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briefs

Price of mailing letter goes up

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

As of Monday, you'll have to scrape up a few more cents to mail a letter in the United States since the cost of stamps went up to 41 cents.

The U.S. Postal Service has made quite a few changes within the mailing system including the new rate increase on first class stamps. They just recently introduced the "Forever Stamp" which can be purchased now at a set price and will be good forever, even if the cost of stamps goes up again in the future.

Packages are now priced according to shape along with the traditional weight regulations.

Under fire, mayor asks for council's guidance

Comptroller quits during heated meeting

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A three-hour-long city council meeting on Monday yielded not much more than arguments over ongoing projects and the potential loss of the one person who oversees the city's strained budget.

It's no secret to the public that certain council members and Mayor Jerry Fannin do not see eye to eye on things, but

those disagreements are beginning to fester and both sides seem to be fed up with problems that have not yet seen a solution.

Following a one-hour closed session which also did not return with a solution, council began discussions on the approval of bills, a topic that has been concerning for some council members since the beginning of the year.

According to council member C. "Shag" Branham, the

city is nearly \$50,000 over budget in professional services, with much of that amount coming from Abbott Engineering, a firm the city uses routinely for performing the groundwork for future projects. Branham and certain other city council members agree that continuing work on projects such as a water park is pushing the city's finances into a bad position and they also

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Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin expressed his frustrations during Monday's city council meeting regarding the council's inability to work together and move forward.

photo by Jessica Hale

YEAR-END FUN



photo by Steve LeMaster

Mrs. Davis' Prestonsburg Elementary School kindergarten class posed with local dirt Late Model racecar driver Brandon Kinzer Tuesday during the PES Sports Day. Other PES faculty members pictured are Mrs. Duncan, CRT; Mrs. Hall, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Hale-Frazier, Principal; Mrs. Reynolds, Family Resource Youth Service Center Director; and Mrs. Ousley, Counselor. Kinzer took first-place over the weekend in the Indiana Speedweek. More on his victory appears inside in today's Sports.

Garrett man pleads guilty to two robberies

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Garrett resident who confessed to robbing both a liquor store in McDowell and a gas station in Garrett in January has entered into a plea agreement which could get him 15 years in prison.

Kevin J. Slone was arrested in January and confessed to robbing Newsome Wine and Spirits located in McDowell and the Gas "N"

Go in Garrett. Slone is charged with one count each of first-degree robbery and complicity to commit first-degree robbery.

Slone and his attorney accepted a plea agreement from the commonwealth of 15 years in prison for each count. These sentences will run concurrently once Slone is officially sentenced on June 15.

Slone must serve 85 percent of that 15-year sentence before he will be eligible to ask for parole.

Former mayor, businessman, instructor seek Democratic nomination in SOS race

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Republican Melinda Wheeler is pushing an idea quite different from the seven other candidates running for state treasurer: she doesn't think the office is worth keeping.

Wheeler has recently campaigned on a message to voters that, as treasurer, the best thing she could do with the office is work to eliminate it. If elected, Wheeler says she would push for a constitutional amendment to abolish the job.



2007 Election Preview

"We don't need the office of treasurer, and I'm a fiscal conservative and I'm looking out for your money," Wheeler said recently.

There are eight candidates seeking the office of treasurer, four from each party.

Incumbent state Treasurer

Jonathan Miller, nearing the end of his second term, was prevented by term limits from seeking a third. Miller was a candidate in the Democratic governor's race, but dropped out on May 7 to throw his support behind former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear.

On the GOP side, the other candidates in the May 22 primary are state Reps. Lonnie Napier of Lancaster, Brandon Smith of Hazard and Ken Upchurch of Monticello. Each of them say that as treasurer

(See TREASURER, page six)

Organ donation more convenient

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — If someone you love needed a life-saving organ transplant, your decision to give wouldn't be a hard one. More than 740 Kentuckians need organ transplants and now those that renew their drivers licenses will have the opportunity to place their name on the state organ donor registry.

Legislation was passed in Kentucky during the 2006 legislative session, enabling Kentucky residents to have their wishes to be an organ donor documented through the

Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. Patrick T. Mayo, of Auxier, was the first Floyd Countian to enroll with the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry at the Floyd County Clerk's office.

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Ray Hall says the new legislation now requires his office to ask each person who renews their drivers license if they would like to be placed on the registry, but since the organ donor database is updated only once monthly, it is very important for participants to notify their next-of-kin of their

(See ORGANS, page six)

Paintsville man killed in wreck

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

THEALKA — A motorcycle accident in Johnson County has claimed the life of a Sitka man.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Department responded to a call of an accident at Boyd Branch and Route 581 at approximately 8:53 p.m. on Monday. Upon arrival, officers found Michael D. Osborne unresponsive on his motorcycle. He was already being treated by

(See WRECK, page six)



Members of the Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP, in Prestonsburg, joined others chapters over the nation in a Day of Service on Thursday, May 10, and volunteers of the local chapter collected an estimated 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food, and \$440 in cash, donated by customers of Prestonsburg's Food City, which will benefit God's Pantry. Pictured from left to right are Delmas Saunders, James E. Goble and John Rosenberg, volunteers at the AARP Day of Service. Members participating in the event were John Rosenberg, president; Garnett Fairchild, treasurer; Lou McCray, secretary; Connelly McCray, Delmas Saunders, James E. Goble, Jim Ratcliff, Eula Ferguson, Burieta Gearheart, and Jean Rosenberg. The AARP Day of Service is observed annually by chapters nationwide.

photo by Jessica Hale

3 DAY FORECAST

Today

Storms

High: 70 • Low: 46

Tomorrow

Storms

High: 68 • Low: 44

Friday

Partly cloudy

High: 71 • Low: 44

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Obituaries

Billy Gene Conn

Billy Gene Conn, 65, of Ivel, died Saturday, May 12, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born March 2, 1942, in Dana, he was the son of the late James and Anna Mae Newsome Conn. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include a son, William Conn of Harold; a daughter, LeeAnna Conn Kidd of Harold; a brother, Richard Conn of Martin; and three grandchildren: MaKayla Lashea, Brady William, and Ryan Landon; two half brothers: Jimmy Conn and James Edward Conn, both of Harold; and a half sister, Nancy Conn of Harold.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Harold Conn and Perry Conn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Newsome Cemetery, in Dana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Sister Ida Marie Deville

Sister Ida Marie Deville, 82, a sister of Divine Providence, entered eternal life on Friday, May 11, 2007.

She was born in Pineville, Louisiana on February 23,



1925, and became a Sister of Divine Providence at 20 years of age. Sister Ida Marie taught and served as principal in various schools in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas for 36 years. She also ministered as director of social services for 26 years in Louisiana and Kentucky. While residing in David, Kentucky, she ministered at St. Vincent Mission from 1981 to 1999.

She is survived by her siblings, Frank Deville Jr., and spouse, Delores; Virgie Deville Aymond; Helen Deville Knowles; Arden Deville Ehrensing and spouse, Douglas; Charles Deville and spouse, Mary Ann; Ruth Deville Wheelahan; Shirley Deville Leonard and spouse, Willie; 35 nieces and nephews, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Ida Foster Deville; her brothers-in-law, Allen Aymond, Vernon Knowles, and Richard Wheelahan; and nephew, Mark Ehrensing.

Services in Isle Breville, Louisiana, were held Sunday,

May 13, at St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. A Christian wake was held at 2:30 p.m. followed by a special Sunday Mass, celebrated at 5 p.m., by Rev. Jacob Thomas, pastor. In Louisiana, services were under the direction of John Kramer & Son, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Services in San Antonio, Texas, were in Annunciation Chapel at Our Lady of the Lake Convent Center, with a Rosary on Monday, May 14, at 4 p.m., and a wake at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, May 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Interment was in Providence Cemetery under the direction of Angelus Funeral Home, San Antonio, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a memorial contribution to the Sisters of Divine Providence, 515 S.W. 24th Street, San Antonio, TX 78207-4619. (Paid obituary)

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Florence Hall

Florence Hall, age 77, passed away Friday, May 11, 2007, at her home in Sumpter Township, Michigan.

She was born March 29, 1930, in Auxier, the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Gobel) Patton. She enjoyed classical music, crossword puzzles, and gardening. She was a wonderful cook, and an inspiration to her grandchildren.

She is survived by Billy

Hall, her husband of more than 55 years; a son, Robert (Linda) Hall Sr., of Sumpter Twp.; a daughter, Daphne (Gilbert) LeBlanc of Alba, Michigan; four grandchildren: Robert Hall Jr., Elizabeth Ann Hall, Heather Scheetz, and Mark LeBlanc; a brother, Donald Patton of Maytown; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister Margaret Bevins; and a brother, Darwin Patton.

Visitation was Sunday, 4-8 p.m., and Monday, 1-4 and 6-8 p.m., with an 11 a.m. funeral Tuesday, May 15, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan.

Memorial contributions to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Building Fund would be greatly appreciated by the Hall family.

Sign her guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com (Paid obituary)

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Elder Teddy Hall

Elder Teddy W. Hall, age 67, of Gallipolis, formerly of Franklin Furnace, went to be with Lord on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at Scenic Hills Nursing Center in Bidwell, Ohio.

Brother Teddy was born on September 19, 1939, in Greenup County, Kentucky, the son of the late Wade and Ada Hall. He was an ordained elder, and member of Spurlock Old Regular Baptist Church in

Spurlock, Kentucky.

He also was an avid reader, especially World War II articles, and corresponded with former soldiers for years. But his greatest joy was going to church to worship God with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Brother Teddy is survived by two sisters, Freda Alley of Gallipolis, and Wanda Heller of Portsmouth; and four nieces and nephews; and many brothers and sisters in the church; and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Lacy; and a sister, Jenny; and his beloved wife of 46 years, Evelyn Riffe Hall, who died on June 23, 2006. Brother Teddy and Sister Evelyn were married in Greenup, Kentucky, on March 26, 1960.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Leonard Napier, Chester Cochran and Clyde Lewis, with burial following at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Franklin Furnace.

Pallbearers were Darrell Calhoun, Garland Napier, Gary Napier, Tim Smith, Acy Knipp, and C. Preston Lewis. (pd. obituary)

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Albert Benjamin Robinson

Albert Benjamin (A.B.) Robinson, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, May 13, 2007, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born September 7, 1933, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Dick and Ellen Brown Robinson. He was a retired maintenance worker for the Floyd County Board of Education.

Survivors include three sisters: Ida Mae Dotson of Akron, Indiana, Alma Wadkins of Mentone, Indiana, and Eliza Dotson of Prestonsburg; and a special niece, Charlotte Crum of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers: Woodrow Robinson, Henry Robinson, Floyd Robinson, Bill Jack Robinson, Bob Robinson, and George Robinson; and two sisters: Minerva Wadkins and Mary Robinson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 16, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home, in Martin, with James Stephens officiating.

Burial will be in the Dotson Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Russell Shepherd

Russell Shepherd, 59, of David, died Saturday, May 12, 2007, at his residence.

Born October 8, 1947, in David, he was the son of Elizabeth Shepherd of David, and the late Ashland Shepherd. He was a retired school teacher at Prestonsburg, for 33 years, former baseball coach for 32 years, girl's volleyball coach and girls basketball coach, a member of E.K.E.A.; named Who's Who in Coaching; a member of the David Fire Department; and a member of the Open Door Church, at David.

He is survived by his wife, Caren Prater Shepherd.

In addition to his mother and wife, survivors include a son, Zethaniel Dean Shepherd of David; a daughter, Cheresh Abra Shepherd of David; two brothers: Paul Edward Shepherd of Warsaw, Indiana, and Lloyd Lowell (Bob) Shepherd of David; and two sisters: Grace Clark and Sally Reynolds, both of David.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Wheeler Shepherd.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Manns and Jimmy Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Ashland Shepherd Cemetery, in David, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Russell Shepherd Memorial Scholarship Fund, being established at First Commonwealth Bank.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Democrats on the attack during debate as primary election nears

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A prolonged truce among Kentucky Democrats running for governor was frayed considerably Monday night as the half-dozen candidates wrangled over expanded gambling and their own pasts during a debate coming barely more than a week before the primary election.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, the chief proponent of casino-style gambling in Kentucky, was on the receiving end of several barbs from his opponents during the 90-minute debate on Kentucky Educational Television. A week earlier, Beshear gained the endorsement of a former foe when state treasurer Jonathan Miller dropped out of the race and backed him.

Steve Henry, another former lieutenant governor, said that Beshear's only solution to improving education and health care has been expanded gambling. Henry supports allowing voters decide the

issue, but cautioned that it would take three years for the state to reap any benefits from casino gambling. He said Beshear needed to talk about how he would improve social programs without expanded gambling dollars. House Speaker Jody Richards picked up on the same theme.

"It's not going to be a panacea," said Richards, who has said he wouldn't oppose an expanded gambling measure in the legislature.

Beshear countered that he was the only candidate who had presented a plan to pay for expanded health coverage and early childhood education, as well as lower college tuition — goals his opponents have advocated as well.

"All the rest of these folks want to stand up here and promise all these things, but they don't want to tell anybody how they're going to pay for them," Beshear said. "And I'll guarantee you this, if we don't have new revenue, that's not going to happen."

Beshear said he would push to get expanded gambling on

the 2008 ballot and approved by voters. With that timetable, he said, the state could start collecting tax revenues from casino-style gambling in 18 months.

That brought a quick response from another candidate, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford. He said the condensed timetable outlined by Beshear didn't appear to include a local option for Kentuckians to decide whether they want casino-style gambling in their communities.

Until Monday night's

debate, the candidates had mostly refrained from attacking each other, heaping much of their criticism on Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher. The governor is embroiled in a three-way race in a GOP primary, which also features former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper.

