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Girls of summer

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briefs

Auxier man wanted for Pike escape

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville Police Department is currently searching for an inmate who didn't return from a work release job with the Solid Waste Department. Clifford E. Williams, 26, of Auxier, was being held on a detainer to face charges in Floyd County when he failed to return to the Pike County Detention Center on July 10.

The Pikeville Police Department has asked that anyone with information on Williams contact their local sheriff's department or the Pikeville Police Department.

Williams is described as 6 feet, 1 inch tall, weighing approximately 170 pounds, with blue eyes and red hair.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Scattered storms
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Tomorrow
Scattered storms
High: 85 • Low: 68

Sunday
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Lotto scam takes money by giving money

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRINTER — A Printer resident wisely looked a gift horse in the mouth this week and avoided a scam aimed at cleaning out her bank account and collecting the proceeds from stolen checks.

On Monday, she received a letter from a company calling itself "Premier Lotto." The outfit

claimed to be based in Switzerland, though the letter was postmarked from Canada. The letter claimed to be a certificate of award notification and informed her that she had won \$95,000. Along with the notification was a check for \$2,950, drawn on a California bank account, to pay for the taxes that would be assessed against the award.

The letter also included a separate form to be filled out after depositing the check. The victim was to fill out the form, which asked for the routing number of the account she was using which could be for a savings or checking account. The instructions noted that she could even use the check to open an account and

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One local resident was understandably excited after receiving this check and being told she had won a lottery. Her joy turned to disappointment, however, after learning that the check was stolen and part of a scam aimed at cleaning out her bank account.

EVIDENCE HEARD



photo by Tom Doty

Karen and Steven Warrix are accused of extorting money from the Betsy Layne Cardinal Mart after Karen allegedly tripped and broke her foot while exiting from the store's back door. The commonwealth's witness asserted that store video tapes of the date in question contradict the claim.

Evidence heard against couple in extortion plot

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Charges against a Prestonsburg couple accused of trying to blackmail the Betsy Layne Cardinal Mart for an alleged "slip-and-fall" episode were waived to a grand jury after a hearing in district court on Wednesday.

Steve and Karen Warrix attended the hearing with their attorney, Joseph Layne, and

heard testimony from a Kentucky Bureau of Investigation operative. The agent testified that he posed as an employee of Kentucky Oil to handle negotiations after Karen Warrix contacted the gas station and reported that she had broken her foot there when exiting the location through a back door.

The agent testified that the store's management reviewed tapes of the time and date in question and observed Warrix

leave the store through a back door but that there was no fall. The agent said that he adopted the name Jerry Bailey and contacted Warrix. He said that he spoke to both of the Warrixes and that Karen Warrix said she wanted \$20,000 to avoid a lawsuit.

The agent noted that Karen Warrix appeared ready to cut her husband out of some of the money and was heard telling

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Martin man pleads guilty to cruelty charge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who was charged with cruelty to animals in January for grossly neglecting the care of his shih tzu dog pleaded guilty to the charge Thursday and was ordered to pay for the animal's medical care, which topped off at over \$3,000.

Jimmy Smith, 56, of Martin, agreed to the final judgment that was worked out with County Attorney Keith Bartley. The deal calls for him to be hooked up for home incarceration on Monday for a period of 30 days. He will also be on supervised probation for an additional two years, which carries specific terms that will see him incarcerated for 180 days if they are violated.

The conditions of his release include that he not possess an animal of any type for two years and that he make restitution to the Beaver Creek Animal Clinic for the dog's care

which totaled \$3,235. A standard fine of \$100 was waived, though Smith will still have to pay court costs.

His arrest followed an early January incident in which he dropped off the dog for grooming. Smith told the staff at the clinic that he wanted to breed the animal and they proceeded to shear the dog and discovered that its fur had become so matted that it was impossible for the animal to urinate or defecate. Upon removing fur from one leg, they observed that a section of the leg had lost all skin, tendon and muscle, leaving bone exposed.

The clinic contacted Floyd County Animal Control Officer David Shepherd. His investigation led to the charge filed against Smith.

As part of the agreement, Smith also forfeited the animal to the Beaver Creek facility, which has been charged with the dog's care since the arrest.

Meth plea entered

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The first suspect arrested by the newly reformed Floyd County Drug Task Force pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges of trafficking in methamphetamine.

Hank Pelphey, 49, of

Turkey Creek, admitted to trafficking in crystal meth on Feb. 14, as well as possessing the drug and drug paraphernalia. He entered the plea upon a recommendation from the commonwealth that he serve three years of an eight-year sentence.

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Stumbo seeks ouster of Personnel Board chair

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state's top prosecutor is asking a judge to oust the chairman of the Kentucky Personnel Board.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo filed a complaint in Franklin County Circuit Court on Wednesday, asking that Jack C. Smith Jr. be removed from the board, which hears personnel complaints involving state employees.

Stumbo alleged in the complaint that Smith profited from his marketing of Unbridled Spirit merchandise sold at Kentucky State Parks. His company,

Hunter Manufacturing Group, Inc., also known as Blackwater, Inc., has received more than \$33,000 in payments from the state since June 2005, Stumbo said.

"The law is very clear that a conflict exists when a board member does business with the state," Stumbo said in a written statement. "This law ensures impartial and fair hearings for state workers."

Smith, who was appointed to the board by Gov. Ernie Fletcher on June 23, 2005, could not be reached immediately for comment.

Fletcher spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker declined to comment.

Smith has been involved in the Personnel Board's inquiry into allegations that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration violated state hiring laws.

Douglas W. Doerting, a former personnel officer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, filed a 276-page complaint with the board alleging that the administration had engaged in an "illegal political patronage" scheme to fill hourly state jobs on the basis of politics, not qualifications.

The Personnel Board has more than 20 other pending cases related to allegations of political patronage by the Fletcher administration.

In addition to the Personnel Board's cases, a special grand jury has been investigating for more than year whether Fletcher's administration illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs.

The grand jury has issued 29 indictments, including one against Fletcher, who is charged with conspiracy, official misconduct and political discrimination.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals, in an opinion issued Monday, held that most of the indictments can't be prosecuted because the people named in them are covered by a blanket pardon Fletcher issued in August.

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Veronica Lynn Morgan, 21, of Ashland, to Jeffrey Francis Case, 27, of Pikeville.
Jonni Ann Blair, 27, to Daniel Clifton Raines, 21, both of Prestonsburg.
Amy Joyce Crum, 30, of Warsaw, Ind., to Shannon Dean Slone, 31, of Pikeville.
Tracy Lynn Imfeld, 19, of Hamilton, Ohio to Jimmy Lee Osborne, 21, of Pikeville.
Anastacia Marie Tackett, 19, of Martin to Larry Dale Kiser, Jr., 24, of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Beneficial Kentucky Inc. vs. Elisha M. Fannin; to collect a debt.
Erin Capital Management LLC vs. Summer Lyons; to collect a debt.
Community Trust Bank Inc. vs. Patricia Rister, et al; to repay a promissory note.
Discover Bank vs. Darwin Kidd; to collect a credit card debt.
Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Erica Bryant; to collect a debt.
U.S. Bank vs. Kenny L. Akers; to collect a debt.
Black Acre Enterprises vs. Summer Lyons; to collect a debt.
Cavalry Investments vs. Douglas Harvey; to collect a debt.
Jeanie Newsome vs. Damon Newsome; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Small Claims Filings

Best Practice Family Health vs. Jamie Gibson; to recoup medical costs.
Best Practice Family Health vs. Claudia Fannin; to recoup medical costs.
Best Practice Family Health vs. Joey Luster; to recoup medical costs.
Best Practice Family Health vs. Ronnie Holbrooks; to recoup medical costs.
Cash Express LLC vs. Charles Thompson; to collect a debt.
Cash Express LLC vs. Billy Howard; to collect a debt.
Cash Express LLC vs. Brandon Hatfield; to collect a debt.
Cash Express LLC vs. Brandy Hatfield; to collect a debt.
Cash Express LLC vs. Blake Campbell; to collect a debt.

