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## Kentucky's painkiller sales level off

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Purchases of prescription painkillers have soared in Kentucky in recent years, but experts say the trend is leveling off.

Purchases of five major painkillers increased 62 percent in Kentucky between 1997 and 2005, while the nation saw an 88 percent hike, according to an analysis by The Associated Press of statistics from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. The figures

are based on purchases at retail stores.

Purchases of oxycodone — the main ingredient in brand-name OxyContin — quadrupled in Kentucky in that time period. Sales of hydrocodone, which has quietly outpaced other painkillers in recent years, has more than doubled.

Morphine purchases in Kentucky showed an 88 percent increase, far below the national 154 percent jump. However, purchases of codeine, an opiate, dropped 50 percent and meperi-

dine, commonly sold as Demerol, dropped 12 percent.

Kentucky ranks 43rd in the nation in terms of increases in prescription painkiller purchases, according to the AP analysis. The seven states that border Kentucky were ranked as follows: No. 1, Tennessee; No. 7, Missouri; No. 14, West Virginia; No. 30, Ohio; No. 35, Virginia; No. 42, Indiana; No. 50, Illinois.

While Kentucky's low ranking seems to signal improvement, experts cautioned that the state's painkiller epi-

demio is merely leveling off with a large number of patients still abusing pills.

"We've been fighting this in Kentucky for several years," said Robert Walker, researcher at the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research. "We had the OxyContin explosion in early 2000. What we're seeing now is rest of nation catching up to where we were."

Experts blame Appalachia's drug

(See PAINKILLERS, page seven)

### Football Preview

Coming Friday

### Briefs

### Stumbo warns of misleading poster notices

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Greg Stumbo today cautioned Kentucky employers to be on the lookout for misleading labor law notices sold by private companies. Letters sent to Kentucky businesses threaten civil and criminal penalties ranging from \$7,000 to \$17,000 if they do not display certain posters being sold.

Some employers may be misled into believing that these notices are official government warnings. While certain posters are required by law to be posted in the workplace, the Kentucky Department of Labor, as well as other Kentucky agencies and the U.S. Department of Labor, provides these posters free of charge.

"These notices use scare tactics and official-looking seals and language to mislead businesses into thinking the government is contacting them and threatening a fine if they don't purchase these posters," noted Attorney General Stumbo. "Employers need to know that these posters may be obtained free of charge from governmental agencies."

(See NOTICES, page seven)

### NOT QUITE TIGER



photo by Greg Friend

This photo was taken July 27 by golfer Greg Friend at Stonecrest in Prestonsburg. There is an ongoing debate whether the large cat is a bobcat or a mountain lion and neither has been confirmed. Greg and his wife Diana were at the seventh hole when Greg spotted the cat at the edge of the fairway approximately 30 feet away. He says he whistled at the cat and it turned to look at him when he snapped the photos. Bobcats are known for short tails and mountain lions have long tails, though the tail of this curious cat could not be seen. Diana has affectionately named it her "Tiger (in the Woods)."

## Graden named to Center for Rural Development board

by JESSICA HALE  
 STAFF WRITER

SOMERSET — Prestonsburg's economic development director, Brent Graden, has been appointed as a full board member to the Center of Rural Development.

The Center, a national model for economic and community development, is pleased to have Graden on board.

"Brent brings great energy and ideas to the table and he knows how to follow through on them," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of the Center of Rural Development. "We have worked with Brent in the past on different projects and we believe that his skill set will benefit our mission of rural development through innovative



Brent Graden

means." "I am excited," said Graden. "It's a good opportunity to take advantage of the talents in this area." The next full board meeting will be held at the Center in Somerset on Monday, Sept. 17, at 9 a.m. For more information about the Center for Rural Development, visit [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com).

## Opponents fear bill would mean increased mountaintop removal

by ROGER ALFORD  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — As far as Carl Shoupe is concerned, Kentucky has already had too many mountaintops destroyed by coal mining.

That's why the Harlan County man is so opposed to an energy bill that would provide hundreds of millions of dollars in incentives to companies that build high-tech plants in the state to make cleaner-burning alternative fuels from coal.

"The bottom line is if this goes into effect there's going to

be a need for more coal," Shoupe said. "We cannot survive this mountaintop removal and contour mining. They are destroying our mountains. They are destroying our environment. They are destroying our streams. They are destroying our lives."

Shoupe was among a group of mountain residents and environmentalists who came to Frankfort on Tuesday to voice opposition to the energy bill that is steamrolling through the General Assembly. Legislative leaders contend the measure is critical to Kentucky's future

because it would help coal, a mainstay of the state's economy, remain a viable source of fuel for decades to come.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher called a special legislative session, which began Monday, for the sole purpose of passing the energy plan. Lawmakers expect the measure to clear the House on Wednesday and the Senate on Friday.

"It is a very important move that we need to make in Kentucky to be national leaders in this arena because of our

(See BILL, page seven)

## Fletcher headed to Pikeville to speak against casinos

by JESSICA HALE  
 STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher is ready to reveal his findings related to a cross-country tour in search of information and facts concerning casino gambling, and he plans to make his first "No Casinos Tour" stop in Pikeville to warn Kentuckians of the negative consequences associated with casinos.

The "No Casino Tour" will focus on bringing to attention what Fletcher says are "harmful effects" associated with casino gambling.

"I learned a great deal about the financial and social costs of casinos in communities across the country and it is important to show Kentuckians firsthand the harmful effects

(See FLETCHER, page seven)

## Support sought for creation of autism plate

by JESSICA HALE  
 STAFF WRITER

Autism is one of the most common developmental disorders known to the medical community. It affects an estimated 1 in 150 births and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says those numbers are on the rise.

Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the disease, but one teenager from Kentucky who grew up with an autistic brother hopes to change that.

Sixteen-year-old Natalie Pope, a senior Girl Scout from Crestwood, has

made it her goal to raise awareness of a disability which her younger brother Austin suffers from. The idea to petition for an autism specialty license plate for her Girl Scout Gold Award project came as Natalie and her sister noticed a breast cancer awareness plate on a car driving alongside them on the highway. After seeing the plate, Natalie thought to herself, "Why isn't there an autism awareness plate out there?" From that point on it's been a whirlwind of excitement for Natalie as she strives to reach her goal

(See AUTISM, page seven)



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# Obituaries

## Jerry Miller

Jerry Miller, age 49, of Martin, husband of the late Danita Rowe Miller, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2007, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

He was born February 17, 1958, in Floyd County, the son of Goldie Shepherd Miller, of Prestonsburg, and the late Bill Miller. He was a former heavy equipment operator, and a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church, in Blue River.

In addition to his mother, survivors include two daughters: Jennifer Parsons and Stephanie Williams, both of Prestonsburg; a step-son, Daniel Rowe of Hueysville; a brother, Tony Miller of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Judy Miller and Brenda Miller, both of Prestonsburg; and two granddaughters: Megan Williams and Addison Parsons.

In addition to his wife and father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Miller.

Funeral services for Jerry Miller will be conducted Wednesday, August 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Eugene Cook offi-

ciating.

Burial will follow in the Miller Family Cemetery, in Spurlock, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family, in care of Hall Funeral Home.

**Pallbearers:** Derek Blackburn, Daniel Rowe, Keith Hunt, Joshua Branham, Joey Shelton, and David Bates.

Honorary pallbearer, Jerry Anthony Miller. (Paid obituary)



## Joan Marie Turner

Joan Marie Turner, 55, of Martin, died Friday, August 17, 2007, at her residence.

Born in Lexington, she was the daughter of the late John Martin Baker, the late Mary Magdalena Reed Hill, and Maxine Bryant. She was a devout servant of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmie King; two sons: Darrel (Donna) Turner of Dalton, Georgia, and Ronnie Turner of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Mellissa (Jody) Conn and Renee Spears, both of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Jackie Epperson of Paris, and

Patricia Pigg of Lexington; three brothers: Allen (Patty) Spicer and Nathaniel Hill, both of Lexington, and Charles Pearson of Stanton; five grandchildren: Floyd Dwayne Spears, Joan Marie Turner II, Ashley LeighAnn Turner, Frankie Dale Conn and Connor Lee Turner; and three great-grandchildren: Chloe Evelyn Gazaway, Aiden Brock Spears, and Ethan Todd Crace.

A graveside service was held, Tuesday, August 21, at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Main St., Lexington, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

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 world's greatest Mother



We love and miss you,  
 Clark, Tony, Bish, Karin, Karla, and family

## Card of Thanks

The family of Clara Slone would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.



THE FAMILY OF CLARA SLONE

## Card of Thanks

We, the family of the late Cantrel Gibson take a moment to recognize those people who are dear to us in so many ways. We gratefully express to you our heartfelt thanks for the many ways our family, friends, and acquaintances came together to offer love and support during the recent death of our loved one. We would like to thank those who brought food, sent flowers, and for their presence at the funeral. To Red Morris and the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church family for their loving kindness and support. To the church family for the preparation of lunch after the funeral, you all did well. Thanks to the Hall Funeral Home and staff for their usual unsurpassed service. We appreciate the Sheriff patrol that escorted the funeral to the final resting place. We express appreciation for the prayers that went up on our behalf, at a time when our hearts were breaking. May God bless each and everyone in a special way.

THE FAMILY OF CANTREL GIBSON

## A Thank You

From the Anzie Martin Family

We, the family of Anzie Martin wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness that was shown to us by family, friends, and neighbors, during the loss of our loved one.

Thank you for the prayers, comforting words, food and flowers that were sent. A thank-you to the Graceway United Methodist Church for the dinner provided for the family, the day of the funeral. We greatly appreciate all that was done for us. Thank-you to the singers for your beautiful songs. A special thank-you to William Jarrell, Ollie Watts and Roy Harlow for the comforting words and services provided.

To the staff of Prestonsburg Healthcare Nursing Home for the care our mother received while there. All of you were special to Mom, and we thank you.

Thank you to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their services with traffic control.

A sincere heartfelt thank-you to Johnny, Tommy and the entire staff at Hall Funeral Home for the professional and compassionate service that they provided to our family.

Last, but certainly not less, thank you, God, for blessing our family with such a great Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, and Friend. She will be missed, but certainly not forgotten.

May God richly bless you for the kindness you have shown to us during this time of sorrow.

With heartfelt thanks.

Freer, Tyrone, Stanton, Phyllis, Red, Deshie, J.J., and families

# HOMETOWN FAMILY CARE IS EXPANDING!

**Dr. Dustin Devers**  
Family Practice

**Dr. Leslie Allen Devers**  
Pediatrician

Hometown Family Care and Highlands Regional Medical Center are proud to announce the addition of Dr. Dustin Devers and Dr. Leslie Allen Devers to the Hometown Family Care team.

Dr. Dustin Devers received his Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and his Doctor of Osteopathic degree from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as a family practice resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV, where he received the "Outstanding Resident-Physician Award". Dr. Devers is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and has participated in several medical conferences, including the Marshall University Sports Medicine Conference. Dr. Dustin Devers will be practicing at Hometown Family Care, the practice of Dr. Chris Bailey and Jeff Potter, located at 374 University Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Dr. Leslie Allen Devers is a native of Salyersville, KY. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and her Doctor of Osteopathic from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Leslie Allen Devers was a Categorical Pediatrics Resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV, and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Osteopathic Association and served on Kentucky's Committee for Maternal and Neonatal Health. Dr. Devers has volunteered throughout her home state of Kentucky at the Ronald McDonald House and Highlands Regional Medical Center nursery. She will be practicing with Dr. Kate Shutts at Kids Care Pediatrics, 5000 Ky Rt. 321, Suite 2162, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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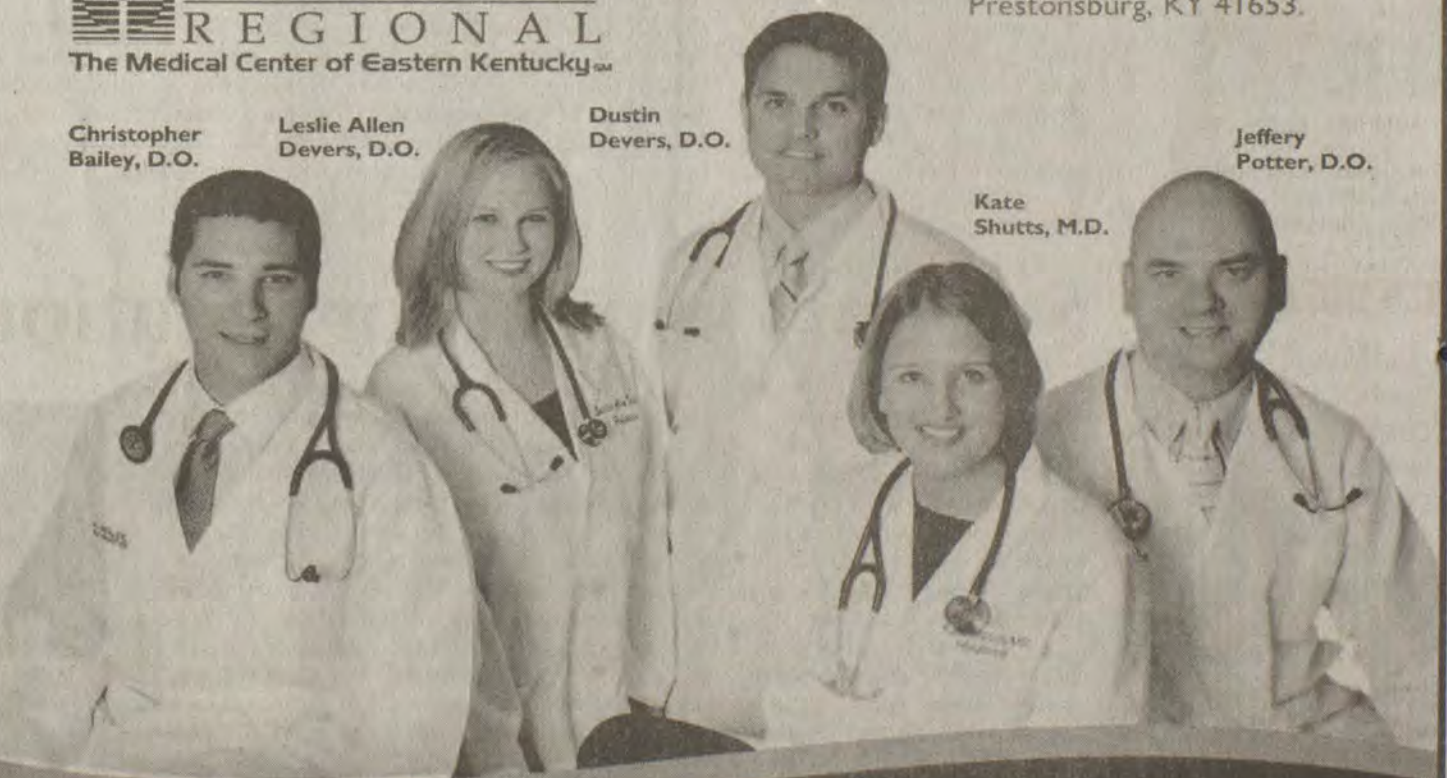
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## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

**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@floydcountytimes.com](mailto:features@floydcountytimes.com). Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

### Public Meeting Announcement

Public meeting to review and edit action plan to improve water quality in the Left Fork of Middle Creek Watershed.  
When: August 23, (Thursday), at 6:00 p.m.  
Where: David School cafeteria.  
Call (606) 789-7706 for directions and more information. You can also call this number if you need special arrangements for a handicap need (sign language, etc.). Call ahead to make arrangements.

### Alice Lloyd College gears up for Appalachia Day Homecoming

On October 13th, Alice Lloyd College will host their annual Appalachia Day Homecoming event on the campus in Pippa Passes. It's a day filled with Appalachian arts & crafts, mountain music, special alumni activities, children's games and crafts, drama and storytelling, an Appalachian Authors book signing, and the traditional soup bean supper. For more information on how you can display your craft or handmade items, call 606-368-6055. We look forward to seeing you!

### Compton Family Reunion

To be held Sunday, Sept. 9, at Archer Park, George P. Archer Shelter. A picnic style lunch will be held so please bring food appropriate for a picnic. Also, please bring an item to be auctioned. All family members and friends are cordially invited to attend. For more info., call 889-9507 or 886-6041.

### Floyd Chapter Kentuckians for Commonwealth

The newly-revitalized Floyd County Chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) will meet at St. Martha's Catholic Church, on Water Gap Road, on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. Join others in discussing concerns and possible solutions to area mining and other environmental issues as we work together for the benefit of all.

### Kentucky Book Fair 2007 grants

Now accepting applications for 2007 grants from

qualified libraries to expand collections or to replace old books. To apply, go to [www.kybookfair.com](http://www.kybookfair.com), or email to: [kybookfair@ky.gov](mailto:kybookfair@ky.gov). Application deadline is Sept. 1. Winners will be announced at the 2007 Kentucky Library Association Conference to be held Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Galt House, in Louisville.

