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briefs

Investigation leads police to pot plants

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A domestic violence call in April has led to a marijuana cultivation investigation near Martin.

On April 9, Prestonsburg Police Department received a call reporting a domestic violence incident that occurred at a residence on Half Street in Prestonsburg. Responding officers investigated and then called Det. Steve Little to the scene.

As a result of this initial investigation, Shawn Flannery was charged with fourth-degree domestic violence, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Further investigation in the case led to a tip that marijuana was being grown in the Stephens Branch area of Martin. Little, Officer Sam Goodman, Kentucky Bureau of Investigation agents and Mayor Jerry Fannin conducted a search of the area and discovered nine marijuana plants.

According to Prestonsburg police, no suspect has been named at this time. The cultivation investigation is being conducted by the Floyd County Drug Task Force.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny
 High: 88 • Low: 63

Tomorrow
Mostly sunny
 High: 90 • Low: 67

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Prestonsburg woman killed in wreck

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A two-vehicle accident Saturday claimed the life of a Prestonsburg resident.

Barbara Wallace, 43, a passenger in a car driven by Elizabeth M. Wallace, was

killed in an accident that happened in front of the Mountain Arts Center around 11 a.m.

According to the Prestonsburg Police Department, Elizabeth M. Wallace, 16, along with passengers Edan Johnson and Barbara Wallace of

Prestonsburg, were attempting to make a left turn onto Route 114 from Hal Rogers Drive when she reportedly pulled into the path of another oncoming vehicle driven by Cathy N. Francisco, 49, of Pikeville, who was traveling west on Route 114.

According to police, seat

belts were not in use in Wallace's vehicle.

Barbara Wallace was pronounced dead at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Internal injuries are said to be the cause of her death.

Cathy Francisco and her passenger, Lauren Francisco, of Pikeville, were treated and

released from Highlands.

The accident is still under investigation by Prestonsburg police. Prestonsburg Fire Department, Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Trans-Star Ambulance Service assisted the police department with the accident.

FILLING A NEED



photo by Jessica Hale

Danny Jarrell relaxes as he gets ready to donate blood at the Prestonsburg Blood Donor Center. "I haven't donated in a while because of work, but I heard there was a shortage so I decided to come down," Jarrell said.

Local residents answer call to combat blood shortage

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Blood shortages are a very big concern for the area as holidays approach, leaving blood centers around the region worried about what's going to happen when the supply is gone.

Russ Cassidy, donor recruitment specialist at the Central Kentucky Blood Center's Pikeville office, says the region is in a pretty bad shortage right now.

"With the Labor Day holiday quickly approaching, people aren't as likely to donate because of family vacations

and such", said Cassidy. "The problem is that there are more accidents that occur in the holiday season and this increases the demand for blood."

People were quickly filing into the Prestonsburg donor center Tuesday, waiting to do their part to relieve the shortage. Employees at the center say that people are weary of donating blood because they don't know what takes place during the entire process.

The process is simple. When you visit the donor center, you will first have to be registered. This only takes a couple of minutes and then you go through a short screening

process. Cassidy says that they are required to ask some personal questions, but they are only intended to ensure both the donor's safety and the safety of the blood supply.

Next, a donor will undergo what they call a "mini-physical". This is just to make sure that the donor is healthy enough to give blood. Then the donor is hooked up to a machine.

The entire process takes only about one hour. There are some requirements though. Donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum

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Man finds theft suspect by calling stolen phone

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man charged with trespassing and theft had his case sent to a Floyd County grand jury Monday after his accuser said he had talked to the man and had heard him admit to using his stolen property.

Elray Cline, 22, of Prestonsburg, was charged on July 28 with first-degree criminal trespassing and theft by unlawful taking of over \$300.

Shortly before 4 a.m. on July 25, the alarm system went off at Tim Cunningham's Prestonsburg home. He said after he made sure his wife was okay, he went down to his living room with a pistol and noticed his front window had been broken. He searched for the intruder inside to no avail before going outside and firing the pistol into the air a few times to make sure whoever it was did not return. He then called the Kentucky State Police.

When it became lighter out, Cunningham checked for stolen property and noticed that nothing was missing from his home, but he was missing some items

from his car and an outdoor building, including a weedeater, a power paint sprayer, a book of checks, a pair of sunglasses, his cell-phone and \$20. The items are valued between \$500 to \$700.

Cunningham said he decided to go online and check if the stolen cell phone had been used to make any calls, and he found that five calls had been made after it was stolen. His voicemail had been checked twice, and three calls had been made to two men. Cunningham called both men and they both confirmed that Elray Cline had contacted them using that number.

Cunningham decided to try to make contact with Cline and simply ask for his property back without pressing charges. After reaching him, Cline allegedly acknowledged he had used the phone to make the calls, but said he did not steal the phone, know how he gained possession of it and did not know where it was.

Judge Eric D. Hall has ordered Cline to stay 1,000 feet away from Cunningham and his family while the case goes to the grand jury.

Man pleads guilty to avoid perjury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Beaver man pleaded guilty to a charge of harboring a vicious animal in district court Monday and agreed to probation and to stay away from his neighbor's family and in-laws for one year.

Tony Wayne Harris, 30, was forced to plead guilty or risk being charged with perjury as well after Clay Tharp, also of Beaver, said he could produce photographs of Harris' dogs on his property after the date he was ordered to keep his dogs restrained to his own property by Judge Eric D. Hall. The probation period is 90 days.

On April 11, one of Harris' four dogs bit the stepson of Clay Tharp on the

right leg. Tharp filed a criminal complaint against Harris on April 17 for harboring a vicious animal. Harris was arraigned on May 24 where he entered a not guilty plea and was ordered at that time by Judge Hall to keep all four of his dogs secured on his own property.

On June 5, Tharp filed an affidavit saying that only three days after Judge Hall ordered Harris to keep his dogs restrained, his wife was chased around on their property by a large brown dog. Tharp also said Harris' dogs had continued to run loose, chasing not only his wife, but cars and horses as well.

Harris currently has two dogs and Judge Hall said that if any more problems arise he will bar Harris from keeping any animals on his property.

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Obituaries



Eva Emily Jordan Collins

Eva Emily Jordan Collins, age 86, of Prestonsburg, widow of Gorman Collins Sr., died Sunday, August 13, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness.

Born January 14, 1920, in Wayland, she was the daughter of the late John J. Jordan and Kathryn Cooksey Jordan. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, of Prestonsburg, since October 1966, and was a member of the Garrett Baptist Church prior to that time. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years, the president of Women's Missionary Union, the chairman of the church's social committee, and is well-remembered for her homemade rolls and dumplings. She was also very active on the visitation committee, and served on the Communion committee, often baking loaves for Communion. She was a member of the Eastern Star organization, and was part owner of WDOC, Inc.. She assisted her husband Gorman Collins Sr., when he was sheriff of Floyd County, and was the first woman to run for sheriff of that county.

She is survived by a son, Gorman Collins Jr., of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Pam Collins and Mary K. Wills, both of Prestonsburg; a sister, Norma Jean Vaughn, of Lexington; a brother, Don Jordan, of Cincinnati, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five brothers: J. J. "Jake," Jack, Waldeck, Charles, and William Jordan; and three sisters, Lucy Watson, Georgia Cooksey Maddey, and Fanny Merritt.

Funeral services for Eva Emily Jordan Collins will be conducted Wednesday, August 16, at 11:00 a.m., at the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, in Prestonsburg, with Clergyman Randy Polk officiating.

Burial will follow in the Collins Family Cemetery, in Lackey, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home, and after 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, at the Church.

Memorial are suggested to First Baptist Church, Irene Cole, of Prestonsburg, or Hospice of Big Sandy.

(Paid obituary)

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Ruby Nell Hall

Ruby Nell Hall, 76, of East Point, died Sunday, August 13, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 5, 1930, in Jenkins, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Minerva Jane Adams Howell. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Ray

Hall.

Survivors include one son, Jeffrey Kent Hall (Evelyn) of Stanville; three daughters: Reva Rae Derossett (Jeffery) of Lexington, Trudy Lynne Hall of Prestonsburg, and Meada Gwen Hall of Lexington; one brother, Kenneth Howell of Louisville; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by one granddaughter; one brother, James Howell; and two sisters: Rosebud Thomas and Marlene Blevins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 16, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Reed and Eric Fleming officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Dorothy Little Johnson

Dorothy Little Johnson, 79, of Wheelwright, died Friday, August 11, 2006, at her residence.

Born February 28, 1927, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Willard Little and Liza Little Cook. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dingus Johnson.

Survivors include one son, Gary Johnson of Wheelwright; four daughters: Wilma D. Clements of Elkhart, Indiana; Brenda S. Johnson of Bevinsville; Kathy L. Johnson of Wheelwright; and Sheila C. Hackworth of Prestonsburg; five brothers: Conley Cook of Elkhart, Indiana; Onley Cook of Melvin; Willis Little of Weeksbury; Ellis Little of Michigan; John Martin Cook Jr., of Lenore, North Carolina; five sisters: Trill Flannery of Martin; Ann Johnson of Neon; Dorthula Johnson of Temperance, Michigan; Nina Houston of Wheelwright; and Lorene Little of Michigan.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: T.J. Little, Fred Little, Ernie Cook, and Vester Little; and two sisters: Virginia Newsome and Judy Cook.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 15, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and Robert Hampton officiating.

Burial was in the Will Hall Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

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Edna Cox Scalf

Edna Cox Scalf, 61, of 306 Wayside Court, widow of Donald Ray Scalf, died at 10 p.m., Thursday, August 10, 2006, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

A native of Fayette County, she was the daughter of the late Ralph Kenneth and Mary Artis Cox. She was a preschool teacher at Clark County Christian School, and was a member of the Christ Church of Winchester.

Survivors include two sons

and daughters-in-law: David Kenneth and Amy Scalf of Winchester, and Donald Harrison and Melanie Scalf of Cincinnati; five grandchildren: Sophie, Isaac, and Aiden Scalf of Winchester, and Adam and Griffin Scalf of Cincinnati; two brothers: Ralph Kenneth Cox II, and David William Cox, both of Lexington; a sister, Mary Jacqueline Cox, Hutchison of West Virginia; her mother-in-law, Nancy Lowder of Winchester, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Services were conducted at 1 p.m., Monday, August 14, at Scobee Funeral Home, with Pastor Harry Hebert officiating.

Burial was in the Winchester Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Chris Cox, Michael Cox, R.K. Cox, Brian Hutchison, Frank Hutchison, Doug McClain, Eddie Tackett, and Wayne Tullis.

Visitation was Sunday, at the funeral home.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to The Christ Church of Winchester, 600 Thoroughbred Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391.

The guest book is at www.scobeefuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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Rushie Sparkman

Rushie Sparkman, 68, of Garrett, died Sunday, August 13, 2006, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Health-care.

Born July 23, 1938, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late William and Francis Vanderpool Hackworth. She was a homemaker and attended the Old Regular Baptist Churches.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Sparkman.

Other survivors include two sons: William Ray Sparkman and Michael J. Sparkman, both of Garrett; a daughter: Charmaine Sparkman of Martin; a step-son: Teddy Doyle Sparkman of Blackwater, Virginia; a step-daughter: Regina Bailey of Goshen, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; six brothers: Rondal Hackworth of Homer, Michigan; Terry Hackworth of Jeffersonville; Roy Hackworth of Mt. Sterling; Jerry Hackworth of Hamilton, Indiana; Glenn Hackworth of Garrett; and Donnie Hackworth of Prestonsburg; four sisters: Revis Owens and Sherry Allen, both of Garrett; and Avis Jordan and Ollie Martin, both of Homer, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 16, at 11 a.m. at the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, in Garrett, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Bentley Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

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Dixie Lawson Conley Tuttle

Dixie Lawson Conley Tuttle age 79 of Garrett, passed from this life on Sunday, August 13, 2006, in the Letcher Manor Nursing Home, in Whitesburg. She was born July 18, 1927,

in Garrett, the daughter of the late Humbert and Anise Moore Lawson.

She had been a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Larry Conley of Garrett; one daughter, Loretta Smith of Dewijaki, Michigan; three brothers: Elder Raymond Lawson of Garrett, Richard Lawson of Cynthiana, and Sonny Lawson of LaPorte, Indiana; one sister, Yvonda of LaPorte, Indiana; and three grandchildren.

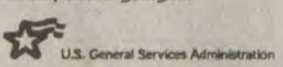
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Orville Lawson, Earl Lawson, and Fieldry Lawson; and a sister, Barbara Hicks.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 15, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Harry Lee Moore Cemetery, in Garrett, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Lula Bell Holbrook would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all friends, relatives, and neighbors who offered comfort through prayers, kind words, flowers, food, or their presence, during our loss of mother. We are especially grateful and thankful for the following: Shirley White and Hospice of Big Sandy, Sheriff Blackburn and his department, Regular Baptist ministers, and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness and excellent service.

THE FAMILY OF
LULA B. OUSLEY HOLBROOK

Card of Thanks

The family of Sarah Ann Conn Adkins would like to sincerely thank everyone for the kind words, prayers, food, flowers, love, and support, shown to the family during the loss of Sarah Ann.

The family deeply appreciates the special care she was given by the 8th floor, Unit B nurses, nurse aides, housekeeping staff, and other staff members at the Pikeville Medical Center and Leonard Lawson Cancer Center.

And a very special thanks to Greg Davis of Davis Construction and Welding, Randy Davis of Silver Construction, and Jerry Wicker of Grayco Rentals.

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1950s reunion to be hosted by PHS classes at Jenny Wiley

The Prestonsburg High School Classes of 1950-1959 will host a "50's Decade" reunion on October 6, 7, and 8, at Jenny Wiley State Park. Earl Edsel Moore, coordinator of the event and president, Class of 1951, encourages all members of these classes to attend the event and "reunite with classmates, old friends, rekindle old relations and create new ones."

Moore says that the decision to hold a 50's Decade reunion came about because class sizes were smaller during the 1950's and that the reunion committee felt that hosting a decade reunion would be more economically feasible for their former classmates.

The reunion weekend will begin with an informal reception, with light hors d'oeuvres,

to be held on Friday evening, October 6, from 5-9 p.m., in the May Lodge Banquet/Ballroom.

On Saturday, October 7, a fun day of activities will include disc golf (weather permitting) and a luncheon cook-out and barbecue. Following, at 6 p.m., a Memorial Dinner will be held in the May Lodge Dining Room. A buffet meal will be served and the opportunity to present testimonials and personal reflections will be provided. Prizes will be awarded and class photos will be displayed.

On Sunday, October 8, classmates will meet once more before bidding farewell at a buffet breakfast in the May Lodge Dining Room, at 9 a.m.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the May Lodge for

the 1950's classes, though each person is responsible for making their own reservations by calling (606) 889-1790 or (800) 325-0421. When making reservations, be sure to advise the booking agent that you are a senior citizen and that you will be attending the PHS 50's Decade Reunion.

Rooms have also been reserved at the Holiday Inn, telephone number (606) 886-0001.

Costs for the reunion activities is \$50/person; \$100/couple. Please RSVP by September 6, to Earl Edsel Moore, 481 Dove Creek Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, or telephone at (502) 223-7372, or email to: eemoore10@hotmail.com.

Man who eluded police for 2 months pleads guilty to drug charges

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A Breathitt County man who hid from police in the woods to avoid drug charges but gave interviews to news reporters pleaded guilty Wednesday to dealing drugs.

Eddie Arnold Baker Sr. and his son, Eddie Arnold Baker Jr., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Hood to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute OxyContin and the distribution of OxyContin. The father also pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and two forfeiture counts, while

the son pleaded guilty to one forfeiture count.

Federal prosecutors agreed to a sentence of 12 years for Baker Sr., 54, and five years for his 32-year-old son. They are scheduled to be sentenced

Dec. 4.

Police tried to arrest Baker Sr. at his home Jan. 19, but he escaped in his pickup truck, allegedly trying to run over

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She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Kentucky; received her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine; and completed her Pediatric Residency at the U.K. Children's Hospital. She will provide quality care for patients from birth to age 18. Her office is located in the Hometown Family Care Office Suite, on the second floor of Highlands Medical Office Building.



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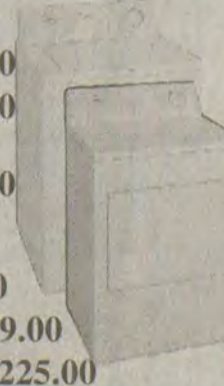
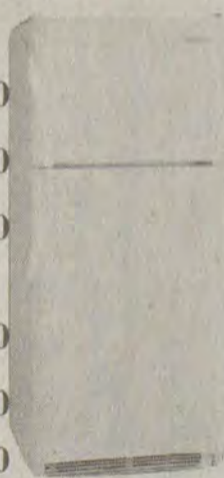
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Guest View

What this plot teaches

There is little doubt that civilization's terrorist foes are monsters. A plan to bomb as many as 10 airliners over the Atlantic would be just the latest evidence.

But the thwarted plan would be evidence of at least four other items. First, this is a global problem requiring global cooperation. Though the 21 arrested in this plot are described as "homegrown" by the British authorities who arrested them, work by U.S. and Pakistani intelligence apparently also hastened the dismantling of the plan, and the targets were planes bound for the United States.

A plot doesn't get any more international than this. The threat is international, and so should be the response. Plaudits and gratitude aplenty to the Pakistanis and the British - the latter apparently had been tracking the alleged plotters for months - for stepping in when they did.

Second, the plan is said to bear the telltale "signature" of al-Qaida, meaning coordination and simultaneous catastrophes involving airliners. The experts say that this might have been al-Qaida's long-anticipated "big one" after the 9-11 attacks. If so, the stark reality is that, nearly five years after the attacks, al-Qaida still appears to be operating too freely and with far too many resources.

Authorities say the plotters were perhaps "days away" from executing the plan, described as sophisticated. Safety from al-

Qaida can best be assured, not just by good timing but by the organization's destruction. Marshaling the cooperation to do this has to be the priority for the U.S. as the world's premiere superpower and as al-Qaida's target for their last "big one."

The U.S. and others are said to have seriously disrupted al-Qaida operations and caused it to evolve to elude capture. But if al-Qaida is found to be responsible, these efforts plainly need to be stepped up.

No one should be so naive as to believe that the once-promised death or capture of Osama bin Laden would result in his terrorist group's demise, but it would be a pretty good push in that direction and an even bigger message to other would-be messianic murderers. But, again, this is not the job of the U.S. alone to accomplish.

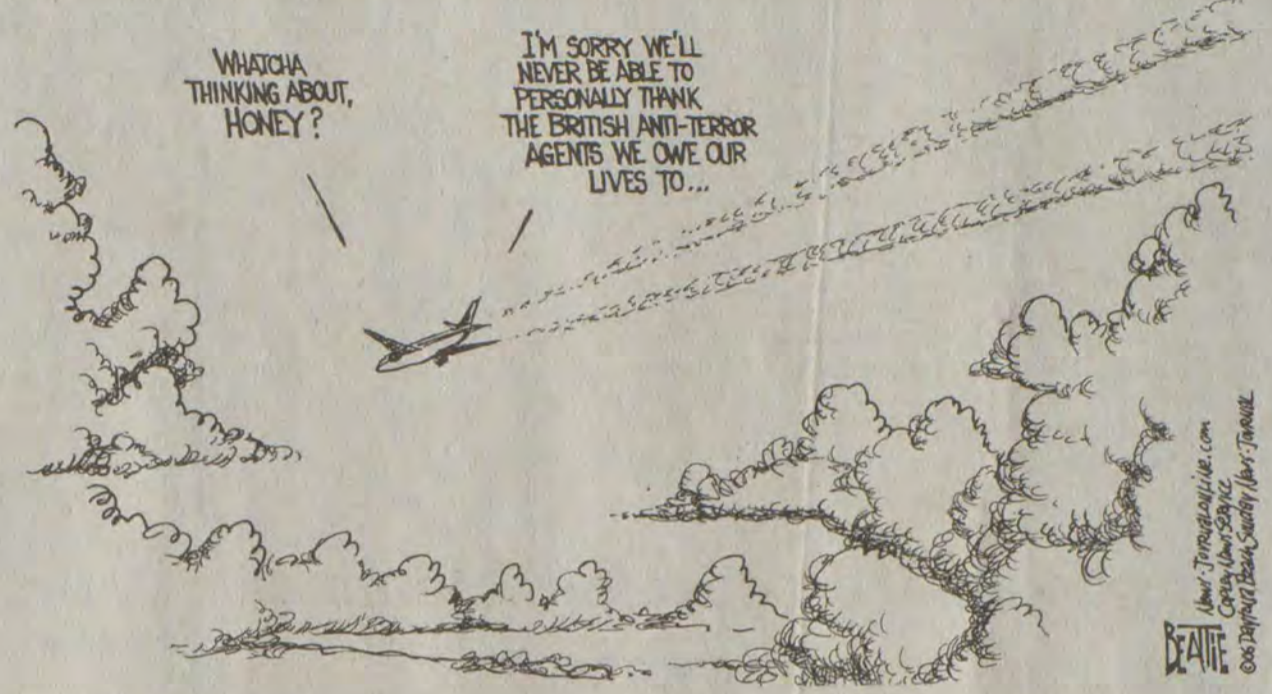
Third, another level of cooperation is needed to battle this enemy over and above state-to-state efforts. That would be the cooperation - and patience - of average citizens, who even now are being hugely inconvenienced if they are trying to travel by air.

This inconvenience is necessary.

The plan allegedly called for separate terrorists to carry aboard benign substances which, put together, would create enough explosives to down airliners. Other plotters may remain at large. This will legitimately require a higher than normal level of scrutiny and vigilance, lasting days and maybe even weeks. Which takes us to the last item.

What Americans consider as "normal" has, of necessity, changed much since Sept. 11. And it probably will change some more.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Letters

Fanning responds to letter

I am responding, per order of the Floyd County Board of Education, to the letter from John Hicks which was published by The Floyd County Times on August 2.

1. Mr. Hicks admitted in his letter that he filed a frivolous lawsuit against the school district.

2. As a matter of information for the public, Mr. Hicks was employed by the Floyd County Board of Education for 12 years as a special education teacher. His employment was terminated in October 1999 after an investigation by the Kentucky Department of Education concluded he had provided students with answer to questions on the state-mandated assessment tests. Rather than going through a hearing process conducted by a state tribunal, Mr. Hicks agreed to resign after consulting with his attorney and his resignation was witnessed by his attorney.