Charges Filed

Pamela Gross, 45, of Paintsville; alcohol intoxication.
Crystal Hall, 24, of Printer; public intoxication.

Mark William Hale, 45, of Bradford Woods, Penn.; drinking an alcoholic beverage in public.

Jason M. Garrett, 29, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Azzie J. Hall, 39, of Harold; public intoxication, drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, having a controlled substance in an improper container.

Ronnie Compton, 48, of Hi Hat; alcohol intoxication.

Joseph Kelly DeRossett, 19, of Pikeville; public intoxication; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gary M. Hunter, 26, of Garrett; fleeing police, alcohol intoxication.

Joseph Campbell, 19, of Langley; fleeing police, alcohol intoxication.

Charles Robinson, 19, of Garrett; fleeing police, alcohol intoxication.

Rita Thornberry, 43, of Garrett; public intoxication.
David Baker, 47, of Jenkins; alcohol intoxication.

Timothy C. Walker, 35, of Bourbon, Ind.; possession of a controlled substance, not in its proper container.

Kenneth Stewart, 45, of Tram; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Barbara J. Carroll, 31, of Tram; criminal littering, drinking an alcoholic beverage in public.

James A. Redrick, 36, of Prestonsburg; harassment.

Joshua Gregory Shepherd, 24, of David; criminal mischief.

Amanda Hall, no date of birth available, Hi Hat; harassment.

William Allen, 20, of Royalton; alcohol intoxication, giving a false name to an officer, making an unsworn falsification to authorities.

Robert Castle, 27, of Langley; alcohol intoxication.

Anthony Cole, 36, of Salyersville; alcohol intoxication.

Danny Burchett, 56, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.

Verline Janke, 65, of Beaver; harassment.

Inspections

Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Spray bottle in food service area without proper label, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in bad repair, floors in food prep area in disrepair, lights in food prep area

improperly shielded, cleaning equipment improperly stored. Score: food 94, retail 98.

WalMart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item observed stored on floor, unknown liquid on floor in snack aisle, cleaning utensils improperly stored. Score: 95.

Seasons Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloths stored improperly, single-service articles stored in contact with floor, clothing item stored with food equipment. Score: 96.

Marina Snack Bar, Jenny Wiley Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: None observed. Score: 100.

Hot Rod Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers absent from freezer and cooler units, bottom of upright freezer in disrepair, chemical test strips not located near three-compartment sink, wiping cloths stored improperly, employee restroom door not self-closing, floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair, lights not properly shielded. Score: 91.

Jenny Wiley R.V. Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several lots have a small accumulation of debris. Score: 98.

Save-A-Lot, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not provided for all freezer and cooler units, walk-in cooler door in disrepair, wiping cloths stored improperly, restroom doors not self closing, some floor tile in disrepair, light in cooler improperly shielded, clothing item observed stored on food equipment. Score: 91.

Giovanni's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food contact surface in disrepair, walk-in cooler door doesn't close properly, wiping cloths improperly stored, some floor tile in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair, personal item stored in food prep area. Score: 92.

Martin Senior Center, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chemical test strips not located at three compartment sink, restroom doors not self closing, floor tile in disrepair. Score: 94.

Long John Silver's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Cardboard box being used as a garbage receptacle, floor near deep frying unit in need of routine cleaning, walls in food storage area in disrepair, cleaning supplies improperly stored. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

Joseph and Rosemary Armstrong to George and Lesia Maines, property located at Granny Fitch Branch.

Betty H. Porter Trust to Christina and Philip Simpson, property located at Brairwood subdivision.

Ronnie Blackburn to Ernest Ray Jr., property location undisclosed.

Randy and Rhonda Boyd to Phyllis Boyd, property location undisclosed.

Frances Branham to Casey and Jenny Jones, property located at Ford Addition.

Barbara and Charles Clark to Anna and Zeb Ousley, property located at West Garrett.

Carolyn Duff to Clinton Duff to Michelle and Roger Hunter, property located at Stone Coal Creek.

James, Shirley, and Thomas Fraley to Ambera and Ricky Anderson, property located at Weeksburg.

Judith Freels to Casey and Jenny Jones, property located at Ford Addition.

Leslie and Timmy Hall, Cheryl and Dale Meade to Claude Meade, property located at Loars Branch.

Kathy and Robert Hannan to Johnny Sargent, property located at Dwale.

Brenda Harmon to Phillip and Louina Hall, property located at Branham Creek.

Carolyn and Ray Henderson to Shena Collins and Handy Jackson, property located at Bull Creek.

Melody Johnson to Anthony and Delois Calhoun, property located at Richmond Street.

Brandi and Jason Lowe to Rosemary Thompson, property located at Penhook Branch.

Sandra Newsome and Rudolphe Burton to University Land Company, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Donald Parker to William Parker, property located at Jake Akers Branch.

Minnie Pearl Robertson to Consolidated Health Systems, property located near Auxier.

Jacqueline and Janelle Samons to Evelyn and Lowell Samons, properties located at Arkansas Creek.

Christopher and Linda Saylor to John and Susan

Schmoltdt, property located at Harold.

Rax Development Company to Catherine and Paul Brown, property located at Porter Addition.

Carmel and Ollie Tackett to Brandy and Jason Bentley, property location undisclosed.

Harold Thornberry to Terri L. Moore, property located at Wheelwright.

Vina Tuttle to Michael J. Witowski, property located at Right Beaver.

Dorothy and Joe Woods to Shannon and Terra Blackburn, property located at Emma.

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Glitch delays child support, threatens state workers' checks

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Despite a technical glitch, state employees will receive their paychecks on time, officials said Wednesday.

A problem in Kentucky's new accounting system called Mars has delayed tens of thousands of child support payments. If the glitch causing the problem isn't fixed soon, state workers could have been left out on payday Friday.

In a statement Wednesday afternoon, State Treasurer Jonathan Miller and two ranking officials from Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration assured state employees that they would receive their pay, whether through conventional checks or direct deposits.

"All direct deposited checks will be delivered to their financial institution as usual," the statement said. "The treasurer's office has completed the printing of paychecks for employees who do not have direct deposit. These checks are currently being sorted and distributed to payroll officers in each agency."

