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Bunning urges incentives for alternative fuels

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Kentucky's coalfields could help curb the nation's dependency on foreign oil — if the right incentives are in place for coal-to-liquids technology, U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning said Monday.

The technology will not only drive coal production in Kentucky — ranked third in U.S. coal production — but it would allow the United States to "capitalize on domestic resources that will fuel economic growth and provide

energy security," said Bunning, R-Ky., the key speaker at an energy conference in Pike County.

While coal-to-liquids has been lauded by lawmakers as a means to lessen U.S. dependence on foreign oil, the process of converting the sooty mineral to diesel fuel is a risky venture.

To build such a plant is a \$2 billion investment that coal companies and private investors aren't eager to make.

At the insistence of the coal industry, some federal lawmakers, including Bunning, are proposing an array of "energy independence" measures call-

ing for taxpayers to underwrite coal-to-liquid plants, from billions of dollars in construction loans to minimum prices for the new fuel.

Bunning said that on Tuesday, he would attempt to add the proposed incentives in his coal-to-liquids promotion bill — co-sponsored with Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. — to the proposed energy legislation currently engaged in congressional debate.

"It's not enough to have the coal for a coal-to-liquids plant," Bunning said. "You need to have a strong combination of local, state and federal incen-

tives."

Bunning's visit to the state's top coal producing county was met with opposition from members of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, an advocacy group that seeks an end to coal as a primary energy source.

Less than a mile from the energy conference, the group rallied against the push for coal-to-liquids technology with signs reading, "Don't sell our souls to liquid coal" and "Liquid coal is filthy fuel!"

(See ENERGY, page eight)

briefs

Being poor costs more in Kentucky

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Poor people in Kentucky actually pay more for everyday expenses than their wealthier counterparts, according to a new study.

Low-income families are likely to have more expensive mortgages, higher interest rates on their car loans and costlier auto insurance, according to a study from the Washington-based Brookings Institution. The report also found that poor people often pay more for their groceries, furniture and appliances.

"Some of the highest prices for basic necessities in Kentucky are in its poorest areas, including the Appalachian region, where everything from mortgages to insurance is comparably more expensive than in most other areas of the state," the report said.

Terry Brooks, executive director of the Kentucky Youth Advocates, said companies across the state could help by finding "innovative ways" to offer poor people loans with lower interest rates.

Those who have low incomes make strategic decisions, but have limited options in what they can do, Brooks said.

"It's clearly not a quick fix," Brooks said.

DROUGHT RELIEF



photo by Jessica Hale

Tuesday's brief downpours of rain provided little relief to the dry conditions throughout the area since much of the precipitation didn't have time to soak into the ground.

Body found at state park identified

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Investigators say no foul play is suspected in the discovery of a body found at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Sunday.

According to Kentucky State Police, a female was bicycling along a trail at the park and spotted the body of a white male lying beside the trail.

The Department of Fish

and Wildlife contacted authorities and they determined the identity of the body to be 59-year-old Daryl Gibson, of McDowell.

Gibson was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Roger Rowe. His death appears to be the result of natural causes, although an autopsy is pending.

The incident is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Byron Hansford.

Bear sightings on the rise

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Black bear sightings are becoming more prevalent throughout the country due to late frosts and the current drought, and Eastern Kentucky is no exception.

According to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, black bear activity is on the rise as these animals emerge from their dens and are on the prowl for food. Experts say the drought which is plaguing much of the country is also to blame, making the bears more hungry than usual.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife says they have

recently received complaints about bears from Lewis, Laurel, Pike, Letcher, Harlan, McCreary and Floyd Counties.

Locally, bears have been sighted in the Middle Creek and Watergap communities. Officials also say the number of bear sightings will likely increase in the coming weeks as yearling bears leave their mothers and adult males wonder the woods in search of mates.

Because many Kentuckians have not dealt with bears in their area, department officials are working to educate the public about bear biology and

(See BEARS, page eight)

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Partly cloudy

High: 85 • Low: 56

Tomorrow

Storms

High: 89 • Low: 61

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Drugstore, supermarket squabble over pharmacy plans

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The signs are going up for a new food store which will also house a fully operational pharmacy in the Glyn View Shopping Center in Prestonsburg, but the existing Rite Aid Store located next door says its lease agreement has been breached and they fear their business will suffer.

Food City moved out of the building several months ago, but their parent com-

pany K-VA-T Food Stores, is nearing the opening day of Super Dollar Discount Foods, which will be housed in the same location. K-VA-T plans on also operating a full service pharmacy within the store, but neighboring Rite Aid store says their original lease agreement says that no other pharmacies will be permitted in the shopping center.

A suit was filed by Rite Aid of Kentucky Inc. in Floyd County Circuit

(See DRUGSTORES, page eight)



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Rite Aid isn't happy with the new Super Dollar Discount Foods store moving in next door at the Glyn View Plaza Shopping Center since they found out the store plans to offer a full service pharmacy.

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Obituaries



Maudie Alice Horn Bays

Maudie Alice Horn Bays, 98, of Auxier, passed away on Friday, June 15, 2007, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Born on September 7, 1908, she was the daughter of the late Isadore and Alice Wireman Horn. She was a homemaker, a former aide at the Jenny Wiley Rest Home for 10 years, a life-long member of the Rebekah Lodge, and a member of the Horn Chapel Methodist Church for 59 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Bascom Bays, on February 22, 1962.

Survivors include one daughter, Geneva Bays Cox; and one son, John Bays Jr. (Betty), both of Auxier; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 18, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Larry Burton and Rev. Bobby Wireman officiating.

Burial was in the Wells Relocation Cemetery on Ky. Rt. 321.

Pallbearers: James (Jimmy) Bays, Delmer Cox, Michael Bays, Jim Gillespie, Kelly Jervis, and Justin Salisbury.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Daryl Deane Gibson

Daryl Deane Gibson, age 59, of McDowell, husband of Nancy Stumbo Gibson, died Saturday, June 16, in Prestonsburg.

He was born October 2, 1947, in Wayland, a son of Bessie Click Gibson of Wayland, and the late William Cody Gibson.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Jarrod Patrick Gibson of McDowell; six brothers: Ray Ellis Gibson of Ann Arbor, Michigan, William Edward Gibson of Idaho, Ernest Ray Gibson of Martin, Paul Edward Gibson of Willard, Ohio, James Maynard Gibson of New Richmond, Ohio, and Brewie Gene Gibson of Johnstown, Ohio, and two sisters: Ogie Johnson of Mousie, and Brenda Manchester of Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Deane Gibson; and a sister, Olga Millspaugh.

Funeral services for Daryl Deane Gibson will be held Wednesday, June 20, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Tammy Renee Boyd Hall

Tammy Renee Boyd Hall, 23, of Harold, died Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 25, 1983, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Verdia Kay Webb Boyd, and the late John Allen Boyd. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a stepson, Shannon Hall of Harold; a

stepdaughter, Kimberly Hall of Harold; three brothers: David Michael Webb and Jason Lee (Rose) Boyd, both of Prestonsburg, and John Allen (Wendy) Jr. Boyd of Emma; two sisters: Lagina (Bobby) Gayheart of Paintsville, and Jennifer Michelle (Andy) Collins of Prestonsburg; four nephews: Shawn Gayheart, Brian Jacob Gayheart, Caleb Jason Gayheart and Johnathan Boyd; three nieces: Shala Boyd, Erica Boyd, and Abigail Lee Boyd; and a stepgrandchild, Jason Trey Thornsburg.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Jason Hall; and a nephew, Bobby Joe Gayheart Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Donnie Hall and Billy Compton officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery in Coldwater Branch, Betsy Layne, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Rosie Elliott Robinson



Mommy and Granny, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 16, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born October 24, 1918, in Katy Friend, she was the daughter of William (Will) A. Elliott and Sarah Jane Rose Elliott. She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church.

She met and wed Delmar Robinson on October 24, 1938. In this union, they had four children: Robert H. Robinson, Clarence Eugene (Gene) Robinson and Billy Ray Robinson, all of

Prestonsburg; a daughter, Sarah Jane Robinson Lewis of Somerset; seven grandchildren, Christy Lewis Stephens, of Somerset, Missy Robinson Williams and Michele Robinson Hammonds, both of Prestonsburg, Mary Robinson Francis of Lexington, Timothy Robinson of Harold, Robert Jr., of Van Lear, and Michael of England; and 12 great-grandchildren. She just recently got to see pictures of three, who were adopted by her grandson, Michael, in England.

She has several nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Rosie enjoyed her newest grandson and was delighted every time she saw him.

Rosie was an avid quilter. She has made over 100 quilts in a lifetime. She loved her flowers and plants of all kinds. She loved flea markets and auctions. She just loved life.

She will be sadly missed and there will be a great void in the lives of all that knew her.

Once asked if there was anything she regretted in her life, she answered by saying, "No, I have none, I have always tried to be there when I was needed, and maybe sometimes when I shouldn't have been, but I was. Others may have regrets, but not me."

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, at 1 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Buddy Jones officiating.

Interment was in the Robinson Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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Amalee R. Spurlock

Amalee R. Spurlock, age 90, of Martin, widow of John H. Spurlock, died Saturday, June 16, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

She was born August 14, 1916, in Mouthcard, a daughter of the late James Garland and Nann Johnson Rowe. She was a former postmaster assistant; store operator; and a member of the First Baptist Church in Martin, since 1960; and taught Sunday school for 40 years.

Survivors include two daughters: Lynda Spurlock Linkswiler (husband, Paul) of Printer, and Omega Cole (husband, Shelah) of Oak Forest, Illinois; a sister, Betty R. Tackett of Ashland; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Rowe; and a sister, Margaret McReynolds.

Funeral services for Amalee R. Spurlock were conducted Monday, June 18, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Russ Taylor officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Lillian Irene Wells Watson

Lillian Irene Wells Watson, 84, of Prestonsburg, died November 15, 2006, at Riverview Health Care Center.

Born February 1, 1922, in Auxier, she was the daughter of the late Samuel Lewis Wells and Marsha Litteral Wells. She was a former teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary School, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Thomas Watson, who died January 1, 1999.

Survivors include a daughter, Marsha W. Heedick (Rick) of Charlotte, North Carolina; two sisters: Roberta W. Davidson of Prestonsburg, and Ruby Collins of Lexington; two grandchildren: Christopher Alan Heedick of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Laura Anne Heedick of Richmond, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by a brother, James Milford "Toodles" Wells, and a sister, Bonnie Wells. Following her death, her brother, Randall

Wells; also passed away.

A memorial service for Lillian will be held Saturday, June 23, 2007, at noon, at the Carter Funeral Home, with Dr. Harold Dorsey officiating.

The family will receive

friends and family from 11 a.m., Saturday, until time of service.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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May God bless each and every one.

Ernie Johnson, Treasurer

Card of Thanks

The family of Mary Elizabeth Patton wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Steve Grimms for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for all their kind and trusted service.

THE FAMILY OF MARY ELIZABETH PATTON

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The family of Aileen Adams wishes to express our heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation; and wishes to acknowledge all acts of kindness and love, shown by flowers, calls, visits, food, prayers, and concern, during the passing of our mother.

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For Information on Groups, Call:
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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@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.

Attention: Garrett High Alumni
Anyone who knows any basketball players who played for Coach "Dog" Campbell at Garrett High School that have since passed away, please contact Joe Hancock at 886-0223 or write to: P.O. Box 152, Garrett, KY 41630.

Also, those wishing to make donations to help pay for a monument honoring Coach Campbell and deceased Garrett High players, to be placed in the Garrett Park, mail check or money orders to: "Dog" Campbell Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 152, Garrett, KY 41630 (C/O Joe Hancock).

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Vacation Bible School
There will be Vacation Bible School at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. Registration party on Sunday, June 24th, at 3 p.m.. VBS starts on Monday, June 25 thru Friday, June 29, 6 to 9 p.m. Quality Kid Puppets will be here on Sunday, June 24.

Tri-County Fibromyalgia Support Group to meet
The Tri-County Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting will be held at Paul B. Hall's Sleep Diagnostic Lab, located at 824 South Mayo Trail, Thursday, June 21, at 6 p.m. The film "Show Me Where It Hurts" will be shown beginning at 5 p.m. Call 789-2805, 367-0596, or 297-1945, for more information.

Spaghetti Dinner
Sponsored by Christ United Methodist Women and Christ United Methodist Men, at the Wesley Christian School Gym, Allen, on June 23, from 4-7 p.m. Meals \$5 per plate. All proceeds to benefit the Prestonsburg District United Methodist Habitat for Humanity Project for house to be built this coming September.

Summer Fun Beauty Pageant
June 23 at 1 p.m., at the Pikeville College Booth Auditorium. Call 606-754-9488. All ages high score wins \$50.

Graceway Bible School
Vacation Bible School will be held at the Graceway United Methodist Church, Langley, on June 18-22, from 6-8 p.m., nightly.

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Amburgey Family Reunion
To be held Saturday and Sunday, July 28 & 29.

Saturday dinner to be held at the LKLP Conf. Room, in the old Dice Combs High School, at Jeff. Dinner at 6 p.m., but feel free to come early. Cost is \$12/person.

On Sunday, reunion to be held at the Knott Central High School, in Hindman, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions, call Lucille Combs at 642-3842.

Pratt Family Reunion
To be held on June 30, at the Old Maytown School Luncheon.

Potluck dinner to be served at 1 p.m.
Luncheon reserved for all day.

Please bring a covered dish or a dessert to share and "Come Early, Stay Late."

An auction will be held to raise funds for next year's reunion, so bring a craft, a canned, preserved or baked good, or a gift item to auction off.

Playground, horseshoes, and volleyball will be available, plus use of the gym from 2-4 p.m.

For more info., call Julia Jones at 285-3179, Loretta Hackworth at 886-3928, or Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083.

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.

Old Fashion Pancake Breakfast
June 23 - Wendy's Rest., 7-9 a.m. Tickets \$5, please purchase by Monday, June 18.
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Cheer Clinic
August 11 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up before July 15, \$15/person.

T-shirts will be given out.
Call Leslie Ousley at 874-0317 or Nikki Shepherd at 886-2321 to sign up.

Second Annual Bruce and Rosa Hall Family Reunion
To be held June 24, at Archer Park, in Prestonsburg. Hosted by Ed and Sharon Hall and John and Jeannie McWhirter. Please join the day of fun and bring along a covered dish to share, beverages and table service for your family. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. For further information, call Ed at (517) 437-2105 or email to: fastedieh@wmconnect.com

The "Miss Liberty 4th of July" Beauty Pageant will be held on June 24, in Olive Hill, by Paper Doll Pageant Productions. Pageant will be held at the West Carter Middle School; doors open at 1 p.m., pageant to begin at 2 p.m.

Entry fees and registration must be received by June 11.
For more info., call (606) 316-2981 or (606) 316-0777.

PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion
10 year class reunion to be held Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Cost will be \$50 per couple/\$25 for individuals. This will cover food, taxes, gratuity, and entertainment. Money needs to be in no later than June 14. Payment will not be able to be accepted at the door — deposits must be made and head count verified. Make your check or money order out to "Prestonsburg High Class of 1997" and mail to: Prestonsburg High School Reunion, 464 Newbury Way Lexington, KY 40514.

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, \$40.00 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.

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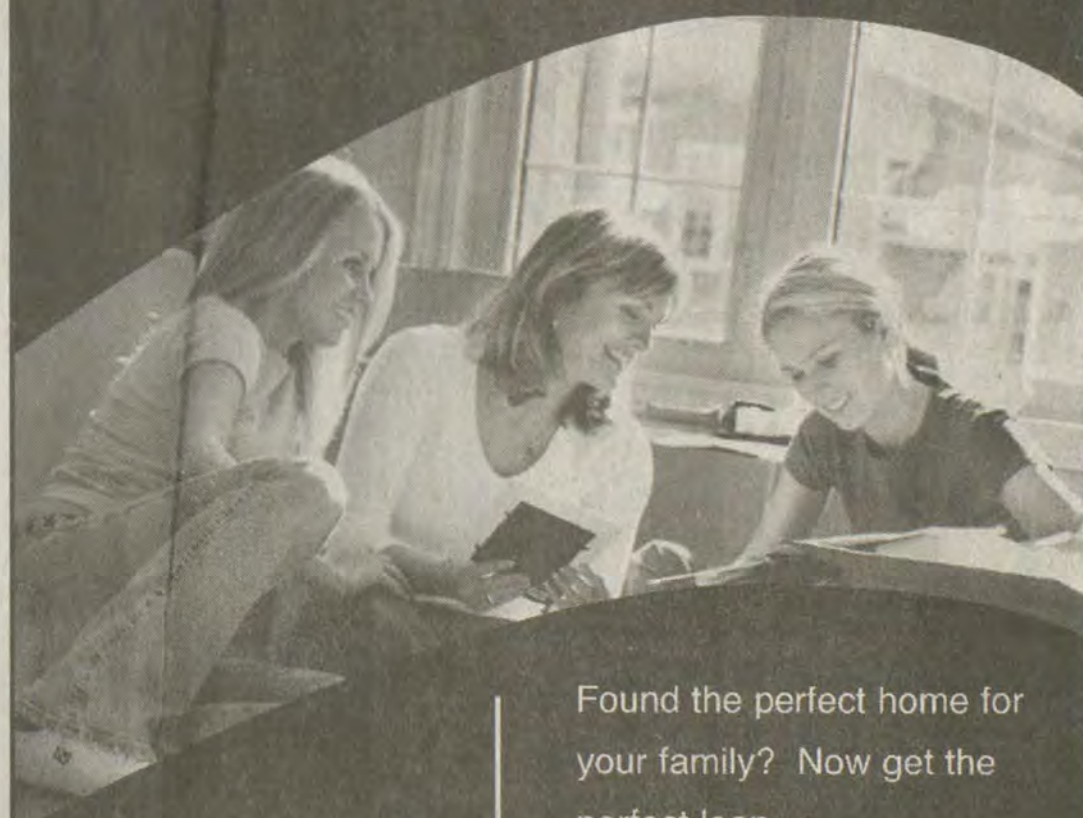
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Guest View

80 years old and still going strong

Happy birthday to us! Happy birthday to us!

Sunday marked 80 years in business for The Floyd County Times, and today we bring you a special issue celebrating the occasion. Inside you will find plenty to read about the communities and people we've covered over the years.

Naturally, whenever we reach a milestone like this, we cannot help but to take a look back from where we've come, as well as ahead to where we're heading.

Obviously, much has changed since the first Floyd County Times rolled off the presses in the summer of 1927. The world is a much different place today, and we wonder if those who read the first issue of The Times would even recognize the community we live in today.

The Times itself has changed with the passing years, and continues to evolve. We have grown from a weekly paper to being published three times a week, and we have also expanded into a medium that could not have even been imagined in 1927 — the internet. And in the coming years we foresee ourselves continuing to expand our electronic efforts, taking advantage of the internet to provide breaking news as it happens, video coverage of the news we report, and probably in other ways we haven't even imagined yet.

But one thing will remain the same, no matter what changes lie ahead. No matter how people get their news — through their computers, their cell phones or even old-fashioned paper — we will provide them with the information they need to remain connected to their communities.

In closing, we have to offer our thanks to our founder, Norman Allen, for having the courage and foresight to create The Floyd County Times, as well as our readers and our advertisers, who have continued to support The Times all these years.

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Our founder, Norman Allen



Guest Column

Dare we call it tyranny?

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The American people's response to President Bush's "war on terror" should be ... terror. The administration, sometimes with Congress's complicity:

- is preparing for a 50-year stay in Iraq, complete with 14 military bases and an embassy larger than the Vatican. (Can there be a better recruiting program for al Qaeda?)

- has abolished habeas corpus, the principle that for centuries has protected people from arbitrary confinement, for noncitizens declared to be "enemy combatants." (While the federal courts have upheld the abolition of habeas corpus for detainees at Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere overseas, fortunately an appellate court has just ruled against the administration in the case of a legal U.S. resident, Kahlal al-Marri, arrested in the United States, a ruling the administration is appealing.)

- unilaterally claims the power to use "enhanced interrogation techniques" — torture — on suspected terrorists and to turn them over to foreign governments known to torture prisoners. This has been done to persons later cleared of wrongdoing.

- runs secret CIA prisons in Europe and elsewhere. Thirty-nine persons seized abroad and believed to have been in U.S. custody have disappeared, according to Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

- violates our privacy by secretly

accessing foreign phone calls, e-mails, and financial and other records — approved, if at all, only by a rubber-stamp "court."

- conducts searches without notice or judicially issued warrants. The administration's assurances that it does not engage in misconduct are worth little, considering what has already come to light.

To hold onto the support of the American people for this dictatorial power, the Bush administration has engaged in its own form of terrorism by exposing domestic "plots" involving small rag-tag groups allegedly bent on, among other things, attacking Fort Dix and blowing up fuel tanks and pipelines near JFK International Airport. The pipeline plot, U.S. Attorney Roslynn R. Mouskoff said, "could have resulted in unfathomable damage, deaths and destruction." Yet people who actually understand these things say this is far-fetched.