A month prior to the effective date of his resignation, Mr. Hicks claimed he had been the victim of gender bias and was discriminated against because he is a man. He later filed suit against the district in United States District Court at Pikeville. A jury composed of East Kentucky citizens rendered a verdict for the school district and the judgment was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Mr. Hicks is presently involved in yet another lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education. His claim was based upon the fact that this school district

refused to hire him because, according to board policy, he did not qualify for the position. The Floyd Circuit Court ruled in favor of the Board of Education and Mr. Hicks has now appealed that decision to the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

Although Mr. Hicks complains that the Board of Education needlessly spends money defending frivolous litigation such as the case brought by him, the numerous and obvious mistakes in his letter reaffirm and represent compelling evidence as to his lack of suitability for a teaching position in this school system.

3. Mr. Hicks should give further study to the English history references he provided in his letter.

Paul W. Fanning
Superintendent
Floyd County Schools

Letter spoke for itself

I was reading the editorials in your local newspaper as I always do with much interest. I am not a resident in the state of Kentucky, so therefore I do not have a political or personal agenda with anyone that may write to this newspaper.

On August 2, Mr. Hicks submitted a letter, which I read several times and was appalled.

Mr. Hicks, you never did disclose why you were released from your position as a school teacher, however you were very busy pointing fingers at everyone except yourself. That, Mr. Hicks, is called not taking responsibility for your own actions, which is a very immature characteristic. I am relatively sure there was some reason

for the school board to take action against you, even though you say it only deserved a slap on the wrist.

By the way, that was a favorite phrase of yours throughout the entire letter.

It is my understanding that the teacher from John M. Stumbo went to the penitentiary for a drug sale and with just cause. Surely you do not think going to prison is a slap on the wrist.

The problem at May Valley with the children being locked in the closet, if in fact this is true, the teacher and all persons aware of these actions who did not report it should be fired, along with answering to the injustice that was done to the child or children. No exceptions.

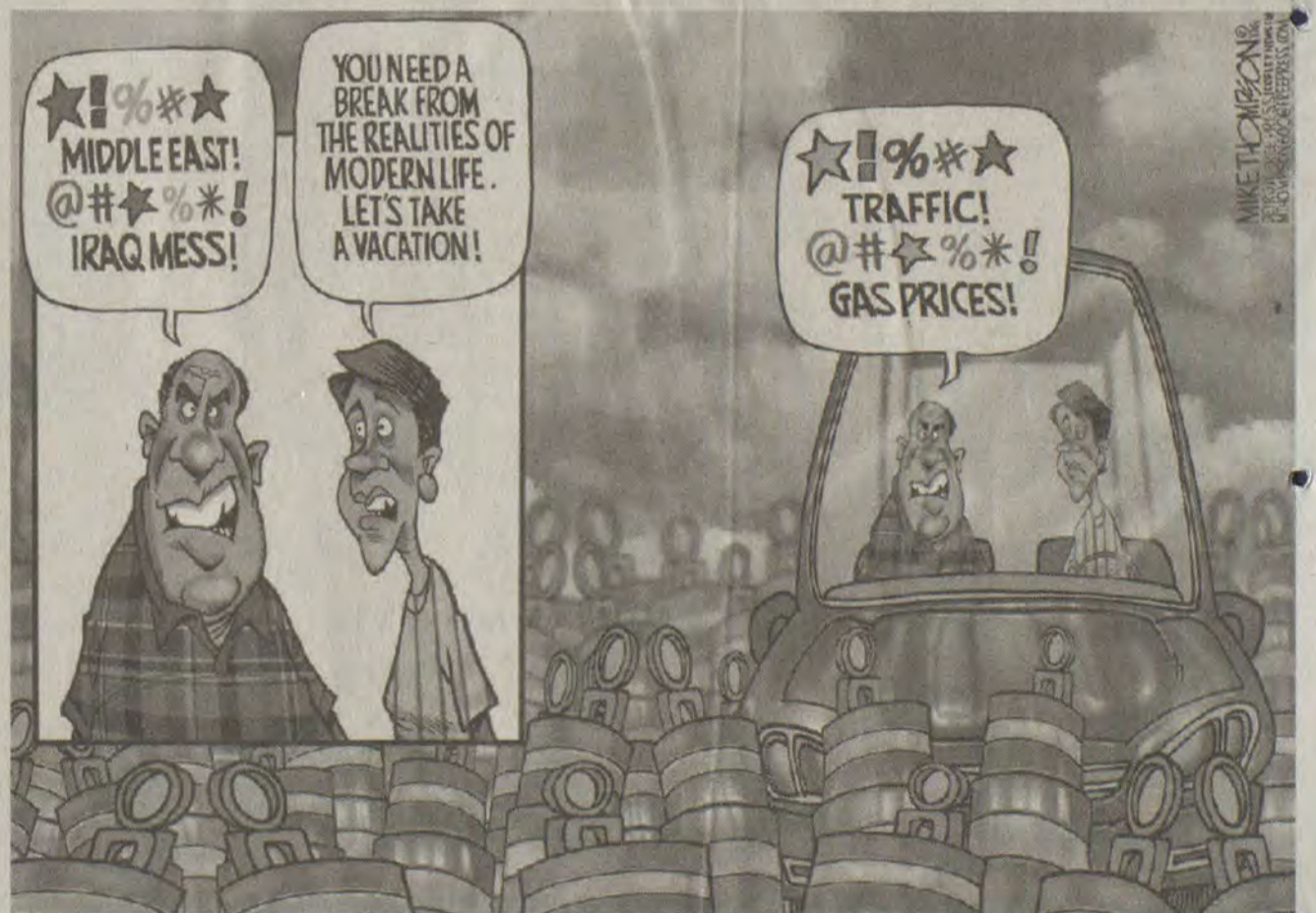
As far as Charles I of England goes, I don't think three-fourths of us know about King Charles, and the other 25 percent do not care.

Mr. Hicks, you also spoke of frivolous lawsuits. Why did you feel it necessary to file a lawsuit and waste the taxpayers' money?

I do a lot of reading and never can I remember reading anything that rambled on as yours did.

In closing, I would like to say that I hope the Floyd County school board wastes no more money on your teaching salary, because your English and choice of words was atrocious. I believe the letter you submitted to The Floyd County Times, Mr. Hicks, spoke for itself. The letter should enough proof that you do not have the English, grammar or writing ability to teach children in any school nor should you have the credentials for this career.

Margaret Hall
Wolcottville, Ind.



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Speaker says AG should appeal in Fletcher case

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Prosecutors in the attorney general's office should appeal a court ruling that put misdemeanor charges against Gov. Ernie Fletcher in limbo until after he leaves office, House Speaker Jody Richards said Monday.

Melcher ruled last week that Fletcher, who allegedly participated in an improper state hiring scheme, is protected by executive immunity and cannot be prosecuted while in office. The ruling essentially stays the case until Fletcher's term expires, or unless the General Assembly removes him through impeachment.

"I don't think it's a very good decision and I think it

should be appealed," Richards told reporters at the Capitol.

As speaker of the Kentucky House, Richards leads the chamber of the General Assembly responsible for initiating impeachment proceedings against elected state officials. Such a move is unlikely, Richards said, because it's a matter that should first be decided by the courts.

For the past year, a special

grand jury has been investigating whether the Fletcher administration broke state law by basing personnel decisions on political considerations. Protected state jobs were allegedly being given improperly to political supporters since the governor took office in 2003.

The indictment against Fletcher charged him with criminal conspiracy, official misconduct and violating a prohibition against political discrimination. Fletcher has not acknowledged any wrongdoing, and his attorneys have pleaded not guilty on his behalf.

Prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland said the attorney general's office hasn't yet decided whether to appeal.

"That's still under review," he told reporters at the Franklin County Courthouse.

Crawford-Sutherland said the decision will be made after

Melcher enters his written order in the case on Friday. Crawford-Sutherland said he has 10 days after the order is entered to file an appeal.

Fletcher, a Republican, and Richards, a Democrat, both were attending the swearing-in ceremonies for justice John D. Minton.

Following the ceremony, Fletcher declined to comment on Friday's ruling other than to say he was pleased by the ruling.

"We'll continue to press forward," Fletcher said. "Nothing's changed as far as I'm concerned, other than this is the beginning of the end, and we're very pleased with that."

Fletcher has claimed the investigation, which was prompted by a state whistleblower, was politically motivated. Stumbo has been considered a potential gubernatorial candidate in 2007 and has

not ruled out his candidacy.

Richards said he has talked with House members and has not found any sentiment to impeach Fletcher. Instead, the question of the governor's executive immunity should ultimately be decided by the state's high court, Richards said.

"I think there is some limited immunity, but I do not think the governor has the broad immunity that was outlined in this court decision," Richards said.

The special grand jury's term is set to expire on Thursday. Crawford-Sutherland said he may have to ask for another 90-day extension for the grand jury if it is unable to conclude the investigation this week.

As of Monday, Crawford-Sutherland said the grand jury still was reviewing evidence in the case.

Fletcher supporter denied spot on Republican Party committee

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State Republican officials have rejected Gov. Ernie Fletcher's pick for the party's top committee, raising more questions about the embattled governor's influence.

Fletcher and his aides had wanted former gubernatorial candidate and supporter Larry Forgy to be elected to the Republican Party's 54-member executive committee.

Instead, party members selected Stephen Huffman during a secret ballot vote Saturday. Huffman is the chief of staff to Lt. Gov. Steve Pence, who dropped off Fletcher's 2007 re-election ticket in May.

Fletcher, who is in his first term as governor, gave a speech before the vote acknowledging some of the difficulties his administration has faced.

"I know we've had our difficulties. I know we've had our problems. But believe me, this administration is staying focused," Fletcher said.

Fletcher, the first Republican governor in more than 30 years, is under indictment on charges that he improperly rewarded political

supporters with protected state jobs after he took office in 2003. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges and has alleged that they are politically motivated by a Democratic attorney general.

The day before the party's vote, a judge ruled that Fletcher could not be prosecuted while in office but did not dismiss the charges.

The party's decision isn't the first sign of political trouble for Fletcher.

Some prominent Republicans — including Pence, Senate President David Williams and Jefferson County Republican Party chairman Jack Richardson — have started to distance themselves from Fletcher. Williams and Richardson have questioned whether Fletcher can win another term.

In addition, Fletcher's statewide finance chairman in the 2003 gubernatorial campaign has announced his intent to run for governor and Secretary of State Trey

Grayson has said he also is mulling the possibility of a gubernatorial campaign.

Stan Cave said some in the party's "hierarchy" appear to be abandoning the governor.

"Certainly you'd rather have it," Cave said of party officials' support, "but the governor has an organization of his own. He can move forward with that organization independent of the party."

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CATCH THE ACTION

Grayson still mulling run for governor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Judy Clements doesn't buy the argument that 34 is too young to be governor.

Some of Kentucky's older politicians raised her ire by making Secretary of State Trey Grayson's age an issue after he announced he is considering a run against Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

If he were to run and win, Grayson would become the fourth person elected to the post in Kentucky while still in his 30s.

Clements said Grayson, a Harvard University graduate who attended law school at the University of Kentucky, has the maturity and experience needed to run the state.

"I just don't think age is a factor in this case," said Clements, who coached a Dixie Heights High School quiz team on which Grayson served as captain. "I would not be surprised if he were president someday to be honest with you."

Friends say Grayson, a soft-spoken yet imposing figure at 6-5, inspires that kind of confidence in people who know

him. He has quickly risen to leadership positions in nearly every organization he has been involved with, whether captain of his high school basketball team or chairman of a national organization for Republican secretaries of state.

Even so, when Grayson told reporters he is considering a run for governor, he voiced at least some trepidation.

"I've jumped off the high board," he told reporters earlier this month. "I just hope there's water in the pool."

Fletcher's chief of staff, Stan Cave, was the first person to raise the age issue in a statement shortly after Grayson's announcement at a political picnic in the tiny western Kentucky community of Fancy Farm.

"Many a young person has gotten carried away at Fancy Farm," Cave said.

A week later, Grayson is talking more boldly about a possible race. He said a lot of people have been encouraging

him. He even talked with state Republican party standard-bearer, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell. McConnell attended a Grayson fundraiser Friday to benefit his re-election campaign for secretary of state, a move that some political observers believe was intended to send a message that he is in Grayson's corner. Kentucky Senate President David Williams also attended.

"Trey Grayson is a friend and trusted ally," McConnell said in a statement. "His steady leadership in Frankfort has been noticed across Kentucky."

Michael Baranowski, a political scientist at Northern Kentucky University, said McConnell's message sounds like a gubernatorial endorsement. "You don't have to read very closely between the

lines," he said.

McConnell has not endorsed Fletcher's re-election. Fletcher, the first Republican governor in more than 30 years, is under indictment on charges that he improperly rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs after he took office in 2003. Last week, however, a judge ruled Fletcher can't be prosecuted while in office.

Already, Grayson has begun thinking about possible running mates and campaign managers, posts that he said he wants decided before he enters the race.

"I want to be a credible candidate," Grayson said. "If I'm going to do it, I want to win or at least have a credible shot at winning. You don't

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Harper says he'll begin raising funds for governor's race

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A western Kentucky businessman who served as Gov. Ernie Fletcher's statewide finance chairman in the 2003 gubernatorial campaign has notified the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance that he intends to begin raising money for a gubernatorial campaign of his own.

Billy Harper of Paducah filed his notice of intent to run "only for survey and polling purposes," according to a press release. Last month, Harper said he is considering running against Fletcher, a first-term Republican, because voters need an option in the race.

Harper, 61, is a member of the McCracken County Board of Education.

Harper is one of two Republicans who have said they are considering challenging Fletcher for the Republican nomination.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson has said he also is considering entering the race.

A fundraiser for Grayson's re-election for secretary of state at a Louisville home Friday night drew Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell and

Senate President David Williams. McConnell called Grayson a "sharp young man," but declined to say whom he would support for governor in next year's race.

"The fact that they are here and showing their support and some of their comments before the event does mean a lot — that they're standing up with me for this event," Grayson said of McConnell and

Williams. Although Harper said he had planned to back Fletcher in next year's election, he said he reconsidered when several state Republican leaders expressed concern about Fletcher's re-election chances.

Fletcher was indicted by a special grand jury in May on charges that he awarded protected state jobs to political allies. Fletcher has pleaded not

guilty. A judge on Friday ruled that Fletcher can't be tried on the charges until after he leaves office.

In the letter to the Registry of Election Finance, Harper listed Dick Wilson of Paducah as his running mate. However, Wilson is only a "stand-in candidate" until Harper decides whether he'll run and completes a slate, according to the release.

Grayson

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know that until you get farther down the road, but I'm definitely going to pursue this thing."

Grayson, who registered as a Democrat when he turned 18, joined the Republican Party when he was 24 after concluding that his core beliefs were a better match for the GOP. It was during an event at Harvard's Institute of Politics that he came to that realization.

The Institute of Politics, which he now helps to lead as a board member, put Grayson in the same room with national and world leaders, from former President Bill Clinton to former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. What Grayson learned, he said, is that behind these big names, whether they belong to congressmen or prime ministers, are real people.

Cathy McLaughlin, the institute's executive director, said she could tell Grayson had a bright future ahead when he was still a student. She said Grayson truly believes in public service and is of the highest moral standards.

Not even Fletcher's top cheerleader, former GOP gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy of Lexington, contradicts that.

"I'm not going to cut on Trey Grayson. He's a valuable commodity for the Republican Party. It'd be like kicking Secretariat in the eye," Forgy said, referring to one of Kentucky's most storied thoroughbred race horses. "But I think they're running him for the Derby as a one-year old."

McLaughlin said she believes suggestions that Grayson is too young are simply wrong. "You can just rule somebody out because of their age," she said.

Guilty


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officers in the process.

During the two-month search for Baker, he would contact reporters. He appeared in a front-page photo of a local newspaper, talked to a television reporter outside his home and sent videotapes to newsrooms.

Baker told reporters he was living in caves and hiding among trees that surround his home in southern Breathitt County. He was taken into custody on March 22 after police saw him sitting on a porch and recognized him.

Baker was convicted in 1994 of possession with the intent to distribute 10 tons of marijuana, a felony, and use of a firearm in a drug crime. He served five years of a 12-year sentence.



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Odds & Ends

■ PHOENIX — Dealing with a strict state law banning junk food and soda, creative educators have thought of a way to feed students chunks of potatoes that aren't fried.

Because of the new state law prohibiting fried food, soft drinks and junk food in K-8 schools during the school day, French fries are off-limits. But now, many school districts are whipping up imitation fries as a consolation prize.

The low-fat impostors go by various names, including oven wedge, oven fry and potato stick. They're baked and have fewer calories.

"They're not bad," said Kelby Lytle, a 13-year-old eighth-grader at Payne Junior High School in Queen Creek. "But I still like the old ones better. These are mushier."

Chandler Unified and Mesa Public Schools are among the districts that replaced French fries with baked ones this year. Fries were taken off the regular lunch menu at many schools years ago because of federal limits on fat and calories. But schools could get around this restriction by selling them as a side item.

The oven wedges at Payne Junior High have half the fat and 25 percent fewer calories than French fries.

Wes Delbridge, a Chandler Unified food and nutrition supervisor, taste-tested different brands and passed out samples to employees to get their opinions. He said the fries had to bake quickly, not turn soggy under warming lights and, above all, taste good. Except for being lighter in color, the final version looks just like a real fry, although it lacks the old fries' crunch and full-flavored, oily taste.

Some kids say they're pleased with the change.

"They're good. I love them," said seventh-grader Brock Davis.

■ PORTAGE, Ind. — A judge fed up with teenage traffic violators is hitting them where it hurts — in the driver's seat — by sentencing

them to the embarrassment of riding the school bus.

Porter Superior Judge Julia Jent got the idea after a girl in her court for a moving traffic violation appeared not to take seriously either the offense or the possible fine.

The judge said she knew she had found a way to reach the teen after she ordered her to park her car and ride the school bus.

"The girl cried outside my courtroom. I guess I found the right button," said Jent, who said she's trying to save the lives of young drivers, or at least teach them responsibility.

Jent not only orders teens ages 16 to 18 found guilty of traffic infractions to ride the school bus instead of driving to school, but also warns their parents that they could be held in contempt of court if they drive their child to school.

"Kid does crime, kid does time, and mom and dad can't get them out of it and don't have to feel guilty for not helping," Jent said.

If the teens comply, the case is dismissed.

If they don't — and Jent has been checking with schools and bus drivers to make sure — then the teens' licenses are suspended and they are fined.

■ LE CLAIRE, Iowa — They pulled and tugged and tugged and pulled, and when it was over, Port Byron, Ill., had reclaimed the Great River Tugfest title.

Tuggers from the western Illinois town pitted themselves Saturday against their counterparts in the small eastern Iowa community of Le Claire in the 20th annual tug-of-war across the Mississippi River.

A 2,700-foot rope spans across the river. On each side, teams compete in 11 matches. On Saturday, Port Byron came

away with an 8-3 victory, recapturing the alabaster bald eagle trophy from Le Claire.

"It was awesome to be out there and show them what Illinois is all about," said tugger Dusty McKeag, who filled at the least minute on one of the Illinois teams.

The win ties over the overall series at 10.

Angela Mapes, president of the Iowa Tug team, said she was surprised at how far the Illinois teams pulled.

"They had seven pulls over 50 feet," Mapes said. "I'm glad for Port Byron. Now we're tied and I think that'll

make next year's competition even better."

■ BEIJING — Two more pairs of panda twins have been born at Chinese breeding centers amid a mini-baby boom for the rare, endangered animals, a news report said Sunday.

Three of the new babies are female and the sex of the fourth is unknown because its mother was still holding it, the government's Xinhua News Agency reported.

The births bring to four the

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Stolen truck case sent to grand jury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A West Prestonsburg man who was caught sleeping in a stolen car and fled the scene when approached by police officers had his case sent to a Floyd County grand jury Monday.

Judge Eric C. Hall said that because James Patrick Allen, 43, was arrested on more than one felony charge and because he has a felony record, his bond would remain at \$25,000.

Allen had fallen asleep in a 2004 Ford King Cab pickup on the night of Aug. 3 when Maj. Gerald Clark noticed the vehicle parked on a dirt road on Abbott Mountain. Clark called for backup when he saw the vehicle and was joined by Officer John Dale.

Dale said he had no idea that the car was stolen at the time and he simply asked the occupant if he was all right. Allen said he was and then exited through the passenger side and sprinted into the woods. The two officers caught up and tackled him and took him into custody.

Allen was subsequently charged with second-degree fleeing or evading police, receiving stolen property over \$300, possession of burglary tools, resisting arrest and being a persistent felon.

The stolen vehicle belongs to Eric Johnson, or Virgie, who had reported it stolen but it had not yet been entered into the records at the time of the incident.

Allen was charged with third-degree burglary in 1997 and 2000, and was charged with theft in 1992. He was found guilty of the charges in 2000 and sentenced to five years in prison.

Losing sleep? You may need to adjust your routine

There it is again. You're almost asleep, just drifting off, and there's that noise again — that cricket in your neighbor's yard three doors down.

Maybe you're overreacting. Perhaps you need to change your routine.

Experts at the University of Kentucky Sleep Disorders Center at Samaritan Hospital in Lexington indicate a few adjustments may relieve the frustration and lack of energy that results from regular sleep loss.

What's your bedtime routine? Sometimes, a hot bath, a good book or soothing music can help prepare the mind and body for sleep. It helps to establish a routine that helps separate sleep time from activities that cause excitement, anxiety or stress.

On weekends, changing a bedtime or sleeping in can upset the brain's efforts to maintain your body's balance of sleep and wake times.

Eating habits can contribute to sleep problems. The last

meal of the day should be two to three hours before your regular bedtime. Spicy foods that cause heartburn can interfere with sleep.

Regular exercise is important for health, but workouts probably should be completed a few hours before bedtime. Still, an exercise routine can make it easier to fall asleep and contribute to a sounder rest.