### Childers Family Reunion

To be held Saturday, August 25, at Concord Independent Church Fellowship Hall (located 2 miles south of Paintsville on Route 321 - turn at H&H Paint and follow signs). Registration to begin at 11 a.m., lunch to be served at 12 p.m. Playground, basketball, badminton available for children. Each family please bring a covered dish, dessert, and cold drinks. Ham, chicken, plates, napkins and flatware to be provided. For those who have lost a loved one this past year, bring photo for our "Memory Wall." Also, adventurous family members needed to come dressed in period (historical) costume. Prizes to be awarded. All Childers lines, Preston cousins, and friends welcome. More info.: Charles and Bobbi Childers, (606) 571-2687; or email Donna Cox at [coxd@zoom-net.net](mailto:coxd@zoom-net.net).

### Wells Family Reunion

Descendants of Revolutionary War soldier Richard Wells will meet on Sunday, September 2, at Johnson Central High School. School doors will open at 10 a.m. and will remain open until the last person leaves. Please bring enough food for your family plus extra for those unable to bring food. Paper products will be furnished. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. (snack food will be available prior to main meal).

Descendants of Richard and Susannah (Hutchison) Wells number in the thousands and several hundred from across the country attend this annual reunion.

For more info., call Mary Walton at (859) 971-7748, Bobby Wells at (606) 886-2101, Kim Howard at (606) 789-3922, or Marlene Jarvis at (606) 789-8813.

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September 10  
Wednesday—9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fee \$30 for 8 Weeks  
Quilting Class  
Thursday—5 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Fee \$30.00 for 8 weeks  
Healthy Cooking Class  
Mondays, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Fee \$8.00 for 4 weeks  
Crazy Quilt Class  
Thursday, October 11th  
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Fee \$5.00  
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### Wheelwright 70's Classes Reunion

For everyone that graduated from 1970-1979. To be held Sept. 1, at old Wheelwright High School. Basketball game, 5 p.m. (for all former players or anyone else that wants to participate) at the WHS gymnasium. Dance to begin at 8 p.m., in the old WHS cafeteria (dance to 70's music!).

Signup at the following website: [www.wheelwrightreunion.com](http://www.wheelwrightreunion.com).  
\* No charge to attend, but please bring drinks, chips, etc.!

### Stop Smoking class is set for September 4

Set yourself FREE! The Cooper Clayton Method To Stop Smoking is coming to your area! The class will meet once a week for 12 weeks at Big Sandy Area Development Office, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg. Classes start Tuesday, September 4, at 3:00 p.m. This program is offered FREE OF CHARGE by Big Sandy Area Development District and the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds. Call 606-432-1072, ext. 1, 13 or 14 to enroll. Hurry! Class will fill quickly.

### Floyd Co. Retired Teachers to hold meeting, Sept. 6

The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having a meeting at the Floyd County

Library on September 6, at 10 a.m. For more information, call 886-8978 or 874-9065.

### Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM

Dates to remember  
Thursday, October 18—Family Night Dinner, beginning at 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 17—Friend to Friend Dinner, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar August 2007

**Kiwanis**  
August 23  
Meeting Place B  
Highlands Medical Office Building  
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**Diabetes Support Group**  
August 30  
Meeting Place A & B  
Highlands Medical Office Building  
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<b>Cinema Two • PG-13</b> HELD OVER  <b>RUSH HOUR 3</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25	<b>Cinema Seven • R</b> HELD OVER  <b>SUPER BAD</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30
<b>Cinema Three • R</b> STARTS FRI 8/24  <b>SEPTEMBER DAWN</b> Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:55-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:20), 6:55-9:20	<b>Cinema Eight • R</b> STARTS FRI 8/24  <b>WAR</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25
<b>Cinema Four • R</b> HELD OVER  <b>THE INVASION</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30	<b>Cinema Nine • PG-13</b> STARTS FRI 8/24  <b>RESURRECTING THE CHAMP</b> Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:55-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:20), 6:55-9:20
<b>Cinema Five</b> HELD OVER  <b>I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK &amp; LARRY</b> PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50), 6:50-9:20	<b>Cinema Ten</b> HELD OVER  <b>THE SIMPSONS MOVIE</b> PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:20

## Card of Thanks

The family of Gloria Kay Harlow wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and spoke words of comfort to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Roy Harlow, Jack Howard, and Bobby Isaac for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service. All your thoughtfulness and compassion will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF GLORIA KAY HARLOW

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\*Students in grades 9-12 may enroll in courses in the career areas. Students must be 15 years old to enroll in Area Technology Center Courses

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Guest View

### Wake-up call

After nearly six years of hearing the Bush administration make assertions about the war on terrorism that turn out to be - to put it kindly - overblown, Congress and the public it represents should be wary about surrendering personal liberties for dubious claims of greater security.

Recent days have brought two reminders that America still has a tough time being hard on terrorism without being soft on liberty. The first was Congress' abdication of its responsibilities in approving changes in the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The second was the conviction last week of Jose Padilla, the one-time alleged "dirty bombe" on charges unrelated to those that got his constitutional rights suspended.

The House and Senate, in a hurry to begin their August recess, approved the FISA changes Aug. 4; instead of reining in the administration's abuses of the FISA law - including warrantless eavesdropping on electronic communications - Congress actually may have made the problem worse.

Under the new language, the government need not get a court warrant to eavesdrop on communications between the United States and abroad if there is a "reasonable belief" that the target of the investigation is outside the United States. Previously the law required that the target be someone known to be on foreign soil and suspected of direct terrorist involvement.

Congress got rolled. The language of this provision and others is so vague that some experts now warn that spy agencies may be able to seize business records and conduct physical searches on American soil without first obtaining warrants from a FISA judge.

After the Senate approved the new language, Sen. Christopher S. "Kit" Bond, R-Mo., one of the bill's most ardent supporters, said "I can sleep a little safer tonight." We're grateful for that, but more grateful that Congress at least had the sense to put a six-month limit on the new rules.

As for Jose Padilla's conviction, seldom has the phrase "mixed emotions" seemed so apt. Clearly he was an angry, disaffected would-be jihadist who, given the right resources, might have proved a danger to his fellow Americans. He apparently applied to train to become a terrorist and talked about it with others, which proved to be his undoing, but there was never any evidence that he posed a real threat.

The jury decided that being a terrorist wannabe is enough. Padilla faces 15 years to life in prison on his conviction in federal court in Miami for conspiring in the 1990s (long before the Sept. 11 attacks) to provide support for Islamist fundamentalists - in Bosnia and Chechnya.

He was not charged with any of the things with the government claimed he was involved when he was arrested in May 2002 in Chicago as an "enemy combatant," including the sensational and apparently specious allegation that a former Taco Bell cook could explode a "dirty bomb" attack on U.S. soil.

Padilla, a United States citizen, was held in a military prison for two years without charges and without access to a lawyer. He was subjected to the series of coercive interrogation techniques sometimes known as "torture lite," including total sensory deprivation. In 2004, fearing that the U.S. Supreme Court might insist that U.S. citizens had rights, the Bush administration kicked him over to the federal criminal court system, where the Constitution still applies.

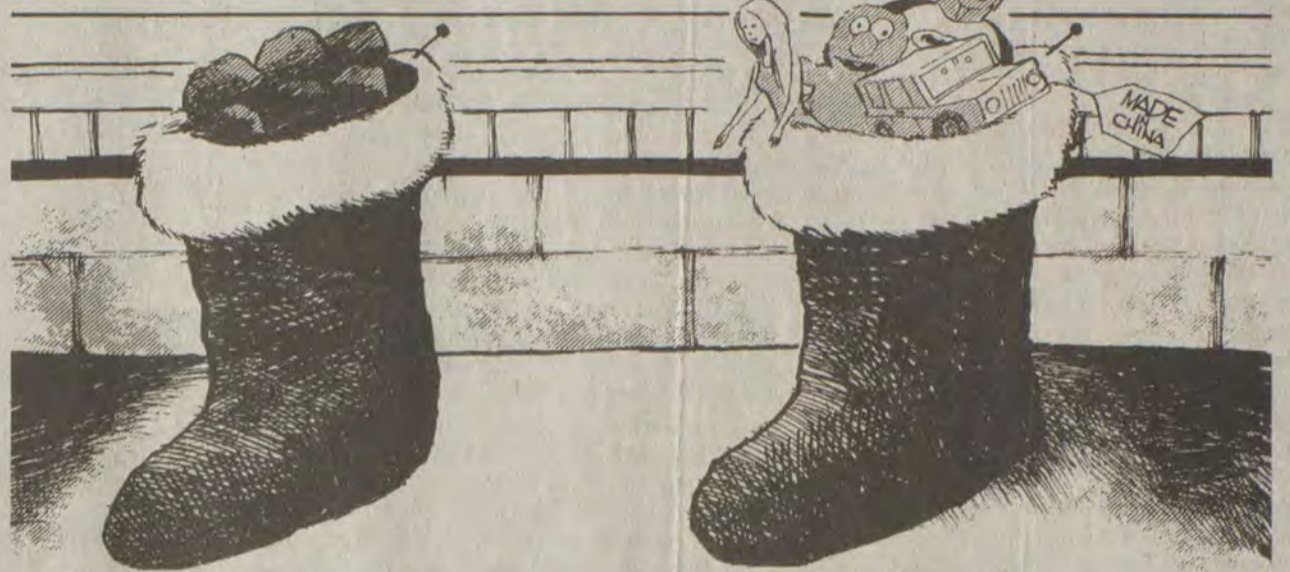
If Congress can wake up, it should insist that the Padilla case proves that special military courts aren't needed to try terrorism cases, nor are special military prisons needed to hold suspects. Since 1787, the U.S. judicial system, operating under the Constitution and the rule of law, has managed the fine balance between liberty and security. To bypass the Constitution is to risk both.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## This Christmas...

FOR THE BAD KID:

FOR THE REALLY BAD KID:



## Guest Column

### Those hilarious Republicans

by BILLY REED  
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I had just about stopped chuckling over the ah, "fair and impartial" decision by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission to end its investigation of Governor Ernie Fletcher when dog-goned if those wild and crazy Fletcherites didn't come up with something new that has me howling, falling down, and clutching my sides all over again.

They just have to stop this stuff or I could be the first pundit ever to die from laughter. I mean, folks, we have serious issues to discuss here in the commonwealth. But it's hard to focus on heavy stuff such as health-care reform and education when the Fletcherites keep on diverting us with the funny stuff.

Did you see that the Republican Party of Kentucky has printed 200,000 political brochures that featured a fake photograph of Steve Beshear, Fletcher's Democratic challenger? They've superimposed Beshear's head on a body standing beside a casino gambling table with a drink in his hand.

Right away this is pretty funny to anybody who knows anything about Beshear. The brochure, which promotes the entire Republican statewide slate of candidates, refers to Beshear as "Easy Money Steve," but the fact is, "Sunday School Steve" would be more appropriate. Beshear is such a straight arrow that he makes your local Boy Scout leader look like a delinquent.

Yet here he is in the faux photo, looking every bit the role of, well, Bill Bennett, the Republican icon who was forced to admit blowing \$8 million or so in Las Vegas. I mean, it's a hoot. Putting Beshear's head on the body of a Vegas lounge lizard is like putting Mitch McConnell's head on a photo of Elvis.

You get the idea. It's funny, but it

just doesn't work.

Beshear's "sin," for lack of a better word, is that he favors a statewide referendum on a constitutional amendment to allow casino gambling at the commonwealth's race tracks and certain other cities that want it. In other words, he wants to let the voters decide, and isn't that a novel concept?

Sure, Beshear hopes the public is as tired as he is of watching thousands of brethren cross Kentucky's borders every day to leave their money at the casinos in our neighboring states. But he's not trying to shove his views down the public's throat. It's Fletcher who's doing that. Ernie doesn't want the public to have a say because, well, he and his pals on the religious right know what's good for the voters more than they do.

Beshear spokesperson Vicki Glass correctly characterized the brochure as "a desperate attempt by a desperate candidate." Even the Republican-funded polls show Fletcher trailing Beshear by double digits, mainly because the vast majority of Kentuckians - responsible Republicans and independents, as well as Democrats - understand that the absolute No. 1 campaign issue isn't casino gambling, but the dishonesty, corruption, and incompetence that has characterized Fletcher's first term.

But the Fletcherites don't want to talk about that. So they attack "Sunday School Steve" with a campaign rooted in the elements that hold their base together - fear, ignorance, and prejudice. So they're spreading the misinformation that casinos will automatically bring more crime, broken homes, and social ills to Kentucky - and they're doing it in such a heavy-headed, sophomoric, clumsy way that they're providing political columnists and cartoonists with a treasure trove of material.

Consider, for example, the Executive Branch Ethics Commission's decision to drop its investigation into Ernie's role in the merit-system-hiring scandal.

The news was delivered to Fletcher in a June 27 letter from Jill LeMaster,

the Ethics Commission's executive director. However, Fletcher's campaign waited until now to release it because they hoped it would have more impact closer to the election.

The five-person commission includes four Republicans appointed by Fletcher - Chairman John Webb, Tom Handy, E. Patrick Moores, and J. Quentin Wesley. The fifth member, Cynthia Stone, whose term expired last month, was the only Democrat and only holdover appointed by former Governor Paul Patton.

When the Fletcher campaign released the letter to the media, Webb contended that the vote on Fletcher - which was held in secret, by the way - was fair and impartial. However, Stone told The Courier-Journal a day later that the vote to end the Fletcher probe was "absolutely" rooted in partisan politics. "From my perspective, that's what it appeared to be," Stone said.

Of course, that's what it was. But wait a minute. Let's think about this. Maybe the Governor has stumbled onto a way to solve the overcrowding problem in our prisons and jails. We can all agree that when somebody is charged with a crime or other violation, he or she deserves to be judged by a jury of his or her peers.

But now we can add a new twist. Call it the "Ernie Amendment." Each charged person gets to pick his own jury. The police officer accused of shooting a man to death in a "road-rage" case, for example, gets to be tried by his buddies on the force.

We would have no convictions, and, with no convictions, our prisons and jails would have more room! Is this brilliant or what?

Fletcher knows he can't win a fair game, so, of course, he rigged the Executive Branch Ethics Commission in his favor. Why would anybody expect anything different from a Governor who has tried to stack the deck with every board and commission in the state. If anybody deserves to have his head superimposed on a Vegas sharpie's body, it's "I-Need-the-Edge Ernie."

And that's no joke.

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# Governor makes more money available for cooling assistance

FRANKFORT — Governor Ernie Fletcher has instructed the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to make \$2.5 million in funds available immediately to provide cooling assistance to low income families and the elderly through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"I am happy to announce this cooling assistance funding for some of the state's most vulnerable people and families," Governor Fletcher said. "With the heat wave Kentucky has experienced in recent weeks, this is about far more than making people comfortable. It's about taking steps to ward off serious health risks, especially among children and the elderly, and helping prevent the worsening of chronic illnesses."

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**ACHS Class of '87**

**URGENT!!** Allen Central Class of 1987. 20 year class reunion scheduled for September 8, 2007, at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Must have money and confirmation by September 1, 2007. Please send check or money order to Jenny at 204 Cracker Bottom, Martin, Ky. 41649. For more information: Jenny at rebels\_1987@hotmail.com or Lisa (Pratt) Parsons 606-226-4152 or Dee Dee (Moore) Dillon, 606-237-4757.

**Parsons Family Reunion**

Descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will host a reunion on Sunday, September 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979, in Floyd County. Potluck meal will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring a favorite covered dish to share. All family and friends welcome. For more info., call Mrs. E.J. Parsons at (865) 426-7585 or Ray Parsons at (313) 928-6834.

**SFHS Class of '97**

The South Floyd High School Class of 1997 will host a 10-year reunion on Saturday, September 15, at the Heritage House Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn), in Prestonsburg. Registration: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Dancing: 'Til Midnight Cost: \$25/person; after July 7, \$30/per person. Make checks payable to: SFHS Class of 1997, 619 Regent Rd., Versailles, KY 40383. Several classmates have not yet been located. If you have not received your invitation, please notify Jessica Frazier Little at the above address or email to: jessicafrazier\_2001@yahoo.com OR long.lora@adelphia.net.

**Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion**

The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 p.m. \$25/single, \$40/couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

**PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion**

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently planning their 20th reunion. Please e-mail your contact information to phsclass87@bellsouth.net.

**Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library**

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

**ACHS Class of '96**

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

**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.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

**UNITE**

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

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

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

**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.

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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 Learning Center.  
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.  
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.  
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)  
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:  
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.  
Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

**Looking for a Support Group?**

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.  
•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Stone at 886-6025 for more information.  
•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red

light. Call 889-9620 for more info.  
•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.  
•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.  
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•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.

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## Painkillers

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Rogers, R-Ky., said in a statement to the AP. "Unfortunately, giant pharmaceutical companies like Purdue Pharma exploited that, aggressively marketing OxyContin to unsuspecting doctors."

