled on Daniel's Creek, near John's Creek, in 1824.

From Richard Wells sprang the two primary "sets" of area Wellses. One set, tracing to George Wells, remained in the Daniel's Creek area, and were Unionists during the divisive Civil War. The other set, linking

to John Green Wells, settled over the hill along Greasy Creek, and were staunch Confederates, for the most part.

The research on Wells' books was done mostly when he could steal time away from his business, Hardware Charlie's, which, in addition to selling appliances, was for half a century a major source of bottled gas throughout the region.

Wells said that the day in 1996 when he completed the sale of the business was the first day he and his wife had been able to eat lunch together, because one of them always had to be at the business.

He had left Transylvania University in the early 1950s to come back to Paintsville to run the family business. Coincidentally, the business fueled his interest in the history of the region, since he had to travel throughout the Big Sandy Valley and was able to listen to legends and to make connections among the people.

Wells' books are available at Readmore Books in Prestonsburg. He is scheduled to speak at the August 21 meeting of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society.

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# NEW ARRIVALS

## PIKEVILLE METHODIST HOSPITAL

June 21: A son, Charlie Morgan, to Teena Marie and Ronnie Keith Long; a son, Anthony Michael, to Cindy and Mark Bryant.

June 22: A son, Glenn Asher, to Nicole and G. Sidney Gibson; a son, Billy Jared, to Barbara and Billy White; a son, Derick Lee, to Mary and Timothy Justice; a daughter, Chasity Brooke, to Irene Denise and Wesley Fleming; a son, Austin Lee, to Angela and Joey Ousley; a daughter, Kamryn Paige, to Michelle Lea and Ritchie Ray Bentley; a daughter, Kylie Brook Hall, to Danielle Hartschuh and

Billy James Hall.

June 23: A son, Miles Harrison, to Janet Lynn and Danny Emmitt Adkins; a son, Jayne Tyler, to Jessica Shree and Christopher Ray Stanley.

June 24: A daughter, Alexis Jade, to Angel Nicole and Scottie Joe Little.

June 25: A daughter, Gloria Rena, to Sonya Rena and Preston Charles Cantrell.

June 26: A daughter, Savannah Lee, to Shawna Lee and Tommy Ray Hopkins.

June 27: A son, Jacob Hunter, to Fonda Kaye and Jerry Ray Chaffins.

# BIRTHDAYS



## Is eight

Amanda Rose Bellamy celebrated her eighth birthday on May 13, 2000, with a pool party. She is the daughter of Janet Bellamy of Mud Lick and Terry Bellamy of Eastern, and the stepdaughter of Carmel Davis of Mud Lick. Her grandparents are Harold and Josephine Prater of Martin and Bill and Mildred Bellamy of Prater Fork.

# Program for women offers second session

For the first time in the history of the program, the New Opportunity School for Women looks to collaborate with the Bennett Center, London, the former site of Sue Bennett College, to offer a satellite program.

Applicants for the fall session of the New Opportunity School for Women, a free educational and career exploration program, should be requested now.

The upcoming session is scheduled October 1-October 21, at the Bennett Center in London off I-75. The program is designed for women of low-income who have high

school diplomas or GED's but who have not completed college. Applicants must be between the ages of 30 and 55.

The program provides educational opportunities through classes in computer basics, leadership development, Appalachian literature, and writing, in addition to lectures, field trips, and workshops focusing on building self-confidence.

Job skills will be identified and participants will learn to write resumes and practice interview techniques. Those selected to attend will also have internships in a field of interest in the London community.

Lodging and all meals are provided and grants for travel and child care are available.

Requests for applications and additional information should be addressed to Caroline Francis, Executive Director, New Opportunity School for Women, 204 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403, or by phoning 859/985-7200 or the Bennett Center at 606/877-1964.

The New Opportunity School was founded in 1987 by Jane B. Stephenson, a specialist in adult education programs, and 312 women have now graduated from the program.

## Reunions

• Reunion of descendants, family and friends of Willie (Bill) and Lillian Conn Hall, Saturday, July 22, George P. Archer Shelter, Archer Park, Prestonsburg. All day; lunch served at about 1 p.m. Call Norma McKinney, 606/478-1762.

• 11th annual reunion, N&S and former Southern Railroad retirees and spouses, Tuesday, July 25, Dupont Lodge, Cumberland Falls. Buffet lunch begins at noon. Bring photos, newspaper clippings, mementos. Contact, C.B. Hoff, 606/561-4252, or W.C. Dyke, 606/236-5853.

• The descendants of Emery Hicks — Hicks 2000 Reunion — Sunday, July 16, Rural Coon Hunters Club, Greenwich, Ohio. Potluck dinner begins at 12:30 p.m. White elephant auction, volleyball, games for kids, horseshoes. Call Mreadith Spoerr, 419/895-1078.

• Elliott-Hamilton Family Reunion, July 21-22, Ramada Inn,

Paintsville. Get-together, Friday at 7 p.m.; bring old photos to share. Saturday activities in East Room. (Ancestors settled on Mud Creek in 1826.) Contact Anna Stephens, 1904 Port Royal Ct., Lexington KY 40504-2237.

• Descendants of James and Florence Graham Patton, family reunion, Saturday, July 22, Stumbo Park at Allen, 1-4 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Call Ruth Patton Slone, 606/285-9165.

• Pikeville High School Reunion, July 28-30 at PHS. Call Modena Sallee, 606/432-0185.

• Samons Family Reunion, Sunday, August 6, Clark County Fish and Game Club, Water Works Road, Winchester, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring prepared dish or dessert; chicken will be available. Call Garland Mayo, 606/744-2070; Hubert Mayo, 606/744-9370; or James Mayo, 606/744-0290.

• Hicks Family Reunion, descendants of William and Oma Reffitt Hicks, Saturday, August 12, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Luncheon buffet begins at noon at May Lodge,

cost \$10; meeting and social gathering, 2 p.m., convention center. Call Delphia Hicks, 606/886-3108.

• Third annual McCoy Reunion, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m., Sardis Association Building on Brushy Creek, Pike County. Covered dish dinner begins at 1 p.m. Call Betty Howard, 606/432-1601; Bertha Blackburn, 606/631-1005; Donna Taylor, 631-1763; Marquietta Deskins, 631-1811.

• Maytown Community Reunion, Labor Day Weekend, September 1-3. Contact Libby Ree Flanery, 606/285-3413.

• Wayland Homecoming 2000, September 1-3, sponsored by Wayland Historical Society. Call 358-9471.

• Garrett School Reunion, September 2, Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, JWSRP. For information, write Garrett Reunion, PO Box 170, Eastern, KY 41622.

• Auxier Homecoming 2000, September 1-3; registration, \$25/couple, \$15/stag. PO Box 65, Auxier, KY 41602.

(\*\* New to list)

by Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Whenever an imbalance in society's behaviors becomes significant, one can predict that more results of psychological research will follow, in an effort to clarify the situation as much as possible. So it has been with school violence.

About a year ago, the characteristics of violent-acting adolescents were discussed, based on an article in The Forensic Examiner. The most recent journal (May/June 2000) had an article about the assessment of dangerousness in school children.

Although the information is presented for school psychologists, most likely parents and other adults in children's lives can also benefit from having as much knowledge as possible about the topic. Adults need to be aware and be willing to follow through, since the behaviors are prone to occur at home, and some of our schools do not have school counselors.

Even though everyone should be more up-to-date generally, nonetheless, the media keep reporting extreme episodes across the nation that tended to have tell-tale signs before the action. Most importantly for us, significant acting-out behaviors—violence and threats of violence—have continued in our region's classrooms.

The journal's present article placed the emphasis on the professional's need to determine the "History of Dangerousness"—if potentially dangerous patterns have become firmly entrenched within the student's behaviors. There needs to be concern if the child shows a pattern of antisocial thinking and behaviors that persist and intensify

# Things to Ponder

## School violence revisited: History of dangerousness

fy over time. Examples include lying, blaming others, refusing to take responsibility, taking the easy way out rather than putting forth effort, demonstrating a need to control others through deception, intimidation, or physical force, and failing to develop a concept of injury to others and empathy.

Needless to say, the history of the student's behaviors should include the type of victim and relationship to the victim. The antisocial person is unsympathetic of classmates who he or she sees as gullible or weak. After identifying their classmate's weaknesses, the chronic acting-out kid will pinpoint targets to pick upon and bully. There have been instances where even a severely handicapped child has been the focus.

The following points need to have attention and clarification:

- relationship to the victim—social or one of power;
- type of violence used—direct or indirect;
- quality of the violence—explosive, calm, matter-of-fact, or predatory;
- quantity, extent and how severe, of the violent act—whether the amount of the insult exceeded the amount of the "cause," such as "I hit him in the head with a hammer because he spit at me;
- weapon used—verbal threats, physi-

- cal force with fists, or club/gym;
- degree of socialization—single student or a gang in the home or at school;
- timing, stressor associated with the event, or a cyclical pattern—"Every time he has to read he blows up;"
- possible cause such as head injuries and/or witnessing violence in the home; and
- the kind of pattern that exists—does the acting-out child display guilt, remorse, empathy, or anxiety about his deeds? Is it done for excitement or for control? Does he fail to take responsibility for his own actions?

In 1997, a major researcher indicated that there are five factors associated with a child's potential for dangerousness.

- Atmosphere—If there is discord in the family, the risk of dangerousness increases. Whereas, it has been repeatedly documented that "violence is not solely the domain of the impoverished, criminal, marginal, or inhuman."
- Bonding—"If a child did not bond with a parent, the risk of dangerousness is greater. Is the child close to one or both parents...birth complications combined with early maternal rejection predispose the child to violence."
- Criminality—If one or both parents have a history of legal problems, the child's risk for dangerousness is greater.

- Discipline—"If discipline is too harsh or abusive or not sufficient, and without control, the risk for dangerousness is greater."

In these instances, the following examples come to mind; i.e., the parents are over-controlling and the child does not have an opportunity to practice interacting with others; and a parent is physically and verbally abusive to the child.

- Exclusive Parental Attention—"The less parental attention the greater the risk of dangerousness." Family size and spacing between births are likely to impact on this factor. An example is parents who do not provide consistent limits with predictability. The father may not pay attention to what the child does until "it has gone too far," or does not allow the mother to maintain boundaries, but does not do as he threatens the child. Thus, children often do not learn to develop inner control because their parents have always tried to keep them "happy," at any cost.

In addition, three other indicators have been recognized as increasing the child's risk of dangerousness: (1) absence of the father—this is when the father is not in the home; (2) gender—seems children are more prone to display violent behaviors, if they come from an all-male family; and (3) running away—the child with a history of running away from home

tends to have a greater risk of dangerousness.

Since we will continue to learn more about the risk of dangerousness in our students, we need to have a method for applying it so that our children and families will benefit. As with most knowledge, it becomes even more valuable, when it is applied. Society, especially our children, are the winners.

