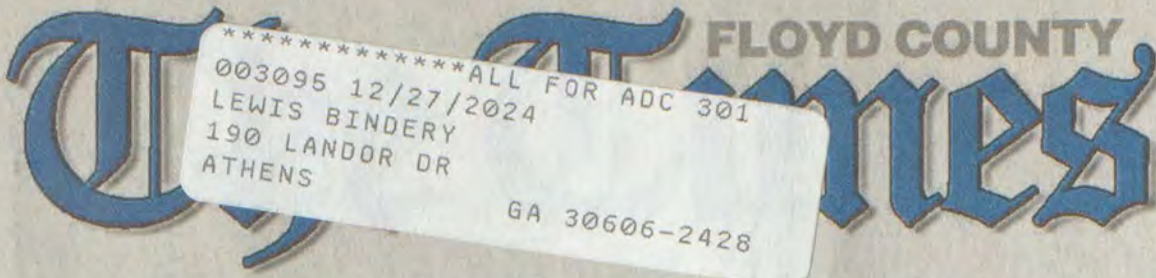




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In brief

Flags ordered at half-staff for soldier

FRANKFORT — Governor Ernie Fletcher has directed that flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of Sgt. 1st Class William A. Zapfe.

According to the Department of Defense, Zapfe, 35, of Muldraugh, died June 19 in Muhammad al Ali, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Flags will remain at half-staff until sunset on the day of Zapfe's funeral, which has not yet been determined.

Individuals, businesses, organizations and government agencies are encouraged to join in this tribute by lowering flags in honor of Sergeant Zapfe.

Flag status information is available at <http://governor.ky.gov/fl ag-status.htm>. The Web site includes a XML feed subscription link for real-time updates.

Experts say

Minimum wage hikes won't have big impact

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOONEVILLE — On Tuesday, Wallace Thomas will have to pay a handful of his eastern Kentucky sawmill employees 75 cents more per hour under the state's new minimum wage law.

No big deal, he says.

The tough part will be two years from now when a dozen or so employ-

ees now making around \$7 an hour realize they're earning as much as a minimum wage worker.

"It'll be harder to make someone already making \$7 an hour work for the same amount" when the minimum wage reaches \$7.25, said Thomas, co-owner of Thomas Brothers Sawmill in Owsley County.

The law, virtually identical to the minimum wage law passed in Congress last month, increases minimum wage

from \$5.15 to \$7.25 in three installments over two years. The first jump, effective Tuesday, will raise the wage to \$5.85.

Kentucky workers will get their raise a month sooner than mandated by the federal law, which goes into effect July 25.

Experts say the new minimum wage laws will have little impact on major businesses and on the working poor in Kentucky — the sixth poorest state in

the nation.

Small business owners, such as Thomas, who pay their laborers less than \$10 an hour, will be most affected, said Michael Jones, a state economist.

About 200,000 Kentucky workers will get a pay raise on Tuesday, according to data compiled by the Governor's Office for Policy Research.

These workers, who make less than

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S W E A R I N G I N



photo by Jessica Hale

Floyd County Treasurer David Layne was reappointed and sworn in at a special fiscal court meeting on Friday.

Man indicted for dumping septic waste

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Five inmates at U.S. Penitentiary Big Sandy have been indicted on charges of assault and possession of deadly weapons.

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Russell H. Lindsay and Christopher M. York both possessed a piece of sharpened metal and used it to assault another inmate in order to cause bodily harm.

Jason Fowler is charged with assault with the intent to murder along with Billy J. Buckley and Jerry Lee Lewis who are charged with assault with prison made shanks.

If convicted, Lindsay, Buckley and Lewis could face up to 25 years in prison. Fowler could face up to 45 years and York up to 15 years.

Prisoners charged with assault

by JESSICA HALE
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Road money used to meet jail budget

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special meeting on Friday.

The meeting began with Magistrate Jackie Owens raising questions regarding wages given to poll workers. Currently poll workers receive a pay of \$92 but it had been

brought up at a previous meeting to raise that amount to \$100. County Treasurer David Layne said funds have been added to the budget to cover any raise given in the future.

The court also held the second reading of the county's 2007-08 budget. The budget was amended to include one change, taking \$100,000 from the budgeted asphalt funds to add to the county jail, which

Layne said is needed to cover the jail's expenses for the year.

A resolution to adopt a county investment policy was approved by the court. One change was made to the policy also, citing that the treasurer will not take any investments unless approved by the court.

County Treasurer David Layne was also reappointed during the meeting.

ATVs are boosting small town economies

by APRIL VITELLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GILBERT, W.Va. — Eric Burgess realized early there was no future in the boom and bust cycles of West Virginia's coal industry. Instead, the coal-truck-driver-turned-entrepreneur is pinning his success on miles of all-terrain vehicle trails that crisscross the state's southern coalfields.

"I'm going for the guy with the Denali, pulling four or six ATVs, looking to get dirty but stay in a place he is used to," says Burgess, who is set to

start construction on a 30-suite hotel in this town of about 400 residents.

The trails are part of the Hatfield-McCoy system, a network of 550 miles of off-road trails for four-wheelers and motorcycles that was named after two infamous families who carried on a 12-year feud in the region. The idea behind the trail system was to attract tourists and increase business opportunities to nine economically depressed counties where coal and timber once reigned.

Eight of the nine counties have a poverty level below the state average

of 16.2 percent and six have unemployment rates higher than the state average of 4.6 percent.

An economic impact study conducted by Marshall University last year found that between 2000 and 2005, the trail generated \$7.2 million in direct spending and created at least 146 jobs in the nine-county area.

Owners of restaurants, convenience stores, motels and camp grounds have benefited from the more than 100,000 riders who have used one or more of the six established trail systems. Additional trails will be built as the

system is expanded to cover the 2,000 miles envisioned by promoters.

"We didn't realize until we got into this study about off road vehicles and how there is a phenomenal growth in outdoor enthusiasts," said Cal Kent, vice president for business and economic research at Marshall. "The industry is literally exploding."

The study also found that of the 391 trail riders surveyed in 2006, half of them were repeat visitors and more than half bought a three-day permit.

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Maudie Alice (Horn) Bays, 98, of Auxier, died Friday, June 15, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 18, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Daryl Deane Gibson, 59, of McDowell, died Saturday, June 16, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Stumbo Gibson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Tammy Renee Boyd Hall, 23, of Harold, died Thursday, June 14, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Amalee R. Spurlock, age 90, of Martin, died Saturday, June 16, in Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, June 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lillian Irene Wells Watson, 84, of Prestonsburg, died November 15, 2006, at Riverview Health Care Center. A memorial service was held Saturday, June 23, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Alfred Joseph Wilson, 78, of Inverness, Florida, a native of Auxier, died Sunday, June 10, at Arbor Trail Nursing and Rehab Center. Chas E. Davis Funeral Home, with Crematory Inverness was in the charge of arrangements.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Gregory Charles Blankenship, 27, of Froeburn, died Wednesday, June 13, at Vulcan, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, June 18,

under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Tilda Branham, 87, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Caney Creek, died Wednesday, June 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Marcus Calhoun, 53, of Myra, died Friday, June 15, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Justice Causey, 65, of Greasy Creek Road, Shelbyana, died Sunday, June 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Millis "Willis" Causey. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Aileen (Branham) Coleman, 77, formerly of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, June 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James Little. Funeral services were held Friday, June 22, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Lonnie Wayne Conley, 55, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, June 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Chaney Conley. Funeral services were held Monday, June 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Eddie Randall Damron Sr., 59, of Little Creek, died Saturday, June 16, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Conard Francis, 71, of Sevierville, Tennessee, a Pike County native, died Saturday, June 16, at the University of Tennessee Medical Center,

Knoxville. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Mann Francis. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Brenda Lee Harris, 44, of Regina, died Sunday, June 17, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. She is survived by her husband, Larry Harris. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Burbon Kendrick, 36, of Feds Creek, died Friday, June 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Heather Abshire Kendrick. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Goldie Ray, 76, of Long Fork, Virgie, died Thursday, June 14, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Freddie Ray. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Goletha Mae Robinette, 68, of Toler Creek Road, died Thursday, June 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Tilden Smith, 65, of Kimper, died Saturday, June 16, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Paul Gene Tackett, 67, of Henderson, Tenn., formerly of Johns Creek, died Thursday, June 14, in Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Pinson Taylor. Funeral and burial was held Saturday, June 16, in Tennessee.

■ Cecil Varney, 79, of Pinsonfork, died Saturday, June 16, in the South Williamson

Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. He is survived by his wife, Lenna Jean May Varney. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Walter S. Venters, 92, of Ashland, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, June 19, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Madelon Watson Venters. Funeral services were held Friday, June 22, under the direction of Preston Family Funeral Home.

■ Janie Whitt, 71, of Phelps, died Saturday, June 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Whitt. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 20, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Mildred "Prudell" (Caudill) Lykins, 73, of Falcon, a native of Salyersville, died June 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 13, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Rena Conley Swafford, 69, of Salyersville, died Monday, June 4, at King's Daughters Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, June 8, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Betty Lou Dixon Andrews, 65, of Volga, died Friday, June 15, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 19, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Ernest Ray Castle, 74, of

Levrlland, Texas, died Thursday, June 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Castle. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 13, under the direction of the Head Duarte Funeral Home of Levelland.

■ Vivian Jewell Wells Caudill, of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, June 12, at St. Joseph Hospital East in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, June 15, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Vicie Ellen Fairchild, 92, of Oil Springs, died Friday, June 15, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, June 18, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Ruel Green, 82, of Stambaugh, died Tuesday, June 19, at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth Parsons Green. Funeral services were held

Saturday, June 23, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Robert "Bob" Meek, 75, of Hawkinsville, Georgia, formerly of Johnson County, died June 7, in Hawkinsville. He is survived by his wife, Pat Meek. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

■ Ollie Alice Grim Stambaugh, 85, of Paramount, California, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, June 10, in California. Funeral services were held Friday, June 15, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Willie Wright, 73, of Salyersville died Friday, June 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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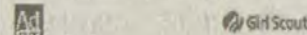
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Clova Gayheart Collins

Clova Gayheart Collins, passed away peacefully June 19, 2007, at the North Point Healthcare Center, in Lexington, Ky. She was 96. Mrs. Collins was born at Eastern, in Floyd County, on Dec. 27, 1910, to George and Catherine Martin Gayheart, as one of 11 children. She was the last surviving offspring of that union, being preceded in death by sisters: Amy, Golda, Tokie, Lester, Norma and Opal; and by brothers: Crit, Taylor, Edward, and most recently, Lafayette (2004). Mrs. Collins was the widow of the late Gordon Collins, a well-known business man and investor in Floyd County. She served many years as an elementary school teacher, and postmistress in Floyd Co. She is survived by a host of nieces and nephews one of whom, Brenda Gayheart Grigsby, served as her caregiver for the last years of her life. Mrs. Collins will be remembered lovingly by all of those whose lives she touched throughout her life. Visitation and funeral arrangements have been made at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, KY., Sat., June 23, 2007. Visitation is from 10 a.m.-2p.m. The funeral is at 2:30 p.m. with burial following at the Jonas Collins Family Cemetery in Lackey, KY. (Paid obituary)

Bill Shepherd

Bill Shepherd, 87, of 705 E. Market Street, Warsaw, Indiana, died Thursday, June

21, 2007, at his residence.

Born December 20, 1919, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Riley and Donna (Shepherd) Shepherd. He moved to Warsaw in 1945.

He married Anna Lee Burke, May 1, 1942, in Floyd County. He worked as a foreman for Milnot Creamery, in Warsaw, Indiana and was a retired farmer. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He enjoyed repairing and selling bicycles.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Lee Shepherd of Warsaw, Indiana; four sons: Billy Shepherd of Bourbon, Indiana, Malcolm Shepherd of Huntsville, Alabama, Carrey Shepherd of Warsaw, Indiana and Bobby Shepherd of Claypool, Indiana; two daughters: Laura Hackworth of Claypool, Indiana, Donna Wiechers of Clearwater, Florida; four sisters: Allie Hicks of Claypool, Indiana, Berniece Mayhew of Warsaw, Indiana, Mary Murphy of McDonough, Georgia and Fanny Cozzi of Warsaw, Indiana; 29 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothea Marsh; two half brothers, two half sisters; three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held Monday, June 25, at 10 a.m., at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, in Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating.

Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Visitation is Sunday, June 24, 2:00 to 8:00, at the funeral chapel. (Paid obituary)

Deward Stephens

Deward Stephens, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, June 16, 2007, at the Riverview Nursing Home, in Prestonsburg.

Born June 18, 1922, in Lancer, he was the son of the late Greeley and Clara Goble Stephenson. He was a retired

McCloud Steel employee.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Fouts Rainey Stephens.

Other survivors include his sons: Larry Stephens and Gregory Stephens, both of Westland, Michigan; stepsons: Ronnie Rainey of Louisiana, and Willie Rainey, and Gary Rainey, both of Florida; sisters: Pauline Wallen, and Berniece Branham, both of Prestonsburg; sister-in-law, Anna Mae Stephens of West Virginia; nieces: Brenda Burchett, Mary Beth Hurst, Deborah Ousley, Sheryl Ann Andres; nephews: John Branham Jr., Larry Stephens, Forrest G. Stephens, and Gregory Stephens; one grandchild, and four step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: James Isaac Stephens, Forrest Clinton Stephens, Greeley Stephenson Jr.; and John Stephens; a nephew, Richard Branham; a sister, Naomi Vanhorn Stephens.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 20, at 1 p.m., at Corn Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, with ministers of the Freewill Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Opal Wright

Opal Wright, 75, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at her residence.

Born June 25, 1931, in Beauty, she was the daughter of the late William and Mary Jude Staton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Wright.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Tommy and Verdine Wright of Paintsville, and Barry and Kim

Tackett of Berea; three daughters and sons-in-law: Sandy and Todd Thornsbury of Weeksbury, Janice and Luke Jones and Linda Johnson, both of Wheelwright; a sister, O'Dell Dials of Pataskala, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Pearl and Rubie Bentley of Langley, Jessie Lee Bentley of Mentone, Indiana, and Zack Fuller of Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Jeff Staton, Jessie Staton and Bill Staton; four sisters: Zelona Maynard, Sally Allen, Minnie Fuller, and Hattie Fuller; and a grandson, Jeffrey Isaac.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 23, at 2 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Richard Johnson, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Wright Cemetery, in Wheelwright, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Wages

\$5.85, make up 8 percent of the work force in Kentucky. Only 8,000 workers actually earn \$5.15 an hour.