Child support checks for July 3, 5 and 6 went out

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— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on the U.S. Supreme Court:

As the U.S. Supreme Court released its final batch of decisions last week, with rulings on campaign finance, Guantanamo Bay detainees and Texas congressional redistricting, it was tempting to draw broad conclusions.

Despite the impulse to make declarations about the newly configured court, which includes two appointees of President Bush — John Roberts and Samuel Alito — a fair reading of the recent rulings suggests it is difficult at this point to offer a definitive assessment of where the court is headed. Those who thought Alito and Roberts would walk in lockstep with Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, appointees of the first President Bush, may be surprised. They haven't.

In the Vermont campaign financing case, for example, Thomas and Scalia wanted to undo 30 years of settled law, lifting virtually all restraints on campaign contributions and spending. Alito and Roberts refused to play. Yielding to precedent, they were part of the majority that let stand a 1976 decision that prevents states from imposing limits on campaign spending. At the same time, however, they held that limits on contributions, such as the one adopted in Vermont, were constitutionally permissible.

The redistricting case was a mixed bag, too. In that case, the high court upheld Republican Tom DeLay's redrawing of the Texas congressional districts but also ruled that the Texas Legislature had violated the Voting Rights Act by drawing congressional lines that hurt Hispanics. The justices ordered the state to redraw one district.

In the Guantanamo case, the court roundly rebuked Bush with a ruling that halted special military trials for detainees later this year. The court said the process the administration wanted to use violated the Geneva Convention and U.S. law.

Two court traits, however, have emerged. Despite Roberts' desire to build more consensus among the justices, many decisions this term were as splintered as ever. The redistricting case produced six separate opinions. Unanimity, while not always desirable, is beneficial because it makes the law clearer to the public as well as to lawyers and judges.

Perhaps the most important revelation to come from this term is a firm indication that the court will show more restraint. So-called legislating from the bench may become a thing of the past. That change will put greater pressure on Congress to act clearly on issues of national concern.

The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y., on Internet filtering at public libraries:

Public libraries have an indispensable mission: in a free and learning society. They ensure that all people, even the most disadvantaged, have access to the ideas and information that empower the world. They are not in the business of censorship.

But that is the effect an ill-considered federal law is having on libraries across the nation. The Children's Internet Protection Act requires libraries that receive federal money to install filters on all their computer terminals to block "objectionable" material on the Internet. Not just for kids, for everyone.

Libraries that balk on principle stand to lose tens of thousands of dollars in desperately needed federal aid. That only hurts the poor and homeless who rely on public libraries to be their information gateway to the world. Administrators of libraries that heavily depend on federal aid face a Hobson's choice: Censor or lose the money.

The American Library Association courageously challenged the law, rightly saying that filtering blocks access to constitutionally protected speech. The case has made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2003, the court ruled the law was constitutional only if the filters could be disabled upon the request of adult library users.

But what if you are using a library computer to get more information on the sexually transmitted disease you were just diagnosed with? Or you're trying to find out more about birth-control techniques to use with your significant other? Or you are gay and want to go to online support sites?

Much Internet-filtering software designed to block pornography also blocks legitimate sites on sexual health and other topics. Surely, many adults would be too embarrassed or too frightened to ask a librarian to disable the filters on those sites. ...

... Mature teenagers still could be denied access to sites they have a right and a need to view. And the process for disabling filters could prove too cumbersome, even intimidating, for some adults.

No, the better solution would be for government to mind its own business.

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Guest Column

Big powers kill internet neutrality

by NEIL TAMBE
and ERIC WARREN

The U.S. Senate is now considering legislation that would ensure the Internet remains based on a principle of equal and open connectivity. Opponents of so-called network neutrality legislation have contributed to senators' campaigns and political action committees more than three times as much money as the legislation's proponents. That disparity may have helped sink a similar provision that the House of Representatives considered in June.

The net neutrality debate pits online computer services against a coalition of telephone utilities, telecommunications companies and cable distributors—the companies that provide the content versus those that transmit it.

Both sides of the Internet regulation debate are active political contributors. However, in total, the Internet sector has contributed a mere \$2.7 million compared with \$9.1 million in federal contributions from the telecom-telephone alliance. More entrenched in politics than relative newcomers in the Internet sector, telecom companies seek influence on a wider array of issues. Despite the disparity, several senators have stood up already in favor of adding network neutrality protections to the Senate's version of a communications reform bill.

Neutrality legislation aims to prevent broadband Internet service providers (ISPs) from discriminating between content. The Federal Communications Commission set

ablate the current debate on August 5, 2005, when it announced it would refuse to enforce neutrality without a mandate from Congress. Proponents of neutrality legislation want the government to regulate the Internet to prevent network controllers from providing superior access to higher-paying customers. They also say that without neutrality protections, ISPs would be able to slow or block websites of their choosing, including those of their competitors.

The telecommunications alliance claims that these allegations are unfounded, because competitive markets would prevent network controllers from abusing consumers. If one provider is unsatisfactory, they argue, consumers would switch providers. They also make the case that distributors of online content should help bear the cost of upgrading networks, and that government regulation would keep broadband prices high and hinder the spread of fast connections to rural areas.

Three senators who have bravely introduced neutrality legislation in the past six months—Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), and Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.)—have each received sizeable contributions from groups opposed to the sort of law they are advocating. Only two senators received notably larger contributions from pro-network neutrality groups: Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, both Democrats from Washington, have been funded extensively by Washington-based Microsoft, a major backer of net neutrality and a deep political player.

In the House, similar to the situation in the Senate, substantial campaign contributions from telecom, including almost \$87,000 from AT&T since 1989, were not enough to deter Rep. Edward Markey (D-Mass.) from introducing pro-neutral-

ity legislation to the House version of the communications reform bill. Markey's amendment failed on June 8 by a vote of 269 to 152, with all but 11 Republicans voting against it. The final communications bill, with mostly Democratic opposition, passed by a large margin.

Those Congress members voting against Markey's amendment received an average of nearly \$10,000 more in contributions from the anti-neutrality coalition. It is not clear whether the extra \$10,000 swayed the House vote, but the telecom interests prevailed.

Not only did these industries contribute to federal candidates, they spent substantially more on lobbying. In the 2003 to 2004 election cycle, companies on both sides of the issue spent a total of nearly \$300 million lobbying in Washington; D.C., industries favoring neutrality put out \$43.8 million, whereas industries opposing it gave just over \$255 million. Complete data from the 2005 to 2006 cycle is not yet available.

Even though the coalition fighting neutrality legislation did not win over every member of Congress to whom the telecom industry contributed substantially, this data suggests that political contributions succeeded. The House's version of the communications reform bill passed without any neutrality protections. If the House vote and campaign finance data are any indicators, network neutrality can be expected to fail in the Senate as well.

Neil Tambe and Eric Warren write for CapitalEye.org, the newsletter of the Center for Responsive Politics, a non-partisan research organization in Washington, D.C., that tracks the influence of money on elections and public policy.

Letters

Appreciates magistrate

What kind of magistrate do you have? My magistrate responded to an emergency after the Fourth of July

storm, which blew a large oak tree across the road on the right fork of Station Branch. This stranded three families and two of the people stranded were ambulatory.

The county's backhoe was down and the county's chainsaw was in the shop. On July 5, my magistrate bor-

rowed a chainsaw and brought three men and cleared the road by hand in the pouring rain.