Coffee and cigarettes may also be an evening no-no. Caffeine can remain in the body for three to five hours and possibly interfere with efforts to drop off. Meanwhile, nicotine can cause difficulty in falling asleep, problems with waking in the morning and nightmares.

"Consistently missing too much sleep can have negative consequences for mood, cognition, blood pressure, blood sugar, and even immune function," said Dr. David Hiestand, a pulmonologist at the UK Chandler Hospital in Lexington.

Conquering sleep problems may be as simple as changing the sleep environment. Blackout curtains and eye shades can help eliminate unwanted light, while air conditioners or fans can make the bedroom more comfortable.

But if those measures don't work, sleep problems may indicate other health issues.

"It helps to talk with your bed partner about activities that occur while you are sleeping that you may not be aware of, like kicking, snoring, choking or gasping for breath while you are asleep," Hiestand said. Hiestand recommended

keeping a sleep diary for at least two weeks. The diary should record each day's problems affecting sleep, sleep times, sleep-related activities and any medications you are taking.

Then go see your doctor and take the diary along. It can help the doctor make a proper diagnosis.

More information on sleep is available at the National Sleep Foundation's Web site at www.sleepfoundation.org. You can also contact the UK Sleep Disorders Center in Lexington at (859) 226-7006.

Blood

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of 110 pounds and must eat at least three hours before donating.

Officials are urging people to donate blood. The CKBC supplies blood for 67 hospitals and clinics in 59 counties. Blood donated in the immedi-

ate area will go to area medical facilities. A donor is eligible to donate once every 56 days.

There are donor locations in Prestonsburg, Pikeville and Somerset. Cassady says that anyone can visit any of these locations to donate.

Odds

number of sets of panda twins born last week at Chinese panda-breeding centers.

Panda Xi Mei gave birth to twin cubs on Saturday at the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Center near the southwestern city of Chengdu, said Li Desheng, its deputy director. He said another panda, Qian Qian, gave birth to twins on Thursday.

"The two mothers and their babies are all well," Li told Xinhua.

The government announced earlier that two female pandas at a breeding center in Chengdu gave birth to twins on Aug. 13 and 14.

China has more than 180 pandas living in captivity, according to the government.

A 2002 government census found there were just 1,596 pandas left in the wild. But Xinhua on Sunday said a new study by Chinese and British scientists has found there might be as many as 3,000.

NORFOLK, Va. — Christopher Garnett has reclaimed his old name.

Garnett, an animal rights activist who gave up his given name to become "Kentucky fried cruelty.com," was one of three workers at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals who changed their names to PETA Web sites. Two have now returned to their given names.

"I think maybe its time had come and gone," said Karin Robertson, formerly known as "Goveg.com" until last month.

Robertson led the way, changing her name in March 2003 to get people focused on animal rights and vegetarianism.

Back then, she remembered thinking, "It will be just weird and quirky enough. It will be a lighthearted way to get the message out."

She got a driver's license with her new name on it and tucked her court papers in her wallet just in case.

It worked: Web traffic to the site shot up, as did requests for vegetarian starter kits.

Her success inspired others. Last fall, Garnett and Brandi Valladolid went to the court-

house and, with the stroke of a judge's pen, became "Kentucky fried cruelty.com" and "Ringling beats animals.com."

"The name said it all," Valladolid said. "It gave all the information people needed to know."

GREEN LAKE, Wis. — A detour that bypasses road work near this popular vacation spot sends motorists more than a little out of their way — more than 50 miles.

The construction work is being done about 10 miles west of Green Lake, on a 10-block stretch of state Highway 23 in Princeton. Locals avoid the construction by taking legal shortcuts through Princeton's downtown, about a five-minute trip.

But those who follow official signs travel a circuitous route spanning about 50 miles along state Highways 73, 21 and 49.

The official detour is long, but it's the best way to divert non-local traffic around the construction zone, said Kevin Garrigan, Department of Transportation manager for the project.

A detour using county highways would be shorter, he said, but many of those highways weren't built under state standards for lane widths and shoulder widths.

Owners of tourism-related businesses in Green Lake said the lengthy detour is costing them customers. "We've seriously lost business on this," said Gary Zimmerman, director of the Golf Courses of Lawsonia.

But until the construction ends in November, those who run businesses in Princeton say they're getting increased customer traffic.

"People never knew there was a town here," said Kay Pozorski, who helps run an art and antiques shop. "For us, it's been a boon."

DECATUR, Ala. — A cigarette butt casually tossed to the ground sparked a day-long argument between four neighbors that escalated into a fight that sent at least three of them to the hospital and got them all arrested.

Police said a guest visiting Bobby Joe Ray, 42, tossed a cigarette butt toward the edge of Ray's yard on Aug. 4. The butt landed near a fence belonging to Ray's neighbor, Michael Alan Bradford, 24. Bradford got angry and started shouting about it.

Several residents of the neighborhood said Ray and Bradford argued about the butt all day, police said, and eventually Ray's sister, Shirley Lynn Ray White, 32, who lives across the street, tangled with Bradford's wife, Heather Mills Bradford, 27, and the men soon joined in.

At least three went to the hospital for treatment of injuries, and all four were arrested and released on bond the same day.

"It's sad that people were injured over a cigarette butt," Lt. Chris Mathews, spokesman for the Decatur Police Department, said last week.

Shirley Lynn Ray White is charged with third-degree assault. Bobby Joe Ray and Heather Mills Bradford are charged with harassment. Michael Alan Bradford is charged with harassment and third-degree assault.

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — Upset at unruly, drunken behavior, the City Council didn't exactly ban

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JC boys played against some of state's best over summer

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Mid-October, which signals the start of practice for area high school basketball teams, isn't that far off. Defending 15th Region boys' basketball champion Johnson Central didn't shy away from competition over the summer. Instead, Johnson Central played some of the state's top teams.

"We played a very tough summer schedule," said Johnson Central Coach Mark Starns. "Hopefully that competition will make us a better team."

Teams the Golden Eagles played over the summer included Madison Central, Mason County, Campbell County, Covington Scott, Bryan Station, Louisville Doss, Louisville Butler, Louisville Holy Cross, Fleming County,

defending 16th Region champion Russell, Rose Hill, Fairview and June Buchanan.

"We wanted to play a tough schedule over the summer," Starns added.

In the 2006-07 season, Johnson Central will return 35 points off of the 2006 Sweet 16 team that lost in the first round to eventual state champion Jeffersonton.

According to Starns, this year's team should provide a lot more speed than last year's team.

"The inside presence of Kyle Rice will be missed," Starns commented.

Johnson Central lost three starters to graduation in Kyle Rice, Tyler Whitaker and Ryan Fannin. Jaryd Crum, a starting point guard from Sheldon Clark, transferred to Johnson Central over the summer. Crum, a junior, has already

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Johnson Central Coach Mark Starns (far left) was all smiles at the conclusion of last season's 15th Region title game.

Evans returns to 201 Victory Lane

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – Rod Evans led early and after losing his lead found his way back to the front of the Late Model feature Saturday night at 201 Speedway. Evans held off a hard-charging field en route to the Late Model feature win. Evans, who qualified fastest (13.87-seconds) ahead of Allen driver Chuckie May (13.90-seconds), held on to win the Late Model feature in front of second-place Raymond Nichols and third-place finisher Anthony Adams. May (fourth) and David Powers (fifth) rounded out the Late Model feature top-five.

In the Open/Wheel Modified feature, fast qualifier Brandon Johnson drove to another win.

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Kinzer team finds rough road at North/South 100

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

UNION – Brandon Kinzer and raceteam traveled to Northern Kentucky Friday night for the North/South 100 at famed Florence Speedway. After qualifying on what most all drivers in attendance deemed a "very tacky" racing surface, Kinzer and team found it difficult to get their Rocket Chassis hooked up. The Allen-based raceteam couldn't make it out of their heat race and had to watch the \$50,000-to-win, 100-lap A-Main.

This weekend, on Saturday, Brandon Kinzer Motorsports will load up and travel north to Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway for the \$15,000-to-win Jackson 100. Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will sanction the Jackson 100, which will be taped for viewing on the SPEED Channel.

Modifications in water releases from Paintsville Lake should improve fishing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Anglers noticed in the last few years that fishing for smallmouth bass, walleye and rainbow trout on Paintsville Lake isn't what it used to be. A modification in the way water is released from the lake through the dam and into the Paint Creek tailwater is being tried in an attempt to rejuvenate fishing for those species in the lake.

"Previously, water was released from gates in the dam i

deeper depths," said Benjy Kinman, director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "By discharging water from that level, potentially more cool water needed by walleye, smallmouth bass and rainbow trout was pulled from the lake, especially during periods of high rainfall."

Water from that level in the lake typically ranged from the low-60s to the mid-70s in the late summer months. This is the preferred temperature range of smallmouth bass, walleye and rainbow trout. Temperatures above this level are not within the preferred range for these species and ultimately lead to poor fishing.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, working with

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, modified the procedure for discharging water through the dam in an attempt to better preserve the cool water habitat in the lake while still providing for the trout fishery in the Paint Creek tailwater.

"By doing this, we are trying to better maintain the habitat in the lake for walleye, smallmouth bass and trout," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "We want to also keep the quality trout fishery in the Paint Creek tailwater. We are going to monitor the water temperatures in the lake and in the tailwater to determine if our goals are met."

The new regimen will hopefully lead to better fishing in the future for these species.

SOCCER CATS



A FIELD OF THEIR OWN: The Prestonsburg High School girls' soccer program now has a field of its own. Prestonsburg players have already put in much practice time on their new field on StoneCrest Mountain. In its first home match on Monday, Aug. 21, Prestonsburg will host Letcher County Central.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH GIRLS' SOCCER 2006 SCHEDULE

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- Aug. 29 Menifee County, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 31 at Pike County Central, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 5 Belfry, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Perry County Central, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at Greenup County, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 12 Shelby Valley, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 19 at Perry County Central, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 21 at Belfry, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 23 Pike County Central, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 28 at Shelby Valley, 8 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at Pikeville, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 3 at Menifee County, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 5 at Letcher County Central, 6 p.m.



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South Floyd pulls out win over Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Playing on the road at Betsy Layne Monday night, South Floyd's varsity volleyball team put together its second straight win over a 15th Region opponent, beating district rival Betsy Layne, 2-1. Host Betsy Layne claimed the first game 29-27, but failed to carry any momentum away from the opener.

South Floyd handled Betsy

(See SOUTH, page twelve)

Kramer wins Bluegrass Rumble

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BARDSTOWN – Joey Kramer picked up his second NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series win of the season Saturday by claiming the top prize at the 6th Annual Bluegrass Rumble at Bluegrass Speedway. With the win, Kramer takes over the series points lead.

The NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series' 6th Annual Bluegrass Rumble would see Kramer take the lead from his third starting spot off of turn two at the drop of the green flag, with Jimmy Payne, Butch Shay, Don Adams and Jay Mobley giving chase. An accident in turn two on lap two slowed the pace as Tim Moore and Tommy Bailey looped their entries. The Delaware Double File restart would see Kramer and Payne

(See RUMBLE, page twelve)



ON THE RUN: Prestonsburg, pictured in earlier preseason scrimmage action found a second scrimmage date Saturday versus host Tolsia, W.Va. and Co. Grove, Ohio, another visiting squad. The Blackcats will open their season on Saturday, Aug. 26 in Hazard versus Leslie County in a Pride of the Mountains bowl game.

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gained his eligibility and will play for the Golden Eagles during the 2006-07 season. Crum joins a Johnson Central team that already includes speedsters Justin Murray, Jesse Meek, Ian Welch, Joe Whitaker, Jamie McCarty, James Blankenship and Zach Sargent. Johnson Central's uptempo style could wear on opposing squads during the 2006-07 campaign. Meek (5.87 ppg, 2.73 rpg), McCarty (16.7 ppg, 3.61 rpg) and Murray (2.65 ppg, 1.03 rpg) all saw a considerable amount of playing time last season for the Golden Eagles. Ian Welch,

now a sophomore, came on late during his freshman season, scoring nine points in the state tournament game. Johnson Central will make history if it can repeat as the 15th Region Champion. Johnson Central would become the first team to repeat as regional boys' basketball champion in the history of the school. Johnson Central has won five 15th Region championships (1972, 1975, 1984, 2000 and 2006).

Evans

Other feature winners Saturday night were Glen Patton (Street Stock), Allen Turner (Mr. Metal Claim Bomber) and Shawn Henson (Four Cylinder). In one of the night's most exciting finishes, Henson claimed the Four Cylinder feature on the race's last lap. The 201 Speedway race summary from Saturday night follows. Late Model Qualifying: R1 Rod Evans, 13.87; 28 Chuckie May, 13.90; 17 Steve Stollings, 13.92. First Late Model Heat: R1 Rod Evans; 24H Michael P. Howard; 17 Steve Stollings; 97 David Powers; 43K Kevin Hall; 15 Brian Pennington. Second Late Model Heat: 28 Chuckie May; 8 Anthony Adams; 38 Raymond Nichols; 88T Tandy Spurlock; 36 Lee McKenzie; T71 Tom Pennington; 404 Calvin Wireman. Late Model Feature: R1 Rod Evans; 38 Raymond Nichols; 8 Anthony Adams; 28 Chuckie May; 97 David Powers; 43K Kevin Hall; 36 Lee McKenzie; 88 Tandy Spurlock; 24H Michael P. Howard; 15 Brian Pennington; 17 Steve Stollings; T71 Tom Pennington; 404 Calvin Wireman. Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: B17 Brandon Johnson, 15.18; 55 Darren Muncy, 15.37; 15 Brandon Mason, 15.42; 82 Randy Fouts, 15.43. First Open Wheel Modified Heat: B17 Brandon Johnson; 15. Brandon Mason; 84 Walt Mayabb; 81 Brandon Fouts; 8 Paul Jordan; R3 Aaron Ratliff; CJ1 Charlie Jude. Second Open Wheel Heat: 55 Darren Muncy; 33 Corey McKenzie; 82 Randy Fouts; 28M Kevin Mayabb; 27 Larry Whisman; 28 (Driver name unavailable); K3 Keegan Tussey. Open Wheel Modified Feature: 15 Brandon Mason; 55 Darren Muncy; 33 Corey McKenzie; 81 Brandon Fouts; B17 Brandon Johnson; 28M Kevin Mayabb; K3 Keegan Tussey; 27 Larry Whisman; R3 Aaron Ratliff; 84 Walt Mayabb; 8 Paul Jordan; 28 (Driver name unavailable); 82

Randy Fouts. Street Stock Heat: 7A Glen Patton; 45 Tim Mason; 48 Jim Lemaster; 20 Bo Howard; 25 Albert Butcher; 37 Greg Hensley; 4 Reggie Ritchie; 32 Ronnie Vance; 24 Jimmy Johnson; 31 Albie Howell. Street Stock Feature (\$1,000-to-win): 7A Glen Patton; 48 Jim Lemaster; 45 Tim Mason; 20 Bo Howard; 37H Greg Hensley; 25 Albert Butcher; 24 Jimmy Johnson; 4 Reggie Ritchie; 99 James Mosley; 32 Ronnie Vance. First Claim Bomber Heat: A85 Allen Turner; 35 Jeremy Hayes; 23 Matt Spence; 6 Robbie Baker; 66 Rick Baker; 69J Jarred Flannary. Second Claim Bomber Heat: 18 John Fitzpatrick; 4J James Stack; R17 Don Risner; U2 Wes Blair; 11B Brandon McKenzie; 22 (Driver name unavailable). Third Claim Bomber Heat: 3 Jacob Ross; P12 Dean Pennington; R18 Justin Risner; 66 Marty Hamilton; 16 Ryan Meeks; J85 Marvin Tackett; 0 Jr. Blackburn. Mr. Metal Claim Bomber Feature (\$800-to-win): A85 Allen Turner; P12 Dean Pennington; 35 Jeremy Hayes; R17 Don Risner; 3 Jacob Ross; 4J James Stack; R18 Justin Risner; 3D Darren Damron; 66 Rick Baker; 18 John Fitzpatrick; B4 Bannie Blair; 0 Jr. Blackburn; 23 Matt Spence. First Four Cylinder Heat: Old 7 Gary Whitt; 18K Shawn Henson; 69J Jarred Flannary; 3D Jamie Hamilton; 18S Shawn Ousley; 21 Pat Morris; 22N Nick Martin; B70 Jason Blair; 14 Nathan Ross. Second Four Cylinder Heat: L8 Leroy Newsome; D6 Darren Rogers; 57 Brittany McKinney; 15B Benji Mayhan; 23 Cortney Conley; T7 Noah Tackett; L13 Henry Lawson. Four Cylinder Feature: 18K Shawn Henson; Old 7 Gary Whitt; 69J Jarred Flannary; D6 Darren Rogers; 18S Shawn Ousley; 21 Pat Morris; 57 Brittany McKinney; 15B Benji Mayhan; B70 Jason Blair; 3D Jamie Hamilton; 71 Ryan Litteral; 23 Cortney Conley.

Sluman tries to relax near home

by ANDREW SELIGMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDINAH, Ill. — Jeff Sluman recalled his first visit to Tiger Woods' house six years ago. It was dark outside, and Sluman couldn't see the address on the house. So he peered through a window and told his wife, "We're at the right spot." When she asked how he knew, Sluman mentioned the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA trophies he saw on a table. "I don't think there are many others in this neighborhood with that," he told her. Sluman's house is stocked more with wine than major trophies, but it's not completely bare. He does have the 1988 PGA Championship he won at Oak Tree. Another PGA Championship starts Thursday at Medinah, about 20 miles from Sluman's home in Hinsdale. He's in a comfortable spot. So is Woods, which could be bad news for the rest of the field. After losing his father to cancer and missing the cut at the U.S. Open, Woods won the British Open at Hoylake. Now, he's back at the site of one of his most important major victories. After going 10 majors without winning, he nearly blew a five-stroke lead before hanging on to win the '99 PGA Championship by one over Sergio Garcia. Although he gets to sleep in his own bed, Sluman hasn't played particularly well near home — either in the Chicago area or his native Rochester, N.Y. He shot 6 over and tied for 54th at Medinah in 1999, and missed the cut in the 1989 U.S. Open and the 2003 PGA Championship, both at Oak Hill. "I've been out here long enough to know that the harder you try and the more you want something, usually that's the worst you play," Sluman said Monday. "And you want to play well in front of your home folks, so I just need to probably relax a little bit more and just enjoy the moment." Eighteen years ago, he captured the PGA by firing a final-round 65 to finish three strokes ahead of Paul Azinger. Sluman remembers lifting the Wanamaker trophy and being stunned by the weight: "They hand it to you, and you're like, 'Whoa, hey.'" This year's tournament will be played on the longest course in major championship history at 7,561 yards. And Sluman isn't known for his long game. Woods offered a reminder Monday morning that the shortest distances — those found on the reshaped greens of Medinah — usually go a long way toward determining the winner. "This is the longest ever?" Stephen Ames asked with an incredulous look. "Geez, I must be hitting it miles."

Maybe it felt short to Ames because he played only 13 holes Monday, so he saw only 5,471 yards of Medinah. Then again, the longest club he had into a par 4 during his brief journey was a 6-iron on the 471-yard 12th hole. "And that was slightly into the wind," Ames said. Not everyone feels that way. Arron Oberholser, who has average length off the tee, played the back nine and it was about all he could handle. "It felt like 4,000 yards," Oberholser said. He was close — the back nine measures only 3,822 yards. "I wonder if they're trying to do that?" he continued, alluding to the PGA Championship having the longest major championship course three times since 1999. "If they are trying, they have accomplished it quite magnificently." Sluman was asked if he has ever played a course he thought was too long. "Every week," he replied. Once the laughter subsided, including his own, Sluman said the course's length didn't intimidate him. "The highest winning scores for the majority of the courses we play on tour seem to be the shortest golf courses," he said. "So it's not necessarily length that makes the golf course difficult." Usually, Sluman plays the week before a major. Not this time. Although he has lived in the area 14 years, Sluman rarely ventures beyond Hinsdale Golf Club. He played Medinah three or four times last year and has taken some swings at Cog Hill, but rarely tees off at the top courses in the region. "I play so much on tour when I'm home, I want to spend it with my family," he said.

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Rumble

going at it at the point, with Shay, Mobley, and Adams three wide for third. Benji Lee would take fifth on lap three, and would go from fifth to third on lap four in a three way battle with Shay and Adams. Lap five would see Josh Lucas slow on the frontchute with a flat left rear tire. The restart would also be a no-go as a five car accident on the backchute involving Moore, Bailey, Clarence Belcher, Dion Benningfield, and Robbie Bennett kept the field under the yellow bunting. Once the race went back green, Lee would go to second and pressure Kramer for the top spot, taking the lead on lap six. But Kramer would not go away and would grab the top spot back on lap eight, as the lead duo continued to battle side-by-side for the race lead. Don Adams would run third, as Kelly Warren and Jimmy Payne would trade the fourth position, before Warren settled into the four slot at the halfway signal. Kramer begin to pull away at this point, while Adams would close on Lee for second on lap 14 and would take the runner-up spot one circuit later. Warren and Payne continued to go at it for fourth, with Payne taking the spot on lap 20, only to have Warren take it back away on lap 22. Kramer would drive slower traffic to perfection in the final few laps and grab the victory in the Dee Kramer owned Wild's Restoration Service/Hill's Historic Painting/Super Shine Auto Wash and Window Tinting/Perry's Auto Sales/Bilstein Shocks sponsored-No. 77 Lightning Chassis/Bullock by Kramer powered entry. Adams would go second, with Lee third. Warren and Payne completed the top-five, finishing fourth and fifth respectively. Rounding out the top-10 were 16th-starting Jason Wheatley, Jay Mobley, Sam Murphy, Sr., and Josh Lucas. Thirty-five entries saw Benningfield as top qualifier at 16.870 seconds, with heat wins falling to Kramer, Shay, and Payne, while

Wheatley won the B-main. Series provisionals would be Robbie Bennett and Thomas Brooks, while Benningfield earned the track provisional. **RACE SUMMARY** Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, Saturday, Aug. 12 NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series (35 entries) Top Qualifier- Dion Benningfield, 16.870. First Heat- Joey Kramer, Don Adams, Kelly Warren, Sam Murphy, Sr., Clint Shutts, Jeff Johnson, Randall Basham, Timmy Coontz, Adam Gootee, Robbie Gullion, Dion Benningfield, Randy Turpin. Second Heat- Butch Shay, Benji Lee, Josh Lucas, Elliott Despain, Dustin Linville, John Tyler, Jason Wheatley, J.T. Ayers, Clarence Belcher, David Hill, Thomas Brooks. DNS-J.P. Hume. Third Heat- Jimmy Payne, Jay Mobley, Tim Moore, Tommy Bailey, Joe Mattingly, Scott Smith, Robbie Bennett, Troy Teegarden, Mark Bell, Earl Plessinger, Shon Flanery. B-Main- Jason Wheatley, Clarence Belcher, Shon Flanery, Timmy Coontz, Randall Basham, Troy Teegarden, Mark Bell, Robbie Bennett, J.T. Ayers, John Tyler, Thomas Brooks, David Hill, Dion Benningfield. O'Reilly A-Main 6th Annual Bluegrass Rumble- Joey Kramer, Don Adams, Benji Lee, Kelly Warren, Jimmy Payne, Jason Wheatley, Jay Mobley, Sam Murphy, Sr., Josh Lucas, Elliott Despain, Shon Flanery, Clint Shutts, Butch Shay, Timmy Coontz, Randall Basham, Robbie Bennett, Thomas Brooks, Joe Mattingly, Dustin Linville, Clarence Belcher, Dion Benningfield, Tim Moore, Tommy Bailey. Series Provisionals- Robbie Bennett, Thomas Brooks. Track Provisional- Dion Benningfield.