By 2009, another 150,000 will benefit from the "ripple effect" of raising the wage, according to the Kentucky Raise the Wage Coalition.

Thomas, who jump-started his sawmill business three years ago in the poorest county in Kentucky, is preparing his wallet.

"It may be harder to pay that," said Thomas, who starts out trainees at \$5.15 for stacking lumber and pushing slabs through giant saws at the mill 80 miles southeast of Lexington.

Jones added that a common misconception is that raising minimum wage is a way "to get back at big

business." However, larger industries, such as fast food and discount retailers won't be greatly affected because the law allows them plenty of time to adjust payrolls and improve efficiency.

Nationally, the effects of increasing minimum wage on poverty, job growth or inflation have been small, according to a 2007 study from the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research.

"To date, the economic evidence for or against an increase in the minimum wage is not overwhelming," reported James Ziliak, director of the center.

The Raise the Wage Coalition lobbied for the pay hike, saying the

working poor can't afford basic necessities like housing, food and clothing.

"In one sense it's not a lot of money," said Ed Monahan, chairman of the coalition. "But in another sense, if you're a single mother struggling to make ends meet, that little bit of money is going to help you."

Back at the sawmill, 48-year-old Donald Montgomery, who makes \$6 an hour, said the incremental increases are small for his household, which includes a wife disabled by seizures and a 17-year-old who simply needs stuff.

Still, "anything would help, I guess," he added. "It's pretty hard sometimes."

Jones said the wage increase may help thousands of the working poor, but it could cost many their hours or even their jobs.

"As minimum wage goes up, you would expect employers to hire fewer workers," Jones said. "Instead of hiring three-to-four low skilled workers, you could hire two higher skilled workers."

By the time minimum wage reaches \$7.25 in Kentucky, there will be a job loss of up to 6.4 percent, according to Ken Troske, director of the UK Center for Business and Economic Research.

Troske, who issued a report on minimum wage earlier this year, believes giving the working poor an

income tax credit is a better alternative.

An earned income tax credit, like those offered by other states and the federal government, would allow workers who earn less than a certain amount, depending on the size of their household, to reduce their state tax bill or even claim a refund.

Monahan agreed that a tax credit would have a significant impact in helping the working poor.

"I think there's several pieces of the puzzle to help poor people who are working and struggling," he said. "One way is increasing minimum wage, the other is a tax credit. That's the next step to take in Kentucky."

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ATVs

"Nationwide it's a huge economic impact and it shows up in areas like this because it's so depressed that when it (ATV trail) gives it that boost you see it," said Russ Ehnes, executive director of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council.

One example of this growth is the town of Man in Logan County, where more than 20 businesses have opened as a result of a nearby trailhead.

"For a small town of 500 or 600 people that is huge, that is economic development before your eyes," said John Fekete, deputy executive director of the Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority.

In nearby Boone County, the trail was instrumental in creating 10 businesses, said Larry Lodato, the county's

economic development and tourism director.

Boone County has only 65 miles of trails, but the tourism potential has local officials talking about expanding a water park near the trailhead to include hiking areas, a fishing pier and sports field.

"It's going to be a family-themed environment," Lodato said.

The Hatfield-McCoy Retail Center will also be in Boone County. The 2,000-square-foot facility will ship orders for trail items across the country and create 10 jobs when it opens this fall.

"We are so coal oriented we are thankful for any new businesses coming in," Lodato said. "We think tourism is going to be the savior."

The Reed family in Mingo

County is also counting on the trail.

Bill Reed, his wife and father-in-law have started several businesses to fill ATV riders' needs.

They own a body shop, ATV rental and gear shop and a 16-room motel in Gilbert. Reed also works part-time promoting the trails.

"We are financially better off than we were two years ago," Reed said. "We are still going through some growing pains but we definitely see a glowing light at the end of the tunnel."

In some ways, the Hatfield-McCoy system was patterned after the 900-mile Paiute ATV Trail in Utah.

Unlike the Hatfield-McCoy system, which is all on private land, the south-central Utah

trail is on public property, running through 16 rural communities, said Max Reid, a public service staffer for the Fish Lake National Forest.

"The proof is in the pudding," Reid said. "Folks who come to ride the trail system can physically ride into the community, they can access fuel, lodging, food, repairs, anything they need then ride back out onto the trail system."

The Hatfield-McCoy system works much the same way, which is why people

keep coming back.

Ken Shamy drove 650 miles from Monmouth Junction, N.J., to ride the 115-mile Browning Fork Trail for the second time. It's the longest of the trails, with direct access to gas and lodging.

"I just love it up here, just getting away," he said.

Because of repeat riders like Shamy, Eric Burgess was able to expand the print shop business he started 11 years ago while working at a surface coal mine. He now prints more than 10,000 T-shirts and other

trail-related items a year.

He recently opened a liquor store and rents out space to a video lottery parlor. He hopes to begin construction next month on his \$5 million hotel where the rooms will rent through timeshares. He has already been approached about building similar projects in other counties where the trails traverse.

"They see somebody is willing to do something and make a difference," said Burgess. "I know the potential."

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Six Flags, Cedar Fair shut down nine thrill rides after accident

by BRETT BARROUQUERE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Six Flags and another company shut down eight more thrill rides Friday around the country after a teenage girl had her feet chopped off at the ankle on a Superman Tower of Power.

State inspectors, meanwhile, returned to Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom where the accident happened to examine the ride, which lifts passengers 177 feet straight up, then drops them nearly the same distance at speeds reaching 54 mph.

It was unclear at what point during the ride the 13-year-old was injured Thursday, said Wendy Goldberg, a Six Flags spokeswoman. The girl was taken to a hospital. She was not identified and details of her condition were not immediately available Friday.

Six Flags has shut down

similar rides at parks in St. Louis, Gurnee, Ill., and near Washington as a safety precaution, Goldberg said. Six Flags Over Texas, near Dallas, also has a Superman Tower of Power, but it is not the same ride, Goldberg said.

There were no reports of injuries on the ride before Thursday, she said.

"Millions of people have safely ridden this ride in our parks," Goldberg said.

The accident led Cedar Fair Entertainment Co. to shut down and inspect drop tower rides at five of its amusement parks as a precaution, company spokeswoman Stacy Frole said.

"We're going to keep these things down until we're certain it's safe," Craig Ross, a spokesman for Cedar Fair said. "We'll wait and see."

Intamin AG, a Swiss company, made all the rides that

were closed by both companies but did not supply all the parts, said Sandor Kernacs, president of the company's American operations, Intamin Ltd. in Glen Burnie, Md.

Kernacs blamed a broken cable for the accident and said his company did not supply the cable.

Bill Clary, a spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which inspects amusement park rides, said a cause hadn't been determined Friday afternoon.

"We're going to go where the evidence takes us," Clary said.

The five Cedar Fair rides that will be shut down are at Kings Island near Cincinnati; Canada's Wonderland, in Toronto; Kings Dominion in Doswell, Va.; Carowinds, in Charlotte, N.C.; and Great America in Santa Clara, Calif.

Inmates

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J. Buckley and Jerry Lee Lewis who are charged with assault with prison made shanks.

If convicted, Lindsay Buckley and Lewis could face up to 25 years in prison. Fowler could face up to 45 years and York up to 15 years.

Gee, Look Who's 50!

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Raise standards to better compete

More than 200 million Chinese elementary and secondary students are studying English, a required course in all primary schools. Meanwhile, just 24,000 American students are studying Chinese.

As American companies fight to retain their dominant spot in tough global markets, the language imbalance could prove to be as big an economic issue as the trade imbalance.

But besides impeding commerce, the lack of foreign language skills adds to cultural ignorance and hinders communication just as the U.S. faces strained relations around the globe.

The seriousness — and growing implications — of America's pitiful foreign language program is evidenced by the Bush administration's 2006 creation of the National Security Language Initiative. The program has sent more than \$80 million into U.S. schools for targeted study in Chinese, Farsi, Arabic, Turkish and other languages deemed critical.

"Deficits in foreign language instruction negatively affect national security, diplomacy, law enforcement, intelligence communities and cultural understanding," a top education official said in announcing the program. "It prevents us from effectively communicating in foreign media, hurts counter-terrorist efforts, and hampers our capacity to work with people and governments. Businesses are hampered in making effective contacts and adding new markets overseas."

... Fewer than one in four elementary schools offers any foreign language instruction, and those that do generally provide only fragmented or superficial instruction. Better than half of all high school students take no foreign language. And nearly 70 percent of those who do are enrolled in Spanish or French.

The languages the Bush administration says are critical to national security and economic development — Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Japanese, Russian and Korean — combined enroll less than 1 percent of U.S. high school students.

The obstacles to schools expanding their language offerings are vast — shrinking budgets, state requirements in Ohio and Kentucky that allow students to bypass language study or get by on minimal coursework, narrowed course offerings and the difficulty of finding certified teachers and well-organized curriculum.

But despite the difficulty — and a tradition of Americans believing foreigners should interact with them in English — it's time for the nation to catch up to the rest of the world.

Doing it will take more than limited federal grants. Full fluency requires long-term, well-coordinated language study that starts in primary grades and carries into high school and college (where, currently, only 8 percent of students study a foreign language).

Beyond school, American children need foreign language exposure at home, via computer instruction, books and materials, and opportunities to interact with native speakers.

Raising state requirements is a critical step — albeit complicated by pressures to raise reading and math performance — as is offering alternative certification paths to strong potential teachers who lack traditional training.

Schools will respond to higher state requirements and increased parental demand for foreign language offerings, but there's a critical role for American businesses as well. Offering targeted financial support for teacher recruitment and training, curriculum and testing development, and language enrichment programs would be a great way to help grow a bilingual and culturally sensitive work force.

It's no longer enough to be at the global table. Foreign language skills will enable Americans to take part in the conversations taking place.

— The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell

"HAND ON HEART, I DID WHAT I THOUGHT WAS RIGHT."
—TONY BLAIR

"YOU HAVE ENEMIES? GOOD. THAT MEANS YOU'VE STOOD UP FOR SOMETHING, SOMETIME IN YOUR LIFE."
—WINSTON CHURCHILL



Rich Lowry Column

Not a poodle, but a bulldog

It is the strange fate of retiring British Prime Minister Tony Blair to be called a lackey for adhering to his own deep-felt foreign-policy vision.

Long before President Bush arrived in the White House, Blair championed the idea that the West should intervene to stop human-rights abuses in other countries, putting morality above respect for the borders of sovereign countries. It wasn't until after 9/11 that Bush embraced a version of this expansive vision, essentially making him a convert to the Blair view rather than the other way around.

In the debate regarding the Iraq War, Blair merely applied his principles of liberal interventionism that had led him to support a war against another aggressive, human-rights-abusing dictator, Slobodan Milosevic, in the Balkans. In a 1999 speech, Blair linked Milosevic and Saddam Hussein as "dangerous and ruthless men" who had "brought calamity on their own peoples." Stopping one had been right, and so was stopping the other.

Many of Blair's fellow liberal interventionists, however, weren't going to let consistency get in the way of opposing "Bush's war." Their support for a robustly moralistic foreign

policy ended as soon as it was picked up by a conservative Republican. There were a handful of liberal interventionists who backed the Iraq War, but they dropped off when it turned from an easy liberation to a grinding counterinsurgency. Recognizing the evil of our enemy and the humanitarian stakes of failure, Blair held firm.

Blair has been nearly alone in keeping liberal-interventionist priorities throughout the Clinton and Bush years. Rather than "Bush's poodle," Blair has been a bulldog for his beliefs.

Those beliefs have meant that he took part in no less than four wars, and probably would have welcomed a fifth in Darfur. He supported humanitarian military action in Europe (Kosovo) and in Africa (Sierra Leone), with U.N. support (Afghanistan) and without (Iraq). President Bush once said, "When somebody hurts, government has got to move." Blair applies that (not the least bit conservative) insight internationally, with the government bringing along the paratroopers when it moves.

Since there is an overwhelming

amount of "hurt" in our broken world, the question becomes how to discriminate among proposed interventions. Which are important enough to warrant force and which aren't? Blair argues that they are all important. In the new, interdependent global environment, old distinctions between a foreign policy based on morality and national interest have collapsed. This is overstated, but it is true

that threats to the international order come almost exclusively from regimes that also abuse human rights.

Blair acted on his liberal foreign-policy views — a throwback to William Gladstone in the British tradition and to Woodrow Wilson in the American — with honor. He confronted American presidents when he thought they were wrong — pushing Bill Clinton to send ground troops to Kosovo, for instance — and stood by them when they were embattled on behalf of things he too believed.

Blair's foreign-policy vision might have overreached and he had other important failings as a leader, but he was never anyone's poodle.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the Beltway

Eastern Europe, some sobering history

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

To those of us who favor old movies and spy novels, names like Warsaw, Budapest, Prague and Vienna have a magic about them. They conjure visions of Old World elegance; men in snap-brim hats lurking in shady corners; romantically scruffy writers scribbling in notebooks while they nurse cups of coffee in mahogany-paneled coffeehouses; Mozart.

I'm a sucker for all of that so, at long last, I decided to visit them. And, of course, they were not as I had imagined them. They were much, much more interesting.

More than any other place, Central Europe is where the 20th Century happened first. Both of the cataclysmic wars of the century were ignited there. The fall of the great European monarchies and, with them, the collapse of their colonial empires began there. Nazism made its initial conquests there and was destroyed there. It was the first major battlefield of the Cold War and provided the first hint of Soviet Communism's unraveling.

Yes, you go there now and there are still elegant opera houses, iconic coffee shops, sidewalk cafes. There is even the occasional Starbucks.

But the region's brutal history has left each city with unique scars that inform the cultures with a tragic

sense of the past bristling with melancholy monuments and memorials to what has gone before.

In a sense, the entire city of Warsaw is a memorial — to itself. Warsaw was not merely devastated by World War II, it was obliterated. What the German invasion of 1939 and the Russian bombing of 1944 did not accomplish, the Nazis did. Before leaving the city, the Nazi forces, having shipped off the largest Jewish population of Europe to death camps, dynamited the city. One of the few buildings spared was a church. It had been designed by a German architect.

