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**briefs**

## Fletcher releases tax return

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher released his state and federal income tax returns on Thursday, showing a gross income last year of \$124,118.

Of that, \$119,703 was his salary as governor. The remainder was from investments.

Fletcher has released his income tax statements each year since he became governor.

"He feels it's important for the voters to see where his income is coming from, and it shows the openness he has regarding his personal finances," said Marty Ryall, manager of Fletcher's re-election campaign. "We encourage the other candidates to release theirs as well."

Fletcher claimed \$40,426 in itemized deductions on his federal return, reducing his taxable income to \$77,092.

Fletcher and his wife, Glenna, filed joint returns, which shows they gave \$1,847 worth of clothing and kitchen items to Goodwill and Cedar Lake Lodge.

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## YEAR-END CELEBRATION



photos by Jessica Hale

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn served some cold drinks to students at Dewey Dam who graduated from this year's DARE program.

# DARE graduates have day of fun at spillway

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Sheriff's Department and students throughout the county who participated in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program celebrated their successes with a day of fun in the sun at Dewey Dam.

The national DARE program began in Los Angeles in 1983 and is now implemented in 75 percent of the nation's school districts and more than 43 countries around the world. The program is led by law enforcement officers who conduct a series of lessons in the classroom to children from kindergarten through 12th grade. Lessons are based on teaching children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence free lives.

For nine years, Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn has used the DARE program to provide children



DARE graduates throughout the county soaked up the sun on a beautiful day Wednesday at Dewey Dam.

with the knowledge needed to resist temptations that school children often encounter.

Over 600 students joined in on the fun at Dewey Dam on Wednesday. The Prestonsburg Fire Department, Betsy Layne

Fire Department, Garrett Fire Department, Medflight, and Q95 all participated in the event. Students received a t-shirt and trophy for their successful graduation from the DARE program.

## Former appeals judge charged with trespassing

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former Court of Appeals judge now needs an attorney for himself after being charged with criminal trespassing.

While details are unclear at this time, the complaint filed on May 7 alleges that David Barber went into Prestonsburg High School

on May 1 with the intent to cause two minors to engage in a fight.

Barber is being charged with a misdemeanor charge of second-degree criminal trespassing. Floyd County Supt. Paul Fanning is listed as the complaining witness in the case.

Barber is scheduled to appear in Floyd County District Court to answer the charge on June 6.

## State files suit against Marathon for price gouging

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky officials sued Marathon Petroleum Co. on Thursday, accusing the fuel supplier of violating state price gouging laws in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo claims Marathon overcharged Kentucky residents \$86 million and that Speedway and SuperAmerica stores overcharged an additional \$3 million.

"The worst thing about the massive overcharging for gasoline is that it took place during a grave national emergency," Stumbo said in a statement.

Angelia Graves, a spokeswoman for Marathon, Kentucky's largest wholesale supplier of gasoline, said the company did nothing wrong.

"We're surprised and disappointed that the attorney general would take action like this against Marathon and Speedway," Graves said. "We have been

cooperating fully with them through our discussions and by providing all the information they requested."

Graves said Marathon officials had "some preliminary discussions" with the attorney general's office in January, but none of the investigators had contacted the company since.

Stumbo's office cracked down on fuel suppliers when gasoline prices in some parts of the state increased to more than \$3 a gallon in the wake of the devastating hurricanes, which damaged oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Last August, the attorney general levied fines totaling \$52,500 against 11 other Kentucky gasoline retailers to settle price gouging allegations.

The lawsuit, filed in Franklin County circuit court, follows an 18-month probe by investigators from the attorney general's office, said Stumbo, who is the running mate of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford.

(See GAS, page seven)

## Pike County pushes for license plate supporting coal miners

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — In Appalachia's coal country, license plates celebrate police officers, firefighters, cattlemen — even bowlers.

Yet, despite the thousands of workers entering underground mines each day, there's no license plate for coal miners.

The lack of such a specialty plate was both surprising and disappointing to officials in Eastern Kentucky's Pike County who started a pushing for such a tag last week.

"It's a cultural thing, it's a historical thing," said Roger Ford, director

of energy and technology for Pike County. "It really shocked us that we didn't have one already."

In Eastern Kentucky and much of Appalachia, miners are revered for their courage as well as their contributions to the coal-driven economy. It's obvious they deserve one, said Kentucky Coal Association President Bill Caylor.

"It's been kicked around for some time," Caylor said, "but it kept getting pushed back on the burner."

None of the nation's top five coal-producing states — Wyoming, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania

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photo by Jessica Hale

Band students from throughout Floyd County entertained a large audience of their classmates at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday during the 2007 Floyd County Schools Band and Art Festival.

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# Obituaries

## David Carrol Chaffins

David Carrol Chaffins, 54, of David, died Thursday, May 3, 2007, in King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born October 1, 1952, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Eva Hale Chaffins of Van Lear, and the late Marion Chaffins. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Deonna Thornsbury Chaffins.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Samuel David and Ruby Mae Chaffins of David; a daughter, Stephanie Danese Chaffins of Cynthia; and two grandchildren: Danese Deon Chaffins and Ina Michelle Lawson.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Jimmy Ray Chaffins and Earl Edward Chaffins.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Carl Woods officiating.

Burial was in the Thornsbury Cemetery, on Pitts Fork in David, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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## Curtis Clark

Curtis Clark, age 61, of Harold, passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born March 1, 1946, in Honaker, the son of the late Lonzo Curtis Clark and Rachel Irick Clark.

He was general manager for Rising Sun Development Co.; a Vietnam Airforce veteran; was master of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273 of Prestonsburg; and a member of the Fitzpatrick Baptist Church of Prestonsburg.

He is survived by the wife, Gloria Faye Lynch Clark; a son, Kevin Curtis Clark of Harold; and a daughter, Kimberly Clark Hinkle of Harold; two grandchildren: Peyton Curtis Clark and Alexander Clark Hinkle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Clark Robinette.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Tommy Reed officiating.

Burial will be in the K.F. Clark Cemetery in Honaker, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Masonic services were conducted at 7:00 p.m., Thursday evening.

(Paid obituary)

## George E. Faine

George E. Faine, 80, of Bevensville, died Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at his residence.

Born September 17, 1926, in Garrett, he was the son of the late Harry and Harriett Tuff's Fain. He was personnel manager for Bailey Mining; a U.S. Army World War II veteran; a member of Wheelwright Masonic Lodge No. 889, and attended the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

He was twice married, first to Ruth L. Branham Faine, who preceded him in death, and later to Margot Latussek Faine, who survives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons: Gary Roger Faine (Darcus) of Shelbyville, George Ronald Faine (Kathy) of Raven; and Michael Andree Faine of Bevensville; three step-children: Robert Lee (Wanda) of Lexington, Richard Lee (Cathy) of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Renee Karen Garcia of Lexington; a sister, Geraldine Fain of Columbus, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, and first wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Bill Fain and Harry Ray Fain; and a sister, Ella Jane Hall.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 11, at 2 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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## Willie C. (Bill) Fraley

Willie C. (Bill) Fraley, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 4, 2007, at the VA Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia.

Born August 25, 1935, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Pearl and Arizona Nunnery Fraley.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Marie Maynard Fraley.

Other survivors include two sons: John Delmar Fraley of Milan, Michigan, and Samuel Ray Fraley of Emma; two brothers: Jack Fraley of Tipton, Michigan, and Bob Fraley of Tram; a sister, Ida Faye Webb of Dwale; and four grandchildren: Randall, Sean, Jessica and Nathaniel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Thelma Merritt.

Funeral services were held

Monday, May 7, at 1 p.m., at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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## Bill G. Hall Sr.

Bill G. "Buck" Hall Sr., age 67, died at home on March 27, 2007, following a battle with cancer.

Born November 17, 1939, in Bevensville, Floyd County, he was the son of the late Goble and Alice Hall.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bill G. "Billy" Hall Jr., on February 9, 2007; sisters: Temp Waddles, Susie Harris, Jackie Little of Kentucky; Ella Caudill of Cleveland, Ohio; and brothers: Bernis and

Omeah "Buddy" Hall of Floyd County.

Buck attended Floyd County Schools before moving to Ashtabula, Ohio. He was employed by Rockwell Plastics, having worked at both the Ashtabula and Lexington plants. He retired early with a medical disability.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (nee Wood); a son, Mark Hall of Ashtabula, Ohio; two sisters: Cora Lee Tackett of Cleveland, Ohio, and Gladys Morgan of Kentucky; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

(Paid obituary)

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## Ned Keathley

Ned Keathley, age 83, of Wyandotte, Michigan, passed away Sunday, May 6, 2007, at the Oakwood Heritage Hospital, Taylor, Michigan.

He was born December 19, 1923, in Harold, the son of the late Joe Keathley and Julie

Yates Keathley. He was a retired electrician.

Survivors include a son, Leroy (Vivian) Keathley of Beaver; two grandchildren: Jerry Lee Keathley and Jeffery Ned Keathley; and two great-grandchildren: Samuel Keathley and Benjamin Keathley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Keathley.

Funeral services for Ned Keathley were conducted

Thursday, May 10, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Ralph Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Greenburg Hall Cemetery, in Galveston, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jerry Keathley, James W. Keathley, and Randolph Keathley.

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Fred Johnson would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to Carter Funeral Home; Dr. Hyden and Highlands Regional staff. Special thanks to the second floor nurses for their love and kindness to our father; Rev. Fannin and singers; and pallbearers; DAV Chapter No. 18; and for anyone who helped in any way, our many thanks.

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Myrtle Marshall Frasure, 51, of Galveston, to Robert James Brady, 55, of Prestonsburg.  
 Ernestine Marell Horn, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Ray Fletcher, 29, of Salyersville.  
 Luz Estoque Tadeo, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Scott Stephens, 42, of Prestonsburg.  
 Miranda H. May, 19, of Kimper, to Joseph D. Collins, 24, of Betsy Layne.  
 Linda Sue Arnett, 38, of Prestonsburg, to Jerry Ray Allen, 53, of Prestonsburg.  
 Brittany Michelle Wright, 19, of Banner, to Joshua Albert Pennington, 22, of Prestonsburg.  
 Christian Leeann Kidd, 22, of Betsy Layne, to Jody Newsome, 28, of Beaver.  
 Courtney Allison McKinney, 18, of Allen, to Robert Dale Vanderpool Jr., 19, of Allen.  
 Angela Lynn Blair, 23, of Prestonsburg, to John Daniel Shaver, 23, of Lejeune, North Carolina.  
 Vivian Ann Hunter, 44, Grethel, to Willie R. Hamilton, 39, of Grethel.  
 Melissa A. Caldwell, 30, of Paintsville, to Charles D. Ward, 41, of Paintsville.  
 Paula Lee May, 28, of West Van Lear, to Jamie Lee Sluss, 30, of West Van Lear.  
 Charlene Ousley, 44, of Prestonsburg, to Alvis Cleveland Scott, 54, of Prestonsburg.  
 Christina Ann Belcher, 30, of Pikeville, to Rolando Florentina, 21, of Pikeville.

### Civil Suits Filed

US Bank vs. Maria Scott, et al  
 Jo A. Elliott vs. Catherine Neeley  
 Teresa Johnson vs. Moran Foods d/b/a Save-a-Lot  
 Elizabeth Hughes vs. Delbert Hubbard  
 Donna Potter Little vs. Gilbert Little  
 First Guaranty Bank vs. Christine Bradford  
 Summer Blanton vs. Daniel Blanton  
 Melissa Hernandez vs. Jorge Hernandez  
 Rhonda Ann Smith vs. Kermit Smith  
 Brian Boleyn vs. Sheila K. Swafford  
 Sally Wolfe vs. Gary Wolfe  
 Terri Endicott vs. Joshua Endicott  
 Jessica Sammons vs. Glenn Mace  
 Harvest Credit Management V II, LLC vs. Patty Perry  
 Billie Turner vs. Jeffery Turner  
 Ali Janell Hogan vs. Stephen Bradley  
 First Commonwealth Bank vs. Beverly Osborne York, et al  
 Christal Tackett vs. Donald L. Tackett  
 Delena G. Ratliff vs. Phillip A. Ratliff  
 James Risner vs. Teresa Louise Risner  
 FIA Card Services, N.A. vs. Georgia F. Layne  
 Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Anna Little, et al vs. Helen Hill, et al vs. Krystal Casey, et al  
 Barbara Hamilton vs. Jonathan Hamilton  
 Trendera Hall vs. Gregory S. Hall  
 Darrell Castle, et al vs. Bizzack, Inc.

### Small Claims Filings

T II, LLC vs. Johnnie Sparkman d/b/a Apollo Pizza  
 Paragon Way, Inc. vs. Paul Faulkner  
 Janice Davis vs. Randy Bentley, et al  
 Asset Acceptance, LLC vs. Phillip Anderson  
 Midland Funding, LLC vs. John Prater  
 W&C Investments, Inc. vs. Lanny Hall, et al  
 Cash in Hand vs. Belinda Ousley  
 Cash in Hand vs. Dorlis Baldrige  
 Diann Whitten vs. Lizzie Robertson  
 AFS/GE Capital vs. Mary McNeil  
 AFS/GE Capital vs. Darrell Hunter  
 Alka Fitch vs. Nathan Blackburn

### Charges Filed

Nathan Alan Stamper, 28, Pikeville, criminal mischief.  
 Gary D. Warick, 41, East Point, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, license to be in possession, terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct, giving officer false name/address.  
 James Michael Layne II, 42, Langley, fourth-degree assault.  
 Steven Edward Dalton, 25, Wayland, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, criminal mischief, terroristic threatening, harassment.  
 Eric B. Gayheart, 22, Hi Hat, harassment.  
 Christy Lee Henry, 33, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.  
 Charles Hall Jr., 24, Banner, possession marijuana, public intoxication.  
 Jeffrey D. McKinney Jr., 24, Hindman, criminal possession of forged instrument.  
 Nathaniel Slone, 18, Beaver, possession marijuana, possession controlled substance/drug unspecified.  
 Melinda G. Ramey, 28, Langley, alcohol intoxication.  
 John Nicholas Ratliff, 24, Prestonsburg, criminal littering.  
 Kenneth Wayne Daniels, 36, Van Lear, non-approved personal float.  
 Tate Edward Boyd, 33, Banner, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Paul Tucker, 20, Beaver, hunt/fish/trap without license.  
 Linda Bryant, 35,

Prestonsburg, hunt/fish/trap without license.