Purdue Pharma L.P., the maker of OxyContin, and three of its current and former

executives recently pleaded guilty to misleading the public about the drug's risk of addiction.

OxyContin has been blamed for hundreds of deaths across the country in recent years, becoming known as "hillbilly heroin" in Appalachian states like Kentucky, Virginia and West

Virginia. But OxyContin's highest rates of sale now occur in places like suburban St. Louis; Columbus, Ohio; and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

As most of the nation continues to experience a surge in painkiller purchases, Kentucky's purchases appear to have plateaued since 2003. Part of the trend is due to a

crackdown on OxyContin prescriptions and sales, which have dropped dramatically in most parts of the state from 2003 to 2005.

Meanwhile, purchases of hydrocodone — an analgesic which doesn't have as many restrictions as more potent drugs, like oxycodone — have increased annually.

KASPER, Kentucky's tracking system for controlled substance prescriptions dispensed within the state.

However, as authorities try to combat the problem within state lines, more people are crossing borders to fill prescriptions.

Hundreds of patients take part in "doctor shopping" for pills, said Van Ingram of the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy.

"There's not very many places in Kentucky that you can live and not be within proximity of a border with another state," he said. "There is a lot of crossing over of our patients into surrounding states."

## Autism

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of raising awareness of a disability that affects so many.

According to the Autism Society of America, autism is one of five disorders that falls into the category of pervasive developmental disorders, a category of neurological disorders characterized by "severe and pervasive impairment in several areas of development." Autism is a disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and is the result of a disorder that affects the normal functioning of the brain, impacting development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Those who suffer from autism typically show difficulties in verbal and nonverbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities.

"It was just my norm," says Natalie as she describes growing up with Austin, her 15-year-old brother who suffers from a severe case of autism. As a child who didn't have any other siblings besides Austin until later in her childhood,

Natalie says it wasn't hard for her to live with the fact that her brother was different from other kids.

Since the Girl Scout council approved Natalie's project to petition for the specialty plate, her goal to raise autism awareness has become closer every day. Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT), a nonprofit organization which is dedicated to ensuring that all who suffer from autism have the opportunity to reach their full potential through effective early intervention, has teamed up with Natalie in order for her to be able to reach her goal. FEAT assisted with the design and continues to help promote the plate, which features a puzzle pattern that serves as the national symbol for autism.

"This is visual awareness. This is out there ... this is real," she says as she describes what her hopes are for the plate. "I think more people should know about it."

Natalie began petitioning

for the plate in late February and since then has accumulated 500 applications, only 400 away from reaching her goal. The Kentucky Transportation Department requires a minimum of 900 applications for a specialty plate before it will be produced.

To order an autism awareness plate, complete the application at [www.kyautismawareness.com](http://www.kyautismawareness.com) and mail it along with a \$28 undated check made payable

to Kentucky State Treasurer to Kentucky Autism Awareness Plate, P.O. Box 2, Crestwood, KY, 40014. Once the 900 applications have been submitted, it will take approximately two months to prepare the plate and applicants will receive notification by mail.

For more information about autism awareness and research, visit [kyautismawareness.com](http://kyautismawareness.com) or [featoflouisville.org](http://featoflouisville.org).

Authorities mainly credit Operation UNITE, a regional drug task force overseeing most of southeastern Kentucky since 2004, for hindering purchases of prescription painkillers.

Rogers, who established the federally funded program to fight eastern Kentucky's drug problem, noted UNITE has confiscated over 50,000 prescription pain pills and arrested more than 1,800 people.

"We're seeing decreases in whole eastern Kentucky area, though they still have the highest amounts in the state," said Dave Sailings, an analyst with

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## Bill

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dependence on coal," said House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, one of the chief architects of the bill. "There's no state that could be affected more than Kentucky. That's why it's so important that we push forward and be the leaders in expanded research and development."

The measure would provide tax breaks for St. Louis-based Peabody Energy, which is considering building a \$3 billion coal gasification plant to Kentucky. Early estimates put the value of the proposed

Peabody incentives at \$300 million.

The measure would provide financial incentives for all qualifying companies that build alternative fuel facilities.

Under the legislation, actual incentives would be decided by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, not the General Assembly.

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## Fletcher

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casinos would have on our great Commonwealth," Fletcher said.

"This tour will highlight Steve Beshear's fool's gold casino plan that does not represent Kentucky's values and will bring with it an increase in crime, higher unemployment, and a heavy social burden on our communities," continued Fletcher. "My vision for

Kentucky is far different from Steve Beshear's because I will bring in more good jobs, continue to increase education funding, and provide more Kentuckians with health care, all without casino gambling."

The "No Casinos Tour" will make it's first stop at the Pikeville Community College Technology Center today at 3:45 p.m.

## Notices

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The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received complaints from Kentucky businesses that have received threatening "Second" and "Final Notices." These companies are private entities that sell labor law posters which they claim are required under Kentucky and federal law. The Kentucky

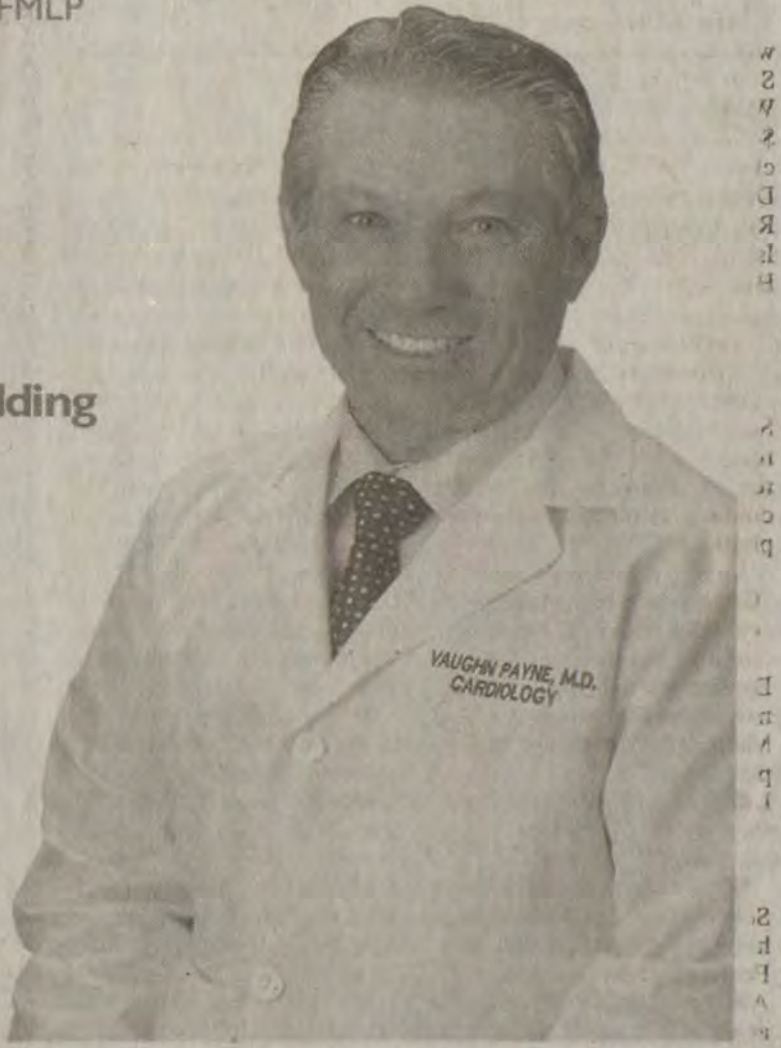
Department of Labor does not mail notices advising businesses of these legal requirements.

Businesses are advised to contact the Kentucky Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor to learn what workplace posters are required.



# Dr. Vaughn Payne Cardiologist

Highlands Regional Medical Center is proud to welcome Dr. Vaughn Payne, Cardiologist, to our community. Dr. Payne earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri - Kansas City and his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky. Since 1992, he has also taught as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and before that taught as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Dr. Payne was recognized by the American Medical Association by receiving the Physicians Recognition Award and in 1991 received the American College of Cardiology/Syntex Education Award. An additional award came from the American Heart Association (Kentucky Affiliate), "Determination of Mechanisms of Receptor Specified Desensitization in G-Protein Coupled FMLP Receptors", 1989 - 1990. Dr. Payne is joining Cumberland Cardiology and is accepting new patients.



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# Energy bill includes more money for energy-related research

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — An energy bill offering tax breaks for a proposed coal gasification plant also includes more money for energy and geological research that could be crucial in sustaining Kentucky's existing energy sources and finding new ones.

Lawmakers will consider the bill in a special General Assembly session beginning Monday.

The measure includes about \$7 million in new funds for the Kentucky Geological Survey and the Center for Applied Energy Research, both at the University of Kentucky.

Representatives of the two organizations told lawmakers on Friday that funding energy and geological research can help the state stay in the coal business despite a widely anticipated federal crackdown on the emissions blamed for global warming.

"We're in a world of vastly changing resource and energy issues," said David Harris, who heads the energy and minerals section of the geological survey. "The competition will be intense. We have to decide whether we even want to be in the game."

Legislators appear to be listening. Many of those who attended the Special Subcommittee on Energy

meeting offered praise to the two organizations.

"One of the most amazing things going on in the commonwealth is the research that's going on in the energy arena," said House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. "These two groups are known globally."

Much of the discussion focused on what experts call "carbon capture and storage," which would involve collecting the carbon dioxide associated with burning coal and then injecting it deep underground. Ideally, the experts and lawmakers said, the carbon dioxide could be used to coax up to 15 percent

more Kentucky oil from the ground.

Harris said the Kentucky Geological Survey needs to hire several more people to help identify the best places to put the carbon dioxide.

"This will allow Kentucky to remain competitive in this new energy arena," he said.

Don Challman, associate director of the energy research center, said his organization wants to expand research in finding cheaper, less energy-intensive ways to capture carbon from power plants. He said the center wants to expand research on fuels made from agricultural crops, sawdust or other renewable sources.

Tom FitzGerald, director of the Kentucky Resources Council, said bills in Congress call for a reduction in greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide of 40 percent to 80 percent by 2050.

"The implications for Kentucky are as significant or more significant than any other state in the union," FitzGerald said, noting that Kentucky relies on coal for more than 90 percent of its electricity.

He called for substantial investment in research and development of coal technologies that manage their carbon dioxide emissions, as well as a major push for renewable energy and energy efficiency.

# Lawmakers begin debate on energy bill

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lawmakers returned to the state Capitol on Monday for what they hope will be a quick special session as they begin debate on an energy bill that is intended to lure a \$3 billion

coal gasification plant to Kentucky.

The measure appears to be on the fast track to passage with legislative leaders predicting that it will clear the General Assembly by week's end.

"It will pass very comfortably," said House Speaker

Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green. "In my judgment, there won't be many votes against it."

The measure had been caught up in an election-year political squabble that nearly doomed it until House and Senate leaders hammered out a tentative agreement after

weeks of closed-door negotiations.

The dollar value of a proposed incentives package intended to land the Peabody Energy coal gasification plant would be substantial, but lawmakers say they are not certain of the actual amount.

Legislative leaders have agreed to provide financial incentives for all qualifying companies that build alternative fuel facilities. Early estimates put the value of the proposed Peabody incentives at \$300 million.

Under the legislation, actual incentives would be decided by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority, not the General Assembly.

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ance taxes for alternative fuel plants.

The environmental group Kentuckians for the Commonwealth is lobbying against the bill and has even purchased newspaper ads criticizing the proposal. Teri Blanton, a member of the group, said she fears it could lead to the leveling of even more mountaintops by coal companies taking advantage of the incentives.

# Beshear, Fletcher begin airing TV ads

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gesturing toward the state Capitol, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear echoes what has become a familiar refrain about cleaning up state government in his first television ad of the fall campaign.

change of leadership in the state.

Fletcher plans to air a series of ads that talks about a tour he made of casino communities across the country.

"What I saw was not very pretty," Fletcher said in a statement about the tour. "I learned a great deal about the financial and social costs of casinos and it is important to show Kentuckians firsthand what harmful effects casinos would have on Kentucky."

dates didn't have to replenish their exhausted campaign accounts after the primary election, they likely would have begun airing political ads earlier for the general election.

"I think most of us wish we could return to the good old days when Labor Day was the advertising kickoff," Sabato said. "Those days are gone forever."

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In an order Friday, Fletcher limited the agenda to only the energy bill, calling on lawmakers to make any necessary financial appropriations to get the measures implemented. He said the measure would decrease the state and nation's dependence on foreign oil and create more markets for Kentucky coal.

"Unfortunately, some politicians care more about what's good for themselves," Beshear laments in the ad. "I'm running to change that, to finally clean this place up."

The words are reminiscent of those used four years ago by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who won handily by making that his chief campaign promise only to have his administration marred by a special grand jury probe into political patronage.

The Beshear ad, which began airing on Monday in Louisville and other Kentucky cities, marks the kickoff of the most expensive part of the fall campaign, the one where candidates reach out to voters in their living rooms. Fletcher is expected to begin airing his first television ad on Tuesday. In it, he vilifies casino gambling.

The frequency of the ads will quicken as the Nov. 6 election draws nearer.

"People are desperate for leaders, real leaders who can bring us together to make Kentucky better," Beshear says in his ad, as he calls for a



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## Bill

problems related to excessive heat. To qualify for an air conditioner, the household must meet all the requirements above, not currently have an air conditioner or access to an air conditioner, and include a resident 65 or older, a resident younger than 6, or at least one resident with a health condition or disability that could worsen under excessively hot conditions.

Applications for cooling assistance are being accepted at all Kentucky Community Action Agency offices. Those applying for assistance should provide the following:

- Copies of recent utility bills.
- A recent payroll stub or other proof of current gross income.
- Documentation of any income from Social Security, unemployment insurance, pension funds, disability, etc.
- Final utility termination notice, if a shut-off notice has been received.
- Proof of current address, such as rent receipts, lease or deed or property tax bill.
- Proof of total members living in the household, such as birth certificates and school records.
- Social Security cards or numbers for all persons living in the household.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.

LIHEAP is a federal program that helps fund state-operated home energy assis-

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tance programs for low-income households. LIHEAP also funds low-cost residential weatherization and other energy-related home repairs and energy crisis intervention programs, including providing air conditioning and fans to the elderly and disabled. Each year, LIHEAP helps about 150,000 low-income Kentucky families with the costs of heating and/or cooling their homes.

For more information or to apply, contact the Big Sandy Community Action Program office in your county at:

- Floyd County: (606) 886-2929, 313 Westminster St., Prestonsburg.
- Pike County: (606) 432-2775, 478 Town Mtn. Road, Pikeville.
- Johnson County: (606) 789-6515, 3rd Floor, Johnson County Courthouse, Paintsville.
- Martin County: (606) 298-3217, Roy F. Collier Community Center, Inez.
- Magoffin County: (606) 349-2217, 131 South Church St., Salyersville

The LIHEAP State Plan is being amended to provide these funds and is available for review upon request. To receive a copy of the plan, contact Karla Thompson at the Department of Community Based Services within CHFS at (502) 564-7514 or by writing DCBS Division of Family Support, 275 E. Main Street, 3E-1, Frankfort, KY 40621.

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Elderly Care Facility	Car Salesperson	School Teacher
Elementary School	Employed at	Teachers at
Entertainment	Chiropractor	Secretary
High School	City Employee	Employed at
Hospital/Medical Facility	Club President	Store Cashier
Local Band	Coach	Employed at
Middle School	Employed at	Sunday School Teacher
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	Employed at	Surgeon
	Dentist	Employed at
	Electrician	Sunday School Teacher
	Employed at	Teachers at
	EMT/Paramedic	Waitress/Waiter
	Firefighter	Employed at
	Funeral Home Attendant	Veterinarian
	Employed at	Employed at
	Furniture Sales Person	
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	General Physician	
	Hair stylist	
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	Heating/Air Service Room	
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### BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS

# Highlands Regional introduces new website

**PRESTONSBURG** — Highlands Regional Medical Center has introduced a new and improved website containing useful information about the hospital and its services to assist in providing top notch care to the community.

The new HRMC website is both easy to read and navigate. While providing the public with the basics of the hospital through physician contact information, the website also details a wide array of services available, including the Heartburn Treatment Center and Behavioral Health Services. Information on HRMC's free Community Education classes on diabetes, heart disease and cancer are available.



Visitors to the website are also given the pleasure of the accessibility to view photos and general information on newborns through the "Growing Family Network". The website also provides downloadable applications for available jobs and up-to-date news releases on the latest events at the hospital.

A community calendar details upcoming events and special activities organized through HRMC. Anyone with internet access may visit the new web site at [www.hrmc.org](http://www.hrmc.org). Highlands Regional Medical Center is a 184-bed (154 acute care, 18 skilled nursing, and 12 geriatric psychiatric) not-for profit, community owned and operated healthcare facility

that is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. As a full-service facility with an active medical staff of more than 100 physicians, Highlands Regional Medical Center features 24-hour emergency care, same-day surgery and outpa-

tient care, advanced pulmonary care, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, broad-based diagnostic services including on-site CT and MRI, cardiac services, pediatric care, senior wellness programs and an on-site clinical laboratory.