Thanks, Jackie E. Owens.

Derek Hicks
Middle Creek

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
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A blast of nostalgia from the drive-in decade helped round out this week's releases, which included the return of one A-list actor to a treasured role and a slew of B-list actors lining up to get chomped by zombies.

"Basic Instinct 2" — Sharon Stone is back as serial killer/novelist Catherine Trammel in this London-set sequel. This time she becomes a suspect in the death of a star soccer player and must match wits with a court-appointed psychiatrist. Stone proves up to the challenge and soon has the doc, a control freak, under her well manicured thumb. Not very plot heavy (hey, neither was the first one), but Stone proves she was worth every penny of her \$14 million payday. This one also sports a hot tub scene which rivals the interrogation set piece from the first film.

"Masters of Horror" — Showtime is back with two more episodes of their popular series which showcases renowned horror directors in a freestyle format:

■ "Homecoming" — Director Joe Dante ("The Howling") directs this satirical episode which features an anti-war movement led by the fallen soldiers who rise from the grave and campaign for the sitting president's competition. Surprisingly poignant and drop-dead funny.

■ "Pick Me Up" — Larry Cohen ("Q — The Winged Serpent") delivers the goods with this refreshing take on the serial killer genre. This one

pits two serial killers against each other as they vie for a victim. Michael Moriarty ("Law and Order") walks away with this one as an amiable truck driver who kicks it, or kills it, old school.

"Murder Rock" — Late 1980s effort from Italian fright master Lucio Fulci does not hold a candle to his better works ("Zombie" and "The Beyond"). Here a dancer and a male model have secret agendas as they team up to investigate murders at a New York Ballet school. Generous heapings of gore do little to obscure a weak script and listless performances.

"Zombiageddon" — Troma Studios president and pitcher Lloyd Kaufman calls this effort the "Apocalypse Now" of zombie films and throws everything into this low-budget extravaganza. A who's-who of B-movie stars fills out the cast, which includes Scream Queens Brinke Stevens and Linnea Quigley, as well as 1970s action stalwart William Smith ("Invasion of the Bee Girls") and Edwin Neal (of the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre"). This one has it all, with your typical zombie mayhem as well as some kung-fu and tigers that feed on zombies.

"Shogun Assassin" — This is the American cut of the first two "Lone Wolf and Cub" films, of which all six are available separately. Director Robert Houston took the first pair of films, which feature a rogue samurai and his toddler, and cut out all of the dramatic scenes, which means 80 minutes of pure swordplay as the samurai takes on three assassins and, by the end of the film, an entire army. This one is purely for action junkies and it sure delivers on bloody swordplay, as each stroke of the hero's blade appears to find a major artery in his opponents. Listen close to the dubbing and you'll hear a young Sandra Bernhard, who would find fame as a standup comedian, providing vocal chores.

This week marked the passing of two Hollywood veterans with long careers going back to the 1930s.

Barnard Hughes died one week before his 91st birthday. He was probably best known to genre fans as the hippie grandfather in "The Lost Boys" but also costarred in the classic "Midnight Cowboy." June Allyson, 89, also

passed and spent most of her career in big budgeted Hollywood efforts, often costarring with James Stewart in films such as "The Glenn Miller Story." Genre fans however might remember her from the 1978 thriller "Blackout," where she was menaced by Robert Carradine, who starred as a psychopath who terrorizes the denizens of an Upper East side apartment complex. Both actors hailed from New York.

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Fletcher says 'time will tell' whether he'll face GOP challenge

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Wednesday attributed Republican concerns about his re-election bid to "growing pains" within the GOP and said "time will tell" whether he faces a challenge in next year's primary election.

Fletcher, who is facing misdemeanor charges that he conspired to reward political supporters with state jobs, boasted of accomplishments on a broad range of policy issues in a luncheon speech to the Louisville Forum, a nonpartisan issues group.

"When all the dust clears from all this politics of destruction, I think you'll find that this state is better off," the Republican governor said.

During a round of questions, Fletcher gave a glimpse into a second-term agenda if re-elected. He mentioned updating tax incentives to lure business, expanding a health care initiative aimed at small businesses and improving education.

His political problems came up in

some questions from the audience. Fletcher's appearance came just days after Jefferson County GOP Chairman Jack Richardson IV publicly broke with Fletcher and urged him to abandon his re-election bid.

Other Republicans have distanced themselves from Fletcher. Lt. Gov. Steve Pence withdrew from the ticket with Fletcher. Senate President David Williams has said he and fellow Republicans have "serious doubts" about Fletcher's re-electability. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell recently declined to endorse Fletcher's candidacy, saying "I really haven't given it any thought." Kentucky's other Republican U.S. senator, Jim Bunning, this week refused to say whether he would support Fletcher for re-election.

Fletcher, the state's first Republican governor in a generation, was asked about such reservations within the GOP. In his response, he summed it up as the evolution of a party long out of power that now finds itself in control.

"We're a maturing party," Fletcher

said, adding that the GOP has gained unprecedented power in the state. "We are trying to use it responsibly, but we're going to have our growing pains."

Fletcher acknowledged that his administration has made "missteps," but said "we are moving this state forward."

"Whether we'll have an opponent in the primary, time will tell," he said. "But I think our record will speak for itself when we tell that story, and I think we will have the support we need."

Fletcher said some politicians focus more on politics than policy, but said such thinking won't pull Kentucky out of its poor national rankings in educational achievement, per capita income and public health.

"Politics is not going to get us out of that hole, good policy is," he said. "And we've got sound policy."

Before fielding questions, Fletcher discussed what he viewed as his administration's accomplishments. He said a revamped state tax code took low-income Kentuckians off tax

rolls and reduced income taxes for most others. He cited more education funding and efforts to reshape Medicaid, the state-federal health insurance program that covers poor, elderly and disabled Kentuckians.

For more than a year, he has been dogged by a special grand jury probe into whether his administration illegally rewarded political supporters with state jobs. The grand jury has issued 29 indictments, including one against Fletcher, who is charged with conspiracy, official misconduct and political discrimination.

Fletcher issued a blanket pardon for anyone charged in the grand jury probe but didn't extend the pardon to himself. Fletcher told the Louisville group Wednesday that issuing the pardons was "the right thing to do."

Fletcher received a polite welcome from the audience. Some stood and applauded when he was introduced, while others stayed seated and clapped politely.

Among those in the crowd was GOP legislative candidate Corley Everett, who said Republican leaders

need "to be fair to the governor." "The facts aren't all in, and I think the responsible thing to do is to let the governor do his job," Everett said in an interview.

Everett, who is challenging Democratic Rep. Tom Riner of Louisville, said he would have no problem campaigning with Fletcher but admitted the governor's appearance wouldn't be received well by majority Democrats in his district.

"I respect the governor, but I do believe his political problems would probably overshadow any positive things," he said.

Louisville Metro Council member Kevin Kramer, a Republican, said he was "a little bit surprised" by Richardson's plea that Fletcher pull out of next year's gubernatorial race. Kramer praised Fletcher for delivering transportation money and state backing for a new arena for Louisville. But when asked if he supports Fletcher's renomination for another term, he sidestepped the question.