Since our students may not always have a school counselor, this is one of those times that community members, such as family members, neighbors, fellow church-goers, ball team coaches, etc., as in a village, can learn to step forward and do what needs to be done in appropriate fashion. This does not mean be cruel, uncaring, and insensitive in one's behaviors, but rather to gather basic information, examine closely the child's likelihood to act-out, and then speak to the child's parents and/or school staff in a supportive manner.

Before doing so, considerations need to focus on the probability of acting-out behaviors. Although future behaviors cannot be guaranteed, "the more of the risk factors and indicators present, the higher the probability of dangerousness."

What is the child's rate of dangerousness—how often does it happen? Is the child angry, talking of revenge, and/or made plans? How severe is the insult, the extent of assault and injury? Was the victim a random victim or a targeted victim?

Do you know any children that tend to fit into these categories? What if "something" dangerous happened that you "knew" about, and you had not spoken up?

# WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS



**Conn-McCoy**

Tammy Conn and Ronald McCoy announce their forthcoming marriage on Saturday, July 22, 2000, at 5:30 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The bride-elect is employed by the Floyd County Times. She is the daughter of the late Charles E. and Blanche Smith, formerly of Banner. The prospective groom is retired from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. He is the son of Willie and Daisy McCoy of Pikeville.



**Leslie-Lafferty**

Bennett and Deborah Leslie of Prestonsburg announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, La "Shea" Nicole Leslie, and Christopher Ray Lafferty, son of Fred and Lavonne Lafferty of Martin. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jim and Betty Fulks of Ivel and Frank and Hester Leslie of Cow Creek. She is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and the University of Kentucky, with a master's degree in physical therapy. She is employed by Sundance Rehabilitation Group. The prospective groom is the grandson of Goldia Lafferty of Martin and the late Edgille and Della Baldrige, formerly of Hueysville. He is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and expects to graduate in December from Morehead State University, with a degree in music. The wedding will take place on July 22, 2000, at 4:30 p.m., at Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, with a reception following at the Mountain Arts Center. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed.



**Moore-Bowman**

Bradley Thomas Moore and Diana Raye Bowman announce their forthcoming marriage on July 23, 2000, at 5 p.m., at Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church at Price. The bride-elect is the daughter of Diana L. Mullins of Elkhorn City. She is a 1995 graduate of Millard High School and a 2000 graduate of Pikeville College. The prospective groom is the son of John and Wilma Moore, and the grandson of Sylvia Lawson, all of Price. He attended South Floyd High School and was graduated from Alice Lloyd College in 1998. He is a student at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.



**Martin-Bucher**

Bill and Carol Susan Martin of Versailles announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Brooke Martin, and Brian Paul Bucher, son of Barbara Geiger of Southgate and Ken Bucher of Ft. Thomas. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Betty Francis and the late Hubbard "Huck" Francis. The wedding will be at 7:30 p.m., on September 30, 2000, at Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. The prospective groom is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and the couple will be stationed in Columbus, Mississippi. He will attend undergraduate pilot training, and she will further her education, majoring in business administration, in Mississippi.



## Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine



### Infant's 'pointed head' should prompt doctor visit

Question: My grandson was born one month ago. My daughter's labor was long, and the delivery was difficult. Fortunately, both mom and baby are fine.

My concern is that he seems to always hold his head with it turned to the left side, and also his head hasn't become round. He had a "cone head" for about one week after his birth that has since gone away. Now, his head looks a bit pointed in that same area. Should I worry about these things?

Answer: Absolutely, you should worry. It is unlikely that any of us would have survived to adulthood without our mothers' and grandmothers' loving attention. At times this caring also entails periods of worry.

The important question then is how much worry is appropriate. The good news for your grandson is that these symptoms are unlikely to be signs of serious problems, so your level of worry should just be great enough to encourage mom to bring these symptoms to the doctor's attention.

A persistent turning and tilting of the head is usually caused by spasm or injury to the neck muscle that produces this motion. The sternocleidomastoid muscle (SCM) attaches to the head just behind the ear.

This area is called the "mastoid" portion of the skull, and since muscles are named for the places where they attach, this part of the skull gives its "mastoid" name to this muscle. The other end of this muscle attaches to the upper portion of the breastbone (sternum) and the collarbone (clavicle).

As this muscle contracts it causes the chin to turn to the opposite side and the neck to bend to the same side. Therefore, your grandson probably has a problem with the SCM on his right side.

Large babies, particularly if there was a difficult delivery, are likely to have injury to the SCM muscle. This bruising or partial tearing causes the muscle to contract and, thereby, turns the head.

We doctors call this condition

"torticollis" or sometimes apply the term "wryneck." If you feel along this muscle, you will probably find a "knot." This is the area that was injured.

The baby's doctor or physical therapist will probably instruct you in simple, gentle exercises that you should do with the baby to facilitate healing of the muscle and thereby eliminate the torticollis.

Some X-rays or other test may be necessary beforehand, however. You see, other problems including malformations of the spine, particularly in the neck region, can cause torticollis, too. Fortunately, this type of disorder is uncommon.

As you undoubtedly know, the bones of a baby's skull aren't completely formed at the time of birth. This allows the head to "mold" to the shape of the birth canal to facilitate passage through the canal.

In difficult deliveries or long labors, the head often becomes distorted. This can produce an asymmetry of the face, back of the head, or both. In your grandson's case, it resulted in the "cone head" your described. This type of injury usually subsides in a week or two, just as his has.

The underlying pointed or misshapen head often takes two to three months to resolve. The constant tension of the injured SCM muscle can even be part of the problem because it creates a steady asymmetrical pull on the head.

The chances are very good that your grandson's condition will improve with little more than the passage of time, but I'd sure recommend that you take him to his doctor. Be sure to explain your concerns. Don't just wait for his next routine "well baby checkup" because of the worry you and his mother are having over this.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at [www.fhradio.org/fm](http://www.fhradio.org/fm).

### Girls get in the game for exhilarating fun

(NAPSA) — This may be the year that girls get in on the action-videogames that is.

New videogames feature favorite icons that show girls how much fun action games are...and prove that gaming console systems aren't just for boys any more.

Now, girls can enjoy exciting sports and horseback riding videogames for the Sony PlayStation with fashion icon, Barbie.

Barbie Race and Ride For PlayStation is the first ever Barbie game designed for Sony Computer Entertainment's top-selling game console system.

The hugely popular game enables girls to experience a horseback riding adventure with Barbie and challenge friends to realistic racing, riding and jumping through beautiful outdoor environments.

Girls join Barbie at the stables where they can choose from a selection of horses to start their adventure. Two-player gaming lets girls race and compete at different skill levels, against their friends and against the clock.

Featuring in-line skating and snowboarding, Barbie Super Sports For PlayStation offers two games in one!

Girls board and blade with Barbie through five snowboarding and five in-line skating levels, each featuring



No longer just for boys, girls can get their fair share of videogame action this season.

a different challenge such as obstacle courses, racing, spectacular stunt competitions and secret areas.

For non-stop snowboarding action, girls accelerate down the slopes, boarding through snowman slaloms, speeding through an arctic race, performing athletic jumps and more.

In-line skating offers challenges including navigating a circus obstacle course, racing around the skate park or doing stunts such as flips and spins. There are also racing options so girls can play against the game console or against a friend in timed competitions.

Girls earn points to upgrade their equipment, enabling them to perform even more exhilarating stunts. Each Mattel game, priced at less than \$40, can help encourage a healthy sense of competition and confidence.

## Choosing the right gifts for your groomsmen

(NUE) — With the dawn of the new millennium, the number of weddings is skyrocketing as couples hope to commemorate this historic year.

Regardless of the year, though, weddings have always required attention to detail - and an important one is finding appropriate gifts for your groomsmen. With so many weddings taking place, it's more important than ever that your gifts be distinctive and personal. Mall.com can help.

Mall.com is an all-in-one online shopping center. This innovative Web site integrates the best retail aspects of the "brick and mortar"

world with the convenience afforded by the Internet, allowing shoppers fast, convenient access to national, brand-name merchants.

Like a traditional mall, Mall.com offers a handy directory that lists its more than 120 stores according to category.

Although tastes and budgets of all grooms will vary widely, Mall.com offers something for every situation. Stylish merchant Brookstone offers a wide variety of gifts for your groomsmen, ranging from a \$100 casino game set to a \$30 pocket-size stainless steel multi-tool set.

Old favorite Eddie Bauer might also be a good option for friends who

favor rugged, well-crafted merchandise. Groomsmen gifts might include the Classic Carbon Watch for \$95, the Polar Square Sunglasses for \$58 or the extra large gear duffel for \$50.

Lastly, if the tastes of your groomsmen lean toward technology and gadgetry and your budget allows it, you might visit Mall.com's Sharper Image site, which features weatherproof binoculars for \$119.95.

Meanwhile, Hammacher Schlemmer offers a state-of-the-art CD player for \$189.95 - perfect for the best man.

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that allows them to purchase items from multiple merchants without having to re-enter billing and delivery information. Shoppers can buy wedding, baby or holiday gifts all at once, and some new golf clubs while they're at it. Shoppers will also be able to quickly review their personal shopping history and manage merchandise confirmation and delivery messages.

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## Howell graduates with honors

Rachelle Nichole Howell, daughter of Steve and Lana Smith of McDowell, was graduated, cum laude, on May 7, at the University of Kentucky, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

To graduate cum laude (with honors) students must maintain a GPA of 3.4-3.6.

During her four years, Howell was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society and was named to the Dean's List four consecutive semesters.

In addition, Howell was initiated on April 24 into the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and one of the most prestigious honor societies in the country.

After returning from Europe this summer, Howell plans to attend Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in the fall.



Rachelle Nichole Howell

Attending the graduation ceremony were her parents and other family members, Glenna Mae Stumbo and Brandon Howell.

Howell was among the last students to attend McDowell High School before the consolidation into South Floyd.

# Youth News

## Local students receive degrees at MSU

Twenty-seven students from Floyd County completed degree requirements during Morehead State University's 2000 spring semester.

The new graduates and their majors, by hometown, are:

Banner: Dustin R. Jones, Bachelor of Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude.

Betsy Layne: Michael Andre Rodriguez, Master of Business Administration.

Bevinsville: Keith Smallwood, Bachelor of University Studies.

Eastern: Angela G. Bailey, Bachelor of Social Work.

Endicott: Mark Edward Blackburn, Master of Arts.

Garrett: Brandon Kyle Moore, Bachelor of Arts; Wesley D. Moore, Bachelor of Arts; Candice Marie Osborne, Bachelor of Social Work.

Hippo: Dennis B. Blackburn, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude.

Lackey: David A. Baker, Bachelor of Science; Lisa Marlene Stone, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude.

Langley: James Shawn Bailey,

Bachelor of Arts; Melinda C. Stumbo, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Martin: Ronald David Samons, Bachelor of Social Work.

McDowell: Kristi Lynne Pack, Master of Arts; Brandon Michael Stumbo, Bachelor of Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude.

Prestonsburg: Jeffrey T. Hicks, Master of Arts; Malva Kathlene Music, Bachelor of Social Work; Pamela Marie Parker, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Barbara Sue

Prater, Bachelor of Business Administration; Barbara J. Spradlin, Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude.