# Federal tax credit program for employers extended, expanded

Floyd employers eligible for wide-ranging incentive

**FRANKFORT** — A federal program that provides a substantial tax credit to employers who hire members of qualified groups has been extended and expanded, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, which administers the program in Kentucky. The office is an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet.

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) was recently extended by the federal government through Aug. 31, 2011. In addition, changes in the program will significantly increase the number of Kentucky jobseekers eligible for WOTC.

WOTC provides employers with up to a \$9,000 tax credit per eligible hire for individuals who meet certain criteria. Among those eligible for the WOTC program are certain welfare, food stamp, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients; veterans; 18-to-39-year-old residents who live in areas designated as federal empowerment zones, enterprise communities, rural renewal communities, and renewal communities; people with disabilities; and ex-felons.

"The most notable change in the Work Opportunity Tax Credit is that all residents of federal empowerment zones, enterprise communities, and renewal communities who are 18-to-39 years old are now eligible for the program. In the past, the age of eligibility in this group was 18 to 24," said OET Executive Director Andrew J. Frauenhoffer.

"In addition, eligibility for this targeted group was extended to residents of federal rural renewal communities. As a result, all 18-to-39 year olds who live in Bell, Caldwell, Floyd, Harlan, Hickman, Leslie, Letcher, Pike and Union counties are now eligible for WOTC," he said.

To qualify for the tax credit, the employer must submit a form to OET requesting certification within 28 days of the eligible worker's first day of employment and receive from OET a form certifying that the individual was eligible when hired. Employers may not claim the tax credit for hiring former employees or relatives.

The actual amount of the tax credit is based on such requirements as wages paid and length of time the worker

is employed. For more information about the WOTC, including downloadable forms, go to the OET Web site at [www.oet.ky.gov](http://www.oet.ky.gov) or call (502) 564-7456. OET is an agency of the Department for Workforce Investment in the Education Cabinet. The primary services of the office are to help individuals prepare for, secure, and

maintain employment; assist employers in locating and selecting the best qualified workers for their job openings; and provide income maintenance to ease the financial burden on individuals who are out of work through no fault of their own. The Kentucky Education Cabinet coordinates learning programs from P-16, and man-

ages and supports training and employment functions in the Department for Workforce Investment. For more information about our programs, visit [www.educationcabinet.ky.gov](http://www.educationcabinet.ky.gov) or [www.workforce.ky.gov](http://www.workforce.ky.gov), or call 502-564-6606.

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#### has an opening for a full time MDS Coordinator, A full time RN, and a full and part time CNA. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. If interested please stop by or send resume to 147 North Highland Avenue, Prestonsburg KY 41653 (beside Prestonsburg Elementary) or call 886-2378

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**FOR SALE** Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Painstville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

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**RENTALS**

**Extra Nice home for Lease** 3,000 sq ft. walk-in basement ideal for small business/residential JCT 80 and 680 eastern, KY. Floyd Co. Call 606-377-6607

**Building for Rent** 50X90, 18' Ceilings, 12X12 Garage Door, \$450.00 per month Martin, Ky. 285-3368

**Commercial building for rent**, 900 square feet near Dewey Lake. Call 226-0159

**2 BR Apartment 4** rent. Newly remodeled near Dewey Lake Call 226-0159

**2 BR 1 Bath townhouse** for rent. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hookup. City limits Rt. 23 + 80 \$500 per month, plus utilities and \$300 deposit 1 year lease! No pets 606-237-4758

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**2 BR 1 1/2 bath** central heat and air. 1 mile North of Prestonsburg. No pets! Call 886-9747 or 886-9007.

**3 BR 2 bath apt.** for rent located in Martin. \$300 deposit plus \$500 per mo plus utilities. 285-1000

**Renovated Apartments** like new, furnished, downtown Martin. 1 BR and efficiency apartments. Call 285-3233 between 10a-6p M-S.

**Spacious 1 BR apt, newly decorated** in town, paved off street parking private. \$375 per month plus deposit. Water, garbage, and cable furnished. Walking distance from downtown Prestonsburg. References required call 886-2444 between 9a-5p

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**Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

**HOUSE FOR RENT** EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD 1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vacuum. Gated community, references

and deposit required. Located in Knott County. \$535 per month. call 438-6104.

**Nice 3 BR one bath house** for rent in Eastern. Appliances included. NOT HUD APPROVED, NO PETS. Call 606-358-4515 after 6:00p only.

**3BD,2 bath, Log Home** in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck, big storage barn, acres of privacy. \$1,190.00 per month 850-222-2222 Leave message. See pix at www.YesFLA.com

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**LOTS FOR RENT** New mobile park lots, Allen Dwale area, Floyd County. Restrictions apply. Paved Streets, lighted area, parking pads. All sizes call 606-377-2357

**Trailer for rent** on Route 7 - Saltlick Call 358-4524 8/22

**Trailer for rent:** \$320 per month. Located on Buffalo. \$200 deposit. Call 886-0200.

**FOR RENT** 2 MH for rent Banner area. 874-0267.

**LEGALS**

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 06-CI-0103 JERRY TRIMBLE and MARTHA TRIMBLE DINAH STRATTON and DANNY STRATTON BONNIE HOLSEN, BARBARA J. BURCHETT, ROBIN JUSTICE AND JOE B. JUSTICE, TAMMY STAPLETON and TERRY STAPLETON, JERRY TRIMBLE EXECUTOR OF THE RUBY LEWIS ESTATE PLAINTIFFS VS. JAMES TAYLOR, MARY EVELYN TAYLOR JUSTIN BOBBY TRIMBLE, SHEILA TRIMBLE, STEVE CAUDILL, JANELLE CAUDILL, JEFFERY W. TRIMBLE, JAMES T. TRIMBLE, RENEE TRIMBLE AND TAMMY HALL AND ALEX HALL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE \*\*\*\*\* BY VIRTUE OF**

Agreed Judgment of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th of June, 2007 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more

particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin located near a ditch in the first small drain on the left ascending Ivy Creek, corner to Jerry

Trimble; Thence, turning and running across the bottom by a gas well and with the line of Jerry Trimble North 48° 21' East, 125.24' to an iron pin near a drain; Thence, continuing to run with the line of Jerry Trimble up the hollow North 35° 07' West, 158.88' to a spike on the hillside opposite the home of Ruby Lewis; Thence, continuing to run up the hollow North 42° 56' West, 156.20' to an iron pin on the North side opposite to a 3 inch cedar; Thence, turning and running down the hollow South 9° 00' East 140.32' to a nail in a wooden plug in a rock in the ditchline opposite the home of Ruby

Lewis; Thence, turning and continuing run down the hollow South 23° 30' East, 206.04' to the beginning and containing 0.57 acres. Also conveyed herein is a 10 foot right of way over the property where the existing road is located at the present time. Being the same property conveyed by Jerry Trimble to Ruby Lewis by Deed lodged December 2, 1983 in Deed Book 200, Page 578, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. There is excepted from the above that property conveyed by Ruby Lewis to Justin Bobby Trimble lodged May 20, 1997 in deed book 406, page 213, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, provided however there is reserved over the Justin Bobby Trimble property as adjudged in Floyd Circuit Court Action 06-CI-00561, a vehicular right of way for ingress and egress which shall be a permanent right of way easement running with the land to the Ruby Lewis property, and specifically the residential garage. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the

sale proceeds. (e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action (except James Taylor and Mary Taylor), he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. PLAIN-TIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. George K. Wells P.O. Box 1285 Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 06-CI-00602 RON HAYES, ET AL PLAINTIFFS VS. DON MAY, ET AL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE \*\*\*\*\* BY VIRTUE OF** Agreed Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 5th of June, 2007 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East side of the State Highway Right of Way eight (8) feet North of the lower corner of Block Building; thence North with State Highway Rights of Way 130 feet to a stake; thence East a straight line up the hill to the Salisbury and Osborn line at the top of point; thence South with Salisbury and Osborn lines to the line of the Block Building property; thence West to the line of the Block Building property to the point of the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Earrit M. Hayes and Alice May Hayes, his wife by deed book dated May 25, 1949) of the record in deed book 143, page 289, and by Affidavit of Descent, of the record in book 338, page 246, in the office of the clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be

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**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 05-CI-00308 JAMES TRUSTY PLAINTIFF VS. LINDA MCKENZIE DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF** Orders for Sale of Property entered on the 11th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Tract I Thence beginning and starting point, at a Locust tree beside the main Middle Creek stream; thence running with main Middle Creek Stream east approximately 100 feet to a black walnut tree; beside the

Stream; thence running to a large pine tree up the hill to a large poplar tree approximately 10 feet above the old coal banks; thence straight around the hill west running with the old coal mine banks to a white oak tree; thence in a straight line down the hill west to the main hollow stream across the hollow stream approximately 15 feet; thence in a straight line back to the starting point. Being the same property conveyed to James Trusty and Linda McKenzie by deed dated July 10, 1989 from Lon Slone and Edith Slone, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 76, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Tract 2 Starting at

a Walnut tree at the creek then runs up the hill to a Pine tree, then to Poplar ten feet above coal bank to stake, then around the hill to the end of point going down to creek back to Walnut tree joining Lon Slone and Edith Slone. Being the same property conveyed to Linda McKenzie or James Trusty, by deed dated July 7, 2003 from Rosanna Watkins Collins, et al, recorded in Deed Book 489, Page 150, Floyd County Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said

property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of

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The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting sealed bids for 30" galvanized, drain pipe. Some of it has been used, so we encourage bidders to inspect the pipe prior to submitting a bid. The pipe is located at the Prestonsburg City Garage. The following lengths are available.

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- 1-10'

Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, August 24, 2007, to the City Clerk's office, located at 200 North Lake Drive.

The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

**Floyd County Fiscal Court Treasurer's Settlement**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDING - JUNE 30th, 2007**

<b>General Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$660,478.18
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$5,297,050.34
	Plus Prior Year Voids	\$0.00
	Plus Borrowed Funds	\$241,050.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$600,000.00
	Less General Government Expenses	\$2,083,753.36
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$97,216.70
	Less General Health & Sanitation	\$2,027,011.15
	Less Social Services	\$108,981.15
	Less Recreation & Culture Expenses	\$8,086.40
	Less Debt Services	\$780,996.93
	Less Administration Expenses	\$809,124.23
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$550,000.00
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$333,408.60</b>
<b>Road Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$133,242.62
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$1,403,879.33
	Plus Prior Year Voids	\$0.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$200,000.00
	Less Road Expenses	\$857,289.74
	Less Debt Services	\$56,833.01
	Less Administration Expenses	\$481,978.25
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$250,000.00
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$91,020.95</b>
<b>Jail Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$57,353.70
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$595,838.83
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$0.00
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$1,550,000.00
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$1,303,700.83
	Less Debt Services	\$463,912.43
	Less Administration Expenses	\$357,396.96
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$78,182.31</b>
<b>LGEA Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$461,846.78
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$5,865,682.95
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$15,958.06
	Plus Interfund Transfers	\$50,000.00
	Less Economic Development Expenses	\$123,133.88
	Less Protection to Persons & Property	\$111,999.72
	Less General Health & Sanitation	\$1,354,232.37
	Less Recreation & Culture Expenses	\$784,771.07
	Less Road Expenses	\$1,080,836.41
	Less Debt Services	\$20,416.49
	Less Capital Projects	\$753,864.20
	Less Administration Expenses	\$159,124.28
	Less Interfund Transfers	\$1,600,000.00
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$405,109.37</b>
<b>State Grants</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$210.20
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$3,562.90
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$20,740.47
	Less Capital Projects	\$10,016.66
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$14,496.91</b>
<b>Federal Grants:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$2,959.15
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$20.00
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$34,328.72
	Less Capital Projects	\$34,795.05
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$2,512.82</b>
<b>Bond</b>		
<b>Construction:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$66.80
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$0.52
	Less Construction Projects	\$67.32
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Revolving Loan Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$14,222.26
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$118.63
	Less Fund Projects	\$0.00
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>14,340.89</b>
<b>E-911 Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$78,858.36
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$227,394.31
	Less Fund Projects	\$201,209.58
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$105,043.09</b>
<b>Withholding FICA Tax Fund:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$1,355.95
	Plus General Receipts	\$217,365.81
	Plus E-911 Receipts	\$4,601.20
	Plus Payroll Receipts	\$474,478.14
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$55.38
	Less Tax Expenses	\$696,445.15
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$1,411.33</b>
<b>Payroll:</b>	Fund Balance July 1, 2006	\$10,901.19
	Plus Prior Year Void Check	\$1,164.38
	Plus General Receipts	\$943,213.75
	Plus Road Receipts	\$853,186.75
	Plus Jail Receipts	\$747,418.35
	Plus LGEA Receipts	\$445,842.37
	Plus E-911 Receipts	\$65,428.20
	Plus Revenue Receipts	\$573.33
	Less Payroll Expenses	\$3,094,639.73
	<b>Fund Balance June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$13,088.59</b>

This is to certify that the above and foregoing report for the Floyd County Fiscal Court, covering the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007, recaps all receipts of funds coming into my hands, and disbursements made from the accounts are shown true and correct, according to my records as of June 30, 2007, which is represented in the Annual Settlement. A copy of this Statement in detail is on file, and available for public inspection, at the Floyd County Judge Executive's Office or the Floyd County Clerk's Office, during normal business hours. In addition, copies of this Financial Statement are available to any citizen at no cost to the public.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

*David A. Payne II*  
DAVID A. PAYNE II  
FLOYD COUNTY TREASURER

Dated this 17th day of August, 2007



required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the fiscal year 2007, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event that a lien holder herein is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the lien holder and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate

taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. **PLAIN-TIFF'S COUNSEL:** Hon. Jeffery N. Lovely P.O. Box 82 Salyersville, Kentucky 41465 **WILLIAM S. KENDRICK** Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Kenneth R. Music, 40 A&E Music Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a retail beer license(s) no later than September 1,

2007. The business to be licensed will be located at 1590 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, doing business as Kenny Music dba Somerset Oil, Prestonsburg. The (owner(s), principal officers and directors, limited partners, or members are as follows:

**Operator,** Kenneth R. Music, of 40 A&E Music Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic, may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within

30 days of the date of this legal publication.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Miller Bros. Coal LLC  
836-0335  
07/07/03  
Frasure Creek Mining LLC  
836-0341  
07/07/27  
Frasure Creek Mining LLC  
836-5441  
07/07/24

Premier Elkhorn Coal Company  
898-5936  
07/07/18

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0339**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 423.30 acres, located 1.00 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County.

The proposed permit area is approximately 1.10 mile southeast

from Ky. 122's junction with Ky. 2030, and located on Shop. The latitude is 37°31'36". The longitude is 82°44'04".

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, area and auger Highwall mining method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Black Diamond Mining Company, LLC, Tandy L. Spurlock, James Irvine Halbert Heirs, John A. Salisbury, Bruce Salisbury, Gena Salisbury Moore, Salley Halbert and Taimadg Robinson Heirs, Denver Meade, Ruby Slone Halbert, David May, Donald Ray Halbert, Merlene Dingus, Sherree and Jeanie Wright, Bonita Belle Terry, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Belva Jean Crews.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF**

**INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0182**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles northeast of Gunlock and is situated in both Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 570.41 surface acres and 22.53 acres of auger area of which 22.53 acres underlie proposed surface area, making a total permit

area of 570.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River

The proposed operation is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Abe Shepherd Heirs, Abe Shepherd, Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Gladys Shepherd, Clyde Allen Estate, Rule Reagan, Ruth Ousley, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepherd and Clyde Allen Estate.



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The operation will use the area, contour, and auger/high wall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**IN RE: SIGMA GAS CORPORATION, CASE NO. 04-71003 NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF NATURAL GAS COMPANY ASSETS**  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on August 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., prevailing Lexington, KY time, a hearing will be

held in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 100 E. Vine St., 3rd Floor, Lexington, KY, to consider the Debtor's request to privately sell substantially all of its assets located in Magoffin, Floyd and Johnson Counties, KY and assign certain contracts relating thereto.

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# Congratulations

# Prestonsburg LITTLE LEAGUE



The Prestonsburg Little League would like to congratulate the players and teams that advanced to the Kentucky Little League State Tournament this year. This is the first time in our league's history we had three teams representing us in the State Tournament.

We extend a very special *Thank You* to:

- Everyone who helped ready the fields at StoneCrest
- The City of Prestonsburg, Mayor Fannin, the City Council and all Volunteers
- Businesses and individuals who donated money for expenses

While words cannot adequately express our appreciation, we believe the smiles on these kids faces show that your time, effort and money were well spent. How wonderful it is to live in a community that offers such support and encouragement to our youth!