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Layne in the second and third games, winning 25-14 and 25-14. Libero Steph Stone helped pace the South Floyd attack with 27 digs. Brittany Little and Amber Tackett each had five kills for the Lady Raiders. Little was a perfect 11-for-11 in the serving department and added 20 digs. Tackett finished five-of-six on serves and contributed 23 digs. Billie Stumbo waseight-for-nine on serves and finished with 11 assists, five digs and three aces. Samantha Isaac made good on 10-of-11 serves and added five digs and four aces. Danielle Tackett (19-for-23 serves, 10 digs and five aces) Trista Damro (two kills, nine digs) and Bailey Hamilton (seven-for-11 serves, three aces, two kills, two assists) were also active for the Lady Raiders as several different

players contributed for visiting South Floyd. After dropping its season-opener to Knott County Central last week, South Floyd blanked Pikeville 2-0 last Thursday night. This Thursday night, South Floyd will return to action when it hosts Buckhorn. South Floyd 2, Betsy Layne 1 South Floyd 27 25 25 Betsy Layne 29 14 18 **SOUTH FLOYD VOLLEYBALL UPCOMING MATCHES** Aug. 17 Buckhorn, 6 p.m. Aug. 19 Cordia, Noon Aug. 22 at Allen Central, 6 p.m. Aug. 24 Hazard, 6 p.m. Aug. 28 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.

Leinart in for Cardinals; Seu calls it quits

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Matt Leinart is officially a member of the Arizona Cardinals — finally. The 10th overall pick in this year's draft became the last first-rounder to sign a contract. The 2004 Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California got a six-year contract Monday night that can bring the rookie up to \$51 million. Leinart will be guaranteed \$14 million, said agent Tom Condon. Earlier Monday, Cardinals coach Dennis Green criticized Leinart and his representatives for rejecting "a more than generous" offer from the team. Leinart's news capped a busy day in the NFL. Linebacker Junior Seu retired, running back Clinton Portis learned he'll be sidelined for the rest of the preseason, perennial Pro Bowl tackle Orlando Pace was sidelined, and there were two trades. In those deals, the Jets acquired running back Lee Suggs from Cleveland for defensive back Derrick Strait, and the 49ers acquired receiver Taylor Jacobs from the Redskins for cornerback Mike Rumph, a swap of oft-injured former high draft picks. Leinart was the second quarterback chosen in the draft, behind Vince Young of Texas, who went to Tennessee with the No. 3 pick overall, and one spot ahead of Jay Cutler of Vanderbilt, who went to Denver. Young signed a six-year contract worth up to \$58 million, with \$25.7 million guaranteed. Cutler signed a six-year deal worth as much as \$48 million, with \$11 million guaranteed. Seu was the intense, non-stop energizer of his hometown San Diego Chargers from 1990 until being unceremoniously jettisoned in the spring of 2003. He played three less-productive years with the Miami Dolphins, who released him in March. One of the NFL's greatest linebackers and a 12-time Pro Bowler, he helped the Chargers reach their only Super Bowl after the 1994 season. "I'm healthy, I can play and there are teams out there that had interest, but they just didn't need," the 37-year-old Seu said. "They wanted me, but they didn't need me. I'm not a player that can play by just wanting to play the game. I'm a guy that needs to win, and they go hand in hand." Redskins: Portis, who set a Redskins record with 1,516 yards rushing last season, partially dislocated his left shoulder making a tackle in an exhibition game Sunday. Coach Joe Gibbs said Portis' shoulder was sore and he would begin rehabilitation once the soreness abates. "We would hope that he would be ready for the opener," Gibbs said Monday.

Portis was angry he was even in the game at Cincinnati. "I don't know why myself or any other player of my caliber should be playing in the preseason," said Portis, a sling over his left shoulder. "I think for the last four years I've done enough to show the world I'm going to be ready for the season." Rams: Pace left the practice field on a cart, and a team spokesman said the big offensive tackle had slight sprains to his right ankle and knee. Coach Scott Linehan said Pace's leg "kind of got rolled up" during a 9-on-7 drill early in practice. Pace then limped to a cart and got a lift to the locker room. X-rays taken as a precaution were negative for Pace, who has made it to the Pro Bowl the last seven seasons. Jets-Browns: With the Jets preparing for the possibility of life without Curtis Martin, they acquired Suggs. Martin, the NFL's fourth leading career rusher, is on the physically-unable-to-perform list because of a lingering knee injury, so the Jets were desperate to get another back. Suggs' career has been plagued by a series of injuries. Strait was a third-round pick in 2004, but has been a backup in his two NFL seasons. During camp, he moved to safety in the absence of Erik Coleman, out after an appendectomy. 49ers-Redskins: Rumph was a first-round selection from the University of Miami in 2002 but he missed most of 2004 with a broken arm and played in only three games in 2005 because of a foot injury. Rumph was moved to safety last year, but the Redskins plan to use him at cornerback. Jacobs has been a disappointment since the Redskins drafted him in the second round in 2003. He had a bruised pancreas during his rookie season, a strained abdominal muscle in 2004 and a sprained big left toe last year. He has been ineffective when he did play, catching only 30 passes for 315 yards in 38 games. Cowboys: Terrell Owens missed his 12th straight practice when the Cowboys began their final week of workouts in California. He came out a few minutes before the session, carrying pants and a long-sleeve shirt, and took what has become his customary position on a stationary bike. "I don't know the player very well. I just have to give him the benefit of the doubt right now," Parcels said when asked earlier Monday, before he knew Owens would miss practice. "I don't want to jeopardize him for the season. So right now I am erring on the side of caution." St. Parcels made it clear he wants Owens back on the field to work with quarterback Drew Bledsoe and the rest of the offense. "We need to see something here pretty soon. That is the truth," Parcels said. "We need to get him into the offense. Right now, he has missed a lot of work."

MSU hires George Jackson as assistant men's basketball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — George Jackson has been named an assistant men's basketball coach on the staff of Donnie Tyndall at Morehead State University. Jackson joins the staff after serving as an assistant men's basketball coach for the past five years at BIG EAST conference member, Seton Hall University. While at Seton Hall, Jackson was the high and low post specialist for the Pirates. He also has experience as a basketball specialist for several current and former NBA players, such as Brian

Grant and Brandon Hunter.

"I am very pleased with the addition of George Jackson to our staff," said Tyndall. "I have had a great relationship with George for years. I recruited one of his players while I was the head coach at Saint Catharine College 10 years ago, and we've stayed in touch ever since."

"He has had great success as a head high school coach and has spent the last five years as an assistant at Seton Hall where they went to the NCAA tournament two of the last three years and to post season play three of the last four years."

As a high school coach, Jackson served at both Walnut Hills and Withrow High Schools in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jackson's 1994 Withrow team reached the state finals and the 1998 squad reached semifinals. As a prep coach his record stood at 311-146.

"Not only is George a very talented individual in regards to coaching, he's been inducted into five different Halls of Fame which not only speaks for his coaching accomplishments but for his character and integrity as a person."

"George will also give us a strong recruiting tie to the state of Ohio,

where he is very well respected," said Tyndall.

"I feel very blessed to work for Morehead State and Coach Tyndall," said Jackson. "I've known Donnie Tyndall for 10 years and we have a great relationship. Being that I'm a native of Cincinnati, I sort of feel like I'm coming home."

Jackson played high school basketball at Withrow High School and attended Wittenburg University where he was a member of the 1977 NCAA Division III national championship team.

He is a member of the Ohio Basketball, Hamilton County Sports, Southwest Ohio Basketball Coaches Association, Greater Cincinnati, and Withrow High School Halls of Fame. He has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including the Applause Magazine "Imagemakers in Sports" award, the Greater Cincinnati Coaches Hall of Fame "Coach of the Decade 1990s", and the 2001 "Roberto Clemente Outstanding Athlete and Exceptional Humanitarian" award.

Cumberlands men top preseason MSC CC poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Mid-South Conference (MSC) recently released the 2006 men and women's cross country coaches polls. The University of the Cumberlands men's team was chosen to finish first in the MSC. In the women's poll, Campbellsville University was

picked to win.

The complete polls follow.

MSC Men's Cross Country Preseason Poll: 1. University of the Cumberlands; 2. Lindsey Wilson College; 3. Campbellsville University; 4. Georgetown College; 5. Pikeville College.

MSC Women's Cross Country Preseason Poll: 1. Campbellsville University; 2. University of the Cumberlands; 3. Georgetown College; 4. Lindsey Wilson College; 5. Pikeville College.

At Pikeville College, veteran coach John Biery is back to guide the Bear cross country programs.

Louisville's Holston out 4-6 weeks with broken leg

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville red-shirt freshman defensive end Jonathan Holston suffered a broken right fibula in practice on Thursday and will miss 4-6 weeks.

Holston had surgery Thursday evening after breaking the leg in a scrimmage. The 6-foot-6, 240-pound Holston was competing for playing time on a defensive line depleted by the departure of tackle Montavious Stanley and end Elvis Dumervil, who collected a school-record 20 sacks last season.

Holston could be available by Sept. 16, when the Cardinals host Miami at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Campbellsville announces seven additional FB signings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE — The Campbellsville University football program has signed a total of 62 freshman with the addition of seven more recruits recently.

"We're real excited about our recruiting class this year as we continue to build a solid foundation for our program," said Tiger Coach Jim Deaton. "I've said all along that we'll have some of these new guys see some playing time and I think we've put together a really strong class," he added.

The latest signings are: Eddie Creech, a 6-0, 195-pound defensive back from Cumberland High School, Cumberland; Jordan Drake, a 5-10, 200-pound

linebacker/fullback from Grayson County High School, Leitchfield.

Anthony Ellis, a 5-5, 137-pound defensive back from Iroquois High School, Louisville.

Larry Hurlbut, a 6-0, 150-pound punter from Orange Park High School, Orange Park, Fla.

Justin Martin, a 6-0, 170-pound wide receiver from Western High School, Louisville.

Andrew Moats, a 6-3, 248-pound defensive end from Elizabethtown High School, Elizabethtown.

Jeremy Vittitoe, a 5-6, 155-pound defensive back from Bullitt Central High School, Shepherdsville.

All Campbellsville University football players have reported to campus and are practicing.

Marshall to hold Choose-A-Seat Day on Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University Athletic Ticket Office will hold a Choose-A-Seat Day at Joan C. Edwards Stadium this Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a live, open-to-the-public scrimmage

starting at 12:30 p.m.

Other activities on the day include a preseason Herd Walk by the Marshall Football Team, which begins at 10 a.m., and an inflatable play area for kids. Fans are also encouraged to warm up the grills and tailgate for the event. One lucky fan who purchases season tickets on Saturday will walk away with a Marshall Tailgating tent.

Additionally, Marshall Football Media Guides will be on sale to the public Saturday for \$15.

Blanton one of two new MSU staffers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State Athletic Media Relations Office has announced that Jason Ashcraft and Jason Blanton have joined the office for 2006-2007. Ashcraft will be the primary contact for women's soccer and men's and women's tennis, while Blanton — who is also a

take full advantage of every traditional and multimedia opportunity to promote Morehead State athletics. Their knowledge and familiarity with Morehead State athletics will be an asset for us this year."

Ashcraft is a 2004 graduate of Morehead State with a bachelor's degree in communications. From January-September 2005, he was a sports writer for the Maysville (Ky.) Ledger-Independent. As an undergraduate, he was a staff member of the Morehead State Trailblazer newspaper and was also a staff assistant with the MSU NewsCenter. He is currently working on a master's degree in sport management at MSU. His wife Jessica is a hall director of East Mignon Residence Hall at MSU.

In addition to his sport assignments, Blanton will also serve as a coordinator for the Eagle Sports Radio Network. He has served as the play-by-play announcer of the Lady Eagle basketball team since 1998 and also currently is in the role of commentator for Eagle football broadcasts. He has also broadcasted Eagle men's basketball, baseball and softball in the past.

Blanton is a 2002 graduate of Morehead State. Prior to his appointment at Morehead State, he served as a play-by-play announcer for Pikeville College athletics from 1995-98. A native of Oil Springs, he has a five-year-old daughter, MariGrace.



Jason Blanton (left), Jason Ashcraft (right)

staff writer/media coordinator in MSU's Office of University Communications — will serve as the contact for cross country/track and field and rifle.

"We are excited about the addition of these two to our staff," said Athletic Media Relations Director Randy Stacy. "As we continue to receive increased exposure through the media and with our expanding web site and overall branding campaign, the addition of Jason and Jason will help us become more efficient in our office operations and help us streamline assignments so we can

NEW SEASONS



photo by Jamie Howell

LINING UP TO PASS: Prestonsburg High football coaches have shown a prominent passing attack during the preseason.

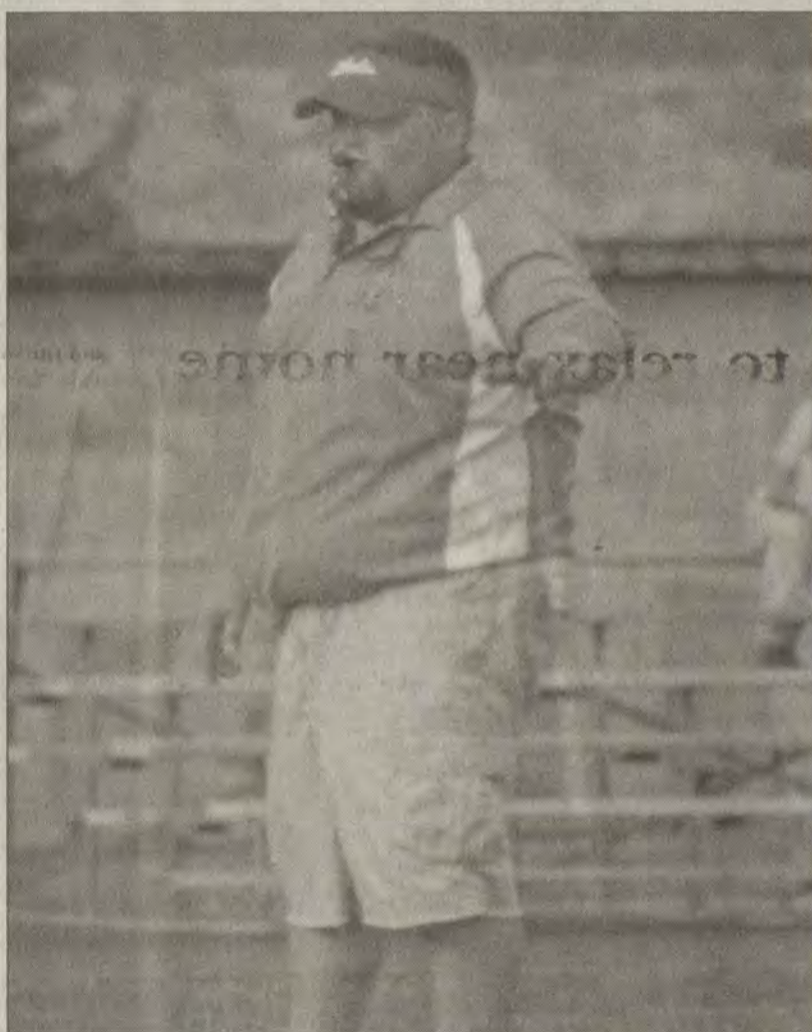


photo by Steve LeMaster

CLASS A COACH: Allen Central head coach Jeremy Hall looked on during a preseason scrimmage against Jackson County. Hall will guide Allen Central into its season-opener Friday against Bejsy Layne.



photo by Brent Graden/City of Prestonsburg

TAKING THE FIELD: Prestonsburg High will host numerous opponents on its new girls' soccer field.

Harvick passes Stewart to win at The Glen

by JOHN KEKIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Kevin Harvick hasn't had the results Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart have had on NASCAR's road courses. That may be about to change.

Running in the top 10 from the start of the race Sunday at Watkins Glen International, Harvick did what few thought was possible: He passed Stewart for the lead with three laps to go and won his first road race.

"I was taught to never give up, and that's kind of the attitude that I work in — never quit and just roll over," said Harvick, who climbed past teammate Jeff Burton into third in the points. "I think it probably surprised everybody else that we were able to drive back by and win."

Since Stewart had won three of the

four previous Cup races at The Glen and passed the No. 29 Goodwrench Chevy a few laps earlier, Harvick probably was right about his second victory of the year driving for resurgent Richard Childress Racing.

"I knew I was only going to have a couple of chances, so I took my chance, it stuck, and I went on by," said Harvick, who ranks third among active drivers at Watkins Glen with an average finish of eighth in six starts.

His winning pass was made coming out of the final curve of the 11-turn layout. Harvick outbraked Stewart through the hard right-hander, edged past on the front straightaway and completed the pass entering the first turn, a 90-degree right-hander. He then pulled away over the final laps.

"I think I just overdrove the entries and exits, and he was good," said Stewart, who moved up two spots to seventh in the points race.

The race was polesitter Kurt Busch's to lose, and his crew lost it for him. Just past midway of the 90-lap race, Joe Nemechek spun off course and brought out a caution for debris and Busch, following his crew's instructions, began to head for

the pit entrance for tires and fuel. But just as his front tires were about to cross the commitment line, the green light turned red, signaling the pits were closed.

Unable to veer back onto the track, Busch made his stop, then was penalized and sent to the rear of the field on the restart as crew chief Roy McCauley kicked a tire in frustration. The same thing happened here to Jeff Gordon a year ago, and he suffered, too.

"Kurt, I don't know what to say. I'm about in tears," McCauley said over the radio. "I'm sorry, Kurt."

"I think I'm OK," Busch said. He was, but not for long. Seconds after the race restarted, Busch was caught in a multicar crash. Busch's No. 2 Miller Lite Dodge sustained front-end damage, and his chances for victory vanished.

"We put ourselves in position for NASCAR to make a call, and it didn't end up in our favor," said Busch, who rallied into the top 10 again but spun out on the final lap and finished 19th.

The top 10 drivers in the standings qualify for the 10-race Chase for the championship. And Busch, 13th and fighting for the last spot with Greg

Biffle, Kasey Kahne and Dale Earnhardt Jr., appeared set to make a big jump. Although Busch moved up to 12th, he dropped 172 points behind Earnhardt, who remained 10th after an 18th-place finish.

The top 10 will be reset in four weeks — after the 26th race of the season — into five-point intervals, and those 10 drivers will race for the Nextel Cup title over the final 10 races of the season.

Busch, fresh from his stirring victory over Robby Gordon in Saturday's Busch Series race, was the class of the field from the start, leading 36 of the first 53 laps after surviving a hard bump from Kahne on the first turn of the race.

Neither Jeff Gordon, Stewart, nor Robby Gordon, who combined to win 16 of the previous 18 races on NASCAR's two road courses, had anything for Busch in the first half of the 220.5-mile race.

"You feel for Kurt today," Stewart said. "He had a car that was capable of winning the race. That's absolutely rotten, terrible luck right there."

"You're gambling on the caution," said Todd Berrier, Harvick's crew chief. "That's all you're doing. We would have liked to have stopped sooner, but the way the race had been going, all the cautions, we stuck to the plan. More times than not, it don't work when you stick to the plan."

"As soon as the caution came out, it put us in the top three," Berrier said. "Stewart and Robby and all those guys got back in the pack and it took them a long time to get back up there."

Stewart had been unable to catch Harvick during the previous green-flag run. But when Casey Mears spun out to bring out a caution with 11 laps left, it gave Stewart a chance.

Harvick, making his 200th career start, got away on the restart. But Stewart caught him entering the chicane and, when Harvick blocked inside, drove by hard on the outside, going a little off course through the grass and easily took the top spot.

Seconds later, the 10th caution of the race, a record for the event, to set up a five-lap shootout and Harvick prevailed.

"We've got the talent, I think, to make a serious run for this championship," Childress said.

Hornish reclaims series lead with win at Meijer Indy 300

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPARTA — Sam Hornish Jr. has gotten pretty good at making left turns.

To win his third IndyCar Series title, the reigning Indy 500 champion knows he'll have to do a little better when the racetrack requires him to turn right, too.

So while he was pleased with his win in the Meijer Indy 300 on Sunday, which helped him reclaim the points lead from Team Penske teammate Helio Castroneves, Hornish also knows his slim seven-point advantage could disappear if he doesn't run well over the road course at the Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma in two weeks.

"We haven't had the results I'd like to have on the road courses," he said. "But I've worked very hard to try to get ourselves there. If I'm patient and I don't have any problems, there's no reason we shouldn't be in the top three."

It will be just the seventh road course start of Hornish's Indy Racing League career. He has 18 career vic-

tories after his second win at Kentucky Speedway, but none have come when the track turns both ways.