Mark Brian Patton, 25, Prestonsburg, motor boat not registered.

Tammy L. Tucker, 21, Beaver, hunt/fish/trap without license.

Dannie Lee Bentley, 55, Prestonsburg, failure parent/custodian to send child to school.

Rhoda Jade Spencer, 34, Allen, failure parent/custodian to send child to school.

Charles E. Hamilton, 39, Galveston, alcohol intoxication.

David A. Barber, 54, Prestonsburg, criminal trespass

Auther Redford, 30, Wheelwright, harassment.

Lisa H. Minix, 40, Prestonsburg, harassment.

Joey Lewis, 24, Ivel, fourth-degree assault.

Tracy Lewis, 25, Ivel, fourth-degree assault.

### Inspections

Boyd's Grocery, Banner, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, toilet room doors not

self-closing, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Score: Food, 94, Retail, 97  
 W.D. Osborne Elementary, Bevensville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper thawing methods being used for potentially hazardous foods, nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained, all plumbing not maintained according to law, floors not in good repair, employees

personal items not stored properly. Score: 94

Cardinal Mart #2, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are

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# Viewpoint

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— Albert Einstein

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— Guest View —

## Editorial roundup

*The Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, N.Y., on the Republican Party:*

It's interesting, alone, that the site for the first presidential debate among Republican contenders was California and the Reagan Library.

After all, California hasn't voted for a Republican candidate for president since 1988. But just maybe the 10 declared GOP candidates were trying to send a message: The Western spirit, distinguished for being pioneering and popularized in the late 20th century by Ronald Reagan, a celebrated Californian, is alive.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, a former actor, like Reagan, is certainly a pioneer. And also like Reagan, the idol of most Republicans, he too won keys to the governor's mansion in California, a state that is solidly Democratic.

But a big difference for many of the Republicans in the 2008 presidential field, is that, unlike Reagan, who was an ideological conservative, the leading contenders lean more to the center. ...

Romney, McCain and Giuliani all strayed from GOP support for interceding in the widely publicized case of Terri Schiavo, a brain-damaged Florida woman. And Giuliani went so far as to endorse a woman's right to make a decision on whether to have an abortion.

These three GOP candidates are certainly blazing new trails, but it's unlikely that they're ones that would please the Gipper.

*Los Angeles Times, on gas prices:*

With gas prices soaring and congressional Democrats eager to flex their environmental muscles, the stars have seldom been better aligned for a long-overdue increase in automotive fuel economy standards. Yet the best hope for progress a sensible bill from California Sen. Dianne Feinstein underwent oral surgery Tuesday and is now all but toothless.

Feinstein's bill would require that every automaker's combined car and light-truck fleets sold in the U.S. improve from an average of 25 miles per gallon to 35 mpg by 2019. While that was originally an ironclad mandate and the first major increase in overall fuel standards since 1985 the Senate Commerce Committee ... watered down the bill by allowing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to let carmakers off the hook if it determines the annual goals aren't cost-effective. That Hummer-sized loophole means any administration hostile to tighter standards, or simply unwilling to take on the tough Detroit lobby, might be able to ignore them.

... Without a firm government mandate, there's a good chance the 35-mpg goal won't be met, even two decades after Europe and Japan got there. That means higher greenhouse gas emissions and a greater reliance on foreign oil. That's too heavy a cost for placating Detroit.

*The Blade, Toledo, Ohio, on the anniversary of Bush's "Mission Accomplished" declaration:*

Four years ago, President Bush made his now infamous appearance on an aircraft carrier donning a flight suit and assuming a swagger for effect. Under a "Mission Accomplished" banner put up by the White House, Mr. Bush used words like "prevailed" and "victory" to describe mastery over the worst of the war in Iraq, if not the war itself.

It was perhaps the biggest public relations blunder of an administration that has come to regret what some called the "irrational exuberance" of the moment. Just as on May 1, 2003, the battle for Iraq, now in its fifth year, is nowhere near over. ...

Just a year after the President ordered his pre-emptive invasion, a former top official with the National Security Council had a stark observation of the campaign that holds today.

Flynt Leverett, who also served as a State Department counterterrorism analyst, said that even though a successful military effort removed Saddam Hussein, it was clear "the Bush Administration at the highest level still had no clue of what they had gotten themselves into" and had no meaningful plan for managing it.

The truth of that assessment is painfully apparent. ...



## Letters

### Youths need place of their own

It has been said many times before that we Americans take for granted the very freedoms our country was based upon. As a young member of this community, I find it difficult to receive many of the freedoms Americans take for granted. Freedom of speech as well as freedom of assembly are two things this community obviously does not honor.

I am writing this letter to be the voice of every kid, every teenager and every young adult not only in this community, but in every community. I am here to speak for all of those kids who have been kicked out of a public parking lot on a daily basis. For all of those kids who were told the streets were a more suitable hang-out than a simple vacant parking lot. I'm here to be the voice of all of those kids with dreams as big as the sky. Dreams of becoming a rock star, dreams of becoming a famous musician, dreams of singing lead vocals in the biggest band in the entire world.

Most importantly I am here to speak for those of us who simply dream of and ask for nothing more than a simple community center. A community center to host what have become known as "shows." What exactly is a show? A show is where a group of kids get together and host local bands from around the community and around all of Eastern Kentucky. These bands come in and play the songs they worked endless hours to create. Music that could possibly become the best selling song of all time. They could create an album that would outsell The Beatles and Elvis combined.

In order to accomplish such

dreams, one must have a safe place to start out. At shows in communities throughout America they get this safe environment. There are no drugs, alcohol, fights or violence of any kind permitted. It is an unspoken, unwritten set of rules that kids don't have to see or hear to know they are enforced. It has become a matter of mutual respect between the show hosts and show goers.

But sadly this community shuns the idea of such events. Who exactly attends these shows? Who are the young community members being turned away to the streets? They are the same group of kids who enjoyed nothing more than skating in a vacant parking lot. Getting together after school and work or on the weekends to hang out with their friends and peers. They are the same kids that carpool from town to town to catch a show. They are the same kids that were told they couldn't hang out in a vacant parking lot. They are the kids who were told to get lost, to find somewhere else to stand. They were told their style of music and dancing weren't allowed in that parking lot when so many other bands have played there before. Only that style of music was targeted towards a different audience.

These kids had found a safe place to hangout and have their shows. In a real community center. A center not in city limits. A center that was supposedly open to the public to rent. A space big enough to offer these kids a safe haven for the night. To dance, to sing, to play, to skate. But as all things these kids have set their hearts too, it also came to an end.

Since roughly 1999 different teens have been renting the Allen Convention Center located in Stumbo Park. Up until the past few years, all things had been going well. Tons of kids were attending, bands

by the hundreds were playing to an audience and getting their sound out. To date there are several bands touring across the world with major label bands. There are dozens of bands that have been signed to record labels big and small. There are thousands of kids whose dreams are starting to come true.

On March 31, an alleged fight broke out at the convention center. A fight that I personally did not see. A fight that around 100 kids did not see. A fight that has no police report, hospital report or witnesses who have come forth to swear to witnessing the fight. Due to this alleged incident those over the convention center have taken it upon themselves to ban all shows from the center. They aren't willing to hear our side of the story or give us the benefit of the doubt in trusting us to be adult enough to handle any situation that may come before us.

With yet another roadblock set up in our path, we are once again trying to overcome this obstacle. We are asking our community, the community of Prestonsburg, to grant us the possibility to change lives. To grow and have the experiences that every child should get. We are asking the community to give us a place to call our own. A place to have shows, skate, hang out and to stay off the streets. A place to use as an alternative to drinking, doing drugs and participating in things respectable young adults shouldn't take part in.

We as the youth of the community are asking for a place for us to feel welcome and accepted. A place for us to call home. A place that we are no longer kicked out of. Somewhere safe for us to grow and live life as free Americans.

Sheena Wright  
Prestonsburg

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A lot of guys got to spend plenty of time mowing their lawns this week as a hostile takeover by the "Lifetime Network" saw all of the new releases aimed at the ladies.

■ "Music and Lyrics" — This romantic comedy was probably the best release to hit the shelves. It's one of those "opposites attract" scenarios that finds a veteran British musician teamed with a young female lyricist to provide a pop hit for a teen idol. There are plenty of good one-liners here and professional line readings by Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore. The only problem is Grant is funny for about half an hour, then you just want to crush his face with Wiley E. Coyote-sized boulder.

■ "Because I Said So" — It's hard to disagree with the message of this trite comedy, which casts Diane Keaton as an overbearing mom who just wants the best for her daughter. It gets awkward when

Mom tries to hook up daughter (played by Mandy Moore) with the right guy. Unfortunately, it never really gets funny and the characters are not very realistic.

■ "The Painted Veil" — This drama starts off well, as a husband drags his wife to a remote region of China to treat a cholera outbreak. He is kind of hoping she catches the disease, as he has just discovered she was having an affair with a less lugubrious fellow. Unfortunately, the trip helps them reevaluate their relationship just before tragedy strikes. Edward Norton and Nicole Kidman try hard in the lead roles, but this is about as much fun as a trip to the dentist.

■ "Breaking and Entering" — A second attempt at drama also fails this week in this dreary effort about a man trying to choose between two women in his life while developing a relationship with a young thief. What might have been an interesting drama gets the overlong and dull treatment by handkerchief maestro Anthony Minghella ("The English Patient"). Even less fun than "The Painted

Veil."

■ "Fur" — Nicole Kidman is two for two this week with the release of this companion handkerchief movie. Here she is cast as Diane Arbus, who flees her wealthy family to photograph the less fortunate alongside her tour guide/boyfriend (played by a seemingly unprepared Robert Downey Jr.).

■ "Catch and Release" — Men expecting a film about fishing will be sorely disappointed in this romantic comedy starring Jennifer Garner. The premise is that a woman learns a lot of strange things about her fiancé after his unexpected death. Believe it or not, this is a feel-good movie that gets a few yuks from a sharp pair of performances by Kevin Smith and Juliette Lewis. It has a few moments, but Garner fans should start petitioning for an "Alias" movie.

Next week look for more variety with the release of the sci-fi film "The Fountain" alongside the Oscar-winning "Pan's Labyrinth."

## OxyContin maker and executives plead guilty to misleading public

by SUE LINDSEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROANOKE, Va. — The maker of the powerful painkiller OxyContin and three of its current and former executives pleaded guilty Thursday to misleading the public about the drug's risk of addiction, a federal prosecutor and the company said.

Purdue Pharma L.P., its president, top lawyer and former chief medical officer will pay \$634.5 million in fines for claiming the drug was less addictive and less subject to abuse than other pain medications, U.S. Attorney John Brownlee said in a news release.

The plea agreement comes two days after the Stamford, Conn.-based company agreed to pay \$19.5 million to 26 states and the District of Columbia to settle complaints that it encouraged physicians to overprescribe OxyContin.

"With its OxyContin, Purdue unleashed a highly abusable, addictive, and potentially dangerous drug on an unsuspecting and unknowing public," Brownlee said. "For these misrepresentations and crimes, Purdue and its executives have been brought to justice."

Purdue learned from focus groups with physicians in 1995 that they were worried about the abuse potential of OxyContin. The company then gave false information to its sales representatives that the drug had less potential for addiction and abuse than other painkillers, the U.S. attorney said.

Purdue Pharma said it accepted responsibility for its employees' actions.

"During the past six years, we have implemented changes to our internal training, compliance and monitoring systems that seek to assure that similar events do not occur

again," the company said in a news release.

OxyContin, a trade name for oxycodone, is a time-release painkiller that can be highly addictive. Designed to be swallowed whole and digested over 12 hours, the pills can produce a heroin-like high if crushed and then swallowed, snorted or injected.

From 1996 to 2001, the number of oxycodone-related deaths nationwide increased 400 percent while the annual number of OxyContin prescriptions increased nearly 20-fold, according to a report by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. In 2002, the DEA said the drug caused 146 deaths and contributed to another 318.

In western Virginia, 228 people died from overdoses of oxycodone from 1996 to 2005, Brownlee said.

Brownlee said the guilty pleas were entered Thursday morning in U.S. District Court

in Abingdon, about 135 miles south of Roanoke. In addition to Purdue's plea, company chief executive officer Michael Friedman, general counsel Howard Udell and chief medical officer Paul Goldenheim each pleaded guilty to misdemeanor counts of misbranding the drug. They individually will pay fines totaling \$34.5 million.

The fines will be distributed to state and federal law enforcement agencies, the federal government, federal and state Medicaid programs, a Virginia prescription monitoring program and individuals who had sued the company. At least \$5 million will go toward a six-year company program to monitor compliance with the agreement.

## Erwin selected as new education commissioner

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Kentucky education officials turned to a new commissioner on Wednesday to help the state reach its goal of bringing all pupils up to proficiency levels by 2014.

After meeting behind closed doors for more than 4 1/2 hours, the Kentucky Board of Education approved new Commissioner Barbara Erwin, a superintendent from suburban Chicago, without opposition. Erwin, who replaces former Commissioner Gene Wilhoit, said her top priority was to push schools across the state to meet federal No Child Left Behind requirements during the next seven years.