Sincerely,

Prestonsburg Little League Board

Barry Rice

Larry Chaffin

Karen Stapleton

Dwayne Rodebaugh

Ronnie Baldrige

Rocky Rowe

Chris Carter



### Boys 11 year olds

First Row: Tate Goble, Jordan Bishop, Aaron Foley, Hunter Brown, and Michael Blankenship. Second row: Trey Stapleton, Austin Slone, Aaron Griffith, Maddie (Hoot) Wright, Blake Baldrige, and Adam Griffith. Third Row: Manager Les Stapleton, Coach Bryan Griffith.



### Boys 15 and 16-year-old senior league

First row: Denny Ousley, Nick Johnson, Chris Bostic, Billy Robinson, Laying down, Josh Blackburn. Second Row: Manager Randy Tincher, Seth Setser, Cameron Tincher, Chris Schoolcraft, Travis Welch, D.J. Ousley, Coach Richie Schoolcraft. Not Pictured: Warren Blackburn.



### Girls Softball 11-12 year olds

First Row: Morgan Haywood, Tiffany Wertz, Tori Naim, April Meadows, Emily Mullins, Kaylee Collins, Second Row: Coach Kenny Scarberry, Allison Branham, Brittany Osborne, Bethany Scarberry, Summer Stanley, Manager Jamie Howell.

## Remember

If we learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow,  
how much better off our children will be.



# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Wednesday, August 22, 2007

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## AC VOLLEYBALL: Overall, Maynard pleased with his team's early efforts

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central volleyball team is just a few points shy of being undefeated. Allen Central fell to Pikeville last week in its third match of the season. The Rebels defeated both East Ridge and Paintsville 2-0 in a pair of matches during the first week of the campaign. Pikeville pulled out a hard-fought 2-1 victory over the Rebels. The Rebels, however, managed to get back in the win column thanks to a 2-0 (25-22, 25-14) victory over rival South Floyd in a match played on Tuesday, Aug.

14. Allen Central was on its way to a fourth win in five outings Thursday night when the power went out at Sheldon Clark High School. The Rebels handled Sheldon Clark rather easily in the first game of the varsity volleyball match.

Allen Central was back in action at home Tuesday night, hosting 55th District/Floyd County Conference rival Betsy Layne. The Allen Central-Betsy Layne match ended too late to make this edition.

"Allen Central volleyball is on track," said Rebel Coach Larry Maynard. "We had one set back because our heads were not in the match. However, I believe it has made

them better and more focused now. Especially after the win over South Floyd. People who watched them at South Floyd and Sheldon Clark Thursday night are believing this 'little' team is for real."

Maynard doesn't question his team's potential.

"They have the desire and the determination but, more importantly, they have the heart to play this great game," Maynard added. "They are a team and play as a team. They are not selfish nor envy other team members. They want everyone to succeed and they fully understand that it is not how good you are, but how bad you want it."

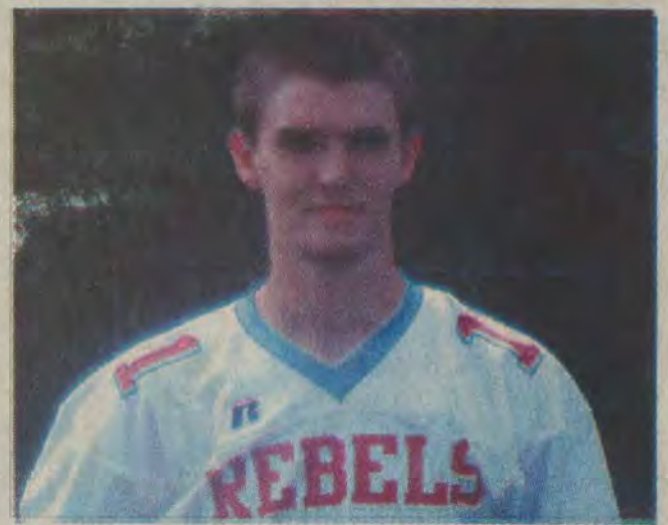


photo by Steve LeMaster

**REBEL SIGNAL CALLER:** Junior quarterback Josh Prater has returned to guide the Allen Central High football program from under center.

## Harris prevails in 201 Speedway Late Model feature

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Veteran driver Paul Harris returned to the 201 Speedway Victory Lane Saturday night, winning the track's Late Model feature. Harris held off Harold Redman Jr. for the feature win. Redmond, Randy Boggs, Rodney Davis and Casey Vitae rounded out the top-five.

Redmond set the fastest qualifying time in the Late Model feature, turning a lap in 14.24.

Marty Meade had the fastest qualifying lap in the Open Wheel Modified division. Meade, however, finished eighth in the Modified feature race. Corey McKenzie claimed the Modified feature win, beating Jim Lemaster to the finish line. Pete Castle, Denis Deboard and Jeremy Hayes rounded out the Modified feature top-five.

Scott Lemaster (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Four Cylinder) also claimed feature wins Saturday night.

A breakdown of the race for the Johnson County track follows.

First Late Model Heat: 28R Harold Redmond Jr.; 18 Eric Wells; 8 Anthony Adams; 10 Raymond Nichols; 24H Michael Howard; 12D Daniel Williams; 16 Greg Anderson; 3 Jacob Ross.

Second Late Model Heat: 10 Paul Harris; 51 Randy Boggs; 3V Casey Vitale; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 3 Richie Edwards; 6H Tom Hall.

Third Late Model Heat: R1 Rod Evans; 6 Rodney Davis; 64 Terry Hicks; 81 Brandon Fouts; B17 Brandon Johnson; 05 Jeff Davis; 57 Brittany McKinney.

Late Model Feature: 10 Paul Harris; 28R Harold Redmond Jr.; 51 Randy Boggs; 6 Rodney Davis; 3V Casey Vitale; R1 Rod Evans; 24H Michael P. Howard; 64 Terry Hicks; 3 Richie Edwards; 8 Anthony Adams; B17 Brandon Johnson; 13 Jamie Ferguson; 6H Tom Hall; 05 Jeff Davis; 16 Greg Anderson; 57 Brittany McKinney; 81 Brandon Fouts; 3 Jacob Ross; 18 Eric Wells; 10 Raymond Nichols.

First Open Wheel Heat: 3 Jim Lemaster; 46 Dennis Deboard; 911 Jason Hall; 38 Marty Meade; 23 Courtney Conley; 2T Jack Tackett. Second Open Wheel

(See HARRIS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

**DAYS AWAY FROM A SEASON-OPENER:** The Prestonsburg High football program devoted some of an evening practice late last week to special teams. Prestonsburg defeated Sheldon Clark in a final preseason scrimmage this past Saturday. The Blackcats will host Floyd County rival Betsy Layne Friday night in the Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL OPENERS

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

Allen Central vs. Jenkins

Ashland Blazer vs. Raceland

Breathitt County vs. Madison Southern

Belfry vs. Corbin  
(Pike County Bowl)

Cumberland vs. Knott County Central

Harlan vs. Cawood  
Knox Central-Leslie County

(Pioneer Bowl at Knox Central)

Lawrence County vs. Coal Grove, Ohio

Letcher County Central vs. Hazard

Perry County Central vs. Sheldon Clark

Phelps vs. East Ridge  
(Pike County Bowl at Belfry)

Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne  
(Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic)

South Floyd vs. Magoffin County

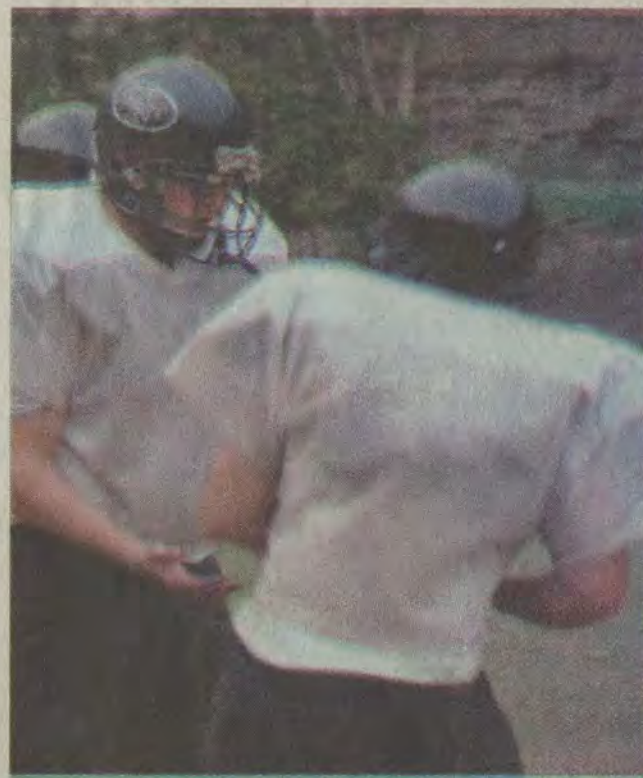


photo by Steve LeMaster

**South Floyd will host Magoffin County Friday night.** The Raiders pulled off a come-from-behind win over the Hornets last season. South Floyd took on Powell County in its only preseason game.

## P'burg girls win opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School girls' and boys' soccer teams opened play last week. Prestonsburg's girls' soccer team defeated host Perry County Central 2-1 on Tuesday, Aug. 14 in a season-opener.

Emily Stanley scored within a minute of play of the Prestonsburg girls' game versus Perry County Central. Defensively, Linsey Fields had saves on goal for the Prestonsburg squad. Perry County Central, however, scored just before halftime when it was able to get a goal during a corner kick. Hannah Fitzpatrick came forward halfway through the second half and scored the winning goal for visiting Prestonsburg. Blackcat midfielders Laura Absher and Katy Petry kept the Perry County Central from advancing the ball many times.

The Prestonsburg girls' soccer team was out in front 1-0 Thursday night at Paintsville when its match was postponed due to lightning. The Prestonsburg-Paintsville girls' soccer match is scheduled to resume Monday, Aug. 27.

In the boys' contest played Tuesday, Aug. 14, PCC prevailed 3-0.

## Limited openings remain for youth soccer league

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that there are a limited number of available spaces in all age groups for the fall season. Teams have been formed, but league play will not begin until September 8 and players can be added up to the maximum number allowed on a team. The teams in the U6 and U8 age groups will play each other in a round-robin format on the soccer fields at Archer Park. These games are played on a weeknight. The U10, U12 and U14 teams will play teams from surrounding counties on Saturdays through the end of October. The U10 field is also located at Archer Park, while the U12 and U14 fields are at Alleghen Christ United Methodist Church in Allen.

(See SOCCER, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

**FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT:** South Floyd High sophomore Tommy Joe Hall is headed into his second season as the Raiders' starting quarterback. Hall and his teammates are looking to lead South Floyd back into the postseason.

## Rebs take lone game from Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ — Allen Central got the best of host Sheldon Clark during an abbreviated contest held Thursday night. The Rebels were fired up and focused as they defeated Sheldon Clark in 25-9 in the first game of a varsity high school volleyball match. As the second game got underway, a power outage blacked out the gym, forcing the contest to be postponed. The match was suspended with Allen Central leading 1-0 and will resume Sept. 17 during the All 'A' Invitational at Allen Central.

Junior middle Brittany Clark led the Rebel attack with three kills on .600 hitting. To compliment her kills, Clark had one ace on nine service attempts without an error to go along with one partial block. As part of a balanced offensive attack, juniors Koko Martin, Brittany Hodge, and Kimbo Blevins slammed in two kills each. Junior libero Brittany Smith was credited with a back row kill. Hannah Howard dished up a team-best

five assists. Hodge set up three and Blevins added one. Howard was on target with her serves, landing four aces on six attempts without an error. Hodge slapped in two and Martin skidded in one.

The defensive effort was led by Tiffany Clark, who scooped up six. Hodge dug up four as AC took the game. Martin stopped two and Blevins and Smith dug up one each. Blevins also had a partial block. The Rebel defense returned 96 percent of the Sheldon Clark attempts and caused the Cardinals to commit nine unforced errors.

The two teams played evenly until Allen Central broke out to an 8-5 lead on strong serving with Martin dropping in one and Hodge pounding in two. Neither team had a strong offensive performance until Smith landed a kill from the back row. Howard stepped in to serve and landed four aces. Her effort put the Rebels up 13-6 and the defense began to click for the Allen Central

girls. Tiffany Clark dug up a hard hit by the Cardinals and Hodge set up Brittany Clark's first slam of the night. Hodge then dug up a low offering, getting the pass to Howard, who then dished up a Hodge kill. Another dig by Blevins to Howard led to a set to Blevins who pounded in her first kill of the night.

The Rebels led 17-8 and never looked back.

Brittany Clark took the serve and landed an ace, then Hodge and Blevins again had back-to-back kills, putting Allen Central ahead 20-8.

Sheldon Clark had two unforced errors and Koko Martin had a tip, giving the Rebels a 22-8 lead before committing an unforced error. The Cardinals had a net serve and a Martin serve caused an unforced error giving the Rebels the first game before the gym went dark.

"By late-season, this team will be solid," said Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard. "This is a good group and a pleasure to coach."



# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes 2007-2008 waterfowl season dates

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommended the 2007-2008 waterfowl seasons at its quarterly meeting held on Friday, Aug. 19.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by legislators, and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission must place waterfowl seasons in the framework mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

The following seasons were recommended at the quarterly meeting:

**Ducks, Coots and Mergansers:** The duck seasons will again split for 2007-2008. The first duck season runs from November 22 (Thanksgiving Day) through November 25, 2007 statewide. The season again opens December 3, 2007 and closes January 27, 2008 statewide. Daily bag and possession limits remain the same as last year. Canvasbacks may be taken for the entire duck season, but hunters may now take two canvasbacks daily.

Season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as the duck season dates for the 2007-2008 seasons. The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The daily limit for coots is 15.

Dates for the goose hunting seasons follow.

**Canada Geese:** Western Goose Zone — November 23, 2007 — January 31, 2008.

**Pennyrile-Coalfield Goose Zone** (including West-Central Canada Goose subzone) — December 13, 2007 — January 31, 2008.

**Eastern Goose Zone** — December 13, 2007 — January 31, 2008.

**Northeastern Canada Goose Zone** — December 29, 2007 — January 6, 2008 and January 19 — January 31, 2008.

**White-fronted Geese:** Statewide — November 23, 2007 — January 31, 2008.

**Snow Goose: Regular Season** — November 23, 2007 — January 31, 2008.

**Snow Goose Conservation Order Season: Eastern Goose Zone:** February 1 — March 31, 2008.

**Western, Pennyrile-Coalfield and West-Central Goose Zones:** February 1, 2008; February 4 — March 31, 2008.

**Youth Waterfowl Season:** Eastern Zone: November 3-4, 2007. Western Zone: February 2-3, 2008.

In other waterfowl-related business, the Commission recommended to legislators that Yatesville Lake, Lincoln Homestead, Barren River, Lake Barkley, Pennyrile, Grayson Lake and Paintsville Lake State Parks open to waterfowl hunting for the 2007-2008 season. The season dates correspond to the appropriate goose zone in which the state park resides. Hunting will only be permitted in specific areas designated by the Kentucky Department of Parks. Statewide waterfowl bag limits apply to these hunts.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, December 7, 2007 at 1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

## Harris

Modified Heat: 33 Corey McKenzie; 0 Jimmy Collins; 17S Brian Salisbury; 35 Jeremy Hayes; 74 Paul Jordan; 30 William Hensley. Open Wheel Modified Feature: 33 Corey McKenzie; 3 Jim Lemaster; 11 Pete Castle; 46 Dennis Deboard; 23 Courtney Conley; 0 Jimmy Collins; 74 Paul Jordan; 38 Marty Meade; 911 Jason Hall; 17S Brian Salisbury; 30 William Hensley; 35 Jeremy Hayes.

First Bomber Heat: 3 Scott Lemaster; P12 Dean Pennington; R17 Don Risner; 0 Eulis Combs; P20 Ervin Vance; H3 Harley Hall; 73 Charlie Mullett; J17 J.J. Terry;

B4 Jared Blair. Second Bomber Heat: 3D Darren Damron; 37H Greg Hensley; 3 Shannon Richmond; 20 Bo Howard; 9X Steve Lewis; 08 Kyle Tackett; 7C A.J. Stambaugh. Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: 3 Scott Lemaster; P12 Dean Pennington; 37H Greg Hensley; 3 Shannon Richmond; P20 Ervin Vance; 20 Bo Howard; H3 Harley Hall; 73 Charlie Mullett; J17 J.J. Terry; R17 Don Risner; 9X Steve Lewis; 0 Eulis Combs; B4 Jared Blair; 7 Ryan Crabtree; 32 Shawn Smith.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 37 Alan Osborne; 18S Shawn Ousley; 99 Pat Morris; A17

Alan Salisbury; B2 Michael Blair; M77 McCaye Sexton; B70 Jason Blair. Second Four Cylinder Heat: 3D Jamie Hamilton; D6 Darren Rogers; 18K DI Henson; RA 47 Robert Hall; 71 Ryan Litteral; 63T Shirly Tackett.