Weeksbury: Jarrod Michael Compton, Associate of Arts.

Wheelwright: Mary Sue Little, Bachelor of Arts; Muntu J. Oden, Bachelor of Arts.

Morehead: Daniel Duane Hamilton, Bachelor of Social Work.

Pikeville: Leonard Dwayne Stevens, Master of Business Administration; Timmi Meshay Tackett, Bachelor of Social Work.

## School Health Fair is August 4

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Floyd County Board of Education, Family Resource and Youth Services Center, Health Department and other area agencies and businesses will sponsor the second annual Back to School Health Fair for county students on Friday, August 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Beaver Valley Clinic, behind FirStar Bank in Martin.

The schedule includes:

- Allen Central High School and feeder schools, 9-10:30 a.m.;
  - Betsy Layne High School and feeder schools, 10:30 a.m.-noon;
  - Prestonsburg High School and feeder schools, noon-1:30 p.m.;
  - South Floyd High School, feeder schools and others, 1:30-3 p.m.
- Free physicals, including athletic physicals, immunizations and other services will be provided.

A parent must accompany the child to the health fair for the child to receive the available services. Also, the immunization record must be available for any child to receive an immunization.

For information, call 606/285-5181, ext. 3420.

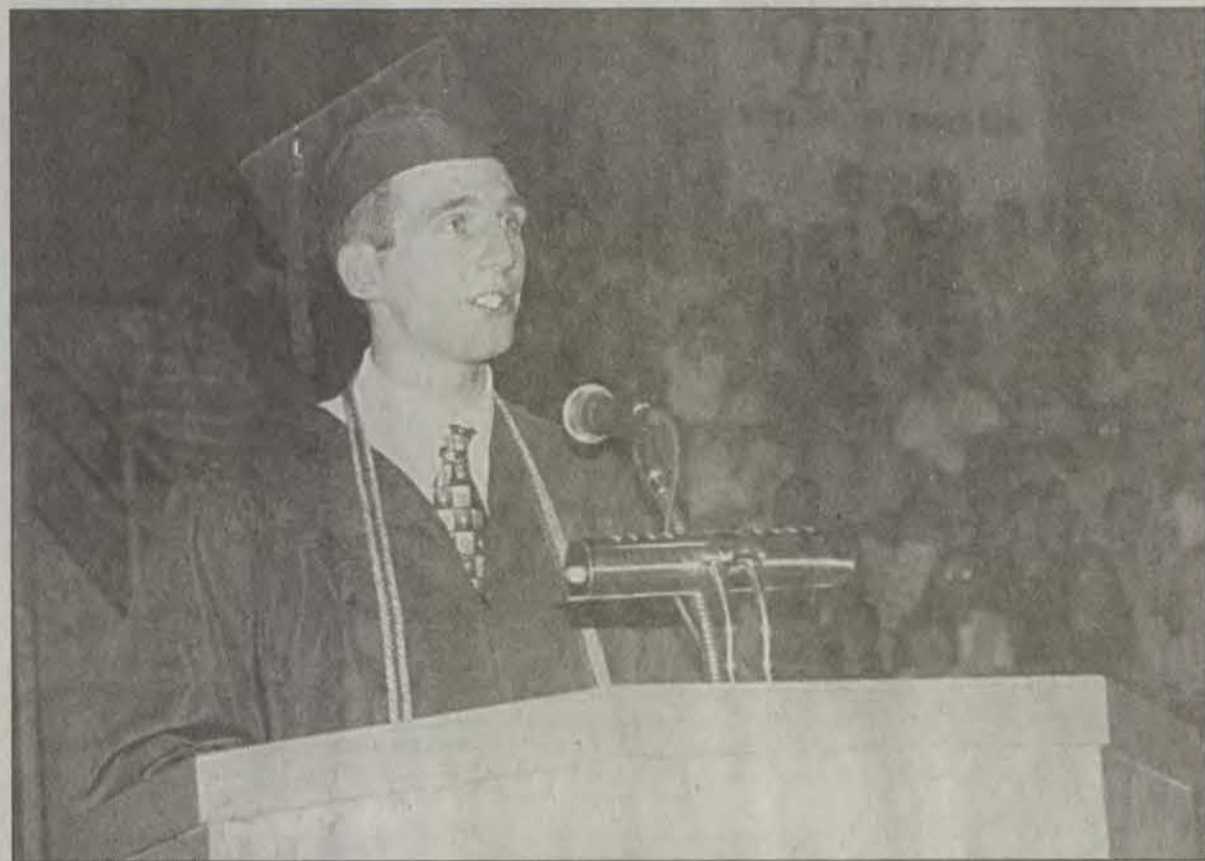


### Miller to enter OT program at EKU

Tara Lynn Miller has been accepted into the professional Occupational Therapy Program at Eastern Kentucky University. The number of admissions annually is limited and candidates are selected from those meeting specific criteria. She was also accepted into the Communication Disorder Program (speech therapy) at EKU, but has chosen OT as her field of study with plans to enter the program this fall. She is the daughter of David and LaDonna Miller and the granddaughter of Lloyd and Loretta Blackburn and Bill and Doris Miller.



Chad Ousley, a student in Phyllis Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary, poses with his grandfather Willard Ousley as he shared with the class information about coal mining.



### McDowell student speaks at MSU commencement

The student speaker at Morehead State University's Spring commencement, Brandon Michael Stumbo of McDowell, urged his fellow classmates to make a difference: "The ultimate fate of our society lies in the contributions we are willing to make. Improve the lives of those around us as we enter the business, education and government settings of tomorrow. Make sacrifices of high profile; join civic groups, feed those in poverty and protect the environment." Stumbo, the son of Ivan and Wanda Stumbo, is a graduate of South Floyd High School. An accounting major with a minor in information systems, he was a candidate for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

In the early spring Girl Scouts celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. Here, some of the former and present Girl Scouts who attended church that morning pose in front of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.



## Camping is fun at the Kentucky's Sheriff's Ranch

What do you get when you attend summer camp at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys & Girls Ranch? Fun and excitement, meeting the other campers from throughout Kentucky and getting to know the counselors working at the camp.

Ray Stoess, executive director, announced camp opened on June 4, with boys in attendance. "In addition to the fun and excitement and meeting other campers and counselors, the children attending camp go on a field trip to the Land Between the Lakes, swim and learn to swim (taught by our certified lifeguard) in our pool, go to the movies (ratings permitted), and go roller skating or bowling."

Stoess also said, "We serve three excellent meals each day—and plenty of it, play games—including miniature golf on our own putt-putt course. These are just a few of the many activities the campers do at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch."

The week of June 11 was Floyd County's turn to send girls, and Billie Stumbo and Angel Crisp attended.

On the return trip home, after a great week of excitement, the children remember to say "thanks" to the Sheriff's department for bringing them for a week of fun and learning.

Ray Stoess, who has been the camp director for 22 years, says, "I am expecting a big year in attendance and another happy time for all campers."



Billie Stumbo and Angel Crisp represented Floyd County the week of June 11.

## Local on Centre list

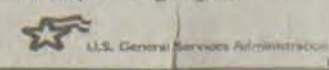
Lesley Stout of Prestonsburg, has been named to the combined winter/spring terms dean's list at Centre College, an honor reserved for students who maintain at least a

3.60 grade point average.

Stout is the daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg and is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

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# American Profile

## SINCE STARTING

his recording career in 1991, Collin Raye has the rare distinction of being one of only eight country music artists to have their first four albums gain platinum status. But these days the 39-year-old DeQueen, Ark., native is interested in more than topping the charts.

"In the beginning, I wanted hits and all that," Raye says. "But what drives me now is what this music means to people. Songs have landed on me that made me realize there's more to this than I thought. It's about entertaining people one minute and healing them the next."

Music critics have praised Raye's muscular tenor voice as one of the finest in the industry, and he has charted eleven No. 1 singles, including *I Can Still Feel You*, *Little Rock*, and *My Kind of Girl*.

Raye also is recognized for his philanthropic work, lending his time and talent to countless charities including ChildHelp USA, for which he holds an annual concert.



# Collin Raye



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## Alabama

July 18

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—  
Dothan Fairgrounds, Dothan, AL

August 29

**Sting**—  
Oak Mountain Amphitheatre, Pelham, AL

## Arkansas

July 23

**Jo Dee Messina**—  
Rodeo Grounds, Springdale, AR

August 5

**The Kinleys**—  
Arkansas Pig Out, Morrilton, AR

August 10

**Def Leppard**—  
Riverfest Amphitheatre, Little Rock, AR

August 19

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—North Shore River Walk, North Little Rock, AR

## Florida

July 18

**Faith Hill & Tim McGraw**—National Car Rental Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL (954) 835-8275. Website: [national-ctr.com](http://national-ctr.com).

**Steve Miller Band**—House of Blues Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, FL (407) 934-2222. Website: [hob.com](http://hob.com).

July 20

**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—Florida Theatre, Jacksonville, FL (904) 355-2787.

**Santana**—Mars Music Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL (800) SKY-4-MCI. Website: [marsmusicamp.com](http://marsmusicamp.com).

July 21

**Santana**—Ice Palace, Tampa, FL (813) 301-2500. Website: [icepalace.com](http://icepalace.com).

**Duran Duran**—House of Blues Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, FL (407) 934-2583.

**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—Pompano Beach Amphitheatre, Pompano Beach, FL (954) 946-2402.

July 22

**Duran Duran**—House of Blues Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, FL (407) 934-2583.

**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Tampa, FL (800) 955-1045.

July 23

**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—House of Blues Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, FL (407) 934-2583.

**Duran Duran**—Mars Music Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL (800) SKY-4-MCI.

July 25

**Deftones**—Hard Rock Live, Orlando, FL (407) 351-LIVE.

July 29

**Tim McGraw, Martina McBride, and Kenny Chesney**—Alltel Stadium, Jacksonville, FL (904) 633-6100.

August 1

**Yes and Kansas**—Mars Music Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL (800) SKY-4-MCI.

August 4

**Trisha Yearwood**—Pompano Beach Amphitheatre, Pompano Beach, FL (954) 946-2402.

August 5

**Trisha Yearwood**—Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater, FL (727) 791-7400.

August 6

**Alabama**—Jacksonville Metro Park, Jacksonville, FL (904) 630-3520.

**Trisha Yearwood**—Lakeland Center Youkey Theatre, Lakeland, FL (863) 834-8111.

August 15

**The Doobie Brothers**—Sea World of Florida, Orlando, FL

August 16

**The Doobie Brothers**—Raymond F. Kravis Center, West Palm Beach, FL

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—House of Blues Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, FL (407) 934-2583.



August 17  
**The Doobie Brothers**—  
Philharmonic Center, Naples, FL

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**The Doobie Brothers**—Ruth Eckerd  
Hall, Clearwater, FL (727) 791-7400.

September 2  
**Sting**—Ice Palace, Tampa, FL  
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September 3  
**Sting**—Mars Music Amphitheatre, West  
Palm Beach, FL (800) SKY-4-MCI.