But with the campaign in its last full week before the May 22 primary, the criticism among the Democrats was

(See DEBATE, page nine)

Card of Thanks

The family of Dixie Cornett Lawson would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Harry Hargis and the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF DIXIE CORNETT LAWSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Lloyd Harold Allen wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Clergyman Bill Parker for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF LLOYD HAROLD ALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Ricky Lee Moore wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors, and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF RICKY LEE MOORE

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Daniel Newsome reunion

The descendants of Daniel Newsome, of Teaberry, will meet for their 6th annual reunion on Sunday, May 27, at the Army Corps of Engineers, Dewey Dam Shelter No. 4.

Floyd County Schools to hold 21st Young Authors Celebration, Sunday, May 20

Floyd County Schools will be holding their 21st Young Authors Celebration at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center on Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. Guest author Mrs. Debbie Hodson (Mountain Rainbow) will attend the program. The celebration is open to the public.

PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion

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

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Kids Summer Camps

Super Chef Cooking Camp - May 29 to June 1, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Age 11 and up. Kids can learn how to correctly use a knife and carve food and prepare selected recipes.
Knitting Camp - June 11-15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Quilting Camp - June 18-22, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids learn to craft a scrap quilt.
Sewing Camp - June 25-29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Kids Healthy Cooking Camp - July 2-6 (class not held on July 4). Age 7 and up. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sewing Camp - July 16-20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cost of each camp session: \$10. Most supplies included. Camps limited to first 12 paying students. Call 886-0709 to register.

Calling all hot rodders!

Downtown Paintsville's Main Street Association welcomes all Hot Rodders to "Cruz On In" to the first once-a-month CRUZ-IN to be held Saturday, May 19, in down-

town Paintsville, from 4 to 9 p.m., at the Downtown Paintsville Main Street & College City Parking Lot.

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For additional information, contact Carole Logsdon at: downtownmain@bell-south.net

Amateur Radio Exam Saturday, May 26

The Amateur Radio Community Services Club, Paintsville, will sponsor Amateur Radio exams of all classes on Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at the Paintsville Fire Dept. #1, Main St. Volunteer examiners certified by the American Radio Relay League will conduct the exams. If interested, bring a copy of any previous license, a picture ID, and a check made payable to A.R.R.L. (\$14 to cover the exam fee). For more information, contact Ken Robinson K4KBR at 297-9941 or Curtis Meade KY4CM at 789-6339. To learn more, visit K14OIP.org or ARRL.net.

Tent Revival

'Old Time Camp Meeting Tent Revival' to be held at Emma United Methodist Church, Sunday - Wednesday, May 20-23. Services to be held nightly at 7 p.m. Special singing each night, bus parking available.

FCRT Memorial Service

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold their annual memorial service on Thursday, June 7, at 10 a.m., in the Josie Harkins School House, located in the Jenny Wiley Campgrounds area.

Drug Court graduation

The Floyd County Drug Court program will be holding a graduation ceremony in Judge Eric Hall's courtroom on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Will T. Scott, Deputy Chief Justice of the 7th Supreme Court District.

Spring recital

Piano students of David Leslie will present their 27th Annual Spring Recital on May 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg. The public is invited to attend. (Please note time change from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 p.m. \$25 single, \$40.00 couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

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

Democratic Woman's Club

meets at Floyd Co. Library

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

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion

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

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion

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

WHS Classes of '87 and '88

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

ACHS Class of '96

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

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon

and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

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

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

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

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'

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

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Guest View

Global threats to safety

Dr. David Kessler, the respected former director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, had a simple message for Congress last week: “Our food safety system in this country is broken.”

The FDA has been under fire in recent months over contaminated pet food ingredients from China that killed thousands of U.S. dogs and cats. The tainted ingredients also found their way into feed for chickens, hogs and farm-raised fish.

Except for a brief period after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, when the fear of terrorism led to increased scrutiny, the resources devoted to food safety in our country have been static. The FDA’s annual budget is about \$2 billion, of which about \$467 million is for food safety. Animal feed imports from China, just one of many products the FDA regulates, have increased seven-fold since 2001. Within the agency, Kessler said, food safety has become “a second-tier priority.”

The first-tier has been drug safety, but there are problems there as well. A host of well-documented problems prompted an FDA reform bill approved by the Senate last Wednesday. Its main focus is on the safety of American-made drugs, setting up increased scrutiny of medicines after they’ve been approved for marketing. But counterfeit medications of shadowy provenance are an emerging threat.

A New York Times investigation published this week traced the involvement of Chinese firms in three international mass-poisoning incidents. Diethylene glycol, an ingredient in antifreeze, was sold as pharmaceutical-grade glycerin. Thousands of people died after taking medicine containing the chemical.

China isn’t the only threat to global food and drug safety; it is simply the most prominent example of a fast-growing country where regulatory systems have not kept pace with production. Potentially dangerous products flow rapidly and anonymously across international borders, in some cases accompanied by forged or incomplete documents. Products can be resold dozens of times before being imported by the United States, hiding their country of origin.

About half of all imports – worth an estimated \$1 trillion a year – fall under FDA jurisdiction. It makes sense to have a single federal agency responsible for all food safety, but that’s not the way things are organized. The U.S. Department of Agriculture inspects meat and poultry. The FDA inspects livestock feed, processed food ingredients, and fresh vegetables. Only about 1 percent of imported foods are physically inspected. Contamination in processed food ingredients, such as tainted wheat gluten and rice protein mixed into animal feed, is extremely difficult to spot.

The answer isn’t inspection of every single imported food or drug item; that would be prohibitively expensive and, without knowing exactly what to test for, impractical. Nor is the FDA’s appointment of a food safety czar, Dr. David Acheson, a fix. It’s a good move, but not enough.

The real solution lies in giving the FDA more money and more authority. U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., have proposed giving the agency an extra \$183 million in next year’s budget for food safety, a year-over-year increase of just under 40 percent.

The agency also needs stronger authority to demand records that show the source of food and drugs and to order food recalls, which now depend on cooperation from retailers and wholesalers. The FDA also needs new equipment that can analyze quickly processed food ingredients.

Durbin sponsored an amendment to the FDA bill approved this week that sets fines for importers who don’t quickly report contaminated products. It also sets up an early warning system to signal increases in human and animal illness linked to tainted foods.

Positive steps are being taken toward improving our food and drug safety. But as we’ve learned in recent months, the dangers are very real and, in a global marketplace, only likely to increase.

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‘I weathered the storm!’

Letters

Helmets save lives

This is in reference to the story on motorcycle safety. I understand that we must share the road with all vehicles; however, the statement about how many people lose their lives in motorcycle accidents prompted this letter.

The only way that that number will slow down is if the Commonwealth of Kentucky will pass a law that requires people to wear a helmet or they will be ticketed. I find it hard to believe that I as a vehicle operator must wear a seat belt or I risk being fined and the motorcycle drivers can go on the road daily with little or no protection. It is the fault of each motorcycle driver if that happened to them.

I feel like they should at least try to protect themselves.

Patricia West
Prestonsburg

Supports Wheeler

In the last week before the May Primary Election, I would like the citizens of Floyd County to support Melinda Wheeler for Kentucky State Treasurer.

Melinda, the daughter of Buzzy and Jeanne Wheeler, was raised in Paintsville and graduated with a business degree from Pikeville College.

After college, Melinda took a position with the Administrative Office of the Courts where in 32 years she worked her way to the top position of director managing 3,500 employees with a budget of a half-billion dollars. As a proven administrator, Melinda knows how to effectively and efficiently manage the position of Kentucky State Treasurer.

Kentucky has never elected a woman, or a Republican State Treasurer, and Melinda would like the opportunity to serve in this capacity. A fiscal conservative, Melinda had led a highly controversial campaign because she wants to be sure that Kentuckians are represented fairly and that their tax dollars are being used wisely.

As you go to the polls, remember that Melinda is a wife, mother and grandmother who holds family values to be as important as her devotion to the people of this state.

Please go out and support her on May 22.

Thank you.

Sara Hopson Blair
Paintsville

Send Fletcher home

There has been much written about Gov. Fletcher and the hiring scandal. He tried to claim he knew nothing about this practice. Then he thumbed his nose at justice and gave a blanket immunity to all involved. Then he showed his contempt for our judicial

system by using the Fifth Amendment before the grand jury.

One victim of those fired went to court and the governor was supposed to give a deposition in the case. The governor claims the lawsuit was frivolous and that he has legal immunity from such claims, even if the claims were true.

Earlier he reached an agreement with Attorney General Greg Stumbo in which he acknowledged wrongdoing in his administration. The attorney general most probably could not have done better. The governor would have just pardoned himself.

He believes he has it both ways. He acknowledges wrongdoing and then he calls lawsuits frivolous. The governor believes he is above the law.

He was elected to office with the promise that he would clean up Frankfort and all he has done is make more of a mess than we already had.

At this time, both his own lieutenant governor and a former personnel secretary have come out endorsing someone else for governor in the next election. We may not know much about what goes on in Frankfort, but those two do and they say no to Gov. Fletcher. Most of those involved in the scandal have also been let go.

I urge the voters of this commonwealth to vote him out this election. Send a message to Frankfort that we are tired of these politicians and being a laughing stock to the rest of the country. For once, let these politicians know we are sick and tired of business as usual.

Marvin Nichols
Louisville

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Patton given honorary doctorate at MSU graduation

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's student speaker at Monday's spring commencement exercises told the audience that graduation represents both a closure and a beginning.

Abby Mynatt of London said the commencement "is a celebration of what we have already accomplished. But graduation goes on until the last day of your life. You truly graduate when you show compassion, when you show love and when you show your humanity."

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews conferred degrees on more than 1,100 candidates, including Mynatt, during the ceremony at the Academic-Athletic Center. A chemistry major, Mynatt was a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree.

Mynatt said the recent tragic events at Virginia Tech reminded her that every day is a miracle and each is special. She credited Morehead State's

faculty for preparing students not only academically, but also in the areas of compassion and humanity.

"There lies a dedication to each other that we can't always sense, but it's this link that binds us all to one another in momentous occasions like these or in tragedies like Virginia Tech. These bonds will connect us no matter what direction in life we each decide to take."

Board of Regents Chair James H. Booth of Inez, presented the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Paul E. Patton, former governor of Kentucky.

Patton was the Commonwealth's 59th governor from 1995 to 2003. He was the first governor in two centuries to serve two successive terms. The Lawrence County native was a national leader, particularly in higher education policy.

In accepting his degree, Patton noted that while such

honors are always appreciated, receiving recognition from MSU was particularly rewarding for him.

Patton said he has enjoyed a long and close relationship with MSU. "Morehead in many ways is my University. In fact, if you had had an engineering program in the mid 50s, I would be an alum."

Before the remaining degrees were conferred, Dr. Andrews recognized Shannon Niki Martin of Louisville, an ROTC student and candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in health promotion. Martin will be commissioned a second lieutenant in a special upcoming ceremony at the White House.

MSU's Summer I term will begin on Monday, June 4. Additional information about attending classes is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.



Former Gov. Paul Patton, center, accepted an honorary doctorate from Morehead State University Chair Jim Booth, left, and President Wayne D. Andrews, during Monday's graduation exercise.

Calendar

in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

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Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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Council

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fear that there are ongoing projects out there that they are unaware of.

"We need more guidance on what projects we're working on," Branham said.

Council member Gorman Collins said that the city should not be looking any further into future projects when they are already facing major concerns in regards to funding operations already in place, such as Stonecrest Golf Course, Archer Park and the Mountain Arts Center.

Council member Morris Copley agreed that the council had numerous items on the table and that the council was having a difficult time focusing on the ones most important, but not without taking a portion of the blame for previous miscommunications upon the council itself.

"Us as a new council needed to look at all of the projects to begin with," Copley said.

Mayor Jerry Fannin, who has faced ongoing criticism since the inception of the new council, says the blame game isn't doing anyone any good.

"If we keep arguing back and forth, we're never going to get anything accomplished," Fannin said.

Council members Branham, Nunnery and Collins each said that they have called upon the mayor numerous times to provide them with insight into ongoing projects, but Fannin seemed to simply either not

have the answers or did not want to come forth with them willingly.

Fannin stands his ground that he has tried to provide the council with everything they have asked of him, but he's unsure of what exactly the council wants.

"If you all give me direction and ask me questions and tell me what you want, I'll try to work with you," Fannin said.

Collins directed a portion of his comments towards the city's comptroller, Yvette Stephens, citing that he had asked for reports from Stephens several months ago which he did not receive until Monday.

Stephens noted that Collins had all the information previously that he had asked for, just in a different format. Before when Collins made the request, he noted that it was hard for him to decipher the information in the format in which it was presented to him. Stephens had agreed that she would try to put it together in a way more suitable for Collins, but during Monday's meeting, Collins blamed Stephens for not receiving it in a more timely manner.

When confronted with the situation, Stephens said, "You had all the information all along."

Mayor Fannin temporarily intervened the argument between the two and defended

Stephens, saying she had been under an extreme amount of stress with the city's budget and numerous requests from the council in recent months.

The argument continued until Stephens evidently had enough and walked out of the courtroom — and nobody is sure if she'll return.

"Well, you can call a new comptroller because I quit!" Stephens said as she left the room.

Fannin, who was obviously disturbed by comments that Collins made towards Stephens, said, "That's a big mistake," as he looked in Collins' direction.

Branham immediately said that nobody said anything out of line to Stephens and that she had no reason to act the way she did.

Fannin fired back by saying, "Well, if we lose Yvette, we're going to have some real big budget concerns."

Under new business, council discussed a resolution to keep the temporary red lights just above the Wal-Mart intersection and the entrance to Archer Park. Council member Chris Slone voiced concerns regarding who was going to pay for the purchase and installment of the permanent poles for the red lights. Fannin said that the owner of the property, Franklin Fitzpatrick, would be responsible for the cost, but that the city just needed to approve the placement of the red lights.