Four Cylinder Feature: 37 Alan Osborne; 18S Shawn Ousley; 18K DI Henson; 99 Pat Morris; 3D Jamie Hamilton; 71 Ryan Litteral; A17 Alan Salisbury; B2 Michael Blair; D6 Darren Rogers; 63T Shirly Tackett; M77 McCaye Sexton; B70 Jason Blair; 12 Chad Hall; RA 47 Robert Hall.

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## Soccer

For more information on registering a child to play in the Floyd County Youth Soccer Association's fall season, call Registrar Robin Simpson Smith at 886-9562. Parents may also register their children by accessing the league website at

www.kysoccer.net/ekysa, www.kysoccer.net/ekysa.

The registration form posted online should be printed, completed by the parent, and mailed to Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, P. O. Box 746, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. A

check or money order in the amount of \$40 should be included for registration fees. Floyd County Youth Soccer is not responsible for mail delivery and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Prestonsburg High School Golf Results

### Tuesday, Aug. 14

Match vs. Shelby Valley at StoneCrest  
Prestonsburg — 176  
Shelby Valley — 177  
Prestonsburg low scores: Josh Rodebaugh (43) and Cameron Tincher (43).

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

Match vs. Paintsville at StoneCrest  
Prestonsburg low score: Dane Sizemore (44)  
Prestonsburg — 184.  
Paintsville — 208.

### Thursday, Aug. 16

Match vs Paintsville and Johnson Central at Paintsville.  
Johnson Central- 149  
Prestonsburg — 177  
Paintsville — 190

Prestonsburg low scores: Storm Roop (40) and Wil Allen (43).  
Johnson Central low score: Jo Whitaker (32).

## Mud Creek Reds celebrate another successful season

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

MUD CREEK — The Mud Creek Reds Pee Wee baseball team recently celebrated a successful season with a trophy/awards presentation. The young Reds team ended its season by eliminating the Braves from tournament play.

All team members were awarded individual trophies. Chase Hamilton (110% Award), Megan O'Brien

(110% Award), Ethan Adkins (Most Improved Award), Mercedes Martin (Most Improved Award); Shy Hall (Most Improved Award); Timera Thacker (Coach's Award) and Jonathan Newsome (MVP Award) all earned individual recognition. Newsome was named the team's Most Valuable Player for the third straight year. He is the team's, only graduating player.

Martin and Thacker were

the co-captains for the 2008 season. Both Martin and Thacker were recognized and presented with medallions. James Eddie and Lynn Hall, both of whom just completed their 22nd season of coaching, coach the Reds.

The Reds had the following sponsors for the 2007 season: Martin Dairy Queen, T-Mart, Pikeville City Utilities and Pepsi Bottling Company.

## Fiedler, Keathley to make appearances at area bowl games

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Former NFL quarterback Jay Fiedler, co-founder of Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group Inc., owner of the East Kentucky Miners, will be present on both nights of the 23rd Annual Pike County Bowl. This year's Pike County Bowl will feature all six local teams (Pikeville, Belfry, Pike County Central, Shelby Valley, East Ridge and Phelps) as well as Corbin and Louisville Holy Cross.

Fiedler completed 1,717 passes for 11,844 yards and 69 touchdowns during his NFL career. In 2001, Fiedler started 16 regular-season games for the Miami Dolphins, passing for 3,290 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Pikeville and Belfry will host games as part of the two-day bowl scheduled for Friday, Aug. 24-Saturday, Aug. 25. Community Trust Bank and WYMT-TV are co-sponsors of the Pike County Bowl.

The Pike County Bowl is beneficial to all of the local schools. Nearly half a million dollars generated from the Pike County Bowl has been split between Pikeville and the Pike County schools over

the last 22 years.

Belfry High School will host the Bowl on Friday, Aug. 24 during its first night. In the first game, Phelps is pitted against East Ridge in a Pike County matchup.

In Friday's nightcap, former state champions Corbin and Belfry will meet in an early-season showdown between prep football powerhouses. Belfry won back-to-back state titles in 2003 and 2004.

Corbin is a preseason top 10 team in Class 2A. Belfry is touted as a preseason Class 3A top 10 team.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, Pikeville High School will host a pair of season-openers. In Saturday's first game, Pike County Central and Shelby Valley are paired up in a contest between two longtime rivals.

In the final game of the 23rd Annual Pike County Bowl, Pikeville will collide with Louisville Holy Cross. Tradition-rich Pikeville has won three state championships. Pikeville and Holy Cross are each ranked in the top 10 of various preseason Class A polls.

East Kentucky Miners

Coach Kevin Keathley will also be active during the first week of the Kentucky high school football season. The first Friday night of the gridiron campaign will find Keathley in Prestonsburg, the county seat of his native Floyd County. Keathley will be present at Blackcat Stadium, watching host Prestonsburg take on Floyd County rival Betsy Layne in the Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic. In its first year, the Gridiron Classic is named in honor of the late Joe P. Tackett, a longtime Prestonsburg football supporter.

Prestonsburg is also ranked as a Class 2A preseason top 10 team.

Pro Basketball News (www.probasketballnews.com) named Keathley one of the top 10 young coaches in America last year. In 2005, Keathley earned an ABA coach of the year award.

The East Kentucky Miners have made a commitment to stay involved in communities throughout Eastern Kentucky. Members of the Miners organization will remain active year-round in various Eastern Kentucky communities.



file photo

East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley (right) and Jay Fiedler (left), founder of Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group (TRISEG), owner of the Miners, signed autographs at a youth basketball camp held at Adams Middle School earlier in the summer.

## Paquin joins Miners as Director of Basketball Operations/Administrative Assistant

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Brandon Paquin has been named Director of Basketball Operations/Administrative Assistant for the East Kentucky Miners of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA). Paquin possesses prior professional basketball experience. He was an associate sports agent with Ice Miller Sports Services, one of the biggest law firms in the country. A native of Greencastle, Ind., Paquin was Basketball Operations Advisor for the ABA's Kentucky Colonels. Most recently, Paquin was the Director of Player Personnel for the

Indiana Alley Cats. He has established relationships and worked closely with NBA teams such as the Indiana Pacers and Memphis Grizzlies.

"I've known Brandon for a few years now, going back to our ABA days with the Kentucky Colonels," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "Brandon is a young guy who has a keen eye for finding talented basketball players. I look forward to working with Brandon in building the East Kentucky Miners basketball franchise."

Keathley and Paquin have already evaluated numerous professional basketball players and hopefuls. As part of his new position, Paquin will

work closely with Keathley.

Paquin welcomed the chance to join the East Kentucky professional basketball franchise.

"The CBA is the premier minor league basketball league is the U.S.," commented Paquin. "I would like to thank Coach Kevin Keathley, Jay Fiedler, Demetrius Ford and Rob Blackwell for the opportunity to be the Director of Basketball Operations/Administrative Assistant for the Miners."

Paquin, a 2001 graduate of Indiana University with a B.S. in Communications and a minor in Telecommunications, most recently resided in Louisville.

## SEC Football set to kick off on XM Radio

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — SEC football fans are gearing up for the 2007 season, and XM Satellite Radio is getting ready to launch its first season as the official satellite radio network of the SEC.

The first SEC football game of the year is August 30 when Mississippi State hosts LSU in Starkville. To mark the SEC season opener, XM will air two game broadcasts on separate radio channels: the Mississippi State broadcast on channel 199 and the LSU broadcast on channel 200. Plus, the sports

talk radio channel XM Sports Nation (XM Channel 144) will broadcast live from Starkville throughout the day.

SEC fans across the continental United States can tune into SEC sports on XM radios for the car, home, office and portable use. XM recently signed a five-year agreement with the SEC to carry games and special programming nationwide.

XM will have the most SEC games on the radio with coast-to-coast live broadcasts of Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, and Tennessee football,

basketball, and other sports starting this fall. South Carolina will join XM in fall 2008, followed by Florida in fall 2009.

For each school, XM plans to air every regular-season football game, the vast majority of basketball games, and other sports, plus comprehensive coverage of the SEC football and basketball championships.

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# Brees goes 6-for-6, Saints roll to 27-19 win over Bengals

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Drew Brees needed only six on-target passes to show that he's ready — and the Cincinnati Bengals' defense isn't.

Brees led New Orleans to a touchdown in his only series Saturday night, completing every throw he made and giving the Bengals a half-dozen more reasons to worry in the Saints' 27-19 preseason victory.

The NFL's leading passer last season, Brees had his way with the league's worst pass defense, one that Cincinnati put a lot of moves and money into trying to upgrade in the offseason. The early returns aren't good.

"Obviously, I'm not happy with how we performed, how we played tonight," glum coach Marvin Lewis said.

The Saints (1-2) scored on their first three drives against

Cincinnati's starting unit. Brees was 6-for-6 for 55 yards on the opening drive, which culminated in Deuce McAllister's 8-yard run and the first round of boos from fans who had seen this so many times.

The Saints were only getting started on a night that left them feeling good.

New Orleans returns most of the team that lost to Chicago in the NFC championship game. There are a few things that need to be settled — a No. 3 receiver, role-sharing at a few spots on defense. All those things can get decided in the next two weeks before the opener.

The most encouraging thing is the way Brees is playing. A year ago, he was coming off a shoulder injury that limited him during training camp and left the Saints unsure what to expect.

"He's been practicing real well," coach Sean Payton said.

"He's worked hard on all the little things in his game, and he's playing with a lot of confidence. I'm encouraged about where he's at compared to where he was last year at this time. He has a good feel for what we're doing."

In the last two games, Brees has gone 18-for-20 for 173 yards.

"I'm getting excited about the beginning of the season," Brees said. "Preseason does serve a purpose. The last two times, we've looked good."

The Bengals (0-2) have a lot of work to do.

They let safety Kevin Kaesviharn leave as a free agent and released linebacker Brian Simmons in the offseason as part of their defensive overhaul. Both signed with the Saints and played in backup roles on Saturday.

Cincinnati's new-look defense looked a lot like the old one, giving up two touchdowns and a field goal on the

Saints' first three possessions. Reggie Bush had a 6-yard touchdown run.

On the Saints' first drive, they didn't even face a third down.

"Again, I go back to that first series," Lewis said. "We want to get off the football field. We had an opportunity to set the tempo."

Shayne Graham kicked four field goals in the first half — another bad sign for Cincinnati, which couldn't even get into the end zone after recovering a fumble at New Orleans' 3.

Carson Palmer played four series and was a pedestrian 5-for-10 for 41 yards with a sack and fumble that set up the Saints' second touchdown.

"It wasn't what we expected or want to do," Palmer said.

The most glaring problem was the lack of a No. 3 receiver. The Bengals were reminded how much they miss Chris Henry, who is suspended for the first eight games for violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The Bengals tried to get the ball to Tab Perry, who is first in line to take Henry's spot. Palmer overthrew him three times — once when he got open at the goal line — and backup quarterback Doug Johnson had trouble connecting with him, too.

Perry was the intended receiver on eight passes in the first half, but had only one catch for seven yards. He also had a false start on the opening

drive of the second half. Perry finished with two catches for 19 yards.

"I'm new at this deal," Perry said. "T.J. (Houshmandzadeh) and Chad (Johnson) and Carson have good timing. They're on the same page, and I'm trying to get there."

Notes: Saints WR David Patten played despite a sore toe and had three catches for 26 yards. ... The Saints had no serious injuries. "Everyone's fine," Payton said. "Everyone's in good shape." ... Bengals LB Landon Johnson strained his back and DE Robert Geathers strained his ribcage in the first quarter. Neither returned. ... Bengals RT Willie Anderson walked the sideline without the protective boot he wore on his right foot two days earlier. Anderson has a foot injury that threatens to keep him out of the season opener.

lasted nearly three weeks.

The Jacksonville Jaguars released the former top draft pick Saturday after a handful of practices and one preseason game.

Couch, a former Kentucky quarterback who hadn't played in the NFL since the 2004 preseason, wanted a chance to revive his career following two shoulder operations.

The Jags signed him to a two-year deal on July 29, but Couch, a Leslie County High School graduate, failed to make an impression in training camp. He was 2-of-4 passing for 11 yards last week at Miami and was sacked twice. The overall No. 1 pick by Cleveland in 1999 also missed practice this week with a sore back.

The Jags also placed guard/tackle Stockar McDougle (Achilles' tendon) on injured reserve, and signed 11-year veteran defensive tackle Seth Payne and defensive end Tyler King.

Payne returns to Jacksonville, where he played five seasons from 1997-2001. He spent the last five seasons in Houston. He was on injured reserve most of last year with a knee injury. He has 617 career tackles with 17.5 sacks.

King spent last season on practice squads in St. Louis and San Diego Chargers. He spent 2005 on Arizona's practice squad.

## Sputtering offense doesn't worry Bengals' stars

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Two games into the preseason, the Cincinnati Bengals' top receiver is someone who won't be around for the first half of the season.

That's their problem right there.

The Bengals (0-2) have yet to score a touchdown with their starting offense. All they managed were field goals during a 27-19 loss to New Orleans on Saturday night, when the only touchdown came in the closing seconds with reserves on the field.

Pro Bowl receiver Chad Johnson didn't realize it was so bad until informed after the game.

"No touchdowns? I didn't know that," he said.

Worried?

"No sense in worrying about it," said Johnson, who has been impressive in practice but gotten few balls thrown his way during his limited time in the games. "The things we're doing right now are very, very vanilla. I'm not worried about it."

His point is valid. The Bengals' offense has been extremely conservative with Carson Palmer and the rest of the starters on the field. The line is missing its two tackles — Levi Jones is recovering from knee surgery, and Willie Anderson has a serious foot injury.

So, they've been a little less flashy than usual. Plus, they don't want to show opponents how they've tweaked their playbook in the off-season.

"We just don't want to put too much out there for film," Palmer said.

All the points are valid, but they can't totally erase the early concerns about an offense missing four key players.

The biggest problem is the lack of a No. 3 receiver. Chris Henry leads the Bengals with eight catches for 112 yards and one of their two receiving touchdowns. He'll sit out the first eight games under his suspension for violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The Bengals were hoping that Tab Perry would step into his role. Perry, who missed most of last season with a hip injury, had two catches

for 19 yards against the Saints, and should have had a lot more.

Palmer and backup quarterback Doug Johnson made an effort to get him the ball. Palmer overthrew him three times, including once at the goal line after Perry had beaten the cornerback.

Their timing is way off.

"Chris Henry and I have had a lot of (experience together)," Palmer said. "We have a great rhythm. It's a shame he's not going to be there for the early games."

"Tab and I haven't had much of a chance to work with each other. He's been banged up and missed some practice. I think he's done a great job. On that deep post (pattern), I just overthrew him. I missed him."

Perry acknowledged that he and Palmer have yet to develop a chemistry on the field.

"I've just got to keep working on it," Perry said. "We've got a couple more games to go."

The offensive line also is in flux. Jones is expected back at left tackle before the season opener, but there's no way of telling whether Anderson will be able to take his spot at right tackle.

The Bengals also are trying to figure out who will complement power running back Rudi Johnson, who had six carries for only 15 yards on Saturday night. Second-round draft pick Kenny Irons was expected to give the offense an outside running threat, but he tore the ACL in his knee in the preseason opener and is out for the season.

Quincy Wilson had four carries for 19 yards, and Kenny Watson had eight carries for 18 yards against the Saints. Neither distinguished himself in the competition for the No. 2 role.

Coach Marvin Lewis is disappointed by how the entire team played on Saturday — the starting defense gave up 17 points on New Orleans' first three possessions — but he's counting on the offense to come around once the games count.

"I think we went through that a couple of years ago, and all was good," Lewis said. "We'll go back to scoring. We don't do any game-planning for these games. We are not going to change that. We will keep working on the things we need to."

## Scrimmage evaluation brings changes for Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — As expected, Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks said there are some lineup changes based on the results of the major scrimmage held Saturday.

"We've made some lineup changes," Brooks confided. "If we were to start (the season) tomorrow, and this is how we'll start the scrimmage Tuesday night, in the offensive line we'll have Garry Williams at left tackle, Zipp Duncan at left guard, Eric Scott at center, Jason Leger at right guard, and Justin Jeffries at right tackle."

"The five I mentioned have been the best in practice. Christian Johnson (who started last season at left guard) has to get better. Obviously, missing spring practice hurt him."

Regarding freshmen who figure in the picture in the offensive line, Brooks said, "Stuart Hines has moved to second string at right guard. He played well in the scrimmage. Brad Durham is in

the mix at tackle, along with Phillip Hibbard and Billy Joe Murphy as well at tackle.

"The Wildcats were dye to scrimmage again Tuesday night.

Brooks also addressed the backup quarterback situation.

"(Mike) Hartline did some pretty good things and executed well," Brooks said. "He has a pretty good hold on No. 2 right now. I was upset yesterday because he took a sack he shouldn't have. I feel a lot better after looking at the tape."