An example of Nazi humor, I suppose.

Yet the Poles came back to their empty, ruined city and rebuilt it. They reconstructed their medieval town square in exact pre-war detail and so it now stands, a kind of theme park perhaps — given the fact that the rest of the city was rebuilt in dreadful Stalinist style — but a testament to the undying spirit of the people, nevertheless.

Krakow was virtually undamaged in the war but nearby is Auschwitz, the largest of the Nazi death camps. It started life as a cavalry post of the Polish army and ended as a place of unrelieved horror.

It is a solemn experience to visit Auschwitz and be struck by its sense of ordinariness. Could crimes so awful and on such a scale have been committed in so quiet a place? The proof — the gas chambers, the ovens — lies before you, incontrovertible to all but the mad.

But the factory of Oskar

Schindler, of "Schindler's List" also stands, a testament to the fact that even in times of evil there is goodness.



Perhaps the most chilling monument I encountered was the most understated. As the Russians neared the city of Budapest in 1944, the Hungarian Nazis — yes, there was an indigenous Hungarian Nazi party that ruled the country

for most of the war — marched its remaining Jews and dissidents, hundreds of them, to the banks of the Danube at the city center and ordered them to remove their clothes. Then they shot the prisoners and let their bodies fall into the river.

The monument to this consists of rows of empty shoes, cast in bronze, lined up along the quay of the Danube. Horror is almost always best communicated when understated.

I could go on — the monument to the Holocaust in Vienna is remarkable, the "House of Terror" in Budapest an unforgettable reminder of Man's capacity for cruelty — but enough.

Suffice to say that the history, the architecture, the music and the people made it one of the great trips of my life. I recommend it to anyone who wants to find out how we got to where we are.

And the beer in the Czech Republic is really special.

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This Town, That World

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

MADE THE HEAD SWIM

Val Stranhan, last week, took considerable pains with me to explain why it is impossible for a motion picture to show a wheel turning in the right direction. Reduced the matter to as near layman's terms as I could expect. Yet, if he could have taken a picture of the wheels grinding in my noggin after he made it "so plain," he would have found the spokes whizzing backward.

SUGGESTION

Lost my copy of The Ladies' Birthday Almanac, and so unable to warn the readers (?) of this column when dog days set in this year. Just to be on the safe side, in the absence of a definite opening date, you might tie up that sore toe, right now, with some yarn soaked in turpentine.

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The family dog is a perverse critter. Winter days and nights were too cold to suit him, so he howled for admittance to warmer quarters. Now, the weather is too hot, and he wants inside where it's cooler. Forced to sleep on the back porch, he insisted with loud ululations until recently upon having a throw-rug for a bed. Now a stray of the female persuasion has taken up abode on the same back porch. She isn't welcome, and has been told so by the rest of us. But this gentlemanly dog of ours offsets all our lack of hospitality by moving over, sleeping without a murmur of protest on the hard floor, and gives the rug over to this gadabout mongrel.

Whose best friend is this dog?

THIS BRIGHTENED OUR CORNER

Why does one sit around and tell folks the newspaper life is a dog's existence when he sometimes receives letters such as Mrs. Delmar Hughes was nice enough to write us from Okinawa recently? I recant all misanthropic mutterings from this corner; at the same time, print excerpts from her letter:

"Many times in the months we've spent here on Okinawa, Delmar and I have been so grateful for having The Floyd County Times and for the effort that goes into making it so readable and so enjoyable to those of us who are away from the home-front. So I wanted to say, thank you, and not only for us, but for the many Floyd County boys who are serving their country in all parts of the world.

"The Floyd County Times, has been responsible for our having met many of these men, whom we would never have met otherwise. Many times our telephone has rung and the conversation that followed went something like this:

(See ALLEN, page six)



Overall winners, with their owners, at the Riverview Dog Show.

photoS by Kathy J. Prater

Annual Riverview Dog Show another successful event

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

They came sporting costumes, flower leis, jewelry, and fluffy, just-brushed tails. They were this year's batch of canine participants in the Riverview Health Care Center Annual Dog Show.

"This is one of our favorite activities of the year," said Missie Crider, activity director for the center. "The residents just love it and the community always comes out for it. This year, we have even more dogs than ever before."

Indicative of that statement, the center's parking lot was filled to overflowing on Wednesday afternoon as cars were backed up the drive all the way to the main road as both participants and onlookers crowded the area for a try at a trophy and a glimpse of a perfectly coiffed canine.

Toni Kay Ranier, owner of Faux Paws grooming salon, was on hand to cheer her many clients on while judges took their time assessing each dog, costume, and category. "Toni Kay has been a big help to us," Crider said. "She encouraged each of her customers to participate."

Each dog on site - large, small and in-between - was excited to be outside in the pleasant weather, with so many doggie "friends" to meet and so much attention coming their way. There were costumes galore - from a chilly weather Santa Claus to a flirty summer "dress," in addition to Hawaiian leis and a bit of "bling" tossed here and there.

"We just had to get all dressed up and come out," said Sherry Shepherd, who, along with husband Greg, is the proud owner of a cute Yorkie named Chelsea. Chelsea went home with a trophy for being named winner in the small breed category.

Placing first in the medium breed category was a Pomeranian named "Bear," owned by Sheila Griffith.



Sherry Shepherd and "Chelsea." Chelsea, a Yorkshire Terrier, was named winner in the small breed category.

Bear also won the title of "Best in Show."

Large breed winner was "Walter," a majestic Great Dane owned by Brent Graden, the city's economic development officer and big supporter of the annual event.

"Little Bit," a Dachshund owned by Tammy Hatfield won in the "Best Costume" category for sporting a handmade Santa Claus outfit, complete with beard. "We stayed up half the night working on that beard," said owner Tammy Hatfield.

"Charlie," a King Charles Spaniel, was named winner of the "Most Photogenic" title. Charlie is owned by Leslie Allen.

All first place winners received a gleaming trophy, while second and third place winners all went home with a winner's ribbon in tow.

The annual dog show, hosted by the center's activities department, is held as a fundraiser, the proceeds of which go toward purchasing Christmas gifts for the center's residents. "The dog show is a great way to get our residents and local community to interact," Crider said. "Everyone has a good time each year and we hope to be able to continue with it for several years to come."

Crider, along with Melissa Allen, center director, and all the staff and residents at Riverview Health Center wish to thank all the judges and participants who came out to help make the annual show a success. They also extend a cordial invitation to all community members to visit the center and its residents throughout the year.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Vice Squad'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A sadistic pimp embarks on a bloodthirsty rampage along Hollywood Boulevard in search of the hooker who sold him out to the cops in this gritty crime drama from genre maestro Gary Sherman ("Raw Meat" and "Dead and Buried").

Despite the lurid subject matter, this gets off to a poignant start with a mother packing her youngster off to San Diego before assuming her duties as a lady of the evening. Before there can be a tearful goodbye, the pair are interrupted when mom, whose street name is Princess, gets a call from a colleague named Ginger. Turns out Ginger is holed up in a seedy hotel and on the run from her pimp, Ramrod, after a savage beating. Princess says she'll get up with her later and proceeds to see her child off.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Meanwhile Ramrod catches up with Ginger, who lets him into her room after Ramrod promises that he will never beat her again.

Ginger turns out to be a poor judge of character and in one of the film's most powerful scenes she is beaten senseless by Ramrod, who favors embroidered shirts, 10-gallon hats and beating his girls with a pimp stick (which is made from a folded wire hanger).

Enter veteran vice cop Sgt. Walsh, who gets word of Ginger's condition and takes a break from brow beating his new partner about his hair-don't to check on Ginger's condition. She is in pretty bad shape but manages to implicate Ramrod before expiring.

Walsh opts to take the pimp down by applying pressure to Princess whom he has already charged with drug possession. When Princess balks at going near Ramrod, it inspires Walsh to play dirty and he quickly introduces her to what's left of her friend. Princess agrees to wear a wire and is sent into Ramrod's favorite social club, read go-go bar, where she effortlessly gets his attention.

Unfortunately he won't agree to adding her to his stable until he gets a free sample of her wares, which leads to an intense sequence where Princess has to fight the urge to vomit while getting manhandled in order to get Ramrod to say something incriminating. Luckily he does before rounding third base and the cops promptly break up the encounter and slap the cuffs on Ramrod. When he realizes that Princess set him up, he goes off the deep end - not a far trip in this case - and adds resisting arrest and assault to his mounting charges.

Things appear wrapped up nicely but this one is just getting warmed up. While Walsh and Princess celebrate over hot dogs, Ramrod makes good his escape by doing the Texas two-step on the two cops transporting him to lockup. Meanwhile, Princess heads out to work to raise a stake for her new life in San Diego and by the time

(See LAGOON, page six)

Lonely

by KIMBERLY MENASTER, age 17
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEENAGE
SOUL: THE REAL DEAL"

I wasn't scared when I walked into my high school for the first time. I sat in my geometry class and picked out a friendly face and started talking. I did the same in my subsequent classes. I sat with these girls during nutrition and lunch. It became a routine. Yet something was amiss. The girls I sat with were perfectly nice,

But it didn't seem like I was their friend. They went out and about the city at night.

I did not. I was neither invited nor included. My Friday nights were spent at Blockbuster renting movies with my mom.

Middle school was never this lonely.

Things changed that summer. I became friends with kids from the more visible social scene. (I refrain from using the word "popular," because high school is not a TV show. Popular to whom? Themselves? Social boundaries are

not always crystal clear.)

We hung out together. I had friends who acted like friends. However, I did not act like myself. I was acting like them. I dressed in more provocative clothes. I wore makeup. I was myself trapped inside someone else's body.

I ignored this feeling until they adopted this group of total losers - several boys who gallivanted about drunk and idiotic.

I didn't want to feel alone again. I asked if we could get a bite and talk after school. It seemed fine with everyone, and we agreed on a meeting spot. Someone invited the guys.

They all now acted like I didn't exist.

It was the last straw, and I stomped off.

The next day I sat with my "friends" from ninth grade. I was miserable. I wished that I didn't have to go to high school.

Swim season started that next month. I made some new friends. It took every ounce of courage in my body to walk

toward where they sat at lunch and ask if I could sit down. I did. High school didn't seem so bad anymore.

I could act however I wanted around them, and they would still be my friends.

They still are. My rapid social shifts in high school were painful. But in the end, they were worth it. High school isn't bad with the right friends. You just have to find them.



Fed up with slow fill-up

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 1998 Nissan Altima, and every time I put gas in the car, the nozzle clicks off, or the gas splashes back out like it's full. What is causing this? It is so irritating! I have to pump gas into the car very slowly, then stop and wait, and then slowly pump some more. When it's cold outside, I freeze while putting gas into this car. I have taken it to the dealer and they said they didn't find anything wrong with it! DUH! I know there is something wrong when it takes me more than 10 minutes to pump \$10 worth of gas into the car. It does it every time. Please help me. What do you think the problem is? — Lottie

RAY: Gee, I don't know, Lottie. I don't see any problem. Do you, Tom?
TOM: Of course there's a problem, Lottie. We just got a letter from

some poor bloke who must have pulled in behind you at the pumps. He complained that he had to stew for 10 minutes while waiting for "some gal in an Altima to figure out how to pump gas."

RAY: This condition is probably caused by either a blockage in your gasoline vapor recovery lines or a bad refueling control valve.

TOM: Gasoline vaporizes. How do we know that? Well, when gasoline is spilled, you can smell it, right? What you're smelling is vaporized gasoline.

RAY: And in the old days, when you filled up your tank, all the air inside the tank — the air filled with gasoline vapors — came whooshing out through the filler hole or through a vent at the top of the gas tank.

TOM: But then people in places like Los Angeles realized they couldn't see the person standing next to them due to smog. And since gasoline

vapors contribute to smog, car makers were forced to install devices to capture those vapors.

RAY: So now each car has a vapor recovery unit that collects the gasoline vapors from the tank and then, the next time the car is started, sends them to the engine, where they're combusted. Your vapor recovery system isn't working, Lottie. One possibility is that one of the rubber hoses is blocked or collapsed.

TOM: Why does that keep you from filling your gas tank? Well, when the air (and the vapors) can't get out of the tank, there's no room for gasoline to go in.

RAY: The other possibility is that one of the valves involved in the refueling process (the refueling control valve, the refueling EVAP vapor-cut valve or the one-way fuel valve) is not working.

TOM: In any case, you should go back to your dealership — or maybe find a different dealership that cares a little more — and tell them there's a technical service bulletin that explains how to fix this. Have them look it up under "slow fuel fill." Or you can invest in some nice, fur-lined gloves and a parka before next winter, Lottie. Good luck.

Tom and Ray settle a debate

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have an ongoing "debate" with my hubby about whether or not to leave our car windows open slightly when it is really, really hot. One of us says we need to do this to keep the windows and windshield from cracking (especially if there is a drastic temperature change due, for example, to a thunderstorm). The other doesn't think it's necessary and prefers to leave them closed (especially to keep from having to dash outside to close them in case of the aforementioned storm!). So, oh Automotive Gurus, which do you recommend — open or closed? Thanks! — Barbara

TOM: It depends on who has to do the dashing, Barbara.

RAY: Actually, there's no need to keep the windows ajar. The windows and windshield will not crack from the heat, nor from the sudden drop in temperature that often accompanies a thunderstorm. After all, if that were the case, your windows would crack every time you got into a hot car and cranked up the air conditioning, right?

TOM: So, if you don't mind getting into a hot car, you are free to leave all the windows closed.

RAY: If the heat is an issue for you, though, you have several options. One is to just open the windows a tiny bit — not enough to let any significant rain in, but enough to allow some hot air to escape. And just to be on the safe side, in case it does rain, open the window next to where your hubby sits (or leave the back windows cracked open, where no one sits).

TOM: If heat and thunderstorms are regular problems where you live, you can even buy some snap-on rain guards (sometimes called "vent visors"), which cover the top of the window. They angle out from the top of the door, deflect the rain and allow you to leave the window open an inch or so without any water coming in.

RAY: Finally, we will recommend an old and sadly neglected remedy for extremely hot weather: Park in the shade. Try it. You'll be amazed what a difference it makes!

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security facts and figures

by LISA HOPPER
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In 2007, nearly 50 million Americans will receive over \$602 billion in Social Security benefits.