"The biggest thing is just the seat time, getting through those races," he said. "Helio has probably had over 70 road course starts, so I'm a little behind him in that category. I think I'm getting closer and hopefully will get to a point where I'm a threat at each one of the road courses that we go through."

Yet the win at Kentucky gave Hornish enough cushion to think he'll still be in the thick of the points race for the season-finale in Chicago on Sept. 10.

"I just need to keep my head on me and just not make any mistakes," he said.

Hornish didn't make many Sunday, when he overtook Scott Dixon with four laps remaining to give Team Penske its eighth win of the year.

The race played out like much of the season has, with Hornish and Castroneves near the front and Dixon and Dan Wheldon trying to end Team Penske's dominance.

Both Dixon and Wheldon had

their shots in a race that featured 23 lead changes. Wheldon led for 66 laps, but an error on a late pit stop cost him a chance at the victory.

Wheldon overshot his pit by a few feet after coming in for a splash-and-go on lap 186, costing himself precious seconds as his crew frantically pushed him back into position. He finished fourth.

"I just made a mistake," Wheldon said. "Performance wise, I thought we were the best out front. We just can't seem to close the deal."

Dixon had the lead after a caution on lap 192, but Hornish edged past Dixon coming out of the fourth turn and then pulled away.

"He just chopped me off, I lost all the air and nearly spun," Dixon said of Hornish's pass. "If I hadn't let up, I would have hit him."

Hornish called the pass "clean" and said the win allowed him to get over a season-worst 19th-place finish at Michigan two weeks ago, a performance that allowed Castroneves to grab the series lead.

"It wasn't very fun for two weeks to think about why we lost 38 points to the new leader," Hornish said. "It's

hard to sit there and watch (Castroneves) win the race when my car is not running and there's nothing I can do about it."

Elsewhere on the track, the potential duel between Danica Patrick and Sarah Fisher never developed, despite the two becoming the first women drivers to start alongside each other in an IRL race.

Though they began the day side-by-side on row six, Patrick — who collided with Vitor Meira during practice before the race — ran in the top half of the field most of the day before finishing eighth. Fisher, making her first IRL start since the 2004 Indy 500, needed a late surge to finish 12th, a lap behind the leaders.

"We finished where we started," said Fisher, who'll run in the season-ending Peak Antifreeze Indy 300 at Chicagoland Speedway on Sept. 10. "I wanted to do more. We had some trouble with straight-line speed. I'm now sure what it was."



Sam Hornish Jr.

Bengals 19, Redskins 3

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Clinton Portis didn't even want to be on the field for the first preseason game. Now, the dependable running back isn't sure if he can be on the field when it counts.

The Washington Redskins' revamped offense took a significant jolt Sunday night when Portis partially dislocated his left shoulder during a 19-3 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals, leaving him sidelined indefinitely.

"Right now, it's tough to say," coach Joe Gibbs said. "Obviously, it's going to be a while."

Portis ran for a club-record 1,516 yards last season, when Washington made the playoffs as a wild-card team, and was counted on to steady an offense retooled by assistant coach Al Saunders in the offseason.

Instead, Washington is wondering how long it will be without its best running back — something Portis can't comprehend.

Portis opened the game with an 8-yard carry, then blocked for Mark Brunell's passes. When Brunell's sixth throw was intercepted by cornerback Keiwan Ratliff, Portis ran

him down and reached to make the tackle.

His left arm was extended when he hit Ratliff, momentarily knocking the bone part of the way out of the shoulder socket. An MRI confirmed the injury.

"After that 8-yard run, I was like, 'Get me out of that game,'" Portis said. "That's what I was thinking. It's football. It can happen to anyone. It happened to me."

Standard treatment involves rest and strengthening exercises. Portis had the left arm in a blue sling after the game, when he lobbied for regulars to play less in the preseason.

"For whoever's watching: Let's get rid of some of these games," Portis said. "Four games is ridiculous. Then you play a 16-game season and the playoffs behind that."

Gibbs planned to keep Portis and his other starters in the game for only a short time.

"We wanted to have one good drive," Gibbs said. "We didn't want him to carry the ball more than one or two times."

Without Portis, the running game will depend upon backup Ladell Betts, who ran for 338 yards last season and missed four games because of a knee injury.

"Who knows what it is?" Portis said of his injury. "Even if it's not serious, to be nicked up for the first week of the season ..."

For Cincinnati, the opener was a

chance to gauge what the offense will look like if Carson Palmer isn't ready to start the season. Palmer stood on the sideline in a white Bengals T-shirt and gray sweat pants, watching newcomer Anthony Wright make a lackluster debut.

The Bengals failed to get a first down on their first three series behind Wright, a free-agent quarterback signed less than four months ago. He was sacked twice and looked indecisive in those three drives.

He finally got going with the help of a flea-flicker — a trick play seldom used in preseason — that surprised the Redskins. T.J. Houshmandzadeh was unguarded downfield for a 52-yard catch, setting up Wright's 12-yard touchdown pass to Chris Henry.

"I think overall it was a good start, for the first time," Wright said. "There's a lot of complications to this offense."

Wright was 9-of-16 in the first half for 101 yards, more than half of them on the one trick play. Doug Johnson went 11-of-14 for 128 yards with a touchdown and three sacks in the second half, when both teams played their backups.

Palmer tore ligaments in his left knee during a playoff loss to Pittsburgh in January and had reconstructive surgery. He's not expected to play until at least the third preseason game, leaving his status unclear.

Bengals Pro Bowl receiver Chad

Johnson showed up with a new look — his mohawk was dyed blond — but didn't catch a pass in limited action. Johnson had shaved his head for games in the past.

Henry, one of six Bengals either arrested or suspended in recent months, had six catches for 61 yards. He is scheduled to go on trial on a gun charge in Florida later this month.

Brunell played only two series, going 4-of-9 for 66 yards with the interception by Ratliff that was Portis' final play. Backup Todd Collins finished the first half, going 6-of-13 for 68 yards with an interception. Collins also was called for intentional grounding in the end zone, resulting in a safety.

Notes: Redskins second-string LB Chris Clemons sprained a ligament in his left knee late in the first quarter. Trainers put a brace on the knee before he was helped off without putting weight on the leg. ... RB Kerry Carter had to be helped off the field with an injured right knee in the second quarter. The Redskins signed Carter as a free agent in January after he missed last season. ... WR Mike Espy, an undrafted free agent from Mississippi who is the son of former Agriculture Secretary Michael Espy, caught four passes for 56 yards for Washington. ... The crowd of 64,961 was the largest for a preseason game in Paul Brown Stadium's seven years.

NFL PRESEASON RESULTS

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Philadelphia 20, Cleveland 7
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Carolina 14, Buffalo 13
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Cincinnati 19, Washington 3

Mercker faces surgery Thursday

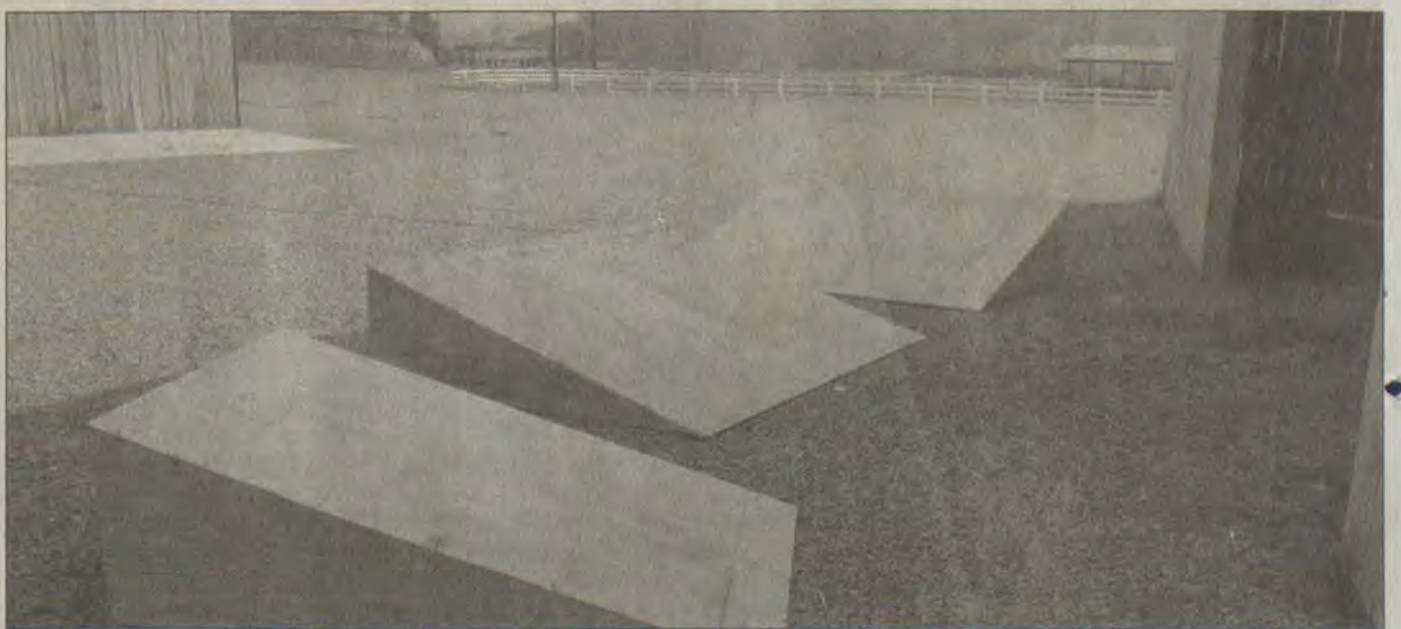
CINCINNATI — Veteran left-hander Kent Mercker will undergo season-ending reconstructive surgery on his left elbow, the Cincinnati Reds said Monday.

Mercker, 38, was placed on the disabled list Saturday after pitching a scoreless inning in relief Friday night in Philadelphia. He was examined Monday by Dr. Timothy Kremchek, the Reds' medical director, who scheduled surgery for Thursday. Mercker has been

on the disabled list three times this season because of elbow problems.

Mercker was 1-1, with a 4.13 ERA and one save in 37 relief appearances this season. Mercker did not allow an earned run in his final 12 appearances. He is in his third stint with the Reds and has pitched for eight other teams, making his major-league debut with Atlanta in 1989.

Also Monday, Kremchek performed arthroscopic surgery on left-hander Brandon Claussen's left shoulder. He went on the disabled list June 17, after going 3-8 with a 6.19 ERA for the Reds. Claussen, 27, made three rehabilitation starts for Louisville before the Reds shut him down for the season. — The Associated Press



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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit, may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

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Notice is hereby given that Mr. Frank Fitzpatrick, in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, has filed an application with the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, to stabilize 9,230 linear feet of stream bank along the Middle Creek and Left Fork of Middle Creek, near the intersection of US 114 and KY. 404. The reach of Middle Creek and Left Fork of Middle Creek, that is proposed to be stabilized, is located in a rural area of Floyd County, with a watershed size of 52.3 square miles. Currently, the targeted reach of Middle Creek and Left Fork of Middle Creek, have tall eroded bank sections, and is adding large amounts of sedi-

ment to the stream, Middle Creek and Left Fork of Middle Creek are proposed to be improved with a combination of flood plain excavation, stability and habitat structures, and vegetative stabilization methods. Any comments concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone (502) 564-3410.

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify Defendant Andrea M. Samons, last known address, 1177 Triple S. Road, David, KY 41616, of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about June 8, 2006. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and is styled as Civil Action Number 06-CI-00551, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. James G. Samons, Andrea M. Sammons and the Unknown Occupant of the 1997 Oakwood Mobile Home. The suit is a foreclosure action by Hon. Douglas C. Howard of the law office of Christopher M. Hill & Associates, P.S.C. The Plaintiff is seeking to repossess the mobile home, and Andrea Samons has been named as a Defendant in the proceeding.

The Defendant, Andrea Samons, shall have 50 days from the date of the Complaint to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if she desires to do so. If the Defendant does not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense, then a Judgment may be entered against her, at the Court's discretion.

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FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I
C.A. No. 06-CI-502
Quality Natural Gas Properties, LTD
Petitioner
vs. NOTICE OF LEGAL ACTION
Amelia Kendall, deceased, and
her Unknown Heirs, Successors
and Assigns;
and Sarah Seitz, deceased, and her
Unknown Heirs, Successors and
Assigns
Respondents**

A petition has been filed by Quality Natural Gas Properties, LTD, in the Floyd Circuit Court, Div. I, C.A. No. 06-CI-502, pursuant to KRS 343.460 et seq. seeking to impose a trust upon an oil and gas estate, located in Wiley Branch of Beaver Creek, and to thereafter lease same. This petition was filed because the current owners of the oil and gas estate are unknown. The last record owners of this oil and gas estate were Amelia Kendall and Sarah Seitz (both now presumed deceased), who obtained this estate from A. J. Davidson by deed dated September 28, 1938, and of record at Deed Book 110, Page 243, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. If you are an heir, devisee or grantee of these individuals, you should become involved in this action. A motion to impose trust and appoint permanent trustee will be made on or after September 22, 2006. If you respond, you will need to make your written notice of appearance advising the court and counsel of your ownership interest in this property before that date. You should also provide documentation establishing your ownership. Your written response should be made to the following: Clerk, Floyd Circuit Court, C.A. No. 06-CI-502, 127 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; Martin L. Osborne, 119 E. Court Street, 2nd floor, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; and to William S. Kendrick, Interim Trustee, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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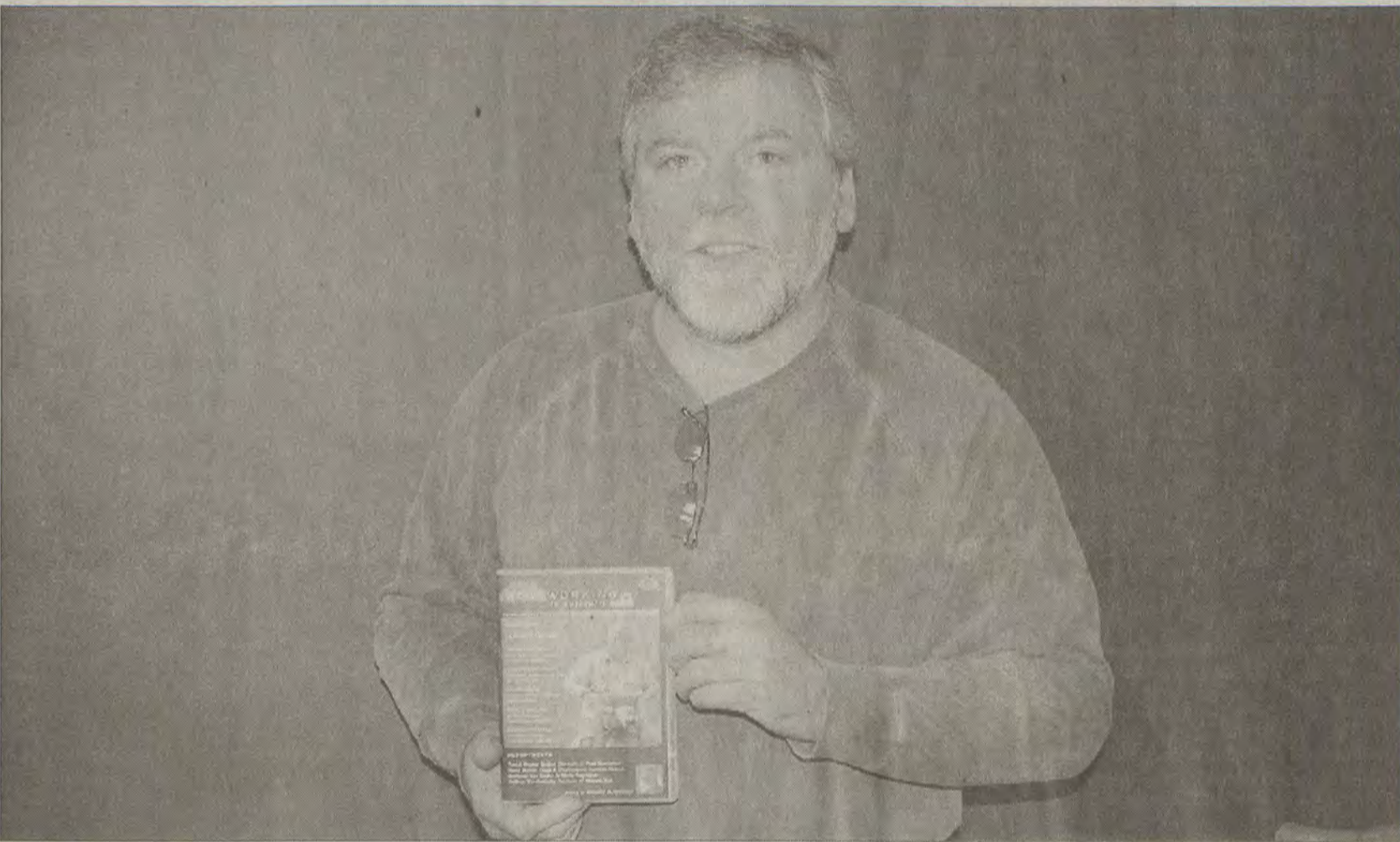
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School of Craft instructor featured on DVD

Kentucky School of Craft woodworking instructor David Wright is featured in a new way to teach woodworking – on DVD. David Wright's picture is on the cover and his subject is included in an interactive, 18-minute segment. Those watching the video can learn about spindle making for Windsor chairs.

The DVD, "Woodworking in action," is a quarterly publication, hosted by author, woodworker, and teacher Graham Blackburn.

"There's nothing else like it,"

Wright said. "It's cutting edge. Nobody has done this yet. I'm sure this is the wave of the future. Instead of getting a magazine, you get a DVD so you can see the demonstration of the process, pause it, and rewind it. It is a step forward beyond reading. I learn better by observing the process in action. Other people learn better that way too."

Wright likes this new way for student learning. "Teaching is changing. Students can be at home with their computer," Wright said.

Students already enrolled in his classes have seen the DVD. "They were pretty excited about seeing this. It is very well done, very professional. I have the utmost respect for Graham Blackburn and I'm pleased with the result of his work," Wright said.

Kentucky School of Craft Dean Tim Glotzbach praised Wright's involvement on the DVD. "David is a natural in front of the camera. His ability to teach and his comfort in front of the camera make this a valu-

able DVD in the woodworking arena," Glotzbach said.

The DVD is available through Woodworkinginaction.com

Wright has worked at the Kentucky School of Craft since August of 2004. He came to Hindman from Berea where, for the previous twenty years, he owned and operated New Harmony Woodworks.

Those interested in the Kentucky School of Craft can call 800-246-7521, ext. 73410 or 606-487-3410.

Tips for taking care of 'bats in the belfry' from the Humane Society of the United States

(WASHINGTON)— Bats are beneficial to homeowners due to their insatiable appetite for insects – some can catch up to 400 bugs in one hour. For that reason many people do not mind bat guests hanging out in the attic. However, people are not happy when bats take a wrong turn and end up flapping around the living areas of their home—a common problem in August. The Humane Society of the United States gets more phone calls about bats during this month than at any other time of the year.

Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for The HSUS explains, "From May through July, baby bats are flightless and stay in the roost which, in urban and suburban areas, may often be in attics. In August, they leave the roost for the very first time, and often take wrong turns – like going through a slit around the attic door frame INTO the house rather than going out their 'normal' exit hole under the eaves of the attic to the outdoors. People may find bats inside their homes in August and they understandably panic. A bat flying around your house can be frightening."

The best way to capture a bat is to put on leather gloves and put a coffee can or shoebox over the bat, and then slide a piece of firm cardboard underneath. Do NOT handle a bat with bare hands or cotton gloves. Once contained, the bat can be safely released outside, but be sure to put the bat on a tree limb or wall since they can't fly from the ground up.

A common fear is that bats intentionally fly at people and get tangled in their hair. "That's pure fiction," Simon explains. "Bats have a long wing span and need to swoop low in order to stay airborne. And they're not trying to drink your blood. The vast majority of bats that people will encounter in the U.S. eat insects – not blood!"

However, if there is any chance that the bat was in the room of a sleeping or intoxicated person or young child, health authorities mandate that the bat be captured and tested for rabies—even if there's only a slim chance that the bat could have bitten someone without their knowing it. Bat bites can sometimes go unnoticed.

"The reality is that the incidence of rabies in bats is very low—less than 1 percent of all bats in the U.S. carry the disease," says Simon. "The probability of someone contracting rabies from bats is exceptionally rare." People should take proper precautions but not panic unnecessarily.

Prevention: "Late-August to October is a great time of year to bat-proof your home. Seal up all holes, especially between the attic and interior rooms, as well as the exterior, keeping at least one main exit open. The colony can then be excluded by installing simple one-way doors or netting ("check valves") that allow the bats to exit but not return. A good way to find bat entry holes is to go up in a dark attic on a sunny day, and look for where sunlight is streaming in — that would be a potential bat entry hole."

The HSUS Wild Neighbors Program promotes non-lethal means for resolving conflicts between people and wildlife and cultivates understanding and appreciation for wild animals commonly found in cities and towns. On the web at www.wildneighbors.org



Nayak donates to 'Promise' campaign

Dr. I.N. Nayak, center, of Hazard, was recently responsible for beginning a \$10,000 scholarship endowment at Hazard Community & Technical College. He is shown here with Judy Mitchell, left, vice president of Resource and Community Development and Doug Fraley, right, vice president of Student Services. Dr. Nayak wanted to begin the scholarship for those enrolling in the nursing program at HCTC, with preference given to those who have worked in the Hazard ARH operating room and/or on the surgical floor at the hospital. The gift is part of the college's "Fulfilling the Promise" fund raising campaign and counts toward the ultimate goal of \$4 million. HCTC President/CEO Jay K. Box said he greatly appreciated Dr. Nayak's commitment to furthering education prospects in the medical field.



HCTC New Horizon winners

The top three New Horizon winners in the staff category at Hazard Community & Technical College were named and honored by HCTC President/CEO Dr. Jay K. Box earlier this year. Honored for excellence in job performance were, from left, Brenda Stacy, office of Institutional Research and Planning; Sherry Bettinazzi, Events Coordinator; and Lois Puffer, Academic Affairs Senior Administrative Assistant. "These three are the best of the best," Dr. Box said. "Their contributions to the college are major, although each of these individuals has a job very different from the other," he said. "We are a better institution because of what these three accomplish each day." Part of the honor of being named a New Horizon Award recipient includes a professional development stipend to be used to attend a national conference.