"There's a lot of work in the commonwealth of Kentucky making sure all of our children reach proficiency," Erwin said. "I do believe I have the skills and the experience necessary to do that — to work collaboratively with superintendents, principals and teachers to make that happen."

The board hired Erwin, a superintendent in St. Charles, Ill., on a 10-0 vote, despite questions that have arisen concerning her resume. She begins her duties on July 16,

and received a four-year contract that pays her \$220,000 per year.

Before taking the Illinois job, Erwin served four years, beginning in 2000, as superintendent in Scottsdale, Ariz. Before that, she served as superintendent in Allen, Texas, and Tipton, Ind.

Erwin, who has also been a teacher and elementary school principal, has a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, a master's degree from Purdue University and a doctorate in school administration from Indiana University.

Wilhoit resigned to become executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers in Washington.

She was identified as the leading candidate for the Kentucky job on April 25. Since then, questions surfaced regarding possible inaccuracies on her resume, including a discrepancy about her claim that she has twice received the Texas Superintendent of the Year Award.

The Texas Association of School Administrators, which was one of the groups listed on her resume, has said it does not present such an award. Erwin told reporters there were no problems with her resume, and she satisfied the board on the

matter.

"Things on my resume do check out, and I have presented the evidence concerning the awards in Texas that were attributed and won," Erwin said.

Board member Doug Hubbard of Bardstown, who said last week he made a mistake when he agreed to name Erwin as the top choice for the job, was at a meeting in Washington on Wednesday but listened in by conference call. Under board rules, however, he was not allowed to vote.

Hubbard had said there was a credibility issue surrounding Erwin and that she should withdraw her name from consideration.

Dick Innes, education policy analyst for the Bowling Green-based Bluegrass Institute, said he thought the board's decision was rushed. Innes said that given the closed nature of the selection process that led to her being the board's top candidate, there should be time allowed for more public scrutiny.

"I think it's the wrong move to go ahead with her right now," Innes said. "I think there's too many questions."

Board Chairman Keith

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employed, improper storage of single service articles, attached equipment not in good repair on walls and ceiling, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 94, Retail, 95

Brenda's Place, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, cloths used for wiping nonfood contact surfaces being used for other purposes, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 95

Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Main building boys' restroom floor in disrepair, hallway floor tile in disrepair in old building, wall and floor in disrepair in classroom 504. Score: 96

Osborne's Rest and Pizza, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of effective hair restraints, toilet room doors not self-closing, attached equipment not constructed properly on walls and ceiling, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 94

McDowell IGA, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Cloths used for wiping nonfood contact surfaces being used for other purposes, sanitary towel or other hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, employees' personal items not stored properly, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing poten-

tially hazardous foods, improper storage of single service articles. Score: Food, 96, Retail, 97

Double Kwik, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, lighting not provided as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 95, Retail, 98

Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of clean equipment and utensils, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair. Score: 97

**Property Transfers**

Bryon Belcher to Cecil R. Hatton Revocable Trust and

Cecil R. Hatton Trustee, property located at Abbott Creek.

Vincent Blevins to James and Wilma Hall, property location undisclosed.

Edford Leon Clark to Nora Clark, property located at Osborne Branch.

Mary M. Hyden Clark to Nora Clark, property located at Osborne Branch.

Nick Fairchild to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Norma Stegall Fairchild to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Bill Gibson to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Debbie Stegall Gibson to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Regie Halbert to John Morgan Stumbo, property location undisclosed.

Mary Ann Woods Hall

Guardian to Challis Dean Hall and Mary Ann Woods Hall, property location undisclosed.

Catherine Hamilton to Rocky Hamilton, property location undisclosed.

Emmit Hamilton to Rocky Hamilton, property location undisclosed.

Alice Harris to Kyle Lon May, property location undisclosed.

Janavee Hoffman Guardian to Edward and Janavee Hoffman, property location undisclosed.

Gertrude Stegall Ison to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Gwen Stegall Jones to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Jimmy Jones to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Gregory Justice to Leona and Phillip Sayre, property located at Langley.

Jennie Justice to Leona and Phillip Sayre, property located at Langley.

Lisa Gail Stegall Slone Lambert to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Scott Lambert to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

David May to Stacy and Vanessa Goble, property locat-

ed at Spradlin Branch.

Frank May II to Stacy and Vanessa Goble, property located at Spradlin Branch.

Carvel Ousley to Edward and Janavee Hoffman, property location undisclosed.

Marsha Scarberry Christopher Scott Adkins and Lois Adkins, property located at Mud Creek.

Rodney Scarberry to Christopher Scott Adkins and Lois Adkins, property located at Mud Creek.

Pauline Shepherd to Kimberly Howard, property located at Salt Lick.

Anita Stegall to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Billie Lou Stegall to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Sharon Stegall to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Stanley Willard Stegall to Billie Joe Stegall, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Charity Swafford to Deborah and Jack Hunt, property location undisclosed.

Jessie Swafford to Deborah and Jack Hunt, property location undisclosed.

Roseanna Lynn Tilley to Challis Dean Hall and Mary Ann Woods Hall, property location undisclosed.

**Obituaries**

**In Memory of Faye Shepherd**



**I miss you.**

You are gone now, mother, I miss you more than you can know. Time goes slowly by, I miss you so. No one can replace a mother, No one can take away the pain, Mother's Day is approaching, The thought makes my heart break again. It is my first year without you, First year of not talking with you on the phone. First year of not looking for a present for you, First year of feeling so alone. I know you are in a better place, A place of peace and love, A place where no one suffers, With God and the angels up above. I Love You, Mother. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! Kathy



**Sue Ransdell Shields**

Sue Ransdell Shields, 86, beloved wife of Jay Mirl Shields, died on May 7, 2007, in Tyler, Texas, following a brief illness.

Sue was born on October 1, 1920, in Owenton, Kentucky. At an early age, she and her older sister, Helen, and her parents, Marvin and Lucy Ransdell, moved to Prestonsburg, Kentucky, so that her father could continue his medical practice as the county health officer of Floyd County, Kentucky. Sue was the prettiest girl at Prestonsburg High School, and also the smartest, graduating as the valedictorian in the class of 1938.

Sue left Prestonsburg to attend the University of Kentucky, where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority, but in the interim, had met Jay, a young geologist who

had taken a job in Prestonsburg, working for the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company. Jay had obtained an ROTC commission in the United States Army in college, and when he was called up for active duty in late 1940, he asked for and received Dr. Ransdell's permission to take Sue out of the University of Kentucky, so that they could marry and embark on their life together. Jay promised Dr. Ransdell if he was permitted to take Sue out of college for the purpose of marrying her, he would love her and take care of her for the rest of her life, a promise that he fulfilled in a manner that won the respect and admiration of all who observed their wonderful married life together.

After Sue and Jay were married on February 1, 1941, Sue lived the life of a young military wife, as Jay completed various assignments in Virginia, Washington, D.C., Texas, and California, before being discharged from the service a few months after the end of World War II. After the end of the war, Sue and Jay lived in Lexington, Kentucky, while Jay attended graduate school. In 1947, they moved to Texas, where Jay pursued his career in the oil business in Wichita Falls, Abilene, Fort Worth, and Midland, from the late 1940s until the early 1960s. In 1962, when Jay decided to leave the nomadic life of a geologist working for a large oil company, in order to become an independent geologist and oil operator, they returned to Abilene, which became their home for almost 50 years. Sue and Jay moved to Tyler, Texas on January 1, 2006, to be closer to their children.

(Paid obituary)

Whitehouse, Texas; Tim Ragsdale of Ft. Meade, Maryland; Tyler Shields and his wife, Danielle, of Houston, Texas; Ben Shields of San Antonio, Texas, and Kate Perkins, and Will Perkins of Southlake, Texas. Sue is also survived by her sister, Helen Schroeder, and her husband, Phil, of Lexington, Kentucky, and by four great-grandchildren: Michael, T.J., and Paige Lyon of Dallas, Texas; and Alie Ragsdale of Whitehouse, Texas.

Sue's life will be celebrated at a memorial service commencing at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, 2007, at the First Central Presbyterian Church, 400 Orange Street, Abilene, Texas 79601, with Sue's pastor, Cliff Stewart, officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, persons wishing to make a gift in Sue's memory do so by making a contribution to the Presbyterian Medical Care Mission, 302 Medical Drive, Abilene, Texas, 79601.

**Erwin**

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Travis acknowledged the questions but said the board did its "due diligence" in researching them.

"We have satisfied them to our satisfaction, they've been answered," Travis said after the vote. "We're ready to move forward, 2014 looms ahead of us."

Educators, under federal and state law, are working under a 2014 goal to get Kentucky schools performing proficiently.

Board member David Webb said that while he was pleased with Erwin, the board wanted to clear up the questions and determine what was true and what wasn't.

"She satisfied every concern that I had," Webb said.

Erwin understood the panel's concerns and has "learned from those and grown through some of those," said Joe Brothers, a board member.

"But overall, you look at the total package, and she's had a stellar 36 years in the field of education working for kids," Brothers said.

Mary Ann Blankenship, the executive director of the Kentucky Education Association, said the teachers' organization was giving Erwin the "benefit of the doubt."

"We decided not to pass judgment either way on good things or bad things we heard because school disputes, in our experiences, are so complicated," Blankenship said. "It's really difficult to know the truth."

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Dad attended the Old Regular Baptist Church and was a firm believer of God. Dad was a very nice and caring person; his life was over too soon before he could enjoy all his grandchildren. We love and miss him very much, but we're sure he's in a better place, living with the Lord.

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# Environmental groups ask U.N. to oppose Appalachian coal mining

by CARLEY PETESCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — A coalition of environmental groups called on the United Nations Tuesday to take a stand against ecologically destructive coal mining practices in Appalachia, saying the federal and local governments were not paying attention.

The groups from Tennessee, West Virginia and Kentucky asked the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development, which is holding its annual session through Saturday, to shun coal in favor of policies promoting renewable energy and cuts in fossil fuel consumption.

The delegation told reporters outside the U.N. that coal extraction has destroyed

more than a million acres of forests, 500 mountains and 1,000 miles of streams in recent years in the Appalachians.

"We need the help of the U.N. to expose and bring an end to coal mining abuses," said Larry Gibson, a board member of the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition in Huntington, W.Va.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the group was exaggerating the environmental effects of coal mining.

"We're helping to develop the region," he said. "They're just a very emotional, anti-business group. ... Taking their case to the United Nations, I think, is extremely inappropriate."

Ann League, vice president of Save Our Cumberland Mountains of Lake City, Tenn., said the groups were appealing to the U.N. because federal and local governments had failed to address the problem.

Some group members wore orange shirts they said represented water stained by coal mining.

Erica Urias of the group

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth said she recently discovered that her 3-year-old daughter's bathwater has high levels of arsenic that had leached into local supplies from mining operations.

Dan Shepard, a spokesman for the U.N. sustainable development commission, said that it would consider the groups' request.

## Gas

Stumbo said the probe began long before he entered the race, and that the lawsuit wasn't filed to win points politically.

"Our nation was rocked by hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Stumbo said. "It was a time for Americans to pull together, but the lure of easy

money made big oil hold consumers hostage with high prices."

In Kentucky, retail prices jumped by as much as 70 cents a gallon in the days following Hurricane Katrina.

The lawsuit alleges that following the hurricanes, the company produced record amounts of fuel.

However, state investigators said they found no significant increase in production costs to justify the major spike in gas prices during the state of emergency following the hurricanes.

Graves said Hurricane Katrina had a devastating impact on the gasoline market, disabling some refineries and

disrupting 25 percent of the nation's crude oil supplies.

Marathon employees worked around the clock, Graves said, to increase production.

"Our No. 1 priority was to make sure there was enough gasoline for our customers," she said. "We offered

those products at competitive prices."

Graves said the company intends to vigorously defend itself in the lawsuit.

"We don't believe we did anything in violation of the law following the hurricanes," she said.

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## Plate

and Texas, respectively — offer license plates that honor coal miners. Neither do the remaining states in Appalachia, a coal-rich region spanning from the southern edge of New York to the northern tip of Mississippi.

There are some 19,000 coal miners in Kentucky and 85 percent of them mine in eastern Kentucky.

"Coal mining is a significant part of the state and especially significant for Appalachia," said Mark Brown, spokesman for the

Kentucky transportation cabinet. "A plate honoring miners is very appropriate."

Several coal-producing states have tried to support coal miners without success. Over the years, lawmakers in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia have fielded legislation approving the plates, but the bills either died out or the minimum number of applicants wasn't met.

In the 2006 session, legislators in West Virginia — Appalachia's top coal-producing state and the nation's second — approved a coal

miner license plate, but only 75 people applied for one. The state requires at least 250 applications before it prints specialty plates.

"I thought there would be more interest in it," said Steve Dale, assistant to the West Virginia commissioner of motor vehicles.

However, West Virginia does have a license plate commemorating bowlers, thanks to a group that garnered enough signatures to get the plate produced.

"Those were very dedicated folks," Dale said.

Meanwhile in Pike County, officials recruited a local artist to render the proposed Kentucky plate, which incorporates a stylized black and white portrait of a miner amid a backdrop of warm orange and yellow tones. The plate would read: "Kentucky's Coal Miners Powering America."

State law doesn't require the General Assembly's approval for specialty plates, but does require 900 applicants before one is printed. Pike officials have until May 2008 to gather the signatures.

Applications were distributed this week and about 100 people have already expressed interest in the tag, said Ford, who's heading the project.

Each plate costs \$35, which has to be paid with the application. Ten dollars from each plate will benefit the Forward Pike County Foundation, a nonprofit

aimed at economic development in the county, Ford said.

Caylor said some Kentucky drivers may be turned off to the plate since nearly a third of the proceeds would benefit only one county.