Slone said that he felt that the existing lights which direct traffic between Wal-Mart and the post office could also be used to direct any other traffic that will come from the new business park. Council member Collins said that the second set of lights would be too inconvenient.

The council eventually agreed to pass the resolution, citing it would go forward if the highway department approves it.

A second resolution to approve a \$7,500 pilot wireless internet program for downtown Prestonsburg also passed, but some council members don't believe the service can be offered free of charge to users.

Prestonsburg's economic development director, Brent Graden, says he is only asking that the city take the wireless internet concept for a test drive and then later decide if the benefits will outweigh any concerns. Graden insists that the city will be able to provide the service free of charge, saying that it will bring businesses to the area and provide more jobs.

Prestonsburg's tourism director Freddy James was present at the meeting to discuss issues brought up at the April 23 meeting regarding the funding of Archer Park. James insists that tourism has given Archer Park every penny that

they were supposed to. James also cited that Archer park needs to follow in the footsteps of other local attractions such as the MAC and track their patrons in order to provide proof that the park brings in visitors from other areas.

Archer Park director David Baldrige said he has been doing exactly that and if that was all tourism needed in regards to proof, then it was already there for tourism to review. Baldrige noted that family reunions are often multi-day events for which the park is booked for over the next couple of months. Still yet, the park commission says they may not be able to operate the pool this summer if they don't receive help from somewhere.

The additional responsibility of the facilities at Stonecrest have put strain on the parks resources. The council agreed to look into their budget in order to determine how much funding they could provide in order to keep the park open.

Safety concerns regarding hunting at Stonecrest were the last thing discussed at the meeting. Mayor Jerry Fannin says there are signs posted that restrict hunting on city property, but the close proximity of hunting grounds and nearby houses do pose some concern. Council agreed to get in contact with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in order to discuss their options for improving the safety for residents on the hill.

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The Floyd County Board of Education has scheduled a local Board public hearing on the proposed District Facility Plan for Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at May Valley Elementary School, at 6:00 p.m. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board office, 106 N. Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through May 16, 2007. Questions may be directed to Paul Fanning at 606-886-2354. Those individuals who would like to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the local Board public hearing. The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

The local Board public hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

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they would create new programs aimed at improving fiscal literacy.

The four Democrats seeking the nomination are Patrick Dunmire of Frankfort, L.J. "Todd Hollenbach" of Louisville, former state Rep. Mike Weaver of Elizabethtown and Jack Wood, a former district judge and the GOP's 2003 candidate for attorney general.

The candidates have sparred over the state's prepaid tuition program, and the treasurer's role in the state's pension plan for public employees.

Amid Republicans, Napier claims the deepest campaign pockets.

Napier had collected more than \$81,500 and spent more than \$37,000, according to records with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance filed at the end of April. Upchurch collected \$36,700, and spent more than \$28,400; Wheeler had about \$28,400 and spent more than \$13,600; while Smith raised \$8,300 and spent more than \$5,200.

For Democrats, Hollenbach had raised the most. Reports

filed at the end of April showed he raised about \$23,300 and spent nearly \$10,000. Weaver, who lost a hotly contested race in November for Kentucky's 2nd District congressional seat, raised about \$7,800 and spent more than \$1,100. Dunmire raised more than \$2,400 and spent about \$2,100, while Wood had \$200 and didn't spend anything, according to records.

Wood and Weaver had a testy exchange recently over

the General Assembly's budgets. Wood claimed Weaver as a state legislator had voted on legislative proposals that jeopardized funding for the state's prepaid tuition program and left the system in financial trouble.

After Wood confronted Weaver on the matter, the former state representative said, "Why aren't you running as a Republican this time? Did you think you had a better chance of running as a Democrat?"

Weaver said. Meanwhile, the Republicans have quarreled over Wheeler's call to eliminate the office.

Wheeler has said her opponents were proposing new programs in an effort to make the office sound more important.

Napier replied during a recent debate: "If you think the office is not worth having, why are you running?" Napier asked. "Why don't you just drop out of the race."

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Massey says many alleged violations involved other companies

by **TIM HUBER**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Massey Energy Co. said Tuesday that the federal government has inflated the number of times it allegedly violated the U.S. Clean Water Act.

Additionally, the Richmond, Va.-based coal company disputed estimates it faces \$2.4 billion in fines for thousands of alleged violations at West Virginia and Kentucky operations within the past six years. Massey suggested any fine would be insignificant for its finances.

Massey, the nation's fourth-largest coal company by revenue, reiterated that the most of the violations caused little or no environmental damage and that none were intentional. "Therefore, the company believes penalties, if any, should be significantly less than the maximum allowable

per violation," Massey said.

The latest statement came as Massey's stock fell another 32 cents, or 1.16 percent, to \$27.28 Tuesday morning. On Monday, the stock fell \$2.61 a share, or 8.6 percent, to close at \$27.60.

The federal lawsuit alleges Massey operations have illegally poured pollutants into West Virginia and Kentucky waterways about 4,633 times. The alleged discharges exceed average monthly or maximum daily permit limits equal about 69,071 days worth of violations of the U.S. Clean Water Act, federal prosecutors contend.

The lawsuit threatens seven Massey subsidiaries with fines of \$27,500 for each day in violation before March 15, 2004, and of \$32,500 for each day afterward.

But Massey said some alleged violations occurred before it owned various mines, though the company offered no

specifics.

Others aren't violations because many of its permits allow discharge to exceed limits or waive them altogether during heavy rain, Massey said.

The lawsuit is but the latest legal problem for Massey.

In March, the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration levied \$1.5 million in fines for 25 violations it contends contributed to a fire and death of two miners at a Logan County mine last year. Massey also was fined \$70,000 by the state Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training for the Jan. 19, 2006 fire at the Aracoma Coal Co.'s Alma No. 1 Mine.

The widows of the two miners also have sued Massey, two subsidiaries and Chief Executive Don Blankenship over the deaths.

Massey operates 19 mining complexes in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky.

Organs

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decision.

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Wreck

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members of the Paintsville Fire Department for apparent head injuries.

Investigators have determined that Osborne was driving his 2001 Harley Davidson motorcycle north on Route 581 when he collided with an earth embankment at the entrance of Boyd Branch and then landed upright in the waterway.

Osborne was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead by Johnson County Coroner J.R. Frisby.

The accident is still under investigation by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

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USDA proposes new rules for rural broadband

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas C. Dorr announced Tuesday the publication of new proposed rules designed to facilitate the further deployment of broadband services to rural communities nationwide.

"These proposed changes will improve broadband coverage in rural America," said Dorr. "Refining eligibility and coverage areas, along with increased emphasis on reaching areas with limited service are priorities within these proposed rule changes."

Dorr outlined several key elements of the proposed rules: Promoting deployment to rural areas with little or no service; Ensuring that residents in funded areas get broadband access more quickly; Limiting funding in urban areas and areas where a significant share of the market is served by incumbent providers; Clarifying and streamlining equity and marketing survey requirements; Increasing the transparency of the application process, including legal notice requirements, to make more informed lending/borrowing decisions; Promoting a better understanding of all application requirements, including market survey, competitive analysis, business plan, and system design requirements; and ensuring that projects funding are keeping pace with increasing demand for bandwidth.

Dorr noted that significant progress has been made in facilitating rural broadband deployment since the program began. Over 70 loans have been made totaling \$1.2 billion for broadband deployment projects headquartered in 36 states. Through these loans, more than half a million households in more than 1,000 rural communities will receive broadband service. Over 60% of these communities had little or no broadband service at the time.

In addition, as part of its 2007 Farm Bill proposal, the USDA has requested re-authorization of the broadband program through 2012. Because of broadband technology, to an unprecedented degree, people have choices about where to live and how to work. From a rural development perspective, this allows rural residents to live locally and compete globally. Broadband is eliminating the barriers of distance, remoteness, and time that face rural businesses, teachers, and physicians. Children growing up on farms, ranches and in small towns can have the same

access to the best education our nation can provide. Rural citizens are offered access to health care and rural economies prosper and grow with new markets only a computer screen away.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development has invested over \$76.8 billion since the beginning of the Bush Administration to provide equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. As a result, over 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

nominees for the 2007 Kentucky Commencement exercises Saturday, May 12, at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center. The College honored the academic achievements of 128 undergraduate degree candidates. Natasha Hope Baird of Pikeville and Richard Cody Swords of Ransom were valedictorians for the Class of 2007. Lora Beth Worrix Coleman of Pikeville and Jessica VanZant of Canada were salutatorians. The keynote speaker for the commencement was Albert P. Smith Jr. of Lexington, known for his contributions in journalism, education and leadership. Smith and James C. Stratton, also of Lexington, received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Stratton previously served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees and spent more than four decades as pastor of First United Methodist Churches, serving communities across the state, including Pikeville.

Kentucky to receive nearly \$50 million to help disabled

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky will receive about \$50 million in federal funds over five years aimed at helping people in nursing homes or other facilities find housing in their community, state officials said.

Kentucky is one of 13 states to win the federal Medicaid grants intended to help elderly or disabled people live in community settings instead of institutions.

The state will add about \$11 million to the \$49.8 provided by the federal government to help people find proper housing and services to live in settings such as group homes, said Mark Birdwhistell, secretary of the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services said.

The initial focus of the funds will be on elderly or disabled people in nursing homes who want to move, Birdwhistell said. Later, the program will expand to include residents of facilities for people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

No one will be forced to move from an institution,

Birdwhistell said. The long-term goal is to create a system where as many people as possible remain in their homes for as long as possible, he said.

"That looks to be a significant cost savings to us, to allow them to age in place in their own homes," Birdwhistell said.

Federal authorities said Kentucky's funds would help as many as 431 people move from institutions over the next five years. The money is part of a \$547 million grant to 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Advocates of community living argue that it is generally cheaper than nursing homes or

institutions, which can cost from \$50,000 to several hundred thousand dollars a year, and provides a better quality of life.

The average cost of community placement is about \$58,000 a year. The state has been working to expand a Medicaid program that serves about 3,000 disabled people living in community housing but hasn't had sufficient money to meet the demand.

"Everyone should have the right to quality of life," said Sherry Hixenbaugh, a tutor at Jefferson Community College who has used a wheelchair since she was paralyzed in a 1976 car accident.



Pikeville College President Hal Smith congratulates Brandl N. Hylton Bentley of Pikeville during commencement exercises Saturday, May 12, at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center. The College honored the academic achievements of 128 undergraduate degree candidates. Natasha Hope Baird of Pikeville and Richard Cody Swords of Ransom were valedictorians for the Class of 2007. Lora Beth Worrix Coleman of Pikeville and Jessica VanZant of Canada were salutatorians. The keynote speaker for the commencement was Albert P. Smith Jr. of Lexington, known for his contributions in journalism, education and leadership. Smith and James C. Stratton, also of Lexington, received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Stratton previously served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees and spent more than four decades as pastor of First United Methodist Churches, serving communities across the state, including Pikeville.



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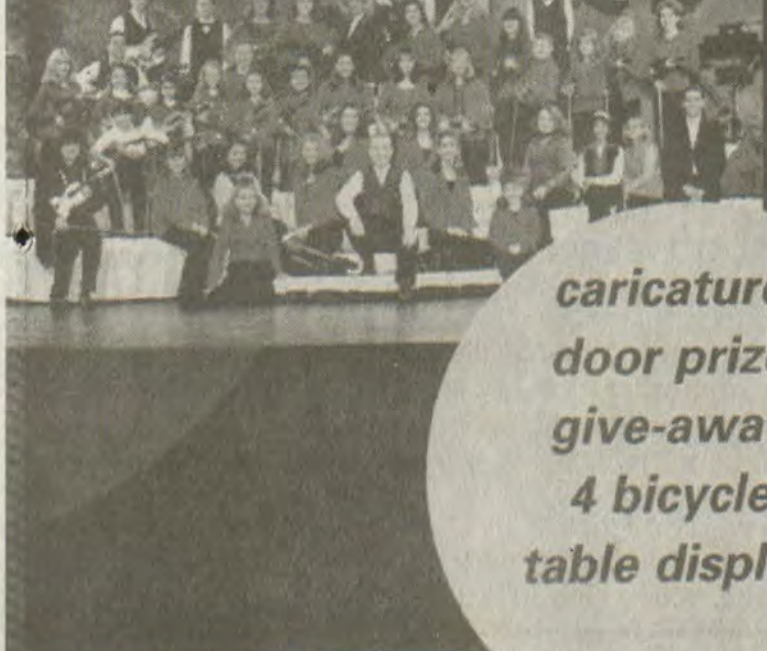
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- #3 Depot.....Mountain Arts Center
- #4 RichmondOld Courthouse County Attorney's Office
- #5 North Prestonsburg
Prestonsburg High School Foyer
- #6 PorterAdams Middle School
- #7 AuxierAuxier Historical Society Building
- #8 Middle Creek/
Jack Allen.....David Fire Station
- #9 Cow CreekAllen Grade School
- #10 Mouth of Beaver...Allen City Hall
- #11 Jim BanksGuyan Machinery
- #12 Rough & ToughMiddle Creek Fire Department
- #13 John PossumMay Valley School
- #14 Maytown.....Maytown Fire Station
- #15 BoscoBeside Hueysville Post Office
- #16 Garrett/
Rock Fork.....Garrett Fire Station
- #17 Lackey/Wayland ...Wayland Senior Citizens
- #19 MartinDenzil "Hoss" Halbert Gym
- #20 Halbert.....John Halbert's Building
- #21 Drift.....McDowell Senior Citizens Building
- #22 John Ant/
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- #23 GearheartPilgrim Rest Lunchroom
- #24 Clear CreekSouth Floyd High School
- #25 Jacks Creek.....Osborne Elementary School
- #26 Lee HallWheelwright Senior Citizens Building
- #27 MelvinSoutheast Volunteer Fire Department
- #28 Antioch.....Estill Blankenship's Building
- #29 TickeyMud Creek Fire Station #1
- #30 Toler.....Toler Creek Fire Station
- #31 Mouth of MudBingo Zone
- #32 Little MudOld Spruce Pine School
- #33 IvelIvel B.P. Station
- #34 Betsy Layne.....Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building
- #35 Abbott.....Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church Annex
- #38 WeeksburyWeeksbury Community Center
- #39 Prater Creek.....Lunchroom at the Old Prater School
- #40 Branhams Creek ..Bill Hall Building
- #41 Beech Grove.....Allen Central High School Gym
- #42 Head of MudRobert Tackett Building
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CHRIS WAUGH,
Floyd County Clerk

The following is a facsimile of the Ballot that will appear in the Tuesday, May 22, 2007, Primary Election in all Floyd County precincts.