Dean Osborne named HCTC's music program director

A man whose family name is synonymous with bluegrass music has been named to head the new Bluegrass and Traditional Music Program at Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) and members of the National Advisory Council guiding the creation of the new program couldn't give higher praise in response to the selection.

Dean Osborne, of Leslie County, has shared the stage with some of the most well-known names in the Bluegrass world, including the Osborne Brothers, J.D. Crowe and Ralph Stanley. He has also recorded as a guest artist with Richard Bennett and appears on Rebel Records first "Live" video featuring Richard and Wanda Bennett, Randall Barnes and Phil Leadbetter.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Dean Osborne said of being named to the new position. Osborne started meeting with the National Advisory Council in January 2005 and the group has worked to create a world-class program. "We will set our level for excellence very high," Osborne said.

While he knows the challenges ahead of him he said, "Nothing we've ever done has been easy."

"He's a perfect fit for the job," noted Beau Haddock, who is with the Kentucky Arts Council's Craft Marketing Program. "No one will work harder than Dean. He knows how to make this program a success," Haddock said. "He's well respected."

Art Gottschalk is a classical musician and a music business and law professor and Department Chair at Rice University in Houston, Tx. "Dean's big challenge now will be to assemble a world-class faculty, develop a curriculum and promote the program," Gottschalk said. "Dean will head a full academic program that is based on a living art form where family matters, and in Southeast Kentucky, you can't get a better blood lineage than the Osborne Brothers."

"The job requires passion, perseverance, and talent, and Dean Osborne has all three of these. This program is on a success route and has been since its inception," Gottschalk said.

Todd Sullivan, chair of the

Department of Music at Indiana State University, noted, "Everything has been put together right to see this program become successful. ... It's a gem of program."

Bill Hartley, executive director of Birthplace of Country Music Alliance in Bristol, near the Virginia and Tennessee border, praises Osborne's passion and what he already understands about the community. "He will do a wonderful job. He has the vision for what this program can become. The music program is very unique; it will produce musicians and those who provide the technical expertise for the music."

HCTC President Jay K. Box said, "The National Advisory Council comments here truly reflect how pleased we are that Dean Osborne will head up our new music program. The national council met last week and the excitement over the future of this program is quite evident."

Dean Osborne began his music career at age five, learning to play the piano from his father. While attending a concert by his cousins, the Osborne Brothers, he fell in love with

Bluegrass music. At age 14 he got his first banjo, a Hondo II. In 1980, Osborne graduated from his Hondo II to a 1979 Gibson Mastertone and formed his first band, the "Thousandsticks Express." The band, named after Dean's family home place in Leslie County, Kentucky, played until 1986, when the first version of the "Eastbound Band" was formed.

About the time that the "Eastbound Band" was formed, Osborne began promoting shows in the Lexington, Kentucky area. In 1990 he started what became known as "The Red Mule Bluegrass Festival." In 1994 he enlisted the help of founding sponsor Hyden Citizens Bank along with its president Fred Brashear and Thousandsticks Fire Department Chief John Newell to create the Osborne Brothers Hometown Festival in Hyden, Kentucky. The festival celebrates the career and contribution of the Osborne Brothers to Bluegrass music. The Osborne Brothers Hometown Festival was nominated for the International

Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Festival of the year in 2001. Also in 2001, Osborne was instrumental in founding the J.D. Crowe and the New South Bluegrass Bluegrass in Wilmore, Kentucky.

Osborne left the "Eastbound Band" to form the Dean Osborne Band in 2002, playing more than 200 engagements each year. Since 2001, Dean has exclusively played a custom-made Osborne "Chief" (#41) built by Frank Neat, of Russell Springs.

The Dean Osborne Band has a new DVD/video project out entitled "Live at the J.D. Crowe Festival," available later this spring.

Dean and his wife, Sarah, are expecting their first child. They soon will be relocating to the mountains from their present home of Lawrenceburg.

Hazard Community & Technical College's Bluegrass and Traditional Music program will be located in Hyden in a beautiful, newly renovated, historic, stone building that is a part of the HCTC Leslie County Center.

Kentucky site one of finalists for bio lab

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Kentucky site moved closer Wednesday to becoming home to a new lab that would develop vaccines against biological diseases that could be spread by animals or terrorists.

Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., said the site, near his hometown of Somerset, has been picked as one of 18 places to locate the lab. The government plans to name the final site in early 2008.

Rogers heads a House committee that oversees spending for the Department of Homeland Security, which is the agency that would be in charge of the lab.

"We are up against very strong competition, but as the selection process indicates, we are effectively competing for this facility," Rogers said.

Tennessee officials also are pushing for the lab to be located at the Kentucky site, since it is near the Tennessee line.

About 400 people are expected to work at the \$450 million facility, which is pro-

jected to open in about six years.

But not everyone is excited about getting the lab.

Some area residents worry about possible environmental and health hazards to neighboring areas. They also say they worry the site could become a terrorist target and negatively affect tourism.

"The powers that be are not paying attention to the voice of the community," said Floyd Lovins, an area resident who has helped lead an effort to stop the project. He says a petition opposing the lab has more than 4,000 signatures.

Supporters of the project say the complex would be surrounded by a 100-acre buffer zone and that air filters would prevent microorganisms from escaping.

The facility would replace an aging facility at Plum Island, N.Y., which is off the coast of Long Island.

The other sites under consideration are in California, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2006. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

On this date:
■ In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.

■ In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

■ In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

■ In 1861, President Lincoln prohibited the states of the Union from trading with the seceding states of the Confederacy.

■ In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

■ In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Incorporated.

■ In 1956, 50 years ago, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

■ In 1960, Britain granted independence to the crown colony of Cyprus.

■ In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.

■ In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

Ten years ago: A jubilant Bob Dole set out from the Republican convention, promoting his tax-cut plan as a boon to working families.

Five years ago: Paul Burrell, trusted butler of Princess Diana for many years, was charged with the theft of hundreds of royal family items, a charge he denied. (The

case collapsed when Queen Elizabeth told prosecutors that Burrell had told her he was holding some of Diana's things for safekeeping.)

One year ago: Hundreds of defiant Jewish settlers hunkered down in advance of a midnight deadline to leave Gaza. A plane carrying vacationers home from Panama to Martinique crashed in western Venezuela, killing all 160 people on board. Two transport helicopters carrying NATO peacekeepers crashed in western Afghanistan, killing 17 Spanish troops.

Today's Birthdays:
Actor Fess Parker is 82. Actress Ann Blyth is 78. Actor Robert Culp is 76. Sportscaster Frank Gifford is 76. Actress Julie Newmar is 73. Actor John Standing is 72. Actor Gary Clarke is 70. Actress Anita Gillette is 70. Actress Carole Shelley is 67. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 67. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Squirrel" Lester (The Chi-Lites) is 64. Actor Bob Balaban is 61. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 61. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 60. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato (NRBQ) is 56. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 54. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 53. Movie director James Cameron is 52. Actor Jeff Perry is 51. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 49. Singer Madonna is 48. Actress Angela Bassett is 48. Actress Laura Innes is 47. Actor Timothy Hutton is 46. Actor Steve Carell is 43. Actor Donovan Leitch is 38. Country singer Emily Robison (The Dixie Chicks) is 34. Actor George Stults is 31. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 26. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is 20.

Thought for Today:
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KIM'S KORNER

History lesson

By: Kim Little Frasure

One of our dear friends and prayer partners Elmo Lawson, from Oregon sends some of the most interesting and sometimes hilarious emails ever read. This past weekend he sent the following titled "History Lesson: Stuff I didn't know."

Hope you enjoy this little tidbit of information, thanks Elmo and read on!

HISTORY LESSON: Stuff I didn't even know!



Kim Little Frasure

In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him

standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are "limbs," therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg."

In the late 1700s, many houses consisted of a large room with only one chair. Commonly, a long wide board folded down from the wall, and was used for dining. The "head of the household" always sat in the chair

(See KORNER, page three)

POISON OAK

Drink dill tea and breathe a newspaper

by Clyde Pack

Since I've been collecting old-time cures and superstitions for several years, some time ago a friend of mine handed me a list of old folk cures he'd come across somewhere.

Those of us who were Appalachian born and living in a time when one didn't run to the doctor every time something pained or some little accident brought forth blood, no doubt experienced plenty of old folk cures to ease whatever afflictions we might have been suffering at the time. Anyway, even though some of the things that appeared on the list were new to me, perhaps some of our readers might find them familiar. Just remember, we're doing this in fun and not playing doctor here.

First of all, we were delighted to learn that on those occasions when great-great-Uncle Hiram would develop a headache and had no aspirin handy, all he had to do was flail his arms wildly for a few minutes in order to get relief.

Fortunately for us, this old remedy came with an explanation. Since most headaches are caused by constriction of blood vessels inside the head, moving the arms reduced blood flow, and hence the pressure on the blood vessels.

We would hope that Uncle Hiram practiced such flailing out behind the barn, or at least in the privacy of his own home. I would imagine that the sight of such flailing may have caused the neighbors to question just exactly how sick in the head he really was.

Ever wonder what Great Grandmother Marthie used for

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EAST KY FAIRGROUNDS



photo by Kathy J. Prater

"Hi, baby boy!" There's nothing that quite matches the thrill of a carousel for young ones and old alike.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Local gymnastic students showed their stuff under the hot August sky on Sunday afternoon.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Winnie the Pooh and his honey pot attracted patrons like bees to honey to this vendor's hut.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Brightly colored clown fish grinned in amusement as this little boy tried for a second win at a giant plush animal.



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Ferris wheels always manage to garner lots of attention at fairs and carnivals and the one on the East Ky Fairgrounds was no exception.

CRITTER CORNER

Myths and facts about spaying and neutering

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Let's face it folks, there's only one sure way to prevent all those homeless stray dogs and cats that tug at our heartstrings along the hot roadway as we pass by in our air-conditioned automobiles - have our own pets spayed and neutered. Spaying and neutering is the key to eventually solving the pet overpopulation problem that this country is currently facing.

Many myths abound in regard to spaying and neutering. Following, some of those myths are addressed:

Myth: My pet will get fat and lazy if I spay or neuter him/her.

Fact: The truth is, most pets get fat and lazy because their owners feed them too much and don't give them enough exercise.

Myth: It's better for the animal to allow it to have one litter first.

Fact: Medical evidence indicates just the opposite. In fact, the evidence shows that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. Many veterinarians now sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.

Myth: My children will benefit from experiencing the miracle of birth when our pets have litters.

Fact: Even if children are able to see a pet give birth which is unlikely, since most births usually occur at night and in seclusion, the lesson they really learn is that animals can be created and discarded as it suits adults. Instead, it should be explained to children that the real miracle is life and that preventing the birth of



Folks, it just don't get no cuter than this! Not to be bested by older "sis," Brittany, this adorable "Biker Babe" got out her bandanna and gunned her engines. Two-year-old Yorkie, "Brandy," yelped, "Me, too!" when she saw Brit's picture a couple weeks back in Critter Corner so "Mom and Dad," Rita and Lowell Brock, of Abbott Creek, had to let baby No. 2 have her way! Your girls are adorable, guyst!

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School

Youth Services Center

■ Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Services are available to all students and families regardless of income. Call 886-1297 for more information on programs or services. Center coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

■ Aug. 23 - PTO meeting. Everyone welcome.

■ Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

■ Aug. 23 - Picture Day.
■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted for the 2006-07 school year in the YSC. Watch for dates to be announced. If you would like to participate in the training, call to set up an appointment.

■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

■ Aug. 18 - FCHD nurse on site for Kindergarten and 6th grade entrance exams, WIC, and immuniza-

tions. For appointment, call 886-0815.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is avail-

able to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Summer Care and Preschool-8th grade 2006-2007 Fall Registration. Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family

Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ NOTICE: Students who received CPR training in May, 2006, may pick up their CPR certificates from Mable Hall from now until August 18.

■ Watch for forms to be brought home by students requiring parent/guardian signatures and to be sent back to the school. Forms will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

■ SFHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.

■ SFHS SBDM Council meetings will be held 3rd Thursday of every month, at 6 p.m.

■ SFMS SBDM Council meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(August 21 and August 23, 1996)

Despite receiving nearly 30 letters, only one of which specifically asked for Martin Elementary to be renamed Martin Middle School, the Floyd County School board voted 4-1, Monday night, to rename the school, Martin Middle School...Johnson County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade confirmed long-standing suspicions concerning his office, Tuesday, by announcing that he has learned he expects to face federal charges in the near future...Steven Spriggs, 44, of Drift, was charged with one count of first-degree stalking Lois Spriggs by repeatedly following her and contacting her for no legitimate purpose...2,624 students have enrolled at Prestonsburg Community College, which will begin classes on Wednesday...Representatives of the United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, will hold a public scoping meeting next week to discuss the location of a proposed federal prison in the area...Tracy Bryant, 20, of Honaker, was performing cleanup and rock dusting duties, approximately 2,800 feet beneath the surface, when he suffered fatal injuries during a roof fall accident. He was pronounced dead, Friday morning, after his body was recovered from an underground mine at the #3-1 Mine in Honaker...Sandy Woods appeared before the Floyd County Fiscal Court for the fourth time, Friday morning, asking the court to vote on an ordinance allowing alcohol by the drink in the county. And for the fourth time, her request was denied by County Judge Executive Ben Hale. Hale did, however, say he would put the request on the September agenda...President Bill Clinton made a "whistle stop" in Ashland, Sunday, and was entertained by The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros. They performed for Clinton at the Ashland River Park on Sunday, August 25. The Junior Pros performed at the special request of Kentucky Governor Paul Patton...Tim Blankenship, one of nine firefighters from eastern Kentucky will travel to California to help fight the forest fires that are rampant there. Blankenship is the forest ranger in Floyd County...Jeffery Williams, 23, of Grethel, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sodomy, Thursday morning, and is possibly looking at a 10-year sentence. He entered the plea after the Commonwealth Attorney's office agreed to drop 51 other charges against him...Debra A. Lewis, 38, was treated for minor injuries and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center after an attempted escape from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. She jumped from a cruiser traveling about 40 miles per hour, Tuesday evening, after she was arrested for allegedly trying to run over her spouse...The Floyd County Housing Authority adopted a "one-strike you're out" policy, Tuesday, during a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners...There died: Bert N. Porter, 77, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, August 18, at

Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joyce Ann Hall Hugus, 50, of Lisle, Illinois, Friday, July 19, at Edward Hospital in Naperville, Illinois; Tracy Warren Eugene Bryant, 20, of Printer, Friday, August 16, at Honaker, following a mining accident; Press Johnson, 64, of Albion, Michigan, Thursday, August 15, at Foote Hospital in Jackson, Michigan; Josephine Nichols Thacker, 67, of Pikeville, Thursday, August 15, at her residence; Jimmy Carr, 58, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Allen, Thursday, August 15, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Ypsilanti; Maggie Bates Hall, 99, of Kite, Thursday, August 15, at her residence; Darren Crum, 26, of Banner, Monday, August 19, at his residence; Henry J. "Jackie" Martin, 57, of Allen, Wednesday, August 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Everett Adkins, 73, of Chillicothe, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, August 20, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center, Columbus; Betty L. Waddles, 53, of Allen, Wednesday, August 21, at her residence; Margie Lou Dove Yates, 63, of Martin, Wednesday, August 21, at the BMA Dialysis Center in Prestonsburg.

Twenty Years Ago

(August 17, 1986)

Prestonsburg City Council heard complaints at Monday night's meeting about a dog problem in Lancer...Floyd County Schools placed 178th in the Department of Education's, annual ranking of each school district by test results...Martin High School's homecoming is scheduled for next weekend...Seven Floyd Countians are being treated after being exposed to a gray fox infected with rabies...The Kentucky Highland Folk Festival will be held on September 5, 6, and 7...A longtime Prestonsburg merchant fears that recent publicity about several businesses closing down, cause people to believe the city is also closing down...There died: John Astor Branham, 74, of Wayland, last Thursday...Emma Jean Morgan McCoy, 48, of East Point, last Wednesday...Margaret Owens, 86, of Prestonsburg, Friday; William Smith, 81, of Wheelwright, Saturday...and Virgie Hunter Goble, 72, of Cow Creek, Friday.

Thirty Years Ago

August 25, 1976)

Gerald McBrayer, 38, Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne shoe store owner, was stabbed to death by neighbors, Monday night, outside their apartments in the Highlands Heights housing complex in the Goble-Roberts Addition here; and his wife, Gerald Dean, was severely stabbed in her arm and shoulder...An investigation of the death, last Wednesday afternoon, of Bobby Glenn Paige, 18, of McDowell, while swimming in Lake Erie, near Ashtabula, O., is being made. Because of the probe, the body was not released for return to this county till

Monday morning...Use of a renal dialysis unit was initiated, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center under direction of Dr. James Cox, and Dr. William Sutherland...The original Prestonsburg Community College building will be renovated, this fall, to conform in appearance with that of the newer Pike Auditorium and Martin Student Center structures...The Prestonsburg Blackcats will open their 1976 football season, Friday night, on the road at Johns Creek...Sheriff Joe W. Lewis and sons, Deputy Sheriffs Doug and Randall Lewis, confiscated 121 half-pints of whiskey, 24 half-pints of gin, 711 cans of beer, and 39 bottles of beer in a raid, last Wednesday, at Stumbo Hollow, near Drift...The Wheelwright Trojans opened their 1976 football season last Friday night, with an impressive win over the Virgie Eagles, 42 to 28...Tonight (Wednesday) through Friday at both the Prestonsburg and Almar Drive-in Theatres: "Grizzly" and "Open Season"...The annual Floyd County Fair will begin at Archer Park, Sept. 15, it was announced this week by the Fair Board...Married: Miss Beverly Cohen of Greenville, and Mr. Gorman Bentley Jr., of Drift, July 18, at the Temple Adath Israel, Lexington...There died: Mrs. Mary Belle Frasure Hall, 77, of Toler Creek, last Sunday, at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Urbanna, O.; John L. (Johnny) Ellis, 50, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at an Abingdon, Va., hospital; Willie D. Lawson, 62, of Sanford, Fla., formerly of Drift, Monday, in Sanford; Jim Reynolds, 76, of Printer, August 20, at Jenny Stewart Hospital, in Hopkinsville; David G. (Red) Bickford, of Auxier, August 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Theodore Burchett, 83, of East Point, last Thursday.

Forty Years Ago

(August 25, 1966)

The United States Shoe Corporation has committed itself to location of a major plant in the vicinity of Prestonsburg, if the city meets certain conditions...A community-size swimming pool is scheduled for Jenny Wiley State Park, with construction contracts expected to be let early this fall...Mrs. Pauline Powers Davis, 19, of Melvin, and James Roger Paige, 19, of Wayland, were killed on their way to Sunday School, last Sunday morning, when their auto left KY 1086, the Wayland-Minnie road, and plunged down the mountainside...The City of Allen was under legal attack this week on two fronts—one, to halt its purchase of the Allen Water Company from its private owner, the other no forestall annexation of the New Allen section and its environs...When classwork begins next Wednesday, with the beginning of its third year of work, the Prestonsburg Community College will have a total registration in excess of 700...Married: Miss Rita Gay Music, and Mr. Larry E. Monday, August 9, at Findlay, Ohio...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest Brown, a son, Thomas Lee, August 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Nancy Dingus Webb, 81, of the

Middle Creek Road, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(August 23, 1956)

The City of Prestonsburg will open contractors' bids, Sept. 6, on its proposed new water treatment plant, new reservoir and approximately 14,000 feet of water mains, plus smaller connection piping and fittings...Martin has entered into competition areas with other towns representing a 16-county area for the distinction of being the most civic-minded community. Denzil Halbert, Martin mayor, said last week...A long City Council session of about two hours, Monday evening, failed to produce the requested ordinance, forbidding the wearing of shorts by women and by girls, 10 years of age or over, on the streets and in public places of Prestonsburg...J. R. (Red) Weaver, manager of Dewey Reservoir, announced this week that he has resigned his post at Dewey Lake to enter the construction phase of operations of the U.S. Corps of Engineers...As the county's ten largest schools prepared this week for next Monday's opening at their high school and grade departments, a definite shortage of teachers beset principals of these schools, and the office of the county superintendent of schools...While he and his father sat at a man-station inside a truck mine of Big Branch at Little Mud, after the end of their day's work, last Wednesday, 29-year-old Eric Frasure Jr., of Craynor, was fatally crushed by a stone which fell from the mine roof...Married: Miss Barbara Ann Clark, and Mr. Joe Arthur Burchett, August 12, at the Methodist Church, here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fox Homes, of Louisville, a son, Gordon Fox III, August 17, in Louisville; to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian N. Collins, a son, James Adrian, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington...There died: R. M. (Ike) Slater, of Garrett, last Wednesday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; William Waddle, 83, of Eastern, Wednesday, of last week, at his home.

Sixty Years Ago

(August 22, 1946)

The decomposed body of a man found in Right Beaver Creek, at Martin, last Friday afternoon, by two boys, was identified as that of Allen Osborne, a 42-year-old West Prestonsburg man, and the discovery that he had been murdered set in motion an investigation by which authorities hope to learn the slayer's identity...William Bayes, 41-year-old miner, died Sunday, at the Golden Rule Hospital, Paintsville, of a bullet wound received, Sunday evening, at his home at West Prestonsburg...A. B. Meade and John Allen, both of Prestonsburg have applied for building material priorities in preparation for the construction on the site formerly occupied by the

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Yesterdays

Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church here, of a two-story building, it was said this week...A week-long strike at the Dewey Dam of employees of the Ryan Construction Company, ended Wednesday with the contractors and the striking employees reaching a settlement on the basis of a petition to the Wage Adjustment Board for pay increases averaging 10 cents an hour...McKinley Sparks, of the Sparks Brothers Bus Company, said Wednesday that there are no new developments in the week-old tie-up of the company's buses...State and county officers, Tuesday, joined in a

search for the person who stole from the apartment of Ford Hall, former Kentucky highway patrol captain, at East Point, between \$4,000 and \$5,000, Tuesday morning...Married: Miss Dorothy Hughes, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Billy Fannin, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday...There died: Vernon Hall, 19, at the home of his parents, near Topmost, August 8; Felix Allen, 73, at his home at Langley, Monday; Thomas E. Moran, 62, of Auxier, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, Monday; Mrs. Mary Rogers, 42, at her home, at

Galveston, Friday.