But Ford said projects funded, including a new coal-to-liquids plant, would benefit the entire state.

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# Prestonsburg Little League: Mets edge Tigers, 7-6

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – When Prestonsburg Little League restructured its league the hope was that there would be competitive games with all teams having the chance to win. Given the events of Wednesday night's game between the Mets and Tigers, the mission looks to have been accomplished. The Mets prevailed in a thriller, winning 7-6 at the Sportspark.

The underdog Mets, which had fallen 12-0 to the Tigers in one of the first games played at the Sportspark, sought revenge Wednesday on a beautiful warm night. The Mets jumped out to a 6-0 lead with a second-inning rally that included clutch hits off of the bats of Derek Newsome and Anthony Collins. Corey Conley and Chase Baldrige, members of the Tigers team, narrowed the Met lead down to a 7-4 advantage with timely hits. Blake Baldrige caught a long flyball in left field to help keep the Tigers in the game.

Going into the top half of the sixth inning, the Mets allowed the Tigers to

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The Prestonsburg Little League Mets traveled to Cincinnati on Sunday to watch the Colorado Rockies play the host Reds. The Reds won 9-3. Mets players who attended the game were J.D. Adams, Jordan Bishop, Austin Blanton, Zachary Blanton, Aaron Foley, Anthony Collins, Derek Newsome, Elizabeth Campbell and Robert Campbell.

## Rebs rout Phelps, fall to Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Allen Central put together its second straight win Monday evening, beating non-district rival Phelps in a late-regular-season high school baseball matchup. After beating visiting June Buchanan 14-4 on Saturday, Allen Central took care of business Monday, upending host Phelps 10-0 in five innings.

Allen Central junior hurler Scott Little pitched his third complete game of the season, improving to 6-0. Little pitched a five-inning, two-hit shutout. The Allen Central starting pitcher, owner of some of the state's top high school pitching statistics, recorded seven strikeouts.

"We got behind Scott and hit the ball well," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "He pitched a very good game, shut-

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photos by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Lady Blackcat Linsey Fields stood in Monday evening against Floyd County Conference/58th District rival Betsy Layne. Betsy Layne catcher Megan Hamilton is also pictured. Casey Ross (not pictured) pitched herself and the rest of the visiting Betsy Layne team to the win.

## LADYCATS OUTLAST P'BURG

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – After ending the seventh inning deadlocked at 7-7 with host Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne plated three runs in the top half of an extra frame and held the Lady Blackcats scoreless in the game's following at-bat. Each of the top three hitters in the Betsy Layne batting order crossed home plate in the eighth inning as the Ladycats beat Prestonsburg 12-9.

Freshman Casey Ross claimed another win from the pitcher's circle for visiting Betsy Layne. Eighth-grader Alexis DeRossett took the loss for the Lady Blackcats.

Betsy Layne went out in front 5-0 in the top half of the first inning.

Kendra Case, Amby Tackett, Lindsey Martin, Megan Hamilton and Keturah Tackett – the first six batters in the Betsy Layne order – all reached base and scored in the opening at-bat.

Betsy Layne led 7-1 at the end of the second inning. Prestonsburg, however, eventually got going. The Lady Blackcats, scored six runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning, tying the game at 7-7.

Prestonsburg scored a lone run in the bottom half of the

seventh inning and forced the extra session.

Case and Martin each scored three times for Betsy Layne. Amby Tackett crossed home plate twice in the conference/district win.

Hamilton had a double and six RBIs for Betsy Layne. Martin had two triples and a double while Case and Keturah Tackett each had a double. Faith Reynolds delivered a triple and Brittany Adkins collected two RBIs.

"I was very proud of my girls for not giving up after the fourth inning," said Betsy Layne Coach Christina Crase. "We came back strong in the top of the eighth inning scoring three runs off of four hits."

Brittany Collins and Linsey Fields – the top two hitters in the

Prestonsburg lineup – both scored twice.

DeRossett, Whitney Caudill, Rikki Hughes and Morghan Slone each scored once.

The win was Betsy Layne's third straight conference/district win. After downing the Lady Blackcats, Betsy Layne improved to 6-7 overall and 4-2 in the district. Both teams have completed regular-season confer-

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## Lady Rebs sink South Floyd in five innings

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central posted its second straight win Wednesday evening, beating Floyd County Conference/58th District softball rival South Floyd 14-4 in five innings. The Lady Rebels have won three of their last four games.

"I was a good win for us," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "We were led by one of our senior captains, Amanda Thacker. Thacker had some great at-bats as our leadoff hitter. She battled through and received four walks. What was more important was that she then worked hard and stole eight bases, which led to her having three runs. She has always been the anchor of our outfield with great movement

(See SINK, page ten)

## Blackcats shut out South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – In a late-regular-season baseball game Wednesday evening, Prestonsburg improved to 9-14 overall and 3-2 in the Floyd County Conference/58th District, blanking South Floyd 12-0 in five innings. Prestonsburg junior pitcher Josh Rodebaugh only allowed one hit and struck out 10 South Floyd batters.

Adam Slone had a single for South Floyd's only hit of the game.

Prestonsburg scored three runs in the second inning and one in the third. The Blackcats put the game out of South Floyd's reach with an eight-run fifth inning.

Seth Setser and Blake Meade each had three hits for home-standing Prestonsburg.

Rodebaugh, Bobby Hughes

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## Looking back, moving forward

by RICK BENTLEY  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

The 2006-07 school year, No. 118 in Pikeville College history, will come to an end tomorrow afternoon when commencement is held at the East Kentucky Expo Center. For those of us in athletics, it closed out the last weekend in April when the Mid-South Conference held its tournaments for baseball and softball one week after the end of bowling and tennis seasons.

For those of us in sports information, this usually comes as a welcome respite from nine months of six-plus days a week of nonstop play. From the time the first soccer match is held until last week, there's no such

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Rick Bentley



YOUTH SOCCER: Conner Hall, a U12 player helped the shorthanded U14 Supersonics, passed the ball ahead to James Sanders directly in front of the Johnson County goal. The Floyd County contingent prevailed Saturday. More on the game appears inside today's edition.

## Paintsville boys, girls triumph at P'burg track meet

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Paintsville swept a track meet held inside Blackcat Stadium Tuesday evening. The meet included teams from Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Knott, Magoffin and Breathitt counties. In the boys' division, Paintsville scored 134.5 points, defeating host Prestonsburg (93) and Pike County Central (87) – the next two finishers.

In the girls' division, Paintsville (136) held off Shelby Valley for the top spot.

The Prestonsburg athletes were able to

experiment during the home meet, competing in different events.

"Every year in one meet I let my kids pick their own events," said Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson. "We had some kids in different events than normal."

Prestonsburg and several other area high school track and field teams were back in action in Pikeville on Thursday evening at the Area 10 Championships. Results from the area meet were unavailable at press time.

Team results from the Prestonsburg meet

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## Sink

and a strong arm.”  
 Burke acknowledged his team's balanced play, noting junior captain Elizabeth Dingus had three runs and seven steals.  
 Allen Central starting pitcher Shea Spurlock, an eighth-grader, picked up the win for Allen Central. Spurlock, one of the 15th Region's top young pitchers, recorded six strikeouts in five innings in the victory over visiting South Floyd.  
 “Shea has shown remarkable poise for a young pitcher having to lead a team all year,” said Burke. “She has a great work ethic and a great desire to grow. She is well on the way to becoming a great pitcher for many years to come.”  
 Megan Jones, Sarah Kinney and Sarah Hall, additional hitters in the top half of the Allen Central batting order, also contributed offensively.  
 Allen Central went out in front 1-0 during its first at-bat and led 2-0 at the end of the

second inning. South Floyd took a brief 3-2 lead in the top half of the third inning. The Lady Rebels answered with four runs of their own in the bottom half of the third inning, eventually never trailing again.  
 After adding a lone tally in the fourth inning, Allen Central registered another with a six-run fifth inning.  
 The Lady Rebels drew 20 walks during the conference/district matchup.  
 Burke likes the way his team has played strong here in the final month of the regular season.  
 “Our team is playing good right now,” Burke added. “We hope this carries on into the district tournament.”  
 Lindsey Dye took the loss for the Lady Raiders.  
 With the win, Allen Central improved to 8-7. Following the loss, South Floyd dropped to 1-11.

## Meet

Follow. Complete results from the meet are available online at [www.floydcountytimes.com](http://www.floydcountytimes.com).  
 Boys' Team Rankings (16 events scored): 1. Paintsville, 134.5; 2. Prestonsburg, 93; 3. Pike County Central, 87; 4. Shelby Valley, 79; 5. Breathitt County, 61; 6. Knott County Central, 36; 7. Johnson Central, 34; 8. Betsy Layne, 31; 9. Jackson City, 15; 10. Allen Central, 14.5; 11.

Magoffin County, 6.  
 Girls' Team Rankings (15 events scored): 1. Paintsville, 136; 2. Shelby Valley, 111; 3. Prestonsburg, 103; 4. Allen Central, 39; 5. Johnson Central (tie), 33; 6. Breathitt County (tie), 33; 7. Betsy Layne, 21; 8. Jackson City, 15; 9. Pike County Central, 14; 10. Magoffin County, 12; 11. Knott County Central, 6; 14. South Floyd, 1.

## Bentley

thing as a breather.  
 This year, however, the end of the athletics season is somewhat bittersweet. The reason for that is that for the first time in my 11 years at the institution, I wasn't a one-man department, and the first person to hold the title of assistant sports information director is pulling his last shift today.  
 In his book *An Open Road*, Richard L. Evans wrote, “It is priceless to find a person who will take responsibility ... to know when someone has accepted an assignment that it will be effectively, conscientiously completed.”  
 The personal embodiment of that statement is Joe T. Mitchell.  
 Joe is a native of Pound, Va., and a 2006 graduate of Centre College. I ask Joe on a regular basis how a school that is held in such esteem can't seem to spell its name correctly, but it's worked out pretty well for him. Not many of us have had such an easy report with our president from our first day on the job. Then again, not many of us share with him his alma mater.  
 It didn't take me long to realize I'd hit it pretty lucky with Joe. His first day on the job was a Tuesday, one which he spent watching our soccer program take two losses. Some — make that most — would have complained.  
 Joe? “I'll email you the

releases this evening,” was all he said.  
 Joe did more than lighten the workload for me this year. Had he done that, I'd have been thrilled. He took on more than I could have ever imagined, doing things before I would even ask, often finishing jobs I'd planned to do myself.  
 A good example of this came the day we traveled with the basketball teams to play West Virginia Tech. It was our first MSC doubleheader of the season, one which not only would we write press releases, but also I would be doing the men's game on the radio.  
 As we approached the big town of Montgomery, W.Va., I asked him if he'd write the women's release and let me do the men's story. That way he could write while I was beginning my radio work and then I could hammer out the men's release as soon as I got off the air.  
 “No problem, partner,” he said. Joe was always agreeable, and easily filled the bill of calling me partner, a position opened up by last year's retirement of Johnnie LeMaster as our baseball coach.  
 When the games ended that evening, I took off the headset and found Joe pounding away at his computer. “I've got the men's release finished for you,” he said. When I remind-

ed him of our agreement, he did what any good pitcher would do — he shook me off. “You were busy,” he said, “and I don't mind doing it.”  
 As it turned out, that would be how it was handled for every road trip in the conference. Now you see why I told him I was disappointed when he informed me of his decision to leave because I was looking forward to spending another year as his assistant.  
 But Joe has bigger fish to fry. Shortly after Thanksgiving, he told me he felt he was being called into the ministry and was thinking about entering the seminary. Our love of church and our Lord is yet another thing the two of us share. I did what any good quote-unquote boss would do: I supported him publicly and privately prayed to God to change his mind so he'd stay at Pikeville College.  
 I joke about that. I believe it is the role of any supervisor to realize when you have an employee who is in need of a bigger challenge. I knew that from the beginning about Joe.  
 This year has worked out great for us, or for me, anyway. Joe and I share several passions: We love to write and read, our love of baseball easily surpasses all other sports, we have a similar sense of

humor and watch many of the same old television shows, we both can recite much of Andy Griffith's most famous dialogue and we believe our service to our Lord to be the most important thing we do.  
 It's been a lot of fun.  
 Today, however, Joe will leave me behind, leaving a void that I fear will never be filled. He set the bar pretty high, to the point that the next assistant will have a hard time approaching his stature.  
 But I choose to focus on the fact that my friend is taking another step on his journey. This week we were joined by Bill Watson and Brad Marcum on a trip to Cincinnati to watch the Reds play, and I told him afterward that I didn't expect it to be our last. Just because he's moving on doesn't mean we'll be parting ways.  
 It's been a terrific year, and I respect this young man for following his heart and heading for seminary. I truly believe that he would be successful in any field he chose to apply himself, and I think he'll be terrific regardless of where the Lord takes him in his service.  
 My only complaint is that He didn't let him spend another year (or 10) as my boss at Pikeville College.

## Rebs

ting down Phelps and putting us in a situation to win the game.”  
 Allen Central had a host of players to step up and produce offensively. Freshman Logan Crowder hit an inside-the-park home run for the Rebels. Little and John Bryant each had triples for visiting Allen Central.  
 “Phelps didn't make errors, so we had to hit the all to get our runs, and we hit the ball well,” Johnson added.  
 Allen Central slipped back

into the loss column Tuesday evening following a road setback against Pikeville. More on the Allen Central-Pikeville game follows.  
 Pikeville 13, Allen Central 3: Host Pikeville defeated visiting Allen Central 13-3 in five innings.  
 Josh Staggs registered the win for the Panthers. Logan Crowder took the loss for Allen Central. Crowder, despite taking the loss, pitched well, allowing one earned run

in 2 1/3 innings.  
 After going out in front 1-0, Allen Central fell apart in the third inning when Pikeville was able to go out in front 9-1. Errors plagued the Rebels. Allen Central committed eight errors in the third through fifth innings.  
 “The errors really done us in,” Johnson added. “Logan looked good pitching, and I was impressed with his outing. Had we gotten behind him on the defensive side, this could

have very well been a totally different game. One thing is for sure, we are getting better. There are a lot of positives, and we have still won five out of our last seven.”  
 Thanks to the win, Pikeville evened its record to 13-13.  
 With the loss, Allen Central dropped to 9-14.  
 Allen Central will be in action again this weekend at home when Cawood and Belfry visit Stumbo Park for the Rebel Classic.