Revised federal air pack rules may eliminate all but one brand

by TIM HUBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Federal mining regulators are considering new standards for emergency air packs that would eliminate all but one type of the devices carried underground by U.S. coal miners today, according to a key government engineer.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health engineer Nick Kyriazi said a more stringent testing regime he recommended almost seven years ago makes up most of the new certification rules that NIOSH is considering. A draft of the proposed rules is not yet avail-

able.

But Kyriazi outlined the bulk of them in a 1999 report that suggested current NIOSH testing can't determine whether the devices are safe, what their performance characteristics are or how much breathable air they would provide in an actual emergency.

"I have tested the current apparatus and to the new standards," Kyriazi said. "Only one of them would pass."

He declined to identify which one.

Currently, NIOSH certifies air packs, or self-contained self-rescuers, by putting the devices on people who perform a series of activities. The amount of oxygen the devices

put out and how much carbon dioxide they remove, as well as other data, are monitored during rest periods. And the tests end after the devices have been worn for the amount of time the manufacturer wishes to claim they last.

Kyriazi's proposal calls for testing using a breathing simulator to eliminate physical differences between test subjects. He also wants continuous monitoring, specified oxygen consumption rates and tests that last until a device stops providing oxygen.

The idea is to eliminate what Kyriazi considers short-falls in the current method. For example, a device tested by a 150-pound person would pro-

duce different results than a device tested on a 250-pounder because bigger people consume more oxygen and produce more carbon dioxide.

"Those are effectively different tests," he said. "They're not quantitative."

In declining to identify the brand of self-rescuer that would pass the more stringent testing, Kyriazi said only that it is one of the models that generates oxygen from a chemical reaction rather than using an air bottle.

That narrows the field considerably.

Only three companies manufacture NIOSH-approved air

packs for the U.S. market: Monroeville, Pa.-based CSE Corp., Pleasant Prairie, Wis.-based Ocenco Inc., and Pittsburgh-based Draeger Safety Inc.

A fourth manufacturer, Pittsburgh-based Mine Safety Appliances Co., no longer makes self-rescuers, though its products still are found in U.S. coal mines.

Only Draeger and CSE generate oxygen from a chemical reaction. Ocenco relies on bottled oxygen.

CSE is widely considered the top brand. West Virginia officials estimate six out of 10 U.S. coal miners carry the

company's SR-100 model underground every day. NIOSH has long considered Ocenco the second most widely used brand, followed by Draeger.

Accounts by survivors of the Jan. 2 Sago Mine explosion in West Virginia that killed 12 miners have raised questions about how well CSE air packs work. The company and the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration say tests show the devices worked at Sago and at the Kentucky Darby No. 1 Mine accident in May that killed five miners.

Checks

Tuesday, while July 7 and 8 checks were to go out Wednesday, said Jason Moseley, director of the division of child support.

Parents receive either a paper check or an electronic deposit, and problems with the direct deposits remain. The transfers have been made, but banks are having trouble reading the files and can't tell who should get the money, Moseley said.

Up to 35,000 child support payments have been delayed statewide. Some 14,000 child support payments should have been deposited electronically.

It was not clear how many of the 14,000 payments had not been made. Technicians were working on the problem Tuesday night.

Kenneth Mansfield, spokesman for the Kentucky State Treasury, said the new accounting system had problems earlier this week with unemployment and payments for subsidized child care.

"The big concern, of course, is payroll," he said.

A test run for Friday's payroll showed that state workers who are paid with a paper check would get their money, but those who get electronic

deposits would not. Mansfield said officials are working to resolve the problem before Friday.

The problems also affected an unknown number of checks for vendors and worker's compensation, Midkiff said.

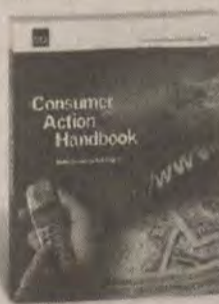
The problems are typical of

any major technological transition, she said.

"That doesn't make up for the inconvenience," Midkiff said. "We understand what that means to people. I just want to be able to assure them that we've been working around the clock."

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Floyd County, Kentucky (Levisa Fork Basin)

Flood Damage Reduction Project

A public hearing on the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 1 Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on Thursday, July 27, 2006, starting at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will give the public an additional opportunity to provide comment on the content of the DEIS.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which documents planning analyses undertaken for a proposed flood damage reduction project in the Levisa Fork basin in Floyd County, Kentucky. The study area includes the incorporated areas of Prestonsburg and unincorporated areas in Floyd County which are subject to flood damage from the potential of a recurrence of the April 1977 flood. The study area does not include the City of Martin, Kentucky, where a separate flood damage reduction project is underway. The DEIS documents agency evaluation of four alternatives, two of which include floodwall/levee alignments intended to protect Prestonsburg and non-structural flood-proofing measures, a total non-structural alternative, and the No Federal Action alternative.

The USACE has distributed copies of the DEIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local government officials in Kentucky, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Levisa Fork Basin flooding problems as they affect Floyd County and the environment are urged to participate in this NEPA process. The DEIS is available for public review at the following locations:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701-2070, Room 3100
2. Floyd County Public Library, 18 North Anrold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1269
3. Prestonsburg Community College Library, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
4. <http://www.lfh.usace.army.mil/projects/review/>

After the public comment period ends on August 14, 2006, USACE will fully consider all comments received. The DEIS will be revised as appropriate, and Final EIS will be issued.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project to the following address by August 14, 2006.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Clothes make the man...not!

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Never quite know what a week around this place will bring your way, but one thing's sure, there's little room for boredom.

Case in point: last Saturday afternoon I found myself a little outside my comfort zone as I walked among a field full of motorcycle enthusiasts. Looking around at, literally, hundreds of leather vests, bandannas, and pairs of dark sunglasses, I thought to myself, "Hmm, a little out of my element, maybe?"

With loud rock 'n roll played by a live band streaming out from under a super large tent and motorbikes parked, and idling, all over the huge field, I felt more



Despite the stereotypical tough guy image, bikers assembled over the weekend at Corn Fork, near Brandy Keg, were all about having some good, clean fun and socializing with folks who share the same interests in motorcycling. During the field event shown here, the idea was for the passenger on the bike to successfully retrieve a potato from atop each highway cone without having the driver lose balance.

Brothers of the Wheel members come together to aid children

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

They came - alone, in pairs and in small groups. Sporting ponytails and tattoos, bandannas and leather garments; looking tough on the outside, but allowing glimpses, here and there, into much softer insides as they spoke of needy children and their desire to help.

Who were these leather clad, tattooed, "tough" guys? Members of the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club; or "bikers," as they are most often referred to.

Todd Caudill, of Hager Hill, president, Eastern Kentucky Chapter of the motorcycle club, says that the club, chartered by the American Motorcyclist Association, was founded on the concept of charitable works. As a matter of fact, the official website of the club states that "riding together, having a good time, and supporting local charities are all part of being a Brother."

"A lot of people don't understand what we really stand for," Caudill said. "Charity is a big part of our lives and we hope that we're getting that message across."