December 2006 Beneficiary Data

- Retired workers, 31 million, \$32.3 billion, Dependents, 3 million, \$1.5 billion \$1,044 average monthly benefit
- Disabled workers, 6.8 million, \$6.7 billion Dependents, 1.8 million \$500 million \$978 average monthly benefit
- Survivors, 6.6 million, \$5.9 billion, \$1007 average monthly benefit

Social Security is the major source of income for most of the elderly.

- Nine out of ten individuals age 65 and older receive Social Security benefits.
- Social Security benefits represent 41 percent of the income of the elderly.
- Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 54 per-



Lisa Hopper

cent of married couples and 74 percent of unmarried persons receive 50 percent or more of their income from Social Security.

■ Among elderly Social Security beneficiaries, 21 percent of married couples and about 43 percent of unmarried persons rely on Social Security for 91 percent or more of their income.

Social Security provides more than just retirement benefits.

- Retired workers and their dependents account for 69 percent of total benefits paid.
- Disabled workers and their dependents account for 17 percent of total benefits

paid.

■ About 91 percent of workers age 21-64 in covered employment and their families have protection in the event of a long-term disability.

■ Almost 3 in 10 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching age 67.

■ 70 percent of the private sector workforce has no long-term disability insurance.

Survivors of deceased workers account for 14 percent of total benefits paid.

■ One in seven of today's 20-year-olds will die before reaching age 67.

■ About 97 percent of persons aged 20-49 who worked in covered employment in 2005 have survivors insurance protection for their young children and the surviving spouse caring for the children

■ An estimated 163 million workers, 96 percent of all workers, are covered under Social Security.

■ 52 percent of the workforce has no private pension coverage.

■ 31 percent of the workforce has no savings set aside specifically for retirement.

■ In 1935, the life

Allen

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"Say, are you Delmar Hughes (or Mrs.) from Prestonsburg?"

"Yes, I am."

"Well, I'm a Floyd County boy, too, and I read in "the paper" that you all were over here... By the way, do you have the latest Times? Mine hasn't caught up with me yet."

"The sharing of this one big link that we have with the homefolks has created friendships that time and tradition would not have otherwise per-

mitted, and has served to keep us in touch with old friends with whom we surely would have lost contact. For this we thank you.

"The more we see and learn of this world of ours, the more assured are we that the spot we still call home, has been given a most abundant share of God's grace and beauty. And we thank Him that He has given you the talent to bring some of it to us, wherever we are."

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Lagoon

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Walsh learns what has happened, he has a very big problem. He has to catch Ramrod before he can get to Princess but nobody knows where either party is bound to be.

What ensues is a very long night as Ramrod tracks Princess by beating the snot out of everyone who knows her, while Walsh and his team track Ramrod by beating the snot out of everyone he leaves in his wake. While all of this is happening, poor Princess, who doesn't have a clue about what's coming, continues to ply her trade in a series of trysts with weirdoes who are more interested in bizarre fetishes than your standard sexual encounter.

The climax, if I may, is well executed and involves torture, a tight car chase and an unconventional approach to your basic wild west showdown between Walsh and Ramrod.

There's a lot to recommend here and it starts with director Sherman, who keeps the action moving at a frantic pace while taking a little time out between the action set pieces to delve into the nocturnal activities centered around Hollywood Boulevard. One minute you're enjoying a tense action sequence and the next you're learning about booker lingo (I'll never ask for half-n-half in my coffee again). The film features excellent night time photography and plenty of sordid scenery with most of the action taking place in cheap hotels and questionable

drinking establishments.

Then there is the acting. Season Hubley gives an honest performance as Princess and manages to take the character beyond your standard hooker with a heart of gold stereotype. Gary Swanson also fares well as the hard bitten Walsh and manages to inject just a hint of sensitivity into a man who has seen it all.

The top acting honors, however, go to Wings Hauser and his flamboyant turn as Ramrod. This is one bad dude who only knows two speeds — charming and psychotic rage. Hauser's commitment to the role is such that the character comes off as a force of nature and one finds it hard to believe that he can be stopped,

which adds some zest to the finale. It's a take no prisoners performance and it made him a star of direct-to-video features for the next two decades.

One of his most sinister moments comes when he is interrogating a pimp played by Fred Berry (rerun on "What's Happening"). When Ramrod notes that the character has no manhood, it's a given that the scene will end in a brutal castration sequence. All that and Hauser also warbles the opening theme song, appropriately entitled, "Neon Slime."

Best line: "My man will be here with a bag full of pure white Asian before you can jump out of your leather and spank yourself."

1982, rated R.



Tim and Janie Branham, Leslie Allen and Greg Shepherd discuss their winning strategies while they enjoy the warm weather and one another's company.

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FAMILY FEATURES

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Northwest Cherry Bomb Margaritas

Makes 4 servings

- 1-1/2 cups pitted fresh dark sweet Northwest Cherries
- 2 cups bottled nonalcoholic margarita mix
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) tequila
- 1 cup cracked ice, plus additional for serving
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- Mint leaves, optional
- Fresh Northwest Cherries with stems, optional

In blender, place pitted cherries, margarita mix, tequila, 1 cup ice and the lime juice; process until smooth. Pour over additional ice into 4 glasses. Garnish with mint leaves and cherries, if desired.

Red, White & Blue Cherry Salad

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups pitted Northwest Cherries (fresh dark sweet cherries, Rainier or combination)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 cup cored, diced apples

Honey-Lime Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh mint
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

In large bowl, combine cherries, blueberries and apples. In small bowl, combine dressing ingredients; mix well. Pour dressing over fruit; toss gently to coat.

Cook's Tip:

Fresh blackberries, raspberries or halved strawberries may be substituted for blueberries. Fresh pineapple or orange may be added to salad.

Fantastic Fireworks Cupcakes

Makes 24 cupcakes

- 1 package (18.25 ounces) yellow cake mix
- 1-1/3 cups water
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 to 3 tablespoons patriotic sprinkle sparks
- White ready-to-use decorator icing or homemade buttercream icing
- Uncle Sam bobbling cupcake toppers, patriotic sprinkles, red and blue colored sugars

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line standard muffin pan with patriotic baking cups.

In large bowl, combine cake mix, water, eggs and oil; beat with electric mixer 2 minutes. Fold sprinkle sparks into batter; spoon into baking cups. Bake 18 to 20 minutes. Cool completely before decorating.

Using a spatula or butter knife, ice cupcakes with icing. Or, create an icing swirl using a decorating bag fitted with a 1M Tip. Immediately sprinkle as desired with sprinkles or colored sugar; add topper.

Perfect Burgers

Easy, versatile, and with the great taste everyone loves, burgers are the perfect choice for a fabulous Fourth of July celebration or any time you fire up the grill. To make the best burgers, follow these foolproof directions.

1. Gently shape into patties as directed in chart below. Season with herbs or spices, as desired.
2. Prepare grill (charcoal or gas) according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Place patties on cooking grid.
3. Grill according to chart, turning occasionally. After cooking, season with salt, if desired.

Burger Grilling Guidelines *Makes 4 burgers*

WEIGHT/THICKNESS	Using 1 pound ground beef: 1/2-inch-thick patties (4 ounces each)	Using 1-1/2 pounds ground beef: 3/4-inch-thick patties (6 ounces each)
CHARCOAL GRILLING (uncovered) Approximate Total Cooking Time to Medium (160°F)	11 to 13 minutes	13 to 15 minutes
GAS GRILLING (covered) Approximate Total Cooking Time to Medium (160°F)	7 to 8 minutes	13 to 14 minutes

Burger Basics

- ★ Grill over medium heat. For gas grills, set controls to medium. For charcoal, cautiously hold the palm of your hand above coals at cooking height. Count the number of seconds you can hold your hand in that position before the heat forces you to remove it; about 4 seconds for medium heat.
- ★ Turn patties with a spatula. Do not press. Pressing causes loss of juices and results in a dry burger.
- ★ Grill to medium doneness (160°F), until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color. Use an instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center of burgers to check temperature. Do not char or overcook.



Celebration Cupcakes!

Wilton's new "Cupcake Fun!" book offers dozens of easy ways to make festive cupcakes to celebrate the Fourth!

- ★ Decorate iced cupcakes with ready-to-use, star-shaped icing decorations, flag party picks, red and blue cake sparkles or patriotic confetti.
- ★ Use tube decorating gel or decorating icing to write a message or draw stars and stripes on iced cupcakes.
- ★ Serve red, white and blue iced cupcakes from the Cupcakes 'N More stand.

Emergency officials practice response to New Madrid quake

by **BETSY TAYLOR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — When emergency responders in parts of several states wake up Tuesday, they know they're going to be responding to a fake earthquake.

What they don't specifically know is how their communities will be affected during three days of drills: scenarios where communications are cut, bridges are down, even instances where leadership doesn't survive the mock quake.

Officials say the public probably won't notice the drills, which include tabletop exercises, but also practice in the field.

The exercises relate to a mock 7.7-magnitude earthquake along the New Madrid fault, a network of deep cracks in the earth's surface from southern Illinois to northeastern Arkansas. It produces hundreds of small quakes a year, most too weak to be noticed without scientific equipment.

But in 1811 and 1812, it produced a series of big earthquakes estimated at magnitude 7.0 or greater, and officials know a similar quake today would cause extensive damage.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Environmental Protection Agency will test how they'd respond to multiple spills following an earthquake, say if toxic substances began leaking into waterways at the same time broken pipelines began to spill.

In Missouri, more than 80 cities and counties will take part in exercises, at first taking a look at how they'd respond to people in need at the start of a catastrophic quake.

Then, they'll fast forward over the next two days, examining what they would do in the days and weeks after a major earthquake — how they would do things like provide social services, coordinate with insurance companies, or reopen banks and universities, said Missouri State

Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Susie Stonner.

Jim Wilkinson, executive director of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium in Memphis, Tenn., said Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee will be running earthquake drills and reviewing their state plans. Several other states, including Kentucky, will support the drills related to spills in an emergency.

Wilkinson said the drills this week had been planned for about two years. They will allow agencies to identify shortfalls and areas that need improvement. Responders can also build relationships with one another prior to an emergency.

"We don't want to be exchanging business cards at the event," he said.

Some agencies will be checking in for certain parts of the drills. Cape Girardeau's emergency management director, Mark Hasheider, noted that responders in that southeast Missouri community will do tabletop exercises related to earthquake emergency response on Tuesday. Then, on Wednesday and Thursday, they'll simulate a building collapse, where crews will perform search and rescue drills to locate 18 mannequins in part of a collapsed building.

The exercises will allow them to cut through concrete floors and walls and shore up wooden walls to get to the mannequins.

Wilkinson noted more work needs to be done.

"The federal government doesn't have a New Madrid-specific plan," he said.

Work is being done to tailor federal emergency plans to specific possible disasters following Hurricane Katrina, which devastated parts of the Gulf Coast. New Madrid earthquake drills led by FEMA are currently planned for 2011, he said.

BB&T promotes Jervis

PRESTONSBURG — BB&T has promoted Michelle Jervis to banking officer. Jervis, who joined the bank in 2002, is a banking network branch manager based at 216 Glyn View Plaza.

The Auxier native, who earned BB&T University certification last year, previously served BB&T's Paintsville financial center as a relationship banker.

Jervis resides in Prestonsburg with her husband, Kelly, and their two children, Madison and Braydon. She is the daughter of Darrell and Leesa Powers of Auxier.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Tigers have open date for first week of season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Second-year head coach Jim Tom Allen will have an extra week to prepare the Paintsville High School football team for the 2007 season. Paintsville has its open date slated for Aug. 24 — the opening week of the upcoming campaign. Paintsville, which has finalized and released its schedule for the 2007 season, won't open regular-season play until Aug. 31 when it hosts Phelps. In all, Paintsville will host five regular-season games.

Paintsville finished the 2006 season 5-6, falling to longtime rival Hazard in the opening round of the Class A State Playoffs.

The Tigers will be without quarterback/safety Daniel Pugh, a do-it-all performer who ranked as one of the state's top football players last season. Pugh was a four-year, two-way starter for the Tigers.

Realignment didn't change Class A, District 8 much. The district will add Betsy Layne for the 2007 season. Hazard and Jenkins — former District 8 members — have made the move to District 7, joining Cumberland, Everts, Harlan and Pineville.

South Floyd will visit Paintsville Sept. 7 before the Tigers go on the road Aug. 14 for their first road contest. Paintsville will continue a Floyd County road swing Sept. 21 when it takes on district newcomer Betsy

(See OPEN, page two)



Paintsville lost standout Daniel Pugh to graduation.



POSTSEASON BASEBALL PRACTICE: Beaver Creek Little League All-Stars started practice this past week.

Ready or not, here comes new prep football realignment

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Attention high school football fans: If you haven't heard, the gridiron landscape is changing throughout the Commonwealth. Sure, many teams are the same. In many cases, so are the coaches. But Kentucky prep football is heading into uncharted water. In late-August, high school football teams around the state will begin play in the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's six-class system.

As a result, fans won't see a Prestonsburg-Belfry or Paintsville-Hazard regular-season matchup decide a district championship winner as has been the case in past seasons. At least not for the next couple of years. Via the new realignment, Prestonsburg and Belfry are no longer district rivals, nor are Paintsville and Hazard.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett likes the idea of a six-class system. DeRossett, like many other coaches, favors spreading around the championship chances.

"Anytime you can produce another state champion, it's a good thing," said DeRossett.

Betsy Layne is one of a group of teams rejoining district competition after a lengthy absence.

The rundown for the new KHSAA six-class system follows.

CLASS 1A: District-1-1 - Ballard Memorial, Crittenden County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Mayfield. District-1-2 - Beth Haven, Bethlehem, Caverna, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day. District-1-3 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Dayton, Ludlow. District-1-4 - Bracken County, Eminence, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Trimble County. District-1-5 - Fairview, Lexington Christian, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland. District-1-6 - Campbellsville, Clinton County, Lynn Camp, Williamsburg. District-1-7 - Cumberland, Everts, Harlan, Hazard, Jenkins, Pineville. District-1-8 - Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd.

CLASS 2A: District-2-1 - Caldwell County, Heath, Murray, Reidland, Trigg County. District-2-2 - Fort Campbell, Hancock

(See REALIGNMENT, page two)

PRE-DEAD PERIOD



photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg hosted several teams in passing scrimmages this week. Below: Blackcat quarterback Bobby Hughes looked to send a pass downfield. The KHSAA's mandatory Dead Period will give student-athletes and coaches a break for the next couple of weeks.