## Mets

cut the lead down to a single run. The Tigers faced a 7-6 deficit with two outs and the bases loaded. Adam Crisp, one of the area's top Little Leaguer players, stood at the plate. Instead of intentionally walking Crisp, Mets Manager Ned Pillersdorf decided to pitch to the slugger he had managed as an All-Star on a couple of different occasions.  
 “I had made my mind up to go ahead and walk Adam, but then I heard the voice of the ghost of legendary Mets

Manager Casey Stengel telling me to have a little faith in my kids,” said Pillersdorf.  
 True to form, Crisp connected on probably the hardest hit ball of the entire season at the SportsPark. Crisp's hit ball was a line drive that sure-

ly

handed Mets centerfielder Derek Newsome was able to capture in front of the center field fence. Newsome's magical catch caused a jubilant Mets celebration as they left the SportsPark victorious.

## Ladycats

ence/district play. Prestonsburg claimed the regular-season conference/district championship with a 5-1 record. Following the setback to Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg

dropped to 9-3 overall.  
 Magoffin County 10, Betsy Layne 8: Magoffin County held off Betsy Layne in a game played Monday evening in Salyersville.  
 Kendra Case had a grand slam home run for the Ladycats.  
 Casey Ross allowed 10 hits and two walks. The Betsy Layne starting pitcher had

three strikeouts. Megan Hamilton and Faith Reynolds each had a double for the Ladycats. Hamilton also had four stolen bases.

team.


## MSU holds annual awards banquet

TIMES STAFF REPORT


MOREHEAD — The Morehead State athletic department held its annual awards banquet Wednesday in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center. Each of MSU's 17 sports presented their team awards, and nine special awards were also handed out.  
 The major award-winners were as follows: Male Newcomer of the Year: Ron Duncan (Cross County/Track and Field); Female Newcomer of the Year: Lauren Melzer (Soccer); Team Community

Service Award: Men's Basketball; Academic Team of the Year: Men's and Women's Tennis; Male Scholar of the Year: Chris McCaslin (Baseball); Female Scholar of the Year: Becky King (Softball); Brave Heart Award: Shannon Smith (Soccer); Mr. Eagle: Steve Thieme (Cross County/Track and Field); Miss Eagle: Diana Zipp (Volleyball).

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**BIG CATCH:** Lindsay Mae Hall, 8, daughter of Charles and Girlie Hall of Craynor, caught the 18 inch large mouth bass she's pictured holding during spring break on March 29 at Dewey Lake.



# ALC Lady Eagle basketball program hosts annual banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Award; Chastity Fox—Most Valuable Player Award.

The Lady Eagles put together a solid season, winning the KIAC regular-season championship. The Alice Lloyd women's team was runner-up in the KIAC Tournament, one game away from earning a berth in the National Tournament. Fox (Letcher County Central HS) and Lykens (Betsy Layne HS) were named to the All-Conference Team. Thomas (Allen Central HS) was named KIAC Player of the Year. Lady Eagle Coach David Adams was named KIAC Coach of the Year.

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program held its annual banquet Sunday evening. The following team members were awarded plaques representing their top performance in different statistical areas: Taran Cody—Leading Rebounder; Chastity Fox—Assist Leader; Whitney Lykens—Three-Point Field Goal Percentage Leader; Becky Thomas—Two-Point Field Goal Percentage Leader; Kaylan Richardson—Free Throw Percentage Leader; Cassie Whitaker—Team Award; Tabatha Sprouse—Leadership



The Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program was recognized during its annual banquet. The team includes players from Floyd and several other area counties.

# U14 Supersonics get lift from U12 Fireballs, beat Sting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The Floyd U14 Supersonics took the soccer pitch on yet another rainy morning last Saturday, but didn't let the weather or their depleted roster get them down, rolling to a 9-1 victory over the Johnson County Sting. Due to the eighth grade trip, and other obligations, the Supersonics knew they were going to be only eight or nine strong Saturday morning. They didn't know that the Sting was also going to be shy a few players. Since the U12 Fireballs game was canceled, a few of those players showed up at the field, and were recruited to play.

Just like the previous Saturday, when the Supersonics had exacted vengeance against the Letcher Cyclones for their sole loss of the season, the forward tandem of Jerralyn Kelsey and Kathleen Smith was very

productive. Kelsey again notched two goals and Smith one, while newcomer Rachel Prater got her second goal of the season, making the halftime score 4-0.

The Sting came out very strong and aggressive in the second half, and set the Supersonics back on their heels. Sting forward Trent Davis scored early in the half, and then was fouled in the penalty box shortly thereafter to set up a penalty kick. Davis' good friend Garrett Brown, the Supersonics' goalkeeper, read the kick perfectly and made a beautiful diving stop to his left, giving Brown bragging rights for the next few weeks. The Supersonics gathered themselves and shut down the Sting for the remainder of the game, while their friends from the U12 team took care of the scoring in the second half. Kathryn Sanders positioned herself perfectly at the left side of the goal,

taking four shots, scoring on three. James Sanders and Conner Hall each also found the back of the net late in the game.

The Supersonics defense, anchored by Charlie Joseph, Jenna Smith and Rachel Pescosolido, did a superb job of nullifying the speed and aggression of Davis, the Sting's best player. Myles Minix continued his improvement, playing almost the entire game at midfield, the most physically demanding spot on a soccer team. The versatile Elizabeth Hardt, playing at her third different position since the season got underway, also played most of the game at midfield and showed why her coach trusts her to play anywhere.

With the win, the Supersonics improved to 3-1. The Supersonics will take on the talented Pikeville Irish in their next game this weekend.



James Sanders, a Floyd U12 player recruited to help the U14 team, took a shot on goal in the second half of the U14 Supersonics 9-1 win over the Johnson County Sting.

# Replacement time for disqualified players decreases in HS basketball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

or five seconds into the interval.

"Previously, with 30 seconds, many coaches were trying to use this time period as an unofficial timeout," said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Basketball Rules Committee. "By reducing the replacement interval, it encourages coaches to replace the disqualified player in a more timely fashion and allows the game to progress."

The determination of when a dribble ends was revised by the committee. Henceforth, a dribble will end when the loss of control by the dribbler is caused by the opponent touching, or being touched, by the ball rather than an intentional batting of the ball.

"In the past, a common interpreta-

tion has been that any touching of a dribble by a defender ended the dribble," Struckhoff said. "However, the language in our rules implied that the touching had to be by the hand and had to be intentional. The change in language provides consistency with the current enforcement of the rule."

A change in Rule 4-42-5 adds the word "legally" to the current rule regarding when a throw-in ends. The revised rule will read as follows: "The throw-in ends when the passed ball touches, or is legally touched, by another player who is either inbounds or out of bounds."

In the past, the rule could "reward" a defensive team that committed a violation, such as kicking the ball during a throw-in. With the previous rule, if a throw-in was kicked

by the defense, it could cause the offensive team to be disadvantaged from an alternating-possession standpoint. By adding "legally" to the current rule that defines when a throw-in ends, it eliminates this type of situation from happening.

In other changes, compression sleeves were added to the list of items that can only be worn for medical reasons; along with guards, casts and braces.

The final revision approved by the committee was changing the warning horn for a 30-second time-out to be sounded with 15 seconds remaining. This change makes all warning horns uniform for intermissions, time-outs and the disqualified player interval.

In addition, the committee added a signal for when a defender is not in a

closely guarded situation. The signal will be a spreading of the arms.

As it does annually, the committee adopted points of emphasis for the 2007-08 season. The four areas of concern for the coming season are uniforms, free throws, displacement and the ball handler/dribbler.

In terms of school sponsorship, basketball is the most popular high school sport for boys and girls, according to the NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey. In 2005-06, a total of 17,535 schools offered the sport for boys and 17,275 for girls. In terms of participants, it ranks second for boys with 546,335 participants and first for girls with 452,929 individuals playing the sport.

# Lady Rebs outlast Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

"It was a hard fought win," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke.

Seventh grader Megan Jones legged out an inside-the-park grand slam for host Allen Central. Eighth-grader Sarah Kinney and senior Sarah Hall each had big hits for the Lady Rebels. Kinney and Hall each went three-for-four for Allen Central. Each player had a double and drove in a run.

"As a team, we have been a slump," Burke added. "Our hitting is starting to come alive. Shea Spurlock pitched a wonderful game following

up on her masterful five innings against Betsy Layne last week."

The Lady Rebels were able to get past a Belfry program that is rich in tradition.

"Belfry is a good team with solid pitching," Burke commented. "It's a great boost to get a solid win over a good team. We will be ready by district tournament time."

With the win, Allen Central evened its record to 7-7. After suffering the setback, Belfry dropped to 6-17.

# Slone, Herd fall to Southern Miss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Southern Miss (30-19, 11-10 C-USA) managed 16 hits, while limiting Marshall to eight en route to completing a three-game sweep of the Thundering Herd (19-26, 4-13 C-USA).

Marshall's Jeremy Slone (3-3) pitched six and two thirds innings allowing 13 hits and seven earned runs, while walking one in the short effort. The Paintsville High School graduate pitched well at times in the setback. USM's David Clark (6-4) scattered seven hits over seven innings and allowed only one earned

run, while striking out four to pick up the win.

The Thundering Herd was led offensively by freshman Mason Chapman who went 1-for-4 for the game with a sac fly in the fifth and a bunt single that allowed Marshall's first run of the game to score in the fifth when the Golden Eagles' Clark committed an error.

Marshall will be back home to play host to C-USA rival UAB in a three-game series on today through Sunday at Charleston's Appalachian Power Park.



AT GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK: Before Sunday's Reds game, Prestonsburg Mets players were allowed to walk around the field with several other Little League teams from different charters.

# Ex-Wildcat Bennett tapped as head coach at Mid-Continent

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the small Christian school in western Kentucky, replacing Hershell Spears, who stepped down after the 2006-07 season. Spears posted a 19-41 overall record, going 12-18 overall and 3-15 in the TransSouth Conference this past season, the program's second in existence.

"A lot of kids may not know about Mid-Continent, but once they know we're here and get to see the face of the university and what it stands for, I believe we'll have a wonderful time building a program," Bennett said.

Bennett played professionally with the Cleveland Cavaliers and Miami Heat in the NBA before joining coach Rick Pitino as an assistant

coach at Kentucky. Bennett was an assistant for the 1996 national championship team in Lexington.

Bennett, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1983, also followed Pitino to the Boston Celtics, then took the head coaching job at Kentucky State University in 2000. He was fired after fighting with a player during a practice session on Oct. 30, 2003.

"I reacted instead of stepping back and thinking about the situation. I paid a hefty price for that," Bennett said.

Mid-Continent plays in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.



BEHIND THE PLATE: Prestonsburg catcher Erica Meade is starting for the Lady Blackcats as an eighth-grader. The Lady Blackcats captured the Floyd County Conference/58th District regular-season championship.



# Johnson puts Hendrick in Victory Lane at Richmond

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — Jimmie Johnson led teammate Kyle Busch to a 1-2 finish at Richmond International Raceway on Sunday, the third consecutive victory for Hendrick Motorsports.

Hendrick has won seven of the past eight Nextel Cup races and swept all four races in which NASCAR has used its new Car of Tomorrow.

It looked as if Hendrick would finish 1-2-3 for the final 100 laps of the race, as Johnson, Busch and pole-sitter Jeff Gordon battled for the lead. But Gordon faded over the final 15 laps and gave up third place to Denny Hamlin.

Gordon, who won the past two weeks, settled for fourth as Chevrolets took the top four spots in the race that began briefly Saturday night with 12 laps run under caution before it was halted because of rain. It started fresh on Sunday.

Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion, won for the fourth time this

season but first at RIR. The .75-mile track has been among the worst on his resume, with Johnson having scored only one top 10 finish in 15 previous visits.

"This means the world to me to win here," Johnson said. "We haven't been that strong here. It reminds me of Indy last year, and we beat a track that's been tough on us. We looked at it as a new opportunity for the team and myself to learn the right setup and for me to learn the right rhythm of the track and had some awesome racing with my teammate."

In this year of Hendrick Motorsports, everything is clicking and the competition is admittedly frustrated.

"You can argue that Hendrick has all the best drivers," Hamlin said. "It's

tough to beat them when they've got four very, very good teams. We've got three good teams, but when you've got four like they have — all competitive and all running up front every week, the information that they exchange is going to be better."

Only Casey Mears, the fourth driver in the Hendrick stable, is struggling. He was wrecked early and finished 18th.

Busch said the entire organization is the class of the NASCAR right now.

"We've got great race teams and I'd say probably four of the best 10 or 12 drivers out there," he said. "It's hard to beat the best drivers with the best

equipment and the best teams. You just have everything all pieced together correctly."

Only Kevin Harvick had a car that could challenge the Hendrick crew, and the Daytona 500 winner led 106

laps midway through the race. He was out front when the sixth caution of the race sent the field into the pits, but as Harvick pulled out, he clipped rookie David Ragan, who was heading into his stall.

It caused considerable damage to the front of Harvick's car and forced him to stop for repairs. He was in 17th, with heavy black tape around the nose of his Chevrolet, when the race resumed and never challenged again. He rallied to finish seventh.