This past weekend, at Corn Fork, near Brandy Keg, the local Brothers of the Wheel (BOTW) chapter sponsored their second annual "Rockin' the Hollar" field party, complete with live music, vendors, a poker run, field events, and, to top it all off, a dazzling fireworks display. Proceeds from the event will go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"We like St. Jude's," Caudill said. "They treat all children, whether the family can afford to pay or not."

In addition to the now annual field party event, the Eastern Kentucky chapter, based in Floyd County, also holds an annual Christmas fundraiser that benefits

children in both Floyd and Johnson counties. Members participate in road blocks, accepting donations that are used to purchase clothing and toys for needy children in the two counties. Caudill and other members of the club are able to target families with the assistance of youth service centers in Floyd and Johnson counties.

Caudill says that money collected from the fundraiser goes toward the purchase of shoes, first, and toys, second, for each child in a targeted family. "If we have anything left over, then we buy a few candy canes, but we mostly make sure that each child gets a pair of new shoes," he said. "And all money collected during the Christmas fundraiser goes to benefit local children," he added.

The Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club was founded in 1977, in Milton, West Virginia. Today, it encompasses parts of Kentucky and Ohio, as well. Members from each state, an estimated 800 in total, were represented at Saturday's field event.

Ballard Plummer, of Prestonsburg, says that the annual event is good for business. "Lots of people come in here for this," he said. "That means an awful lot of people buying gas, staying in hotels and eating in restaurants...that's a lot of business being generated."

Both Plummer and Caudill say that changing stereotypical perceptions of what bikers stand for is something they would like to see happen. The two men agree that riding and having fun are, of course, a big part of motorcycling, and that those two things don't necessarily add up to trouble, as many are led to believe. "Bikers have big hearts...and working to help charitable organizations is a fundamental part of our organization," Caudill

said.

Last year alone, according to a group of BOTW officers attending the Corn Fork event, the BOTW club raised more than \$250,000, for charity, across the three states. Locally, the Eastern Kentucky chapter raised more than \$23,000. "That's a lot of shoes and toys," Caudill said.

Plummer, who makes it a point to visit the homes of the children being served in the Christmas fundraising project, summed it up when he said, "It just makes a man feel good to his heart, and that's what's important."

The Eastern Kentucky Chapter of the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club holds monthly meetings for the purpose of organizing their charitable events. Those interested may contact Caudill at

789-3431.

To learn more about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, call 1-800-4-STJUDE or visit www.stjude.org. Additionally, if your child is in need of St. Jude's services, have your physician contact the hospital at 1-866-2STJUDE.

Caudill and the members of the Eastern Kentucky Chapter of the Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club would like to expressly thank David May and Frank May, owners of May Block & Concrete, The City of Prestonsburg and Mayor Jerry Fannin, the Prestonsburg Fire and Police Departments, Wayne Supply, Heiner's Bakery, and Prater Creek Ice for their support and assistance in helping to make the Rockin' the Hollar field party event and fundraiser a success.



Pictured amid a background of motorcycles and mountains, are a few members and club officers. From left, they are: Ballard Plummer, of Prestonsburg; Joe "Teach" Adkins, of West Hamlin, West Virginia, secretary/treasurer, national executive council; Ray Carey, of Charleston, West Virginia, vice president, national executive council; Todd Caudill, of Hager Hill, president, Eastern Kentucky chapter; and Clarence Jobe, of Ashland, vice president, Northeast Kentucky chapter. Each of the out of town visitors expressed their appreciation for the hospitality shown to them by Prestonsburg businesses.

POSTSCRIPT

News & views

By Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

My status as an admitted news junkie notwithstanding, I read most newspapers throughout the region to glean items for a radio show on WMMT called Regional Roundup.

In fact, I introduced a similar concept in a couple of newspapers I worked with in past lives. My aim was to share information and show that whether we're in southern West Virginia, southwest Virginia or eastern Kentucky, we're the same people, with more in common as Appalachians than as natives of a particular state.

I say that to say this: I generally read Marty Backus' column in the Appalachian News-Express, out of Pikeville. Long-time readers of the Floyd County Times recognize the name as a former publisher.

Marty can be counted on, every column or so, to comment on the outrageous price of gas and the

(See **SCRIPT**, page nine)

Berries are healthy and versatile

By Leanne Ely

Just this week, I've gotten some spectacular bargains on berries. Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries and raspberries are all in season and delicious right now. One of my favorite snacks is lemon or vanilla yogurt mixed with frozen blueberries. It's a wonderful treat!

Berries aren't just tasty, they're amazingly healthy, too. Here are a few

healthy facts about berries that will encourage you to incorporate them into your menus this week:

1) Blueberries (bilberries in Europe) are one of the healthiest foods you can eat. The dark blue color tells you that they are phytochemically rich in antioxidants and studies are showing that these gems have more antioxidants than any other fruit or vegetable. Imagine that!

2) Raspberries are my most favorite fruit. Check this out—one cup of raspberries is only 50 calories—the carb count on the sugar is only 17 grams and—8 grams of fiber! So this is a great fruit for people watching their

carbs...only 9 net grams of carbs per serving.

3) Strawberries (8 a day) have been found to help lower blood pressure (Nutrition and Health Research Center study), thereby making them a good heart healthy fruit choice. They're also high in ellagic acid, a phytochemical known for its cancer fighting properties. Strawberries may also help enhance memory and aid in the relief of rheumatoid arthritis.

Now that you know how healthy they are, here are some hints for using berries in your meals:

1) Slice strawberries, red onions and toss into your spinach salad. Add a

splash of bottled poppy seed dressing and toss for a tasty salad.

2) Sprinkle blueberries or raspberries on cold cereal. Stir blueberries into oatmeal and sprinkle lightly with brown sugar (I use frozen blueberries in mine and it's wonderful).

3) Make smoothies out of them—use frozen ripe bananas, milk and your choice of berries, blend away and you have a great afternoon pick me up or breakfast.

4) Try my Raspberry Balsamic Glazed Chicken recipe to get even more berries in your diet:

(See **DINNER DIVA**, page ten)



Weddings



Blair-Spradlin

Ms. Debbie Blair and Mr. Roger Blair, both of Paintsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Rayanna Spradlin, of Auxier, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Shaunna Lynn Blair and Robert Lee Spradlin. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 5, 2006, at half past five o'clock in the afternoon, at the Highland Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. Bro. Jeff Burchett will preside. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The couple plan to reside in Hager Hill.



Keathley-Scott

Charollette Meade Keathley, of East Point, and Tony Keathley, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kistin Elizabeth Keathley to Arthur Joseph Scott, the son of Ronald Scott, of Louisville, and the late Anna Scott. Kistin is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Eastern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University. She is employed as a speech language pathologist with Stanford Health and Rehabilitation Center. Tony is a graduate of Fern Creek High School and Eastern Kentucky University. He is employed as a sign language interpreter/rehab counselor for the deaf with the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. The couple were wed in a ceremony that took place on June 10, 2006, in Maui, Hawaii. An open reception will be held for family and friends on Saturday, July 29, 2006, at 7 p.m., at the Fish and Game Club, located at John's Branch, in Warco. The couple are currently residing in Berea.

New Arrivals



It's a Girl!