September 8  
**Dave Matthews Band**—Mars Music  
Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL  
(800) SKY-4-MCI.

**Jars of Clay**—  
Universal Studios, Orlando, FL.

September 9  
**Jars of Clay**—  
Life Fest 2000, Jacksonville, FL

September 10  
**Britney Spears**—Mars Music  
Amphitheatre, West Palm Beach, FL  
(800) SKY-4-MCI.

September 24  
**The Who**—Mars Music Amphitheatre,  
West Palm Beach, FL (800) SKY-4-MCI.

## Georgia

July 19  
**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—  
Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA.  
(404) 872-1115.

**B-52's**—Lakewood Amphitheatre,  
Atlanta, Ga. (404) 443-5090.

July 20  
**Deftones**—The Tabernacle,  
Atlanta, GA. (404) 659-9022.

July 21  
**Temptations**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

July 22  
**Santana**—  
Lakewood Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA.  
(404) 443-5090. Website: lakewoodamp.com.

**Temptations**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, Ga. (404) 872-1115.

July 28  
**Natalie Cole**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

July 29  
**Peter, Paul and Mary**—  
Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA.  
(404) 872-1115.

July 30  
**YES**—Lakewood Amphitheatre,  
Atlanta, GA. (404) 443-5090.

August 2  
**Collin Raye**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

August 3  
**Brad Paisley**—Georgia Mountain Fair,  
Hiawassee, GA. (706) 896-4191.  
Website: georgia-mountainfair.com.

August 4  
**Three Dog Night**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

**Alabama**—Ridge Ferry Park,  
Rome, GA. (706) 291-0766.

August 12  
**Tony Bennett**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

August 18-19  
**BB King Blues Festival**—Chastain Park  
Amphitheatre, Atlanta, GA. (404) 872-1115.

September 2  
**BlackHawk**—Anderson Music Hall,  
Hiawassee, GA.

September 5  
**Sting**—Lakewood Amphitheatre,  
Atlanta, GA. (404) 443-5090.

September 18  
**Britney Spears**—Lakewood Amphitheatre,  
Atlanta, GA. (404) 443-5090.

September 25  
**Ty Herndon**—  
North Georgia State Fair, Marietta, GA.

September 30  
**Brad Paisley**—  
North Georgia State Fair, Marietta, GA.

## Kentucky

July 11  
**Dwight Yoakam**—Louisville Palace,  
Louisville, KY. (502) 583-4555.

July 15  
**Third Eye Blind**—Louisville Gardens,  
Louisville, KY. (502) 574-0086.

July 20  
**Aaron Tippin**—Coyotes Niteclub,  
Louisville, KY. (502) 589-3866.

# Patty Loveless

## THE SHY KENTUCKY NATIVE

who has so much truth, honesty and emotion in her singing has become one of country music's most respected and honored performers during her 14-year career. She has the accolades to prove it. She's won six Country Music Association awards, two Academy of Country Music awards, and one Grammy.

And in an age when country music increasingly has become more about glitz and glamour, she isn't afraid to show her emotions. While recording *How Can I Help You Say Goodbye*, a song that deals with a mother's death, Loveless couldn't help but get choked up.

"I like to deal with real emotions," says Loveless, "whether you're crying because you're happy or crying because you're sad. The thing is to get the emotions out and cleanse the soul. Music is a wonderful release. I just go with my own heart."



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# Ty Herndon



## IT'S WITH A HEFTY AMOUNT

of confidence that Ty Herndon embarks on his fourth album, *Steam*. Confidence, because this latest release is a bit of a break from his previous hit albums that so characterized him as a tender balladeer. *Steam* brings forth in Herndon's songs what his stage presence has always revealed—a fiery energy.

"It was time for me to make the album I always wanted to make," Herndon says. "If that's walking out on a limb and picking the songs myself, then so be it. If you know the music is right and it feels good, you have to go with it. I wanted to create an album that you just put in your car and you drive."

Each song, from the buoyant *In a New York Second* to the full fury of *A Love Like That*, was road-tested in front of an audience before Herndon committed to putting them on *Steam*. The 10 tunes passed the litmus test with flying colors.

Herndon certainly hasn't abandoned his emotional ballads, however. *Pray for Me* is a tribute to the spirituality he learned as an Alabama youth. *Putting the Brakes On Time* bemoans the fast life, urging listeners to "stop to watch the grass grow."

*Steam*'s versatility makes it a culmination of Herndon's career, and a gateway toward future hits.

Says Herndon, "It's about feel-good music."



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# American Profile

July 27

**Natalie Merchant**—Louisville Palace, Louisville, KY. (502) 583-4555.

July 29

**Eddie Money**—Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY. (800) 626-1936.

August 5

**Loretta Lynn**—Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY. (800) 626-1936.

August 11

**The Beach Boys**—Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY. (732) 280-3434.

August 17

**Dixie Chicks**—Freedom Hall, Louisville, KY. (502) 367-5001.

August 18

**Christina Aguilera**—Freedom Hall, Louisville, KY. (502) 367-5001.

August 19

**Brooks and Dunn**—Freedom Hall, Louisville, KY. (502) 367-5001.

August 25

**Kenny Rogers**—Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, KY. (502) 367-5001.

August 26

**Def Leppard**—Kentucky State Fair, Louisville, KY. (502) 574-0086.  
Website: [kyfairexpo.org/box%20office](http://kyfairexpo.org/box%20office).

**Confederate Railroad**—

Executive Inn, Owensboro, KY. (800) 626-1936.

September 10

**Ty Herndon**—Mountain Arts Center, Prestonburg, KY.

September 16

**Collin Raye**—The Belvedere, Louisville, KY.

## Louisiana

July 17

**Dwight Yoakam**—House of Blues, New Orleans, LA. (504) 529-2583. Website: [hob.com](http://hob.com).

July 21

**Faith Hill & Tim McGraw**—New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, LA. (504) 587-3822.  
Website: [neworleansarena.com](http://neworleansarena.com).

August 10

**Spyro Gyra**—House of Blues, New Orleans, LA. (504) 529-2583. Website: [hob.com](http://hob.com).

August 20

**Ty Herndon**—Captains Field, Shreveport, LA.

September 16

**BlackHawk**—Pickin' & Grinnin' Fest, Rayville, LA.

## Mississippi

July 20

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—Horseshoe Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 303-7463.

July 21

**Pat Benatar**—Biloxi Grand Theatre, Biloxi, MS.

July 22

**Billy Ray Cyrus**—Sams Town Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 456-0711.

July 22

**Pat Benatar**—Grand Casino Tunica, Tunica, MS. (800) 946-4946.

July 27

**Alabama**—Horseshoe Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 303-7463.

July 28

**Patti Labelle**—Sams Town Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 456-0711.

August 3

**Chicago**—Horseshoe Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 303-7463.

August 4

**Waylon Jennings**—Biloxi Grand Theatre, Biloxi, MS.

August 5

**Waylon Jennings**—Grand Casino Tunica, Tunica, MS. (800) 946-4946.

August 10

**Beach Boys**—Horseshoe Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 303-7463.

**August 19**  
**The Doobie Brothers**—  
 Grand Casino, Biloxi, MS.

**August 25**  
**Gladys Knight**—  
 Biloxi Grand Theatre, Biloxi, MS.

**August 26**  
**Gladys Knight**—Grand Casino Tunica,  
 Tunica, MS. (800) 946-4946.

**September 1**  
**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**—  
 Biloxi Grand Theatre, Biloxi, MS.

**September 2**  
**Creedence Clearwater Revisited**—  
 Grand Casino, Tunica, MS. (800) 946-4946.

**Collin Raye**—Sam's Town Casino,  
 Robinsonville, MS. (800) 456-0711.

**September 14**  
**Foreigner**—Horseshoe Casino,  
 Tunica, MS. (800) 946-4946.

## North Carolina

**July 23**  
**Santana**—Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte,  
 Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

**Chicago**—Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek,  
 Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**July 25**  
**Santana**—Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek,  
 Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**July 27**  
**YES**—Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek,  
 Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**July 28**  
**YES**—Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte,  
 Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

**Peter, Paul and Mary**—Alltel Pavilion at  
 Walnut Creek, Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**July 29**  
**Duran Duran**—Paladium at Carowinds,  
 Charlotte, NC. (800) 888-4386.

**August 2**  
**Duran Duran**—Alltel Pavilion at Walnut  
 Creek, Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**August 5**  
**Alabama**—Alltel Pavilion at Walnut  
 Creek, Raleigh, NC. (919) 831-6666.

**August 17**  
**Jo Dee Messina**—Cherokee Smokey  
 Mountain Casino, Cherokee, NC.

**August 22**  
**Jimmy Buffett**—  
 Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek, Raleigh, NC.  
 (919) 831-6666.

**August 26**  
**The Kinleys**—Greensboro Coliseum,  
 Greensboro, NC. (336) 373-7474.  
 Website: greensborocoliseum.com.

**August 27**  
**Martina McBride**—  
 Paladium at Carowinds, Charlotte, NC.  
 (800) 888-4386.

**August 28**  
**Lyle Lovett**—Greensboro Coliseum  
 Complex, Greensboro, NC. (336) 373-7474.  
 Website: greensborocoliseum.com.

**September 1**  
**Dave Matthews Band**—  
 Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek, Raleigh, NC.  
 (919) 831-6666.

**Taj Mahal & The Phantom  
 Blues Band**—  
 Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek, Raleigh, NC.  
 (919) 831-6666.

**September 2**  
**Dave Matthews Band**—  
 Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.  
 (704) 549-5555.

**September 6**  
**Sting**—Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte,  
 Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

**September 12**  
**Britney Spears**—  
 Alltel Pavilion at Walnut Creek, Raleigh, NC.  
 (919) 831-6666.

**September 13**  
**Britney Spears**—Blockbuster Pavilion  
 Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

**September 14**  
**Brad Paisley**—North Carolina  
 Mountain State Fair, Fletcher, NC.

**September 15**  
**Willie Nelson**—  
 Greensboro Coliseum Complex,  
 Greensboro, NC. (336) 373-7474.

**September 16**  
**Jeff Foxworthy**—  
 Greensboro Coliseum Complex,  
 Greensboro, NC. (336) 373-7474.

**September 17**  
**Weird Al Yankovic**—  
 Paladium at Carowinds, Charlotte, NC.  
 (800) 888-4386.

# The Kinleys



## THE KINLEYS' NEWEST

album, *II*, is a true representation of where the sisters are musically and professionally: a little older, wiser, and much happier.

"It's been almost three years since the last record and musically, we've changed so much," Jennifer says. "We're totally in a different spot. We've gotten more confidence and more experience, and I think that shows through your music."

Jennifer and her twin sister Heather first attracted attention with their 1997 debut *Just Between You and Me*. Their first single, "Please, remains the highest debuting single by a female duo in country music history, while the album's title track made the Top 10.

The album was certified gold and has gone on to sell nearly 750,000 copies. The Kinleys were named the Best New Duo or Group by the Academy of Country Music and garnered nominations for the Grammys, the Country Music Association, and the American Music Awards.