CHRIS WAUGH, FLOYD COUNTY CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT

	Primary Election Held Tuesday, May 22, 2007 REPUBLICAN PARTY 5th Congressional District	Primary Election Held Tuesday, May 22, 2007 DEMOCRATIC PARTY 5th Congressional District	
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3	Billy HARPER Dick WILSON	William Bruce LUNSFORD Gregory Damron STUMBO	35
4	Anne NORTHUP Jeff HOOVER	Jonathan MILLER Irv MAZE	36
5	Ernie FLETCHER Robbie RUDOLPH	Jody RICHARDS John Y. BROWN III.	37
○	ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote For One)	ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote For One)	○
7	Tim COLEMAN	Gatewood GALBRAITH Mark WIREMAN	39
8	Phillip C. KIMBALL	Stephen L. HENRY Renee T. TRUE	40
9	Jon LARSON	Otis "Bullman" HENSLEY Richard ROBBINS	41
10	Stan LEE	SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote For One)	○
○	STATE TREASURER (Vote For One)	STATE TREASURER (Vote For One)	○
12	Lonnie NAPIER	Dick ROBINSON	43
13	Brandon D. SMITH	MaDonna J. WHITE	44
14	Ken UPCHURCH	S. Bruce HENDRICKSON	45
15	Melinda L. WHEELER	ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote For One)	○
17	Richie FARMER	Robert V. BULLOCK	47
18	Don STOSBERG	Jack CONWAY	48
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Massey responds to latest federal action as stocks tumble

by LAWRENCE MESSINA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Facing an estimated \$2.4 billion in threatened fines, Massey Energy Co. on Monday downplayed the environmental harm done by thousands of alleged U.S. Clean Water Act violations at its West Virginia and Kentucky coal operations.

Massey, the nation's fourth-largest coal producer, also predicted no major effect to its

bottom line from last week's lawsuit filed by federal prosecutors against the Richmond, Va.-based company and 27 subsidiaries.

But analysts warned investors otherwise in the lawsuit's wake. Massey shares lost 14 percent of their value in afternoon trading Monday, falling \$4.25 to \$26.08.

Citing the \$2.4 billion figure as the "worst case" for Massey, analyst Daniel W. Scott at Banc of America Securities coupled the lawsuit

with a federal judge's recent rulings blocking key permits at four Massey mines in West Virginia.

"But with two major environmental lawsuits in the news, and with Massey as the target of both, we aren't surprised the stock is under pressure," Scott said in a Monday note to clients. "The concern for us is that these overhangs are likely to remain for some time."

Filed on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, the federal lawsuit alleges Massey operations have illegally poured pollutants into West Virginia and Kentucky waterways about 4,633 times within the last six years. These discharges in excess of average monthly or maximum daily permit limits equal about 69,071 days worth of violations of the U.S. Clean Water Act, federal prosecutors contend.

The lawsuit threatens seven Massey subsidiaries with fines of \$27,500 for each day in violation before March 15, 2004, and of \$32,500 for each day afterward.

Massey President, CEO and Chairman Don Blankenship said Monday that his company strives to comply with all federal and state regulations.

"For the permits in question, the Company believes it achieved a compliance rate of 99% or better," Massey said in a statement. "Importantly, the vast majority of incidents at

issue had little or no impact on water quality."

The company also said that "EPA has suggested that Massey Energy is part of a wider enforcement effort across the industry."

"The federal government is dedicated to enforcing the laws on the books, including the Clean Water Act," U.S. Justice Department spokesman Andrew Ames said Monday.

Three of the four prosecutors assigned to the case are lawyers from the department's Environment & Natural Resources Division in Washington, D.C.

Filed Thursday, the lawsuit follows the levying of \$1.5 million in fines against Massey by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. Those penalties are for 25 violations stemming from a fire at the company's Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine in Logan County that killed two miners.

The January 2006 fire remains the subject of a federal criminal probe. West Virginia regulators have fined the company \$70,000 over Aracoma violations, while the miners' widows have sued Massey, several subsidiaries and Blankenship.

A civil lawsuit by environmental groups, meanwhile, yielded the March decision that rescinded valley fill permits at four Massey operations in southern West Virginia. U.S. District Judge Chuck Chambers ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated federal law by issuing the permits for the mountaintop removal mines without adequately determining whether the environment would be harmed.

Chambers agreed to suspend his ruling as it pertained to three of those operations last month, pending Massey's appeal of his overall decision to the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals.



Tabitha Beach of Pikeville congratulated fiancé Phillip A. Leipprandt Jr., D.O., of Sand Point, Mich., after the commencement ceremony Saturday for the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degrees were conferred upon 66 honored graduates. F. Douglas Scutchfield, the Peter P. Bosomworth Professor of Health Services Research and Policy at the University of Kentucky's College of Public Health, delivered the keynote address. Scutchfield, along with Ann Bolton Bevins and William B. Bevins of Georgetown, received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees for their contributions in medicine and education. Since 2001, more than 400 physicians have graduated from PCSOM. The Class of 2007 will now go on to their residencies and internships, primarily serving in rural health care facilities in Eastern Kentucky and other regions of Appalachia.



This week in Prestonsburg, several students from the Floyd County School System visited local governmental offices to see how local municipalities work. Here, they are pictured visiting Prestonsburg City Hall. While visiting the Fire Department, some of the teachers decided to try out the fire hoses. In all, they learned about how each department works together to keep the city and the county functioning on a daily basis.

Debate

much sharper. Much of the jousting came in response to a question about each candidate's perceived weakness.

Asked about his stint as a lobbyist for the payday-lending industry a decade ago, Beshear said that in his role he helped pass legislation that provided consumer protections. He said the measure limited fees that payday lenders could charge and the number of times a loan could be rolled over.

Henry replied that it was "a little far-fetched" for Beshear to claim he was protecting consumers while being paid to represent the payday lending industry.

"Mr. Beshear, you're a great lawyer, but I don't think that's going to spin with Kentuckians," Henry said.

Meanwhile, Henry said that claims that he improperly raised money for his state race were made by a disgruntled former employee. The former Henry campaign worker filed a complaint about Henry's fundraising tactics with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance in March.

Another candidate,

Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, called Henry "a nice guy" but added that Henry "has a special prosecutor attached right to his hip right now." Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office has appointed a special prosecutor to review the campaign finance complaint. Stumbo is Lunsford's running mate.

Lunsford was reminded of his endorsement of Fletcher in the 2003 governor's race. Lunsford, who dropped out of the race just days before the Democratic primary, said again Monday night that his support of Fletcher was a mistake. "I have a great track record of not making the same mistake twice," he said.

Lunsford's business history also came up. He founded Vencor, a company that operated nursing homes and long-term care hospitals, that cracked the Fortune 500 before sinking into bankruptcy. Lunsford has blamed his company's decline on government cuts in medical reimbursement rates. Vencor emerged from bankruptcy in 2001 and was renamed Kindred Healthcare.

Galbraith said Lunsford's business background would expose him to GOP attacks if he's the Democratic nominee.

"The Republicans are going to tear Mr. Lunsford and Mr. Stumbo up," Galbraith said.

Galbraith was asked about his admission to smoking marijuana. He replied that it cured his asthma and said doctors should have the chance to prescribe marijuana to relieve ailments and reduce health costs.

The Democratic race has featured considerable jockeying because next week's election may not produce a clear-cut winner — meaning second-place could be a coveted finish. Unless someone gets at least 40 percent of the vote, the top two finishers will advance to a runoff five weeks later on June 26.

Also seeking the nomination is Eastern Kentucky demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr.

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Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than May 17, 2007, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. 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.

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Floyd County Attorney

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE 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 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's, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Rd., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. 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 898-0779, 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 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 auger, area and contour methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ross Harris estate, Cliff Blackburn, Denzil Allen, Bluebird Collieries, Inc., Ray Taylor, Unit Coal Corporation, Bill Burchett, Martin Collinsworth, Nick Cooley, Bobby Thompson, and William & Sue Wilkerson. The operation will underlie land owned by Ross Harris estate, Cliff Blackburn, Denzil Allen, Ray Taylor, Unit Coal Corporation, Nick Cooley, and William & Sue Wilkerson.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Rd., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0334 Amendment No. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, 433 Daniels Creek Road, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 242.1 acres of surface disturbance and add 4.9 acres of underground acres making the total area within the permit boundary will be 858.68 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the area mining method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Nelson Prater, John Henry Hale, and Jerry Banks.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the

Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0341, Amendment #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC., 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo in Floyd County. The amendment will add 192.92 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 320.92 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 0.2 mile northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288 and located on Prater Branch.

The operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Grady Stephens, Darrell Stephens, Sherri Allen, Abe Shepherd Heirs, William May, and Mysania Moore.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. 1 Case No. 06-CI-1023 Ersal Ray Wilcox and Peggy Ann Lantz Petitioners vs. Carl Thomas Wilcox and Shelly Wilcox, his wife; Bobby Dean Wilcox and Stephanie Wilcox, his wife; Teva Pattison and Brett Pattison, her husband; Jackie Vernon Wilcox and Jane Wilcox, his wife; Connie S. Kindle, single; Carl Douglas Wilcox, and Marcia Wilcox, his wife; William (Bill) Wilcox, single; Billie Jean Bolen and Ricky Bolen, her

husband; Cindy L. Leham, single; Tommie Frances Thompson and Edward Thompson, her husband; Charles G. McKinney, single; Connie Lynn Bays and William Bays, her husband; and Lorena Guyton, single Respondents

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court,

entered on the 21st of February, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT No. 1
The following described, real estate tract, Lot No. 3 situated in the county of Floyd, state of Kentucky beginning at a stake near Wallen Branch at the land of the Big Sandy Railway company; thence up the branch SH 2 1/2 W 104 poles to a stone set in the field and to a corner stone set in the field and to a corner of a survey made in the name of Robert Brown and with line of same up the hill S 35° 639 poles and eight links to two beech jacks on top

of point; thence down the same with meanders N 27° E 24 poles to a stake N 32 1/2° E 20 poles to a dogwood and cedar S 70° E 20 poles to a stake on the end of the point near a path N 20° E 24 poles to a poplar N 18° E 26 poles to a stake N 26° E 10 poles N 76° E 10 poles to a beech N 32 1/2° E 7 poles to the corner of Big Sandy Railway company and with the same N 44° W 23 poles 10 links to the beginning containing twenty three and three eights (23-3/8) acres.

There is excepted from the above Tract No. 1, a lot conveyed to Peggy Ann Lantz by Goldie Wilcox, widow; Erma Wilcox, widow and Carl T. Horne, single, heirs of E. I. Horne by deed dated the 15th day of October, 1990, recorded in Deed Book 342, Page 605, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT NO. 2
Beginning on a rock set in the ground marked on the map learner no. 1, this rock being a corner between Vaughan and Edie Horn; thence up the branch with Millie Vaughan on the right, S. 63-1/4 W 170 feet to a poplar, a corner to Lot no. 1; thence leaving said Vaughan and with Lot No. 1, S. 11-1/2 W 178 feet to a stake in the mouth of a drain, about 75 feet above where Wesley Chilers now lives; thence around the hill, S 79-1/2 W. 175 feet to a stake; thence crossing the creek, N 19-1/2 W, 200 feet to an apple tree in the garden; thence leaving Lot no. 1 and with Lot no. 3 reversed, S 72-1/2 W. 285 feet to a large rock, across on the lawn corner of the rock; thence up the hill, S 13-1/4 E, 1200 feet

Being the same property conveyed to Carl T. Horn from Gold Wilcox, et al., by deed dated July 15, 1992, and appearing of record in Deed Book 358, Page 595, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property. If any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Draft Title V Construction/Operating Permit V-03-026R1

Kentucky Hydrocarbons, Inc. - Source I.D. 21-071-00140
Equitable Production Company, doing business as Kentucky Hydrocarbons, Inc. of 748 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied to the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for a significant revision of the permit to construct and operate an Oil and Gas and, Natural Gas Liquid Extraction facility at 72 Maple Street, Langley, KY 41645. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of regulated air pollutants.

An electronic copy of the Division's draft permit should shortly become available at <http://www.air.ky.gov/permitting/>. Official copies of the Division's draft permit and relevant supporting information are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the following locations:
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The Division is soliciting comments on the draft permit and affording the opportunity for a public hearing. To be considered, any written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received within 30 days following the date of this notice. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be sent to Mr. James Morse at the above Frankfort address. Any person who requests a public hearing must state the issues to be raised at the hearing. If the Division finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting the draft permit, a hearing will be announced. All relevant comments will be considered in issuing the proposed permit. U.S. EPA has up to 45 days following issuance of the proposed permit to submit comments. The status regarding EPA's 45-day review of this project and the deadline for submitting a citizen petition will be posted at the following website address: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Kentucky.htm> shortly after the end of this 30 day comment period. Further information can be obtained by calling Mr. Ralph Gosney at (502) 573-3382. The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. Materials will be provided in alternate format upon request.