It looks as though we are being terrorized by the government. To be sure, there must be a few people in the country who, for whatever reason, talk about blowing something up. But skepticism about these supposed threats is in order: the alleged plotters were exposed by FBI informants trying to get their own criminal sentences reduced. There is a fine line between an informant desperate to cooperate with law enforcement and an agent provocateur — the facts are easily concealed.

The government's past conduct justifies suspicion. Remember Jose Padilla. He first came to our attention in 2002 when then-Attorney General John Ashcroft interrupted a visit to Russia to make a dramatic television announcement that Padilla, an

American citizen, had been seized in Chicago for allegedly planning to detonate a dirty (radiation) bomb in the United States. For years Padilla, a former gang leader who talked big, was held — uncharged — in solitary confinement (tortured and drugged, he says) by the military as an unlawful enemy combatant. When he asked the courts to review his detention, the Bush administration objected on grounds that Padilla was entitled to no protections accorded criminal defendants. He eventually got his case into court, but an initially favorable decision was reversed on appeal. Before the Supreme Court could hear the case, the government moved it to the civilian courts, and Padilla is now standing trial. But he was not charged with plotting to set off a dirty bomb in the United States. Instead, he was charged with planning to commit terrorism in other countries. The U.S. government is the world's policeman.

Avoiding the Supreme Court by taking Padilla to criminal trial enabled the administration to protect its power to hold "enemy combatants" without charge indefinitely, but now the al-Marri ruling makes it a virtual certainty the issue will go to the Supreme Court. If the administration prevails, Padilla's acquittal wouldn't guarantee his freedom.

Presidential power grabs and unlikely plots: if this doesn't add up to tyranny, what would?

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Governor's race may draw national spotlight

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT—Kentucky can usually count on national headlines for its expensive horse races, but not necessarily national political races.

That could change this year as the Kentucky governor's race is one of three across the country. Louisiana and Mississippi are the only two other states electing a chief executive in 2007.

"It's kind of the only game in town," said Bill Londrigan, head of the state AFL-CIO.

Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, weakened by a hiring scandal that embroiled his administration, is seeking a second term against a challenge from Democrat Steve Beshear, a former lieutenant governor.

Gov. Haley Barbour, a former Republican National Committee chairman, is seeking re-election in Mississippi. Meanwhile, candidates in Louisiana are seeking to succeed Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who is not seeking another term.

A year ago at this time, Fletcher was considered by many as a long-shot to win a second term on Nov. 6. His administration had been under investigation since May 2005, and numerous officials and associates had been indicted in the probe.

Fletcher eventually gave a blanket pardon to his entire administration, except himself. The governor was later indicted on three misdemeanor charges that were eventually dropped in a negotiated deal with prosecutors.

Fletcher drew questions from leaders within his own Republican party about whether he could win a second term, and faced opposition during the primary from one-time allies, Paducah businessman Billy Harper and former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup.

Nevertheless, Fletcher won and avoided a runoff. For political observers, the Fletcher story line seems poised to fill the void nationally.

Kentucky already has some national clout on the Republican side, represented in Washington by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader. And, Republican National

Committee chairman Mike Duncan is from Inez in eastern Kentucky.

But Brian Namey, a spokesman for the Democratic Governors Association, said Kentucky represents one of the Democrats' "best chances" to pick up a governor's office this year. It's important not just for the upcoming presidential election, but also for the redistricting in 2010, Namey said.

"The more Democratic governors you have, the stronger the party is," Namey said.

Kentucky has voted for the presidential winner every year dating back to 1964, said Les Fugate, a spokesman for Secretary of State Trey Grayson. The last time Kentucky did not pick the eventual winning presidential candidate was in 1960 when former President John F. Kennedy defeated former President Richard Nixon.

Nick Ayers, executive director of the Republican Governors Association, said Kentucky's governor's race is "critical" and important to its residents, but that any added attention would likely be attributed to there being only three races this year.

"Like it or not, the reality is because these are the only three races, how Republicans do and how Democrats do — whether it's true or not — the media will perceive it as a bellwether," Ayers said.

Kentucky's voting population has more than 1.5 million registered Democrats to just more than 1 million Republicans.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, who is also the state Democratic Party chairman, said he and Beshear went to Washington earlier this month to help muster support.

Democratic success in Kentucky — a state that voted for President Bush in both his presidential elections — could portend presidential success the following fall, Miller said.

"The national folks see this as a great opportunity to turn Kentucky blue again," Miller said.

Such attention might not be there in a more politically crowded year, Paul Beck, a professor of political science at Ohio State University said. Political leaders and the press tend to use off-year elections

as a barometer of the public's attitude leading into presidential races, Beck said.

"I think it says more about the nature of the electorate of a particular state," Beck said.

Success in 2007 might give a boost in 2008, Beck said.

"What you try to do is to develop some momentum out of these off-year elections and to be able to say to your side, 'Hey we picked off two of the three governor's races in 2007 and knocked off a sitting governor,'" Beck said. "It really motivates the troops in away and discourages people in the opposition party."

Despite the anticipated national attention, national issues likely won't gain much traction in the fall contests, Beck said. Candidates aren't taking, for instance, positions on the Iraq war, he said.

Steve Robertson, chairman of the Kentucky Republican Party, said he did not believe the race would show anything

nationally.

"When you don't have federal candidates on the ballot, it boils down to issues within that state," Robertson said. "In Kentucky, that'll be the case."

Robert Kellar, Beshear's spokesman, said the campaign was expecting "a great deal of attention nationally." The added attention can at least be partly attributed to the legal and political problems Fletcher has encountered during his first term, he said.

National parties and other independent groups are likely to put a higher focus on the race in Kentucky this year, Fletcher's campaign manager, Marty Ryall, said. While the issues involved in the race between Fletcher and Beshear

are likely to be Kentucky-centric, that probably won't deter outsiders from having an interest, Ryall said.

"This race is about the state of Kentucky and the issues

that folks feel are important to them here," Ryall said. "I don't think it's going to be driven by about what's going on in Iraq or going on in Washington."

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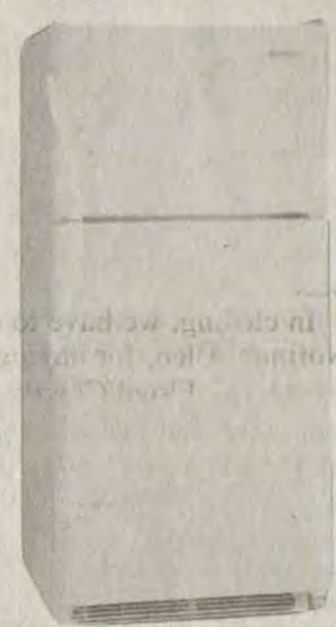
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Odds & Ends

■ **PITTSBURGH** — Jackson is a popular dad.

With six living offspring, the Pittsburgh Zoo's bull elephant holds the record for fathering the most calves at U.S. zoos.

"He is extremely valuable," said Deborah Olson, director of conservation and science programs at the Indianapolis Zoo and studbook keeper for African elephants in North America.

The 28-year-old Jackson is by far the most productive of the five male African elephants available for breeding in North America; three others have two calves each.

Just in time for Father's Day, the Louisville Zoo said tests showed Jackson was the father of Scotty, a male elephant recently born there. Scotty's mother was artificially impregnated in 2005.

Jackson's two oldest calves — Victoria, 7, and Callee, 6 — are at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. Two other elephants at the zoo are expected to give birth to Jackson's offspring next year.

He also has two calves at Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Fla., and one at the Indianapolis Zoo.

"We really appreciate the (Pittsburgh) zoo's willingness to use him for breeding," Olson said. "They never say no, they're just always right there ready to help."

Despite weighing 10,500 pounds and standing 11 feet tall, Jackson is gentle and obedient, and has a bit of a sweet tooth, according to Pittsburgh zoo officials.

"He's very tolerant of the calves," said Amos Morris, curator of mammals. "He'll lay down and play with them through the fence."

The zoo next year plans to mate Jackson with two elephants it is getting from the Philadelphia Zoo.

■ **NEW YORK** — A woman arrested for exposing her breasts has accepted a \$29,000 settlement from the city, her lawyer said.

Jill Coccaro, 27, was arrested on a topless stroll two years ago, despite a 1992 state appeals court ruling that concluded women should have the same right as men to take off their shirts.

Coccaro, who now goes by the name Phoenix Feeley, remained in custody for 12 hours before she was told prosecutors were not going to pursue charges.

Her attorney, Jeffrey Rothman, told the Daily News that his client won the civil rights settlement from the city, which did not admit or deny wrongdoing.

"We hope the police learn a lesson and respect the rights of women to go topless," Rothman said.

Feeley told the New York Post that she was not treated well after her Aug. 4, 2005, arrest in Manhattan's Lower East Side section. She claimed in an October lawsuit that a police officer yanked her out of a patrol car by her hair and police took her to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.

She told the newspaper she had gone bare-breasted after

running the 2004 city marathon without police bothering her.

"I've always just felt that was something natural," Feeley said of going topless. "I've kind of always done it out of practicality."

■ **YAKIMA, Wash.** — This is one Honda Accord thieves may want to avoid. The car was stolen twice in one day in Yakima County, and authorities quickly arrested suspects both times.

The car was stolen near Tieton early Friday, according to the sheriff's office. A detective in an unmarked car spotted it around 10:45 a.m. in Terrace Heights as it raced another Accord. The detective gave chase, losing one of the Hondas when the pair split up.

He followed the other until the driver abandoned it. Then, the detective chased the driver on foot until he kicked in a door at a nearby residence and went inside, sheriff's officials said.

Officers found a 21-year-old Yakima man in the home and arrested him for investigation of possessing the stolen car, attempting to elude police and burglary.

Meanwhile, another man got behind the wheel of the freshly abandoned Accord and stole it. That man, a 22-year-old from Sunnyside, also abandoned the vehicle a short distance away after realizing it had a flat tire, sheriff's officials said. He also was arrested.

Authorities were looking for the other Accord involved in the racing incident. They had a license plate number and said it, too, was reported stolen.

■ **YORK, Pa.** — A high school student warmed all 5,200 seats in a new minor league baseball stadium before its inaugural game.

It took Todd McCormick about three hours to sit in each seat of Sovereign Bank Stadium, the new home of the York Revolution, on Friday. That's about 29 seats per minute.

McCormick, 17, of Springfield Township, started at 11:50 a.m. in Row N in right field. He finished around 3 p.m., two hours before gates opened for the game against the Newark Bears.

"It'll hurt in the morning, but right now I don't feel anything," McCormick said in the middle of his quest. "The Revolution said this would serve two purposes: It'll bring luck and I'll get to check all of the chairs."

The Revolution ended up losing to the Bears, 7-4.

■ **FARGO, Ga.** — Firefighters from across the nation have helped battle massive wildfires in the Okefenokee Swamp this spring. Now they've got a souvenir.

To raise money for new fire trucks, the tiny city of Fargo has been selling hundreds of T-shirts geared toward those fighting the swamp blaze, which has been dubbed the "Bugaboo."

The shirt shows a fire plow and helicopter among flames

and swamp critters. It says: "The Big Sweaty Bugaboo — Teamwork Is Not An Option. It's A Lifestyle."

Mayor Robbie Lee said the city saw a fundraising opportunity when hundreds of firefighters began arriving in southern Georgia two months ago to help fight wildfires that started near Waycross.

Lisa Johnson, Fargo's city clerk, said Friday that she has been amazed at the response. Since the \$20 shirts went on sale May 25, the city has raised more than \$17,000.

A third-grade teacher and a visiting forest ranger from Virginia designed the shirt. For the past three weeks, they have been sold at City Hall, a local restaurant and a gas station. Johnson said she has also gotten calls and e-mail from firefighters in Iowa, Texas and other states wanting to order them.

Lee said he does not

believe T-shirt sales alone will raise \$70,000 for a new wildland fire truck or \$150,000 for a 3,000-gallon fire tanker. He said the city will do the best it can with whatever money it can raise.

Fargo, population 380, relies on a volunteer fire department with just two trucks that are more than 25 years old and prone to breakdowns, Lee said.

Wildfires have burned 578,000 acres of forest and swampland in southern Georgia and northern Florida since April 16. Last month, the flames crept within three miles of Fargo, but never reached the city.

■ **RAYVILLE, La.** — The chief deputy of Richland Parish didn't just capture the 8-foot snake that had stopped highway traffic. He recognized it.

That let Chief Deputy Terry Thompson reunite the one-eyed boa constrictor with its owner, who had lost it when he moved to Rayville in March.

Thompson said that when

he got to the spot where the snake had been spotted Friday morning, he was told that a driver had tried to run over the boa and shoot it.

A man and his wife stuck around to make sure the snake did, too.


One look told Thompson it wasn't poisonous. "I caught it

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Widow who lobbied for safer mines settles lawsuit

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — An Eastern Kentucky woman who lobbied the General Assembly for safer coal mines after her husband was killed in a roof fall has agreed to a settlement in a lawsuit over his death.

A joint notice filed in federal court said Claudia Cole of Harlan County and the companies, including Stillhouse

Mining LLC and Black Mountain Resources, had reached the agreement, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported Monday.

Russell Cole Sr., 39, and Brandon Wilder, 23, were killed at the Stillhouse No. 1 mine near Cumberland in August 2005. Federal regulators cited Stillhouse for six violations, including failure to follow an approved roof-con-

rol plan and proposed what was then the maximum fine of \$360,000.

Federal inspectors have since cited the company for allegedly operating the mine without proper ventilation and proposed fines of more than \$700,000.

Earlier this year, Cole and several of her neighbors who had also lost spouses in the mines persuaded lawmakers to

pass sweeping mine safety legislation.

A lawyer for Claudia Cole said he could not discuss the terms of the settlement, and a Stillhouse Mining lawyer was not available.

Cole was pleased with the settlement, which will help take care of the family, including two teenage daughters, said Tony Oppgard, a Lexington-based attorney who

represents Cole.

"I was just glad to get it over with so my kids wouldn't have to go through a trial or anything," the newspaper quoted Cole as saying Monday.

Cole had sought \$1.5 million in compensatory damages, \$50 million in damages to punish the companies and \$15 million for the loss of companionship to Cole and the couple's daughters. The suit was filed against Stillhouse and several companies that allegedly provided management or other services, including Black Mountain Resources.

The lawsuit alleged that Stillhouse failed to train miners in the use of mobile roof supports and in the plan for removing pillars of coal that helped support the roof.

Shortly before the roof fall that killed Russell Cole and Wilder, a test boring showed a large crack in the roof, but the company told miners to keep working in unsafe conditions, the lawsuit alleged.

Incentives plan for coal-to-liquid plant outlined

The Associated Press

DRAKESBORO — A plan presented Friday would provide \$315 million in tax incentives to a plant that would produce 30,000 barrels of trans-

portation fuel daily from coal.

Smaller incentives would be offered to smaller plants, but the tax breaks would be based on performance, state Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, told lawmakers.

The plan would give the incentives over 25 years to a \$2.5 billion coal-to-liquid plant, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

Stivers, co-chairman of the Special Subcommittee on Energy, presented the plan at a meeting at the Tennessee Valley Authority coal power plant in Muhlenberg County.

He said developers and the state are discussing at least three coal-to-liquid projects - a 30,000-barrel-a-day plant in western Kentucky and 10,000-barrel-a-day plants in Pike County and near Ashland.

Sen. Jerry Rhoads, D-Madisonville, said possible sites in western Kentucky for the large plant are Union, Muhlenberg, Ohio and Webster counties. He noted that Sturgis in Union County has quick access for coal barges via the Ohio River.

Rhoads said the investment could create 2,000 construc-

tion jobs over four years and "several hundred" permanent jobs. It would use 6 million tons of coal a year, he said.

Stivers said more specifics of the plan will be discussed Monday at an energy symposium in Pike County and a legislative budget committee hearing next week in northern Kentucky.

The plan has been developed by state senators in recent weeks, and Stivers said it is "not carved in stone."

The plan is modeled on an omnibus energy bill presented in this year's General Assembly by House Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook. The Senate and House could not agree on differing versions of the bill.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a Republican seeking re-election in November, is considering a special legislative session this summer, possibly in early July, to take up the plan.

Odds

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by the tail, pulled it out, and picked it up and put it into a pillowcase," he said.

Then he looked it in the face and realized they'd been introduced.

Last year, Thompson said, Chad Foote brought the snake into investigators' office to show it off. Foote had recently bought it at a good price because of the missing eye.

After a few phone calls, Foote and his long-lost pet were reunited.

"He said he never thought he would see his snake again," Thompson said.

"Some people were in cars. Some people were on foot. We had a little parade going on," said Carrie Coleman, veterinary technician for the circus.

The animals were being walked into the arena from a corral in the parking lot to practice when noise from nearby Interstate 25 spooked the zebras, Coleman said.

The zebras ran onto a road alongside the interstate, and the horses followed.

A driver who saw what was happening parked sideways across the road to block the animals.

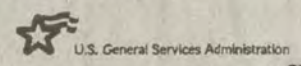
The animals were recaptured unharmed, and no one was hurt, officials said.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The circus came to town Friday, but a few ward animals put on their own show.

Four zebras and three horses from the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus took an unscheduled run on a road just outside World Arena, where the circus was performing this weekend. About 15 animal handlers chased them for about half an hour.

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Democrats propose new mine safety legislation in Congress

by **TIM HUBER**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — A ban on using so-called belt air ventilation is among numerous provisions in sweeping coal mine safety leg-

islation introduced in the U.S. House on Tuesday.

Other provisions would speed the installation of better underground communication systems and airtight refuge chambers for trapped miners awaiting rescue. Broad safety

legislation passed a year ago gave federal regulators until mid-2009 to require wireless communications systems and directed them to study refuge chambers.

"The provisions in this new legislative package build upon the solid groundwork provided by the MINER Act and could result in lifesaving advances for years to come," said Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., who is sponsoring the legislation with Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

The Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act became law June 15, 2006, after the fatal Sago Mine explosion and two other high-profile deadly accidents last year.

A ban on belt-air has been long sought by the United Mine Workers. The labor union considers the practice unsafe because it pumps fresh air underground through shafts used to move coal to the surface on belts that are prone to catch fire. Such a fire killed two miners Jan. 19, 2006, at Richmond, Va.-based Massey Energy Co.'s Alma No. 1 Mine in Logan County.

UMW President Cecil Roberts said the legislation answers most safety and health needs for miners.

"This legislation is especially important because it will help prevent dangerous situations from happening in the first place," Roberts said in a statement. "For example, had the requirements on this legis-

lation on seals, on belt flammability and on banning the use of ventilating mines with belt air been in place prior to 2006, the tragic deaths at Sago and Aracoma very likely could have been prevented."

The new legislation also would beef up protection for miners who complain about

unsafe conditions, reduce coal dust exposure limits and establish a national emergency call center. Other portions would increase penalties for mines that demonstrate patterns of violations and give the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration subpoena power.

Drugstores

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Court on Friday, June 8. Rite Aid entered into the lease agreement with CPM Associates in 1983 and, according to court documents, "Rite Aid was granted the exclusive right to operate a health and/or beauty aid store and pharmacy within the shopping center."

Court documents say that CPM notified K-VA-T of Rite Aid's exclusive right to operate a pharmacy at the shopping center only after Rite Aid threatened to file suit against CPM if action was not taken to protect its rights under the Rite

Aid lease.

A motion for a temporary restraining order and temporary injunction was filed by Rite Aid on June 14. Rite Aid is asking that K-VA-T be barred from operating a pharmacy, citing "contractual rights will be violated causing immediate and irreparable injury through loss of business to Rite Aid and potential contractual damages to CPM" and further states that "virtually no harm will result to K-VA-T if it is enjoined from operating a pharmacy."

A hearing on the case is scheduled for Friday, June 29.

Bears

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how to avoid problems between these animals and humans.

Steven Dobey, black bear biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, said bears become more noticeable this time of year because they are trying to regain weight lost while denning during the winter months.

"Right now is the transition phase between winter and summer," Dobey explained. "There are not a lot of nuts or berries out there, so bears are looking for food. In the wild, bears will eat other foods, such as grasses, and do just fine."

Feeding bears is illegal in the state of Kentucky. However, that hasn't stopped some people from doing so to lure them in for a closer look. This eventually leads to bears becoming brave enough to come within close proximity to humans and although it may seem harmless to some, this teaches the bears that humans are a source of food.

"This year, the incidence of people feeding bears is much more widespread," Dobey said. "People should never feed bears. When you feed a bear, you're teaching it that humans are a source of food. That will inevitably cause problems in the future."

This being said, bears don't always have to be coaxed into a deadly situation. Over the weekend, an 11-year-old boy was mauled to death in Utah while sleeping in his tent on a Father's Day camping trip.