"We just didn't communicate," Harvick said.

Kurt Busch finished fifth and was followed by his Penske Racing teammate Ryan Newman in sixth. Tony Stewart, Clint Bowyer and Matt Kenseth rounded out the top 10.

After Harvick's pit-road error, Kurt Busch briefly moved to the front, but his stay was brief. David Gilliland wrecked to bring out a caution and Kurt Busch ducked onto pit road for service. But the leaders didn't follow him, and Busch shuffled back to ninth on the restart.

It put the three Hendrick cars out

front, as Johnson, Kyle Busch and Gordon were 1-2-3 when the race resumed. Jeff Green then hit Dale Earnhardt Jr. to cause Earnhardt to spin and bring out the eighth caution of the day.

It didn't change the running order, though, as the three Hendrick cars stayed out front until a debris caution with 82 laps to go. Dave Blaney broke up the Hendrick party with a two-tire pit stop that saw Johnson and Gordon come out in first and second, Blaney third and Kyle Busch fourth with 78 laps to go.

Busch quickly passed him to reclaim third place, then wasted little time getting past Gordon for second.

He got by Johnson with 44 to go, passing his teammate just as Greg Biffle brought out the 12th caution of the race. Kyle Busch stayed out front through a series of late cautions, but lost it to Johnson on a restart with 20 laps to go.

Johnson drove away and the closest Busch got to him again was when he visited him in Victory Lane to spray him with Gatorade.



Jimmie Johnson

# Most teams want Car Of Tomorrow in 2008

by JENNA FRYER  
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CONCORD, N.C. — Despite complaints about the Car of Tomorrow, most teams want NASCAR to use the car exclusively in 2008.

The COT is being phased into competition, with 16 races scheduled this season. Although the original plan was to use it exclusively in 2009, NASCAR will move it up a year if teams are on board.

Based on feedback he's received after four COT races, Nextel Cup director John Darby said teams are leaning that way.

"NASCAR has not been out in the garage promoting or soliciting the acceleration of 2008, but what we do have is a large group — and large is a very fair label — of organizations and owners that have come to us and said 'Let's put it all in,'" Darby said Tuesday. "There's a lot of it. And

although we've heard from a majority of the team owners, we are not complete in that process."

NASCAR is expected to decide over the next few months whether to move up full implantation of the car it designed. A seven-year project, the COT is a safer car that is also supposed to cut costs and foster better racing.

Many drivers have been critical of its handling and difficulty to drive, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. said the car needs many adjustments before he'll be happy with it.

But in the same breath, NASCAR's biggest star said he wants to be in the COT full-time because flipping back and forth between the old car and the new one is taxing.

"I don't like doing two different cars — it's one or the other," he said. "I'd go full-time to the COT right now. Why not? We're all struggling with it. We might as well get all the time we

can with it week in and week out, even if it drives us all crazy."

Darby acknowledged that teams prefer the old cars, and are pushing for the COT mainly to simplify their operations.

"It's not because everybody is in love with the car, but everybody knows they hate working on two of them," Darby said. "It's expensive. It's extremely confusing. It's hard for NASCAR, our inspection group, to switch back and forth and try to stay focused on which rule book we are using for what week."

"I think almost everyone wants the COT all-in so we can move on."

There's one major issue with speeding up implantation, though. The COT isn't scheduled to race on 1.5-mile tracks until 2009, and teams will have zero data on those tracks if it moved up to next season.

So even though Hendrick Motorsports has won all four COT

races this season, Jeff Gordon isn't positive he supports moving up the implantation date.

"Without being on a mile-and-a-half track, I don't see how we can just go completely forward with it," Gordon said. "I'm pretty optimistic about the way things are going right now. Obviously we're running good with it. But I still think there are things that need to evolve with this car that are not there yet."

NASCAR could have mandated the COT be used in next week's Nextel Challenge, an invitation-only all-star event that doesn't count in the season standings. But drivers were mixed on its inclusion in the event.

Gordon and teammate Jimmie Johnson support using it in the \$1 million event, but Earnhardt was adamantly against it.

"That's a terrible idea, actually," he said. "That's a lot of money and I don't want the Car of Tomorrow to

throw a monkey wrench in there."

Toyota officials are calling the loudest for the COT in 2008 because focusing on only one program could alleviate many of the struggles the manufacturer is experiencing. Its teams are struggling to make races this season, Toyota's first in the Nextel Cup Series.

"I am 100 percent for it," said Michael Waltrip, who is running a three-car team this season. "It will help us tremendously because we're a startup organization and it would help us streamline our efforts. It will save everybody money, it will be more competitive going forward and I look forward to it being all-in right away."

"Anybody who says they don't want it, it's because they are protecting their gold mine. These guys have so many years and so much experience on these old cars, they don't want it to go away. They have an advantage."

# TEAM DOMINATION: Putting the brakes on Hendrick

by JENNA FRYER  
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CONCORD, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. couldn't defend Talladega from the Hendrick Motorsports domination.

Then Richmond fell like Las Vegas, Atlanta, Bristol, Martinsville and Phoenix before it. With a whimper from Kasey Kahne, a weak charge from Carl Edwards and a tantrum or two from Tony Stewart.

Greg Biffle, you're NASCAR's last hope. Please keep your hold on Darlington Raceway, where you'll try to win your third straight race this weekend.

Somebody has to do something to end this Hendrick onslaught, because seven wins in the last eight Nextel Cup races is hardly the parity NASCAR was looking for this season. Although Hendrick has suddenly taken on the look of the 1927 New York Yankees, the competition isn't conceding just yet.

"I'm real confident that I can go back to Darlington and have a chance at winning again," Biffle said Monday. "Now, they may finish first, second, third again ... but I feel like we have a good opportunity there."

Recent statistics show otherwise.

Jimmie Johnson led a Hendrick parade at Richmond International Raceway, where he scored his fourth win of the season on Sunday while leading teammate Kyle Busch across the finish line. Hendrick cars actually ran 1-2-3 for the final 100 miles, but Jeff Gordon slipped to fourth right at the end.

Johnson's win was the third consecutive Hendrick victory, and the fourth time this season Hendrick cars finished 1-2.

It also kept Hendrick undefeated in the four Car of Tomorrow races this season, with no sign that Saturday in Darlington will be any different.

"I know Rick, I know his passion for winning and I know he's going to do whatever it takes," said rival car owner Ray Evernham, who won three championships as a Hendrick crew chief.

"Right now they are just pounding everybody. More power to him. He's worked for it and I don't see it letting up anytime soon."

The Car of Tomorrow was supposed to be NASCAR's great equalizer, the one variable that would close the gap between the elite teams and

those struggling to survive. It hasn't worked out that way, as even the usual contenders have struggled to keep pace with Hendrick.

Even Roush Fenway Racing, which paced NASCAR in 2005 by placing all five of its cars in the Chase for the championship, is lagging. Biffle, winless this season and 15th in the points, said Hendrick has lapped the competition in COT preparation.

"They say that Hendrick's have almost 100 days of testing in the COT car ... we've spent nine days testing," Biffle said.

Hendrick officials scoffed at that estimation, and say they've actually only tested the car between 25 and 30 days.

But there's no denying that Hendrick has the most resources and is able to devote the most amount of time and energy toward developing its COT program.

Earnhardt, mired in contract talks with struggling Dale Earnhardt Inc., had a twinge of jealousy in his voice while explaining that Hendrick has used several different test drivers this season to gather data. Max Papis, David Green and 17-year-old development driver Landon Cassill have

all logged considerable hours with the Chevrolet Impala for Hendrick.

"They've got a lot of resources. They've got a great company, two, three really good cars every week, great crew chiefs. They've really got the package right now," Earnhardt said. "Their cars, they handle pretty good. They're getting through the center of the corner better with the COT, and that's just because they test the hell out of it."

"I hear rumors they got Max Papis and road race guys at Sonoma testing and testing and testing."

Asked if DEI could keep up, Earnhardt didn't pause.

"No. Not many teams can do that," he said. "There are a few that can do that, but not many. They put a lot back into their race teams, you know what I mean?"

NASCAR isn't too concerned with the current Hendrick dominance, pointing out that several of the victories came after chief rivals faltered.

Tony Stewart should have won at Bristol but had a mechanical failure. Denny Hamlin seemed to have Phoenix in the bag until he was caught speeding on pit road. And Kevin Harvick was the class of

Richmond, only to wreck on pit road.

Hendrick cars, meanwhile, have had nary a thing go wrong.

"Hendrick's is not only at the top of the game performance-wise, but they haven't made any mistakes and haven't had any mechanical failures," Nextel Cup director John Darby said. "Everything is going right for them, and to some degree, the rest of the garage has helped them."

Jeff Burton, who had an early engine failure on Sunday, agreed and was buoyed by the fact that teammate Harvick could have won at Richmond. If the competition can put together a complete package, Burton said he was confident the Hendrick cars can be beat.

"When I go to the racetrack, I don't think they're that much further ahead," Burton said. "When I leave the racetrack, I may come to that conclusion, but when I go there, I don't believe that."

"Post-race, if somebody's beating you, it's because they're doing a better job and we have no excuse to say they should be doing a better job. We have the resources, we have the manpower. We should be doing as good a job as they are and when we're not, we need to find out why."

# Bill Davis Racing sued by Wimmer for \$1.2M salary

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — NASCAR driver Scott Wimmer has filed a lawsuit against former employer Bill Davis Racing, asking for \$1.2 million in unpaid salary for the 2006 season.

Wimmer, now driving a part-time NASCAR Busch Series schedule for Richard Childress Racing, filed the suit Monday in Superior Court.

The lawsuit alleges Bill Davis

Racing did not follow correct procedure when it fired him. It says Bill Davis Racing did not notify Wimmer in writing, as required in his contract, that he had 30 days to improve his performance "to the satisfaction of sponsor and team" or issue a written notice that his services would be terminated at the end of the 2005 season.

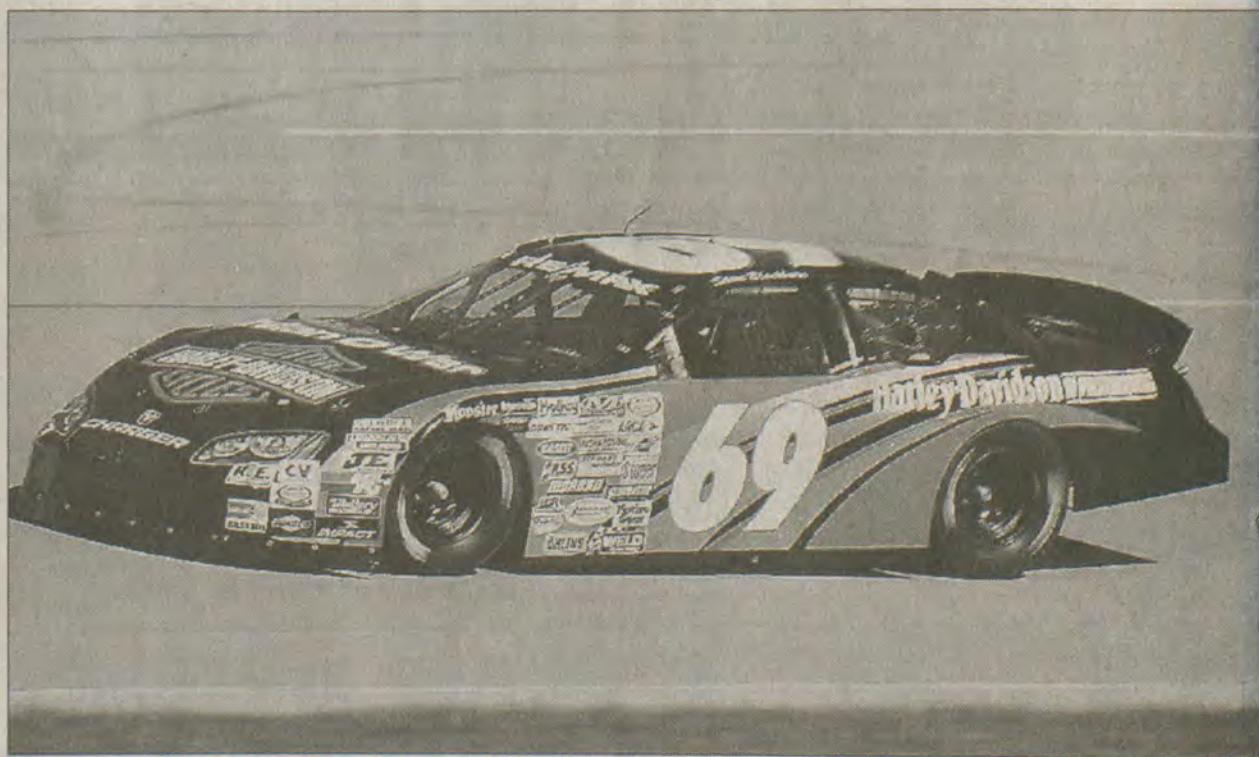
Wimmer claims the team told the media in early October that he would return in 2006 but then sent him a termination letter on Oct. 24, just three weeks later.

According to the lawsuit, Wimmer was paid \$600,000 for 2004, \$900,000 for 2005 and was to get \$1.2 million for 2006.

Wimmer drove 24 Cup races last year for Morgan-McClure Motorsports.



Scott Wimmer



TURNING LAPS: Prestonsburg ARCA RE/MAX Series driver Steve Blackburn will be in action at Kentucky Speedway on Saturday night in the Buckle Up Kentucky 150.