They also scored a hit with the inspirational Somebody's Out There Watching, from the *Touched By An Angel* soundtrack, which to date has sold nearly two million copies. The song has been included as a bonus cut on *II*. "We didn't categorize what we were singing, we just sang what we loved," Heather says. "And we still do that today."

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# Tammy Cochran



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Debut album, *Tammy Cochran*,  
in stores in August.



# American Profile

September 18

**Christina Aguilera**—

Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

September 20

**Def Leppard**—Blockbuster Pavilion Charlotte, Charlotte, NC. (704) 549-5555.

September 23

**Newsboys, Supertones, FFH, Geoff Moore**—

Paladium at Carowinds, Charlotte, NC. (800) 888-4386.

September 29

**Brad Paisley**—Dixie Classic State Fair, Winston-Salem, NC.

## South Carolina

July 16

**Faith Hill & Tim McGraw**—

Bi-Lo Center, Greenville, SC. (888) 386-8497. Website: [bilocenter.com](http://bilocenter.com).

July 17

**Brian Setzer Orchestra**—House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. (803) 913-3740.

July 21

**Deftones**—House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. (803) 913-3740.

August 8

**Clay Crosse**—Florence Civic Center, Florence, SC. (803) 679-9417.

August 10

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—Palace Theater, Myrtle Beach, SC.

September 15

**Neville Brothers**—House of Blues, Myrtle Beach, SC. (803) 913-3740.

## Tennessee

July 16

**Brad Paisley**—

Johnson Mem. Stadium, Kingsport, TN.

July 22

**Faith Hill & Tim McGraw**—

The Pyramid, Memphis, TN. (901) 525-7909.

Website: [pyramidarena.com](http://pyramidarena.com).

July 25

**Duran Duran**—

AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

July 29

**YES**—AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

August 7

**Christina Aguilera**—

AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

August 11-12

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—

AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

August 18

**Lynyrd Skynyrd**—

Skull Bone Music Pavilion, Jackson, TN.

August 30

**Sting**—AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

September 4

**Dave Matthews Band**—

AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

September 13

**Brad Paisley**—

Tennessee Valley Fair, Knoxville, TN.

September 17

**Britney Spears**—

AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

September 19

**Def Leppard**—AmSouth Amphitheatre, Nashville, TN. (615) 641-5800.

September 28

**Jo Dee Messina**—

Mid-South Fair, Memphis, TN.

## Virginia

July 21

**Chicago**—Nissan Pavilion, Bristow, VA.

(800) 455-8999. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

July 22

**Chicago, Little River Band**—

GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater, Virginia Beach, VA. (757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**July 23**  
**YES and Kansas**—  
Nissan Pavilion, Bristow, VA.  
(800) 455-8999. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**July 25**  
**YES**—GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater,  
Virginia Beach, VA.  
(757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**July 26**  
**Santana**—GTE Virginia Beach  
Amphitheater, Virginia Beach, VA.  
(757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**July 28**  
**Santana**—Nissan Pavilion, Bristow, VA.  
(800) 455-8999. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**July 30**  
**The Judds**—GTE Virginia Beach  
Amphitheater, Virginia Beach, VA.  
(757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**August 11**  
**Brad Paisley**—  
Prince William County Fair, Manassas, VA.

**August 12**  
**Brad Paisley**—  
Franklin County Fair, Courtland, VA.

**August 17**  
**Jars of Clay**—  
Rockingham County Fair, Harrisonburg, VA.

**August 29**  
**The Everly Brothers**—  
Birchmere, Alexandria, VA. (703) 549-7500.

**August 30**  
**Brad Paisley**—  
Shenandoah County Fair, Woodstock, VA.

**The Everly Brothers**—  
Birchmere, Alexandria, VA. (703) 549-7500.

**August 31**  
**Taj Mahal & The Phantom  
Blues Band**—  
GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater, Virginia  
Beach, VA. (757) 368-3000.  
Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**The Everly Brothers**—  
Birchmere, Alexandria, VA. (703) 549-7500.

**Dave Matthews Band**—GTE Virginia  
Beach Amphitheater, Virginia Beach, VA.  
(757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**September 6**  
**Koko Taylor & Her  
Blues Machine**—  
Wolf Trap Filene Center, Vienna, VA.  
(703) 218-6500. Website: [wolftrap.org](http://wolftrap.org).

**September 9**  
**Sting**—GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater,  
Virginia Beach, VA.  
(757) 368-3000. Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**September 11**  
**Christin Aguilera**—  
GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater,  
Virginia Beach, VA. (757) 368-3000.  
Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**September 14**  
**Britney Spears**—  
GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater, Virginia  
Beach, VA. (757) 368-3000.  
Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**September 17**  
**Ty Herndon**—  
Downtown Amphitheatre, Charlottesville, VA.

**September 23**  
**Def Leppard**—  
GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater,  
Virginia Beach, VA. (757) 368-3000.  
Website: [cellardoor.com](http://cellardoor.com).

**September 24**  
**Def Leppard**—  
Virginia State Fair, Richmond, VA.

## West Virginia

**July 17**  
**Brad Paisley**—Interstate Fairgrounds,  
Mineral Wells, WV.

**July 29**  
**John Anderson**—Jackson County Fair,  
Cottageville, WV. (304) 372-9292.

**August 10**  
**Red Hot Chili Peppers**—  
Charleston Civic Center, Charleston, WV.  
(304) 345-7469.

**August 15**  
**Brad Paisley**—  
West Virginia State Fair, Fairlea, WV.  
(877) 988-4257.  
Website: [wvstatefair.com](http://wvstatefair.com).

**August 20**  
**Kathy Mattea**—Cultural Center,  
Charleston, WV. (304) 558-3000.

**August 25**  
**Brad Paisley**—  
Dodridge County Fair, West Union, WV.  
Website: [hometown.aol.com](http://hometown.aol.com).



# Billy Gillman

**ON ALL THE FINGERS** of one hand you  
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Gilman without reference to his age.

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Forget it. He loves to sing. He loves to perform. He's full  
of energy and enthusiasm. He is a natural.

"At school, for Show and Tell, the other kids would  
bring in comic book stuff, or science projects," he says.  
"I'd always sing."

School was in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, outside of  
Providence, where he grew up listening to pure country.  
"Tammy Wynette, George Jones, Eddie Arnold, Patsy  
Cline, all the classics," he lists, the records his  
grandparents played.

Gilman burst onto the national music scene with a  
show-stopping performance that resulted in a standing  
ovation at the recent Academy of Country Music Awards.  
"It was a life-altering experience," he told music legend,  
Dick Clark, backstage.

When his debut single, *One Voice*, entered the *Billboard*  
chart, Gilman edged out Brenda Lee to become the  
youngest person ever to have a song on the magazine's  
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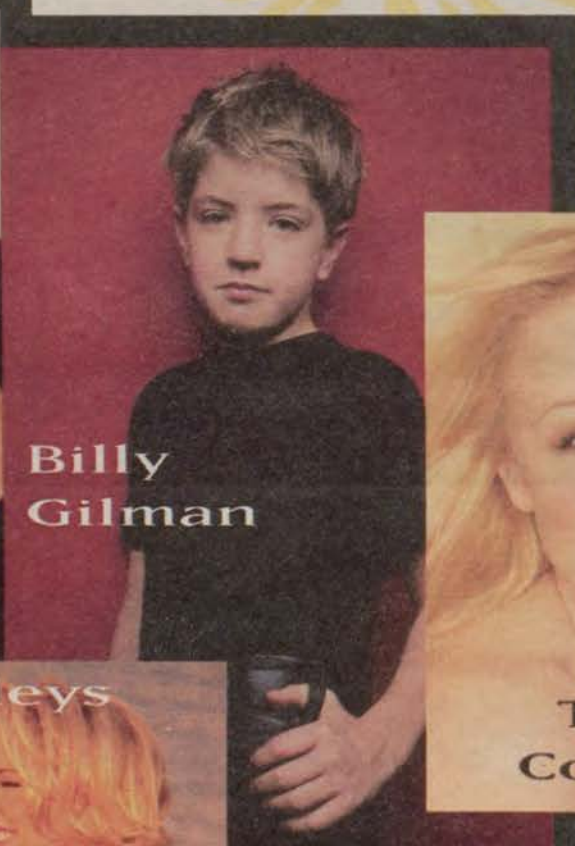
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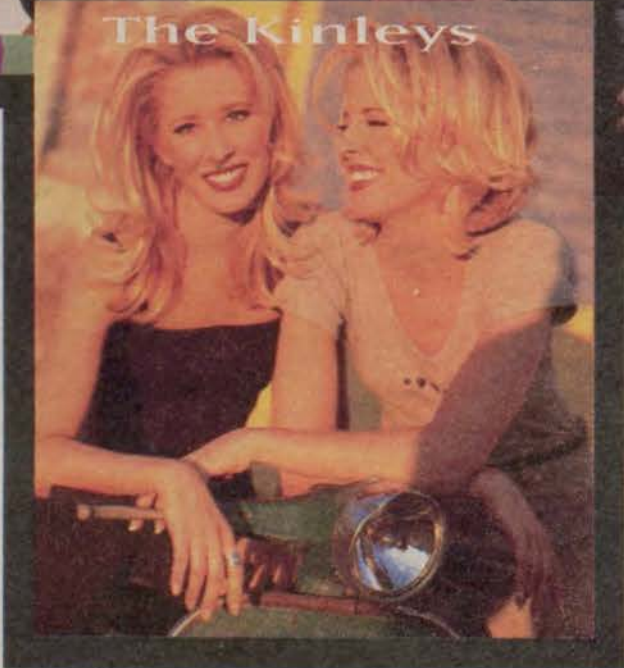
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  - Two passes to a private reception with the artists
- Random drawing to be held on August 10, 2000.





# Tidbits

**ALABAMA**—CATHEDRAL CAVERNS IN GRANT has the world's largest commercially maintained cave entrance and stalagmite. The entrance measures 128 by 25 feet. One stalagmite, appropriately named Goliath, is 243 feet wide and 45 feet tall, say park officials.

**ARKANSAS**—THE ATTACK ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S Fort Sumter in April 1861 is known as the official start of the Civil War. But several days prior, residents in Pine Bluff reportedly fired on a federal gunboat and confiscated its supplies.

**FLORIDA**—EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK IS THE largest subtropical wilderness in the continental United States. The 1.5 million-acre park has numerous fresh and saltwater areas, open prairies, and forests. It is the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles exist together, say park officials.

**GEORGIA**—WHO ARE THE GIRL GUIDES? Well, you know them as the Girl Scouts. Juliette Gordon Low founded the organization in 1912 in Savannah. The name was changed a year later.

**KENTUCKY**—ESTABLISHED IN 1774, HARRODS-TOWN (now Harrodsburg) was the first permanent European settlement in the Kentucky region. The town is named after Capt. James Harrod, the man who led a group of surveyors into the area.

**LOUISIANA**—LOUISIANA WAS THE FIRST STATE to pass a law making English its official language. The law was passed in 1811—109 years before another state, Nebraska, did the same thing.