"The question is, 'Who is No. 3?' Right now, (Matt) Lantz is slightly ahead based on the scrimmage."

On the defensive side, one highlight of the scrimmage was the continued improvement of sophomore middle linebacker Micah Johnson.

"Micah Johnson is playing better than he's ever played," Brooks said. "He's doing some good things and is clearly a factor at middle linebacker."

there for the first time in a scrimmage situation and made a huge difference to the success of the offense. Douglas made two long receptions and also scored a touchdown. He and Brohm missed on a couple of long throws that Douglas usually makes. However, the senior stayed afterwards to catch passes after everyone left the field.

The duo of Mario Urrutia and Douglas gave the defense fits. Each had about 80 or more yards of receiving. Juniors Brock Bolen and Sergio Spencer were the leading rushers, while Brohm looked accurate, completing 12-of-15 passes.

Senior wide receiver Patrick Carter made a pair of acrobatic receptions, which was definitely good to see, while Trent Guy and JaJuan Spillman also made a few plays.



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## Cards perform well in final preseason tuneup

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville held its final scrimmage of the summer and officially ended camp on Saturday night with its best performance of camp.

Head coach Steve Kragthorpe ran 61 plays with the 1s vs. 1s and 2s vs. 2. It was an extremely competitive scrimmage with each side making big plays.

"I thought the tempo was very good," Kragthorpe said. "We did some good things on the offensive side of the ball and on defense. I feel good as a head coach walking out of there because I thought we had balance. The offense made plays, but the defense stepped up and made some plays on third down, too. So overall, I thought it was excellent."

Senior wide receiver Harry Douglas was out



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### POISON OAK

## Dear Hearts & Gentle People

We're excited!  
Book number four is now in the hands of the publisher. With a keep-your-fingers-crossed promise, it should see print by Oct. 1, just in time for this year's Apple Festival.

"Dear Hearts & Gentle People: Rural America At Its Best" contains 32 verbal snapshots of people we've interviewed and written about over the past 15 or 20 years in the Weekly Progress and The Paintsville Herald.

We're not ready to reveal the names of the folks within its pages, but expect to read

about one young man's 15 minutes of fame as a result of his winning a Hank Williams Jr. look-alike contest, and about the deputy sheriff who kept arresting the same bootleggers over and over again. Then there's a story of the man who builds, and files, what we referred to as "homemade helicopters."

Many of the people of whom we've written are no longer with us, like the sweet lady who shared birthday 101 with our readers, and the 97 year-old former coal miner with precious recollections of boyhood life in these mountains. Hopefully, this publication will help to keep the memories of these dear people alive.

Also in these pages, you'll meet a little lady preacher, a gentleman who has donated thousands of dollars to local churches from money earned by collecting aluminum cans, and a local kid who made the big time as a disc jockey.

What we're proud of most, however, is there are no so-called

(See OAK, page six)

### KIM'S KORNER

## When you feel like you just want to quit

A very dear friend of mine called recently and told me that she was getting hit from every direction one could imagine. As her voice quivered, she uttered the words, "I just can't take anymore. I just feel like crawling in a hole, giving up on everything, throwing my hands up and screaming as loud as I can 'I quit!'"

Trying desperately to remind her of any and every little good thing I had known about her life, I hoped to open her eyes that everything wasn't all bad. Granted, she was having a year like no other. And this is a person who always tries to be good, do good things, and wouldn't hurt anybody on purpose for anything.

As I reflected on our conversation, my heart ached to be able to help her in some way. Then I remembered an email I had received about the fern and the bamboo that Jim Holbrook had sent me a long time ago. I began to search my files and finally found it. Here's praying that it helps shed light into those dark times when it seems there's no end to the chaos, turmoil and strife.

(See KORNER, page six)



A well kept sideyard makes a grand statement with healthy, dense ground cover, ornamental plants and a neat walkway. photo by Kathy J. Prater

# August Yard of the Month

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR



A planter filled with lush, green ivy and bright pink impatiens sits welcomingly by the home's front door.

The home of Mrs. Coney Conn, located on Highland Avenue, just adjacent to Prestonsburg Elementary, has garnered the attention of the Prestonsburg Woman's Club for the second straight season, winning the club's "Yard of the Month" award for the month of August.

"I have always loved working with plants and flowers and out in the yard," Mrs. Conn said. A fact that is obvious from the well-manicured and well kempt lawns surrounding the home.

The front, back and side yards of the home all boast a variety of ornamental plants, blooming annuals and whimsical adornments. In addition to lush greenery and bright flowers, a

menagerie of woodland creatures, gnomes, fairies and playful children peek at visitors reminding them of long ago days of innocence and wonder.

Mrs. Conn and her late husband, Hershel, moved to the Prestonsburg area over a year ago from Floyd County's Prater Creek area. "We just wanted to make life a little more convenient, so we moved from the country to the city," she said.

Mrs. Conn said that she has not regretted the move and that she thoroughly enjoys life within the city limits of our fair town.

"I didn't do any of this to win an award," she said. "But I sure do appreciate it. It's just something I love to do."

Congratulations on an award well deserved!



The homes yards are sprinkled with whimsical focal points such as this one highlighting some childhood fun.

### CRITTER CORNER

## Everyday heroes

The past week has been very hectic for me. I've been going to work, then afterwards, going to the hospital to help care for my critically ill mother-in-law.

While at the hospital, two particular nurses have caught my attention for the caring manner in which they handled my loved one. Watching these two nurses reminded me of the story of a particular dog that came through our shelter some time back. Today's article, therefore, is dedicated to those who take the time and effort to "go the extra mile."

A while back, a couple brought in to our shelter a German Shepherd mix wrapped up in a blanket. They told us that they had discovered the dog when it had crawled up on their

front porch. Well, when I unwrapped the blanket, I was horrified at what I saw. Lying there was nothing but a skeleton with skin stretched over it! This poor dog was unable to stand on her own and weighed a mere 21 pounds.

We immediately began IV fluids and offered her food. At first, she was very scared of us and it took some work from each of us to gain her trust. For the first week she was at our shelter, we had to give her medication around the clock, which meant coming in to the shelter during off-hours.

We affectionately named our new patient "Mrs. Bones," because of the shape she was in when she first came



(See CRITTER, page six)

A happy ending. "Mrs. Bones" with her boy in her "forever home."



# School Happenings

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

## Allen Central High School

■ August 24 - Junior class rings will be delivered.  
■ 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

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.  
■ 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

■ 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.

## Betsy Layne High School

■ August 22 - SBDM Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., in school library.

## Duff Elementary

■ 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.

## May Valley Elementary

■ August 22 - School pictures; beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
■ August 28 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to public.

■ Parent Lending Library is available 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 the first three Mondays

each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

## Mountain Christian Academy

■ Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

■ 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

\*School Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.\*

■ Oct. 11 - School pictures.  
■ 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.

■ Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for

information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

■ 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 & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

## W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the

center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

## Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.  
■ For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

## Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Adult Education and GED  
Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments

1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.

6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(September 3 & 5, 1997)

An appeal of an Attorney General's (AG's) decision, which said that three special April meetings by the Floyd County Board of Education were illegal, was dismissed, Tuesday, by Floyd Circuit Court Judge John David Caudill.

A Pikeville attorney is threatening to file a lawsuit against Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale and members of the fiscal court for accepting the highest of two bids for a backhoe. The fiscal court accepted Wilson Equipment's bid of \$49,974 for a CASE tractor-loader-backhoe, and rejected Phelps Equipment's, which was nearly \$500 less, during a special meeting, Thursday.

Fourth grade students at Harold Elementary School will take part in state KIRIS assessments this year. The small Floyd County school usually performs well on state achievement tests, and last year's sixth grade class ranked among the state's top 100 on scores from the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills.

Suspended Wheelwright police chief Tommy Engle will have to wait at least another week for a due process hearing on citizen complaints against him. Wheelwright's City Commissioners met in a special meeting at noon, Friday, to postpone Engle's hearing, which was scheduled for Friday, August 29.

William Joe Skeens, 33, of Banner, was acquitted on two third degree arson charges by a jury, which deliberated for only four minutes on Thursday. He was accused of setting fire to a trailer and a car parked near a mobile home owned by Kyle Russell Lafferty in May 1993.

Henry Branham, 76, of Lackey, was killed Sunday, when he apparently drove his 1993 Chevy truck into the path of another truck on Route 550 in Garrett.

Lathe Hall, 52, and Jimmy Brown, 37, both of Turkey Creek, were arrested, Saturday, for allegedly trafficking cocaine, and Floyd detective Tommy Shelton said "sources" have indicated that one of the men has brought large quantities of cocaine into the county.

A public forum, conducted, Thursday, by state education officials for Floyd Countians to sound off about troubles in the local school system, took an about-face when some local people suggested the trouble is in Frankfort.

John C. Hall Sr., 74, an owner of Hall Funeral Home, at Martin, died Wednesday, after he had assisted another family in completing the funeral arrangements of a relative.

Six Kentucky youths were indicted, Tuesday, in connection with the April 6 murders of a Powell, Tennessee, couple and their six-year-old daughter outside Baileyton Tennessee.

After serving customers in Floyd County for almost 30 years, the Prestonsburg office of American Electric Power (AEP) is closing its doors to customer service operations.

The fate of a Perry County man, who pleaded guilty to the 1989 murder of a Hazard woman, is in the hands of Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill. The final agreement for Judge Caudill to determine whether Donald Herb Johnson would face the electric chair for the gruesome murder of 61-year-old Helen Madden, came about two weeks ago, when prosecutors agreed to waive a jury in penalty phase of the trial.

There died: James Case, 83, of McDowell, Monday, September 1, at Marion Manor Nursing Home, in Marion, Ohio; Magdelene Biliter, 65, of Pikeville, Monday, September 1, at her residence; Vanessa C. Conley Bilyeu, 34, of Middletown, Ohio, was killed, August 18, in an automobile accident near Middletown; Billy Ray Blanton, 44, of Leander, Friday, August 29, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville; Jack Shepherd, 63, of Gunlock, Sunday, August 31, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Peggy J. Oakley, 65, of Sidney, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, Monday, September 1, at her residence; Alma Mae Tackett, 69, of Melvin, Friday, August 29, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; David Coleman, 71, of Robinson Creek, Thursday, August 28, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Reginald "Reggie" Gene Owens, 64, a native of Floyd County, Friday, August 22, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; John C. Hall Sr., 74, of Martin, Wednesday, September 3; Thomas B. Thompson Sr., 88, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, September 3; Ilene Ferrell Bertram Howell, 54, of Martin, Monday, September 1, at her residence; Gypsy Bell, 71, of Burbank, Ohio, Monday, September 1, at the Wooster (Ohio) Community Hospital; Henry Branham, 76, of Lackey, August 31, at Garrett; Easter Calhoun, 76, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, September 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Edna Combs, 76, of Dwarf, Tuesday, September 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Twenty Years Ago

(September 2, 1987)

Floyd Circuit Judge Hollie Conley denied a petition made by seven jurors to overturn a conviction in the rape trial of Michael Clifton and Mike Woods.

Allen Central High School was drenched and empty from falling ceiling tiles and standing water in some classrooms.

Residents of the Middle Creek area voiced concerns over a proposed landfill and business development being considered on the site of the Battle of Middle Creek.

Big Sandy businessmen and leaders of industry attended a breakfast meeting with the president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, so he could explain the governor's proposal to deal with the Worker's Compensation deficit.

A matching \$100,000 grant for the Floyd

County Library will allow a much needed facelift for the facility.

An eight-year-old Stanville girl, Amber Ray Jessie, was killed, tragically, when she apparently ran into the path of an oncoming automobile.

The Kentucky Highlands Folk Festival participants are gearing up for their annual shade-tree pickin', slated for this Saturday.

There died: Ruth Salisbury May, 92, of Town Branch, died Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bud Lawson, 73, of Garrett, died Friday, at his residence; George Heath Jr., 65, of Norton, Virginia, formerly of Garrett, died August 18, at the Norton Community Hospital; George E. Bailey, 41, of Martin, died Tuesday, at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Lexington; Elmo Campbell, 71, of Garrett, died Friday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Martha Hamilton Mitchell, 79, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Usley Johnson, 69, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, at Our Lady of The Way Hospital at Martin; Pay Hamilton, 63, of McDowell, died Saturday, at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Lexington; Myrtle A. Nickles, 82, of Wilmington, North Carolina, formerly of McDowell, died Tuesday, at the New Hanover Memorial Hospital at Wilmington; Eva Stephens, 73, of Goble-Roberts in Prestonsburg, died Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home at Prestonsburg; Nancy Conway Salisbury, 39, of Prestonsburg, was found dead Wednesday at her residence on Central Avenue.

## Thirty Years Ago

(August 31, 1977)

For the 12th consecutive year, the Kentucky Highlands Folk Festival will be held this weekend at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Shotgun blasts fired from outside the field resulted in minor wounding of at least three persons, and cancellations of a football game at Wheelwright, last Friday night.

Congressman Carl D. Perkins, last week, announced federal funding of two Prestonsburg construction projects. They are the Prestonsburg municipal building and a low-rent housing project in the Cliff vicinity.

Rechannelization of Beaver Creek in the Martin vicinity was listed as this county's most urgent priority by Big Sandy ADD at a meeting, Friday night.

The Federal Aviation Administration has approved prompt release of planning funds for a regional airport in the Big Sandy.

Geri Grigsby has been named "National Prep's 1977 Basketball Player of the Year" and No. 1 on the All-American team.

There died: Harvey Campbell, 68, of Water Gap, August 21; Alton J. Sword Jr., 48, of River Rouge, Mich., formerly of this county, Saturday, in Michigan; Thomas Fleming

Walters, 94, of Emma, Monday, at the McDowell Hospital; Arvin "Dick" Evans, 66, of Harold, at the Pikeville Hospital; Bill Justice, 67, of Spurlock Creek, Saturday, at Highlands Regional; Tavis Wallen, 49, of Water Gap, last Thursday, in a Lexington Hospital; Garfield "Sonny" Hite, 52, of Lackey, at a lumber company, there, victim of electrocution; Larry Roger Wells, 28, formerly of Auxier, Sunday, in Warsaw, Ind.; Sarah P. Joseph, 77, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at a Lexington Hospital; James Edward Johnson, 52, of Melvin, last Thursday, at his home; Wade Wallen, 70, of Lima, O., formerly of Abbott Creek, Monday, in Ohio.

## Forty Years Ago

(August 31, 1967)

When the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court is convened here, next Tuesday, it will, perhaps for the first time, dispense with the services of a jury reporter.

Appropriation by the Senate Finance Subcommittee of funds for rent-subsidy housing, revived hopes that the application made some months ago by the Prestonsburg Ministerial Association for 150 housing units here has a chance of approval.

The City Council this week, named Earl Blackburn to succeed Harry Sandige as Prestonsburg Police Judge.

Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross, has begun production of cloth bags which will be filled with a variety of small gifts and shipped to Red Cross field directors for distribution to U.S. service personnel in Vietnam, during the next Christmas season.

Kenny Burl Hall, 18-year-old Halo youth, was killed, Thursday night, in the collision of his car with an Island Creek Coal Company truck on the highway at Halo.

Married: Miss Mary Sue Little, of Wheelwright, and Mr. William E. Cook, of Price, July 1, at Clintwood, Virginia; Miss Sandra Sue Stone, and Mr. Wendell Lee Martin, Saturday, at Wayland; Miss Patricia Harrod, of Frankfort, and Mr. James Carl Holbrook, of Melvin, August 28, at Wise, Virginia.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Sturgill, of Lima, O., a daughter, Fred Jewell Lynn, Aug. 24, at Lima; to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hicks, a son, Stacy Lee, August 25, at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky.

There died: Taulbee Robinson, 82, of Arkansas Creek, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Rhoda Thacker Bishop, 52, of Martin, last Thursday, at the C.&O. Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Wade Holbrook, 57, of Melvin, last Thursday, at a Frankfort Hospital; Harris Handshoe, 83, last Thursday, at his residence at Handshoe; Frank Salisbury, 66, of Printer, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.



ANNIVERSARY



66th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. and Alvie Ousley, will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2007. Mr. Ousley is the son of the late James and Emma Frazier Ousley. Mrs. Ousley is the daughter of the late Tommy and Mary Tussey Stephens. Four sons were born of their union, Dennis, of Winchester, and Dallas, of Erlanger, along with James Thomas and Billy Ray, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley also have two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The couple say that the secret to marital success is "taking it one day at a time." Their family and friends join in wishing them many happy days ahead.