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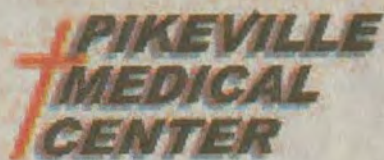


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### THROUGH MY EYES

#### Spiders vs. Flowers...flowers!!

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

I'm having a little more trouble than usual penning a column this week because again, kind comments



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

have come in, via phone and mail, in regard to my having been missed the week I was out sick. You know, it's a heck of a lot easier to write sometimes if you think no one is actually going to read your inane thoughts! Apparently, some of you out there are reading, indeed. (Gulp)

It's been quite amusing, though, how some have politely hinted that they would like to know just what the nature of my illness was. And considering more than one guess was "painful hemorrhoids," I'm gonna shuck my modesty to the wind and tell you "Not so!" Okay, folks, I had a

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### DINNER DIVA

#### Sauteing 101

by Leanne Ely

A basic skill in the kitchen is knowing how to sauté. If you can sauté, you can fake your way through anything and make everyone believe you're a gourmet cook. I'm not kidding! Sautéing is easy, you just need to understand how to do it. Here's how:



Leanne Ely

Sauté means jumping in French. How does that translate into cooking? Sautéing is a little like frying only different. How's that for confusing? I once had a gal email me telling me she hated my recipes because I "fried" everything. I took great offense to her comments giving her a mini-lecture on the joys of sautéing, yet in a way, she was sorta right.

To sauté, you must use a little fat. Note the word, "little." The fat needs to be friendly to heat (olive oil barely qualifies—definitely don't use the virgin version), the pan needs to be right (a heavy bottomed skillet with sloped sides is ideal) and the food needs to be cut relatively the same size for even cooking. Once you've got all those items on your sauté checklist

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## PRESTONSBURG WOMAN'S CLUB BUSY AGAIN



The home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tackett, located in Lancer, was chosen as this month's "Yard of the Month."

photo by Kathy J. Prater



A blooming rhododendron adds a splash of bright purple to the Tackett's yard.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



Springtime iris, airy blooms and ornamental grasses bring a breath of fresh air after a long winter.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

# May 'Yard of the Month'

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Arriving back in town following a visit out, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tackett were pleasantly surprised to discover the Prestonsburg Woman's Club "Yard of the Month" sign adorning their front yard upon their return.

"We didn't know what to think," said Mrs. Tackett. "Of course, we were thrilled and honored,

but honestly, we aren't even finished yet," she laughed.

A rainy spring season has kept many from their gardens this year and the Tackett's are no different. "We still have annual bedding plants to put out and many of our things have yet to bloom," she said. "We still have a lot of work to do."

Nonetheless, the Tackett's yard is full of beautiful blooms and lush greenery, though many plants do sport bulbs just days away from sprouting into full blossom. "It will be a lot prettier in June,"

Mrs. Tackett said. "Everyone will just have to come back and see it again later," she joked. "And we certainly thank whomever it was that nominated us for this honor," she said.

The Tackett's home is located at 11 North Riverview Lane, in Lancer.

To nominate a neighbor, friend or relative's home for consideration for the coveted "Yard of the Month" award, contact any Prestonsburg Woman's Club member.

## Following your dreams

by Marla Cilley

Did life "happen" and your dreams get put on the back burner? This has occurred to most of us. We have all heard that procrastination is the thief of time. I don't think that is entirely the case. Time is constant; we all have the same hours in every single day, it is

how we choose to use those hours that steals the time. We all seem to think that things will take longer than they really will, so we talk ourselves out of doing them. Just what have you been procrastinating about lately: Laundry, getting the car washed or is it something much deeper than household chores?

Have you gotten in a rut? Not a bad rut; but let's say a comfortable rut. You know, "the same ole same ole"! You go through your day without any thought about your passion. Passion: What is that, anyway?

When procrastination gets in the

way of your passion; it becomes an excuse to not follow your dreams. We have all said it in some form or fashion, "I don't have time to go back to school and finish my degree." This "I don't have time" attitude gives us the excuse to not be or do what we were put on Earth to do with our lives. You are robbing yourself of you! Not to mention what you are robbing the world of: Again, YOU!

When your heart is not in what you are doing then nothing will ever make you happy! It doesn't matter if you make all the money in the world, if it doesn't make you happy it means noth-

ing. Happiness comes from within. This is what FLYing is all about. Finally Loving Yourself enough to know that for some reason you are not happy. You thought getting the house clean was all it would take to make you happy.

As you learn the FlyLady way of breaking things down into babysteps; you will find the right path that is going to lead you to true happiness. This happiness starts by letting go of procrastination and perfectionism.

I never knew what I wanted to be when I grew up. For years I was a

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## Family Medicine



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**Q**uestion: My children get poison ivy every spring and summer. I have never gotten it, so I don't know much about it. I worry that I will get it from my kids — or am I immune since I have never gotten it. What do you think?

**A**nswer: Only about 15 percent of adults in the United States do NOT have an allergy to poison ivy or the other members of the Rhus plant family. Poison ivy's close kin in this notorious plant family are poison oak and poison sumac. Generally if you are allergic to one of these plants, you are allergic to all of them. Also, just

because you've never had an allergic reaction to one of these plants doesn't mean you're immune for life. You can develop an allergy at any time.

The Rhus plants are delicate and easily damaged by simply brushing up against a leaf or stem. When such an injury to a plant occurs, a substance called urushiol oil leaks out. It is this oil that causes the allergic reaction.

While these plants are delicate, the oil is quite the opposite. It's very hearty and can survive away from the plant for several years. The oil can attach to your clothes, a ball that's rolled into a poison ivy infested bush, or a pet that roams free outdoors. If you then touch one of these objects or

# Poison ivy rash can develop without touching plant

play with your pet, you can get a poison ivy reaction even though you did not come into direct contact with a damaged plant.

Regardless of how the oil gets on your skin, it binds to skin proteins in about 15 minutes, and the allergic process begins. If you can wash the oil off quickly, you can prevent the allergic reaction. Once the allergic reaction has started, it can be anywhere from mild to severe. Itching is the first symptom, followed by a raised, blistering rash which doctors call a vesicular rash. These blisters can then burst and turn into weeping sores.

The rash is often in lines or streaks and can be widespread or localized, depending on where the oil contacted your skin. You can also spread it by touching the oil on one part of your body and touching another part of your body. For instance, your leg brushes up against a poison ivy plant,

and then you touch your leg and pick up some oil. When you then scratch your eyelid a rash may develop around your eye. Contrary to popular beliefs, however, poison ivy does not spread from person to person through the weeping sores.

Some people also have severe systemic allergic reactions causing a debilitating rash and facial swelling, usually within a few hours of coming in contact with the urushiol oil. This is a medical emergency and anyone who experiences such a reaction should go to the nearest hospital emergency department.

The best treatment for poison ivy is prevention. As soon as you have been exposed, you should wash the exposed area with hot soapy water. If you know you catch poison ivy easily, carry some hand sanitizer with you in the woods, and use it if your skin becomes itchy. There are also products available for use prior to expo-

sure that offer some protection to the skin.

It's also a good idea to wash your clothes and clean off your shoes every time you have been in the yard or woods — even if you don't think you've come into contact with a member of the Rhus family. Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outside can also help to minimize skin contact with poison ivy.

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## School Happenings

• **Floyd County Schools 2007-2008 Kindergarten registration packets are available at local schools. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their schools and pick up a packet.**

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

### Allen Central High School

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

### Allen Central Middle School

■ **Special Notice:** There are currently several coats in the YSC. If your child has lost a coat, please feel free to drop by, or send your child, to check to see if a coat belongs to you. All coats left in the center at the end of the school year will be donated to the clothing giveaway program.\*

■ May 15 - 4-H Project Day, in library.

■ May 16 - 8th grade summer job availability presentation.

■ May 18 - 8th grade Graduation, 6 p.m.; Dance afterwards.

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

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

### Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

### Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service

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

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

### Clark Elementary

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

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

### Duff Elementary

■ May 15 - Deadline to submit a nomination for SBDM parent members. Submit all nominations by 3 p.m.

■ May 16 - SBDM election, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ May 17 - SBDM parent member winners will be announced.

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

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

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

### May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

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

for an appointment.

### McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

### Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

### Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ May 15 - Regular called SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., school auditorium.

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

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

### Prestonsburg High School

■ May 17 - Awards Night, 6 p.m., gymnasium.

■ May 20 - Baccalaureate (optional), 6 p.m., Community Methodist Church (Blackbottom).

■ May 21 - Senior Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., gymnasium. (Students only)

■ May 21 - Graduation, 7 p.m., gymnasium.

■ Note: All fees must be paid in

full before a student can graduate/receive diploma!

■ **Principal Ted George invites everyone and looks forward to seeing all at our special senior activities!**

■ May 29 - Summer School begins at 8:15 a.m.! Applications available in the counselor's office. Space is limited and placement is "first come, first served"! Students should report to the cafeteria by 8 a.m., on Tuesday, May 29. Transportation not provided on first day, but will be available thereafter. First summer school session: May 29 thru June 11; second session: June 12 thru June 25.

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ May 17 - SBDM Council election, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

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

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

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

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

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

### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ May 15 - Deadline to turn in nominations for 2007-2008 school year SBDM Council parent members. All nominations must be turned in to Anita Tackett, in the Family Resource Center, by 4 p.m.

■ May 22 - Election for parent SBDM members, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Family Resource Center. For questions in regard to the SBDM parent member election, call 587-2212.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

coordinator at 587-2233.

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

■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

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

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

### Wesley Christian School

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

■ For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

### Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

■ Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

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

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

■ 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

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

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.

■ 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

■ 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksby CC.

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

■ 6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

## Fly Lady

bookkeeper, then I taught Fly Fishing. I was not fulfilling my destiny because I still had an empty hole to fill. Nothing would fill up this hole; spending money, relationships, food or anything else I used to keep me in my rut.

You see; ruts keep you in a path that is not your choosing. Because it is so hard to get out of the rut, it is just easier to continue on this side-tracked journey. I can hear you now, "but I did choose my path!" Did you really or did circumstances just put you in this position?

Some people never get out of their ruts of procrastination. It involves too

much change. When we allow our routines to take over the maintenance of our home and we are on automatic pilot then we are freed up to follow our dreams one babystep at a time.

It was only after I got rid of my clutter and found my routines that my purpose for living was revealed to me. Open up your hearts by taking care of the things you have been putting off till later. Later is a lie that never happens unless you set your mind to clearing out your mind clutter! That is all procrastination really is!

This past week I had the pleasure of watching my dear friend Eric Dodge follow his dreams. He record-

ed his new country CD "Why Not Today" in Nashville with the best musicians in the business. He is following his dreams. He has gotten rid of the clutter from his life and taking babysteps to make his dreams a reality! You can do this, too. Release your clutter and find your passion!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her *New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007, Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

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## "Memories" Dance Club to open in Paintsville

One of the only dance clubs in the region, and the only one in Johnson County, will be opening Friday May 18, 2007 for the public. On Friday, May 11, at 10 a.m., a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dance club will be held.

"Memories" will provide a non-alcoholic, smoke and drug-free environment and will be located at the corner of Broadway and Depot (509 Depot) in Paintsville. The dance club will feature mainly live country, rock, bluegrass and gospel groups. There are opportunities for bands to audition by calling 788-0069.

"Memories" will also feature a 3,000 square foot room that will be available for weddings, banquets, business meetings, birthday parties and church services. The dance club will be open from 4 p.m. to 12 p.m., with entertainment scheduled from Wednesday through Sunday. There will be a \$7 cover charge for admittance.

For more information on bookings or other questions, please call 788-0069.



## Weddings



### Blackburn-Moore

Tim Wesley Blackburn, of Stanville, and Sheree Yvonne Hood, of Lexington, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christen Nolena Blackburn, to Jordon Paul Moore, the son of John Shallcross and Dawn Higgins, of Nicholasville.

A church wedding will take place in June, in Versailles.



### Hughes-Lequire

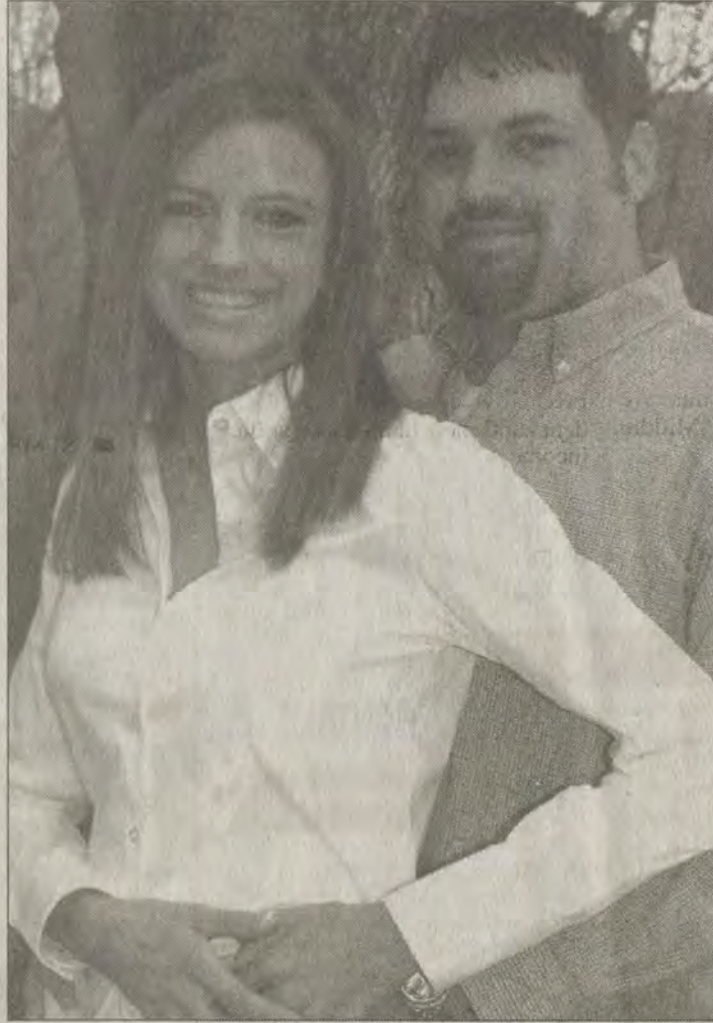
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes, of Banner, are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Sabrina Michele, to Robert Casey Lequire, the son of Robert Lequire and Sandy Broadhead, of Belfry.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Sullivan University from which she holds a master's degree in business administration. She is currently employed as an internal auditor for Community Trust Bank, Inc., in Pikeville.