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE

Draft Title V Construction/Operating Permit V-03-027R1

MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. - Source I.D. 21-071-00160
MarkWest Energy Partners, L.P. of 1515 Arapahoe Street, Tower 2, Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202-2126 has applied to the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for a significant revision of the permit to construct and operate an Oil and Gas Extraction and Natural Gas Liquid extraction facility at 72 Maple Street, Langley, KY 41645. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of regulated air pollutants.

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(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
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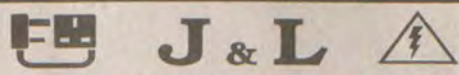
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Sealed bids will be received by the Southern Water and Sewer District at the District's office in McDowell, Kentucky, until 1:00 p.m., E.D.T., on May 24, 2007, for the purchase of \$589,573 of Southern Water and Sewer District Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, to be dated as of the date of delivery and bearing interest from that date, payable semiannually, maturing on January 1, 2008, through 2040. Minimum bid, par value (\$589,573). USDA, Rural Development ("RD") will submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds. In the event that a bid(s) from non-governmental bidder(s) shall be received, the rate and terms of which are determined by RD to be reasonable, then such RD bid will be withdrawn. Good faith check, \$11,800. Approving legal opinion by Rubin & Hays, Municipal Bond Attorneys, Louisville, Kentucky. The Bonds will be issued on a tax-exempt basis, subject to certain qualifications set out in detail in the Official Notice of Sale of Bonds. Bid Forms, Official Notice of Sale of Bonds and other information may be obtained from the undersigned. (Signed) Paula Johnson, Secretary, Southern Water and Sewer District.

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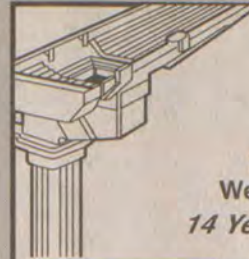
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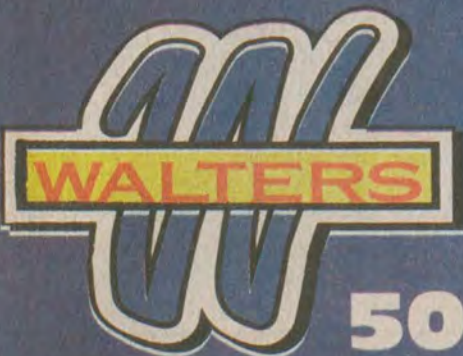
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Darnell wins ARCA RE/MAX Series Buckle Up Kentucky 150



Steve Blackburn

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA – Roush-Fenway Racing prodigy Erik Darnell led 80 of 100 laps en route to guiding his No. 99 Ford to his first Kentucky Speedway and ARCA RE/MAX Series win by 3.206 seconds over Evernham Motorsports driver Erin Crocker in front of 16,221 fans tonight. Bobby Santos, III (No. 02 Bill Davis Trucking Toyota) placed third, Scott Lagasse,

Jr. (No. 4 Cunningham Motorsports Dodge) finished fourth and Chad Blount (No. 30 Jones Group Dodge) closed out the race top-five.

"When a car's like that, it definitely makes my job a lot easier," Darnell said. "(Crew Chief) Jeff Campey and all the guys did a great job putting this car together. We were close (to) a (win) couple weeks ago at Kansas (Speedway)

(See KY. 150, page two)



photo courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

Roush Racing driver Erik Darnell outlasted Erin Crocker on Saturday night, winning the ARCA RE/MAX Series Buckle Up Kentucky 150. Prestonsburg-based driver Steve Blackburn finished 24th.

Thornsberry holds off Harris in 201 opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – Two veteran Floyd County drivers occupied the top two spots in Saturday night's Late Model feature at 201 Speedway. The Johnson County track hosted a large crowd for its opening night. Those fans who were in attendance were treated to an exciting Late Model feature as Shannon Thornsberry edged fellow Floyd Countian Paul Harris at the finish line. Harris was the night's fastest Late Model qualifier, turning the 201 Speedway red clay oval in 13.377 seconds. For his fast qualifying effort, Harris pocketed an extra \$500. Dirt Track Hall of Famer Bob Miller supplied the \$500 for the fast time.

Historic 201 Speedway is now under the ownership of Floyd Countian Chuckie May, a veteran Late Model driver.

Scotty Hall, Walker Prater and Mike Adkins, 201 Speedway faithful, all of whom passed away during the offseason, were remembered before the races with a moment of silence.

Cecil "Punkin" Tackett Jr., a former driver and a faithful supporter of 201 Speedway who also passed away during the offseason, will be remembered with a moment of silence during 201 Speedway's next race night.

In the Open Wheel Modified division, Shon Flanary turned in the fastest time, completing one lap around the track in 14.888 during qualifying. Flanary, after completing the fastest lap in qualifying, went on to win the Modified feature race.

May Block added \$500 to the

(See 201, page two)

SEASON OPENER



photos by Jamie Howell
Beaver Junction Motocross hosted several racers Sunday afternoon during its grand-opening event. The motocross track is located at Dwale and plans to host races during the spring, summer and fall months. Cameron Crider (No. 11) is one of the track's youngest competitors. Athletes of various ages competed under bright, sunny skies. The Dwale track fills a void for motocross participants who have had to travel out of Floyd County to compete.

Keathley signs on with new ABA team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – Floyd County native Kevin Keathley has been hired as the top assistant for the Rio Grande (Texas) Silverados of the American Basketball Association (ABA).

Keathley was the 2005 ABA Coach of the Year. He guided the Kentucky Colonels to a 21-12 record and a second round playoff appearance. Keathley is no

(See KEATHLEY, page two)

P'burg boys finish second at Area 9 meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – The Pikeville High School girls' and boys' track and field teams swept the Area 9 meet Thursday at Bob Amos Park. Prestonsburg picked up a second-place finish in the boys' meet. The Prestonsburg girls were the top Floyd County team in the girls' meet, ending the competition fourth.

"We had a pretty good meet with the boys finishing second and girls fourth," said Prestonsburg Coach Dewey Jamerson. "We shot ourselves in

(See TRACK, page two)



Brandon Kinzer, pictured crossing the finish lane at Talladega Short Track last season, took the Indiana Speedweek title over the weekend.

photo courtesy of Carlson Race Photos

Kinzer wins Indiana Speedweek title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN – Floyd County dirt Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer and his raceteam finished third on Saturday night in the \$2,500-to-win Northern Allstars Late Model Series event at Brownstown (Ind.) Speedway. Kinzer, thanks to the third-place finish, vaulted to the top of the Indiana Speedweek standings. Kinzer received \$1,500 for winning the Indiana

Speedweek championship.

After a disappointing fifth-place run in his heat race, due to a loose racecar, Kinzer and his No. 18 team hit the setup for the running of the \$2,500-to-win feature event. Kinzer rolled off 14th on the grid and quickly started picking off cars at the south-central Indiana facility. By virtue of passing several cars throughout the A-Main and some late-race attrition, Kinzer was credited with a strong third

place effort. On Friday night at Bloomington (Ind.) Speedway, during night three of Indiana Speedweek, Kinzer was fourth quickest in qualifying and took the win in his heat race. After rolling off from the outside of the front row for the 30-lap A-Main race, the Allen native ran up front and contended for the win in the \$2,500-to-win event. Kinzer wound up finishing a solid runner-up to race-winner Wes Steidinger.

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feature events. Results from each of Saturday night's four feature races follow.

Late Model Feature: 1. 17 Shannon Thornberry, 2. 10 Paul Harris, 3. 11 D.J. Wells, R1 Rod Evans, 5. 18 Eric Wells, 6. 8 Anthony Adams, 7. 24H Michael P. Howard, 8. 97 David Powers, 9. 3V Casey Vitale, 10. 81 Brandon Fouts, 11. 9 Michael Butcher, 12. 3 Ritchie Edwards, 13. 07 Jeremy Hall, 14. 22R Randy Caudill, 15. 3 Jacob Ross. DNS - 13 Jamie Ferguson.

Modified Feature: 1. 98 Shon Flanary, 2. 33 Corey McKenzie, 3. 911 Jason Hall, 4. 46 Dennis Deboard, 5. 8 Paul Jordan, 6. 27 Larry Whisman, 7. 135 Clint Shutts, 8. CJ1 Charlie Jude, 9. 35 Jeremy Hayes, 10. 11 Pete Castle, 11. 32 Jimmy Adams, 12. 6F John Fitzpatrick, 13. 30 William Hensley, 14. 0 Jimmy Collins, 15. 28M Kevin

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Mayabb, 16. 3 Jim Lemaster, 17. 22 Bobby Tackett, 18. 81 Randy Fouts

Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: 1. P12 Dean Pennington, 2. 37H Greg Hensley, 3. 20 Bo Howard, 4. J17 J.J. Terry, 5. 3 Shannon Richmond, 6. R17 Don Risner, 7. 31 Albie Howell, 8. R18 Justin Risner, 9. B4 Jarred Blair, 10. 04 Driver name unavailable, 11. 3D Darren Damron, 12. 24 Jimmy Johnson, 13. 411 Driver name unavailable.

Four Cylinder Feature: 1. 3D Jamie Hamilton, 2. 18S Shawn Ousley, 3. RA 47 Robert Hall, 4. 21 Pat Morris, 5. 17S Brian Salisbury, 6. G7 Driver name unavailable, 7. D6 Darrin Rogers, 8. 17 Driver name unavailable, 9. B2 Michael Blair, 9. 4 Driver name unavailable, 10. 20 Wayland Sparkman, 11. 22 Daniel Fugate.

and couldn't pull it off, so we came here tonight with a little better car. I think it showed. The Simply Wow Cleaner & Degreaser Ford Fusion was just fast tonight."

Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn, piloting the Man O' War Harley-Davidson Dodge Charger, finished 24th. Blackburn finished the highest out of three Kentucky drivers. The race was comprised of 40 cars.

Darnell started the race fifth and led 51 circuits from Lap 32 to 82 before surrendering the race lead to Crocker on Lap 83 in favor of a pit stop after Gabi DiCarlo brought out the sixth caution period of the race when her No. 90 Great Clips Ford made contact with the wall at the exit of Turn 3 on Lap 81.

The race restarted on Lap 89 with Darnell in ninth. He maintained pace with Crocker and passed her on the low line coming out of Turn 3 with four laps remaining in the race.

"That last restart was where I knew I was going to have to make up some spots," Darnell said. "Some of those guys in front of me didn't protect the outside line. I was able to get a good restart and make up some room before we even got to Turn 1."

"They stacked up a bit in the middle in one and two and I had to get on the brakes to avoid hitting some of those guys, but we got our momentum back and were able to drive on up there."

Crocker, who elected to keep her car on the racetrack during the final caution period to attempt to become the first female race winner in speedway and series history, earned her second second-place series finish at Kentucky Speedway through three starts.

"Our crew chief made the call to stay out and it was a good call," she said. "I thought we had some room at the end, then, he (Darnell) was a few cars back and coming."

"I knew he had very fresh tires compared to me, but I didn't know how much of a difference it would make. I just gave it all I had and hoped for the best."

Defending series champion and four-time Kentucky Speedway winner Frank Kimmel (No. 46 Tri-State Motorsports-Pork Ford) maintained his series points lead despite his 12th-place "Buckle-Up Kentucky 150" finish that marked the second time this season he placed outside a race Top 10 through seven starts.

"We made an error not putting on tires on the last pit stop (during the final caution period). When I looked up and saw everybody duck down behind me and saw that they took on tires, I knew I was in trouble," he said.

The series moves to Toledo Speedway for its next event May 20.

Kentucky Speedway will continue its season May 26

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with the grassroots Frank Kimmel Enduro Nationals followed by the June 15-16 weekend featuring ClearChannel Cincinnati Fanfest and the Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo NASCAR Busch Series race.

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Track

the foot a couple of times on the girls' side. False Started in the 4x100 relay and the 400. Plus Elizabeth Chaffin was sick and not there. That was point missed in the 800 meter and 1600 meter. Emily Stanley hurt her knee in the 100 hurdles and didn't run the 300 hurdles. There was a lot of points that we left out there. We did have some great events, though."

Prestonsburg athletes set school and personal invitational records during the meet.

Prestonsburg school records were set in the following events:

Hannah Fitzpatrick - 800 Meter Dash; Emily Stanley - Javelin.

Prestonsburg invitational records were set in the following events:

Amber Whitaker - 100 Meter Dash; Whitney Bradley - 400 Meter Dash; Hannah Fitzpatrick - 800 Meter Dash; 4x200 meter relay - Jackie Joseph, Kelli Burchell, Whitney Bradley, Amber Whitaker.

Cody McCoy - 400 Meter Dash; Jordan Watkins - 800 Meter Dash and 1600 Meter

Dash; Chayse Martin - High Jump; 4x200 Relay Team - Cody McCoy, Jonathan Blair, Chayse Martin, Taylor Clark; 4x800 Relay Team - Shane Poynter, Shane Williamson, Brad Stanley, Jordan Watkins.

"The boys ran well," commented Jamerson. "Not having a pole vaulter really hurt. That was 18 points given to Pikeville."

Girls' Area 9 track meet team results were as follows: 1. Pikeville, 168; 2. Paintsville, 119; 3. Shelby Valley, 82; 4. Prestonsburg, 67; 5. Belfry, 41; 6. Allen Central, 30; 7. Johnson Central, 23 8. Jenkins, 10; 9. Betsy Layne, 9; 10. Letcher Central, 4 Pike Central 4 12. East Ridge, 2.