Emma Kathryn Bailey was born April 22, 2006, at Pikeville Medical Center, to proud parents Chris and Katie Bailey, of Langley. She weighed 10 lbs., 10 oz., and was 23 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and King Fultz, of Langley, and Jim and Toni Bailey, of Langley. She is the great-granddaughter of Clabe Mosley, of Wayland, and Betty Leade, of Langley. Her family shares that Emma has brought great joy into their lives and they invite all friends and family to drop by for a visit with the new arrival.



- June 21, 2006 A son, Grannis Herold II, to Christy & Grannis Herald, of Booneville
- June 22, 2006 A daughter, Mikayli Lachelle Burton, to Brittany Jones, of Hazard
- June 22, 2006 A son, Christopher Aiden Mann, to Sherry & Lloyd Mann, of Lovely
- June 23, 2006 A son, Alexander Harold Manuel Castro-Skeans, to Samantha Carol Skeans, of Langley
- June 23, 2006 A son, Jordan Conner Lee Thacker, to Lisha Mosley, of Hindman
- June 23, 2006 A daughter, Savannah Kellie Patrick, to Leslie Ann Marie Smith, of Dwarf
- June 26, 2006 A son, Adam Mohamed El Harrab, to Rachid & Stacy El Harrab, of Prestonsburg
- June 27, 2006 A son, Dakota Reese Ferguson, to Marcus & Amanda Ferguson, of West Liberty
- June 27, 2006 A daughter, Kennady LaSha Fletcher, to Timothy & Amy Fletcher, of Salyersville
- June 27, 2006 A son, Bradley Connor Lee Waller, to James & Kathy Tackett, of Paintsville
- June 27, 2006 A daughter, Lacie Dawn Elkins, to Melissa Elkins, of Tram
- June 27, 2006 A daughter, Kireonia Siara Sharayne Moore, to Brittany Johnson, of Wheelwright
- June 28, 2006 A daughter, Amy Elizabeth Amburgey, to Susan & Teddy Amburgey, of Printer
- July 1, 2006 A son, Trenton Jaymes Davis, to Bridgett LeMaster, of Thelma
- July 1, 2006 A son, Jacob Kyler Allen Tackett, to Cleve and Christine Tackett, of Wheelwright
- July 3, 2006 A son, Colton Ryder Stacy, to Robin Paul and Karen Sue Stacy, of Dwarf.



Before



After

All a-bloom

This one-year-old Day Lily plant, according to gardener Gail Smith, of Teaberry, grew flat against the ground, with bulbs clustered near the tip of the plant, resembling a pseudostem of a banana tree. "I've never seen anything like it," Smith said, adding that she would like anyone with helpful information about why her day lily plant grew in such a way to contact her at 587-2785. As also shown, the day lily bulbs later bloomed quite dramatically, turning into a veritable bridal bouquet that could be picked in one quick snip. (Photos submitted)

Summer Acoustic Jam & Front Porch Pickin' at the MAC!

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 pm
 Tickets: FREE ADMISSION!
 Summer's the time for kickin' back and enjoying lazy days!
 Musical heritage and its culture were passed down to the kids from Grandpa, Daddy and Momma. And the music was intertwined with daily lives so much that it became as natural as breathing to break into song when you were together.
 Mosey on down to the MAC on Thursday evening - and bring an instrument if you play one. Everything's going to be casual. You'll have a good time, make some new friends and enjoy some kindred fellowship - that's what life's all about now isn't it?
 Kentucky Opry Summer Show 2006 with special guests The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros
 Friday, July 14, 8:00pm
 Tickets: Adults \$15; Senior Citizens \$13; Students Under 18 \$11; Groups of 15+ \$10
 Dates & Times are subject to change.
 The Kentucky Opry troupe was formed in 1990 and consists of a cast of very talented individuals, all of whom call Eastern Kentucky home. From their opening act to the inspirational and patriotic finale, the Kentucky Opry performers leave audiences wanting more. If you want to see the best musical variety performance this side of the Rocky Mountains, bring your family to enjoy the KENTUCKY OPRY at the Mountain Arts Center!

US23 SHOWCASE
 Saturday, July 15, 8:00 pm
 Tickets: \$10

Part of the mission of the Mountain Arts Center is to provide opportunities for aspiring performers. One of the most exciting of these opportunities is the US23 Showcase. In this event, singers, musicians, dancers and other artists perform on stage in front of a live audience. For many of these performers, the US23 Showcase is the opportunity of a lifetime to perform in a state of the art venue before an appreciative audience.

To order tickets or for more information, call the box office toll free: 1-888-MAC-ARTS (1-888-622-2787)

Dinner Diva

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Raspberry Balsamic Glazed Chicken

Serves 6
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1 small red onion, chopped
 1 teaspoon thyme
 Salt and pepper to taste
 6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
 1/2 cup fruit sweetened raspberry conserve
 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 Fresh raspberries for garnish

In a skillet, heat oil over medium high heat. Add onion and saute for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, sprinkle thyme and salt and pepper on chicken; add to the skillet and cook for 6 minutes on each side, or until done. Remove from skillet and keep warm.

Reduce heat to medium-low. Add a little salt and pepper, raspberry conserve and vinegar, stirring constantly till the conserve melts. Spoon sauce over chicken and sprinkle fresh raspberries over the

top.
 Per serving: 343 Calories; 4g Total Fat; 55g Protein; 20g Carbohydrate; 137mg Cholesterol; 165mg Sodium
 Food Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 7 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 0 Fat; 1 Other Carbohydrates.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Serve with baked russet potatoes and sauteed green beans.

VEGETARIANS: Use non-breaded faux chicken patties instead of chicken.

KOSHER: No changes necessary.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter. Copyright 2006; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

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than a little conspicuous walking around, camera in hand, all by myself.

Although I soon came to realize that the music being played was exactly the same stuff I had listened to myself in my teens and twenties (and, honestly, still tune in to oldies stations to listen to today), I was much too shy to venture into the shade-filled tent all alone. I mean, after all, it was untelling what "horrors," i.e. "trouble," might have been dwelling within, right? And if there's one thing most folks can certainly say about me, it's that I tend to play this game of life on the "safe side," though I do have to admit that this wasn't exactly always the case. Let's suffice to say here that "trial and error" can go a long way in learning important life lessons.

Expecting at any moment to see some "biker brawl" straight from the movies, it wasn't long before the realization hit me that this event, save the "attire of choice," was actually no different from any other fundraiser that I have covered so many times over in my job as feature seeker here at the Times.

Groups of people, congregated together, were sharing drinks and food and engaging in pleasant conversation. Vendors were chatting it up with passersby and a few volunteers were organizing games and activities. "So far, so good," I thought to myself, "seems 'normal.'" So, what's wrong with this picture?"

Well, after spending some more time on site and getting introduced to a few of the folks in attendance, turns out that nothing was actually wrong with the said picture. I soon discovered that once I was able to see past the discriminatory stereotypes that we all so easily fall prey to, that all that was really left to see was a group of good-hearted people assembled together in hopes of raising funds to help children in need. They just weren't wearing suits and ties and high heel pumps while they were doing it.

So much for judging a book by its cover, eh?

Thanks, Todd and Ballard, for helping make me feel at ease at your Rockin' the Hollar event. Wish I'd gotten back for those fireworks, but then, there's always next year.