BLACKCAT FOOTBALL 2007

EARLY ON...

Aug. 11 at Clay County
(Scrimmage)

Aug. 18 Sheldon Clark
(Scrimmage)

REGULAR-SEASON

Aug. 24 Betsy Layne
(Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic)



Two Ohio opponents await Golden Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Fresh off of a 13-1 football season, Johnson Central is looking to take one step closer and reach the State Finals. The Golden Eagles, under the guidance of head coach Jim Matney, fell to Covington Catholic in the Class 3A State Semifinals last season. Johnson Central held a lead in the first half before falling short in the last two quarters of the semifinals matchup. Now, Matney and his coaching staff are gearing up for the start of the 2007 season. Johnson Central has finalized its gridiron schedule for upcoming campaign. The Golden Eagles will open the 2007 season on the road in Ohio. After beginning play in the Buckeye State, Johnson Central will make a return trip north

three weeks later for another regular-season matchup.

Under the new realignment, Johnson Central will compete in Class 5A, District 6, along with Ashland Blazer, Bryan Station, Montgomery County and Woodford County.

The Golden Eagles will open the season Aug. 25 versus South Point, Ohio. After opening with the road game, Johnson Central will return home for a home opener versus Conner, a Northern Kentucky team.

Three of Johnson Central's first four games will put the Golden Eagles on the road. Johnson Central will play road games versus Bryan Station (Sept. 7) and Wheelersburg, Ohio (Sept. 14) in the third and fourth weeks. The Golden Eagles will host Woodford County on Sept. 21 in their second home game before an open date Sept. 28.

The second half of Johnson Central's gridiron slate will begin Oct. 4 with the annual Apple Bowl against rival Paintsville. The Golden Eagles will host the Tigers in the annual crosstown rivalry game.

The remainder of the schedule will pit Johnson Central versus Louisville Central (Oct. 12), Montgomery County (Oct. 19), Ashland (Oct. 26) and Belfry (Nov. 2). The Golden Eagles will host Central and Ashland.

Leading rusher Shawn Grim is returning for his senior season in the Johnson Central backfield. Quarterback J.K. Ratliff and defensive lineman Nathaniel Dials, both of whom are receiving plenty of attention from Division I programs, also return for senior stints.

Kickoff for the Aug. 24 season-opener versus South Point is set for 7:30 p.m.

Beaver Creek All-Star teams announced

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Four Beaver Creek Little League All-Star teams are poised to begin post-season play.

Beaver Creek Little League officials have announced All-Star teams in the 9-10-, 10-11-, 11-12- and 13-14-year-old divisions.

A breakdown of the Beaver Creek All-Star teams follows.

The 9-10-year-old All-Stars: Zach Clark, Jeni Dings, Seth Hall, Steven Howard, Dustin Johnson, Hunter Johnson, Jacob Meade, Larry Mullins, Coltin Parsons, Jamie Perry, Joey Samons, Blake Spears, Kane Taylor, Zachary Thornsberry.

The 10-11-year-old All-Stars: Blake Branham, Blake Dean, Tyler Halbert, Zachary Hall, Cameron Hamilton, Junior Handshoe, Jimmy Helton,

(See CREEK, page two)

HAP Little League names All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Harold-Allen-Prater Little League All-Star teams are busy preparing for the District 7 Tournament, which will get its start Saturday in Paintsville. HAP Little League recently concluded its regular-season with teams claiming championships in the A- and B-team divisions.

Scott Bailey has been designated as the HAP 11-12-year-old All-Star team's manager. Dwight Jarrell will serve as the HAP 11-12 team's coach.

The HAP 11-12-year-old All-Star team is made up of the following players: Dylan Hamilton, Bryson Williams, Chase Hall, Brian Watkins, Zach Bailey, Zack Tackett, Ryan Conn, Michael Henson, Tyler Lewis, Brandon Akers, Jarred Jarrell and Blake Spencer.

Manager Barry Hall will guide the 9-10-year-old HAP All-Stars. Wendell Lewis will coach the HAP 9-10 squad. The HAP 9-10-year-old All-Star team is made up of the following players: Chatlin Jarrell, Houston Hall, J.T. Hall, Cody Charles, Brandy Morrow, James Frasure, Devin Kendrick, Dalton Frasure, Connor Risner, Tanner Roop, Matt Osborne and Tyler Collins.

Kickoff Luncheon set for July 31

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football program's annual Kickoff Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, July 31 at noon at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Ballroom in Lexington.

Tickets for the 2007 Kickoff Luncheon are available for \$300 per table and \$30 per individuals.

Payment can be made by check or credit card.

Checks should be made out to UKAA and mailed to UKAA, ATTN: Leslie Bray, Kickoff Luncheon, 338 Lexington Ave., Lexington, Ky. 40506

Those planning to attend should RSVP by July 25 to Leslie Bray via email at leslie.bray@uky.edu or phone at 859/257-

2589.

Kentucky posted an 8-5 record last season. The Wildcats ended the season on a winning note, defeating Clemson 28-20 in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

Kentucky went 4-4 versus SEC foes, ending the season tied for third in the conference's Eastern Division.

The Kentucky football program will return a total of 17 starters — seven on offense, eight on defense and two on special teams. Quarterback Andrew Woodson, tailback Rafael Little and wide receiver Jacob Tammé — all seniors — are returning to lead the Wildcats in the 2007 season.

Kentucky's high-powered offense ranked fifth in the nation last season, averaging 375.3 yards per game. The Wildcat passing attack ranked first in the SEC.



photo by Rick Schwaltie

LOOKING AHEAD: Brandon Kinzer is scheduled to be back behind the wheel of the No. 18 Brandon Kinzer Motorsports Late Model Saturday when the Battle of the Bluegrass Series visits Chuckie May's 201 Speedway.

Bounced out at Hendrick, Busch has bright future ahead

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For a kid who just lost his job, Kyle Busch is certainly on top of the NASCAR world.

Busch became NASCAR's newest free agent when he was pushed out of Hendrick Motorsports so the team could make room for Dale Earnhardt Jr. It's opened a ton of opportunities for the talented but temperamental driver, as at least six of the top Nextel Cup owners are on record as being interested in signing him.

And, believe it or not, Busch has far more opportunities than Earnhardt did.

Earnhardt had very firm criteria during his job search, which was limited to only the top Chevrolet teams in NASCAR. He wants to win a championship, and at age 32, the clock is ticking on his career. He couldn't gamble with his choice, and realistically only had three teams to choose from.

Busch doesn't have the

same restrictions. He can drive a Chevy, Ford, or Dodge — maybe even a Toyota — and at 10 years younger than Junior, Busch has a much bigger window to find success. Busch can take a risk, perhaps sign with a smaller team, and become the cornerstone of a long-term plan.

"I'm interested in talking to anybody who wants to talk," Busch said. "Whether it's DEI, whether it's Gibbs, RCR, Evernham, Yates, whoever's got an open seat. Whatever, let's go, let's sit down. Let's have dinner."

Busch's appointment book should be full by the end of the week.

Richard Childress, Ray Evernham, Chip Ganassi, Bobby Ginn, Robert Yates, Michael Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt Inc. have all said they want to talk to him. Joe Gibbs Racing declined to comment, and Jack Roush, who had Busch under contract when he was 16, said he won't be revisiting the relationship.

Armed with a new agent — he fired his previous represen-

tation last week when his job at Hendrick fell apart — Busch spent the weekend at Michigan International Speedway laying the groundwork for what should be a lucrative new deal.

He was matter-of-fact when discussing his impending split from Hendrick, where he signed shortly before his 18th birthday. He had nothing but praise for Rick Hendrick, and insisted the split was mutual after talks on an extension had stalled right about the time Junior hit the market.

Busch chatted with fans, signed autographs on pit road, and hung out with University of Michigan football players in front of his hauler. And his performance on the track was stellar: He nearly won the Truck Series race, finishing second, and was sixth in the Nextel Cup event.

It was a major spin at a time when Busch has never had more at stake — he controls his destiny, and his worth has never been greater. But after listening to the interested car owners, Busch didn't need to do any damage control.

"I'm interested because he's a talented driver," Ganassi snarked. "If he has a no-talent driver, nobody would be interested in him."

Racing is no different than any other sport in that performance and potential go a long way toward masking personality issues, and there's no denying that Busch has a mix of both.

He's got four Cup wins and made the Chase for the championship last season, but it's never been a smooth ride. Busch has been criticized for his driving style — even older brother, Kurt, accused him last month of being too aggressive — and many veterans have fumed over his arrogance.

He's had some eyebrow-raising behavior, such as storming out of a news conference, throwing a safety device at Casey Mears and launching an ungracious rant against NASCAR's Car of Tomorrow after winning its debut race.

Immature? Sure. The worst human being alive? Most certainly not. Busch isn't even on the

radar of the most poorly behaved athletes, past and present. At a time when NBA and NFL players are constantly falling on the wrong side of the law, Busch looks like an angel.

"If you make a simple comparison, it's not like the kid's Mike Tyson," Evernham said. "He's not out grabbing women and doing drugs. He has a temper, and he says things once in a while. To me, that's not really a bad thing."

"It's hard to take a guy you want to be total fire and drive that thing on the line every minute, and then expect him not to be emotional. You've just got to try to help somebody like that control his emotions."

Roger Penske has spent the past two seasons doing it with Kurt Busch, with seemingly positive results. Before he almost ran over one of Tony Stewart's crew members two weeks ago, Kurt Busch had made tremendous progress in remaking his bratty image.

Rick Hendrick patiently tried to do the same with

Kyle Busch, and recognized that it was a work in progress. And before May 10, when Earnhardt became a free agent, Hendrick had no plans to walk away from the project.

But when the urge to align with NASCAR's biggest star was too overwhelming, Busch became expendable and Hendrick cut him loose.

So his next car owner will pick up where Hendrick left off, and there's no shortage of suitors who believe they can be the one to tame NASCAR's wild child.

"You have to remember his age — I can name you eight or 10 guys in here at his age that were a handful," Childress said. "He's learning. Every new experience, you get educated a little more and I'd say this has educated him a little more."

"Kyle is a very young, talented race driver like many, many I've seen come up and be like that. Kyle has got a great future ahead of him. Age, time, everything, it all comes with experience."

ON THE BLOCK: Rockingham up for auction

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — The Rock is on the block.

Speedway Motorsports Inc., which owns North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham, aka "The Rock," says the 42-year-old track is no longer profitable and will be sold at auction.

"We regret we have to

make this decision but we really have no other choice," said the June 13 letter from H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway, also owned by Speedway Motorsports. "We have been unable to sell it and track rentals are simply not enough to keep the facility running."

Wheeler's letter went to

Rockingham Mayor Gene McLaurin, who said the community has been concerned about the track's fate since it lost its Nextel Cup race in 2004.

That was the year that Speedway Motorsports bought the track, then moved the Nextel Cup race to Texas Motor Speedway. NASCAR drivers have since used the

1.017-mile oval to test cars. The track also has been used for various special events and movies.

No date has been set for the auction, though a fall date is anticipated.

"As I have stated in the past, we think it is unpractical for us to attempt other types of races there such as Busch or Craftsman Trucks," Wheeler

wrote. "We believe they too, as stand-alone events, will be significantly unprofitable."

Rick Sago, director of Richmond County Development, is optimistic that racing can continue at the track in some form, but he said that depends on who buys it.

"There may be something out there that we don't know about," said Jerry Gappens,

senior vice president of Lowe's Motor Speedway and a spokesman for Speedway Motorsports. "It's a nice piece of property."

FACT FYI

For additional auto racing stories, visit The Floyd County Times website: www.floydcountytimes.com

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Dalton Lawson, Dillon Lawson, Ronnie Martin, Mason Nelson, Preston Thacker, Odie Walker, Timmy Walker.

The 11-12-year-old All-Stars: Austin Barnett, Josh Clemons, Tyler Cole, Austin Cook, Jacob Crager, Rocky Crisp, Dylan Hall, Dakota Justice, David Kilgore, Brett Mullins, Jordan Pinson,

Corey Terry, Cody Thornsberry.

The 13-14-year-old All-Stars: Travis Adkins, Mark Case, Cory Cordial, Joshua Handshoe, Sean Jackson, Mickie Parsons II, Austin Prater, Jacob Prater, Sheldon Rice, Braxton Tackett, Dakota Wilson, Austin Woods, Austin Osborne.

Wheeler's letter went to

Realignment

County, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central. District-2-3 - Glasgow, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County. District-2-4 - Bardstown, Danville, Fort Knox, Washington County. District-2-5 - Carroll County, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Owen County. District-2-6 - Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport, Newport Central Catholic. District-2-7 - Bath County, Morgan County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley. District-2-8 - Corbin, Knott County Central, Leslie County, Middlesboro.

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NCAA clarifies position on live updates

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Live updates of NCAA sports events are permitted as long as they are limited to scores and time remaining, the governing body said in a clarification of its position on blogging.

The issue arose last week after a reporter for The Courier-Journal of Louisville was ejected from an NCAA baseball tournament game for submitting live Internet updates during play.

NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said Brian Bennett was asked repeatedly not to blog play-by-play reports because it violated NCAA policy as a "live representation" of the game. Bennett provided in-game blog updates during Louisville's super regional series against Oklahoma State that gave the score and a brief summary of game action.

"Any reference to game

action in a blog or other type of coverage could result in revocation of credentials," the policy stated, according to a copy provided to The Associated Press.

In a statement released Wednesday, however, Williams said the NCAA had issued "incorrect information" that live updates of any kind were prohibited.

"In fact, in-game updates to include score and time remaining in competition are permissible by any media entity whether credentialed or not," Williams said.

Bennie Ivory, executive editor of The Courier-Journal, said the new admission by the NCAA was evidence that "they made a mistake."

"It's no clarification," Ivory said.

Jon Fleischaker, the paper's attorney, said the paper hasn't made a decision about whether it will sue the NCAA or the University of Louisville.

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Layne. The Tigers will host long-time foe Prestonsburg Sept. 28 in a non-district clash following the four straight district games.

Four of Paintsville's last five regular-season games are non-district matchups. The Tigers will take on longtime rivals Johnson Central (Oct. 4) and Raceland (Oct. 12) before visiting Pikeville Oct. 19 for a key late regular-season game. Paintsville will play on the road at Johnson, then host Raceland.