Boys' Area 9 track meet results were as follows: 1. Pikeville, 143; 2. Prestonsburg, 105; 3. Paintsville, 82 4. Shelby Valley, 52; 5. Pike Central, 49; 5. Belfry, 49; 7. East Ridge, 30; 8. Letcher Central, 27; 9. Jenkins, 12; 10. Johnson Central, 10; 11. Allen Central, 8; 11. Betsy Layne 8.

Complete results appear online at www.floydcounty-times.com

Keathley

stranger to success on the pro ranks. In 2003, he helped lead the Louisville Eagles to the UPBL championship as the Associate head coach and director of basketball operations.

Before coaching professionally, Keathley spent four seasons coaching in the collegiate ranks where he became recognized as a hardworking, dedicated individual that worked extremely hard on the recruiting trail.

Keathley will be reuniting with Steve Tucker, who is the head coach of the Silverados. The Floyd County native worked as Tucker's top assistant coach during the 1999-2000 campaign at Lees College. Keathley is excited about reuniting with Tucker.

"I was very fortunate to work with Coach Tucker during my formative years as a basketball coach," said Keathley. "I learned a great deal from him and consider him a mentor of mine. There have been several occasions that we have come close to working together again, but it just wasn't meant to be until now. Everything just fell into place this time, and I couldn't be more excited to have this opportunity."

"In coach Kevin Keathley



Kevin Keathley

you get the entire package," said Tucker. "You get an old school coach with youthful exuberance! Kevin has great work ethic and has a great mind for the game of basketball. His abilities are diverse and he will be a tremendous help to what we want to do with our Silverados Professional Basketball Franchise. I'm very excited about working with Coach K again."

In 2006, Keathley was touted as one of the top ten young coaches in America by ProBasketballnews.com.

"I believe the Silverados have assembled the best coaching staff in the ABA," Keathley commented. "It will be an exciting year for the Silverados fans!"

Kevin Keathley is 29 years old and currently resides in Louisville.

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Pelphrey adds assistant coach to staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Isaac Brown, who has 10 years of collegiate coaching experience at the NCAA Division I and junior college levels, has joined the staff at Arkansas as an assistant to head coach John Pelphrey.

Pelphrey's staff includes Brown, Rob Evans and Tom Ostrom as assistant coaches,

and Matt Figger as the director of basketball operations. Figger is a Jenkins native.

Brown, Ostrom and Figger were with Pelphrey at South Alabama with Brown a part of Pelphrey's staff all five years where he assisted in recruiting and on-floor coaching.

As a player, Brown had one of his best games against the Razorbacks, but not while playing at Texas A&M. After trans-

ferring to Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe) for his senior season, his team upset No. 9 Arkansas, 87-79, in Little Rock on Dec. 30, 1992. Brown was five-of-eight shooting, including three-of-four on threes, finishing with 14 points.

"I'm very excited about the addition of Isaac," Pelphrey, a Paintsville native said. "He has recruited, coached and been involved with the young

men we had (at USA) away from the court, both in terms of helping them graduate and in helping them be the best they can be."

"Isaac has lived, coached and played along the Gulf Coast for a number of years," Pelphrey said. "Several of those states touch Arkansas, and those are important areas for us in recruiting. From the standpoint of talent, understanding our style of play, work ethic and loyalty, Isaac has all those attributes and will be very beneficial to us."

He helped the Jaguars record the best turnaround in the nation in 2006. South Alabama went 14-14 in 2003, 12-16 in 2004 and 10-18 in 2005, but went 24-7 in 2006.

USA won the Sun Belt Conference West Division title and the tournament championship to send the Jaguars to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998.

The 2006 team, which lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to eventual national champion Florida, led the league in scoring margin (+8.1) and three-point defense (.300), and was second in steals (8.52) and scoring defense (65.6). USA hit 267-of-728 threes, an average of 8.6 per game. In making the biggest turnaround in the nation, USA improved from 62.3 points in 2005 to 73.6 in 2006, from a .416 field-goal percentage to .453, a 646 free-throw percentage to .703, a

.351 defensive three-point percentage to .300, 16.0 turnovers to 13.4, 11.0 assists to 14.1, 13.9 turnovers forced to 16.8, 7.6 steals to 8.5 and 207 made three-pointers to 267. Despite losing the top three scorers off that 2006 squad, Brown and the Jaguars posted a 20-12 record in 2007, won the Sun Belt regular season title and lost a 79-73 decision at Syracuse in the first round of the NIT. The 2007 team led the Sun Belt in turnover margin (+2.53), assist-to-turnover ratio (1.12) and three-point defense (.325), and was second in steals (7.22) and scoring defense (67.3). The Jaguars also made 272-of-749 three-pointers, an average of 8.5 per game.



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Christian Francis (615) was one of the area motocross athletes who competed at Beaver Junction Motocross Sunday afternoon. The events featured athletes from Floyd and other surrounding counties.

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P'burg sweeps two doubleheaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School baseball team swept a pair of home doubleheaders last week, taking two games from Shelby Valley Friday night. The Blackcats returned to action on Saturday and swept 14th Region member Knott County Central.

On Friday, Prestonsburg beat Shelby Valley 6-5, 11-10. The Blackcats edged Knott County Central 9-8 in one game on Saturday. In the other game Saturday, Prestonsburg rolled past Knott County Central 17-6 in five innings.

With the wins, Prestonsburg improved to 14-14, drawing its record even. The Blackcats started the season 1-12. The Bob Shepherd-coached Prestonsburg team ranks as one of Eastern Kentucky's hottest high school baseball squads.

Allen Central, the reigning Floyd County Conference champion, split a pair of games on Saturday at Stumbo Park as part of its annual Rebel Classic. Perennial 15th Region contender Belfry defeated the Rebels 18-7. Allen Central (10-15) returned to the win column, though, beating Cawood 12-5.

Public input sought on fishing

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Fisheries officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources invite public comment on two new proposed fishing regulations that will be presented to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at its June 8 meeting.

Acting at the request of anglers, commission members will consider a reduction of the daily creel limit on crappie in

both Kentucky and Barkley lakes. The current daily creel limit is 30 crappies a day. The proposed regulation would reduce the daily creel limit to 20 crappies a day. Anglers may keep crappie 10 inches or longer on both lakes.

Kentucky Lake had a below average crappie spawn in 2005 and 2006. Anglers reported catching fewer crappies under the 10-inch size limit, prompting concerns about potential

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END OF A SUCCESSFUL SEASON: The Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) A-Team (pictured above) recently captured a second straight Floyd County championship. The MCA B-Team (right) finished runner-up. Coach Sherry Robinson guides the Mountain Christian Academy volleyball program.



MCA captures second straight county title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — The Mountain Christian Academy A-Team volleyball squad recently captured its second straight Floyd County championship. The Lady Falcons also took first-place in the confer-

ence. MCA players to make the all-conference team were Kes Moore, Leigh Williams, Rebekah Potter, Andreea Gabor, Shonda Bailey and Kelli Akers. MCA also took home the highest GPA trophy. Lady Falcon Coach Sherry Robinson claimed the coach of

the year award for the second straight year.

MCA ranks as one of Eastern Kentucky's top middle school volleyball teams.

The MCA B-Team finished runner-up. MCA B-Team members Shonda Bailey and Kelli Akers were named all-conference. The MCA B-Team also captured the highest GPA trophy for its division.

Jakes Day set for June 9

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host its 6th Annual Jakes Day cookout at the Camp Shawnee baseball field on Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Jakes Day will include free food and games for all youth and their parents or guardians.

Preregistration for the event is available online at the Dewey Lake Fish & Game

Club website (www.dewey-lakefishandgame.org). Preregistration is also available via phone by calling Paul Hagans at 606/285-0176 or Paul Robinson at 606/874-2701.

The Jakes Day is open to NWTF members ages 17 and under.

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation hosts its monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month at Martin City Hall at 7 p.m.

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over-harvest. A canal links Kentucky and Barkley lakes and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife desires similar fishing regulations in both lakes.

Anglers have also requested a reduction of the daily creel limit for smallmouth bass at Laurel River Lake. The lake currently has an 18-inch minimum size limit and is under the statewide black bass limit

of 6 largemouth, smallmouth or Kentucky spotted bass in aggregate per day. The Commission will consider a proposal to reduce the small-mouth bass daily creel limit to 2 fish per day at Laurel River Lake.

If approved, both proposals would go into effect on March 1, 2008. The public is invited to submit comments or attend the June 8 meeting of the

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission in Frankfort, when these proposals will be discussed. Comments about either proposal may be e-mailed to Fisheries Director Benjy Kinman at benjy.kinman@ky.gov, or by sending a letter to:

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 2:00 pm., at the property site, at 4940 KY Route 114, Prestonsburg KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$47,604.14 principal, plus an interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$47,484.74, plus interest in the amount of \$5,765.610 as of February 27, 2007 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$13.0331 per day from February 27, 2007, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest) at the rate of 4.94% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 06-170 GFVT on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on April 10, 2007, in the case of the United States of America vs Joan M. Turner, The Unknown Spouse of Joan M. Turner, Jeremy Hale, The Unknown Spouse of Jeremy Hale, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of \$1.83 per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

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POISON OAK

Paper airplanes, painful memories

People in other parts of the country call them wasps. We called them "waspers." Even today, every time I see one of those big red ones - and this year they seem to be plentiful - I'm



Clyde Pack

reminded of the time nearly 60 years ago when one of those hateful critters and I attempted to occupy the same space. Result: Wasper, 1; little skinny, bare-backed boy, 0.

I'd made me one of those fancy airplanes from a sheet of Blue Horse notebook paper and was getting ready to show it off to some other kids - mostly girls - in the neighborhood. As luck would have it, its maiden flight ended on the roof of our smokehouse. Now the smokehouse wasn't very high and from what I'd been able to observe in the few seconds between the time it'd left my hand and landed, I knew that plane would fly.

Dad's homemade ladder was lying against the back of the tiny building and although I'd been forbidden in the past to do so, I decided to use it to retrieve my contribution to aviation.

Despite the threats of, "I'm gonna tell! I'm gonna tell!" from my little brother, up the ladder I went. He very seldom went through with such threats and since I'd be up and down in less than a minute, if he did tell on me, I'd just deny it.

Anyway, I was one rung from the roof when one of those big red waspers hit me like a bullet right between the shoulder blades. I came off the ladder like I'd been

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STAGE TALK

Costume work no walk in the park

by Martin Childers
JWT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Designing and overseeing costume production for four Broadway shows in one season is too much for one person to handle. In my last column, I told you about Helen Wicker of Hazard, who's designing for The Princess and the Pea and Forever Plaid.



Lavonne Lindsay

Joining our staff to do West Side Story is Lavonne Lindsay, a costume designer and professor at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia. Lavonne has extensive experience in costume design. She designed for Arena Stage and The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the University of Maryland Opera Studio, and African Continuum Theatre, just to name a few.

Actually, while a lot of our costumes are made right here in our shop, our needs are so great and varied that we also rent or buy. In the case of West Side Story, many of the outfits will be rented. Lavonne will design the look and oversee and

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Wild Bill comes to the silver screen

By Ralph Hall

There hasn't been a day like this since I rode the train to Martin. It's one-thirty in the afternoon on a Saturday and at two o'clock, Wild Bill is going to appear on the silver screen in our village. John D. and I dragged the film up yesterday in the metal case it came in. We pulled it up on the rail. It was the first time he had come in riding on a rail. Me, John D., Uncle Bruce, and Robert came early to make sure everything was ready when it was time for the show to start.

Uncle Bruce would sell the tickets, me and John D. would be the ushers, and Robert would run the movie projector. I had seen Wild Bill play as the Red Ryder, but today he was going to play as himself, Wild Bill Elliott. Even my hands were shaky as I waited for the movie to start. At about fifteen minutes till two o'clock, I looked out into the theater yard and it was full of people waiting to buy a ticket. Most of them men and boys. They all loved Wild Bill, but none loved him as much as me, he was my hero. I talked about him most of the time; drove my daddy crazy.

Uncle Bruce opened the ticket booth and started selling tickets. Me and John D. put the little kids on the front row close to the big screen so they could see the movie in a big way. When the lights went out and the movie started, Wild Bill rode up on his beautiful horse. Some kid cried out, "Look, Ralph! Wild Bill!" I WAS LOOKING! MY EYES WERE POPPED OUT LIKE A FROG, AND MY HEART WAS GOING 'PITTER PATER.' "I can't believe it," I said to myself, "the real Wild Bill playing in the movie theater here in Melvin." As he came riding up, everyone in the building began to clap their hands.

I saw the movie four times that afternoon. At six o'clock, John D. said, "To heck with Wild Bill, I'm going home before dark." So he took off down the tracks for home. But not me, I stayed until the last showing. Daddy came at six o'clock to sell tickets and Uncle Bruce went home. He came back at nine o'clock to help close down for the night. I guess everyone in the village came to the movie that day except some of the church people, their preachers wouldn't let them go to the movies; said it was a sin. Well, if it was a sin to see Wild Bill, a lot of sinning went on in Melvin that day.

I bet that every one of them preacher men, in their hearts, wished they were Wild Bill. After the show was over, me, Daddy and Uncle Bruce carried the money home in two four-pound lard buckets. Sure was a lot of money for us to carry in the dark



Movies featuring "Wild Bill" Elliott thrilled our author when he was a youngster as well as helping keep his hometown movie theater filled with movie-goers of all ages.

but Daddy had a pistol and knew how to use it. Daddy and Bruce counted the money, I didn't know how much it was but it must have been lot for a small village like Melvin. It was real dark when Daddy and I took off down the tracks for home. I worried about all them spooks people saw on the tracks. That's why John D. went home earlier, said he didn't want to see no spooks. So I kept a real sharp eye out for spooks. We didn't see any on the way home, though. I think old Daddy was afraid of them, too, because he carried the pistol in his right hand all the way home. Sure glad we didn't see one - Daddy may have shot his foot off.