Once bears have become a nuisance in parks and campgrounds, they most often have to be euthanized because relocation is not always a solution. Officials advise people to refrain from leaving bowls of pet food outside overnight and wait to put out their garbage until the day of pickup rather than the night before. Campers are also asked to store food inside their camper or vehicle instead of in tents or out on picnic tables.

Energy

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KFTC organizer David Cooper, who attended Bunning's speech, called the senator's concerns about national security "a straw man argument."

"I don't think our national security is at risk if we don't have coal-to-liquid fuels," he said.

Cooper and other environmentalists say coal-to-liquids technology means an increase in coal production at the expense of native wildlife, vegetation and natural beauty.

It's an inefficient, expensive process, they say, that is a waste of natural resources.

Plus, the advocates pointed out that the coal-to-liquids movement is nothing new.

Nazis perfected the conversion of coal to fuel — dubbed Fischer-Tropsch after its authors — during World War II to reduce foreign oil imports.

In the U.S., skyrocketing oil prices following the Arab oil embargoes in the 1970s prompted coal-to-liquids research. The idea never took off commercially after the collapse of oil prices over the next decade.

"We're strongly against tax dollars going into something that's failed several times in the past," KFTC Chairman Doug Doerrfeld said.

However, Bunning's presence at the conference in Pike County — self-stamped as "America's Energy Capital" — bolstered proposed statewide moves aimed at luring coal-to-liquids technology

and other forms of alternative fuels.

Most recently, a plan introduced by state Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, would provide \$315 million in tax incentives to a plant that that would produce 30,000 barrels of transportation fuel daily from coal.

Smaller incentives would be offered to smaller plants, but the tax breaks would be based on performance. The plan would give the incentives over 25 years to a \$2.5 billion coal-to-liquid plant.

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At Monday's conference, Adkins detailed the industry incentives in his bill, which calls for, among other things, tax incentives for companies that agree to build alternative fuel or renewable energy facilities in the state.

"We have two choices," Adkins told The Associated Press on Monday. "We can further our dependence on foreign oil or we can look to our natural resources."

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Camp - July 2-6 (class not held on July 4). Age 7 and up. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sewing Camp - July 16-20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Cost of each camp session: \$10. Most supplies included. Camps limited to first 12 paying students. Call 886-0709 to register.

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.

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion
 Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, at MCA in Martin. Any student who attended MCA from 1983 to 1987 is also invited to attend. Anyone interested can visit our group site at <http://groups.msn.com/mcareunion> or email mca87reunion@hotmail.com. Emails can be directed to Clarizza Singayao or Tammy Bailey.

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion
 The Betsy Layne High School reunion committee is planning an event for the classes of the 1930s, 40s, 50s, and 60s, in June, 2007. For more information contact Marvin Williamson at 478-3310; Betty Penn at 478-5987; Sue Reynolds at 874-2574; or Joe Hinchman at (859)-373-0518.

WHS Classes of '87 and '88
 The Wheelwright High School Classes of 1987 and 1988 will have a combined class reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007. A family picnic will be held at Dewey Lake Dam, Shelter #2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. An evening event is planned at 7 p.m., at the Best Western, in Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

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

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J.M. Conley Family Reunion
 The J.M. Conley family reunion will be held as usual on July 1st, at the home of Bessie Conley. Please bring a covered dish. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. For more information, you can call 606-358-9608, or 606-424-9090. Come one, come all!

UNITE
 The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet, beginning in March, 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, 886-2788, for more information.

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

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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 Slone 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.

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
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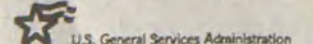
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Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•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 christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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A Culinary Nutritionist's Bundled Breakfast Ideas

By Jackie Newgent, RD, contributor to *Weight Watchers* and *Fitness* magazines

"Learning about the food groups that promote a 'nutritionally-bundled' breakfast is only half the battle of consuming a complete meal. Learning how to translate these groups into a desired meal is the other. As a culinary nutritionist, I like to put nontraditional spins on some of America's favorite breakfast items, focusing on flavor, color and convenience as menu must-haves. I've listed a few great-tasting, simple-to-prepare balanced breakfast ideas below. Enjoy!"

■ **BOCA Meatless Breakfast Wraps.** Talk about simple — all these need is a quick zap in the microwave and you've got a meatless version of the traditional sausage wrap, filled with egg whites and cheese. And better yet, they include the bundle of benefits one needs for a balanced breakfast — they're an excellent source of whole grains and protein and a good source of fiber and iron. Try topping the Southwestern variety with a dollop of salsa, and grab a side dish of fresh mixed berries. Or, go with the Original variety and serve with sliced tomatoes and fresh fruit. These wraps are my new breakfast favorites when convenience is key.

■ **Yogurt Trifle.** Liven up granola and fresh and/or dried fruit with this delicious twist on the simple yogurt parfait. Layer the bottom of a serving dish or bowl with low fat granola and fresh raspberries or dried cherries or cranberries, top with a thin layer of soy-based or regular yogurt and then repeat until filled. Add a dash of cinnamon for some sweetness at the top. Pair with a half grapefruit to tempt the taste buds with a sweet and tart duo.

■ **Blueberry Buckwheat Pancakes.** Buckwheat is a good source of whole grains and fiber. If you can't find buckwheat pancake mix or flour, opt for whole grain pancake mix or flour which is usually carried by the local grocer. Stir fresh or frozen blueberries into the batter and plop onto a nonstick griddle or pan. And to turn the pancakes into a downright wholesome treat, top each with a dollop of vanilla yogurt or mini scoop of frozen vanilla yogurt or soy dessert.

FAMILY FEATURES

Today's time-pressed Americans are consuming less than optimal nutrition at breakfast, most often relying on a quick cup of Joe and cold cereal as their morning pick-me-up, according to the NPD Group's

2006 Eating Patterns in America Report. But the Report also found that Americans are aware that their breakfast choices often lack important nutritional components. In fact, 64 percent of adults said they "wanted to get more of" key nutrients in their breakfast package, like whole grains, fiber and protein.

"A nutritionally complete breakfast is key and helps provide Americans with the valuable nutrients and energy that is important for jumpstarting a productive day. Yet, far too often breakfast routines are unbalanced, creating a missed opportunity for the nutritional benefits provided by a balanced meal," says Jackie Newgent, RD, contributor to *Weight Watchers* and *Fitness* magazines.

According to Newgent, there are simple and convenient ways to enjoy a nutritious breakfast. And, it doesn't need to be big, to be balanced. Try choosing soy-based breakfast sausages or patties which usually contain 75 percent less fat than traditional pork sausages and are a good source of protein. "Scramble up some eggs or egg whites, bell peppers and sliced soy-based meatless sausage, with a toasted whole wheat English muffin and fresh berries on the side," she adds. In fact, this meal incorporates three food groups that Newgent identifies as supporting a "nutritionally-bundled" meal — *Whole Grains, Protein and Fruits & Vegetables*.

Whole Grains

Whole grains contain complex carbohydrates, including fiber, and other key nutrients, such as folate, iron, selenium and magnesium.

Fiber, in particular, helps to promote digestive health. Products that are a good source of fiber help keep the digestive tract working smoothly. According to Newgent, Americans consume only about half of the fiber they need per day.

Good sources of whole grains and fiber include: barley, brown rice, buckwheat, oatmeal, popcorn and whole-wheat breads, pastas and cereals.

Protein

Protein is essential for maintaining the health or strength of our skin, bones, muscles and teeth. It plays an important role in the production of red blood cells and normal functioning of our immune system.

"Protein is the most satiating nutrient, providing a full feeling to keep you more satisfied between meals," adds Newgent. Newgent stresses protein as an important nutrient to consume at breakfast to help keep energy levels up throughout the day and maintain a nourished body. Newgent also suggests that, similar to protein, iron is an essential nutrient to consume that helps the body produce energy and keeps the immune system healthy.

Good sources of protein and iron include: soy, fish, meat, poultry and beans. Eggs and milk products are good sources of protein and other valuable nutrients, too.

Fruits & Vegetables

Fruits and vegetables are essential to promoting good health as they contain vital nutrients, including fiber, potassium, vitamin C and other health-promoting plant nutrients.

"I like to think of fruits and vegetables as the 'fun' nutritional component of the breakfast plate, since they add so much color, flavor, variety and overall appeal," says Newgent.

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POISON OAK

Come back, Lone Ranger, come back!

Clayton Moore and Jay Silverheels, a.k.a. the lone Ranger and Tonto, have long-since ridden off into the sunset. But the popular duo gave a 1950s pre-teen American boy ample reason to stop outdoor activity for 30 minutes each week, and come inside to



Clyde Pack

sprawl on the living room floor to watch—in glorious black and white—true justice being served.

The black and white—actually, it was more of a soft blue that filled the room back in those days—was a bit symbolic, especially as far as the Lone Ranger was concerned, because you were either a good guy or a crook, no in between. And, in 30 minutes, even less, if you take away the Cheerios commercials, everybody went home happy, because the dastardly, back-shooting varmint, was either pushing up daisies, or behind bars.

And, of course, when the show ended, we young viewers always felt a lot smarter than the adults in the show, because we already knew the answer to the inevitable question, "Who was that masked man?"

Anyway, in some respects, it sort of makes me wish things now were a bit more like things then. For one thing, justice today is certainly not served in 30 minutes, nor even 30 months. A crime can be committed with a dozen eyewitnesses, and prosecutors still have a time getting a conviction.

No so with ole Lone (we were

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KIM'S KORNER

Korners of Inspiration

Over the years of penning this column it has been suggested to compile a few of them into a book. And over the past few months Spouse, relatives, friends and I have taken on the task of choosing a few to do just that. Some were chosen from this space while others were from the Christian Messenger ranging from the year 2000 to the present.

It was fun to travel down memory lane and filled many weekends and evenings preparing the contents for what will be titled *Korners of Inspiration*.

Excited to see the finished product due in hand in just two weeks still there is one of those bitter sweet emotions attached.

There were two very special people who constantly tried to convince me years ago to compile these writings and are no longer with us but now in Heaven and they were my grandmother Virginia Colwell, and my step-father-in-law Alvin Fields.

When my grandmother passed away and we all gathered at my grandparents home in Campbellsville, KY my grandfather took me into her room pulled out an old photo album and tucked inside it pages were columns and articles I had written all the way back to 1986 during my time at The Post. Some I

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Naomi Judd to speak at Pike Chamber event

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce announced on Tuesday, June 12, that Naomi Judd will be featured as the honored guest and the keynote speaker at the Chamber's 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Dance on July 20 at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center. "We are excited to bring Naomi Judd in for our celebration," said Chamber President/CEO Brad Hall, "...an eastern Kentucky native turned superstar that we are all very proud of."

At the celebration, Judd will be speaking on growing up in eastern Kentucky, how Kentucky values have molded her, and also talk about her life and current endeavors. Judd, who has retired from singing, is excited to come back to eastern Kentucky. "Naomi is thrilled to have been invited to eastern Kentucky," said Judd's manager. "She has a special place in her heart for Kentucky and is glad to have a chance to 'come home'."

"I'm a communicator," said Judd, "whether I'm expressing myself through writing a song or a book or I am singing, acting, speaking at an engagement or even chatting one-on-one with a stranger on the street. Finding a way to share our common experiences is my grand passion."



Naomi Judd is excited to be returning to her native eastern Kentucky as a special guest of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce this coming July 20.

Naomi first expressed this passion of communication as half of country music's most famous mother/daughter team, The Judds. There, she also first captured national attention during the duo's

meteoric rise. Their popularity earned them 20 top 10 hits (including 15 #1s) and kept them undefeated for eight consecutive years at all three major country music awards shows. In addition, the duo won 5 Grammys and a vast array of other awards and honors.

As a songwriter, Naomi also won a Grammy for "Country Song of the Year" with the Judds' smash hit "Love Can Build a Bridge." Their duet ended on a high note when their "Farewell" tour was the top grossing act and their farewell concert was the most successful musical event in cable pay-per view history.

In addition to Judd's speech, the event will include a three-entrée banquet, Chamber awards and honors, and a dance afterwards. The event will also include local talent by The Big Sandy Singers from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The Singers will present a medley of Judd's hits including "Rockin' With the Rhythm of the Rain," "Love is Alive," "Grandpa," "Love Can Build a Bridge," and more. These highly talented singers are all from eastern Kentucky and have been praised by many critics.

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Broadway's greatest productions hit the JWT stage

by Martin Childers
JWT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Theatre is open; the shows have begun! After months of planning, rehearsal, design and construction, four of Broadway's greatest productions have started their summer run on our stage.

It isn't easy producing four different shows in one season. There are four scenery designs, four costume changes and most of the actors appear in more than one show, with new lines, new songs and new dances to learn for each. While the first show is playing, the next ones are getting ready and holding rehearsals. Right now, *Forever Plaid* - that nostalgic 50's music presentation - is running on the indoor stage at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center.

Next up is *The Princess and The Pea*, which has its grand opening on Sat., June 23. That's when you'll have your first chance to see all the talented young people from around our region who make up the youth cast for this show. Disney's *High School Musical* - our blockbuster hit show this year - opens Thurs., June 28, and runs for five performances before we settle into our summer rotation schedule with *West Side Story* joining in on July 13.

The shows are on different nights every week, so I suggest that everyone go online and check our schedule,



The Plaid guys now performing in JWT's production of *Forever Plaid*. Check jwtheatre.com for season schedule

STAGE TALK

or call our box office to find out what night your favorite will be playing. (Yes, there actually are a couple of times when you can see all four on consecutive dates, but you have to plan for it!)

The web site also has ticket information, including some bargain price

opportunities. Dates for the three ASL (American Sign Language) performances we're doing this summer are also shown there, as well as when the *Forever Plaid* luncheon performances are scheduled. Check it all out at jwtheatre.com or call us at 1-877-CALL-JWT, or locally, at 606-886-9274.

*Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre

at Prestonsburg. Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

New lime recommendations meant to help crop productivity

Ray Tackett
FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Lime recommendations from the UK College of Agriculture go into effect next month. The existing regulations have not worked well, so changes were made to ensure farmers receive the correct lime amounts needed for their fields.

Soil acidity is one of the biggest soil factors affecting plant growth and crop yield and profitability. Most soils in Kentucky are naturally acidic so periodic applications of lime are needed to neutralize acidity and maintain crop productivity. Lime quality can vary widely depending on the chemical properties of the stone and the particle size. Chemical properties determine

the amount of acid that can be neutralized, while size equates to how quickly it will dissolve into the soil.

For more than 25 years, lime sources in the state have been tested by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to ensure a reasonable quality was available to farmers. In the past, lime not meeting the minimum standards of 80 percent calcium car-

bonate, 90 percent of particles can pass through a 10-mesh wire screen sieve and 35 percent can pass through a 50-mesh wire sieve, was reported to not meet the standards. However, banning of the product's sales for not meeting the standards has only been done through voluntary compliance by the

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CRITTER CORNER

'Animal Angel' - how you can help

The cat's cries shattered the darkness and echoed through the quiet neighborhood, impossible to ignore. Behind a row of houses, someone's pet had fallen from a tree, broken one of its legs, and become entangled in the tree's branches.

Krista Hughes, special events manager for The Humane Society of the United States, heard the cries from her home and ran to help. Equipped with a ladder and pillowcase, Hughes lowered the cat to safety in the makeshift cloth carrier and transported him to the local animal shelter, where staff immediately took the animal to the nearest emergency veterinary clinic.

Just days later, the cat was reunited with his guardian at the local animal shelter.

Hughes reacted in the calm, caring way that most animal lovers imagine they themselves would react in a similar situation. Many people, however, are ill-equipped to deal with an animal emergency at a moment's notice. But, with a little preparation, anyone with a big heart and a love for animals can become a guardian angel to critters.

"Being on the lookout for animals who need help is one of the best ways to have an immediate and direct effect on animals," said Rebecca French, HSUS' former outreach assistant for Animal



This is "Dozer Lee," a full-stock Boxer belonging to Jeff and Melissa Scarberry, of Martin. Dozer Lee had his first birthday on June 19. His owners share that he loves to play with his toys and that he loves to eat popsicles. "He is a great pet," says Melissa.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (June 25 and June 27, 1997)

Sammy D. Adams, 46, of McDowell, was killed early Saturday morning on the Mountain Parkway, while trying to warn a drunk driver that he was traveling on the wrong side of the road. He was struck by a car driven by Douglas M. Hawkins of Mt. Sterling...Floyd County's Board of Education will meet in special session today (Wednesday) to take care of last minute business before the fiscal year 1996-97 ends June 30...Floyd County will begin the new fiscal year with nearly \$3 million, approximately \$1.26 million more than the budget projected for the '97-98 fiscal year. The prior year's carryover is listed on the county's budget as \$1.48 million, but David Allen said Monday, that an updated amount, as of June 30, will be \$2.74 million...A ruling is expected at the 11th hour on whether Floyd County school officials violated the state's Open Meeting Laws and took illegal actions to fire scores of employees, by failing to give written notification to one of its own members, of a series of special meetings in April...Martin City Council voted, Monday, to hold first reading of an ordinance, increasing sewer customer

rates, in an effort to eliminate a deficit in the department. The proposed rate increase would amount to 14 cents for the first 2,000 gallons of water used, and 30 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons of water usage...Second reading of an ordinance to annex a large chunk of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park by the City of Prestonsburg was held, Monday, with no discussion, council approved the final reading of the ordinance, which will incorporate more than 500 acres of the park...Chris Fleming, 31, of Allen, director of Project Health at PCC, died after winning first place in a race on Saturday, June 21, in Warfield...The high-cost of lunch for prison labor in Wheelwright, has left a bad taste with city commissioners, who voted, Friday, to allot \$3 per inmate per day for their meals. Commissioner David Boyd suggested the lunch money limit after it was discovered that the lunch tab for six prisoners and a guard, topped \$60 one day...Eight grade students of Auxier Elementary, were preparing to board their bus for a dream vacation to Disney World, in Orlando, Florida...Delinquent city taxpayers in Wheelwright could be hearing knocks at their doors today (Friday) when city police Chief Tommy Engle will hit the streets to collect overdue

taxes. City officials have identified 99 property owners who have failed to pay their city taxes, some for the past six years, and June 27 has been designated as payday Engle said...An apparent question between the Wayland mayor and commissioners about whether the city's governing body is a council or a commission, was resolved, Wednesday night, during a special meeting. Commissioner Lisa Gray said that at times, the city government has been operating as a council, which gives the mayor more authority, but she found in the city's books that it was actually a commission...With just three days remaining in the school year, Floyd County Board of Education has not yet discussed any plan to reorganize the school district's management structure. At Wednesday special school board meeting a proposal to create seven new central office positions, included in the board's agenda books, couldn't be discussed by the board, because it was not listed on the special meeting agenda...Capt. Kenny Crisp, a Prestonsburg firefighter was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, Wednesday, after he was hit in the head with a light fixture while the fire department was extinguishing a fire at the Pizza Hut...After years of lobbying the Floyd County

Board of Education, Prestonsburg resident Dickie Hall won his fight Wednesday, to have the gymnasium at South Floyd High School named after his sister. At Wednesday's special school board meeting, the board voted 3-2 to name the gym the Mary A. Hall Raider Arena, after former long-time board member, Dr. Mary Hall...Danny Jarrell, Joe Howell and Phillip Jarrell appeared in Floyd Circuit Court Monday, on an order obtained by Tennessee prosecutors. They have agreed to go to Tennessee, next month, and testify at preliminary hearings for the six eastern Kentucky youths charged with the April 6 slayings of a Tennessee family...Construction workers continued working this week, with the completion of the roof of the new Floyd County Justice Center. The multi-million dollar project is scheduled to be completed in February 1998...There died: Millard Woodrow, 96, of Prestonsburg, Monday, June 23, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Ethel Hamilton, 66, of Ashtabula, Ohio, a Beaver native, Sunday, June 22, at her home; Sammy D. Adams, 47, of McDowell, Saturday, June 21, in Wolfe County, from injuries sustained in an auto accident; Ira Robinson, 72, of Pilgrim, June 19, at the University of

Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington; Samuel A. Thacker, 71, of Wurtland, formerly of Banner, June 21, at his residence; Hetty Hall, 72, of McDowell, Friday, June 20, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Johnnie Manuel, 40, of Langley, Saturday, June 21, at Martin; David L. Justice, 94, of Pikeville, Thursday, June 19, at his home; Bill Hopkins, 55, of Pikeville, Saturday, June 21, at his residence; Christopher George Fleming, 31, of Allen, Saturday, June 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Ruth Elizabeth Smith Dillion, 73, of Ivel, Saturday, June 21, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Dr. Robert Milton Sirkle, 86, former Prestonsburg resident, who operated the Beaver Valley Hospital from 1945 to 1955, Thursday, June 19; Martha Hamilton, 93, of Galveston, Friday, June 20, at her residence; Richard Fairchild, 56, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, June 24, at Highland Regional Medical Center; Kendall Crisp Jr., 72, of Dayton, Ohio, a native of Wolfpit, Tuesday, June 24, at the WPAFB Hospital; Lauren Renee Caudill, infant daughter of James Brandon Caudill and Christel Gail Sexton Caudill of Topmost, Tuesday, June 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Judd

Under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, with production from Timothy Cooley and assistant direction from Clayton Case, the group has produced two albums that have sold over 3,000 copies locally.