Closing the 10-game slate

Ellis, Hobbs among 5 finalists for Coastal Carolina head coach job

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Former Clemson and Auburn coach Cliff Ellis and former Alabama coach David Hobbs, now an assistant at Kentucky, are among five finalists to be men's basketball coach at Coastal Carolina, athletics director Warren Koegel said Wednesday.

The men are vying to replace Buzz Peterson, who left the Chanticleers earlier this month after two seasons to become director of player personnel for the Charlotte Bobcats.

The candidates will be brought on campus for interviews next week, Koegel said.

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out versus a pair of bigger schools, Paintsville will travel to Pike County Central on Oct. 26 and host Sheldon Clark in a regular-season finale.

Nehemiah Dodderer — who carried for 522 yards on 70 carries last season as a freshman — is returning for Paintsville. Cory Humphrey, who hauled in 35 catches for five touchdowns — is also returning for the Tigers.

A host of players are vying for Paintsville's starting quarterback job.



Beaver Creek, Harold-Allen-Prater and Prestonsburg Little League charters will compete in District 7 Tournament competition.

Appeals court upholds rejection of Bengals stadium suit

by DAN SEWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — An antitrust suit claiming officials and taxpayers were pushed into financing a new stadium to keep the Bengals in Cincinnati was filed after time had run out, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals three-judge panel unanimously agreed with a federal district judge who dismissed the suit filed by Hamilton County against the Bengals and the NFL because it was not filed within a four-year statute of limitations.

County voters approved a half-cent sales tax hike in 1996 for the \$450 million Paul Brown Stadium, which opened in 2000. A 30-year lease was signed in 1997. The antitrust lawsuit was filed in 2003.

By dismissing the suit, the courts didn't rule on the county officials' claims that they were victimized by monopoly power. Appeals Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton wrote that the 6th Circuit panel didn't need to decide whether there is an antitrust problem with the NFL's control over its number of teams and cities.

Sutton added: "The county, like all local governments competing to attract professional sports teams, understood this reality long before it entered the May 1997 lease and understood the leveraging truth that goes with it: The only thing worse than having a losing team is having no team — no team for the community and its political leaders to support and no reason to say: 'There's always next year.'"

Hamilton County commissioner Todd Portune, who initiated the lawsuit, said officials would consult with their attorneys, but were unlikely to pursue further legal appeals in their effort to get a more equitable deal with the Bengals.

The Bengals called the ruling a vindication for the club and the NFL.

"The final chapter has been written on the lawsuit ... and as

a community, we can now turn toward solving today's challenges," Mike Brown, Bengals owner and president, said in a statement.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league had no comment on the latest ruling.

In its appeal, the county contended officials were misled into thinking that the Bengals' finances were so bleak they needed a new stadium to survive, and didn't find out until 2001 that the team was profitable. The appeals court cited many earlier reports and comments about the Bengals' profitability and about NFL tactics in gaining new stadiums and favorable leases.

"With red flags flying, the county instead moved forward with negotiations and signed the stadium lease," the court said.

While the Bengals finished their first season in the new stadium with a 4-12 record, the court said, "It is Hamilton County that claims it was the real loser because it signed a lease with the Bengals for the stadium that it now calls 'unconscionable.'"

Portune said the court rulings are disappointing because they don't decide the key issues.

"It seems that every judicial authority that has taken a look at this agreed that it is a terrible deal. But rather than acting on those aspects, they have instead hung their hats on a technicality," he said.

He said the stadium terms have helped push the county into a financial crunch, facing deficits of \$200 million or more.

The appellate opinion recounted the history of pro football in Cincinnati, saying the Cincinnati Celts were the first team in 1921, "long before Ickey Woods shuffled across the end zone, long before Kenny Anderson and Boomer Esiason led the Bengals to Super Bowls XVI and XXIII (a team from another circuit, the San Francisco 49ers, won both games)."

Montoya goes road racing; Analyzes Hamilton's success

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer catches up periodically with Juan Pablo Montoya during his rookie season to talk about how he's adjusting to NASCAR, on and off the track.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It won't be hard for Juan Pablo Montoya to improve on last week's result at Michigan — all he has to do is avoid finishing last.

Problem is, anything short of a victory might be considered a disappointment.

Montoya, who finished 43rd on Sunday for the worst showing of his short NASCAR career, heads to the road course in Sonoma, Calif., this weekend expected to score his first Nextel Cup victory.

The former Formula One star is regarded as one of the top road racers in the world, and solidified that reputation by winning the Busch Series

road race in Mexico City earlier this season. But in Sonoma, he'll be racing against NASCAR's very best and a handful of ringers.

"He was phenomenal in Mexico, absolutely phenomenal," said veteran Mark Martin, who is sitting out the race. "Obviously (I'm) going to be watching with great excitement and enthusiasm to see how he stacks up ... with the best of the best, all of the best of the best."

Montoya insisted the expectations come only from the media, not his own team, and was nonchalant about any pressure he might be under to win.

"Everybody expects me to go out there and win, and I don't care, to be honest," he said. "Those races are so long and anything can happen. You can get tangled with somebody and all of a sudden you are 20th, and it takes awhile to come back."

"So I am not going to get involved with what everyone thinks the result will be."

Montoya is being realistic, knowing that his Chip Ganassi

Racing team lags behind NASCAR's elite teams. He was disheartened at a recent road test at Virginia International Raceway when he arrived in the only Ganassi car, only to see Hendrick Motorsports bring five cars.

It's a complaint many drivers have had this season. Hendrick has used an intense testing program to rack up 10 wins through the first 15 races.

"There's not much you can do about it," he said. "We are backed up in the fab shop, we are behind. And how do you get on pace? You can't just go and hire 30 new people. If it's a business, you can't. If it's a hobby, you can."

Compounding the problem is that Montoya has yet to drive the course at Sonoma. He'll have roughly two hours of track time to figure out the course before qualifying, and doesn't have many people he can turn to for advice about the layout. Ganassi teammate David Stremme has yet to race at Sonoma, and Reed Sorenson has raced just once there.

"I don't know what to expect," he said. "We show up, gotta learn the track and then we'll see."

He's not too worried about figuring out the course, and said his reputation in F1 was as one of the fastest learners whenever the series went to a new track.

And asked if he was the best road course racer in NASCAR, he seemed fairly certain of the answer: "I would think so, yes. But Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart are also very good, I am told, and Denny Hamlin was very good in Mexico."

Because he has never seen the top Cup guys race on a road course, isn't familiar with Sonoma and the struggles of his Ganassi team, Montoya isn't planning a victory party just yet.

"I think we are going to be very competitive," he said. "Do we have a chance of winning? Probably yes. Are we as good prepared as some of the teams like Hendrick or Gibbs? Probably no. So we'll see what happens."

Q: Lewis Hamilton has won the last two

Formula One races for McLaren Mercedes, your old team. What do you think of Hamilton?

JPM: "I think the kid is doing a good job, they have the fastest car and he's clearly the No. 1 on the team. But there's always a No. 1 at McLaren. I mean, Fernando Alonso said it himself. Didn't he? That's what the media was saying. I don't really follow it too much, but Ron (Dennis) paid his whole career. He got to Formula One because Ron paid for his whole career. Aside from the kid having talent, Ron paid for him. Ron has told him where to go, arranged the deals for him, and paid for it over his whole career. He's been under Ron Dennis since the kid was 8 years old or something."

Q: Yes, but isn't Hamilton a good driver?

JPM: "Oh, he's really good. I am not going to say the guy is not good. The guy is really good. But he has an advantage that ... they are always going to say that it's equal stuff. But there really

always is a favorite driver on the team."

Q: But Alonso is the two-time world champion. How could a kid like Hamilton be the No. 1 driver in his first season of Formula One.

JPM: "The long-term of McLaren is (Hamilton). That's the thing, they are both doing a really good job, and the car is really fast. So even if you do a bad job in a good car, you are still going to finish second or third. And (in Canada), everybody messed up but him, and he won the race. And he's been getting quicker and quicker. And I heard Fernando is not very comfortable in the car, either."

Q: OK, different topic: What did you get for Father's Day?

JPM: "A measuring device for golf. It's like a simulator that shows the trajectory of the ball."

Q: Did (son) Sebastian pick it out himself?

JPM: "Yes. Can't you tell?"

Team Red Bull making small strides

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A.J. Allmendinger does everything he can to avoid watching a Nextel Cup race on television after he's failed to make the field.

It's a bit easier for Brian Vickers, who takes off some of the sting by spending the weekend in New York City surrounded by friends as they watch the race go on without him.

Either way, both are miserable. "It's the most horrible thing I've ever had to go through," Allmendinger said. "By far the toughest thing in my life, both personally and professionally."

Fortunately for both of them, neither has had to suffer through it for quite some time. Allmendinger has qualified for the past six races, and Vickers has made the last five — almost winning at Charlotte last month, while giving Toyota its highest finish of the season.

Team Red Bull, which started the season at the bottom of the Toyota group, has slowly separated itself from the others by consistently qualifying for races and inching Vickers close to a coveted spot in the top 35 in points.

"The Red Bull guys, considering where they started from, they've pushed themselves to the top of the Toyota heap," said Lee White, vice president of Toyota Racing Development.

It's been steady progress for Red Bull, which lagged far behind its Toyota counterparts when the season began. Bill Davis Racing is an established NASCAR team with a Daytona 500 win on its resume, and Michael Waltrip had assembled an impressive group of sponsors and an aggressive game plan for his three-car group.

But Red Bull was starting from scratch. Although the organization has roots in Formula One, MotoGP and various extreme sports, it was

new to NASCAR and had to rush to get ready for the 2007 season.

Expectations were not very high, to say the least. And when Allmendinger and Vickers failed to make the early races, no one outside the team was really surprised.

Vickers, who left the mighty Hendrick organization last season to join Red Bull, missed six of the first 10 events. Allmendinger, new to NASCAR after a successful open-wheel career, missed the first four and eight of 10.

Both insist those early failures have helped Red Bull improve.

"It was pretty frustrating, very disappointing, and hard to deal with," said Vickers, who has had to watch from afar as his former Hendrick teammates have won 10 of 15 races this season.

"But as the saying goes, 'What doesn't kill you only makes you stronger.' So everybody at the team, and everybody at Toyota, it really opened our eyes up and made us focus on what we've needed to be doing. It made us that much more determined to go out there and do the best we can every chance we get."

The effort has been evident in qualifying, with Red Bull finally earning the right to be at the track on race day. It's a small step in the right direction, general manager Marty Gaunt said, but nothing to celebrate just yet.

"It seems like we have some momentum, but by no means are we going to rest on our laurels because we made five, six, seven races," Gaunt said. "Making races helps morale up, but the reality is we are sitting on the edge of a knife and we don't want to say we've accomplished our goals because we are now qualifying for races."

"That's just a very small part of it. Cracking the top 35, that's a big part of it. Once we do that and start making races, then we will evaluate our performance."

Getting Vickers into that elusive top 35 is critical for the rest of the

season. It would ensure him a spot in the field each week, and give him the luxury of working on race setups during the Friday practice sessions. That data could then be transferred to Allmendinger, who can only focus on qualifying runs until he's made the race.

As it stands now, both drivers spend all day Friday working on qualifying. When they do make the field, both are behind the competition in race day preparation.

Vickers was the closest to the top 35 of all Toyota drivers until an early crash last week at Pocono knocked him 303 points away from the cracking it. It was bitterly disappointing because he'd been on pace for a strong finish before the accident.

"It's a hard thing to swallow when you're taken out of contention for a great finish and there's nothing you could have done to prevent it," Vickers said. "The only positive thing that came out of this weekend is that we know we can put together a great race car and race up front with the leaders."

He showed that in Charlotte, where he led 76 laps and was in contention for the victory despite having no power steering for most of the race. He finished fifth there, the best showing to date for a Toyota, and in many regards it was considered a victory to the thousands of Toyota employees who have excitedly followed its first season in NASCAR.

"People are educated and they understand when someone plays a cute game on a pit stop to take the lead," White said. "But here's a guy who powered past Jimmie Johnson, passed really good guys and then opened up a lead legitimately."

"To be able to do that, then overcome mechanical problems to still come back and get a top five this early in the season, that was surprising and very rewarding for a lot of people. It shows progress, and that's all we can ask for right now."

pointed last year when my car broke early in the night and we couldn't get it repaired. I love racing the high banks at Eldora, and after sitting out last year, I have a score to settle. It was a blast two years ago when Tony, Dave and me raced up front, side by side with the NRA guys. They didn't cut us any slack; we had to work for everything we got."

Blaney is the softest spoken of the trio, "Eldora has been good to me over the years, and given the right car combination, I'm sure I'll have something for everyone that night, just bring 'em on."

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A NEW LOOK: Veteran dirt Late Model driver Jackie Boggs has a new look to his No. 4B racecar.



RACING AHEAD: Brandon Kinzer (No. 18) pushed his Late Model out in front during a recent race.

2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule/Results

Feb. 10 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Tony Stewart)
Feb. 18 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
Feb. 25 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
March 11 — UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
March 18 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Jimmie Johnson)
March 25 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
April 1 — Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
April 15 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Burton)
April 21 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Jeff Gordon)
April 29 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jeff Gordon)
May 5 — Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
May 12 — Dodge Avenger 500, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Gordon)
May 19 — x-NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C. (Kevin Harvick)
May 27 — Coca Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Casey Mears)
June 4 — Autism Speaks 400, Dover, Del. (Martin Truex Jr.)
June 10 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Jeff Gordon)
June 17 — Citizens Bank 400, Brooklyn, Mich. (Carl Edwards)
June 24 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
July 1 — LENOX Industrial Tools 300, Loudon, N.H.
July 7 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 15 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
July 29 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis.
Aug. 5 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 12 — NEXTEL Cup at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 19 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 25 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 2 — NASCAR Nextel Cup Series 500, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 8 — Chevy Rock-and-Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 16 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 23 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
Sept. 30 — Kansas 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 7 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 13 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 21 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 28 — Georgia 500, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 4 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
Nov. 11 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 18 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
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Mayfield, No. 36 team won't race at Infineon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Owensboro native Jeremy Mayfield and his No. 36 Bill Davy Racing team will not make the trek to Infineon Raceway for this weekend's NASCAR Nextel Cup race.