The prospective groom is currently pursuing a master's degree in education from Morehead State University. He is employed as area representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Eastern Kentucky. He is also employed by the Pike County Board of Education.

The couple will wed on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at half past five o'clock in the late afternoon, at the Sawgrass Marriott, in Ponte Verde Beach, Florida.

They plan to spend their honeymoon in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Following, they will return to reside in Banner.



### Wright-Pennington

Brittany Wright and Joshua Pennington are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Brittany is the daughter of Steve and Francene Wright, of Banner. Joshua is the son of Rudy and Diane Pennington, of Prestonsburg. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at 1:30 p.m., at the Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. A cordial invitation to all family and friends is extended.

## Birthday



### Jake is 2!

Jacob Riley Caudill turned two years old on Saturday, April 28, 2007. He celebrated his big day on Friday, April 27, with his big sister Lindsay and his friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare. Jake is the son of Paul and Pamela Caudill, of Frasure Creek.

## JWT Announces Casting Contest

Think you could be a casting agent?

Try your hand at casting, and if you pick the correct Gabriella and Troy from the lineup, you will be entered into a drawing to win tickets for you and 24 of your closest friends to come to the sneak preview of Disney's High School Musical on Thursday, June 28th. The winner will also get to meet the entire cast and have their photo taken with the cast after the show. The winner will be announced on Friday, June 22, 2007.

All participants must use the online form to enter. For more information and to enter the contest, go to [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com) <<http://www.jwtheatre.com>> and click on the contest link on the home page.

Jenny Wiley Theatre Board members, employees, cast and their immediate families are not eligible.

## Diva

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marked off, it's time to belly up to the stovetop and get cooking.

There are those who heat the pan first and then add the oil; there are those who add the oil and heat the pan at the same time. You figure out your own sauté style, but for me, in my always seemingly rushed cooking style, I do both at the same time. Medium-high heat is good; high heat will smoke and burn your oil and is not good.

Once the oil is hot enough and has spread in your pan (you might need to do the spreading. Just pick the pan up and roll the oil around, then place it back on the heat). Now add your goodies. Remember not to overcrowd your pan or you'll stew rather than sauté. Found this out the hard way when cooking my fabulous beef stroganoff for a crowd. The overcrowded skillet made for less than fabulous results and I was sadly disappointed in the flavor factor (severely diminished by the stewing—it tasted watered down). Let that be a lesson to you. You can batch cook all day long, but do so in smaller batches and don't let your skillet get too filled up lest your fabulous meal tastes anemic like mine did.

So there you are, you and your skillet, all heated up and ready to go. You've added the goodies, they're making delicious aromas. Now what? You need to get them moving so they won't burn. A little browning is nice, but unless you're doing Cajun, you won't want to move past brown. When you move things around in the pan, you'll need to use a spatula or tongs or a large spoon or do it the way they do it on TV and toss it in the air (I don't recommend this method unless your last name happens to be Lagasse). You want all sides nicely browned and cooked through. This is what gives what you are sautéing

flavor and makes your dinner look so nice! Here's a recipe to practice your sauté skill!

### Garlicky Seared Scallops and Greens

Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 cloves garlic — pressed
- 1 tablespoon water
- salt and pepper — to taste
- 1 pound scallops
- 6 cups spinach

In a small bowl, whisk together lemon juice, half the olive oil, garlic and the water. This is the dressing.

Heat the rest of the oil in a skillet over a medium high heat. Add the scallops and cook about 2 to 3 minutes on either side, depending on how big your scallops are. Don't over cook. Salt and pepper them to taste when cooked.

Using half the dressing you just made, toss the spinach. Now evenly distribute the spinach among four plates, top with the cooked scallops and then drizzle remaining dressing over the top.

Per Serving: 203 Calories; 11g Fat (49.2% calories from fat); 20g Protein; 5g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 37mg Cholesterol; 219mg Sodium. Exchanges: 2 1/2 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 2 Fat.

Serve with some brown rice pilaf and enjoy!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

## Eyes

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nasty cyst. Initially, I thought it was a spider bite, because, honestly, my entire bottom was becoming red and bruised. Scary. And even though Dr. Reyes joked that "we don't get spiders down there," I'd have to say that if he lived in my house, he might feel differently.

For some reason, we seem to have an inordinate amount of spiders around our place. Maybe because we are tucked up against a hillside? I don't know. We see few of those pesky ladybugs that everyone is always talking about vacuuming up, but man, do we ever see our share of spiders! Much to the chagrin of my darling daughter, Elizabeth, who seems to have quite a phobia in regard to the little arachnids. Oh well, who can blame her? There's not much about a spider that gives one that "warm fuzzy" feeling. Though my high school boyfriend did have a college roommate a few years later that was rather fond of his big, black "friendly" tarantula. I remember quite well trying to prove that I was no southern sissy while visiting Glenn (the ex) and his buddies at Michigan State. Sure, put that little creature on my hand, I told 'em. And they did. And it

forthwith began to crawl right up my arm and toward my face the moment they did. And, yes, the southern sissy bursted right out as I began to panic and scream, "Get it off, get it off, get it off - NOW!" The memory still makes me shudder.

But, I digress. The point being, I did not have a spider bite. So my fears of rotting flesh were not realized. Good thing. But, having my bottom half cut on was not much fun, either. Still, I'd take that any day over necrosis.

Okay, so it's beginning to feel a little like Halloween about six months early, huh? (Wow. Think of that, only six months until Halloween - the weather is just beginning to get warm but, before we know it, there will be a cold snap in the air again.)

But, before we go too far with projecting ahead, let's ease back and enjoy what we have today. All around town, gardeners are getting busy planting bulbs and blooms. Before long, our fair little city will be a haven of botanical beauty.

Summer's on the way and I hope we all have a good one. See ya next time!

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Yard Sale

YARD SALE
Hippo Community yard sale May 12, 2007 9-? Rain date May 19, 2007.

YARD SALE
Continued at Bill Jack Compton Rt. 1 2 2 Prestonsburg, KY Spurlock Creek, across from Mountain Arts Center. Wed 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18.

YARD SALE
2 Family yard sale Friday and Saturday weather permitting. Behind Nelson Frasure Funeral Home in Martin.

Misc.

FOR SALE
Tanning bed for sale. Call 285-3864.

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King size bed for sale with frame and head board! 100 CD Jute box. Full size Pin Ball Machine. Call 606-226-6010

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0292, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618 has applied for an amendment



to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 97.94 acres of surface disturbance will underlie an additional 215.58 acres of which 119.73 acres underlies surface or auger area and is not included in the total making a total area of 641.35 within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0317  
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.6

miles northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 454.15 surface acres and 165.29 acres of underground area, making a total per area of 619.41 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles east from Corn Fork Road's junction with KY 3 and is located on Corn Fork of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Floyd Harris Heirs, Bill Monroe Thompson, and Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Floyd Harris Heirs, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Bill Monroe Thompson, and Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs, Holly Rose, Mike and Teresa Stratton, Evan and Mary Rose, John Hunt, Lewis and Emma Hunt, Mary Lucille Willis, Jewel Crider, Donald L. and Joyce Goble, Rhonda Gail Goble Ousley, Ransom Hunt, and Lewis Hunt. The operation will use the area, contour, underground, and auger/high wall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5523  
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc. 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY. 41653 has applied for a permit for underground coal mining operation located 2.00 miles Southeast of Blue River in Floyd County. The proposed operation will

disturb 5.0 surface acres and will underlie 834.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 839.0 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 miles Southeast of KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 1210 and located 0.20 miles east of the Caney Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 7/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Allen - May Land Corporation, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Allen - May Land Corporation, Alma Land Company, Kenneth & Phyllis Reffitt, Barbara & Karlas Brown, Lillie Blizzard, Carla Huff, Rosie Reffitt, Joe Stratton, Mary Alice Bates, Donald Barnett, Jeana Anne Barnett, David Charles, Freddie Fields, Betty Blevins, Odis Bradley, Arnie Baisden, Floyd Skeans, and Appalachian Land Company. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road 1210. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Mining Division, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5507  
Renewal  
1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.31 mile east of Drift, in

Floyd County. The operation disturbs 29.20 surface acres, and underlies 2,070.7 acres, for a total area of 2099.90 acres within the permit boundary. 2) The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes, and 33 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, and 21 seconds. 3) The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area disturbed is owned by Stella Martin Hamilton and Sola Williams. The permit underlies land owned by Ella Martin, Emmitt Lawson, Cassie Martin, Stella Martin Hamilton, Bess Martin Helton, Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Dorothy Huff Hamilton, John M. and Leslie K. Caudill, May Beverly Estate, Willa Faye Dennison, Nellie F. Hall, Alex and Alverta Sammons, Clinis Hall, Eugene Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Lizzie Hayes Estate, Tony Jr., and Alden Nettie Hall, Mary Francis Stone, Arthur Mitchell, Roland Moore, Dorothy Martin, Madge and Cecilia Denney, Edith Cook Skene, Roland Caudill, Sallie Hall Hutchinson, Ted and Helen Stumbo, William E. and Helen Hall, Bobbie and Audrey Hall, Vernon and Anna R. Hall, Billy Joe and Janie M. Gayheart, Penny Sizemore Heirs, Denzil Ray Hall, Ray Turner, Lewis Jr., and Susie Knott, Charles and Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Claude and Clova Howell, Bonnie

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5422,  
Major Revision No. In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc. 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining operation located 1.0 mile north of Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.0 surface acres and will underlie an additional 20.0 acres making a total area of 432.96 acres within the revised permit boundary. The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.2 miles southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road and located within Johnson Fork. The proposed major revision is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2

minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by J. R. Conn. The major revision proposes the addition of 20.0 underground acres. The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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1441, P.L. 106-377) which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accordance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Detailed Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan of the Huntington District Commander and the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2006 approved November 19, 2005 (P.L. 109-103), which act appropriated funds for such purposes. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking of your property, you are required to serve upon the plaintiff's attorney at this address herein designated within twenty (20) days after the date of the personal service of this notice upon you, exclusive of the day of service, an answer identifying the property in which you claim to have an interest stating the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stating all your objections and defenses to the taking of your property. A failure so to serve an answer shall constitute a consent to the taking and to the authority of the Court to proceed to hear the action and fix the just compensation and shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections not so presented. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance, designating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting the said property. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at the trial of the issue of just compensation whether or not you have answered or served a notice of appearance, you may present evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for the property, and you may share in the distribution of the award of compensation. If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon the plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim an interest. Thereafter, you will receive notice of all proceedings affecting said property. At the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property, and you may share in the distribution of the compensation.

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ed. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for May 17, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0779, Renewal  
In accordance with KAR 350-055, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and reclamation mining operation affecting 227.35 acres located 1.1 miles northwest of McCombs in Pike County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.06 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194 and located on Bevins Branch. The operation is located on Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DFM, Inc., Alma Land Company, Cliff Blackburn, M&M Enterprises, Appalachian Land Company, Denzil & Janice Allen, Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency, Inc. & David P. Allen. The surface area overlying auger works is owned by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and Alma Land Company. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Rd., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Pursuant to Application Number 898-0721, Renewal  
In accordance with KRS 350.055 notice is hereby given that CAM - Kentucky LLC, P.O. Box 901, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502 has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation. The operation disturbs 879.37 surface acres located 1.1 miles northwest of McCombs in Pike County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.06 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194 and located on Bevins Branch. The operation is located on Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DFM, Inc., Alma Land Company, Cliff Blackburn, M&M Enterprises, Appalachian Land Company, Denzil & Janice Allen, Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency, Inc. & David P. Allen. The surface area overlying auger works is owned by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and Alma Land Company. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Rd., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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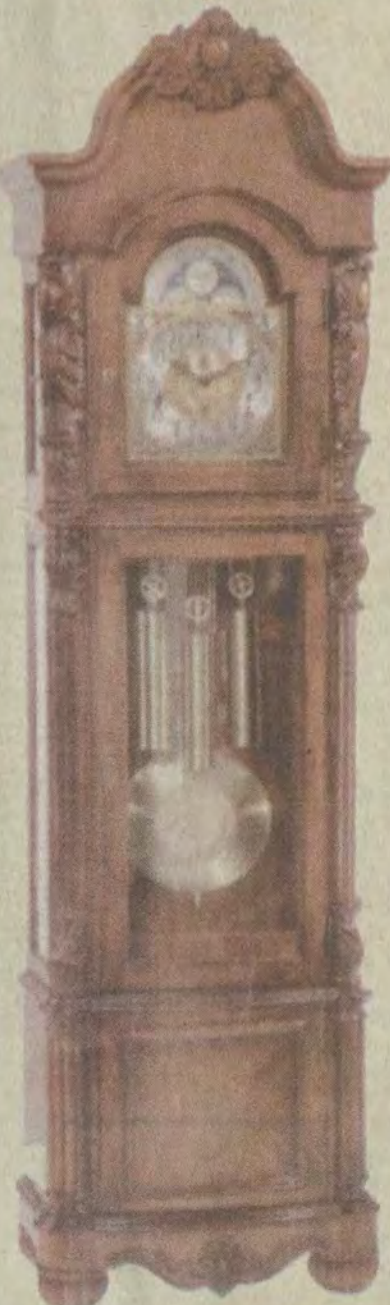
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