Korner

The Fern and the Bamboo

One day I decided to quit. I quit my job, my relationship, and my spirituality. I wanted to quit my life. I went into the woods to have one last talk with God before doing so. "God," I said. "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?" His answer surprised me. "Look 'round," He said. "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?" "Yes," I replied. "When I planted the fern and the bamboo seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Yet nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo. "In the second year, the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. And again, nothing came from the bamboo seed. "But again, I did not quit on the bamboo." God went on to say, "In year three, there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I would not quit. In year four, again, there was nothing from the bamboo seed. Still, I would not quit," He said. "Then in the fifth year, a tiny sprout emerged from the earth. Compared to the fern it was seemingly small and insignificant. But just six months later, the bamboo rose

to over 100 feet tall. It had spent those five years growing roots. "Those roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge it could not handle," God told me. He said to me, "Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo. I will never quit on you. Do not compare yourself to others." Then He said, "The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful. Your time will come." He said. "You will rise high." "How high should I rise?" I asked. "How high will the bamboo rise?" He asked in return. "As high as it can?" I queried. "Yes," God said. "Give me glory by rising as high as you can." I left the forest and brought back this story. I hope these words can help you to see that God will never give up on you. He will never give up on you. Never regret a single day in your life. Good days give you happiness; bad days give you experiences; and, both are essential to life. "Til next week, God bless.

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Highlands Regional Medical Center

**July 15**  
A son, Adam Hunter Combs, to Leigh Ann & Ricky Combs, of Jackson  
A son, Brayden Joseph Young, to Kristinia & Joseph Young, of Boonscamp  
A daughter, Emily Kadence Neace, to Elma & Timothy Neace, of Jackson  
A daughter, Madison Katherine Barnett, to Heather Ratliff, of Hardburly

**July 16**  
A daughter, Ocean Bethany Nicole Smith, to Chrissy & Christopher Smith, of Royalton  
A son, Trinity DaVon Hall, to Jamie & Scotty Hall, of Raccoon  
A daughter, Inihya Mahallia Diamond Allen, to Ruby Ann & Rufus Vermillion Allen, of Hazard

**July 17**  
A daughter, Asia Lynn Perkins, to Nellie Ann & Joshua Edward Perkins, of Salyersville  
A son, Caden Kash Hall Jenkins, to Bethany Danielle Hall, of Stanville  
A son, Ajay Vincent Srivastava, to Sonjay & Correnia Srivastava, of Wittensville  
A son, Jonathan Andrew Plowman, to Jessica Lynn & Clifton Hurst Plowman, of Hazard

**July 18**  
A son, Ethan Carter Ray, to Ashley Mearl Johnson, of Combs  
A daughter, Amy Leanne Yates, to Katie Yates, of Allen  
A daughter, Emily Grace Hall, to Stephanie & David Hall, of Hueysville  
A son, Ashton Garrett Ramey, to Brittany Renee & Rodney Garrett Ramey, of Pikeville

**July 19**  
A son, Joshua Nathaniel Tate Baisden, to Roberta Howell, of Teaberry  
A son, Bradden Keith Little, to Jessie Tackett, of Beaver  
A son, Adam Christopher Justice, to Sherry & Chris Justice, of Harold  
A son, Wesley Ray Fredrick Jarrell, to Stephanie & Ricky Jarrell, of Allen

**July 21**  
A daughter, Rylee Jade Daniels, to Misty & Todd Daniels, of Bypro  
A daughter, Kyleigh Janay Jarrell, to Deni McCoy, of Ivel  
A son, Jaydon Lee Van Hoose, to Amy Sue Morris, of Paintsville

**July 22**  
A son, Isabella Karriele Jervis, to April Jervis, of Prestonsburg

**July 24**  
A daughter, Emily Ann Conley, to Amy & James Conley, of Paintsville  
A daughter, Laci Alexandria Howell, to Samantha & Evan Howell, of Craynor  
A daughter, Damien Hunter Deaton, to Jessica Getson, of Jackson

**July 25**  
A son, Dylan Tyler Rex Porter, to Kimberly Lynn Porter, of Paintsville  
A daughter, Kyra Gail Fletcher, to Heather & Donald Fletcher, of Wayland

**July 26**  
A daughter, Brooklyn Cresha Withem, to Donna DeRossett, of Prestonsburg  
A son, Kaleb Ray Pennington, to Jessica Casey, of Falcon

**July 27**  
A son, Cayden Jeffery Calloway Adams, to Michelle Stamper, of Booneville

**July 28**  
A daughter, Bryklyn Bell Couch, to Patricia Ann Couch, of Bonnyman

**July 31**  
A son, Draven Gauge Payne Charles, to Misty Dawn Charles, of Prestonsburg

**Aug. 1**  
A daughter, Lakyn Breann Johnson, to Leslie Johnson, of Ivel  
A son, Sethurijah Benjamin Elijah Spradlin, to Dawana & Dennis Spradlin, of Salyersville

**Aug. 2**  
A son, Michael Bryce Stephens, to Shenna Slone, of Prestonsburg  
A son, Anthony Lamont Gardner Jr., to Jamie Lynn Glover, of Paintsville

A son, Harrison Jonathan Clay Akers, to Candice Lea & Daniel Akers, of Teaberry  
A son, Caleb Frankline Perkins, to Sherry Lynn & Rodney Ray Perkins, of Salyersville  
A son, Marcus Edward Smith, to Penny Slone, of Pinetop

**Aug. 3**  
A son, James Jacob Sean Blanton, to Roxannia Williams, of Staffordsville  
A daughter, Virginia Elizabeth Patton, to Dixie Lynn & Kenneth Jason Patton, of Prestonsburg

**Aug. 4**  
A son, Gabriel Skylar Lee Smith, to Miranda Carroll & Gabriel Foster Smith, of Pikeville

NEW ARRIVAL



It's a Boy!

Colton Blaze Moore was born on July 4, 2007 to proud parents Trent and Bonnie Moore. He weighed 3 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 16 inches in length. He is the grandson of Sharon and James Rich, Neil Moore, and Diane and Ray Hunter.

Oak

"Appalachian stereotypes" within these pages. What we've written is a truth, plain and simple: these are some of the finest people on earth. We'll keep you posted on the new book's progress. I had a call a few nights ago from a gentleman in Floyd County who grew up at Auxier. He, too, had a Muddy Branch story, much like the ones I've been telling for years in this column. It seems that back in 1937, when he was about 10 years old, an adult in the community put a baseball team, of which

this man was a member, in the back of a pick-up truck one Sunday morning, and brought them to Muddy Branch to play against a group of local boys. The gentleman said his first impression was that the Muddy Branch ball diamond had the smoothest infield he'd ever seen. However, it was what happened at the end of the contest that formed the memory he's kept for the past 70 years. It was late afternoon when the game was over, he said, and a man who ran the company store called all the Auxier ballplayers together and told them to meet him over at the store. "We hadn't had a bite to eat all day," the man said, "and the store manager told us we could get 15 cents worth of whatever we wanted. I got a handful of crackers and cheese, a nickel cake and a big R.C. Cola." The caller said he'd never forgotten the kindness and generosity of that store manager, and would bet that not a single Auxier ball player ever forgot it, either. I guess it's obvious that Mr. Eugene Miller, who was in charge of the Northeast Coal Company Store for many years, was also one of those dear hearts and gentle people.

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Critter

to us. We were all dedicated to doing whatever was necessary to nurse Mrs. Bones back to health. Finally, she began to grow stronger and to trust us. Eventually, she began to put on weight and, by the time two months had passed, Mrs. Bones no longer deserved her nickname as by this time, she was now weighing 65 pounds, just as this breed should weigh. Soon, her profile was posted on our

internet "forever home" site and almost immediately a couple from Portland, Maine contacted us expressing interest in adopting her. "Mrs. Bones" is now living with this same couple in Las Vegas, Nevada (they moved after adopting her). We are pleased to report that this family has been delighted to give Mrs. Bones a "forever home" and that she has her very own boy to play with her and care for her daily. She will

never go hungry again. A lot of people were involved with her rescue it's great to know that if that first couple had not cared enough to bring Mrs. Bones in to us, she may never have known the joy of human kindness and the love of a caring family. So, here's to all the people who help those in less fortunate circumstances. You folks are my heroes! Thanks for reading and God bless.

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Yesterdays

Fifty Years Ago (August 29, 1957)

With the announcement, last week, that the chief of the Army Corps of Engineers had allocated \$262,000 for construction of flood protection here, Prestonsburg authorities moved, this week, toward compliance with terms of the Engineers, in order to hasten the beginning of work. The Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled, Tuesday, that DuRan Moore, is the Democratic nominee for the office of Floyd County Court Clerk. Leonard L. Osborne, 37, well-known Martin man, was killed instantly when his car plunged from a hillside curve three miles above McDowell, Wednesday night. The unpleasant taste and odor of Prestonsburg's water have their source in the heavy growth of green algae during the recent extremely hot weather. "Copper John" Campbell, highly successful basketball coach at Wayland High School for the past ten years, resigned recently to enter private business at Mousie. Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamer, Jr., a daughter, Jayne Sinnett, August 11, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital

There died: Mrs. Rhoda Crisp, 76, of Martin, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital there; George Freeman, 77, of West Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Minnie Dodd Preston, 39, of Drift, August 21, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; James Oscar Arrington, 59, former Martin police judge, Tuesday, at C.&O. hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Brady Hackworth, 75, Sunday, at his home on Middle Creek; Hattie Bowe Williams, last Thursday, at her home at Wayland; Edd Perry, 58, August 19, at his home at Garrett.

Sixty Years Ago (August 28, 1947)

The three-day walkout of approximately 1,250 miners at the Inland Steel Company in protest of the layoff of their union president, ended Monday. The Top Hat night club property of Bascom Robinson at East Point, was bought, Tuesday, by the Floyd Post, American Legion, for its use as a clubhouse. A slatefall in the mine of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland, Tuesday night, killed Roy C. Yonts, 31-year-old miner, of Leburn, Knott County. Last week saw the first court action against

violators of the local option law in effect in this county, and since that time three cases have reached the courts. Some of the current top hit records available at the Thomas Hereford Company this week are "I'll Hold You In My Heart"—Eddy Arnold; "Blue Yodel No. 4"—Bill Monroe, "Smoke, Smoke, Smoke"—Phil Harris; "It's Only a Phonograph Record"—Charlie Monroe, and "You Hit the Nail Right On the Head"—Ernest Tubb. Married: Miss Herma Holbrook, of Martin, and Mr. Luther Bentley, of Allen, August 16, at Paintsville. Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Underwood, of Mullins, W.Va., a daughter, Karen Lynn, August 9; to Mr. and Mrs. Junior Robinson, of Allen, a son, Sam, August 22. There died: Mrs. Sidney Dingus, 74, of Martin, Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Winifred Grace Norris, 60, former Floyd County Coroner and nurse, of Martin, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Foster Newsome, 21, Monday, at Melvin, a victim of tuberculosis; James Taylor Skeans, 48, of Martin, Tuesday, at the C.&O. Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Theodore Spurlock, 41, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday.

Seventy Years Ago (August 27, 1937)

The body of 65-year-old Robert D. Callihan was found in his bed at Garrett, last Friday, where he had apparently been beaten to death as he lay asleep. A blast from a 16-gauge shotgun, Sunday, at 8:30 p.m., took the life of Levi Hall, 45, police chief at McDowell. Pathos and humor are intertwined among the mementos that will be placed in the cornerstone box that will be sealed at the Methodist Church, September 6, not to be opened until 1957, 20 years hence. Alex Hall, 26, died August 18, of a blow on the head, sustained three weeks earlier. With their opening game against Belfry approximately a month away, the 1937 edition of Coach Messer's Prestonsburg Blackcats begun practice for the approaching football season at Gasco park, this week. Marriage licenses listed at the courthouse this week included the following: Clayton Wills and Ethel Conley; Sam Shepherd and Laura Vanderpool; Fred Newsome and Agnes O'Roark; and Roy Weems and Susan Crum. There died: Wince Walters, 26, Saturday, at Drift.

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BIRTHDAYS



Look who's 1!

Luke Abram Mullins turned one year old on August 4, 2007. He partied with his friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare on August 3. Luke is the son of Shea Mullins, of Daniels Creek, and Daniel Coleman, of Georgetown. Happy birthday, Luke!



Surprise birthday party!

Melissa Renee Powers, the daughter of Darrell and Leesa Powers, of Auxier, was honored with a surprise birthday party on July 29, 2007 for her 30th birthday. Making a special guest appearance was "Elvis" who entertained everyone with a melody of Melissa's favorite tunes. Melissa's family wishes to thank everyone who attended as well as all those who helped. "We are blessed to have one of God's special angels to keep our lives full of love and joy."

**ATTENTION**

Anyone with information regarding a two vehicle accident on 6/22/07 at approximately 9:22 a.m., in Prestonsburg, at the intersection of Rt. 114 and Franklin Ct. (Wal-Mart Post Office intersection), please contact attorney B.D. Nunnery at 886-1515 or 1-800-248-1440. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Need pet pics ASAP!**

Critter lovers take notice! Our Critter Corner pics file has become dangerously near empty. Please, send your pet's favorite photo ASAP to: features@floydcountytimes.com, or to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Attn: Kathy Prater, or just swing by and drop a couple off the next time you're in town! Along with photos, please leave pet's name, owner's name, place of residence and "fun facts" about your pet's favorite habits/activities.



Jacob is 5!

Jacob Ryan Scott Hall, the son of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, celebrated his fifth birthday on August 5, 2007. Many family members and friends joined Jacob at his "CSX Train" themed swimming party and cookout. Jacob attends Duff Elementary, along with his older sister, Alexis. Jacob is the maternal grandson of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett, and the great-grandson of Sybol Bentley, of Wayland. He is the paternal grandson of Ann Tignor, of Wayland, and Palmer Hall, of Cleveland, Tennessee, and the great-grandson of Marie Slone, of Estill.



Riley is 2!

Riley Elizabeth Hicks turned two years old on August 6, 2007. She celebrated with her friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare. Riley is the daughter of Brandon and Sabrina Hicks, of David. Wishing you a great year, Riley!

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Dr. Johnson has returned to eastern Kentucky to practice at the Kentucky Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgical Specialists, PLLC, located in the old Social Security building at 5322 KY Rt. 321, Suite 1, in Prestonsburg. His office hours are 8:00 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606.886.8240.

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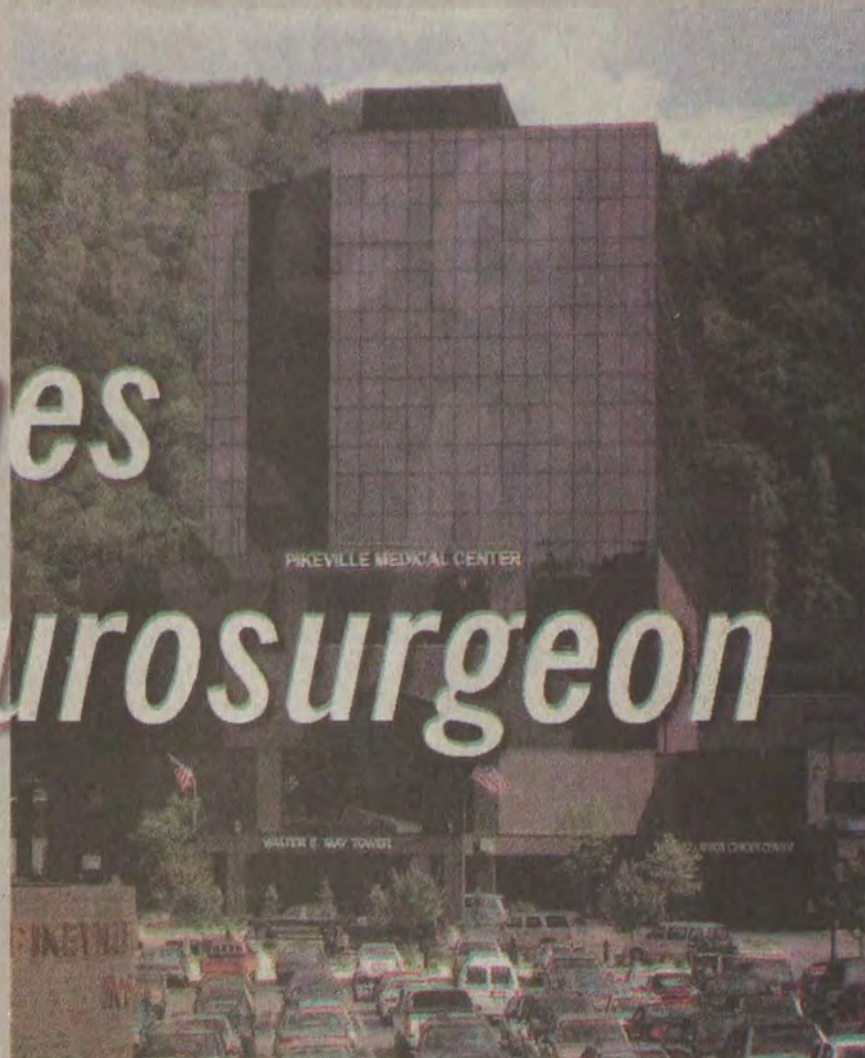
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