The group will also entertain during dinner and provide dance music at the end of the evening.

The event would not be possible without the partnerships between the Chamber and its sponsors. The Premiere Sponsor of the event is Pikeville Medical Center. Platinum Level Sponsors are Appalachian Wireless, Community Trust Bank, East Kentucky

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Everyone in the community is invited to attend the event, and two ticket prices are available. Patrons can purchase a Diamond-Level Ticket for \$50 that includes floor/table seating,

dinner, awards, entertainment, Judd's speech, and the dance following the event.

Businesses or families can reserve a table of 8 (or 8 Diamond-Level Tickets) for \$400.

Patrons not wishing to eat dinner, but to see Judd and the Big Sandy Singers can purchase an Emerald-Level Ticket for \$10 general admission arena seating.

This ticket includes Judd's speech, entertainment from the Big Sandy Singers, and the Chamber awards and honors.

Those wishing to purchase tickets should call or come by the Pike County Chamber of Commerce at 787 Hambley Blvd. (across from

Pikeville College) between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Tickets can be purchased via credit card by calling the Chamber at (606) 432-5504. No tickets will be available through the Exposition Center office through Ticketmaster. Tickets must be purchased by calling or coming by the Chamber office.

"We hope everyone in the community will come out and celebrate with us," concluded Hall. "With the combination of Judd and the Singers as well as the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our organization, we will have an evening full of fun and excitement."

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Graduation



Congratulations, Grad!
Tyler Harris, age 6, graduated from Kindergarten at Mountain Christian Academy on May 4, 2007. Tyler is the son of John and Melissa Harris.

Oak

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always on a first-name basis with our cowboy heroes) and Tonto. Matter of fact, they didn't even need an eyewitness. They were smart enough to figure things out, and this was even in the day before DNA.

For instance, if some fat guy with a black moustache was rumored to have robbed a bank, they immediately stopped looking for skinny guys (and women) and concentrated on fat guys with black moustaches. Guess they never heard of profiling, and sure enough, they'd get their man, and within the 30 minutes time frame.

And finally, another important thing we learned from this old classic TV show, was how to keep a secret. Can you

imagine the kind of pressure Tonto had to live under, being the only person west of the Pecos who knew the true identity of Lone? Know what that'd be like today?

"Tonight on Larry King Live, faithful companion reveals life-long secret?"

Of course, the worst torture in the world could never have pried the truth from Tonto. But it's a good thing they didn't have Rap Music (isn't that an oxymoron) in those days, because a steady diet of that would cause anybody to spill their guts.

Anyway, things seemed far more simple in those days and, at least in my opinion, sometimes the most simple approach to things is the best approach to things. But I doubt that even old Lone could ever convince some of our stubborn leaders of that.

Critter

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Sheltering Issues. "You can be the difference between life and death for an animal. And you may be that animal's only hope for finding her family or being adopted into a new family. People often think that someone else will take care of the problem, but there are so many animals who need help that it's up to each of us to do everything we can every time we see an animal in need."

When animals roam, whether lost or abandoned, they face extreme risks. Removing animals from dangerous situations can literally save their lives.

"Bringing an animal to safety is the kindest thing you can do," said Alex Murphy, an animal volunteer from Buffalo, New York. Murphy once helped rescue a stray dog near his home. "I wanted to help because I knew I'd be frantic if my own dog was lost," he said.

Unlike humans, companion animals can't dial 911 or tell their family where they are. They are at the mercy of the people they meet, and, as domesticated creatures, they are almost entirely dependent on human compassion. Many people want to help, but are apprehensive or unsure of what to do. However, a little bit of education and preparation can turn a passive animal lover into an active one.

Yet, no matter how confident a person feels about helping an animal in need, it's also important to remember that approaching an unknown animal can be dangerous. "People should always be cautious. Use

common sense if you don't feel comfortable handling an animal who may be unfriendly or fearful, call animal control or your local shelter and wait with the animal until help arrives," said French.

For more specific information on what steps to take once an at-risk animal has been identified, check out the HSUS' comprehensive guide, "What To Do When You Find a Stray Dog or Cat."

Also, it is recommended that you prepare an emergency animal kit for your vehicle. That way, whether an animal is on the side of the highway or on your front porch, you'll be prepared.

An emergency animal kit should include:

- Cell phone
- Phone numbers and addresses of 24-hour veterinary clinics, 24-hour animal shelters and animal control agencies.
- Cat carrier, pillowcase or cardboard box.
- Adjustable 6-foot slip lead.
- Bottled water
- Strong-smelling foods (canned tuna, dried liver, etc.)
- Treats
- Food and water dishes
- Animal first aid kit (available online through Medi-Pet and CPR Savers & First Aid Supply)
- Flares
- Blankets or towels
- Animal first aid book (Pet First Aid, authored by The HSUS and the American Red Cross, is available online)

There are thousands of animals who need help, alone in a dangerous world. It is up to animal lovers to act on their behalf.

For more information on animal rescue, visit The HSUS website at www.hsus.org.

Korner

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had remembered while others had totally slipped the mind. And what a feeling it was to see them and know Mamaw had kept each and every one.

Alvin was the one who would call on Sunday evenings to see if I had written my column yet and if so he would say "let's hear it". He had the timing to a tee and for years never missed a Sunday phone call.

When his cancer spread and he became too weak to sit up I missed those phone calls and began going up to their house with columns in hand to read them to him there as well as his favorite scriptures in the Bible. He got to the point for a month or so, he wanted to hear those scriptures morning and evenings and I am so thankful for those moments.

There was another gentle-

man by the name of Joe Ervin Lafferty who sent me cards and made phone calls to the paper when he would read a column that touched his heart or made him laugh. Joe didn't fail to let me know. I never got the chance to meet him in person but he left a special place in my heart and he never failed to tell me "you ought to put these writings in a book little girl". Joe has since passed and I want his daughter Ann (Mountain Arts Center) to know how very grateful I am her Dad was such a kind and thoughtful soul.

Though Mamaw, Alvin and Joe won't see the collaboration of writings in Korner's of Inspiration they were three of several very important people that inspired this book to come to life.

Til Next Week

May your very own korners of life be inspired and full of full of blessings.

Retirement



Happy retirement!
Pat Layne, office manager of the Sandy Valley Water District for the past 31 years, retired from her duties on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. Ms. Layne plans to spend more time with her family and friends during her retirement. Those she has worked with and touched through her many years of service wish her well.

Lime

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crushed stone industry.

Chemical properties and particle size are combined into one value that quantifies the effectiveness of the lime. This is called the relative neutralizing value or RNV. UK's lime recommendations have been based on an assumed RNV of 67 percent. However, the range of purity, fineness and RNV has made it difficult to get accurate lime recommendations from different sources of lime. In the past year, 42 percent of the lime sources did not meet the requirements. Either the fineness or the purity was below standard.

So UK has revised its recommendation. Under this new program, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture will sample and test the quality factor of ag lime sold in the state and provide the data to UK and others. UK will base new recommendations on 100 percent effective lime or a 100 percent RNV.

Because bulk lime rarely is 100 percent effective, the amount needed must be determined for each lime source

available, based on RNV. Farmers can use a simple formula or table to determine bulk lime recommendations. For example, if UK recommends that a field needs 1.33 tons per acre of 100 percent effective lime, and the quarry has an RNV of 52, then that means 2.5 tons of lime per acre will be needed from that quarry. The formula for this is 1.33 tons per acre divided by 52, times 100. It will vary depending on the lime source.

If a farmer has two choices, one with an RNV of 54 and one with an RNV of 67, and the recommendation is for two tons of 100 percent effective lime, which means 3.5 tons or 3 tons, respectively, of bulk lime. And if the cost is \$19 per ton to spread it, the price is \$33,250 or \$28,500 for 500 acres.

Source: Lloyd Murdock
For more information contact the Ray Tackett at your Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service at 886-2668.

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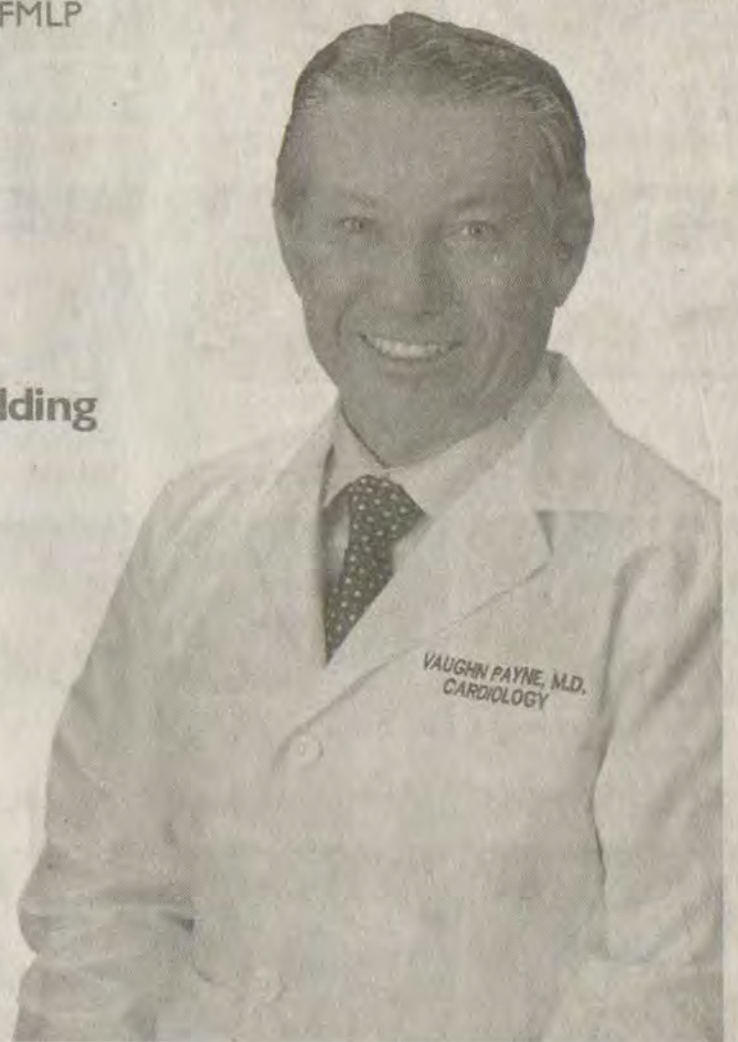
Dr. Vaughn Payne Cardiologist

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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Future Foundation to hold charity golf outing at StoneCrest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Future Foundation, a nonprofit scholarship fund for Eastern Kentucky students will host its Second Annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, July 16 at StoneCrest Golf Course.

The Future Foundation's mission states that "everyone is entitled to an education."

"We are dedicated to helping

provide scholarships to Eastern Kentucky students with the desire, but not necessarily the means to pursue a college education," said Director Kim Marcum. "We envision a stronger, healthier, more viable community through education. Our intention is to focus on students who need help financially and have a desire to give back to their community."

The golf outing will kick off

with registration at 8 a.m. and the shotgun start for the scramble format will begin one hour later at 9. Lunch will be served and prizes awarded at the end of play.

The winning foursome will receive tickets for the Food City 500 and the Sharpie MINI 300 at Bristol Speedway in March of 2008, while the second and third-place foursomes will receive StoneCrest gift certificates. Contests scheduled

for the charity golf event include Closest to Pin and Long Drive, as well as the chance to win a new car with a Hole-In-One.

The outing offers different levels of sponsorship for the event and all contributions to the organization are tax-deductible. The foundation is currently seeking players and sponsors for the event.

(See FOUNDATION, page sixteen)



The Future Foundation will hold its Second Annual Charity Golf Outing at StoneCrest Golf Course July 16.

Boggs repeats as 201 winner

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Randy Boggs revisited 201 Speedway's Victory Lane Saturday night, winning the Late Model feature. Boggs grabbed the lead from fellow Late Model driver Eric Wells and went on to win the race. The Carter County driver led laps 7-20.

Michael Paul Howard led the first five laps of the Late Model feature race.

Chris Meadows was the fast qualifier in the Late Model division, turning the fastest lap with a time of 13.81. Wells (13.91) and Terry Hicks (13.99) also contended for the fastest lap nod in the Late Model division.

Other feature winners were Shon Flanary (Open Wheel Modified), Shannon Richmond (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Four-Cylinder).

All heat race and feature winner trophies were provided courtesy of Mountain Preblast's Bobby McKinney.

The race summary from Saturday night follows.

First Late Model Heat: 33 Chris Meadows; 24H Michael P. Howard; 75 Danny Bates; 6 Rodney Davis; 81 Brandon Fouts; 5T Eric Christian; 8 Anthony Adams; 3 Scooter Lemaster; 64 Terry Hicks.

Second Late Model Heat: 18 Eric Wells; R1 Rod Evans; 17 Shannon Thomsberry; 97 David Powers; T71 Tom Pennington; R22 Randy Caudill; 88T Tandy Spurlock; 3 Jacob Ross.

Late Model Feature: 51 Randy Boggs; R1 Rod Evans; 18 Eric Wells; 33 Chris Meadows; 97 David Powers; 17 Shannon Thomsberry; 8 Anthony Adams; 81 Brandon Fouts; 6 Rodney Davis; 5T Eric Christian; 3 Scooter Lemaster; 22R Randy Caudill; T71 Tom Pennington; 24H Michael P. Howard; 75 Danny Bates; 15 Brian Pennington; 3 Jacob Ross.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 11 Pete Castle; 3 Jim Lemaster; 33 Corey McKenzie; 46 Dennis Deboard; 84 Walt Mayabb; 28 Kevin Mayabb; 6F John Fitzpatrick; 17S Brian Salisbury.

(See WINNER, page sixteen)

TAKING TO THE AIR



photo by Jamie Howell

Familiar foes Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark hooked up on StoneCrest Mountain during a recent passing scrimmage.

Blackcats set to host passing camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — StoneCrest Mountain will see its share of footballs flung through the air this week. Prestonsburg is set to host its annual passing camp, Thursday through Saturday at the StoneCrest football field. The passing camp will feature Prestonsburg, several other area teams and Oldham County. Teams will compete in seven-on-seven passing scrimmages daily.

Two weeks ago, Prestonsburg traveled to Eastern Kentucky University and competed in a team passing camp that included prep football squads from across the state. The Blackcats held their own against some of the state's top gridiron units during the EKV event.

Bobby Hughes is headed into his senior season under center for the Prestonsburg football team. Hughes is the lead quarterback for the Blackcats. Michael Burchett and Chris Schoolcraft have

also shared time at quarterback for Prestonsburg.

Numerous receivers have hauled in passes for the Blackcats in the past few weeks. Prestonsburg has hooked up with Sheldon Clark in passing scrimmages on a couple of occasions in the last three weeks.

"These passing scrimmages offer a chance for our kids to get out, pass, catch and get in some conditioning," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett.

The schedule for the passing camp is as follows:

Thursday, June 21 — 6-9 p.m.; Friday, June 22 — 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 23 — 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Woods excels in All-Star Game: Recent Prestonsburg High School graduate Wes Woods helped lead the Kentucky team to a 38-24 victory over the Tennessee squad in the annual gridiron All-Star Series. Woods started at a defensive tackle position for the Kentucky All-Stars.

Blackcat Touchdown Club continues fundraising efforts

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Blackcat Touchdown Club is currently selling fence signs for the upcoming football season. The Prestonsburg High School football program's booster club is now selling both signs and reserved seats for the 2007 campaign. All signs purchased will immediately be placed along the Blackcat Stadium fence.

The Blackcat Touchdown Club recently announced plans for a \$10,000 giveaway. Raffle tickets for the \$10,000 prize to be given away at halftime of the inaugural Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic pitting host Prestonsburg versus Floyd County rival Betsy Layne Aug. 24 are also available. The bowl game will serve as a season-opener for both Kentucky high school football teams.

Any member of the Blackcat Touchdown Club has information on the fence signs, reserved seats and \$10,000 giveaway.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing in pursuit of an all-new turf surface for Prestonsburg's Josh Francis Field.

"The support we've already

(See CLUB, page sixteen)

P'burg Football Skills Camp set for July 20

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football program will host its annual skills camp Friday, July 20 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the StoneCrest field.

Young football players in grades Kindergarten through Eighth are eligible to participate in the camp, which is under the direction of Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett and his staff.

Cost of the camp is \$50 per camper. An additional relative can attend the camp for only \$25. Each camper will receive a

(See CAMP, page sixteen)

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Kentucky beats West Virginia in second, final game of All-Star series

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — South Laurel's Jordan Hammonds had 36 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Kentucky All Stars to a 125-118 victory over West Virginia in the second game of the inaugural Kentucky/West Virginia All Star Series at the East Kentucky Expo Center Saturday night.

"I thought we shot the ball

extremely well," Kentucky coach Jason Booher said. "We used that to gain some momentum, and the difference tonight was that we were able to sustain that momentum."

Kentucky scored its first 21 points from behind the arc and hit 15 3-pointers in the game, including five apiece from Hammond, who was named Kentucky's Most Valuable Player, and Johnson Central's

Jamie McCarty.

"When you're hot, you're hot," West Virginia coach Mark Hatcher said. "We knew coming in that it would be another high-scoring affair."

West Virginia escaped with a thrilling 120-117 come-from-behind victory on Friday at the Logan Fieldhouse.

Charleston Catholic's Bo King, who was named the West Virginia Most Valuable

Player, and Lincoln's Eli Cottrell had 17 points for West Virginia. Wyoming East's Justin Caldwell had a team-high 18 points, while Hedgesville's Michael Lopez and Tolsia's B.J. Evans each finished with 12 points, while George Washington's Cameron Payne finished with 11.

Belfry's Jamie Case had 24 points for Kentucky. Hazard's

Justin Hicks had 21 points, including 6-of-6 from the free-throw line. McCarty added 17 points for the winning team.

Former Prestonsburg standout Trevor Patton added four points as Kentucky prevailed.

"We were able to finish the job tonight," Kentucky coach Jason Booher said. "I thought we pushed the tempo in spurts tonight, and didn't get into a constant up and down game

with them."

At Pikeville
West Virginia.....51 67 — 118
Kentucky.....64 61 — 125
West Virginia (118) — C1)

KENTUCKY SCORING — Justin Hicks 3(3) 6-6 21; Ryan Whitaker 1(f) 0-0 5; Jamie McCarty 1(5) 0-1 17; Trevor Patton 2 0-2 4; Kane Belcher 4 1-2 9; Jordan Hammonds 7(5) 3-3 36 (MVP); Millard Workman 5 1-2 14; Jamie Case 7(1) 7-8 24. Totals: 39(15) 18-24 125.



Brandon Kinzer claimed a third-place finish Saturday night at North Georgia Speedway in a \$10,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model Series feature race. The race will air on SPEED Channel at a later date.

Kinzer finishes third in Lucas Oil Late Model feature

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Floyd County-based Dirt Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer saved his best for last over the weekend as he had a tremendous run Saturday night at the Talladega Short Track in Eastaboga, Ala., one of the nation's top tracks. The Allen native qualified well, won his heat race, and then drew the pole position for the \$10,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series feature event. In front of SPEED Channel cameras, Kinzer drove his No. 18 GRT machine to a strong third-place finish in the 50-lap event, finishing behind only race winner Jimmy Owens and runner-up

Wendell Wallace.

It was a busy weekend for Kinzer and his raceteam. Kinzer narrowly missed transferring into the \$7,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model feature event Friday night at North Georgia Speedway after running ninth in the heat race and fourth in the B-Main. Unfortunately for the Floyd County driver and crew, only the top-three finishers from each of the preliminary events advanced to the A-Main.

Earlier in the week, Kinzer finished just outside of the top-10 in another coveted Lucas Oil Late Model feature race.

Kinzer ran second in his heat race Thursday night at Duck River

Speedway in Tennessee to earn a coveted starting spot in the 40-lap feature event. At the end of the \$7,000-to-win Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series show, Kinzer was credited with an 11th-place finish.

The Brandon Kinzer Motorports race team will take a break from racing during the upcoming weekend. The BK raceteam is scheduled to return to competition Saturday, June 30 in neighboring Johnson County when the Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model Series visits Chuckie May's 201 Speedway.

Online: www.brandonkinzer.com

ALL-STAR FOOTBALL: Kentucky 38, Tennessee 24

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Keith Tandy threw for 113 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Kentucky All-Stars to a 38-24 win over Tennessee on Friday night.

Kentucky trailed 21-10 at halftime but outscored Tennessee 28-3 in the second half for the team's fifth win in the last six games between the border rivals.

Tandy, a West Virginia signee and the team's most valuable player, directed the decisive drive with a 23-yard touchdown pass to Kentucky Mr. Football and Louisville-bound Douglas Beaumont with 6:25 remaining. The successful scoring strike broke a 24-24 deadlock, giving Kentucky a 31-24 lead.