The Davy team will enter Dave Blaney in the No. 22 Toyota and will put road course specialist Butch Leitzinger in the No. 23 entry.

Mayfield joined BDR in the winter after leaving Evernham Motorsports

last August. He has qualified for only five of this season's 15 races.

He and his team will return to competition for the race next week at New Hampshire International Speedway.

American Le Mans Series regular Leitzinger has made three starts in Cup competition — all at the Watkins Glen International road course in upstate New York. The 38-year-old has won three races in NASCAR's Busch North Series.

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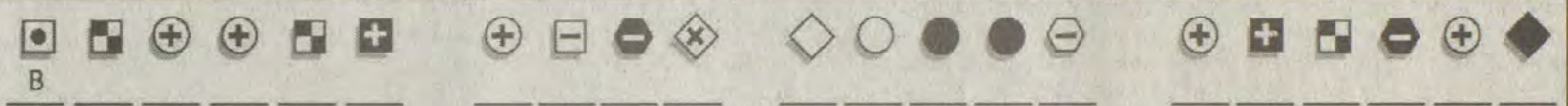


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 2003 ZX636R Motorcycle, new FMF exhaust, new tires, fender eliminator kit, looks and runs great. Extras include two vega helmets and back seat. \$4,300 OBO. Call after 7 PM 886-3777.

FOR SALE
 '99 Mercury Cougar. Very good condition. Asking \$4,500. Black 5 speed. 297-5625 or 606-422-1151.

FOR SALE
 Submersible deep well Meyer pumps. Half 3 quarter and 1 horse power. Call 358-2000.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Job Listings

JOB OPENING
 Heavy Equipment steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine emergency tech is a plus. Call Mon. thru Friday 9a-5p. 606-886-1759. If no answer leave message.

JOB OPENING
 Mountain Manor of Painstville has a position available in the care plan department. The applicant must be either an LPN or RN and have both knowledge and experience in resident assessment and care planning. Mountain Manor offers excellent salary and benefits. If interested you may apply at Mountain Manor.

JOB OPENING
 Local surveying firm is in need of surveyors, capable of both underground and surface surveying related to cal mine mapping. Other duties include municipal and farm surveying. Must have a valid driver's license and ready to be ready to work. Should have underground and surface mine training certificates. Liberal work environment, with health insurance and retirement plans. Send resume to Alchemy Engineering Associates, 546 West Old Middlecreek Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 or fax resume to (606) 886-8847.

CARE GIVER NEEDED FREE BOARD, FREE RENT TO TAKE CARE OF elderly woman with pay. Call 874-2512, ask for Russell only.

JOB OPENING
 Immediate opening available for EXPERIENCED TECHNICIANS. Experience in alarm installation, access control, and closed circuit TV needed. Will consider inexperienced person, but must pass rigorous background check and drug testing. Company will provide uniforms, paid Holidays, paid vacations, and health insurance after trail period. Salary based on experience. Please come by and pick up an application or fax resume to 606-886-8449. ABCO Security Systems, Inc., 1006 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 4165. 606-886-6586.

JOB OPENING
 Emergency Care RN'S needed! Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY has

excellent opportunities for registered nurses that have an interest and experience in emergency care. Present openings available include flexible hours to work any shift up to full time positions. We offer a generous benefits package and a competitive salary. Change the direction of your future today by making a move to join a qualified and professional staff with a commitment of caring at TRMC where you find "specialized care for special people". Interested RN'S, please contact: Cathy Heston, Chief Nursing officer or Patton R. Hart, H.R. Director, PO Box 769, HW 644 Louisa, KY 41230 (606)-638-9451.

JOB OPENING
 We are seeking a full time driver at our Manton, KY location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. The position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/plant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the plant manager. Must possess a current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements and 1 year driving experience. Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Co., 152 Manton Rd, Martin, KY 41649; or fax (606)-285-5171 or email humane-

sources@austinpowder.com.

JOB OPENING
 Now hiring Prestonsburg Auto, Truck and tire. Auto or Diesel Mechanic, apply in person behind First Commonwealth Bank across the bridge. For more info please call Chris at 886-8603 or 226-5868.

JOB OPENING
 Part time employee for Classic Cleaners in Prestonsburg. Call 789-7748.

JOB OPENING
 Community Connections is hiring for a Case Manager position. A Bachelors Degree in the Human Services field is required. Also for Direct Care Providers. High School/GED required. There is a \$15.00 application fee for background check that is required. Apply in person at Community Connections 4663 US 23 South level, KY 41602 or phone 606-874-1900

JOB OPENING
 General operators needed for surface mining operation. James River Coal Service Company needs dozer operators, rock truck drivers and loader operators. Experience preferred. Surface card required. Also needed is an electrician with certification. Send resume to PO Box 128 Jeff, KY 41751-0128. HR telephone 606-862-4553.

JOB OPENING
 Experienced floral designer wanted!

Call 791-3137.

JOB OPENING
 Outgoing and energetic Dental Assistant we need you! Must be a team player and willing to learn some office duties. Experience or college degree necessary. Submit resume to P.O. Box 172, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

JOB OPENING
 P/T driver needed. Dependable driver for 3-4 short trips per month. Call 606-226-4407, will pay well!

JOB OPENING
 Seeking drivers 7 passenger minivans in Shelby & Martin. Drug screen, clean MVR & 7 Yrs valid DL required. 1-800-471-2440 reference #26, EOE.

JOB OPENINGS
 Hamilton Industries, an Eastern and Central Kentucky Builder, now hiring carpenters and carpenter crews for full time work year round. Call (606) 285-0094 between the hours of 9:00

am and 5:00 pm M-F for more information.

JOB OPENING
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

MERCHANDISE

BOOK FOR SALE
 A book by Donald Crisp "Growing up on Bucks Branch". In Floyd county Kentucky on sale now!!! \$12.50 plus shipping and handling. Contact Donald at 285-3385.

Animal

FREE PUPPIES
 4 Australian Shepherd mix puppies. 2 male, 2 female, 6 weeks old. Call 886-9031.

FOUND!!!!!!
 Female Collie Mix? Found in Little Paint area. Friendly family dog. Please call to describe 889-6577 or 886-8506.

Yard Sale

YARD SALE
 July 2-7th. 9am-5pm. Ceramics, glassware, clothes, furniture, records. Located off of 114 on State Road Fork. Rain or shine, follow signs.

YARD SALE
 Huge yard sale! Items include: Fun home accessories, Home furnishing, Furniture, Outdoor exercise equipment, Bicycle, moped, Portable ball goal, Pictures. Serious buyers only. 8:30-? Located at 475 Wood Land Hills off 114, Look for signs!

YARD SALE
 4-6 family yard sale July 1-10 and August 1-10 at Wayland Kwik Mart parking lot.

YARD SALE
 New consignment yard sale. WE SALE YOUR MERCHANDISE FOR YOU. Call or leave message 889-8732 or 886-0905.

REAL ESTATE

Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR on Rt. 7 at Estill. Gray vinyl siding, fireplace, carport, hot tub, detached guest room with 1/2 bath, block storage building, 16x20 wood working shop. City water and cable, gas. Very nice neighborhood. Call for appointment at 358-2630 or 424-3166.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 2 houses, 1 low price. 3 story split level, 3 BR, 2 bath's, 5 foot chain link fence. Also, a 2 BR, 1 bath, already rented out. Must sale- Moving. Located in Dwale, cross first R/R straight. Good

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR 2 Story house, large kitchen, sunroom, utility room, office

neighbors, good place to live. Call 606-364-9111.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 2 story house, new construction, all electric, central heat and air. 3 BR, living room with electric log fire place, big kitchen with cherry cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dish washer, Florida sunroom, utility room with W/D, office with computer hookup and desk. City water and garbage pick-up. Located on Rt. 23 (4-lane) Floyd County, level. Shown by appointment only. Call 606-437-6507 or 434-9008.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR 2 Story house, large kitchen, sunroom, utility room, office

Eastern Kentucky Coal Company is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Surface Mine Planning Engineer. B.S. Mining Engineering required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Interested applicants should send their resume to The Floyd County Times PO Box 390 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 ATTN: LeighAnn Williams

Two Warehouse buildings for lease just off Hwy. 80 at Martin. Fenced lot, former location of Farm home and tire sales. Call 886-6906 after 7 pm.

For Sale By Owner
 Come relax on this large covered front porch or enjoy cooking out on the large deck of this 4 BR, 2 Bath, 2 story home. Only 10 min. from Shopping downtown also close to new Prestonsburg Elementary School. Located 3/10 mile rough and tough branch on chessee lane. for appointment call 886-6882.

WELDING POSITIONS AVAILABLE
 Excellent pay, drug screening required. Call Mon-Fri 8a-5p 285-9358.

73 S. Circle Dr. Prestonsburg, Briarwood subdivision. \$239,999. 2,307 Sq ft. 4 BR 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, L.R., Fam.R, DR completely remodeled like new. NEW heating and cooling, carpet, tile, kitchen cabinets with Corian counter tops. In ground pool/ new liner and beautiful landscaping. Red Brown and Williams Real Estate, Teresa Preston. Call 789-8119 or 205-7890

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CLINICAL MANAGER

Highlands Regional Medical Center has an opening in the Support Care Unit for a Clinical Manager. The Support Care Unit is a long-term care based unit. The Clinical Manager will be responsible for implementing the organizational and the departmental mission, vision, and goals. Responsible for all aspects of staff management, departmental management, and for creating a positive professional work environment that focuses on the customer. Administrative responsibilities include: annual work plan development, budget preparation, performance reviews, performance improvement programs, professional development programs for staff, responsible for MDS forms and preparation and maintenance of regulatory requirements, such as JCAHO, OSHA, etc. Expected to embrace, utilize and champion technology to advance HRMC & CHS and its strategic agenda.

The ideal candidate must be a graduate of accredited nursing program and currently licensed in the state of Kentucky, and BSN preferred.

Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC, 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-7530 Fax: (606) 886-7534 Email: telark@hrmc.org

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HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Director of HIM

Highlands Regional Medical Center has an opening in the Health Information Management Department for an Assistant Director. The assistant director will be responsible for coordinating and managing the coding/abstracting/scanning functions, validation program, and assists in the day-to-day operations of the Health Information Department. Serves as acting Director in the absence of the Director.

The ideal candidate must have High School diploma or G.E.D. equivalent, and one year supervisory experience required. Coding experience required; CCA Certification, AHIMA equivalent or Associate degree preferred. Demonstrates the ability to work independently within general guidelines. Quality consciousness; dependability, good interpersonal skills, and flexibility in meeting tasks.

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For Sale By Owner 1 mile off 23 on Rt. 3244 10 miles north of Painstville on Wiley Branch. 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath, LRG KIT, Carport, Deck, Above ground pool, on 1+ acres. \$130,000 Call 297-6880.

and bathroom, down stairs. 5 rooms upstairs to finish as you desire. Can see 4 lane. US 23 from house at Ivel, KY. Call 437-6507 or 434-9008.

Harold, utilities paid, rent \$475 per month plus deposit. completely furnished, call 437-1997 or 434-0050.

HOUSE FOR SALE
lease purchase, no credit check. \$3,500 down. 4 BR 2 bath in Prestonsburg. Call 886-3848 or 791-0710.

FOR RENT
2 BR Duplex, total electric. Central heat and air, newly built. Located on US 23 North of Prestonsburg. No pets, call 889-9747 or 886-8003.

FOR RENT
3 BR, 2 bath, 28x60 DoubleWide on Little Paint, nice location. Ref. + deposit and lease required \$625 per month. Call after 7pm 886-3777.

PRICE REDUCED MUST SELL NOW!
Two houses!!! One is 4 BR, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath. The other house is 2 BR, living, big kitchen, bath, built over garage work shop and laundry room, 2 outside storage building. Natural gas, paved parking, chain link fenced yard. 7/10 acre lot. Very livable move in condition. All for a very reasonable price of \$42,000. **NO LAND CONTRACTS.** Salyers Branch, Hueysville area. Call 606-358-9346

APT FOR RENT
Country Cottage, 2 BR, bath and 1/2, W/D hookup, large living room, dining room, and kitchen. \$450 per month plus deposit. Must have references. Days call 886-6219 or evenings call 886-8459.

FOR RENT
Nice 2 BR MH between Allen and Prestonsburg. \$450 per month, includes water, sewage, and garbage. \$250 deposit no HUD, no pets. Background screenings required. Must have references call 859-402-2756.

HOUSE FOR SALE
3 BR 1 1/2 bath located in Daniels Creek subdivision. Excellent neighborhood, very child friendly. Call 874-3094. 5/6 1mo

APT FOR RENT
Good neighborhood 2 BR. Must have references. Call 358-9123.

FOR RENT
MH for rent, extra nice 3 BR, located at Cow Creek \$425 per month plus utilities. Security deposit and references required. Call 606-874-2802.

HOUSE FOR SALE
3 BR brick home with detached 1 car garage. 2 bats, 12 acres of land in the Hueysville area up Salyers Branch, city water, blacktop road. Call 606-358-9498 4/18 2wk

APT FOR RENT
1 BR APT. Oak cabinets, Oak floors. \$500 per month, 2 miles up Abbott. Call 886-0893

FOR RENT
2 BR MH for rent located in Garrett area. HUD approved call 432-9110.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Located on Front Street at Wayland. Third house above Castels store on right on Front Street. Central heat and air. 5 BR 2 bath LR 30X18 and dining room & sunroom. Huge cobbel stone chimney, carport. 2 lots, fenced in. Asking \$65,000 call 606-358-4137 for appointment

APT FOR RENT
3 BR APT. 2 bath, W/D included, all kitchen appliances. \$550 per month, plus \$550 deposit. Call 285-9003.

FOR RENT
THREE MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR RENT 1/2 MILE ON RIGHT FROM PRESTONSBURG ON TOWN BRANCH ROAD JUST BEFORE THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. CITY UTILITIES INCLUDING GAS, WATER, AND SEWAGE ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOOK-UP AS WELL AS AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER. CALL 874-7155 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

House

9 RM HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BR house all electric, central heat and air. Quiet "Mayberry" type neighborhood. Excellent for retired couples, for neighbors are elderly. City water and garbage. \$650 per month plus deposit. No pets. No HUD. Ivel, KY Call 437-6507 or 434-9008.