When we walked into the house Mother asked, "Did you see any spooks on the tracks?" I said, "No, Mother, we didn't see any spooks but I saw Wild Bill!" Mother cried out real loud (she must have been mad) "Ralph, don't you ever think about anything but that Wild Bill man?"

Then Mother changed the subject and said, "Did you sell a lot of tickets tonight?" "Sure did," Daddy said. "Hope we have a good day tomorrow. We're showing a Roy Rogers movie."

I loved movies. Movies were a big part of my life. I lived in a dream world and you can dream big dreams sitting in a movie house. Mother said, "Ralph, get in the bed and get movies off your mind now."

"Goldia, that boys got a head full of sense but he just don't know how to use it. He likes to dream so he can block out the world around him. It's not bad to dream," Daddy said. "That Ralph, he's a real good little boy." These were the words I had waited for all my ten years of living to hear. My daddy had said something good about me. I was so happy that I cried myself to sleep. As I



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drifted off to sleep, I prayed to God, "Thank you for giving me this wonderful daddy and help me not to aggravate him so much."

The next morning when I woke up, I heard Mother and Grandmaw talking in the kitchen. Grandmaw said, "Goldia, I wish Harold wouldn't let Ralph see all them movies. Why, I swear that boy thinks he is Wild Bill!"

"Not so," Mother said, "he just likes to play Wild Bill. Why, his daddy thinks he's the smartest boy in all the world!"

"Well, ever since Harold let him buy that cap buster over at Martin, he goes around shooting everyone and saying he's Wild Bill," Grandmaw said.

"He's just play acting, Mommy," Mother said, "just play acting, can't you see?"

"Well as long as he knows what's real and what's play, I guess it won't hurt him to be Wild Bill for awhile," Grandmaw said.

When I walked into the kitchen, Grandmaw said, "Come over here and give Grandmaw a big hug, Ralph." She hugged me real tight, wanted to hug some sense into me, I guess. "Are you going to the show today," she asked.

"Have to," I said, I'm an usher until six o'clock. Today it's John D.'s turn to work all day. So I can walk down them tracks before dark and not see them spooks," I said.

"Ain't no spooks, boy," Grandmaw said.

"Well, Grandmaw, you hang around here until dark and walk them tracks if you want to, but I'm telling you, you had better look out for them spooks!" I said.

Me and John D. only got paid a dollar a night to be ushers on the weekend. So we asked Uncle Bruce for a raise. "Why do you little boys need more than a dollar a night," he asked us. "Where are

you going to spend all that money?"

Well, on Saturday morning, they sent me and John D. to sweep the theater. We were mad at Uncle Bruce because he wouldn't give us a raise so we took out our little case knives and cut holes in the curtains on the stage. When Uncle Bruce came down to see what kind of job we did, he found the holes cut in the curtains. "Hey, Ralph! You and John D. get on over here," he called out to us.

"He's going to give us a raise," I said.

"Well, if he's giving us a raise, why is he taking off his belt," John D. asked.

"Oh boy," I cried, "he whips real hard, too!"

"Why did you two cut a hole in them curtains," he asked us.

"Because you wouldn't give us a raise," we said.

"Well, I'm going to give you something alright," he said, then he wore the two of us out with that belt. "And as for a raise, I'm only going to pay fifty cents a night now until you two pay for the holes you cut in them curtains!"

That afternoon, we never sat down for the whole movie and we never cut holes in the curtains again. And, to our surprise, when we got paid, Uncle Bruce gave us two dollars each, after all.

Saturday and Sunday was the time for westerns on the silver screen at Melvin. I never missed a one of them, either. My life was filled with Roy, Gene, and Wild Bill. Men like our Uncle Bruce made our lives so much better by bringing movies to our village! The movies was the only place where one could go for two hours and drink a soda and eat a bag of popcorn, or some cotton candy, and just relax. All one's troubles seemed to drift away at the movies. It's like that no matter what happens, too - THE SHOW MUST GO ON!

After hearing Grandmaw and Mother as they talked at the breakfast table that morning, I never played Will Bill again, just enjoyed seeing him on the silver screen. The days of childhood end too soon, but we must never let our dreams fly away. I knew at the age of ten that I would always be Wild Bill in my heart because no one could take away my dreams, they were all that I had to hold on to. I want to always be that little ten-year-old boy who loved to dream as he enjoyed every minute of the day in that world where it was so good just to be living. Life is so wonderful, it is like the making of a movie, and Wild Bill made boys feel like men as he sat tall in the saddle. So I say "Ride on, Wild Bill! Chase the wind as it blows in your face! Of all the cowboys I ever saw, no one will ever take your place!"

CRITTER CORNER

Common questions about microchips

George Bernard Shaw once quipped, "Science never solves a problem without creating ten more." Well, microchipping pets hasn't exactly created ten previously unknown problems, but the important new technology has left some pet owners scratching their heads like dogs. Particularly now that microchip manufacturers have developed competing technologies.

The brave new world of microchipping has left pet owners with questions. Following, the experts at the Humane Society of the United States answer some of them.

1. What are some of the issues and problems with microchipping pets?

Microchipping is a great tool to help you reunite with a lost pet; however, it is not foolproof. When a lost pet is picked up by an animal control officer or is taken to an animal shelter or humane society, the professionals there will scan the animal using a handheld scanner, which will let them know if a microchip has been implanted. An implanted microchip under the skin reflects the signal given by the scanner to provide a unique alpha numeric code, which is picked up when the animal is scanned. Microchips implanted in 2003 or earlier are generally readable by most shelters and veterinarians.

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This is "Tuffy." Tuffy made his way to the Bill and Betsy Baldrige home, on Little Paint, following the 2004 flood. "He was covered in yellow flood mud and so hungry," writes Betsy. Initially, Betsy shares, she and Bill named this new family member "Fluffy" but after realizing the ordeal he had survived, decided to change his name to Tuffy. "He is such a good pet and very smart," Betsy shares. Thank you, Bill and Betsy, for sharing Tuffy's story!

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 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 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.

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
 •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://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

•Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
 •The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

•All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 •For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center
 •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
 •May 17 - SBDM parent member election, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 •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. - Weeksbury CC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.
 6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.
 Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant
 Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(May 21 and May 23, 1997)

Facing the possibility that funding will be revoked, a 1986 federal Environmental Protection Agency lawsuit, and a slim chance for additional grants, the Allen City Council voted, Monday, to move ahead with its plans to bid the city's sewer project...Floyd County Schools Superintendent Gene Davison has denied an open records request from the Floyd County Times seeking copies of school board agenda "books" prior to the start of regular or special board meetings. The books had been routinely provided to the newspaper until the board's meeting, on May 12...Joe D. Fraley, 34, of Prestonsburg, a convicted felon with marijuana, stolen fireworks, more than \$2,500 in cash, and a concealed firearm, gets one year in jail after he was tried in his absence, Tuesday, in Floyd District Court. He was arrested in July 1995, by Floyd County Sheriff's deputy Homer D. Neeley...An argument between two Dwale men landed one man in jail and the other in a West Virginia hospital after Donnie Shepherd, 32, was stabbed in the chest with a pair of scissors by Jessie James Woods...On a 2-1 vote, Wheelwright's City Commission voted, Tuesday, to borrow \$5,000 to settle a federal civil lawsuit filed against its police chief. Mayor David Marlee Sammons told commissioners, David Boyd and Luther Johnson Jr., that the city has already paid \$3,000 in attorney fees, and it would cost the city less in the long run to settle the suit. Tonya Farmer filed suit last year Police Chief Tommy Engle of sexual harassment...Betsy Layne's Majorie Lynch, took her turn at the football toss during the senior games at the spillway this past Friday. Senior Citizen Centers from all around the region converged on Dewey Lake for the annual games...Gary Warick, 31, of Paintsville, representing himself in a trial Monday, failed to convince a jury of his innocence of the 1995 break-in at Big Lots, in Prestonsburg, and was indicted on a charge of first degree burglary for entering the store on July 26, hiding in the store until police left the scene, and threatening a store employee with a knife...The absence of the Wheelwright police chief, Tuesday, in Floyd District Court, led to the issuance of a warrant, which was later with-

drawn, for the police chief, and to the dismissal of a case that alleges a Wheelwright man drove a vehicle while under the influence of drugs...Lloyd Goble, of Floyd County, advised the fiscal court Friday, that the county clerk's office is violating the state's open records laws by not "charging a reasonable fee" for copies. Goble told the fiscal court that the clerk's office charges \$1 per page when it makes copies of documents...Phase I work on the renovation of Prestonsburg High School is nearing completion, and construction workers are gearing up to begin Phase II. On Tuesday, workers were finishing up painting the side marquee...A trail of blood led the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Otter Creek Correctional Center personnel to two escapees who went through razor wire, Wednesday night, to flee the facility. Christopher Lee Bishop, 20, and Shelton Rogers, 20, escaped around 11 p.m., Wednesday, going over Gate 3. Less than two hours later, they were taken back into custody by deputy Steve Little. Yolanda M. Gore, 19, of Georgetown, suspected of assisting in the escapes, was arrested before the escapees were captured...An illegal gambling investigation in Floyd, Pike and Johnson counties was initiated in February by the Kentucky State Police, according to Sgt. Mike Carhart...State education authorities seem satisfied with explanations from local school officials regarding a closed-door discussion by the Floyd County School Board in April...Marion T. Music, 31, of Copperas Lick at Abbott and charged with cultivating marijuana after detective Jim Rederick found 25 plants growing in Music's garden...Prestonsburg City Hall and the City's Public Works Department have begun its residential recycling program. And the new recycling bin behind the municipal building is not restricted for use by only city residents. A complaint filed against a Greene County judge by one of six suspects charged with the murders of a Tennessee family last month was dismissed, Tuesday, in a federal court...There died: Olga Auxier Preston, 85, of Ulysses, Monday, May 12, at Paintsville; Ermal C. "Bub" Scutchfield, 73, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, May 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruby Conn Garrett, 74, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, May 13, at her residence; Avenelle Slone, 45, of Pippa Passes, Tuesday, May 13, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington; Alton Jennings Sword, 92, of

Prestonsburg, Thursday, May 15, at his residence; Mitchell Prater, 76, of Martin, Thursday, May 15, at the Luthern Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Myrtle Salisbury, 93, of Drift, Monday, May 19, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Darcus Reynolds, 84, of Garner, Monday, May 12, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Alka M. "Kay" Akers, 83, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, May 20, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Wayles Hall, 80, of Willard, Ohio, Monday, April 28, at his home; Dixie M. Blevins, 85, of New Haven, West Virginia, formerly of Knott County, Wednesday, May 21, at the Pleasant Valley Hospital, in Pt. Pleasant, West Virginia; Vanidan Ferrell, 83, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday, May 21, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(May 27, 1987)

Wallace Wilkinson defeated John Young Brown for the Democratic nomination for governor...Veteran Circuit Court Clerk Frank DeRossett won his race over David Hereford...Jerry Patton defeated incumbent James R. Allen for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney...Mountain Comprehensive Care's sheltered employment program just received a contract with the Blue Ribbon Pen and Pencil Company, in Georgetown, to assemble 200,000 ball point pens a month, for a six-month period...With plans for four new Floyd schools on the drawing board, attention shifted to the question of which building project will be first...A high-speed chase through Floyd County, ended in the capture, in Pikeville, of two South Carolina men, John Pearson, 24, and John O'Hara, 30, for allegedly robbing and beating of elderly residents in Morgan, Magoffin, and Knott counties...A security guard's revolver accidentally discharged and wounded two bystanders at Hardee's in Floyd County...There died: Paul B. Francis, 79, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at his home; Ollie Campbell, 59, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Anthony Keathley Jr., 20, of Martin, last Wednesday; James "Wib" Adkins, 69, of Stanville, last Thursday, May 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(May 25, 1977)
 Floyd County voters went to the polls, Tuesday, to give their collective answer to the 100 candidates who, for weeks, had been importuning them for support...Construction of a fourth dam in the headwaters of the Big Sandy will get a new and hard look by the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers as one of the moves intended to reduce, but not eliminate, flooding of the valley...Dewey Lake claimed its first drowning victim of the year, late Saturday, when 16-year-old Quentin Adkins Jr., of Galveston, drowned near the German recreation area...As a heated primary election campaign was ending last week, the integrity of voting methods was being discussed by candidates and their supporters...The first of two Mud Creek residents to die, last week, in accidents was Larry Dale Mitchell, 26, of Beaver, who was dead on arrival at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, after his motorcycle had rammed the auto of Scott Hines, of Weeksbury, Friday afternoon...After he, and two of the election commissioners, had spent the first half of primary election day trouble-shooting at perhaps a half dozen voting precincts, where poll officials had had trouble with the voting machines, DeGarmo DeRossett, who supervises the storage, care and delivery to the precincts of the machines, said he will ask the Floyd Fiscal Court at its next meeting, to provide for pay of election officers for attending pre-election instruction sessions...Approximately 65 shop employees of the EIMCO Elkhorn Division of Envirotech Corporation, at Warco, were off work, this week, picketing company grounds, as part of a strike, which began last Tuesday morning...Hershell Joseph, executive director of the Floyd County Chapter, American Red Cross, announced, last Thursday, at a meeting of the Red Cross Board, that he has accepted permanent employment with the state Disabled American Veterans organization, and the new position will require relocation to Louisville, and consequently has resignation from the local Red Cross chapter...There died: Willie (Bill) Hall, 60, of Harold, May 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Albert Lee Berry, 64, of Martin, May 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ben Norris, 89, formerly of Martin, May 21, at Oak Hill Hospital,