Seventy Years Ago

(August 21, 1936)

The Wells-Elkhorn Company was sold by Larry Laviers, special commissioner, on order of the U.S. District Court, here, Saturday, to J. S. Mandt, agent for J. S. Mcvey, for \$75,000...Big Sandy's finest garage, that of the Carter Motor Sales here was destroyed by a terrific blast and

by subsequent fire at 2 o'clock, Thursday morning...Repair of the Floyd County courthouse began this week, all plans for remodeling the structure damaged by fire several months ago have been discarded as inexpedient of the fiscal court...Andy Engle, 60 years old, died Sunday night, at his home near Lem, when he was struck on the head with a shotgun barrel...Hobart Wilson, 44, of Wayland, was instantly killed, Monday afternoon, by a slatefall in the mines of the Elkhorn Coal Corporation at Wayland...Only five murder cases are docketed for trial at

the September term of the Floyd Circuit Court, but work of the grand jury is expected to supply a number of murder indictments on which trials will be held during the session...Upon the resignation, Tuesday night, of Harold Bailey, from the Floyd County Board of Education, the board appointed John Campbell, of Garrett, as his replacement...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Fitzpatrick, of Miami, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Barbara Layne Fitzpatrick, July 29...There died: Ebb Inman, 20, at his home at Garrett, Friday night.

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Korner

while everyone else ate sitting on the floor. Occasionally a guest, who was usually a man, would be invited to sit in this chair during a meal. To sit in the chair meant you were important and in charge. They called the one sitting in the chair the "chair man." Today in business, we use the expression or title "Chairman" or "Chairman of the Board."

It was told, common entertainment included playing cards. However, there was a tax levied when purchasing playing cards but only applicable to the "Ace of Spades." To avoid paying the tax, people would purchase 51 cards instead. Yet, since most games require 52 cards, these people were thought to be stupid or dumb because they weren't "playing with a full deck."

Early politicians required feedback from the public to determine what the people considered important. Since there were no telephones, TV's or radios, the politicians sent their assistants to local taverns, pubs, and even bars. They were told to "go sip some ale" and listen to people's conversations and political concerns. Many assistants were dispatched at different times. "You go sip here" and "You go sip there." The two words "go sip" were eventually combined when referring to the local opinion and, thus we have the term "gossip."

Who would've think it? And now we know, til next week, God Bless...

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Oak

deodorant before the days of the roll-on, antiperspirant stuff we keep in our medicine cabinets?

Well, an item on this new list says that two parts corn starch and one part baking soda would get the job done. So would a cut-up cucumber, as would plain vinegar, splashed liberally. The explanation for this one was that the vinegar's high alcohol content would destroy bacteria that caused bad odor. The vinegar smell itself went away in about half an hour. Any public appearances before that much time had elapsed might have caused someone to think Granny was pickled.

The list also contained an old cure for hiccups: something called dill tea. The recipe for that concoction is quite simple, add one tea-

spoon of dill seeds to a cup of freshly boiled water and drink it down.

For sore feet, soak them in a pan of warm water filled with grated onions or potatoes, and for constipation, drink a small glass of cooked cabbage juice.

No doubt these were all good things to know back in the days when our grandparents were mere children.

I guess my favorite cure on the list, though, was the one for controlling nausea: sniff a newspaper. Supposedly, an ingredient in the ink did the trick.

I'm sure it's okay to use this one even today, so anytime in the future something you read in this column makes you sick, just lift the paper to the old nose and breathe in.

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Critter

some pets can save the lives of others.

Myth: But my pet is a purebred.

Fact: So is at least one of out every four pets brought to animal shelters around the country. There are just too many dogs and cats - mixed breed and purebred.

Myth: My dog will lose his protective instinct.

Fact: Spaying or neutering does not affect a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family. A dog's personality is formed more by genetics and environment than by sex hormones.

Myth: My male dog or cat will feel like less of a male.

Fact: Pets don't have any concept of sexual identity or ego. Neutering will not change a pet's basic personality. He won't suffer any kind of emotional reaction or identity crisis when neutered.

Myth: But my dog (or cat) is so special, I want a puppy (or kitten) just like her.

Fact: A dog or cat may be a great pet, but that doesn't mean her offspring will be a carbon copy. Professional animal breeders who follow generations of bloodlines

can't guarantee they will get just what they want out of a particular litter. A pet owner's chances are even slimmer. In fact, an entire litter of puppies or kittens might receive all of a pet's (and her mate's) worst characteristics rather than the best.

Myth: It's too expensive to have my pet spayed or neutered.

Fact: The cost of spaying and neutering depends on the sex, size and age of the pet, your veterinarian's fees, and a number of other variables. But whatever the actual price, spay or neuter surgery is a one-time cost and a relatively small cost when com-

pared to all the benefits. It's a bargain compared to the cost of having a litter and ensuring the health of the mother and her litter; two months of pregnancy and another two months until the litter is weaned. All adding up to significant veterinary bills should complications develop, not to mention the cost of food and routine health care for each puppy, or kitten. Spaying and neutering is a very small price to pay for the health of your pet and the prevention of unwanted births.

Myth: I'll be able to find good homes for all the puppies and kittens.

Fact: You may find homes for all the puppies and kittens, but each home you find will mean one less home for the dogs and cats in shelters who are also in need of good homes. Also, in less than one year's time, each of your pet's offspring may have his or her own litter, adding even more animals to the population. The problem of pet overpopulation is created and perpetuated one litter at a time.

(Information courtesy of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS); www.hsus.org)

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School

Special-called SBDM Council meetings will be advertised through media at least 24 hours in advance.

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Sept. 12 - Students with perfect attendance for 2005-2006 school year will be rewarded with a field trip to the Floyd County Justice Center for a Medallion Presentation, followed by a visit to the East Kentucky Science Center for lunch and a show.

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center.

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction"

Family Resource Center

Students wishing to participate in camps must be pre-registered by parent. Parent/guardians must call 452-4553 with the following information: student's name, grade level, and contact number (and name of camp student wishes to attend). Camp dates and times are subject to change, therefore, it is essential that a contact number is on file so that notifications may be made in case of change.

The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about center programs, camps, activities, or functions are welcome to visit, or call, the center. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

Sept. 16 - 14th Annual Golf

Scramble, to be held at Allen Stumbo Park - Paul Hunt Thompson Country Club. Proceeds to go toward Wesley Christian School Scholarships. Start time, 9 a.m. \$50 entry fee/person. First place - \$1,000; Second place - \$500; Third place - \$300 (as determined by number of players). More info., call Frankie Francis at 358-9417; Lowell Marcum, 874-2917; Ricie Derossett, 874-9514; Dr. Ken Lemaster, 874-2344 or 2624; or the Allen Park Clubhouse at 874-2837.

Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

BSCTC Adult Education & GED 2006 Fall Schedule

(Currently conducting classes) Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. -

McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC, Floyd County Detention Ctr.

Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Weeksby Comm. Ctr., Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Weeksby Comm. Ctr., Martin Comm. Ctr., Betsy Layne Youth Service Ctr.; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne Youth Service Ctr., Floyd County Detention Ctr.; 6-8 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Vanessa Adkins, and Susan Stephens.

Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334).

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Helping Children Learn Through Music

If the thought of your children's development is music to your ears, you may want to share the joy of music with your kids-and it seems the sooner you do it, the better.

Exposure to music during the early years of childhood enhances the learning process by promoting language development, creativity, coordination and social interaction, according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The group says vocal and speech development can improve through singing; listening and concentration can improve with aural training; and the values of cooperation are reinforced by the sharing of instruments and encouragement of other students.

To help their children develop a love for music-and for learning-many parents participate in classes facilitated by groups such as Music Together. The organization developed a research-based curriculum that takes

a music and movement approach to early childhood music development. It's open to infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergarten children, and their parents or caregivers.

"The whole purpose of our program is to enable children, as well as the adults participating with them, to become more comfortable with musical expression and to develop musically at their own pace," says Kenneth K. Guilmartin, founder and director of the group. "Childhood music development is a natural process, just like language development." The program works in harmony

with recent findings at an Early Childhood Summit stating that music education is basic education and therefore integral to the education of children at any age-a statement the U.S. Department of Education agrees with.

The Role Of Parents

Guilmartin says an important key to his program's success is parental involvement. "The participation and modeling of parents and caregivers-regardless of musical ability-is essential to a child's musical growth," he explains. "Of all the programs available for preschoolers, it is the only one which has based its curriculum

on that fact from the beginning." Atmosphere plays an important role as well. Music Together works to create a playful, nonperformance-oriented environment that Guilmartin describes as musically rich, yet immediately accessible to the child and the adult. "We believe all children are musical," explains Guilmartin. "They can all reach basic music competence with the right help."

Classes are offered in more than 1,400 communities around the world. For information, visit the Web site www.musictogether.com.

Playtime...Motivating Kids To Make Exercise Fun

You know your kids should be active, but often they can be found hunkered down in front of the TV, video game or computer while the sun shines outside. It's a scene parents everywhere have lamented. The solution is pretty simple: Get them active by making exercise fun.

In fact, don't even call it "exercise." Call it "play" and give them

lots of opportunities to do it. If you gently suggest a bunch of activities (running through the sprinkler, playing whiffle ball, drawing a hopscotch grid with sidewalk chalk), they're very likely to take you up on one. And if they enjoy themselves, they may take the initiative next time to choose that activity over being a couch potato.

What's fun to a kid? Sure, they love a day trip to an amusement park or a family vacation getaway, but there are many low-cost, everyday ways for kids to have a great time being active. Each kid will have his

or her own favorites, but most will enjoy activities that offer one or both of the following:

- Physical splashing, such as swinging on a swing, splashing into a pool or gliding on skates
- A chance to get better at something, such as riding a bike, catching a ball or jumping rope.

With thrill-seeking kids, be sure to supervise closely. (Riding on a tire swing can be fun, but falling off onto the hard ground isn't.) And when it comes to skill building, be sure to take notice when your child shows improvement. Maybe your child is

landing some solid kicks on the soccer ball or jumping rope with increasing speed. Your encouragement-and your child's own satisfaction-will spur him or her on to keep practicing.

When you find an activity, such as jumping off the diving board, that offers physical thrills and a chance to master a skill, some kids will do it over and over until their skin is waterlogged and the sun is setting on the pool deck. And if you're willing to do more than lifeguard, you can really increase the fun quotient. What's more fun (and funny) than seeing mom or dad bounce off the diving board and land with a cannonball

splash?

But regular outings to the pool, the park or even the backyard will yield more than just good times. You'll show your kids that physical activity is a normal and fun part of everyday life-a healthy habit they'll want to continue for years to come.

For more practical tips on how to make exercise fun for your children, visit www.CheeriosNurturingCircle.com.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Cheryl Younts to address Jenny Wiley 3528, AARP
Cheryl Younts, nutritionist at the Floyd County Health Department, will be the guest of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, at its meeting to be held on Friday, August 18, at the Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Autism support group of Eastern Kentucky to hold meeting, Sept. 12
The Autism support group will be having a meeting on September 12, at 7-8 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center meeting room, behind Food Court and gift shop.

Parent, grandparents, caregivers, siblings, educators and friends are welcome.

Attention: Former teachers at Wayland High School and Wayland Graded School
You are invited to attend the Wayland Homecoming 2006,

Friday and Saturday, September 2, at the Wayland Community Center. On Saturday, September 2, at 11:00 a.m., a program will be held to re-cognize and honor educators who were teachers or administrators in the Wayland Schools. A luncheon is planned for 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, in the Fountain Room of the Wayland Community Center.

You may reply by calling the Wayland Historical Society at 606-358-9471, or e-mailing us at waylandhistoricalsociety@tvsable.com

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center fall classes Beginning September 11

Basic Computer Class: Monday, 10 a.m.-noon; Monday, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon; Tuesday, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.; Computer Keyboarding Class: Friday, 10 a.m.-noon Fee is \$30 for eight weeks.

Quilting Class: Monday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesday, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Sewing Class: Monday, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30-1 p.m. Fee is \$20 for 10 weeks.

Learn to Knit Fashion Scarves: Thursday, 10 a.m.-noon. Fee is \$10 for 10 weeks.

Learn to Clean and do Minor Repairs On your Sewing Machine: Thursday, October 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fee is \$5 for one week.

For more information, call 606-886-0709. Class space is limited. Please pre-register.

39th Hunter Reunion Saturday, September 2

The Hunter Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 2, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Martin Senior Citizens behind the post office in Martin. Everyone is to bring food as previous years, drinks

and tableware will be provided.

2006 Bluegrass Benefit
to feature Charlie Sizemore
It's time again for the 2006 Bluegrass Benefit featuring Charlie Sizemore, 5 Miles From Nowhere and The Big Sandy Singers. Come to the Mountain Arts Center September 9, at 7 p.m. for a night of fun and music. Proceeds will go to fund scholarships for students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Call 606-886-7373 for more information.

Christ United Methodist Church to hold Golf Scramble

Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, will hold their 14th annual Golf Scramble, Saturday, September 16, at Allen-Stumbo public. Join us as the Far East travels to eastern Kentucky.

Organizational Meeting

Attention, anyone who has had any type of gastric bypass surgery. If you are interested in joining a support group in the Johnson Co. area, please call Kathy King at 788-0145. Group to be open to anyone thinking about, planning, or already has had weight loss surgery.

Parsons Family Reunion

The Parsons Family Reunion, for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sunday, September 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, just off Rte. 979, in Floyd County. Please, bring a covered dish to be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends welcome. Call Mrs. E. J. Parsons at 865-426-7585 or Ray Parsons 313 928-6834, for more information.

Hicks Family Reunion

The William and Naomi Reffitt Hicks Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 19, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, beginning at 11 a.m. A luncheon buffet will be served in the dining room at 12 p.m. Bring pictures and family records to share. All family members and friends welcome. For more information, call Pauline Allen at 886-3744 or Delphia Hicks at 886-3108.

Childers Family Reunion

20th Year Reunion to be held Saturday, August 19, at Dewey Dam, Shelter #3. Registration at 11 a.m.; lunch at 12 p.m. All descendants of Abraham and Elizabeth Childers, all Childers lines, Preston cousins, and all friends welcome.

Please bring covered dish to share; tableware provided.

Also, please bring family photos, books, etc. for display. This year's theme is "Trip Down Memory Lane."

More info., contact Naomi Cox at 740-387-5815; or Shelba Childers at 740-747-2985.

Mathias Hughes Family Reunion

To be held Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a.m., at the home of Delmer B. and Dearn Faye Holbrook, located on 143 Holbrook Hollow Road, Prestonsburg.

Phone 886-8481 for more information.

Please bring covered dish to share.

For descendants of Linda E. Hughes Marsillett, Mary Darcus Hughes Wright, Sarah Sally Hughes Marsillett, John Malcom Hughes, and James Henry Hughes.

'Old' Knott Co. High Reunion

To be held Saturday, Sept. 9,

with registration beginning at 2 p.m., on the Alice Lloyd College campus. Anyone with a history of the "Old" Knott County High School (years 1923-1974), is invited to attend and to bring along pictures, memorabilia, etc., for display. If you would like to be involved in the planning, or simply want more information, contact Mary Lois Watson Jacobs at 606-368-3675,

or mljacobs41844@yahoo.com; Margo Reedy Sparkman at m_sparkman@alicelloyd.edu; or, Teresa Grender at 606-368-3600 or teresagreender@alc.edu. The next meeting is scheduled for July 29, at 10 a.m., at the June Buchanan Alumni Center, ALC campus.

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

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

Social Security Rep to be

at Mud Creek Clinic
Dates: Tues., Aug. 29; Sept. 12, and 26.

The representative will assist in filing claims for Social Security retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits. Those visiting may also apply for SSI, Black Lung, and Social Security numbers.

The representative may also

assist in filing appeals and answering questions.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

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

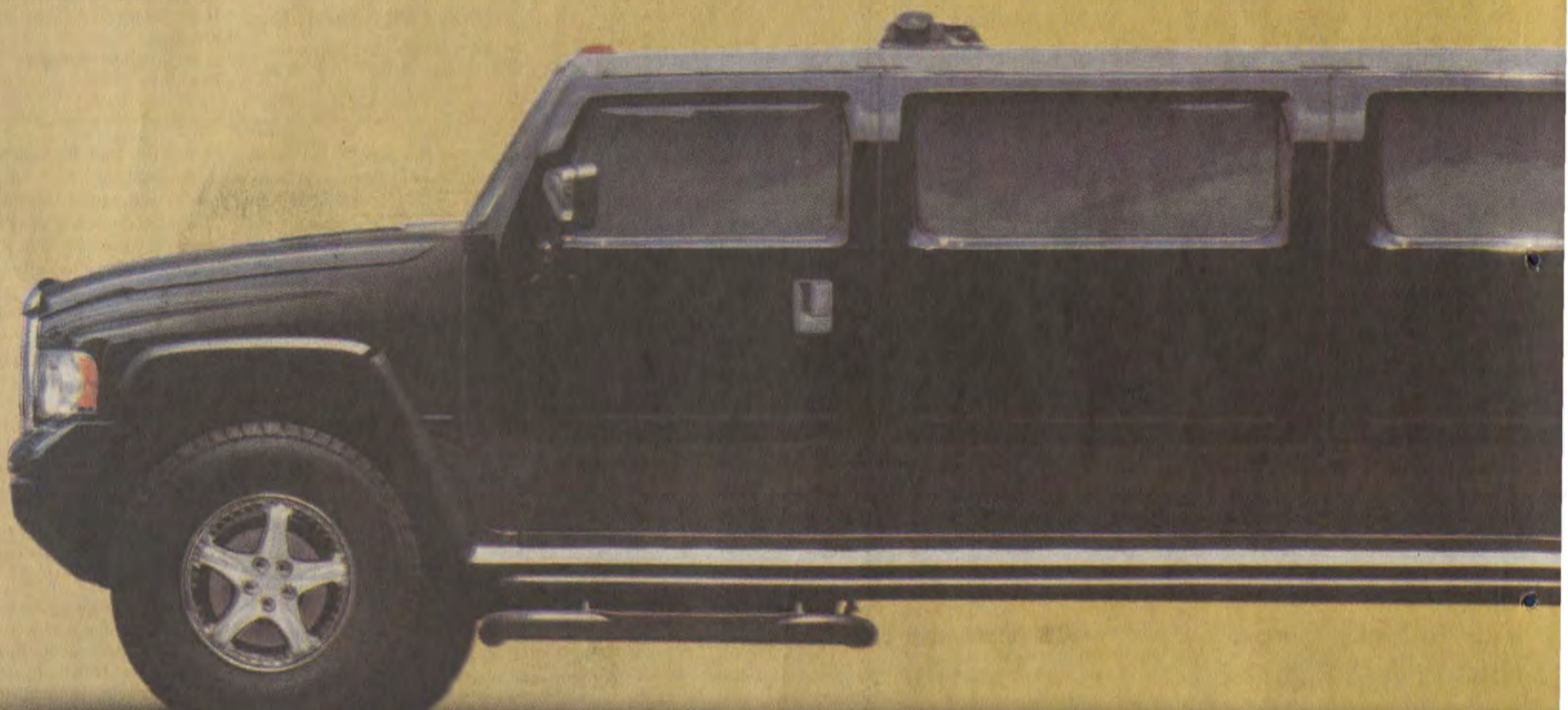
Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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Neighborhood Watch
The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Free Body Recall classes
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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

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

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

Senior Employment
Too much time on your hands? Not enough money in your pocket? We can help! If you're 55 or older, call the Senior Community Service Employment Program, at 886-

2929. A Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

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

Floyd County Extension
Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Community Center.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.
Newbee's Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center.
Green Acres: 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room.

Looking for a Support Group?

■ Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

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

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

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

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

■ Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

■ A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department

for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

■ PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your

area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center.

For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006 AT 2:00 P.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY

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The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$26,800.00.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, August 17, 2006 at 2:00 pm., at the property site, at 324 Jim Potter Branch, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$36,188.25 principal, plus an interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$13583.56, plus interest in the amount of \$3,022.75 as of February 14, 2006 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$8.7175 per day from February 14, 2006, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 4.70% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 06-13 DCR on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on February 22, 2006, in the case of the United States of America vs Anna Lee Ousley, The Unknown Spouse of Anna Lee Ousley, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 324 Jim Potter Branch, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated October 31, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 324, Page 18 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of \$1.83 per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquires should be directed to: Peggy T. Meade, Rural Development Manager
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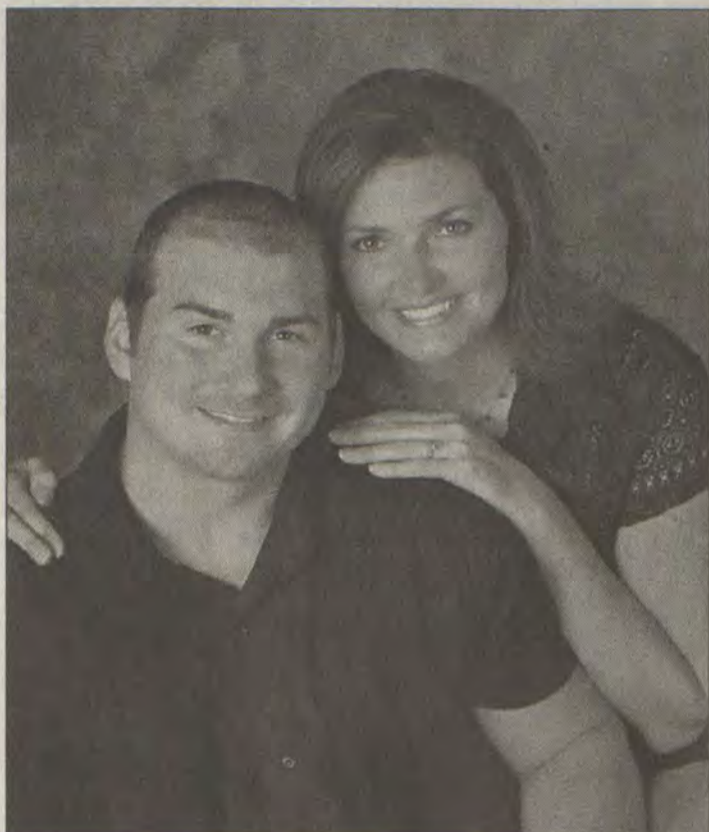


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Weddings

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Hale-Compton

Crissy Morris Hale and Nicholas Matthew Compton are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Curtis and Loretta Morris, of Pikeville. The prospective groom is the son of Danny and Rhonda Compton, of Weeksbury. Both are employed by Pikeville Medical Center. The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2006, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Immanuel Baptist Church, in Pikeville. A reception will follow at the Green Meadows Country Club. The couple plan to reside in Pikeville.