Kenny Mitchell

'A WILDLIFE AND SCENIC PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT'

In the Art Gallery...at the Mountain Arts Center

Now through July 31

A breath-taking Wildlife and Scenic Photography Exhibit is now open at the MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER in Prestonsburg. Kenny Mitchell has taken remarkable photos of subjects found all through our ordinary lives, and presented them with thoughtful sensitivity. With great composition and fresh viewpoint, he has created works of art that are a joy to view.
 Most of the photos were

taken locally - a few were taken near and around Lexington, and all are displayed in hand-made frames that enhance the beauty of each.

Kenny Mitchell, a Floyd County native, has a great respect for nature and the outdoors. Some of the photos are whimsical in nature, and others have a spiritual feeling.

Yes, he still calls this a hobby, but folks, it is much more than a hobby...he's talented and an artist in the truest sense of the word. All of the pieces on display can be purchased...you can personalize your choice of frames or mats. You can also meet the artist before any performance during the month.

The Kenny Mitchell Photography Exhibit, now through July 31, at the Mountain Arts Center. Try Not To Miss It!

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State Little League tournaments on deck in Paintsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville Little League will host Kentucky State Little League Baseball Tournaments in both the 9-10 and 11-12 age divisions. All games will be played at the Paintsville Little League Complex. There will be a total of 16 teams – eight in each age group from all across the state.

The 11-12 state champion will advance to regional competition in Indianapolis and have a chance to

compete in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. The 9-10 state champion will advance to the regional in Ceredo-Kenova, W.Va.

Paintsville Little League is set to host its 14th state tournament since 1999.

"Hosting the 9-10 and 11-12 State is a prestigious honor," said Paintsville Little League President Bob Lyons. "This will bring a tremendous amount of visitors to our area and impact the region economically, like no other event this sum-

mer."

There are seven Little League districts across the state and the host team always get to send the runner-up in each of the age groups, making the number of state participants eight. The District 7 teams in the 9-10 age group are Whitesburg and Morgan County. The 11-12 teams from District 7 are Paintsville and Belfry.

This is the 20th consecutive year at least one team from the Paintsville Little League charter has qualified

for a state tournament. The Paintsville league was able to get a team into state competition despite missing many players that left and played in the upstart Johnson County youth baseball and softball league.

"This is a big year for the Paintsville program, especially with the split and we are continuing our All-Star tradition," said Paintsville Little League Vice President John Miller.

"I'm extremely proud of our All-Star program," commented Lyons.

"These players that get a chance to compete at this age will only help both local school programs."

Paintsville Little League has won nine state championships and been state runner-up 11 times.

"We've had some outstanding players and coaches, over the last 52 years in our Little League program and they deserve all the credit for our All-Star success," Lyons added.

There will be many activities for

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World Cup still minus many American sports fans

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

One of the lingering topics of conversation on sports-talk, or more accurately, any type of sports programming this week has been the head butt delivered by Frenchman Zinedine Zidane in the closing minutes of last Sunday's finals of the World Cup soccer tournament.

That amazes me, largely because I don't know anyone who watched so much as one

complete game during the month-long tournament that culminated minutes after the Z-Man went all Jankyard Dog on

Italy's Marco Materazzi. And yes, just to clarify, I needed the Internet to correctly list the names of each footballer.

Should he have done it? No, but I doubt you need me to help you out there. I'm just surprised the American media is covering this with such zeal considering the intensity of the yawn with which nearly all of us greet the sport in question.

For much of the month of the World Cup, the talking heads tried to portend why Americans have such a disinterest in the sport. While they gave many reasons, I don't remember anyone giving the one I think best answers the question.

Americans, in case you haven't noticed, can be fairly arrogant. I know you're shocked, but it's true. We do what we do, like what we like, and if you don't agree with us, well, it's because you're wrong.

President Bush has taken something of a beating for using this stance in the days following the 9/11 situation, but all he did with his "you're either with us or against us" statement was publicly say how most of his country feels about most subjects.

We like it or we don't, but we don't care what you think.

And that, in my estimation, is why we have no interest in soccer. The whole world is so pas-

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GIRLS OF SUMMER



photos by Jamie Howell

PLAYING AT THE NEXT LEVEL. Prestonsburg youth softball players have stayed busy throughout the last three-plus months. For the first time in its history, Prestonsburg Little League fielded two softball teams in District 7 All-Star play.

The Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old All-Stars are pictured above and to the right (Bethany Scarberry, batting). The 9-10 Softball All-Stars were one of six Prestonsburg Little League teams to compete in district tournament competition. Both the Prestonsburg Little League 9-10 and 11-12 baseball teams reached the district semifinals.



Belfry team to be honored at P'burg game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY – Belfry High School football officials have announced plans to honor one of their most memorable and successful teams. The Belfry High School 1986 Class AAA state runner-up team will be recognized at the Belfry-Prestonsburg game Oct. 6. A reception for all members of Belfry's 1986 team will be held at 6:30 p.m., prior to the Class 2A, District 8 game, inside the Belfry Athletic Complex. Kickoff for the annual Belfry-P'burg battle is set for 7:30 p.m. The district game normally goes a long way in determining the Class 2A, District 8 champion.

Belfry High football players in grades 9-12 are scheduled to report to practice Tuesday. Prestonsburg took advantage of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Dead Period ending Sunday night and returned to practice at the start of this week.

KHSAA approves six classes for football

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) is changing the current football class system. During its Board of Control meeting Tuesday, the KHSAA moved forward and opted to go with a larger class system for football.

In unanimous fashion, the Board approved a six-class championship playoff system, beginning with the 2007 playing season. A five-class system was also reportedly considered. Association officials have said a draft of the proposed six class alignment will be posted on the KHSAA website (khsaa.org) and communicated to member school within the week for further discussion on the alignment of teams at the Board's August meeting. The current four-class playoff system, popular among many of the state's coaches and athletic directors, has been in place since 1975.

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photo by Steve LeMaster
ONE OF THE STATE'S BEST: Paintsville High School junior Landon Slone has been ranked as one of the state's top 25 boys' basketball players. Slone has scored over 1,300 points in two varsity basketball seasons.

Slone ranked as one of state's top 25 players

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Floyd

County native and former Mountain Christian Academy standout Landon Slone has been ranked as one of the state's top 25 players. Rick Bolus' High Potential Basketball Recruiting Service has Slone listed as one of Kentucky's Top Rising Prospects for the 2006-2007 season. Slone, who is headed into his junior season at Paintsville High School, makes the list in the Second

12. Part of Bolus' Top 25, Slone is the only 15th Region player ranked. From the 14th Region, June Buchanan School junior guard Clark Stepp made his way into the rankings as one of the Top 60 players.

Slone, who started his first game for Paintsville as a freshman, tossed in 645 points during his sophomore season last winter. In mid-January, he became the 20th player in

Paintsville High School history to score over 1,000 points. Slone has a good chance to surpass 2,000 points for his career during the upcoming season. He currently has 1,312 career points.

Slone led Paintsville in both three-point and free-throw shooting last season. Prior to the start of the 2005-06 season, Slone was ranked as the 15th Region's top boys' basketball player.

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