**MISSISSIPPI**—VICKSBURG WAS KNOWN AS THE Gibraltar of the Confederacy during the Civil War. The city, located high on the bluffs, was a fortress guarding the Mississippi River. After fighting a campaign from March 29, 1863, to July 4, 1863, the city surrendered to Union troops.

**NORTH CAROLINA**—THE INFAMOUS PIRATE Blackbeard's ship, "The Queen Anne's Revenge," was found in waters off the shore of Beaufort in 1996. The ship sank in 1718. Blackbeard, whose real name was Edward Teach, lived in Bath when he wasn't out pirating.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**—THE EDISTO RIVER IN South Carolina is the longest free-flowing blackwater river in the country. Blackwater describes both the color of the water and its peaceful flow.

**TENNESSEE**—TENNESSEE SETTLERS WERE THE first white people in America to draft a constitution. The Watauga Association drafted the constitution, based on the Iroquois Federation's laws, in 1772 at Sycamore Shoals near Elizabethton.

**VIRGINIA**—MORE CIVIL WAR BATTLES WERE fought in Virginia than in any other state. More than half of the war's approximately 4,000 battles occurred there.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—SOME RESIDENTS WANTED A total break when West Virginia separated from Virginia in 1861. One proposed name for the new state was Kanawha, after a major river in the area, but a state convention decided on West Virginia.

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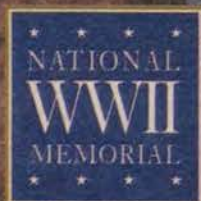
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by MARY HANCE

# Keys to a Profitable Yard Sale



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**Salesmanship, a few tricks,** and extra effort can turn a mildly successful yard sale into a profitable, worthwhile endeavor. To help make your sale a success:

- Collect enough good stuff to make a yard sale worth your time.
- Advertise in the newspaper and put up signs around your neighborhood. Many shoppers plan their day around the paper, so it pays to be in there, even with a small ad.
- List specialty items in the ad, such as a footed bathtub, Ping-Pong table, or certain collectibles.
- Invite friends, neighbors, or family members to participate. Multifamily sales attract more shoppers, and you can share the cost of the ad.
- Schedule the sale for the first weekend of the month, except during holidays. That's when most people have extra money.
- Tidy up your yard before the sale. A well-tended home suggests you have good stuff to sell.
- Begin the sale earlier than is usual for your area. Shoppers who start at your place will have the most money.
- Expect early shoppers. No matter what opening time you put in the ad, some will come earlier. Be ready, and make some sales.
- Make your merchandise look good. Dust and oil furniture, scrub toys and baby equipment, clean tools, and mend all garments. Write the size of each garment on the price tag.
- Package similar items. Linens sell best when sorted by color and bundled with ribbon, for example.
- Price your items to sell, and mark them individually rather than setting up a \$1- or 50-cent table.
- Take names and offers on more valuable items. If you ask \$300 for a dining room table, ask interested shoppers for their best offer, name, and phone number. You may end up calling them after the sale.
- Be sure customers know that you will negotiate. Encourage offers. ☆

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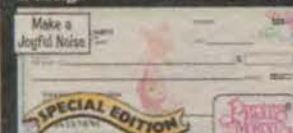
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# Ask American Profile



Kevin Spacey: more to come.

**Q** After his big Oscar win for *American Beauty*, what's next for Kevin Spacey? I can't wait to see his next film. What is it and when should I expect it?

— Ramsay C., Pennsylvania

Kevin Spacey followed *American Beauty* with *The Big Kahuna*, co-starring Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli. Spacey can be seen later this year in *Pay It Forward*, with Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment, the young boy in *The Sixth Sense*. The movie is scheduled for a late 2000 release.

**Q** I'm a big fan of *ER*'s Julianna Margulies, who played nurse Carol Hathaway. What are her plans now that she's left the show?

— Linda C., Virginia

Julianna Margulies, 1995 Emmy Award winner for Best Supporting Actress in a Drama Series, earned four consecutive Emmy nominations playing *ER*'s head nurse, Carol Hathaway. Since exiting the show earlier this year, Margulies has been busy with special projects. Look for her in the TNT production *The Mists of Avalon*, an exciting new twist on the magical legend of King Arthur. Margulies also is the voice of Neera in Disney's latest animated film, *Dinosaur*.



Julianna Margulies, out of *ER* into new projects.

**Q** Has Perry Como given up his singing career? I wish I could encourage him to sing to his many senior fans. It would be a wonderful treat for them and good for him to remain active in his career.

— Teresa R., Florida

Como, 88, does few live shows these days, but due to heavy fan demand he has several new song collections and re-released albums available on the Internet at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [CDUniverse.com](http://CDUniverse.com). Born Pierino Como, the velvet-voiced crooner entered show business in 1933 when he auditioned for a Cleveland bandleader. In 1935, Como joined Ted Weems' Orchestra and recorded for Decca. In 1942, he decided to return to his hometown of Canonsburg, Pa., and to his first profession—as a barber. But he soon was singing again. His first recording for RCA-Victor was *Goodbye Sue* on Dec. 1, 1943. It was the first of many hit singles and albums.

**Q** Can you tell me anything about *The O'Reilly Factor*'s Bill O'Reilly? Is he married?

— Mae B., Ohio

Yes, Bill O'Reilly, 51, is married and has a daughter. He is the host and executive producer of Fox News Channel's *The O'Reilly Factor*, which illuminates and analyzes top stories of the day, events, trends, and celebrities, through spirited debate and questioning. O'Reilly, from Levittown, N.Y., attended Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he played football and worked on the school newspaper. In 1995, he earned a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. O'Reilly also authored the fiction thriller, *Those Who Trespass: A Novel of Murder and Television*.

**Q** I've been watching *The Equalizer*, now in reruns on cable. What happened to the actors? And is the character "Control" the same actor who was in the movie *12 O'Clock High*?

— Dee B., Missouri



Perry Como, the former barber, has new song collections out.

You have a good eye. Robert Lansing, who played Control on *The Equalizer*, also played Brig. Gen. Frank Savage in *12 O'Clock High*. He died in October 1994 in New York City after a long battle with cancer. Edward Woodward (Robert McCall) now plays the boss in the British remake of *The Professionals* called *CI5: The New Professionals*, a 13-part series. William Zabka (Scott McCall) played several roles in teen films, including two *Karate Kid* movies. He also can be seen in this year's films *Python* and *Roomies*. Keith Szarabajka (Mickey) appeared in plays, feature films (*Warning Sign*, *Missing*), and television productions, most recently the television series *Max Steel*. Robert Jordan (Harley Gage) died of a brain tumor in 1993. ☆



Robert McCall, left, and Robert Lansing of *The Equalizer* fame.

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## Hometown Event

# Politics and Barbecue Run Freely

## in Fancy Farm, Kentucky

by BRIAN COURTNEY

In Kentucky, politicians go where the people are—and with good reason. Folklore has it that anyone in Kentucky politics who doesn't speak at the annual Fancy Farm Picnic doesn't get elected.

"I'm not sure whether most politicians believe this is true, but a lot of them show up anyway," says Bob Spalding, the event's chairman and director for the last 24 years.

Aug. 5, 2000, marks the 120th consecutive Fancy Farm Picnic. Some 15,000 people, including dozens of candidates with a taste for savory barbecue and an even greater appetite for votes, attend the politically charged event—the unofficial kickoff of fall campaigning in Kentucky politics.

Spalding describes the Fancy Farm Picnic as a forum for "back-home" politics, a homecoming for former residents, and a destination for those who love barbecue, good company, and outdoor fun. Admission is free, and \$7 buys all the barbecue and extras you can eat (\$3.50 if you're 12 or under).

This year, the Fancy Farm community (pop. 500), so named by its founders in 1843 for its many elegant farms, will barbecue about 18,000 pounds of pork and mutton. That's roughly 2,000 pounds more than in 1984 when Fancy Farm set a Guinness World Record for the largest one-day picnic and barbecue.

The picnic, held on the first Saturday in August, began before the Civil War as a gathering among families after tobacco crops were harvested. It was suspended during the war and resumed in 1880. Over time, the picnic gained popularity—especially among Kentucky politicians who saw it as a prime opportunity to "stump" for votes (originally, to speak from the high ground of a tree stump).

Speaking at Fancy Farm is open to candidates running for any Kentucky or national office. Turnout is particularly heavy during highly contested congressional races.

"You just didn't ignore the opportunity to come down here and get exposure," says Lloyd Clapp, former speaker pro tempore for the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Clapp, who retired in 1986 after 21 years in office, spoke at the Fancy Farm Picnic almost every year of his political career.

Fancy Farm also is popular with candidates courting the national vote. Kentucky native and former Vice President Alvin C. Barkley made regular appearances during the 1940s. Perennial presidential candidate George C. Wallace attended, and Vice President Al Gore, a former U.S. senator from Tennessee, stopped to campaign in 1992. Spalding is optimistic that one or both candidates in this year's presidential election will attend.

While political turnout at the shindig is unpredictable, its schedule remains the same. Carnival-like games begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. A band plays bluegrass and country music until 2 p.m., at which time the politicking begins.

For this, the audience gathers near the remains of the old lyin' tree, named for the free-flowing promises of ambitious politicians who once spoke beneath it. It was "critically wounded" in 1974 by what has been described as "a nonpartisan bolt of lightning."

Political speeches conclude at precisely 4 p.m., and the music flows again until the picnic ends with the raffle of a new car at 11 p.m.

Berry Craig, an associate history professor at Paducah Community College, uses Fancy Farm as a teaching tool, saying the event steps back to a time when candidates relied more heavily on their live oratory skills than on television ads and the media.

"I always encourage my students to go to at least one Fancy Farm Picnic," he says, "because it's a throwback to the stump-style speaking that Kentucky and Tennessee were famous for a hundred years ago." ☆

Brian Courtney is a regular contributor to American Profile.



Politicians aren't the only ones running.



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### FLORIDA Obon Festival—

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# Raspberry Royal Muffins

by KAREN LEVIN

Raspberry picking is a perfect way to savor the fruits of summer. Pick a few, eat a few, and if you have any left when you get home, consider baking a pan of fruit-filled muffins to share with family and friends, or freeze for another day.

Persimmon Hill Berry Farm in the Ozark Mountains near Lampe, Mo., is known for its sumptuous Raspberry Royal Muffins. Once berry-picking season arrives, the muffins are baked fresh daily, using a recipe developed more than a decade ago by local restaurant chef Robert Nicol.

Part of the berry-picking experience at Persimmon Hill is enjoying a warm muffin with coffee or juice on the front porch of the farm's store or at one of the

shaded picnic tables outside.

The muffins are so popular that farm owners Earnie and Martha Bohner ship them to out-of-town visitors via one-day air service. One avid customer in New York takes a Persimmon Hill muffin to her local coffee house when she wants to treat herself to a special breakfast.