FOR RENT
3 BR house at Allen. \$700 per month plus deposit. 794-0249.

HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. \$980.00 month. 850-222-2226. Leave message. See pix at www.washington-publishers.com/ForRent/index.htm

HOUSE FOR RENT
EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD 1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vacuum. Gated community, references and deposit required. Located in Knott County, call 438-6104. Rent is \$485 per month

FOR LEASE
Former location of Tire Sales car dealing and Steves Farm Home. Large Fenced in lot. Call 886-6906 after 7:00pm

Mobile Home

LOTS FOR RENT
New Mobile home park at Allen/Dwale area in Floyd Co. Restrictions apply. Paved streets, lighted area and all sizes available. City utilities. Call 606-377-2357

FOR RENT
Rent to own 6 miles from Prestonsburg on 114. 1999 16x80 MH 3 BR 2 bath. For pricing terms call 886-2842 before 7pm. 886-3451 after 7pm.

Sale or Lease

FOR SALE
14x70 MH in Dwale with 100x100 lot. Also, lot on Stonecrest. Call 886-3047 or 226-3047.

FOR SALE
2 Mobile Homes for sale, with lots. Will sale separate, call 791-3727.

FOR SALE
Special FHA finance program. \$0 down if you own land or use family land. We own the bank, your approved!! Call 606-474-6380.

FOR SALE
2003 16x80 mobile home. Fire place, dishwasher, garden tub, walk in shower, shingle roof, gutters, used for short time. Good price. Central air. Located outside City limits. Call 886-2474

FOR LEASE
Former location of Tire Sales car dealing and Steves Farm Home. Large Fenced in lot. Call 886-6906 after 7:00pm

FOR SALE
Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

RENTALS

Apartments

FOR RENT
2 BR Bath and 1/2 townhouse. Also, 1 BR apt located in Prestonsburg. No pets! Call 886-8991.

FOR RENT
1 BR furnished APT for rent ar

LEGAL NOTICE TO SANDY LAND & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

Legal Notice is hereby given that Attorney, Bobby Rowe, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify the Sandy Land & Development Company that a legal action has been filed against it by Kentucky District Counsel Assemblies of God regarding a dispute over ownership of property of Lot 143 of the Sandy Land & Development Company Addition to the City of Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky. The legal action is Kentucky District Counsel Assemblies of God, Plaintiff, versus The Sandy Land & Development Company, Defendant, Floyd Circuit Court Number 07-CI-00520 and was filed with the Court on the 8th day of June, 2007. The defendant, Sandy Land & Development Company is given legal notice that it now has fifty (50) days from the 8th day of June, 2007, within which time to appear and answer the Complaint of the plaintiff or else Judgment may be entered against it by the Court. This legal notice is being provided by Bobby Rowe, Warning Order Attorney, P.O. Box 1330, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County. Miller Bros. Coal, LLC 836-0321 Issued 07/05/03 **Wolverine Resources, Inc.** 836-0330 Issued 07/05/16 Miller Bros. Coal, LLC 836-5519 Issued 07/05/17

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CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGET TO ACTUAL

For the year ended June 30, 2005

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Property Taxes	\$80,062	\$87,730	\$7,668
Licenses and permits	1,560	1,450	(100)
Intergovernmental revenues	9,076	47,855	38,779
Other	136,538	121,129	(15,409)
TOTAL REVENUES	227,226	258,164	30,938
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	195,249	168,655	26,594
Police department	14,774	40,533	(25,759)
Fire department	4,347	12,857	(8,510)
Streets	13,265	10,033	3,232
Parks and recreation	1,290	15,408	(14,118)
Other	0	6,627	(6,627)
Capital outlay	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	228,925	254,113	(25,188)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,699)	4,051	3,750
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers (out)	0	(3,932)	(3,932)
Loan Proceeds	0	0	0
Loan payments	0	(7,680)	(7,680)
Capital assets	0	0	0
Interest income	0	0	0
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	0	(11,612)	(11,612)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCIAL USES	(1,699)	(7,561)	(5,862)
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004	24,838	43,013	18,175
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2005	\$23,139	\$35,452	\$12,313

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the year ended June 30, 2006

	GENERAL FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REVENUES			
Taxes and licenses	\$89,180	\$0	\$89,180
Police department	3,190	0	3,190
Prison Incentive	92,093	0	92,093
Municipal road aid/LGEA	47,855	0	47,855
Lease	600	0	600
Miscellaneous	25,246	233	25,479
TOTAL REVENUES	258,164	233	258,397
EXPENDITURES			
General & Administrative	168,655	0	168,655
Police department	40,533	0	40,533
Fire department	12,857	0	12,857
Maintenance	10,033	7,223	17,256
Recreation	15,408	432	15,840
Other	6,627	0	6,627
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	254,113	7,655	261,768
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	4,051	(7,422)	(3,371)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	0	3,932	3,932
Operating transfers out	(3,932)	0	(3,932)
Loan Proceeds	0	0	0
Loan Payments	(7,680)	0	(7,680)
Capital assets	0	0	0
Interest earned	0	10	10
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(11,612)	3,942	(7,670)
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(7,561)	(3,480)	(11,041)
Fund Balance — June 30, 2004	43,013	8,960	51,973
FUND BALANCE — JUNE 30, 2005	\$35,452	\$5,480	\$40,932

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2005

	GENERAL	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalent	\$23,987	\$0	\$23,987
Cash and cash equivalent-restricted	0	5,480	5,480
Receivables (Note 5)	8,655	0	8,655
Due from Utility Company	10,643	0	10,643
Prepaid expenses	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$43,285	\$5,480	\$48,765
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$1,414	\$0	\$1,414
Accrued Compensated Absences	6,419	0	6,419
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,833	0	7,833
FUND BALANCES			
Reserved for	0	5,480	5,480
Special revenue funds	35,452	0	35,452
Unrestricted	0	0	0
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	35,452	5,480	40,932
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$43,285	\$5,480	\$48,765
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE			\$40,932

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of net assets are different because Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. 151,817

Accumulated depreciation (65,313)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds (15,636)

NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$111,800

The accompanying notes to the basis financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT,
KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
(07/01/07) THROUGH (06/30/08)
BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal & message has been prepared and delivered to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT,

SECTION 1:

That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning (07/01/07) and ending (06/30/08) is hereby adopted as follows:

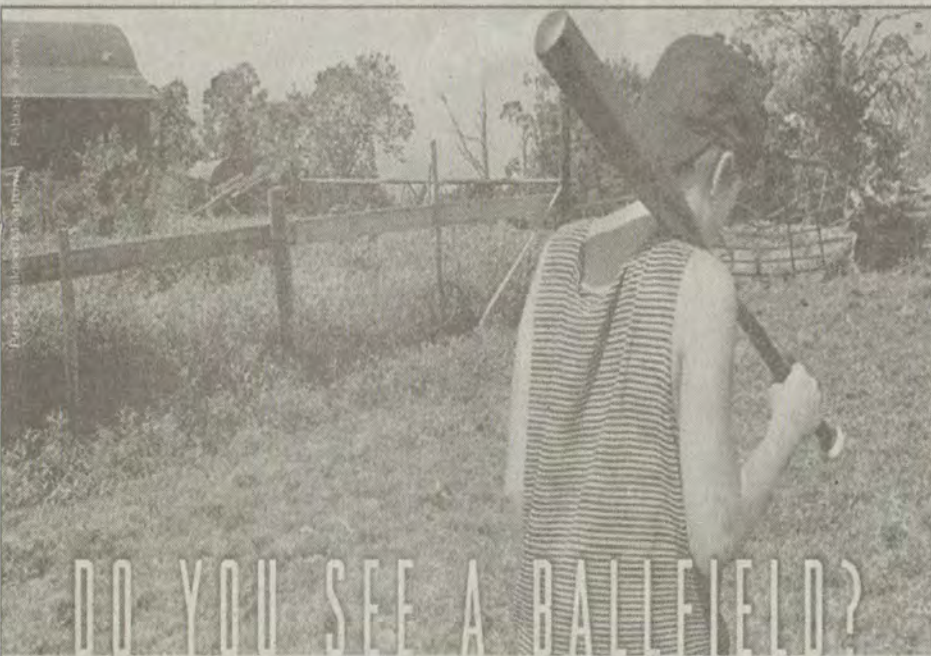
	General Fund	LGEA Fund	Road Aid Fund	Proprietary (Utilities) Fund
Resources Available:				
Fund balance carried forward	\$23,293	\$0	\$4,622	\$179,544
Estimated Revenues:				
Property taxes	90,985			
Licenses & permits	1,200			
Intergovernmental revenues	8,780	55,000	32,000	
Charges for services				852,235
Other	4,110		4,525	
Total estimated revenues	105,075	55,000	36,525	852,235
Total resources available for appropriation	\$128,368	\$55,000	41,147	\$1,031,779
Appropriations:				
General Government	\$115,205			
Police	3,100	30,956		
Fire		16,470		
Streets	3,000	7,574	25,000	
Other				
Enterprises				952,481
Parks & Recreation	500			
Total Appropriations	121,805	55,000	25,000	
Excess of resources over/under appropriations	(16,730)	0	11,525	(100,246)
Estimated fund balances end of fiscal year	\$6,563	\$0	\$16,147	\$79,298

SECTION 2:

That this ordinance shall be of effect on 07/01/07 (first day of the fiscal year).

ATTEST:
Mary Ann Stone

W. J. ...
MAYOR, CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT



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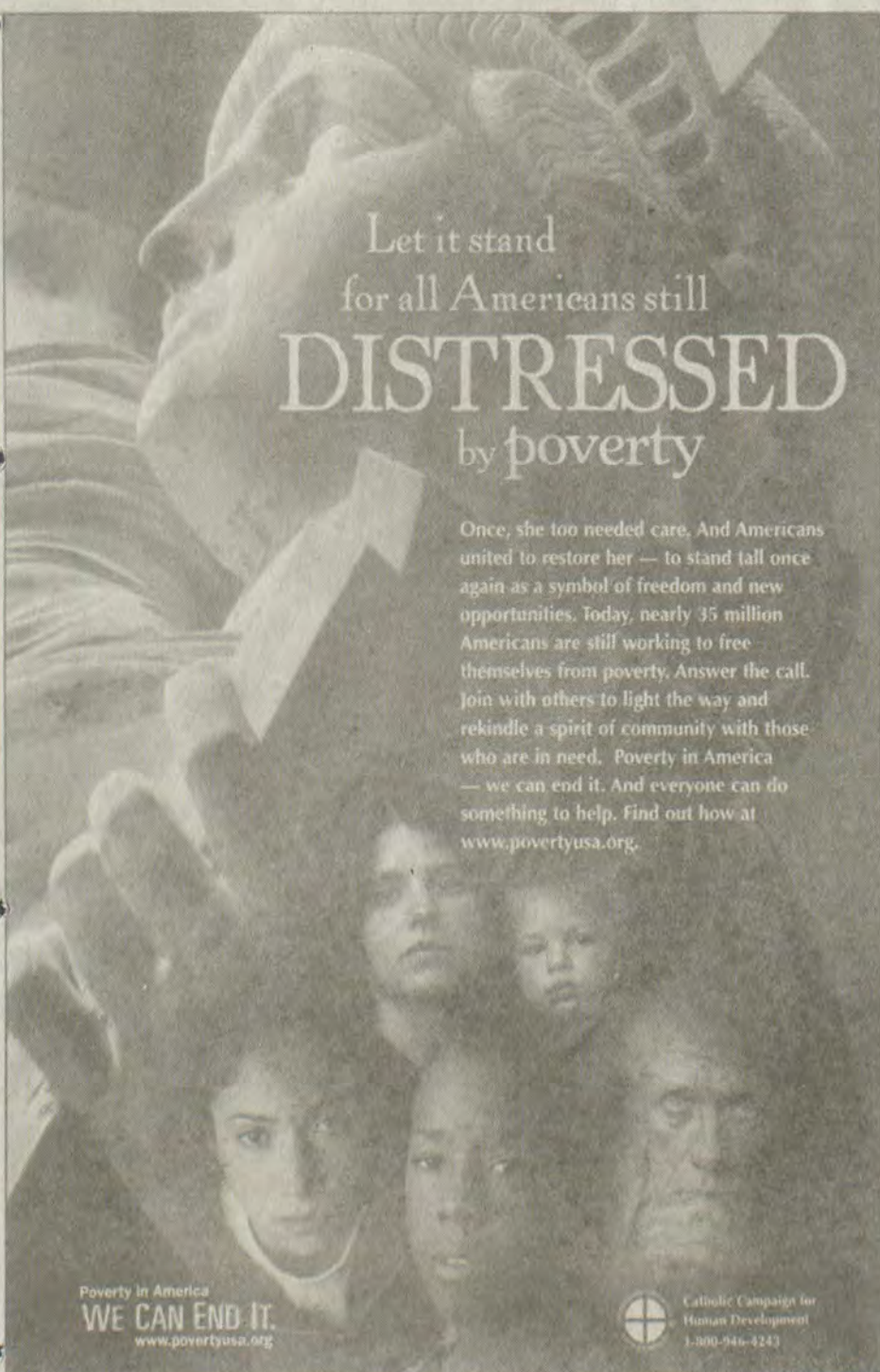
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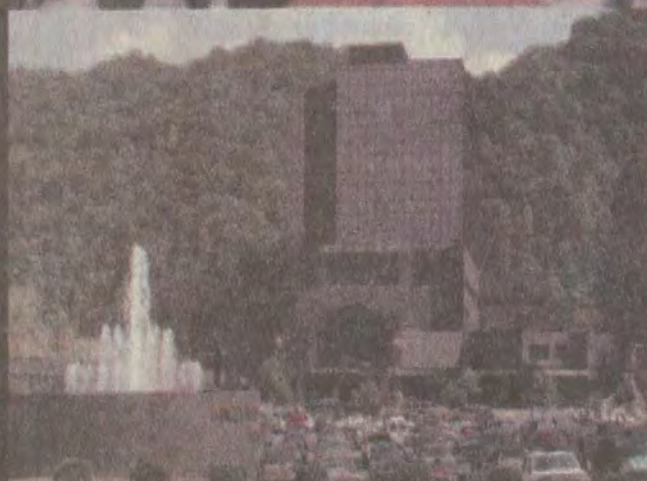
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