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Yesterdays

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Wellston, O.; Bill Moore, 71, of Prestonsburg, May 18, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Rhoda Hall, 61, of Teaberry, May 17, at her home; Rebecca Stephens Baker, 68, formerly of Prestonsburg, May 8, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va., after being stricken by an apparent heart attack while visiting family members in that city; Clell Hall, 38, Floyd County native, May 12, at a hospital in Mt. Arthur, Ohio; Willie Bates, 68, of Weeksbury, May 23, at his home; Willis Scott, 64, of Garrett, May 21, at Veterans' Hospital, Lexington; William Frasure, 80, of Martin, May 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Judith M. Reitz McNamee, 37, formerly of this county, May 7, in Camp Springs, Md.; Mel Petry, 80, of Martin, May 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Whitten Reffett, 80, of Langley, May 21, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago (May 25, 1967)

For the November campaign for Governor, it's Henry Ward, Democrat, vs. Louis B. Nunn, Republican ... Twice-a-week garbage collection, initiated this week, in Prestonsburg, may be the only such service of that frequency in Kentucky, City Manager

Curtis Clark said Tuesday...Charles Edward Bryant, 31 years old, died Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, of a bullet wound suffered, Sunday, near his home at Melvin...A head-on collision of automobiles on new U.S. 23, election night, near Auxier, claimed the life of Paul Edward Messer, 23, of Hindman. Earlier in the evening, Earl Patton, 42, of Martin, was fatally injured when a truck which he drove shot over the hill at James Shepherd's Service Station here...Miss Marylynn Hall, of Prestonsburg, is Miss Floyd County of 1967...The United States Shoe Company arrived, last week, at a definite decision to establish its 26th shoe manufacturing plant on the site already prepared for it, across the Big Sandy River from Lancer, near here...Married: Miss Carla Dee Sturgill, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Albert Archer Burchett, March 24; Sylvia Burchett McCoy and Mr. Worley Boyd, May 13, in Utica, Michigan...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Sutton Jr., a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, May 18, at the Williamsburg Hospital; to Dr. and Mrs. Lucien Burke, a daughter, May 16, at the U. S. Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado...There died: Mrs. Nannie Moore, 84, of Harold, Sunday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Ashland Lafferty, 52, of Water Gap,

found Tuesday, dead in his car on the Right Fork of Bull Creek; Mrs. Sallie Davis, 82, native Floyd County woman, Saturday, at a Gallipolis, Ohio, hospital; John Vaughn, 87, formerly of this county, Monday, at an Ashland hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (May 23, 1957)

As Floyd County, this week, was in the final stages of that "spring madness," that is an election, final preparations were being made for the actual voting at the county's 61 precincts, next Tuesday...Floyd County is certain to be regional headquarters for the library service, proposed for a four or five-county area, as an extension of the original Kentucky Bookmobile program, it was said here, last Friday...In an appraisal of the tuberculosis problem in the state, the Kentucky Tuberculosis Association, at its recent meeting, pointed out the need for more TB beds, clinics, and public health nurses...Millard McKinney Combs, 31, and his brother, Moses Combs, 26, both of Estill, were killed, and a third man, James Williams, 35, also of Estill, was shot in a gunfight, Sunday, on the Bates Branch of Right Beaver Creek...Married: Miss Lorraine Vance, of Ligon, and Mr. William Harris, of Lancer, May 17, at the Methodist

Church, here...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ratliff, a daughter, Karen Denise, April 25, at Prestonsburg Hospital...There died: Henry Mace, 42, Tuesday, at his home at Martin; Mrs. Rhoda Holt, 84, Monday, at her home at Bypro; Roland Leslie, 65, of Bland, Virginia, formerly of Betsy Layne, May 9, at Bluefield, West Virginia.

Sixty Years Ago (May 22, 1947)

Walter K. Bowling Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, formally opened its new clubhouse at Lancer, Friday evening, with a stag smoker in the club room...Three Floyd Countians were seriously injured within the week in motor accidents. Leck Shepherd suffered serious injuries when a train struck his truck at Midas on Right Beaver Creek. At Yeager, Fred Blackburn Jr., and Bill Mitchell, both of Wheelwright, were badly hurt in a two-car accident...In spite of closing of all union mines for safety inspections, in April, employment at the 14 largest mines in the Prestonsburg area, increased from 5,820 to 5,906...Adron Doran, former K.E.A. president, will deliver the commencement address at the annual mass graduation of high school seniors here, May 30...There died: James Y. Home, 91, May 13, at Auxier; Jonas Collins, 72, Saturday, at

Seventy Years Ago (May 21, 1937)

25,000 people are expected at West Liberty, Monday, May 24, to hear Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt speak at the dedication of West Liberty's new \$125,000 school building, a WPA project...W. T. Mellon, Prestonsburg, made the successful bid of \$27,174 on the Betsy Layne school building, to be completed by September 1, 1937...The League of Kentucky Sportsmen will hold its third annual meeting in Pikeville, May 28-30...Mrs. Ben Norris, Floyd County Coroner, said due to information recently received, she was of the opinion that Edward Drake, 44, World War veteran, found dead beside the C&O railway tracks, near Gibson, on Left Beaver Creek early last Friday morning, was murdered...Edgar Stephens, 43 years old, Prestonsburg attorney, was instantly killed Wednesday night, at 10:30, when his car left the highway in the Stafford Addition to Paintsville, plunging over an embankment.

Critter

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Microchips that came into use in late 2003 are generally not readable by most shelters and veterinarians because the chips require different scanning technology. Microchip manufacturers have not yet provided shelters around the country with a scanner that reads all different types of microchips (called a "universal" scanner.)

2. My animal has already been microchipped, how do I know if my local shelter will be able to read the information on it?

The only way to know for sure if your local animal care facilities have the ability to read the microchip implanted in your pet is to call them.

3. What do I do if my local animal care facility cannot read the chip that is implanted in my pet?

Call the microchip manufacturer and ask that they send at least one scanner to your local facilities free of charge.

4. Why isn't there a scanner that can read all the different types of microchips?

Prior to late 2003, there was a universal scanner that could read all the chips in use in the United States. However, in late 2003, companies began selling chips with a new technology that could not be read by the previous universal scanner. To date, no microchip manufacturer has provided a truly "universal" scanner to read all currently available microchips. The technology to do this is available; the various companies manufacturing microchips must agree to share their technology to make this a reality.

5. What is the HSUS doing to help?

The HSUS has appealed to the microchip manufacturers to develop or modify existing scanners to make them capable of detecting all microchips, regardless of brand. The HSUS will continue to monitor the situation and assist in developing a long-term solution.

6. Given the present issues surrounding microchipping, should I microchip my pet?

Yes, microchipping provides an important safety net for your pet. However, before having a chip implanted, talk to your local shelter and/or animal control agency to make sure the type of microchip your vet is implanting can be read by the scanner being used by your local shelter.

7. How long do microchips last? Do they ever need to be replaced?

Microchips are designed to last the lifetime of a pet. A chip typically lasts at least 25 years. Chips do not need replacing. Once the microchip is implanted, it will remain there and active for the life of the pet.

8. What else can I do to ensure that my pet will be returned should he or she become lost?

All pets should wear identification tags at all times. Tags should include a local contact number, as well as a number for a friend or out-of-town relative. Proper identification tags are your pet's first ticket home if he becomes lost. Microchips provide an important extra level of protection in the event your pet becomes separated from his collar and tags. Providing your pet with both tags and a microchip can help ensure a happy reunion if the unthinkable happens: your beloved pet gets lost.

For more information about pets and pet safety, visit the Humane Society of the United States website: www.hsus.org



Pictured are residents and staff of Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.

PHCC tours US 23 Country Music Highway

Residents and staff of Prestonsburg Healthcare Center have been spending the spring months touring areas of local interest and enjoying the sights and benefits the region has to offer. On May 8, five residents and therapy and activities staff persons visited the US 23 Country Music Highway Museum, in Paintsville. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning about the rich heritage of country music within the Appalachian region as well as shopping in the gift shop and viewing memorabilia donated by local artists such as Loretta Lynn, Billie Ray Cyrus, and Crystal Gayle. One of the highlights of the visit was taking a group photo in front of the life-size picture of Loretta Lynn's home that is on display inside the museum.

Prestonsburg Healthcare Center extends their sincere thanks to all the museum staff for their hospitality.



Brandi Michelle Frasure

USAA award winner

Brandi Michelle Frasure, of Prestonsburg, has been named a United States National Leadership and Service Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy.

Brandi will appear in the USAA's official yearbook, a national publication.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than ten percent of all American students.

Criteria for selection include: academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, motivation, citizenship and dependability.

Brandi, who attends Adams Middle School, is the daughter of Dave and Susie Frasure Webb, of Abbott Creek, and Mike Whitt, of Watergap. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Linda Frasure, also of Abbott Creek, and Emogene and the late Frank Whitt, of Watergap.

Jarrell named USAA award winner

Savanna Jarrell, of Prestonsburg, has been named a United States Collegiate Award winner in academics by the United States Achievement Academy. This is an honor that fewer than ten percent of all American college students achieve.

USAA award winners are selected based on criteria that includes: academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, dependability, citizenship, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

Savanna, who attends Morehead State University, was nominated for this prestigious award by Dr. William Loftus, a professor at the university. She will appear in the USAA's official collegiate yearbook, a national publication.

Savanna Jarrell is the adopted daughter of Curtis and Beatrice Jarrell, of Prestonsburg.



'Wee Miss'

Miss Emily Grace Evans was recently crowned "2007 Wee Miss East Ky." This is Emily's third year running to claim the title. Emily is the three-year-old daughter of Bradley and Susan Evans, of Grethel. She is the granddaughter of Delmer and Lois Evans, also of Grethel, and Gary and Betty Newsome, of Caney Creek. Along with her title, Emily also received awards for "Most Photogenic," "Cutest Smile," and a college tuition grant. Emily will host several community and charity events in the upcoming year. Congratulations, Emily, for proudly representing Eastern Kentucky!

Oak

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shot, hitting the ground on my shoulders and the back of my head. A few of the boys came running to me while the girls broke into uncontrolled laughter. The fact that there might have been singing up on the point at the community cemetery behind the schoolhouse in a couple of days, apparently never crossed their minds.

I managed somehow to get to my feet, and in pain the likes of which I'd never before experienced, I made it as far as the kitchen door before my manly demeanor gave way and the kid in me took over. Amid sobs, I told mom (almost all) of what had happened. I told her about the wasper stinging me, but left out the part about the ladder.

Within 15 or 20 minutes, the pain had subsided, my eyes had dried, and my manliness returned. I went back to the scene of the crime wearing a big round poultice (made of baking soda and water) like a badge of courage in the middle of my back.

By that time, everybody was gone, no doubt seeking other forms of entertainment. As I placed the ladder back in the position that dad had left it, I noticed a wasper's nest as big as my head and crawling with waspers, tucked neatly beneath the eave of the smokehouse directly above where the ladder had been lying. In my haste to get on with the demonstration of my flying skills, I'd failed to notice that I was invading what looked to be weeks of work by the stinger-wielding home builders.

I also noticed the paper airplane on the ground, probably deposited there by a friendly puff of wind. Guess I figured I'd leave the flying to Wilbur and Orville and I left it to the elements as I went in search of someone who might want to see my wound.

But to this day, I'm still wary of waspers, especially those big red ones.

Stage Talk

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coordinate the appearance.

Costumes for Disney's High School Musical, our fourth production this season, will be bought, because it's a modern-day setting.

At the end of the year, the costumes are cleaned and packed away here at the theatre and we keep them on hand for sometimes several years. Lots of times, we are able to recycle some of them in a different show, or update them for a new look if we return an old favorite to our stage.

Most people probably aren't aware that we also rent out costumes from our back inventory. Several collections are available to schools or amateur productions, including Disney's Beauty and the Beast, The Wizard of Oz, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Peter Pan, Babe - The Sheep Pig, and others.

For complete inventory lists, rental fees and information, you can contact the theatre at 606-886-9274 locally or toll free at 877-CALL-JWT. Those numbers will also take you to information about the shows and tickets, or you can visit our web site: jwtheatre.com. Also check out the casting contest online.

*Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre at Prestonsburg. His column about theatre happenings and back stage activities appears weekly. Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.



Those attending the FCCD breakfast prepare for departure from Jenny Wiley dock. 2007 FCCD Stewardship Breakfast held as scheduled, despite rains.

Floods don't stop FCCD breakfast

Despite last month's floods, the Floyd County Conservation District was able to hold their Annual Stewardship Breakfast in the May Lodge dining area, at 9 a.m., on April 17, as scheduled.

The road leading to May Lodge, however, was flooded that morning and, rather than cancel the stewardship breakfast, the FCCD staff made arrangements to have attendees transported from the Jenny Wiley dock area to a back entrance to the Lodge via pontoon boat.

FCCD supervisors, staff, and their spouses, along



Breakfast was served in the May Lodge dining room and those in attendance received informational packets from the FCCD.

with invited guests enjoyed the morning of fun, adventure and fellowship. Ministers and others received free stewardship materials such as book-marks and children's activity books and placemats.

Need pet pics ASAP!

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

Birthday



Look who's one!

Regan Kinley Bryant celebrated her first birthday on May 2 with a "Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy" theme party. Regan is the daughter of Amanda and Kevin Bryant, of Weeksburg. She is the granddaughter of Larry and Carolyn Bryant, of Wheelwright, and Doris and the late Ricky Bryant, of Weeksburg.

Gettin' hitched?

If you're planning a wedding and would like to announce your engagement and wedding plans, the Times would be glad to help. Just drop by the Times office, or send photo and information to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. We will be happy to run either an engagement announcement or wedding photograph, with accompanying basic information, for free as our "Best Wishes" to the happy couple.



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