Kentucky completed the successful comeback on Vic Anderson's 2-yard score with 1:07 left for the final margin. Beaumont had 90 yards on

11 carries and 83 yards on five passes. Anderson added 57 yards and scored three touchdowns for Kentucky, which rushed for 255 yards.

Dennis Rogan, who has signed to play at Tennessee, rushed for a game-high 174 yards, including 113 in the opening half. Rogan was named his team's most valuable player.

Kentucky held a 449-349 advantage in total yards and collected 296 yards during the second half.

An interception by Ryan Beard set up a 34-yard field goal by Casey Tinius with 3:27 remaining that gave Kentucky a 3-0 advantage.

Starter Nick Petrino, son of Atlanta Falcons coach Bobby Petrino, completed two passes to Beaumont during the drive, including a 12-yard completion on the first play of the series. On Kentucky's first play from scrimmage, Petrino's pass was picked off

by Tyree Ford in the end zone.

On the ensuing series, Jared Troutman connected on an 11-yard touchdown strike to Anthony Anderson on a fourth-and-10 play from the Kentucky 11-yard line, giving Tennessee a 7-3 lead. Chris Shiverdecker highlighted the drive with a 35-yard run.

Tandy replaced Petrino on Kentucky's third series and directed a successful scoring drive, capped by Vic Anderson's 1-yard run. Tandy set up the score with a 25-yard run on third-and-long.

Tennessee followed up Kentucky's score with a 1-yard run by Rogan for a 14-10 advantage with 4:58 remaining in the half. Shiverdecker set up the score with a 32-yard run during the drive.

On Tennessee's next drive, Shiverdecker crossed the goal line on a 2-yard run with 38 seconds left for Tennessee's halftime advantage.

Kentucky narrowed the

margin to 21-17 on Tandy's 12-yard touchdown strike to Tim Huguley with 8:31 remaining in the third quarter.

Tennessee added to its lead on Logan O'Conner's 45-yard field goal with 11:55 left for a 24-17 advantage.

Kentucky tied the score at 24-24 on Vic Anderson's 23-yard run with 9:24 remaining.

Tennessee outgained Kentucky 236-153 in the first half.

Prestonsburg's Wes Woods was one of the leading defenders for the Kentucky All-Stars. Woods was in on over half-a-dozen tackles.

BOYS' ALL-STARS:
Indiana 97, Kentucky 79

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Indiana Mr. Basketball Eric Gordon scored 32 points as the Indiana boys' All-Stars beat the Kentucky All-Stars 97-79

Saturday night.

The Indiana-bound guard was 10-of-18 from the field, including three 3-pointers, and 9-of-10 from the free-throw line.

E'Twaun Moore added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana.

Matt Walls led Kentucky with 21 points and 11 rebounds, shooting 6-of-12 from 3-point range and setting a record for 3-pointers.

"We just stopped rebounding and running the floor, period," Walls said. "... My teammates got me some open looks, and it's pretty easy to hit open looks."

Austin Hill scored 13, Greg Rice came off the bench to chip in 12, and Thomas Coleman had 11 for Kentucky.

The win was the Indiana All-Stars' sixth in a row over the Kentucky boys. The teams play again next Saturday in Indianapolis.

Both teams played a fast-

paced game early on as Indiana settled in to a man-to-man defense and held Kentucky to 40 percent from the field. Kentucky Mr. Basketball Steffphon Pettigrew was held to six points and five rebounds in 25 minutes.

Kentucky pulled as close as 39-33 late in the first half, but Indiana then went on a run to close the half with a 47-33 lead. Indiana led by as much as 25 with 12 minutes left in the game.

"It was tough," Pettigrew said. "We just tried to play in there with the mindset to go with them, and hopefully we'll play better next week."

Indiana outrebounded Kentucky 63-36.

"It's hard to teach size," Indiana coach Mike Miller said. "Rebounding is a big part of any game, a big part of any stat. They weren't big, but Kentucky hustled on the boards, but size can really help in these types of games."

GIRLS' ALL-STARS: Indiana 104, Kentucky 80

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Sydney Smallbone scored 23 points, hitting 11 of 12 free throws, to lead the Indiana girls' All-Stars to a 104-80 win over the Kentucky All-Stars on Saturday night.

Indiana, which has won four in a row in the annual two-game series, grabbed an early lead and never looked back. Miss Basketball Ta'Shia Phillips scored 13 points for the team but sat down in the first half due to foul trouble and only playing 15 minutes in the game. Corie West had 15, Becca Bruszewski and Brittany Bowen scored 12 each and Sha'la Jackson had 11.

"It was a very physical game," Kentucky Miss

Basketball Rebecca Gray said. "The physical game was a big factor. (Indiana) was big inside and we knew that coming in."

Gray, a North Carolina signee, led the team with 20 points, also shooting 11-of-12 from the line. Emily London scored 12 and Emily Queen 11 for Kentucky.

"Our defense was tough," Indiana coach Larry Pringle said. "I told our girls that if we hold (Gray) to 20 points, we're going to win. What did we hold her to? Twenty points. I don't lie."

Indiana shot 93.3 percent from the line (14-of-15) in the second half and 75.7 percent (28-of-37) for the game.

The game began fast-paced with both squads using a full-court press that produced more

results for the Indiana girls, who led 47-38 at halftime.

In the second half, Kentucky kept the press up while Indiana went to a man-to-man defense, holding Kentucky to 25.6 percent (10-of-39) shooting, including 21.1 percent (4-of-19) from 3-point range for the half.

"We knew they were going to press us," Smallbone said. "So we've been working on that in practice, which really helped up improve."

Kentucky won the turnover battle 21-17. Indiana dominated the points in the paint, 42-24, and outrebounded Kentucky 59-40.

The teams play again next Saturday in Indianapolis.

Winner

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat: 98 Shon Flanary; 55 Darren Muncy; 38 Marty Meade; 911 Jason Hall; 74 Beadie Blackburn; 21 J.J. Brock; J16 Leslie Johnson; 30 William Hensley; 18 Gary Fitzpatrick; 35 Jeremy Hayes.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 98 Shon Flanary; 55 Darren Muncy; 38 Marty Meade; 11 Pete Castle; 911 Jason "Big Show" Hall; 21 J.J. Brock; 33 Corey McKenzie; 17S Brian Salisbury; 28M Kevin Mayabb; 3 Jim Lemaster; 84 Walt Mayabb; 74 Beadie Blackburn; 46 Dennis Deboard; 30 Williams Hensley; 35 Jeremy Hayes.

First Bomber Heat: 3 Shannon Richmond; P12 Dean Pennington; R17 Don Risner; 3D Darren Damron 31 Albie

Howell; 44 Ryan Jarrell; 411 Eddie Ratliff.

Second Bomber Heat: P20 Ervin Vance; B4 Bannie Blair; R18 Justin Risner; J11 Justin Tackett; 77 Randy Fannin; 20 Bo Howard; 37H Greg Hensley.

Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: 3 Shannon Richmond; B4 Bannie Blair; 37H Greg Hensley; 31 Albie Howell; 20 Bo Howard; R17 Don Risner; R18 Justin Risner; J11 Justin Tackett; 3D Darren Damron; 44 Ryan Jarrell; P12 Dean Pennington; P20 Ervin Vance; J17 J.J. Terry. DNS-44 Josh Curtis.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 3D Jamie Hamilton; 69J Jarred Flannary; Old No. 7 Gary Whitt; 18S Shawn Ousley; D6 Darren Rogers; RA 47 Robert

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Hall; 14 Shannon Hall; L13 Henry Lawson; L8 Leroy Newsome; A17 Alan Salisbury.

Four Cylinder Heat: 18K Shawn DI Henson; 37 Alan Osborne; 21 Pat Morris; 22N Nathan Martin; 42 (Driver name unavailable); 33 Matt Hamilton; M77 McCaye Sexton; 20 Donnie Home.

Four Cylinder Feature: 3 Alan Osborne; 18K John D Henson; 3D Jamie Hamilton Old No. 7 Gary Whitt; 69 Jarred Flannary; RA47 Robbi Hall; 21 Pat Morris; 18S Shawn Ousley; 42 (Driver name unavailable); D6 Darren Rogers; 14 Shannon Hall; 3 Matt Hamilton; 22N Nathar Martin; L8 Leroy Newsome L13 Henry Lawson; B70 Jason Blair.

Camp

gift along with lunch.

The Prestonsburg Football Skills Camp annually attracts a large group of youth football players.

Edwards snaps 52-race winless streak with Michigan victory

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BROOKLYN, Mich. — When Carl Edwards was collecting four wins during his first Nextel Cup season, he challenged one of his team members not to shave between victories.

What was the worst that could happen? Tom Giacchi might have to go a couple of weeks without a razor?

Try 19 months.

Edwards snapped his 52-race winless streak Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, then promptly took a pair of scissors to Giacchi's long ZZ Top-style beard. The beard had gotten so unruly, Giacchi found a tick in it after returning from a camping trip two weeks ago.

"I just hated to see him like that for so long," Edwards said. "It's changed his life a little bit. People grab their children in Wal-Mart and pull them aside, lock their doors when he walks by on the street. He used to go on dates. Women loved him."

"He's been staring at the Gillette Phantom razor with longing eyes. It's going to be a new day for you, Tom."

The beard had become a running joke in the Nextel Cup garage, where Giacchi was a constant reminder that Edwards had last won a race on Nov. 6, 2005. Wins came often that year — he scored four of them, and finished third in the season standings.

But he struggled through all of 2006, when car owner Jack Roush moved crew chief Bob Osborne off Edwards' team. The two are back together this season, and Edwards has a win to show for it while Giacchi was looking for some shaving cream.

"When they made that silly wager, I had no idea it would be this long," car owner Jack Roush said. "Carl and Bob won four races the first year. I was even surprised it took this long to get it going this year."

Edwards had to overcome an early speeding penalty and held off Martin Truex Jr. to seal the win. Truex, who has not fin-

"We'd like to invite all area football players in grades K-8 out to our Prestonsburg Football Skills Camp," said DeRossett. "This is an excellent opportunity for the young football players to come out and learn skills."

ished lower than third the past three races, brushed the wall in the closing laps and lost his momentum.

"It was very difficult to stay composed, especially when Martin was closing in," Edwards said. "To me, second place would have felt the same as chopping off my arm. I wanted to win. That's it."

The victory gave Roush his second win of the season — first since Matt Kenseth won Feb. 25 at California — and temporarily sidetracked Hendrick Motorsports' season-long domination. Hendrick cars have won 10 of the 15 races this season.

Roush, who has company headquarters in nearby Livonia, makes winning at Michigan a priority for all his drivers and he celebrated twice this weekend — Travis Kvapil also won the Truck Series race Saturday.

Edwards' victory was only the second of the year for Ford, and it snapped a 13-race winning streak for Chevrolet. No other manufacturer has won a race this season.

"Ford has given us every technical support, all the money that we've asked for to help us put in equipment and be competitive with the other manufacturers, with the other teams," Roush said. "They deserve more, and I'm just embarrassed that it took us this long to really celebrate it with Carl and the guys."

Truex, who had his first victory two weeks ago at Dover, finished second after overcoming a spin on the backstretch 100 laps into the race. Truex, who led 54 laps before the early spin and has climbed to 10th in the series standings, heaped praise on his Dale Earnhardt Inc. team.

"It was a great day for us," he said. "The team did another awesome job. I think it was the best pit stops we've ever had on pit road. Awesome race car, and probably the best engine I've ever had. Guys are doing great, man, and I'm loving life right now."

Two-time series champion Tony Stewart, winless this season, was third. Stewart had a

strong car in practice Saturday, but an accident with David Gilliland caused heavy damage and he wasn't sure how good his car would be during the race.

He was supposed to start 41st, but deliberately hung back at the green flag to fall into 43rd place at the start.

"With what happened (in practice) and where we qualified, it was two strikes against us," Stewart said. "I made sure I went across the start-finish line in 43rd, so wherever we ended up I could say we went from dead last. From 43rd to third is a pretty good day."

Casey Mears, on a roll since his first career win on May 27, was fourth and the highest finishing Hendrick driver.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was fifth to give DEI two cars in the top five, and the showing moved him into Chase for the championship contention. He's 12th in the standings — where he was before a 100-point penalty last month knocked him down to 14th — and is trying to end his time at DEI on top.

Earnhardt, who agreed to a five-year deal this week to drive for Hendrick Motorsports starting next season, congratulated Truex, his teammate.

"Martin did good, he did such a good job today. That team has found something — I might sneak over there and find out what it is," Earnhardt said. "We had a good car. We were as good as anybody at the end of the race, just ran out of laps."

Kyle Busch, who is losing his ride at Hendrick to make room for Earnhardt, was sixth and was followed by Kevin Harvick, Jamie McMurray and series points leader Jeff Gordon, who was ninth and the last driver on the lead lap.

Michael Waltrip, racing for just the third time this season, was a surprising 10th and even led one lap. He was with the leaders most of the race, and was lapped with one lap to go.

Defending series champion Jimmie Johnson had been running in third, but ran out of gas seven laps from the finish and wound up 19th.

Leicht records first NASCAR Busch Series win at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Robert Yates Racing driver Stephen Leicht and his No. 90 Citi Financial Ford took their first NASCAR Busch Series and Kentucky Speedway win by a series track-record 2.011-second margin over Joe Gibbs Racing driver Brad Coleman and his No. 18 Carino's Italian Grill Chevrolet tonight in front of 70,419 'Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo' fans.

Leicht becomes the third regular NASCAR Busch Series driver to score a victory in the past 52 series events and the second straight series regular to win at Kentucky Speedway. The 20-year-old earned his victory in his 38th career series start dating back to 2005. He finished 10th in the 2006 event at the track.

The Asheville, N.C. driver took the race lead for the first and only time on Lap 188 when he guided his car past Coleman's on the low line coming out of Turn 4 then moved his car to the high groove and opened up a comfortable 1.379-second lead by Lap 196 before sealing the win.

"We did it, finally. We waited too long for this," he said.

"Those last 10 laps were the longest of my life. We picked up 0.300 of a second in open air. Last year, I finished 10th and I ran on the high side. So, later in this race I decided to run that high groove and the car came to life."

The victory gives Leicht a total one top-five and three top-10 finishes for the season. He vaults seven positions in the series standings to 12th entering the series next June 23 event in Milwaukee, Wis..

Richard Childress Racing driver Scott Wimmer finished third in his No. 29 Holiday Inn Chevrolet, Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates product David Stremme placed fourth in his No. 41 Wrigley's Winterfresh Dodge and Jr. Motorsports driver Shane Huffman turned in a fifth-place performance in his No. 88 U.S. Navy Chevrolet.

Leicht's triumph came at the expense of 2005 Kentucky Speedway series winner and championship leader Carl Edwards. He led a race-high 91 laps and appeared on his way to his third consecutive series victory before being eliminated from contention on Lap 157 of 200 when his No. 60 Sharp Aquos/3M Ford made contact with the No. 66

HomeLife Communities Dodge of Steven Wallace while the cars were entering Turn 1 on a race restart. Edwards returned to competition later and posted a season low 33rd-place finish while Wallace ground out a 22nd place showing.

"I was nervous. I was right behind those guys and it was real nerve wracking," Leicht said. "I would've loved to be able to race door-to-door with Carl."

Coleman, who took Kentucky Speedway ARCA RE/MAX Series win at the track last July, grabbed his first top-five and second top-10 finish of the season. He advanced two spots in the series standings to 38th.

"I really thought we had the win with 20 laps to go, but Scott (Wimmer) made me really nervous and I had to hold him off. Stephen Leicht was running the high side and there was nothing I could do about it."

The Kentucky Speedway season will continue July 13-14 when the ARCA RE/MAX Series visits for the Channel 5-150. Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn is expected to compete in the ARCA RE/MAX Series race.

Club

received has been great," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "This is a community effort. We want everyone

to come together and make this turf field a reality. So many will benefit from this."

The Blackcat Touchdown

Woodyard named to Nagurski Watch List

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Senior linebacker Wesley Woodyard has been named to the preseason watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, awarded annually to the best defensive player in college football.

Woodyard is one of 49 players on the watch list, which is selected by the Football Writers Association of America and sponsored by the Charlotte (N. C.) Touchdown Club.

Woodyard was named first-team All-Southeastern Conference by league coaches last season. He made 122 tackles last season, second in the SEC and 18th nationally. He also led the Wildcats with 95

tackles for loss. Consistency has been his hallmark, as he has made at least four tackles in 24 consecutive games and could become the first Wildcat in 14 years to reach 300 tackles in his career.

Woodyard also is on the preseason watch list for The Lett Trophy, a national defensive player of the year award which combines on-field performance with off-the-field accomplishments and character.

The Bronko Nagurski Trophy is awarded in memory of the legendary Nagurski, a former All-America lineman at the University of Minnesota in 1927-29 and a star for the Chicago Bears in the 1930s.

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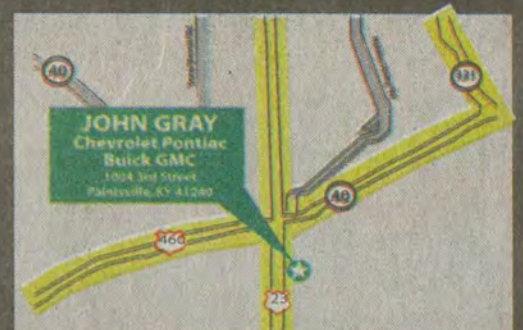
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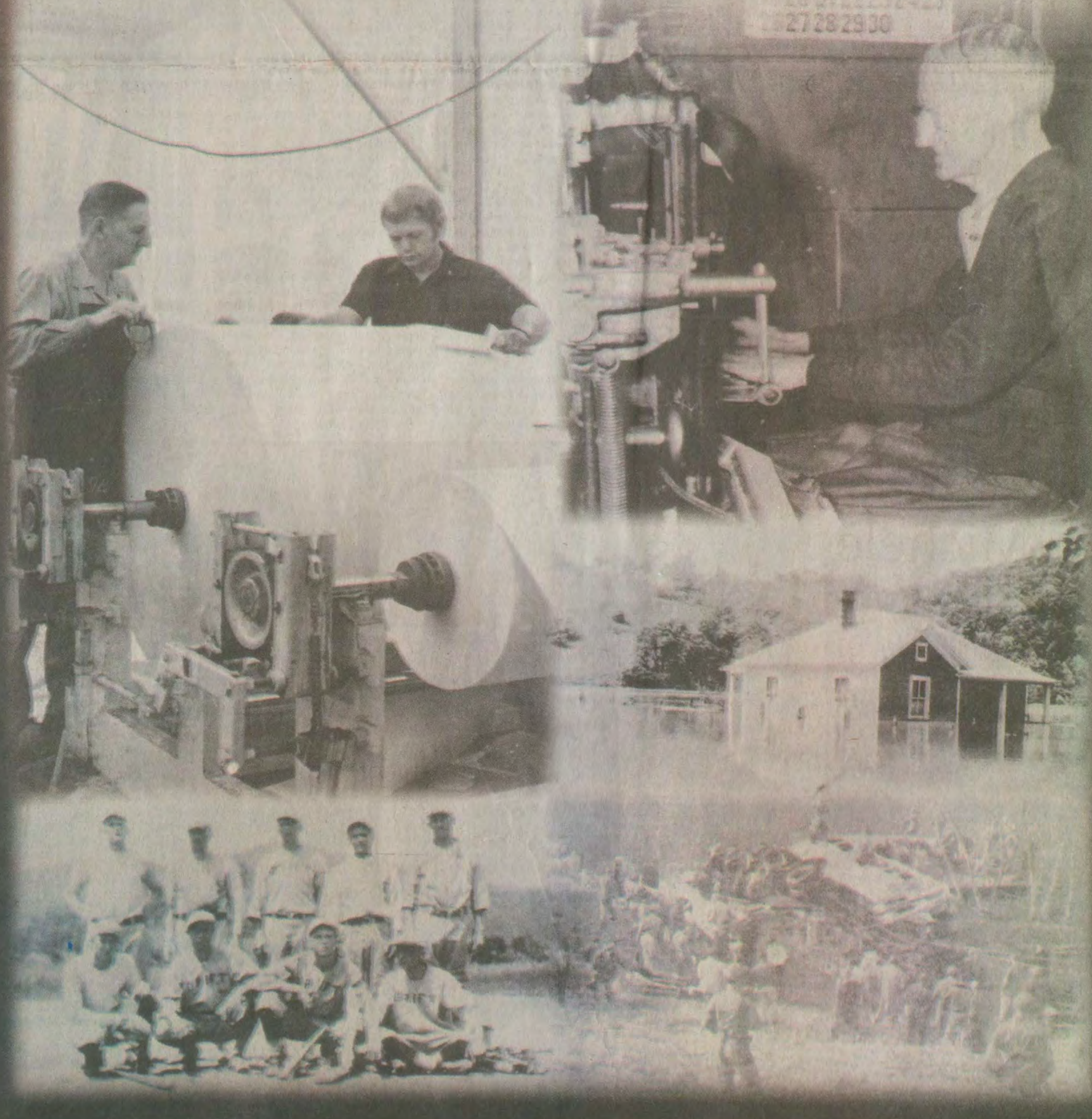
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Prestonsburg & Northern Floyd County

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Located in the county seat of Prestonsburg, The Times began its quest to cover Floyd County in the summer of 1927 as The Prestonsburg Post. During the last 80 years, we have made it our mission to cover the news of Floyd County, and there's no doubt that we've witnessed plenty of newsworthy events throughout those years.

