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## Tax hearing draws scant interest

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Matt Wireman, finance director for the Floyd County Board of Education, was on hand Monday evening to present information regarding a proposed tax increase at a public hearing held at May Valley Elementary School, but a noticeable lack of "public" cut the meeting quite short.

Only two local citizens showed up at the hearing, prompting one to suggest, anonymously, that "people just don't care anymore."

The other, Tom Thompson, of Prestonsburg, took the opportunity to make his feelings about the proposed tax increase known to interim superintendent Ronald "Sonny" Fentress and members of the school board, asking at one point if they planned to "stick it to us again next year," as well.

The board voted to increase property taxes in the county last year and will vote on a proposed revenue increase for this tax year at a meeting to be held tonight, at 6:30 p.m., at May Valley Elementary.

The proposal currently before the board would actually lower the tax rate, but would result in more money for the school system due to increased property values.

Thompson asked the board if they had "considered that some cannot pay their taxes as they are now." He said that he felt that yet another revenue increase would be a burden on those

living on fixed incomes to the point that "they may find themselves looking at foreclosure."

Thompson also asked the board if they had considered levying a utility tax in the county, rather than considering an increase in real property tax. Both board chair Jeff Stumbo and board member Sherri Robinson informed Thompson that the board had attempted to do just that last year but

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#### briefs

### Williamson mayor facing DUI charge

by AUDREY CARTER  
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSON, W.Va. — The mayor of the city of Williamson was arrested early Friday morning following a traffic stop and charged with driving under the influence.

Mayor Alan Darrin McCormick was also charged with making an improper right turn on a red light. He was arrested by West Virginia State Police Trooper B.R. Moore at approximately 12:40 a.m., at the intersection of U.S. 119 and 52.

According to the criminal complaint, while traveling north on U.S. 119, Moore observed McCormick turn the 1997 Ford F-150 truck he was driving improperly on a red light and initiated a traffic stop.

When he walked up to the vehicle and began to speak to McCormick, Moore said he detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and asked if he (McCormick) had been drinking. McCormick told the officer he had drunk approximately six beers.

Moore administered three standard field sobriety tests to McCormick consisting of the horizontal gaze nystagmus, walk and

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### PAYING THE PRICE



Bobby Newsome and Johnny Newsome were forced to clean up a dump after they were caught on camera contributing to it.

## County using hidden cameras to catch dumpers in the act

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In attempt to prosecute those who are contributing to dumps in the area, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall has a new system in place that proves to be working.

After hearing the complaints of concerned citizens and seeing the messes themselves, both Marshall and Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Randy Bryant found

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Cameras caught this truck driving up to an illegal dump with an old gas tank strapped to its top, and then driving away a few minutes later without it.

## Thieves hurt team's effort to buy uniforms

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

HI HAT — As with most extracurricular activities, fundraising is generally left up to the team and the parents, which is why it's understandable that they should become angry when one steals their profits.

In attempting to raise money for new uniforms, the South Floyd Raiders baseball team had sold signs to area businesses and placed them along the fence around the field, only to find in the last few weeks

three of them have already been stolen.

The stolen signs include one each from Oxygen Plus, Prestonsburg VFW and Area Wide Repair Heating & Cooling. Now it will be up to the team to have to replace them.

"It's going to cost over \$200 to replace these signs," said team treasurer and parent Shana Mitchell. "That's money that we need for other things."

In addition to purchasing uniforms, the field, located

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## Candidates outline agendas to increase jobs

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — In the 2 1/2 years since a fire destroyed the plant that was home to its largest private employer, Jackson County still hasn't recovered from the eventual job losses that ensued.

Mid-South Electronics never recovered from the blaze at the 700-worker plant, where employees assembled circuit boards and did plastic injection

molding used in ice and water dispensers for refrigerators. Most of the work eventually went away, leaving a trained workforce with few available jobs. As a result, unemployment soared in the Eastern Kentucky county of about 14,000 situated in the Appalachian foothills.

With no interstate or rail line running through it, Jackson County is like a lot of other rural Kentucky

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## Floyd native featured in state informational video

by JENNIFER LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Floyd County native who is also a client of Champion Supports and Services, located in Pikeville, will now have his story featured in a video that will be shown all over Kentucky in hopes of informing others about services available for people with mental disabilities.

When Bill Tackett, 45, first went to Champion, it was indicated that he could neither see nor hear, though that indication was quickly put to rest when it was discovered by Champion staff that he

could easily catch a ball and had a love for the piano.

Champion Supports and Services, which was established in 2004, currently provides 21 people with a variety of services, including day centers, behavior support, case management, respite centers and residential homes, along with a variety of therapies such as speech, occupational and physical.

It was when Tackett was 11 years old that his mother, Ethel Tackett, decided, after discussion with doctors, to place him in an institution in Somerset called

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A video featuring Floyd County native Bill Tackett is being used by the state to get the word out about a program to help the disabled.

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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## Our View

### Festival can't grow without public support

It was disconcerting last week to hear the chair of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival describe the troubles the festival is facing. Even more concerning, however, is the source of those troubles.