You-pick berry farms like Persimmon Hill abound throughout the country, places where you can pick a few pints for the following muffin recipe. Serve them warm, then cool and freeze any extras for up to three months. ✨

*Karen Levin is a freelance food writer and cookbook author in Highland Park, Ill.*



Photo: Adele Starr

**RECIPE:**

**Raspberry Royal Muffins**



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| 1 cup sugar                           | 1/2 cup milk                           |
| 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened | 1 teaspoon vanilla                     |
| 2 eggs                                | 2 1/2 cups fresh or frozen raspberries |
| 2 cups flour                          |  |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder             | <b>For topping:</b>                    |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt                     | 1 tablespoon sugar                     |
|                                       | 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon                  |

Cream together sugar and butter (do not use melted butter, as the muffins will be flat), add eggs, and mix well. Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt, and then add these dry ingredients to the butter and egg mixture. Add milk and vanilla, and stir the batter just until dry ingredients are moistened. Gently fold in raspberries. If using frozen berries, do not thaw before adding to the mix. Line muffin tins with paper muffin cups or spray nonstick muffin tins with cooking spray. Fill cups 3/4 full with batter. Top with the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes (a bit longer for jumbo muffins). Muffins are done when a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Yield: One dozen regular muffins or 6 jumbo muffins.

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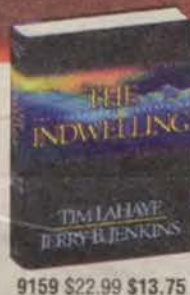
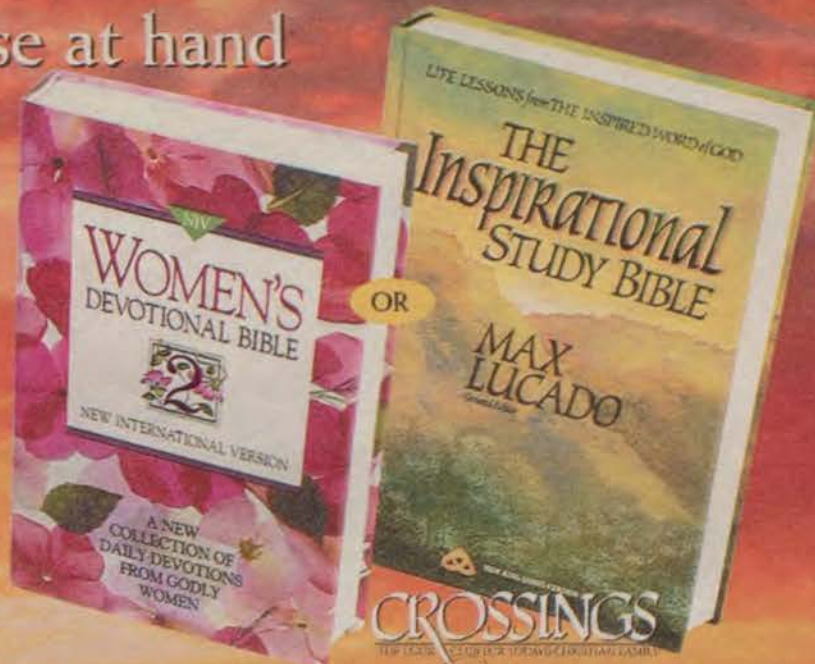
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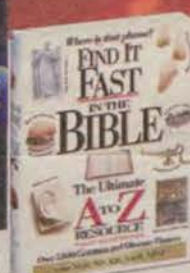
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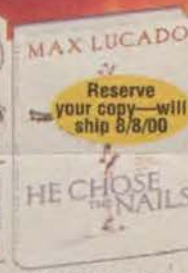
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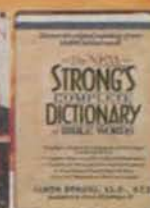
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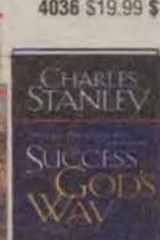
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## Hometown Spotlight

# Faulkner's Oxford: A Mecca for Writers

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William Faulkner, in statue and legend, holds sway in Oxford, Mississippi.

It's hard to imagine what Oxford, Miss., would be like without its literary culture—not to see, on a daily basis, such acclaimed authors as Barry Hannah and Larry Brown sitting in local bars or walking down the street, deep in conversation with friends and devoted readers. Or to go a whole month without someone mentioning author William Faulkner as if he were still alive, writing in eternal solitude.

Oxford is inextricably linked to Faulkner, winner of the 1949 Nobel Prize in Literature, and his fictional Yoknapatawpha County. Willie Morris, the native son who moved to New York and became the youngest ever editor-in-chief at *Harper's Magazine* in 1967, once wrote in *National Geographic*, Faulkner's "physical and emotional fidelity to Oxford . . . was at the core of his being, so that today Oxford and the real county—Lafayette—are the most tangibly connected to one writer's soul of any locale in America."



Since Faulkner's death in 1962, a strong literary culture has built upon his legacy, and Oxford has transformed to the literary mecca it is today. Oxford's been home to more writers than anyone can count, including novices, university professors, writers for the national publication, *The Oxford American*, and the local daily, *Oxford Eagle*—and of course, lauded fiction writers such as Hannah, Brown, Morris, and John Grisham.

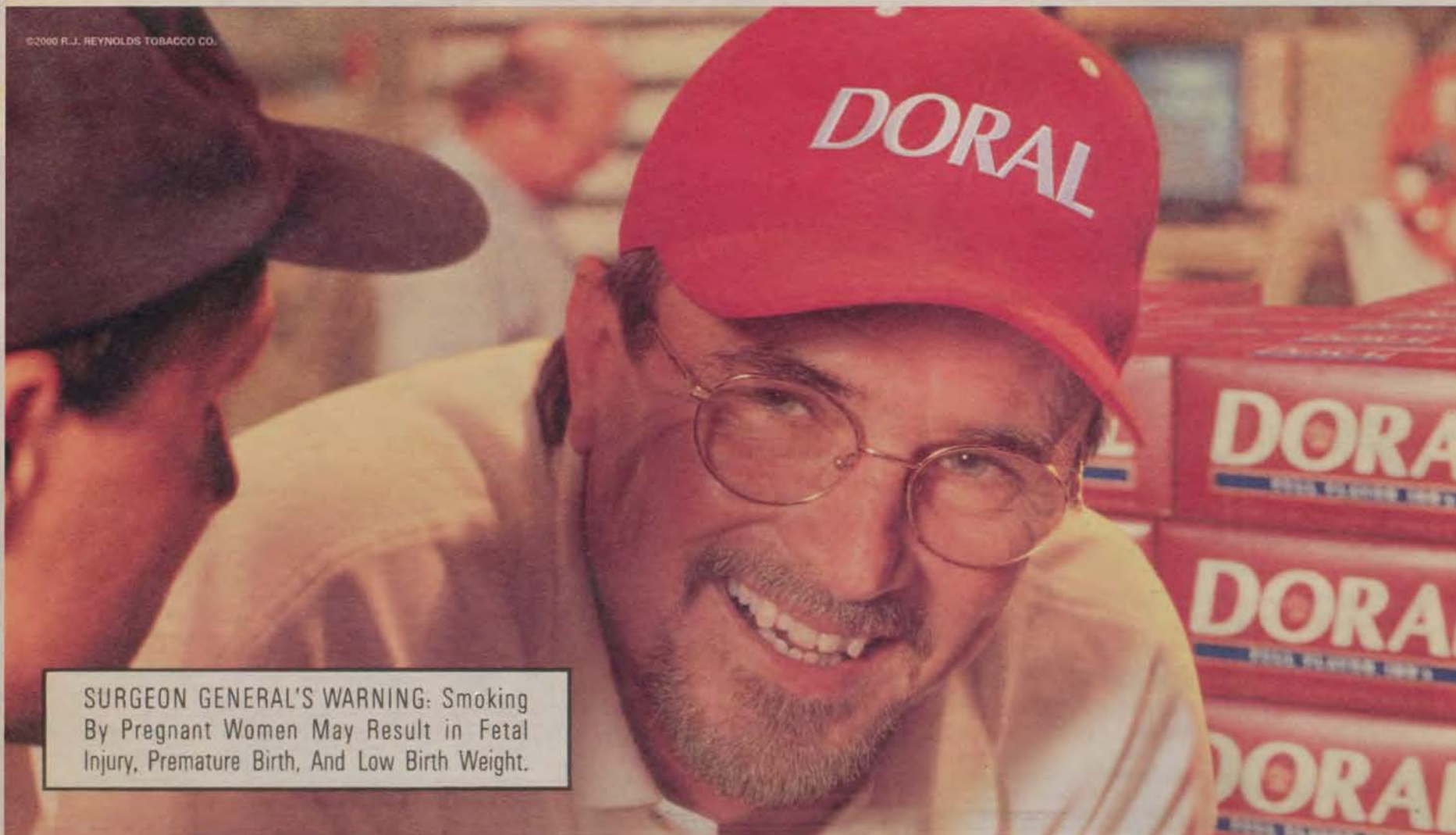
In 1979, Richard Howorth and his wife, Lisa, opened Square Books on the town square, which at the time was still Oxford's center of commerce, hardware, and dry good stores.

"I must say, the town was a lot duller then," says Hannah. "It was more like a village. The dogs slept in the streets. It was much quieter."

### GETTING THERE...

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Barry Hannah: characters from Mississippi's conflicted history.

Says Howorth, "When we first opened the store, we had readings within the first month." Those readings are now a weekly staple in Oxford's cultural diet. Partly as a result of Square Book's push to grow the town into a literary center, writers have found it a welcoming place. "I think, too, that Faulkner made it possible for other artists to be accorded much more, if not respect, then distance and latitude from people in the community," Howorth adds.

By the time Willie Morris returned to Mississippi in the early '80s, farm and working class life had changed. Racial intolerance and suspicion of outsiders began to fade as a new self-awareness and literary consciousness emerged.

"Willie was a kind of bridge between Faulkner and the new writers . . . between that traditional South and the

new contemporary South. He was one of the major boosts to Oxford's literary culture," says Charles Wilson, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at Ole Miss (The University of Mississippi, located in Oxford).

Larry Brown has twice won the Southern Book Critics Circle Award, one each for his novels *Joe* and *Father and Son*. He was born in Lafayette County and says he lives here simply because it's home. "My family's here," he says. "My great-grandfather was from here, fought in the Civil War."

Wilson talks of Brown as a link between working class



Bookstore owner Richard Howorth, left, with Larry Brown.

culture and the contemporary literary culture. "Out of Faulkner's mythical county comes Brown, a real fireman," Wilson says. "He's a very interesting character in all this."

Brown was an Oxford firefighter for 16 years before he started writing full time. His numerous novels and collections of short stories are testaments to how certain strong elements of the traditional South remain—a fervent spiritualness, a deep connection to landscape—despite the region's cultural changes.

Barry Hannah moved to Oxford in 1982 to teach creative writing at Ole Miss. His debut novel, *Gerónimo Rex*, was nominated for the National Book Award. Hannah's stories depict people very much caught in the context of Mississippi's conflicted history—wrestling with the die-hard memories of the Civil War and the civil rights movement.