Prestonsburg

Perhaps one of the most historic early events was the completion of the arch bridge in 1930, which spans the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River from what is now Arnold Avenue into the community of West Prestonsburg. The bridge was constructed as a joint effort between the county and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Company.

Billy Hale, a New York resident who grew up in West Prestonsburg, says he and his friends used to bet with each other about who could climb the arches of the bridge and actually make it to the other side, a feat that would scare the daylight out of most people. Hale made it across the arches several times, but says it wasn't easy for him either.

"When you got up there to the top, you didn't dare look down," said Hale.

The West Prestonsburg Bridge was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. Although no longer used for travel, the City of Prestonsburg has adopted the bridge as its logo for the city. Lights were also added to the bridge several years ago providing a beautiful night time display of history.

The next 30 years were a very busy time for the city. A flood in 1937 and another 20 years later in 1957 nearly brought the city to its knees. The Times reported in 1957 that Prestonsburg alone had an estimated loss of \$5 million. Over 2,000 homes were effected in Floyd County and the Red Cross provided relief to 983 displaced families to the tune of nearly \$400,000.

The following year was almost unbearable for many. It was labeled



Flooding in downtown Prestonsburg, during the 1957 flood, one of the most destructive in the county's history.

as the nation's worst school bus disaster as news entities around the country covered the story and the heartbreaking months that followed. On February 28, 1958, tragedy struck the county when school bus number 27 plunged into the Big Sandy River, carrying with it 48 students on their way to school that morning.

Some students managed to get out of the bus before it sank into the murky swollen waters of the river. Twenty-six children succumbed to the wrath of the muddy waters along with the bus driver.

Forty-five hours passed before the bus was finally located 250 feet from the point it dove into the river. Only

14 children were found onboard with the driver. Twelve children were found in the river over the next four months. The last child to be located was 9-year-old Paulette Cline, discovered on May 10 near the Abbott Bridge. The recovery was over, but the burden has never left Prestonsburg and its surrounding communities.

Middle Creek & Abbott Creek

Neighboring communities surrounding the city have also seen their fair share of historic events. The Memorial Day flood of 2004 hit the county hard as it swept through the area. Five-and-one-half inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period, too much for the creeks and tributaries to handle. Most families were asleep at the time when the creeks overflowed their banks and began to rise up around their homes. Most didn't even see it coming until it was already there.

Middle Creek and Abbott were two communities that saw the brunt of the devastation. Hundreds were rescued from their homes by boat, but unfortunately didn't have much of a home to return to. It was a scene of total devastation as one traveled through these areas after the water had receded. Mobile homes lay on their sides, cars, porches and just about anything else you could think of littered the yards of residents. Thick mud blanketed nearly everything.

People stood along the roadways the following day, shocked and wondering what they were going to do. They began to dig their way through

the debris that the raging flood waters had left behind and picked up the pieces of their lives that had been strewn about.

The Times reported on the days following the flood that damages throughout the county was nearing \$4 million. The Federal Emergency Management Agency provided some assistance to the area, although many were still trying to bounce back from the less major flood that swept the area the year before.

Tempers began to flare and had many asking local officials why there seemed to be a flood trend over the last few years. Some cited strip mining and the dirt fill near the Prestonsburg Post office while others blamed officials for not dredging the creeks to remove the debris and sediment that had built up over the years.

In 2004, Middle Creek business owner Billy Frasure said, "The last couple of years its gotten worse and worse. With strip mining going on, and logging, the wash off is filling the creeks up. There's nowhere for the water to go."

David

The small community of David strived to exist after Princess Elkhorn Coal Company left the area many years ago after the coal company had depleted its resources. David was once home to a community swimming pool, commissary store, movie theater and a church. Those times have long since passed and little remains today of the town's past.

In 1974, founders of The David

School, a private school aimed to promote literacy in the area, took up residence in the old coal company commissary building. The school opened on Jan. 10 that year with 10 students and only a handful of volunteers, but they made due with what they had. The commissary rooms were turned into classrooms and the movie theater was transformed into a shop building where students learned wood working skills.

They made it 15 years in the dilapidated building, until building inspectors threatened to shut it down. That same year, the community of David was able to purchase back the land that the Princess Elkhorn Company still owned and construction on the new school began on 210 acres of wooded land.

Although it operates as a private school, The David School is tuition free, so it was going to take tons of volunteers to help the school in its time of need. Stone by stone, piece by piece, volunteers from throughout the country, local businesses and students themselves built a magnificent "country lodge" type of structure which opened its doors in 1997. While expenditures stayed under \$1 million, The David School has an estimated value of \$2.7 million.

Since then, the community of David is once again a thriving spot on the map. David Appalachian Crafts attracts visitors from hundreds of miles away and St. Vincent's Mission has provided assistance to thousands of needy families throughout the area.



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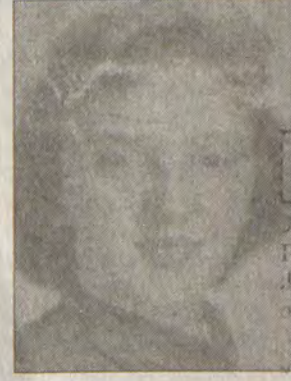
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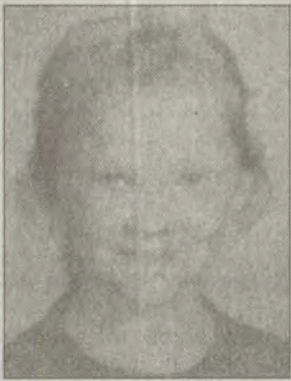
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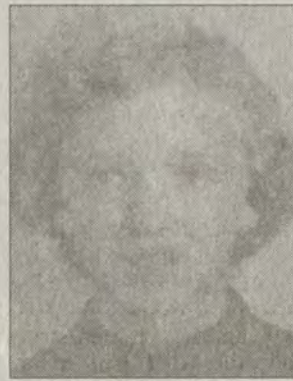
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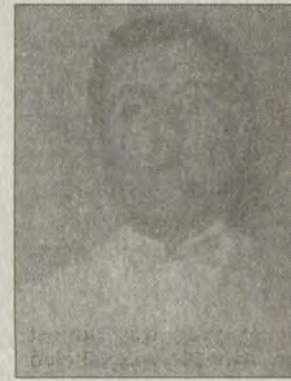
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Martin & Central Floyd County

by JOSHUA BYERS
PUBLISHER

While much has changed during the last 80 years in the Martin, McDowell and Drift area, the biggest change will probably be when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes its 10-year, \$98 million project and the city of Martin is relocated.

Thomasine Robinson, the current mayor of Martin, said she thinks the most fabulous thing that's happened to Martin in the last 80 years "is our flood project that's going on right now. It's wonderful that it's happening."

Robinson said the community is truly blessed to have the support of so many agencies.

"We just have to get out of the flood waters," she said.

Martin

Anna Skaggs Griffith has lived in Martin since moving from Pike County in 1932. Her dad was moved here as manager of Utilities Elk Horn Coal Company store in Martin when she was 10 years old.

"The community in itself, the neighbors, the people all around in Martin are wonderful," she said, adding there are seldom any problems that can't be fixed.

Griffith has fond early memories of life in Martin.

"We didn't have any of the conveniences that we have now," she said. "There were no sidewalks, no roads, just dirt roads. It was a regular small town back then."

"The railroad was great, it was the main transportation," she added. "Of course the coal mines kept the town going."

Griffith's husband, Raymond, was mayor for 11 years, but had to resign for health reasons. She completely supports the relocation of Martin.

"It's almost a ghost town on Main Street," she said. "We really need this project because our buildings haven't been kept up the best. I'm proud of the city of Martin. We have numerous churches. I have been a member of the Church of Christ for 55 years and all of my children are members."

She said The Floyd County Times has been "the best source of information that we have had for a long time. It's a complete review of everything



A 1904 group of school kids from Drift, from the Ruby Akers collection.

going on. We really respect The Floyd County Times because it has good coverage."

Drift

Ruby Akers, longtime Drift resident, moved to the area in the 1920s.

Akers remembers the one-room schoolhouse she started in increasing to three rooms and then four-to-five rooms, and she eventually became a teacher there.

"The year that I taught at Drift, 1942, during the war, we had three teachers and I had 65 in first grade," she recalls. "That was the year that they sold war bonds and our room won the prize for selling the most war bonds."

Drift used to be a small mining town, with a baseball team.

"They were champions," she said. "My brother was on the team. Now they're building the ball park back. I hope they keep it going."

"Now we don't have a school here in Drift," she said, adding there's not even a Post Office anymore.

Akers said she can remember The Floyd County Times being a high-

light of the week.

"I subscribed to The Times since it was first published, well my dad did," she said. "My brother was tax commissioner for six terms so we always looked forward to that one newspaper during the week."

Akers said not only did they pass the newspaper on to other family members but also the neighbors.

McDowell

Barry Martin, a retired McDowell school teacher, is currently working on preserving the history of the area through pictures and stories. His interest in the project came as a result of a challenge he gave to one of his classes.

"I told them here's a blank piece of paper, this is your history."

Martin says the area sometimes gets a bad rap because it is crowded.

"It's a good place to make a living. I knew everybody and everybody knew me," Martin said. "I was getting to the third generation and I

decided it was time to get out of teaching."

Martin credits his parents, Dewey and Magnolia Martin, for raising and educating two college level children on a single coal miner's salary. He also said the Yesterdays column in the Times is of much interest.

"I found that I collect as much as I can of the Yesterdays column," he said. "That's a really good history. I've got one about the road being built in Left Beaver. I like that part of it."

Testimonial

Chester Pack, McDowell, remembers his childhood:

"I grew up in Bristle Buck. When I went to school at McDowell Consolidated School, 1943-1956, we didn't have kindergarten, we had primer. You learned your ABC's, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm and how to read and write. You were then ready for the first grade."

"George L. Moore was the only principal we had at McDowell School while I attended there. He was the only one we needed. We had discipline, because he demanded it. If you got out of line, you had a choice: take a paddling or go home. If you chose to go home, you didn't get back in school unless you brought both parents with you. There was no dating allowed on school grounds. The only sport we had was basketball. The whole neighborhood supported the Dare Devils. We had a large band that played at every home game."

"Bristle Buck was the downtown area of McDowell. We had several Mom and Pop grocery stores, a Post Office, a hardware store and most important of all a movie theater. We could go to the movies for .25 cents. You could buy a pop for a nickel or a box of popcorn for a nickel. On Saturday night they always had a double feature, usually two Westerns."

"The first skyscraper in Bristle Buck was a three-story concrete block building built by Bare-Head Lee Frasure for a children's home. We had three churches, Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist and the Primitive Baptist, which we called the Hard Shells."

"The first TVs came to Bristle Buck in 1951. We got Channel 3 by putting a tower on top of the hill and running a line down to our house."

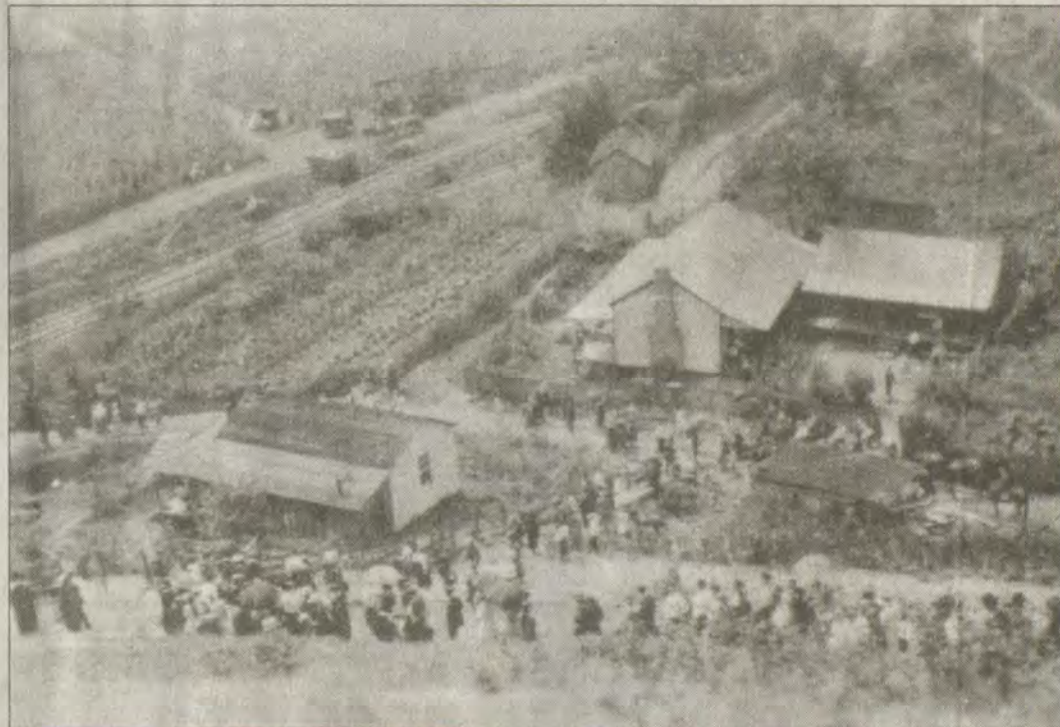
"Every house in Bristle Buck had a guitar, banjo or mandolin sitting in the corner. We learned how to entertain ourselves. We gathered at one another's house to play rook, to pitch horseshoes or just to visit. We played music and sang songs. I got my first \$3 guitar for my sixth birthday."

"When someone died in the community the body was always taken back to the home. People would come from miles around to sit up with the dead. They would bring food and sometimes flowers to help to comfort the family of the deceased."

"On Sunday afternoon we usually went to Granny's house or to an aunt or uncle's house for chicken and dumplings and to pitch horseshoes all evening. We entertained one another. Life was kind of simple, but I miss it."



The 1927 flood engulfed this home that BF Reed once lived in where White Camp was beside the old railroad tracks.



The date on the back of this picture is Sunday, Aug. 17, 1924. The scene is of people descending from the Lucy Hall Cemetery. This farm included part of the area from Star Bottom Coal Camp, upstream to the McDowell train stop. Photo provided by Josephine Hall Darnall.

Floyd County: Rich in sports tradition

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Professional athletes and state champions have called Floyd County, home.

Baseball. Basketball. Football. Wrestling. Auto Racing. Floyd Countians have made major moves in various sports.

The 1948 Prestonsburg High School baseball team captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) championship.

Floyd County-born baseball players have made contributions on various levels.

Drift hosted some of the state's top semi-professional baseball players, many of whom went on to play in some sort of professional league.

Floyd County has produced its share of professional baseball players. John Thomas Clark was the last Floyd County-born baseball player to play professionally. Clark had a stint in the Reds organization during the mid-late 1990s after being picked in the 37th round of the 1996 Draft.

Nick Chaffin earned an individual state championship

for Prestonsburg High School in the sport of wrestling in 2003 when he prevailed in the 119-pound weight class.

Kentucky basketball legend King Kelly Coleman scored over 4,000 points during his high school career as a Wayland Wasp and ranks as one of the nation's top all-time high school basketball players. Coleman claimed the Mr. Basketball award in 1956 after averaging nearly 40-plus points per game during the 1955-56 season. The King Kelly-led Wasps made an impressive run during the 1956 boys' basketball state tournament.

After a successful college career at Kentucky Wesleyan, Coleman had a stint in the NBA with the New York Knicks.

After starring at Martin, Pete Grigsby played for the legendary Adolph Rupp at the University of Kentucky.

Betsy Layne has won the most 15th Region titles - 5 - of any Floyd County boys' basketball team.

Prestonsburg captured the 1989 15th Region boys' basketball championship.



The Drift baseball team, courtesy of Ted Shelton.

Jeremy Hall-led Allen Central made a lengthy post-season run in 1994, making its way into the State Tournament Semifinals.

South Floyd returned Floyd County to the top of the boys' basketball scene in 2001, winning the regional championship.

In girls' basketball, McDowell, Allen Central and Betsy Layne all represented Floyd County in State Tournament competition after

capturing regional championships.

McDowell's Geri Grigsby averaged 46.1 points per game in a 95-game high school career. The 1977 Miss Basketball, Geri Grigsby once scored 81 points in a single game. Like her father, Pete, before her, Geri went on to play at the University of Kentucky.

Prestonsburg has made a pair of appearances in the KHSAA State Football Finals.

Prestonsburg finished runner-up in both 1993 and 2001. Bill Letton coached the Blackcats to the runner-up finish in 1993 while current Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett guided the 2001 squad.

Following a successful college career at the University of Kentucky, defensive tackle Jeremy Caudill (Martin), signed a free agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts. After being released by the Colts, Caudill signed with the Philadelphia Eagles and played for the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europe.

In auto racing, Floyd County has direct links to NASCAR.

Ranier Racing made a name for itself in the NASCAR Winston Cup.

Under the guidance of family patriarch Harry Ranier, Ranier Racing flourished in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, winning three Daytona 500 championships. Buddy Baker, Bobby Allison, Cale Yarborough and Davey Allison were among the drivers who piloted Ranier-owned racecars.

Ranier Racing won the

Daytona 500 in 1980 with Baker behind the wheel. The team triumphed again in 1983 and 1984 with Yarborough turning the laps. Davey Allison, driving for Ranier Racing, finished runner-up to his father, Bobby, in the 1988 Daytona 500.

Ranier Racing was instrumental in getting started the career of two-time NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart.

Lorin Ranier is currently spotter for Reed Sorenson, driver of the Chip Ganassi-Felix Sabates No. 41 Target Stores Nextel Cup Series Dodge Charger.

The Ranier Racing Museum, located in the Prestonsburg Tourism Building, houses Ranier Racing memorabilia and relics.

In 2004, Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn made a splash onto the national scene when he captured the NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region championship. Blackburn claimed the Atlantic Region

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Sports

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claimed the Atlantic Region title after winning the Lonesome Pine Raceway Late Model Series title. He currently drives in the ARCA RE/MAX Series.

Thunder Ridge Racing & Entertainment Complex continues to host world class harness racing. The Prestonsburg track has hosted harness horses and drivers from North America and other countries.

Come the first Saturday in May, horse racing enthusiasts from across Eastern Kentucky flock to Thunder Ridge for the Kentucky Derby. The facility offers off-track betting year-round.

Although not currently hosting dirt track racing, Thunder Ridge has a rich history when it comes to motor-sports. In 1998, Thunder Ridge hosted the Dirt Track World Championship. Tens of thousands of dirt track fans flocked to Thunder Ridge to see the world's best Dirt Late Model racers.

Legendary driver Freddy Smith, who was racing out of Knoxville, Tenn., at that time, captured the \$50,000 top prize. The race field for that year's Dirt Track World Championship consisted of drivers from Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Georgia, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Illinois, Ohio, Arkansas, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Arkansas and West Virginia.

Thunder Ridge has also hosted various other dirt track racing series, Monster Trucks and rodeo events during its run as one of Eastern Kentucky's top entertainment venues.

Before Thunder Ridge, dirt track drivers flocked to Martin, which was home to one of the area's leading racetracks.

Today, Floyd County Dirt Late Model drivers Brandon Kinzer (Allen), Paul Harris (Prestonsburg), Shannon Thornsberry (Martin) and Chuckie May (Allen) continue to

keep a rich tradition of racing alive - as does numerous other racers in various classes. May currently owns and operates 201 Speedway in neighboring Johnson County.

StoneCrest Golf Course opened for play in 2001 and has already hosted both the Men's and Women's State Amateur Championships. The Prestonsburg course has hosted several PGA professionals in its short history. Rick Frye serves as the StoneCrest pro.

Beaver Valley Golf Course, a nine-hole course located in Allen, also hosts golfers.

When it comes to Floyd County, the equine industry isn't limited to harness racing. The Prestonsburg Equine Center at StoneCrest Mountain annually entertains equine enthusiasts from around the world. The Prestonsburg facility, still relatively new, hosts numerous shows each year.

STATE CHAMPIONS



Prestonsburg's 1948 baseball team. The Blackcat baseball team, led by Coach John R. Eibner, traveled to Parkway Field in Louisville and reached to Floyd County the state baseball champs of Kentucky.

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MISS OMA PRESTON EX-COUNTY SUPT. DIED LAST SUNDAY

Miss Oma Preston, daughter of the late Arthur Preston and Mrs. Rebecca Preston was born November 24, 1860 and died Sunday, May 13, 1928, at the old Preston home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, the father of Mr. Walter Preston.