Donna Blackburn Wells told the board of the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau that the festival is facing hard times. This year, for example, there will be no carnival and the number of flea market-type vendors is down to two.

The festival committee is considering a number of changes to reinvigorate the festival, such as changing its date or location. But one problem the festival faces is one the festival committee has less influence over — how to stimulate community support.

Without active and significant support from the community, the festival may very well be doomed to wither and die. And while some might gripe about the festival disrupting downtown business, we don't believe anyone wants to see it disappear altogether.

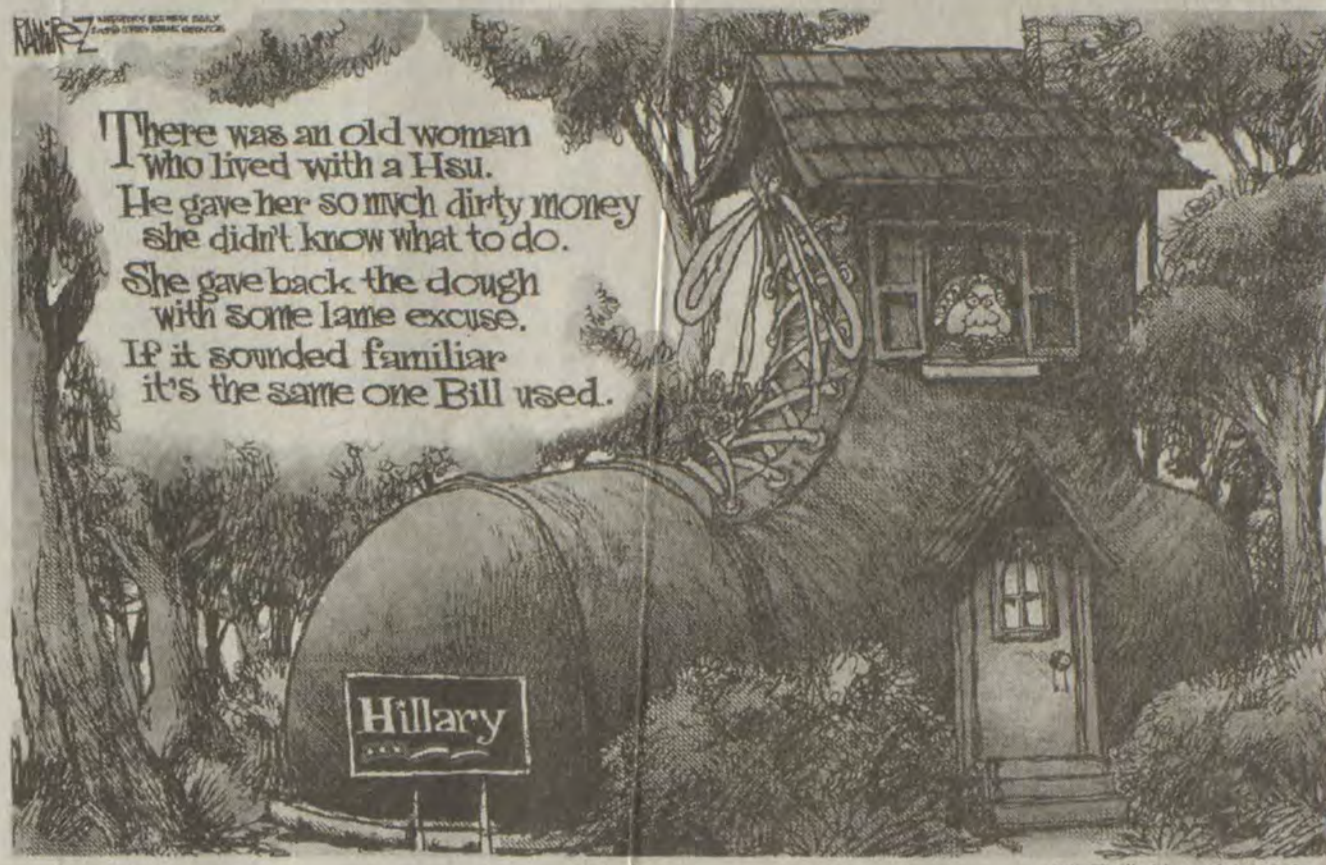
Or at least they shouldn't. The festival is an important part of community life, and its impact goes much further than taking up downtown parking places a few days out of the year.

Many of our community's churches and nonprofit groups accomplish a substantial portion of their fundraising for the year through concession sales. Take away the festival and their ability to serve the community would be seriously hampered.

The festival also serves as a chance for Prestonsburg and Floyd County to showcase themselves. Our community hosts many out-of-town guests during the festival, and their opinions of our area can be significantly altered by the experience they have while they are in town. We don't know if a well-run festival would influence the head of a company to relocate to our community, but a poorly-run festival with little evidence of community support or spirit could very well convince him to cross Floyd County off his list.

For the Jenny Wiley Festival to be successful, the business community in Prestonsburg and Floyd County needs to step up. The festival committee could help its own cause by offering more creative ways for businesses to get involved, but all the ideas in the world will be useless without a willingness to participate from business leaders.