Daniels-Wallen

Charles Daniels, of Stanville, and Meletha Mitchell, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tiffany Marie Daniels, to Shawn Curtis Wallen, the son of Ronnie and Susan Wallen, of Stanville. The bride-elect is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. She is currently employed at Applebee's, in Pikeville. Shawn is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and the Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, Orlando, Florida. He is currently employed at Honda of Prestonsburg. Family and friends are cordially invited to celebrate the couple's wedding with them on August 31, at seven o'clock in the evening, at Calvary Baptist Church, in Betsy Layne. The newlyweds plan to reside in Stanville.

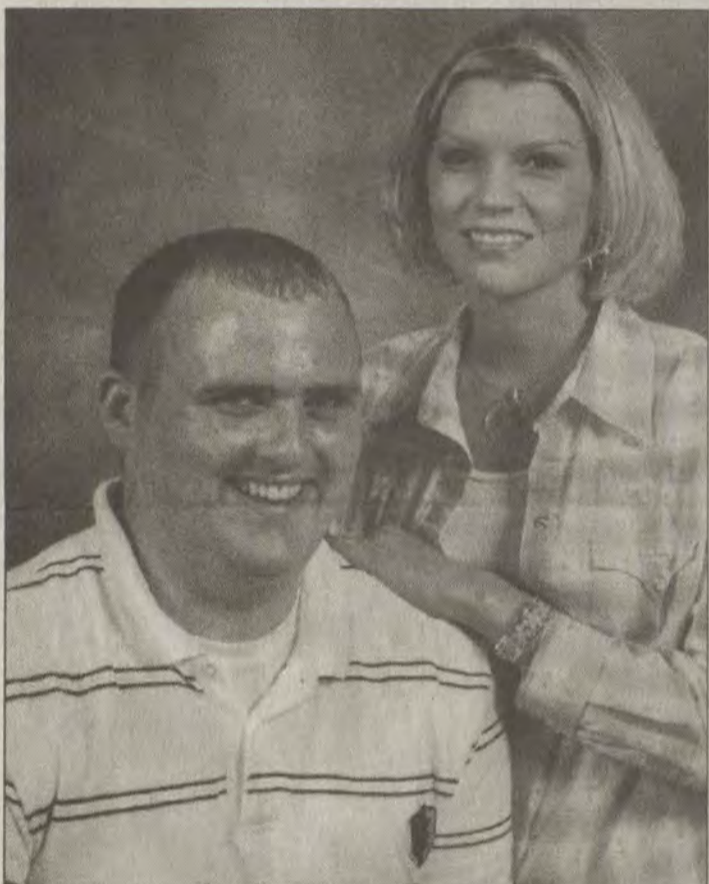


Celebrate 60 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Orella McGuire were recently surprised with a reception held in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary and attended by family and friends. The couple were married on June 22, 1946, at Banner, by Rev. Stratton.

Honoring 20 years of service

A retirement reception will be held in honor of Ms. Jewell Bays' twenty years of service with the Baptist Learning Center on Sunday, August 20, 2006, from 1-3 p.m., at the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), located on Front Avenue, Prestonsburg. All former students, their families, and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Tackett-Johnson

Mr. Donnie Tackett, of Weeksbury, and Annie Tackett, of Beaver, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sabrina Tackett, to Darren Johnson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis and Debbie Johnson, of Melvin. The bride-elect is a graduate of South Floyd High School. The prospective groom is also a graduate of South Floyd High School and is currently employed by Consol Mining Corporation. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on September 1, 2006, at five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Freewill Baptist Church, in Wheelwright. Following, a reception dinner and dance will be held in the Wheelwright High School Cafeteria. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The newlyweds will return to reside at Beaver following a honeymoon vacation to Gatlinburg, Tennessee.



Hadden-Chupek

David and Tanya Hadden, of Mt. Sterling, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Paige Hadden, to John Thomas Chupek III, the son of John and Dawn Chupek, of Quinton, Virginia. The bride-elect is the paternal granddaughter of Jean Hadden Joseph, of Mt. Sterling, the late Kinnel Joseph, and the late Harry Hadden Jr. She is the maternal granddaughter of Larry and Charlene Johnson, of Langley, and the late Donald Martin. She is a 2002 graduate of Montgomery County High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, from which she holds a bachelor's of science degree in family studies. The prospective groom is the paternal grandson of Marlene Chupek, of Linden, Michigan, and the late John Chupek Sr. He is the maternal grandson of Gail and Elizabeth Whitney, of Cadillac, Michigan, and the late Roydan Watson. He is a 2002 graduate of Great Bridge High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, from which he holds a bachelor's of science degree in criminal justice. The wedding ceremony is to be held on August 26, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church, in Mt. Sterling.

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2005 Dodge Stratus SXT Stk# WV0133	\$13,995	\$10,932
2005 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Stk# WV0106	\$14,995	\$11,827
2003 Chevrolet Silverado LS Ext Cab Stk# 204104A	\$14,995	\$12,908
2005 Buick LeSabre Stk# WU0622, white, V6, auto	\$16,995	\$13,900
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2004 Ford Escape XLT 4x4 Stk# 160017A	\$17,995	\$15,913
2005 Ford Escape XLT 4x4 Stk# WVT144	\$18,995	\$15,990
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Chairman's Message

by **GREG WILSON**
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I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as Chairman of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Our Chamber enjoys the leadership of a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from several outstanding businesses in Floyd County. We greatly benefit from their diverse industry perspectives as they represent the gamete from small businesses to some of the largest in our market. I am, most assuredly, excited about working with this talented and experienced group of Directors.

Our Chamber has enjoyed growth in membership, members' services, programs and financial stability in recent years thanks to the leadership of our previous Chairman and

Directors. Our goal, moving forward, is to work with the Board and our Executive Director, Mandy Stumbo, to continue this momentum and to help the Chamber meet its Mission Statement.

As to my personal and professional history, I was born and raised in Sadieville, Kentucky in the central part of the state. However, I have been pleased to call Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky "home" for the past ten years. I received my Bachelors degree in Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University and my Masters of Business Administration from Ashland University. I currently serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg. I have had the privilege of doing so for the past six years while previously serving the Bank as

Senior Lending Officer.

First Commonwealth Bank, a locally-owned, community bank headquartered in Floyd County since 1904, has been a long term supporter of the Chamber of Commerce and Floyd County along with Burl Wells Spurlock, Bank Chairman, and our Board of Directors. Furthermore, former Bank Chairman and President, Burl Spurlock was one of the founding members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Therefore, I welcome the opportunity to continue our Bank's tradition of service and support to the Chamber. Thus, it is with great excitement and anticipation that I approach the coming year. I look forward to working with each of our Chamber members to enhance the business and economic climate in Floyd County.

Mission Statement:

To facilitate new business, assist existing business growth and aid county community leaders in efforts for economic development. We are business, government and civic leaders working together to foster growth, positive development and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Executive Director's Message

by **MANDY STUMBO**
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and its Board of Directors represent a very large diverse group of individuals that are responsible for the growth and expansion of Floyd County.

As Executive Director of the Chamber I would to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and our Membership for making the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce the civic organization that it is today. The Membership is the Chamber and being a member offers so many benefits. From Business After Hours, Chamber

Events, Membership Meetings, Chamber Committees, and many more all offer great opportunities for networking. Networking together helps to assist our business growth in Floyd County as well as facilitating new business. I welcome any thoughts you may have to assist and expand programs that the Chamber can offer. Floyd County has abounding opportunities for business, recreation, education, entertainment and much more. Opportunities in Floyd County are limitless as new advancements are continuously uprising. Our infrastructure is always changing and expanding to generate new possibilities and opportunities for our people. One of our main goals is to promote and enhance the area business climate

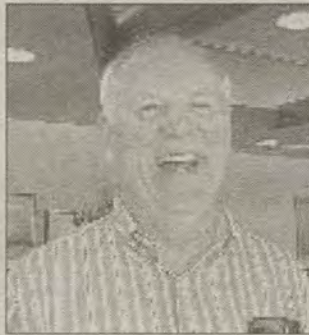
with the up most concern for the quality of life for our residents. It is our Members that are the extra ordinary group of leaders that are leading Floyd County toward a bright future, both economically and socially. It is time to unleash the leaders of Floyd County. I recommend anyone that wants to be a leader for Floyd County to participate in our Leadership Floyd County program and the Chamber is currently taking applications for the Class of 2007. For more information on the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce phone (606) 886-0364, email us at floydchamber@setel.com, or mail us at P.O. Box 1508 Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Visit the Chamber also on the world wide web at www.floydcountykentucky.com



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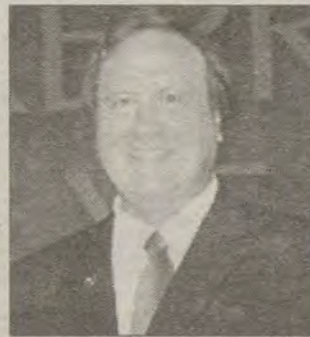
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striving to instill a positive work ethic in our students, we will help ensure their futures as responsible, productive life long learners.

Because the Floyd County Chamber recognizes the value of a strong work ethic, the Learning Ethics Through Service Program (LETS) is available for high school seniors in Floyd County to help instill this positive work ethic. Students who have met the high standards in the criteria are rewarded at the end of this program.

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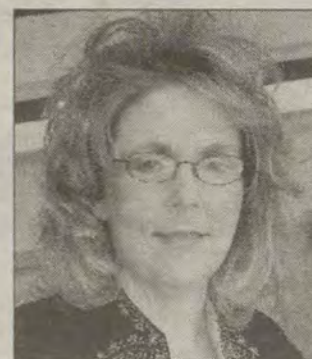
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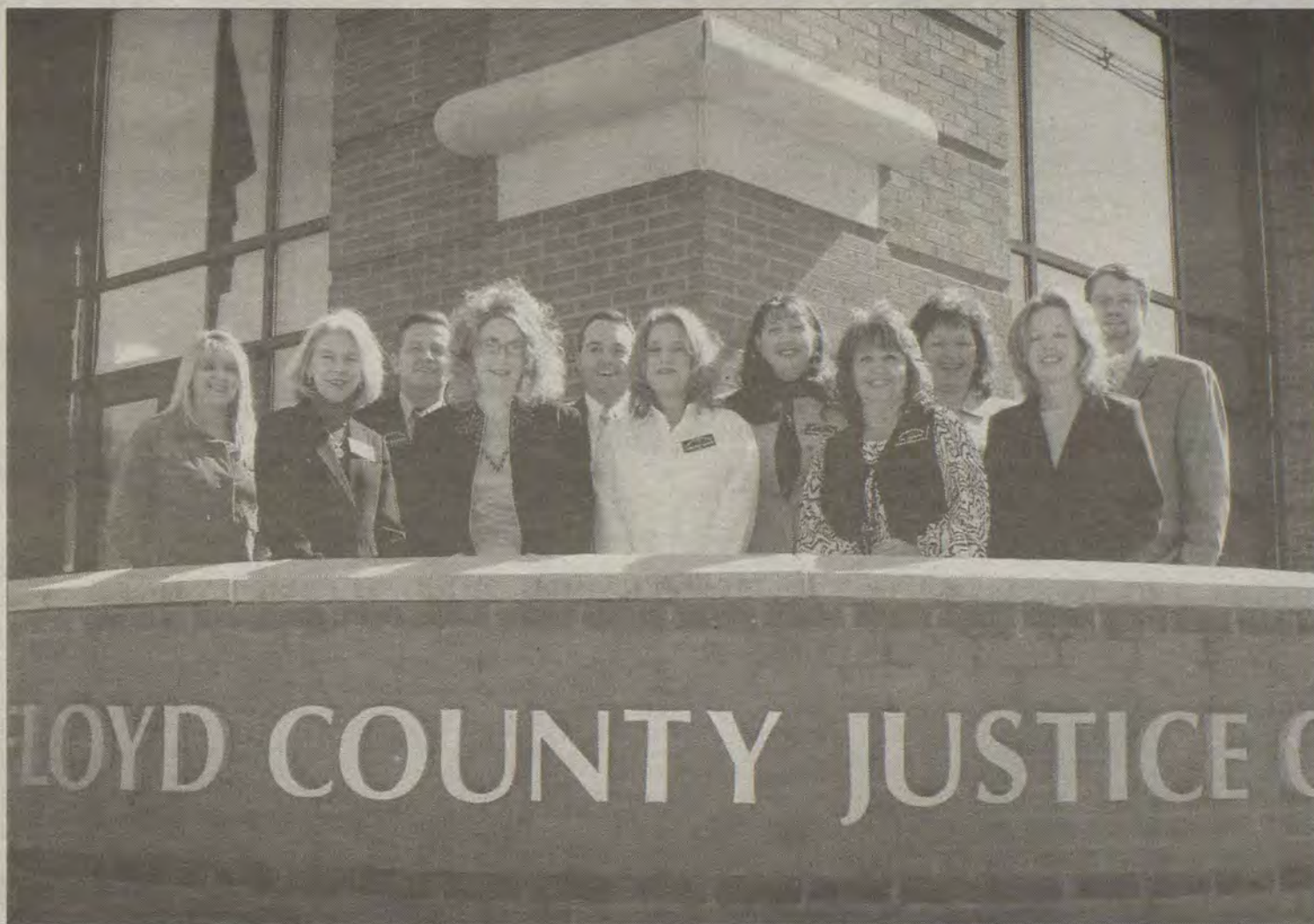
Leadership Floyd County

The Leadership Floyd County Academy is a program designed to promote and develop informed business and community leaders among citizens of Floyd County. This program was designed for the participants to gain insight into the operations, available programs, services, and issues of Floyd County.

The primary focus of Leadership Floyd County is to build a communication network of individuals willing to assist in advancing the county's growth, along with spurring new and innovative ideas. This program gives emerging leaders an inside view of Floyd County. Through fast paced sessions, participants will explore issues with key decision makers, develop a network of contacts and join the fast track to effective community service.

Participants will be introduced to our county experts as well as the most compelling issues that face our county today. Experts lead stimulating, full day sessions each month on topics relevant to Floyd County and its future.

Session topics include Health Care, Education, Economic Development, Environmental / Infrastructure, Government, and Drugs.



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2006 Chamber Awards



2006 Floyd County Hall of Fame
Estill Carter



2006 Floyd County Hall of Fame
Barkley Sturgill

PURPOSE OF BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The purpose of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is to give members an opportunity to showcase their organizations, demonstrate their services or products, and to foster networking among members. The event will be presented on the most convenient date chosen by the host, preferably from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

- Invitations (including postage)
- Name Tags
- Pre-Registration / Guest book
- Light Refreshments
- Tour of facility or other means of showcasing business, activities, demonstrations,
- Thank-You Cards
- Door Prizes

FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Labels of Membership List
- Promotion of the event in the Chamber Newsletter, News Columns, Website
- Help with hospitality and registration
- Any assistance needed to ensure success of the event

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2006 Chamber Awards



2006 Business of the Year
Food City



2006 Business Person of the Year
Denny Rohrer and Jerry Kanney, Interstate Natural Gas



Chamber Partner in Education
Highlands Regional Medical Center



2006 Horizon Awards
Charley's Grilled Subs & Wholly Cow Ice Cream

2006 Chamber Awards



Special Tribute
Hack Thornsbury



Special Tribute
Delores Smith

Other info

CHAMBER MEMBER SCHEDULE

The Chamber hosts bi-monthly membership meetings at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge. The noon meetings for 2006 -2007 are :

- October 9, 2006
- December 11, 2006
- February 12, 2007
- April 9, 2007

DUES STRUCTURE

Association	Investment
1 to 5 employees.....	\$120
6 to 10 employees.....	\$175
11 to 20 employees.....	\$225
21 to 50 employees.....	\$350
51 + employees.....	\$550



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Sara Johnson
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Allen Central High School



Zack Hamilton
Allen Central High School

The Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce recently graduated the second class of Youth Leadership Floyd County. This program was designed for the participants to gain insight into the operations, available programs, services, and issues of Floyd County. The primary focus of the Youth Leadership Floyd County Program is to build a communication network of individuals willing to assist in advancing the county's growth, along with spurring new and innovative ideas. This program gave students an inside view of Floyd County. The Youth Leadership Floyd County Program consists of high school sophomores from throughout all Floyd County. Applications for the 2006-2007 Year will be available in September 2006.



Steffany Bailey, YLFC President



Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, located in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, offers a high school diploma program, a GED program, and co-enrollment at a local technical institute and a nearby community college, in addition to the following vocational training programs.

- Bricklayer
- Business Technologies
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Electrician
- Facilities Maintenance
- Health Occupations
- Heating and Air Conditioning

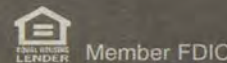
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SPECIAL SECTION in September.

Deadline to submit entries: Sept. 4, 2006

Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

Area Attraction _____
 Church _____
 College _____
 Community Festival Event _____
 Dining Atmosphere _____
 Elderly Care Facility _____
 Elementary School _____
 Entertainment _____
 High School _____
 Hospital/Medical Facility _____
 Local Band _____
 Middle School _____
 Place to camp out _____

BEST FOOD

Biscuits _____
 Brand of Soft Drink _____
 Burgers _____
 Catering _____
 Chicken _____
 Chinese Food _____
 Decorated Cake _____
 Fish and Seafood _____
 French Fries _____
 Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
 Home Cookin' _____
 Hot Dogs _____
 Ice Cream _____
 Kid's Meal _____
 Mexican Food _____
 Onion Rings _____
 Pizza _____
 Salad Bar _____
 Shakes/Malts _____
 Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

Accountant _____
 Attorney _____
 Bank Teller _____
 Employed at _____
 Barber _____
 Employed at _____
 Massage Therapist _____
 Employed at _____

Physicians Asst. _____
 Employed at _____
 Boss _____
 Employed at _____
 Building Contractor _____
 Bus Driver _____
 Car Salesperson _____
 Employed at _____
 Chiropractor _____
 City Employee _____
 Club President _____
 Coach _____
 Employed at _____
 Dental Hygiene _____
 Employed at _____
 Dentist _____
 Electrician _____
 Employed at _____
 EMT/Paramedic _____
 Firefighter _____
 Funeral Home Attendant _____
 Employed at _____
 Furniture Sales Person _____
 Employed at _____
 General Physician _____
 Hairstylist _____
 Employed at _____
 Heating/Air Service Room _____
 Employed at _____
 Insurance Agent _____
 Employed at _____
 Jeweler _____
 Law Enforcement Officer _____
 Loan Officer _____
 Mechanic _____
 Employed at _____
 Nurse _____
 Employed at _____
 Optometrist _____
 Employed at _____
 Painter _____
 Employed at _____
 Pastor/Priest _____
 Pastor of _____
 Pharmacist _____
 Photographer _____
 Physical Therapist _____
 Employed at _____
 Plumber _____
 Employed at _____
 Politician _____

Principal _____
 Employed at _____
 Radio Announcer _____
 Employed at _____
 Real Estate Agent _____
 Employed at _____
 School Teacher _____
 Teaches at _____
 Secretary _____
 Employed at _____
 Store Cashier _____
 Employed at _____
 Sunday School Teacher _____
 Teaches at _____
 Surgeon _____
 Employed at _____
 Sunday School Teacher _____
 Teaches at _____
 Waitress/Waiter _____
 Employed at _____
 Veterinarian _____
 Employed at _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

Athletic Shoes _____
 Auto-Body Repairs _____
 Cabinets _____
 Carpet _____
 Dairy Items _____
 Dress Shoes _____
 Frozen Foods _____
 Health & Beauty Aids _____
 Home Health Care Needs _____
 Home Mortgage Loan _____
 Kids Clothing _____
 Men's Clothing _____
 Pet Supplies _____
 Produce _____
 School Supplies _____
 Shoe Repair _____
 Stereo _____
 TV-VCR Repair _____
 Used Automobiles _____
 Vinyl _____
 Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

Appliances _____
 Auto Parts _____

Beauty Salon _____
 Bookkeeping/Tax _____
 Building Supplies _____
 Car Dealership _____
 Commercial Printer _____
 Construction/Remodeling _____
 Convenience Store _____
 Crafts _____
 Daycare Center _____
 Dry Cleaners _____
 Electrical Supplies _____
 Electronics _____
 Eyewear _____
 Exterminating _____
 Financial Institutions _____
 Financing _____
 Floor Coverings _____
 Florist _____
 Funeral Home _____
 Furniture _____
 Gas Station _____
 Gifts _____
 Grocery Store _____
 Guns/Ammo _____
 Hearing Aids _____
 Home Decorating _____
 Insurance Agency _____
 Janitorial Service _____
 Jewelry _____
 Landscaping _____
 Laundromat _____
 Manufacturing _____
 Mine Supply _____
 Mining Company _____
 Mobile Home _____
 Motel/Hotel _____
 Motorcycles/ATV _____
 Newspaper _____
 Office Supplies _____
 Oil Changes _____
 Pharmacy _____
 Plumbing _____
 Real Estate Agency _____
 Rental Items _____
 Restaurant _____
 Retail Store _____
 Security _____
 Sewing/Alterations _____
 Tanning Salon _____
 Tire Store _____
 Tools & Supplies _____
 Truck Dealership _____

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Wednesday, September 4, 2006 (mailed or delivered).
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted.

Winners to be published in the Friday, September 29th edition of the Floyd County Times.