In infancy Miss Preston suffered a stroke of infantile paralysis which deprived her of the use of her lower limbs. Her constant endeavor was to walk, and her father and mother, in their efforts to help her, were constantly at her side.

She married Mr. John Ward, and they lived in the Preston home until her death. She was a devoted mother and a kind and helpful neighbor.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward, on Sunday, May 19, at 2 o'clock p.m.

Interment will be in the cemetery at Prestonsburg.

Miss Preston was 67 years of age at the time of her death.

Attend Eastern Star At Paintsville, Kentucky

The following members of Alpha Chapter No. 24, O. E. S., returned to Paintsville Monday evening and visited the Paintsville chapter, Mrs. King, Mrs. White, Mrs. Ruth Mae, Mrs. Sophie Barkley, Mrs. Grace Ford, Mrs. Mary Allen, Mrs. A. G. Harlow, Mrs. E. P. Arnold, Mrs. J. E. Perkins, Mrs. C. V. Lane and Mrs. S. J. Spalding.

Bride Party

Mrs. W. H. [Name] presented a number of her friends last Wednesday evening with a bride party. A pleasant time was reported by those who were present.

2,000 BAPTISTS AT CONVENTION

Meetings Open Programme At Chattanooga

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 14.—Preliminary exercises for today and tonight at the Chattanooga Baptist Convention, from eighteen States and fourteen foreign countries, reached Chattanooga in increasing numbers for the seventy-third Southern Baptist Convention opening Wednesday.

Registration of delegates and visitors had crossed the 2,000 mark when the Sunday-school B. Y. P. U. Association opened its first conference this afternoon, and by 8 o'clock, conferring hour of the Women's Missionary Union, the list had almost reached 2,000.

Preliminary exercises from many parts of the country were arriving today to attend the convention, among these being Dr. George W. Truett, president of the convention, Dr. E. V. Mullins, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Eugene J. Lawrence, Baltimore minister who has attended the convention for more than fifty years.



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Commencement Exercises of the Prestonsburg High School May 25 To 31

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D. A. R. Meets

The John Orin Clark Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. J. [Name]. The meeting was opened with the usual devotion with Mrs. G. P. Archer, pastor, presiding.

Attend The Floyd County Board Meeting

W. M. [Name], Tom Layne, H. O. [Name], J. W. [Name], James [Name], D. W. [Name], C. E. [Name], P. A. [Name] and Clyde [Name] of Betsy Layne were here Friday attending a meeting of the County Board of Education.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Rebecca Preston and daughter wish to express sincere thanks to the many friends and relatives for the many flowers and cards of sympathy during the recent illness and death of their daughter and sister, Miss Preston. Special thanks to the U. S. D. National Chapter for its generous help.

WILL RULE ON KY. OIL TAX

Was Passed By 1918 General Assembly

Pikeville, Ky., May 13.—The court of appeals will again be called upon to rule on the constitutionality of the Kentucky oil production tax passed by the 1918 general assembly. The case involves the decision of the Franklin circuit court which upheld the validity of the law and ordered the company to turn over to the state treasury approximately \$20,000.

TASK OF CURBING FLOOD WATERS IN SOUTH IS BEGUN

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BOARD TO BE APPOINTED

Washington, May 9.—President Coolidge today signed the Mississippi River Control Act.

The new board will be appointed by the president and will have the honor of curbing the flood waters of the Mississippi—probably the greatest engineering undertaking ever attempted in history.

The new board of the president has completed the first of what are expected to be three major projects up to the present moment. The whole new canal and levee program will be under construction by the end of the year.

Mr. Coolidge expects to inaugurate the new board in the near future for the purpose of resuming flood control plans drawn up by the army engineers and the Mississippi River Commission. It is the president's intention to appoint to the board one of his own nominees, a civil engineer, contractor or surveyor, both as to residence and business connections, which they are expected to be built into the program. It may require but will be an important step toward the end of the war.

The new board control plan was drawn up by William Zenger, the chairman of Senate Commerce Committee and Chairman of the House Flood Control Committee, and will be the responsibility of the federal treasury of \$200,000,000. The plan is to be completed by the end of the year.

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Allen & Eastern Floyd County

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Why, from all the way over in Banner, you could see the glow of old Allen burning," said Gretchen Lafferty, age 92, of Allen. "I was 10 years old and it nearly scared me to death."

Lafferty, one of Allen's oldest living residents, recalled the cold night back in 1924 when the city of Allen burned to the ground.

"I don't know exactly how the first fire got started," she said, "but I reckon that it started in one man's house and spread to his neighbor's and then on to another neighbor and so on till the whole town had just burned down. I remember seeing those old burned skeletons of those buildings days later. It was awful, just an awful time. My mother had two brothers, Jim Webb and Ben Webb, that lived in Allen at that time, but their houses didn't burn. No one died that I know of, but lots of homes and businesses were lost."

In speaking of Allen, Mrs. Lafferty is quick to point out that the city now consists of what many refer to as "old Allen and new Allen." "That fire now, it happened over here in old Allen," she said. "Old Allen" and "New Allen" are divided by a bridge that now connects the two areas. Old Allen lying to the west, as new Allen lies to the east, close to the four-lane highway that was built in the early 1970s making a jaunt to either Pikeville or Prestonsburg a fairly quick trip in either direction as opposed to the much lengthier ride it was prior to the new U.S. 23 coming through the area.

Among some of Mrs. Lafferty's fondest recollections are those of her family living on a houseboat that her father built in order to service those along the Big Sandy by providing lumber cut to specification.

"I can't remember a whole lot about life on that boat, because I was so young, you know, but I remember that boat. It was a big old boat ... Daddy used to run it up and down the river sawing lumber for people. He sawed the lumber that was used to build the old Hatcher Hotel up in Pikeville.

"Our whole family lived on that boat during that time. My mother

are immobile and living with in-home assistance, Mrs. Lafferty remains self-sufficient and independent. She even still maintains a steady clientele for whom she does regular clothing alterations. "One of my best customers is Jennifer (Kendrick) Martin," she said. "Why I've been doing alterations for little Jennifer practically my whole life. I love that little child to death. She's a real good girl."

In addition to doing alterations, Mrs. Lafferty is an avid quilter. "I like to quilt, crochet and just keep busy making pretty things," she said. "I give most of the things I make to my family. Why, one day, after I'm gone, they may just sell 'em all and get rid of 'em, but I guess I'll keep making 'em as long as I'm able," she good-naturedly joked.

Mrs. Lafferty shares that she also still enjoys reading her hometown newspaper every chance she gets. "Sometimes me and Bennie, my son, know the news before it ever comes out in the paper, but I still enjoy reading it."

Mrs. Lafferty has a brother, Ben Hall, of Somerset, who is 101 years old. "Compared to Ben and Herman Porter over here, I feel young," she laughingly joked.

Herman Porter, age 102, is the city's oldest living resident.

"Ben and Herman have this running joke between them," she said. "Every so often, Ben will have to call Herman and tell him, 'I'm about to catch up with you,'" she said. "They both get a big kick out of that."

"Ben calls me every Sunday, without fail," Mrs. Lafferty proudly declared. "He always asks me, 'Did you go to church today?' and I always try to," she said, "as long as I feel like I can, I get up and go. I love to get out and see folks. And I love everybody, the Lord tells us, we have to, and I do."



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Mrs. Gretchen Lafferty, 92, is one of the city of Allen's oldest living residents. Recently, she sat down and shared some of her memories of the tiny town with the county's oldest newspaper. She is pictured here with one of the many beautiful appliquéd quilts that she enjoys making.

cooked on it, making meals for us and for the men who helped Daddy saw the lumber. For years and years after that, that boat sat in my parents' back yard," she reminisced.

Born Gretchen Hall, the Allen matriarch became a Lafferty when she married Charles Lafferty, now deceased. She and her husband "ran a little restaurant and a grocery store ('over there in 'old Allen,'" she added) for several years" as they remained in the Allen area to rear their family.

"I love Allen," she said, "I always have, it's my home." Though many that reach her age

THEN & NOW

This photo, circa 1929, is provided courtesy of Geraldine Martin, of Allen. The photo shows the original building that is now home to Adams' Mobil Oil Distributors. In addition to the building, one of the most interesting features about the photo, according to Martin, is that the billboards shown all face the railroad tracks, rather than the roadway up above. The reason being that most travelers in the Big Sandy area at that time traveled by rail, not automobile.

photo by Kathy J. Prater
This building, now housing Dennis Adams' Mobile Oil distributorship, still consists primarily of an original construction built in the late 1920s in Allen. It is situated just adjacent to the railroad tracks that run alongside the back outskirts of the town.

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Wayland & Western Floyd County

by JESS STAGGS
STAFF WRITER

In the Early 1900's, coal company prospectors set their sights on a small rural area of Eastern Kentucky. This area, located in the southern half of Floyd County, was to be mined and built into a city. Clarence Wayland Watson, a U.S. Senator and President of Elk Horn Coal Corporation, named this area Watson Town. The name "Watson Town" was later shortened and referred to as Wayland, Senator Watson's middle name.

After the coal production started, businesses flooded the area and the Wayland Area became the home of a hospital, bank, theatre, hotel, jail and over 3,000 citizens. All of these features made Wayland one of the biggest cities in Eastern Kentucky at one time. The city kept growing as the demand for coal reached its' peak. This peak in coal consumption prompted the Elk Horn Coal Company to build a brand new coal tiple in Wayland; the first multi-million dollar coal mining facility in the United States and the biggest coal tiple in the world. "It helped everybody in every way," said Sammy Bentley, a citizen of Wayland and former miner. "It brought the town together."

Wayland has not only been known as a coal town, but a sports town as well. In 1948, Wayland added lights to their baseball field, making it the first lighted field in Eastern Kentucky. Albert Benjamin "Happy" Chandler, Kentucky's 44th and 49th

Governor as well as the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, attended the ceremony and threw the first pitch as "Lion's Field" was officially opened.

"My favorite memories in Wayland always had something to do with baseball," explained Jerry Fultz, President of the Wayland Historical Society. "I played little league baseball right here in Wayland on the nicest field I had ever seen." While some Waylanders' favorite memories are of baseball, others recall basketball as being one of their favorite memories.

When asked what his favorite memory of Wayland was, "King" Kelly Coleman, local basketball legend explained, "It's hard to pick out just one." After thinking for a second, he mentioned, "It has to be when my high school basketball coach told me that I would be playing as one of the starting five even though I was just a freshman. Man, was I excited!" Coleman, who was Kentucky's first "Mr. Basketball," recalled Wayland when it was at its' pinnacle. "The whole town was like one big family. Everyone looked out for one another."

Martin Vanderpool, a Hueysville native, reminisced of a childhood where cars were scarce and more children were on the roads than vehicles. "When school was out for the summer, I used to walk up and down the roads barefooted," Vanderpool said. "It was much safer then and quieter too."

The Elk Horn Coal mines closed



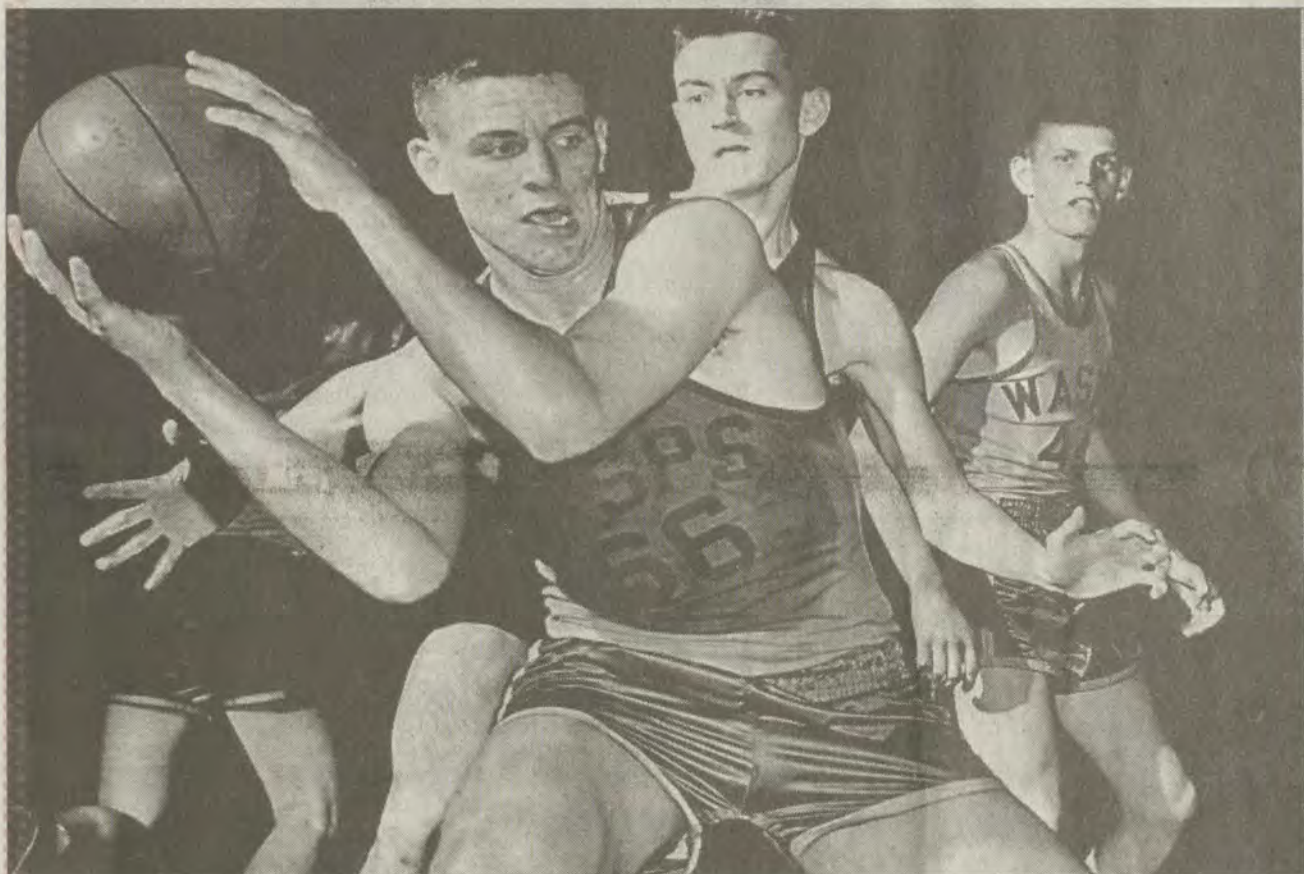
in Wayland in the mid 1950's and the town has since settled into a small community of a few hundred. Those who remained after the coal boom still bear in mind the big news stories that occurred in Wayland and the surrounding areas. These citizens remember the infamous "Flood of 57" that drove hundreds out of homes and businesses. They also remember the school consolidation of

the Wayland, Garrett, Maytown and Martin High Schools into Allen Central High School. A select few even remember a time when Wayland High School's mascot was the Wildcat and not the Wasp.

Although Wayland and the surrounding areas have lost many businesses and have declined in population, the final chapter of this community doesn't end just yet. In 1997, citizens of Wayland began construction on a place that could embrace the past by preserving parts of history including memorabilia, stories and memo-

ries of a once thriving community. This place, called the Wayland Community Center, opened in 1999 and has been helping the community by offering scholarships, holding homecomings and collecting precious parts of the past. Jerry Fultz, the community center's founder, noted that plans are in the making for a new city park and other attractions to help better the community.

Kelly Coleman speaks for nearly all of Floyd County's citizens by saying, "I grew up here; this is my history."



"King" Kelly Coleman



Norman Allen, Times publisher and editor for over half a century, looks over a copy of the The Times announcing the discovery of the Salk vaccine against poliomyelitis. He was pictured here in 1954 behind his trademark manual typewriter, having already been at helm of the paper for nearly three decades.

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This Town— That World

LAST RIVER
This column usually attempts to produce something on the other side, but this week there is nothing of the sort. It is now, we, as so many thousands of others, can think of little of the terrible tragedy that befallen this county and of all its people, grief-stricken parents, friends and acquaintances, try our souls. But the heart of strangers of who live far away, is what we here at home would have felt without feeling, did the loss of 27 lives, a tragedy that hit close home and affected our friends and acquaintances, try our souls. But the heart of strangers of who live far away, is what we here at home would have felt without feeling, did the loss of 27 lives, a tragedy that hit close home and affected our friends and acquaintances, try our souls. But the heart of strangers of who live far away, is what we here at home would have felt without feeling, did the loss of 27 lives, a tragedy that hit close home and affected our friends and acquaintances, try our souls.

School Bus Tragedy Claims 27 Lives

\$25,000 FUND IS DEPOSITED FOR FAMILIES

Governor Chandler Meet For Organization Meet; Wide Support Is Given

As of noon, Wednesday, the drive for funds had reached \$25,200. Rural Highway Commissioner J. H. Wells appealed to all fiscal courts in the state to contribute \$100 each. Immediately afterward Jessamine county responded by wiring that amount.



The school bus as it was being pulled by bulldozers from the river. Some of the bodies had not been removed when photo was snapped.

26 PUPILS AND DRIVER CLAIMED IN NATION'S WORST BUS DISASTER

School Bus Recovered Sunday From Big Sandy. Near Lancer; Searchers Find Twenty Bodies

Tragedy focused on Floyd county and Prestonsburg last week the attention and sympathy of a nation. It was tragedy of a kind and magnitude that had never before been stated on the nation—26 children and a man imprisoned in a school bus that had plunged from U. S. 23 near Knottley Hollow, three miles south of here, into the Big Sandy river.

KY. POWER CO. IN MAJOR JOB
Addition To Facilities At Hi Hat Station, New Line To Cost \$1,060,000

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LIST OF THOSE LOST IN FRIDAY'S TRAGEDY

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FLOYD COUNTY GOES TO WAR

Veteran of 33 Months Gets U.S. Assignment

Camp Davis, N.C.—Sgt. Homer W. Rogers, Wayland, Ky., has been assigned to Camp Davis, an army air force personnel distribution command redistribution station and convalescent hospital. Sgt. Rogers is a veteran of 33 months service in the Galapagos Islands and Panama. He has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal and wears the American theatre ribbon.

Prior to his entrance into the service in December, 1940, he was employed by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

Lots of Bonds have to be bought to put the 7th War Loan over the top! How about buyin' some more?

BROTHERS ANY



SHERMAN
April 8, 1942, has been overseas since Jan. 1, 1944 with an M.R.R. training squadron. His brother, who is with a heavy artillery battery, has been overseas since March 21, 1944, and in the army since Oct. 24, last year.

Sammons Is Member Of Liberation Supply Unit



Sgt. Leonard Sammons, 29, of West Prestonsburg, is a member of a refueling unit with Col. Lorin L. Johnson's 392nd bombardment group supplying the big four-engine bombers with fuel and oxygen. Enlisting in July, 1941, Sgt. Sammons has been overseas with the 392nd for 20 months. During this time, he has served through more than 250 missions made by the Liberators to targets in Germany, France, Poland, Norway, Holland and Belgium. The sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sammons, live in West Prestonsburg.

Japs Bounce Shell Off Akers' Helmet But He's Unharmed

WITH THE 38TH DIVISION ON LUZON—Pvt. Ransom Akers, a BAR man for his squad and grandson of A. B. Brown, Pad. Ky., is presently serving action with his regiment, the 149th Infantry, 38th division of Bataan fame, in the Zambales mountain ranges of central Luzon.

In a recent phase of the battle in these mountains, Pvt. Akers told of many narrow escapes. "My worst experience," he says, "was when the Japs, using a 37-mm. shell as hand grenades, bounced one off my helmet. This shell exploded about 10 feet behind me. It is tough in these mountains. These Japs are determined to fight till the last man. We are looking for him."

Pvt. Akers in civilian life attending the Fed school. He later worked on his farm there and on April 8, 1941 was inducted at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and was sent overseas to Hawaii and New Guinea, Feb. 9, 1944. He also took part in the closing stages of the Leyte campaign prior to his present station on Luzon.

He is the holder of the American Defense Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, both the expert and combat infantry badges and the Philippine Liberation Medal.

FOUR CONNORS BROTHERS DIVIDE THEIR ATTENTION BETWEEN ARMY, NAVY



Until April 16, the navy had an edge with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connors, of Auxier. Two of their sons were in the navy, only one in the army. But that date saw the youngest of four brothers—Prentis Blaine Connors, Auxier high school junior, enter the army.

Boatswain's Mate 2/c Charles Connors, Jr., 24, enlisted in the navy in March, 1942 and served on merchant ships and troop transports until he began amphibious training at Norfolk, Va., recently. His bride, the former Miss Frances DeVito, resides in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has been honored with the Presidential citation.

Pvt. William Harold Connors, 27, was slightly wounded on Leyte after spending 30 months overseas and taking part in several island invasions. He also has received the Presidential citation. Pvt. Connors is now at a rest camp at Miami Beach, Florida, after more than three years' army service.