His first home in Oxford was a rented house on the land of the fabled Compsons, from Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*. "The town was gorgeous. Almost brought me back to the brick streets of my youth down in Clinton (Miss.)," Hannah says. "I loved the big ol' palatial oak trees in Oxford, over these two- and three-story homes with spires . . . And the shade, the good shade." He admits he likes living among Faulkner's ghosts, likes the high standards his writing has set.

"I finally found a scene to look out on. For me, I've got to *have* a world to really look at a world; and that's what I found in Oxford." ✨

Adam Shenper writes from his home in Oxford, Miss.

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# America's First Family of

# Theme Parks

by MICHAEL NOLAN

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**Bringing  
Santa Claus  
to Indiana  
was just  
the beginning**

"It's like a rush. I would ride this again . . . a bunch more times," raves Marissa Missinne, 14, of Corydon, Ind., following her first scream-inspiring ride aboard The Legend, the fearsome new wooden roller coaster at Holiday World.

Bill Koch, 85, beams upon hearing of her enthusiastic review. "That makes me feel like it's all worthwhile," he says, grinning. "I am happy with the happiness of others." *Others* in this case refers to the roughly half a million people expected to enjoy the 55th season at Koch's family owned amusement park in Santa Claus, Ind.

Koch (pronounced cook) is patriarch of the family, but admits he was initially a grinch about the business when it began as Santa Claus Land in 1946.

Bill Koch's father, industrialist Louis J. Koch, decided to create the theme park after learning that visitors to the town of Santa Claus (especially children) often were disappointed to learn that Santa didn't live there. He bought land for the park in the 1930s, but development was delayed until after World War II.

Bill Koch returned from the Navy in 1946 to find his father ready to open Santa Claus Land with its fairyland trail, miniature railroad, toy shop, restaurant, and the jovial presence of Saint Nick. Unbeknownst to either of them at the

time, the senior Koch had established America's first theme park.

"I thought it was screwy," son Bill recalls. "I didn't want any part of it."

Before long however, as Bill recognized the park's potential and its community benefit, he got into the spirit of the family business. He began running it in 1948 and was named president 11 years later.

## A Family Affair

"All five of our children worked here from the time they were about 10," Bill recalls. As youngsters, they played elves and dwarves. As they grew, so did their responsibilities. "Even though we weren't the biggest (park), we wanted to make it the best, and every one of us worked toward that goal."

"When we would go home at night, all we did was talk about the park," he continues. Vacations were spent at other theme parks across the country, making comparisons and gathering ideas.

"We were the test subjects," laughs Will Koch, 38, the eldest child of Bill and his wife, Pat, and one of two offspring still involved in Holiday World's daily operations (the others sit on the board of directors). "We would go on all the rides and Dad would ask us, 'How do you like that?' or 'What do you think if we added this?'" says Will, park president and general manager.

Forget photos: when it's time to nap, it's time.



Visitors are like part of the family at Holiday World.



Bill Koch and wife, Pat, seated ahead of son Will and daughter Natalie.

After working his way through college as a park employee, Will left the family business for a California computer corporation. Within three years, however, he was ready to go home. "You have one little piece of the whole puzzle that you work on, but I was used to being here," Will recalls. "Dad always brought home whatever the issues were at the park, and we talked about them."

Eager to regain that level of involvement, he returned to Holiday World in December 1986 as director of operations and became general manager two years later.

Meanwhile, the park had expanded dramatically with new sections and attractions celebrating the Fourth of July and Halloween. To reflect its broader vision, Santa Claus Land became Holiday World. Today it also has an affiliated water park called Surfin' Safari.



Inner tubes, parking, and soft drinks are free.

Like Will, the Kochs' youngest daughter, Natalie, 32, was inclined to leave the family fold and pursue work consistent with her master's degree in Latin American studies. "I had no intention of being back here," she says with a laugh. "I wanted to make my own mark in the world."

That mark, it turns out, would be in Santa Claus, Ind. The pull of the family business was strong, especially with the 1993 startup of their expansive water park. Natalie returned to work seasonally, then full time, eventually becoming director of human relations and operations.

"I can't imagine working somewhere where I can't wear my polo shirt and khaki shorts and tennis shoes to work," she jokes. "And it's certainly been more rewarding. I see how (employees) benefit from working here and grow and improve. It sounds kind of corny, but they do become part of our family."

One of the Kochs' biggest challenges is keeping the park staffed with the required 1,000 seasonal employees in a county with only 1,800 residents and an increasingly competitive job market. "We have to work hard to try to be a better employer for these young people," Will says.

One distinct advantage is the park's longevity. It's not unusual for the parents or grandparents of today's teenage employees to have worked at Holiday World in their youth.

## Rides and Slides

Today, Holiday World offers something for everyone, including rides, shows, and games — not to mention Indiana's largest water park, featuring a wave pool, tubing rides, and giant slides.

Thrill seekers find a variety of vintage midway rides, including a Tilt-A-Whirl and a Spider, as well as water rides and its giant wooden roller coasters, the Raven and, most recently, The Legend.

"People are telling us that we have the best one-two punch of roller coasters in any theme park," Will says. To ensure that this latest addition would be a real crowd pleaser, he posted initial blueprints of the \$3 million Legend on their website ([holidayworld.com](http://holidayworld.com)) and presented preliminary plans to roller coaster fan clubs for their input. "That had never happened before," he says. "We had over 200 suggestions on what to do with The Legend. A lot of them got incorporated into the design."

Tamer rides for children include the original train built by George Koch Sons, the manufacturing company founded by Bill's grandfather. The park also boasts an enormous playscape which, in keeping with Will's vision, encourages parents and children to interact.

Such family thinking permeates virtually every aspect of Holiday World. "Because we're a family park, we've always been concerned with value," Will explains. To that end, both Holiday World and Surfin' Safari are offered as two parks for one price. Parking and inner tubes are free, and this year they've added a first in the theme park industry: free unlimited soft drinks. "Some people have told us that we're crazy for doing this, but we just don't like to nickel-and-dime families," he says.



The Koch family goes for a ride.

## A Bell That Rang A Name

Southern Indiana is far from the North Pole, but read a detailed state map and you'll find the town of Santa Claus. One might assume the town was named for St. Nicholas to generate tourism, but such wasn't the case.

A town meeting was held on Christmas Eve, 1852, so residents could name their little community, historians say. Hours passed without consensus. Finally, a sound outside—possibly sleigh bells—caused one or more children to exclaim, "It's Santa Claus! It's Santa Claus!" The name certainly had a ring to it, so citizens voted to accept it as their merry moniker.

As the designated "queen of clean," Pat, the family matriarch, is a stickler for keeping Holiday World shipshape. "Almost everybody knows whose park this is, so you feel very responsible, like people are here at your house," she says. Her vigilance has paid off: the park was ranked No. 3 in cleanliness by readers of *Amusement Today* magazine in 1999, just behind Disney World in Orlando, Fla., and top-ranked Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Va.

That same survey rated the park No. 1 in friendliness — not surprising, given that the Koch family mingles daily with visitors and responds to feedback. "It makes a huge difference if you're out there hearing it in person from a guest instead of through three layers of management," Will says.

Reflecting on his life's work, Bill, once the admitted skeptic, finds great satisfaction. He is gratified to see people "anxious to get in here and to see them smile throughout their visit." And though he and his wife, who serve as company co-chairs, plan to retire this year from daily involvement, Bill says he hopes his family never rests on its laurels. "This operation has never been completed, and it never will be completed," he says.

Sharing his father's vision, Will concurs: "This park is just as much a part of our family as any of the people are. It's hard to imagine the park not being a part of us." ✨

*Freelance writer Michael Nolan admits that 14-year-old girl was not the only one screaming on The Legend.*

## Theme Parks Are Everywhere

Families looking for summer fun needn't travel hundreds of miles to a major amusement park — many can be found in hometowns within easy driving distance. Three good examples are Clementon Amusement Park in Clementon, N.J.; Ghost Town in the Sky in Maggie Valley, N.C.; and Silver Dollar City in Branson,

Mo. Countless other small theme parks exist throughout the country and can make a fine day's outing. Ask friends, look up Amusement Parks in a phone directory, or try visiting the following websites: [www.napba.org](http://www.napba.org) (The National Amusement Park Historical Association), [www.users.sgi.net/~rolloct/amuse.html](http://www.users.sgi.net/~rolloct/amuse.html), or [www.ridez.com](http://www.ridez.com)

# Gardening

by ZACH THOMAS

Photo: Randy Janoski

# Second Planting

## SPRING IS GONE; WHAT'S A GARDENER TO DO?

Midsummer is harvest time for many gardeners, but what we harvest mostly are weeds. Peas and lettuce are picked and gone, we've waited two months for the carrots to grow, tomatoes are all a-sprawl with fruit that hasn't the sense to ripen yet, so what's a gardener to do but weed?

Plant, that's what. Midsummer is nothing but spring gone drier. Gardens aren't meant to be planted just once, and pulled weeds are simply compost in the making — so what you should do in midsummer is *plant*. It's good for the soul, and can provide you with a crop of fresh vegetables well into winter.

Start with root vegetables. Plant them all: carrots, turnips, radishes, the whole shebang. (Sure you don't like radishes, but if you grow them fast in moist soil, the hot taste sweetens up with

a nice little tang.) Anything that ripens best in cool weather also makes a nice candidate for summer planting. This includes broccoli, cabbage, and brussel sprouts, along with nearly any sort of salad greens, or short-season vine vegetables such as cucumbers and zucchini. Peas are also worth a shot.

The key to successful summer planting lies in keeping your soil moist enough to ensure good germination. The best way to do this is to clear weeds or debris from a patch of garden, plant, then water gently until the ground is damp several inches deep.

Then mulch your soil with lawn clippings to keep it damp. Garden soil at seed-sowing level can dry out in a matter of hours on a hot day, and once a seed absorbs enough moisture to break dormancy, it must remain moist until it can send out roots or it will die. As grass breaks down into compost, it provides a nice shot of natural nitrogen fertilizer for your new seedlings. Once your vegetables are up, add enough clippings to choke out weeds. (Remember to use only cut grass that hasn't been treated with herbicides.)

Leaf lettuce is great to plant in summer because it grows quickly, tastes better when harvested in cool weather, and (depending on the variety) can stand many light frosts. Grow several types to give salad a mix of taste, texture, and color, throwing in herbs such as dill, basil, and chervil as well.

Broccoli, cabbage, and brussel sprouts taste far better after a frost, so these are nice candidates for midsummer sowing. Once the main broccoli head is harvested, tasty side shoots will form and ripen well into winter. With cabbage, harvest the main head but leave behind the surrounding lower leaves, and you'll find baby cabbages forming in this empty bowl.

Carrots are sweeter and tastier when exposed to cold fall or winter weather. These and other root vegetables can be harvested through winter if you mulch the bed heavily against ground frost (use hay, straw, dry leaves, or peat moss). Just pull it aside in January, reach down, and pull out a carrot. ✨

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