Seaman 1/c James Paul Connors, 20, who enlisted in the navy in February, 1942 at the age of 17, participated in the North African and Sicilian invasions and was the third Floyd countyman to be decorated for bravery during the war. He has survived three ship sinkings and a fourth ship of which he was a crew-member was torpedoed. He recently returned to this country from Brazil, where he spent 14 months, and is now in training at Newport, Rhode Island. He has received two citations.

Pvt. Prentis Blaine Connors is stationed with a field artillery unit at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Auxier high school basketball team before leaving for army service. Shortly before he entered the army, his three brothers visited their parents at Auxier. The four boys are nephews of Mrs. Mabel Branham, of Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg Sergeant Decorated in Italy

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—S/Sgt. Virgil Johnson, Prestonsburg, Ky., recently was awarded the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action.

He is serving on the Fifth army front in Italy with the 337th "Wolfers" Infantry Regiment, 85th "Custer" Division.

When his platoon encountered heavy artillery fire which scattered the last two squads, related the award citation, he courageously exposed himself to the enemy fire to re-organize the squads. He led them to the base of a ridge, contacted the platoon sergeant and then led the squads forward to secure a vital position. His mother, Mrs. Elma Johnson, lives in Prestonsburg.

Floyd Soldier's Buddy Sleeps Thru Barrage

WITH THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE—Whenever Pfc. John Dunay, Stafford Springs, Conn., H company, 2nd infantry, a runner for the platoon, received his battle inoculation, he must have done so thoroughly, for now nothing bothers him. Pfc. Roy B. Mullett, Prestonsburg, Ky., and Pfc. George C. Joshlin, Senatobia, Mo., 3rd platoon runners, neglected to wake Pfc. Dunay when participating on an attacking mission.

When the attack subsided, the pair returned to pick up their bed-rolls. Mullett and Joshlin found the area had been completely shelled by 88-mm. fire, and yet when they looked around, there lay their buddy, still sound asleep.

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Three Brothers Are Corporals in Army Two Are in European, Pacific Areas



CLYDE
Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. George, of West Prestonsburg, are corporals in the U.S. army.

Cpl. Thomas George entered the service September 1, 1942 and is now at Camp Beale, California. His wife and two children are residing here. He was last employed by the Prin-



DOUGLAS
The youngest son, Cpl. Douglas George, is with the 9th army signal construction battalion in Germany. He entered the army in May, 1943 and has been serving overseas for about a year. Before enlisting he was employed at Cooley's Service Station Prestonsburg.



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Pfc. Conn Accounts For Four Japanese In Luzon Mountains

WITH THE 38TH DIVISION ON LUZON—Pfc. Samuel G. Conn, ammunition bearer for his company, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Conn, of Dana, Ky., is now seeing action with the 149th Infantry, 38th division of Bataan fame, in the rugged Zambales mountains of central Luzon.

In a recent engagement with the enemy, Pfc. Conn, while investigating a Jap cave, accounted for four Japs killed. Later that day, returning to the same cave, he found a phonograph machine with numerous records of popular American songs. "This phonograph," says Pfc. Conn, "has brought us many moments of fun and relaxation. With all the records found, it is evident that the Japanese people are fond of American music."

Pfc. Conn was inducted March 31, 1941 at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and on Jan. 9, 1944 was sent overseas to Hawaii and New Guinea prior to taking part in the present campaign on Luzon. Pfc. Conn is the holder of the Asiatic-Pacific ribbons, the Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

In European Theatre, Haywood Is Promoted



Mrs. Hargus Haywood, of Buchanan, has received word that her husband, Hargus Haywood, formerly of this county, now stationed somewhere in the European theatre of war, has been promoted to corporal. Serving with the 101st Airborne Division, he has seen action in Italy, Sicily, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and in Germany, having sailed overseas in May, 1944.

He has been in the army five years, having volunteered for the paratroopers in December, 1943. He had been with a medical detachment prior to volunteering. He was stationed at Camp Tyson for 15 months, and was a staff sergeant while in the medical division.

Capt. Ardell Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cole, of Paris, is with Cpl. Haywood, and they went through the battle of Bastogne together at Christmas. His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Haywood, and little 3-month-old son, Roan, are with her parents at Buchanan.

Campbell Earns Medal In Italian Fighting

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Pfc. Ray Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, Garrett, Ky., has been cited by the 62nd Mountain Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth army front.

FORMER AUXIER HI CLASSMATES ARE OVERSEAS WITH U.S. FORCES



SGT. MUSIC
1st Sgt. Alvis Music, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Music, of Auxier, is now serving with the 18th tank battalion somewhere in the European theatre of war. Sgt. Music enlisted in the army on Aug. 1, 1940 and since that time has had training in the following camps: Fort Knox, Ky., Pine Camp, N.Y., Camp Campbell, Ky., and Camp Chaffee, Ark. He left for overseas duties in February of this year.

Before entering the army he was employed with the North-East Coal Company store force. He attended Auxier high school where he was a member of the basketball team.

In a letter received by his wife, the former Miss Tommie Burchett, he said that he has recently made



PFC. BURTON
a tour into Belgium and Germany, visiting many of the war-wrecked cities—sights, he said, he will never forget.

Pfc. Leffe Burton, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Burton, of Auxier, is now serving with the 35th Infantry, 25th Division, somewhere in the Philippines. Pfc. Burton enlisted in the army December 15, 1941, since that time has served in overseas duties 10 months.

Pfc. Burton received his training in military camps in Florida and California. He is a graduate of Auxier high school and also attended Pikeville College. He was an expert of the North-East Coal Company of Auxier before his enlistment.

Roark, Outstanding Athlete at Base

1326 AAF BU, ASSAM, INDIA—S/Sgt. James (Jimmy) Roark, of Prestonsburg, Ky., has proven to be one of the outstanding athletes ever to appear on the sports field at this base.

Roark, who is 25, weighs 170 and stands five feet nine, graduated from Prestonsburg high school in 1938. While there he played three years of basketball and three years of football.

In 1941 he received a baseball contract from the St. Louis Cardinals but it came too late. He had already signed a contract with the army. Reporting to Long Beach, Calif., he played, coached and managed the sixth ferrying group baseball and basketball squads. Outstanding players on these teams were Red Ruffing, Harry Danning, Chuck Stevens, Max West, Maury Fernandez and many other minor league stars. When he left Long Beach his team's baseball record showed 69 wins against seven losses. The basketball squad was made up of former college stars, among them being Howard Rohan, Cincinnati, Walt Root, Texas A. & M., Louis, Detroit, Colorado Mines, Fred Chelwood, Southern California, Fred Preston, Illinois, and Joe L. Brown, son of the famed comedian Joe E. Brown, U.C.L.A. This club sported a record of 36 wins against 17 losses acquired against such teams as 20th Century Fox, Southern California, U.C.L.A., Long Beach Junior College, San Pedro, Y.M.C.A., Santa Ana, the latter team featuring three All-Americans.

Sgt. Roark came overseas in September, 1943 and in that time has had a hand in managing and coaching the softball, baseball and basketball clubs at this base. The softball team claims the championship of India on the strength of a brilliant record of 45 wins against no losses, acquired against the best competition in India. In baseball it has a record of 21 victories and two losses. Most of the men playing on these clubs are former semi-pro ball players, among them being Sgt. Bob Harper who is under Cardinal contract, T Sgt. Ed Fritz, who played for the University of Kentucky baseball and football teams, Bob Zolner, a brilliant pitcher and a former teammate of Depaul's George Nikan on the basketball court, 1st Lt. Charles (Chuck) Hubbard, Auxier, Ky., who played in the Big Sandy league. Roark is one of the leading hitters in the softball league here and is sweating out rotation back to the States. His post-war plans are to follow up in organized baseball or to settle down to a coaching assignment.

Moore in Raid That Costs Nazis Several Men
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, ITALY—Pfc. James Moore, of Gearheart, Ky., recently participated in a raid on the Fifth army front in Italy in which a German machine-gun emplacement was destroyed and several casualties were inflicted on the Jerries. He is a member of Company F, 349th "Krautkiller" regiment, 88th "Blue Devil" division.

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Butler, Pal Wounded As Two With Them Killed by Shell



(This photo made shortly after Butler embarked for overseas)

Four American soldiers into one foxhole in the HI forest one afternoon during 62 days of the allied push in many as mortar shells began landing nearby. One plunged in, first; another, feet first; the two piled on top of them.

The two who jumped last were killed, the other two wounded and the boy who dived rather than jumped in was David Butler, former Prestonsburg football and basketball star.

He emerged with a part of his foot blown away and shell fragments in his right leg to his hip. Later, when his wounded buddy, a Sgt. Henderson, son, Butler crawled across a smoke covered field, and he still does not know why they were not fired upon. "Either they didn't see us, since we were dressed in white, or they were German soldiers, not Nazis, and were clean fighters," Sgt. Butler told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Butler, now residents of Louisville. Unable to cross or get through a wire fence, the two, almost collapsing from loss of blood, resorted to yelling for help and at last an Ohio soldier came to their rescue with a sled, across the field.

Butler's foot had become infected before he reached a first aid station and for a time it was feared amputation of his leg would be necessary. He is now convalescing in Oliver General hospital, Augusta, Ga., and is barely practicing dance steps while still on crutches.

His brother, Buddy Butler, recently completed navy "boot" training and is now in Madison, Wis., attending radio school.

WOLFE IN TRAINING

San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, Texas—At the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, S/Sgt. Frederick Floyd Wolfe, of Wayland, Ky., is attending a two-week standardization course in physical training instruction. At the conclusion of the training period, students will be returned to their former stations in the AAF training command for duty as training specialists in their particular field.

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LISTEN UP

Fiscal Court Lets Big Mud Contract

LANIER'S BID OF \$37,000 LOWEST OF THOSE FILED

Court Plans Road Aid For Other Sections Of County

BY THE COMPASS

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — The fiscal court has approved a bid of \$37,000 by Lanier Construction Co. as the lowest bid for a road improvement project in the county. The project involves the construction of a road from the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101 to the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 102. The road is currently in poor condition and needs to be repaved. The fiscal court also plans to award contracts for road improvements in other sections of the county.

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BEAVER ROAD SURVEY BEGUN

Contract May Be Let For Road Soon After July 1

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — A survey of Beaver Road is under way, and a contract for the road's improvement is expected to be let soon after July 1. The road is currently in poor condition and needs to be repaved. The survey was conducted by the fiscal court's engineering department. The road is currently in poor condition and needs to be repaved. The survey was conducted by the fiscal court's engineering department. The road is currently in poor condition and needs to be repaved. The survey was conducted by the fiscal court's engineering department.

IDENTIFICATION OF SUSPECTED SLAYER FAILS

Man Arrested As Sheriff Early Brought From Kansas

SLAYER NOT AT GARB

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — A man arrested in Kansas as a suspected slayer of a woman was not identified as the slayer of the woman. The man was arrested in Kansas and brought to Floyd County. The woman was found dead in a field near the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101. The man was arrested in Kansas and brought to Floyd County. The woman was found dead in a field near the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101.

JANE COLLINS IS FIRED ON JOHNS CREEK

Identity of Slayer Uncertain, Warnie Cline Is Suspected

PRISONER ESCAPES

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — Jane Collins was fired on by an unidentified slayer on Johns Creek. The identity of the slayer is uncertain, but Warnie Cline is suspected. Cline is a known criminal and has been in prison for several years. Cline is a known criminal and has been in prison for several years. Cline is a known criminal and has been in prison for several years.

Estimate 5,000 Are Vaccinated on Beaver

PRIZE OFFER

110 Is Gold Offered For Wolf

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — An estimate of 5,000 beavers has been vaccinated against a disease. A prize offer of \$110 is being made for a wolf. The prize offer is for a wolf that is killed in the county. The prize offer is for a wolf that is killed in the county. The prize offer is for a wolf that is killed in the county.

TYPHOID THREAT IS STEMMED BY RED CROSS AID

Health Centers Are Established In Five TownS.

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — A typhoid threat has been stemmed by the aid of the Red Cross. Health centers have been established in five towns. The health centers have been established in five towns. The health centers have been established in five towns.

FORTY-FIVE PASS TEACHERS' EXAM

Y. D. Steels and Wife Rank First and Second

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — Forty-five teachers passed the state exam. Y. D. Steels and his wife ranked first and second. The exam was held in the county. The exam was held in the county. The exam was held in the county.

APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 LEADING SPENT ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THIS COUNTY

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — Approximately \$100,000 has been spent on school buildings in the county. The money was used for the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings. The money was used for the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings. The money was used for the construction of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings.

DRILLING ACTIVE IN LOCAL FIELD

Pipe Line Work Gives Employment For 500 Men

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — Drilling is active in the local field. Pipe line work gives employment for 500 men. The work is being done in the county. The work is being done in the county. The work is being done in the county.

CAPTURE SLAYER AT WHEELWRIGHT

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — A slayer has been captured at Wheelwright. The slayer was identified as the slayer of a woman. The slayer was identified as the slayer of a woman. The slayer was identified as the slayer of a woman.

HUNTER IS SHOT FOR GROUNDHOG

FLOYD COUNTY, Mo. — A hunter was shot for killing a groundhog. The groundhog was found dead in a field. The hunter was shot in the county. The hunter was shot in the county. The hunter was shot in the county.

LOCAL KIWANIS MAKE DIXIE TRIP

And Visit for Atlantic City for Convention

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The Communities We Serve

Wheelwright & Southern Floyd County

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

"Wheelwright is a 'mining camp.' They still call coal towns by that name — camps; and in a real sense that is exactly what they are. Their span of life is for as long as there is coal to be mined. By the time the coal is gone, the town will be gone, too; either moved bodily to a new mine, or left to rot — a ghost town. That's the theory.

"Such may not, of course, be the fate of Wheelwright. Perhaps Wheelwright's builders have built better than they realize. It may be that Wheelwright's people would refuse to be uprooted from this place of pleasant, clean, wholesome living, let the mines go where they will."

— Lewis M. Williams
"The Transformation of a Coal Mining Town"

In a sense, those words written in the 1950s for a publication produced for Inland Steel Company proved to be both prophecy and fallacy. Once the coal companies relinquished their ownership and management of the area, Wheelwright, which had sprung forth from isolated wilderness to booming coal camp in less than a generation, never returned to its former glory days. But neither was it quite "left to rot."

Today, Wheelwright stands as a close-knit community of generations who remember what used to be, as well as later generations who never knew. The names and the faces reflect the diversity that was once attracted to the hills of Kentucky, as immigrants from near and far sought to fulfill their American dream in the coal mines.

Louis Ferrari, minister of the Wheelwright Freewill

Baptist Church, is one whose life and family history reflects the experiences of many of his neighbors. His father immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1911. After passing through Ellis Island, he worked first in Pennsylvania and then in Youngstown, Ohio, where he obtained his citizenship. In 1937, he heard about the opportunities available in a booming coal camp in Kentucky called Wheelwright, and it was there that he moved his family and planted his roots.

A couple of years later, Louis Ferrari was born into what he remembers as a near paradise for a growing child.

"As a young boy, they had just about anything," Ferrari remembers. "They had a swimming pool and a bowling alley. I remember when they got the first TV."

Ferrari grew up during Wheelwright's idyllic era of the 1940s and 1950s, and fondly remembers the swimming pool and bowling alley, as well as the theater, golf course and clubhouse that provided both young and old a wealth of recreational opportunities which were the envy of the rest of Floyd County.

The reason for Wheelwright's golden era, as well as its development in the first place, can be found in Inland Steel Company's coal operations in the mountains, which were centered in Wheelwright. Inland Steel not only owned the coal mines, but the entire town of Wheelwright, operating its stores and serving as landlord to its residents.

Ferrari left Wheelwright after high school to serve in the military. He returned briefly and worked for Inland Steel, but recalled by the military and left once more, not to return until 1975.

Local resident Bill Hall, who went to school with Ferrari and played on the first Wheelwright Maroons football team with him in 1957, stayed in Wheelwright during the 1960s and went to work for Inland Steel in 1961 as an engineer.

Hall remembers receiving a starting wage of \$15 a day, which in those days was an ample salary that easily paid his \$17 monthly rent, with plenty left over to pay his \$35 annual membership to the community's nine-hole golf course.

As with all employees of Inland Steel, all of Hall's bills were deducted directly from his paycheck, as well as credit in the company store. He recalls how some of his coworkers, despite being paid a decent wage, still had a difficult time managing their money.

"I saw guys who didn't draw a penny," Hall said, their entire paychecks taken up by bills and advance purchases from the company store.

While Inland Steel owned all of Wheelwright, much of the credit for its advanced development is given to former mine superintendent E.R. "Jack" Price.

"Mr. Price was proud of Wheelwright," Ferrari recalled.

Hall added, "He wanted a modern town and he got it."

In addition to being a town of many conveniences, both Hall and Ferrari remember Wheelwright as a peaceful town, as well. Ferrari credited that achievement to policeman Gus Little, who he said, "ran everyone home about 9 or 10 o'clock every night."

He also noted that Inland Steel simply did not tolerate "troublemakers." Since the company owned the town, they could simply evict anyone who became too much of a nuisance.

"Back then, anybody who caused a problem, they would get rid of them," Ferrari recalled.

In the late 1950s, as Ferrari and Hall were nearing the end of his "high school days, the nation was in the midst of the contentious end of public segregation. As one of the few areas in Floyd County with a sizable African American population, Wheelwright perhaps saw the greatest impact from integration. But while many areas of the South erupted into violent conflict at that time, Hall and Ferrari remember change coming to Wheelwright peacefully.

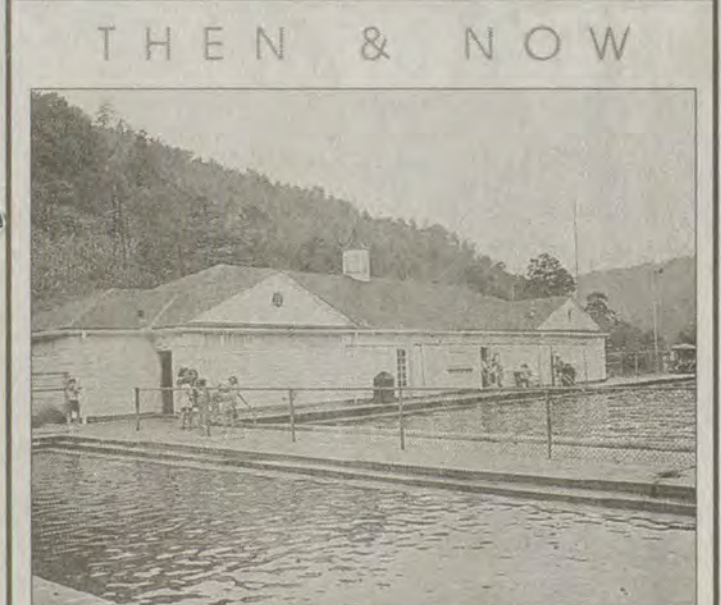
"There were just a few people who raised a ruckus when they integrated, but nothing too bad," Hall said. "It was squelched pretty quick."

Wheelwright's glory days would come to an end, however, and just as Inland Steel can be credited with building the community, it was the company's departure which set in motion the area's eventual decline.

Hall was still working for Inland Steel in 1966 when he received a letter informing him that the company was selling



Downtown Wheelwright, above, during its prime in the 1950s and, below, today.



The Wheelwright swimming pool in the 1950s, above, and today.



all of its assets in Wheelwright. And once he received the letter, it wasn't long before the company was gone.

The sale came as somewhat of a surprise, Hall said, but there had been rumors about the company buying a coal seam in Illinois — closer to company headquarters in Chicago — circulating beforehand.

Both Hall and Ferrari say that even when the sale was announced, no one could have predicted the impact it would have. At first, the town's stores continue to struggle along, but soon they began to disappear, following many of the town's former residents, who left to follow Inland Steel or work for other coal companies elsewhere.

Wheelwright would be sold twice more. After Island Creek bought the town in 1966, it sold again 10 months later to a group of private local investors who formed Mountain Investments Inc.

Today, many of the signs of Wheelwright's former glory are gone. The bowling alley, theater and clubhouse are all gone, and Golf Course Hollow is now a residential community. What remains of the once

bustling downtown now sits vacant and decaying, and the railroad that hauled millions of tons of coal out the area is no more than a memory.

One civic improvement left behind by Inland Steel — the pool — still attracts swimmers and sunbathers today, benefiting from a few modern improvements, such as a fountain and slides. And a private prison now overlooks the town, bringing back a fraction of the jobs coal once provided.

Still, the former glory of Wheelwright remains, alive in the memories of residents such as Hall and Ferrari, and compiled in scrapbooks and websites. The rise and fall of the former "model coal camp" is recalled not with mourning for what was lost, but with pride for what once was.

"It was some place to grow up..." Hall remembered fondly. "I couldn't have picked a better place."



An evening at the movies in Wheelwright in the 1950s.

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