— The Floyd County Times



## Guest Column

### Do Americans owe service to the nation?

by SHELDON RICHMAN

Why does the idea of "national service" never cease to attract American intellectuals? Every few years some prominent "thinker" proposes that young Americans "serve their country" in either a civilian or military capacity. Such service is always promised to have a profound effect on both the nation and the people doing the serving.

The latest example comes from Time magazine managing editor Richard Stengel. In his September 10 cover article, "A Time to Serve," Stengel laments a lack of involvement in civic life by Americans. Too many people do nothing more than vote and pay taxes, he says. Well of course they pay taxes. They are threatened with prison if they don't.

Stengel is convinced that if the republic is to survive, young people must "serve." He cites the Founders as authorities on the need to exert effort in order to "keep" the republic, but he is on somewhat weak ground here. There are Founders and then there are Founders. The Founders known as the Anti-Federalists thought that the way to keep a republic is to have 13 small ones joined in a confederation, not a big consolidated one. In a large nation people would have a hard time keeping an eye on the government, and the

resulting lack of "eternal vigilance" would be dangerous to liberty. Thus it's ironic for Stengel to be looking to Washington to lead the effort to preserve the republic.

But the historical point aside, why is it thought appropriate that people should be either forced or bribed to perform national service as defined by politicians? To his credit, Stengel doesn't want to compel people to perform the tasks he deems "service." How thoughtful. However, the taxpayers would be forced to finance his program, so it would not be fully voluntary.

Stengel is not merely urging people to do good deeds in an organized way, say, to join groups to teach poor kids to read or to clean up their communities. He is talking about service to the Nation.

But where do people get the idea that the Nation is something to be served? Despite Stengel's invocation of the Founders, this is a profoundly un-American concept. It's far more consistent with the European despotism of the first half of the twentieth century. You don't have to look hard to find quotations by Mussolini (dare I mention Hitler?) about the duty of the individual to serve the Nation.

To call this idea un-American is no mere polemical device. It is a literal truth. Service to the Nation is a mystical notion. Its advocates reify the abstraction "nation" and call on us to sacrifice for it. This is not what most Americans thought at the time of the founding. In the classical liberal philosophy held by many people in the late eighteenth century (inspired by

John Locke), "society," "nation," and "country" were concepts indicating people's living together to enjoy life, liberty, and property in collective security. These were important conveniences that permitted individual persons to live fully as human beings. They were means, not ends in themselves. The Nation was not something to serve. An idea like that can get you killed in a far-off imperial war.

This is far from what Stengel has in mind. He writes,

*But at this moment in our history 220 years after the Constitutional Convention, the way to get citizens involved in civic life, the way to create a common culture that will make the virtue of our diversity, the way to give us that more capacious sense of "we" — finally, the way to keep the Republic — is universal national service.... It is the simple but compelling idea that devoting a year or more to national service, whether military or civilian, should become a countrywide rite of passage, the common expectation and widespread experience of virtually every young American.*

In the land of the free, the state should not be pushing people into service, creating a common culture, or giving them a sense of "we." That Stengel believes this is a proper function of the government shows how far removed he is from the philosophy the first Americans embraced.

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# Most of state's unhealthiest counties in East Ky.

## Kentucky's 10 unhealthiest counties, with No. 1 as the worst:

1. Owsley
2. Powell
3. Hart
4. Knott
5. Lee
6. McCreary
7. Perry
8. Harlan
9. Clay
10. Wolfe

## Kentucky's 10 healthiest counties, with No. 1 as the best:

1. Oldham
2. Boone
3. Jessamine
4. Anderson
5. Woodford
6. Fayette
7. Spencer
8. Daviess
9. Calloway
10. Clark

Source: Kentucky Institute of Medicine's "The Health of Kentucky" report, www.kyiom.org/healthy2007a.pdf

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — All but one of Kentucky's 10 unhealthiest counties are in the Appalachian hills, where smoking, obesity and poverty are most common, according to a study released Monday.

The study, titled "Health of Kentucky," says most of the health problems in the state are due to poor lifestyle choices, such as tobacco use, unhealthy diets and not enough exercise. The study also said a lack of physicians and health insurance contribute to the poor health of Kentuckians — especially those in Eastern Kentucky, the poorest region in the state.

Eastern Kentucky's Wolfe County was ranked as the least healthy county in the study, which was prepared by the Medical Institute of Kentucky, a Lexington-based medical think tank.

Wolfe County showed high rates of lung cancer, premature

deaths and deaths related to cardiovascular diseases. The county also has a low high school graduation rate and a low per capita income of \$17,241, both of which contribute to a lack of health insurance.

"People here don't have the insurance," said Paula Dean, county coordinator for the Wolfe County health department. "Jobs are real difficult to come by here."

Wolfe County's unemployment rate is the third-highest in the state at 10.3 percent.

The findings were similar to those of other Eastern Kentucky counties, including neighboring Lee and Powell counties.

"It's all the usual suspects ... we have always been noted for smoking and obesity," said Dr. Raymond Wells, a physician in Inez who co-chairs the Kentucky Institute of Medicine.

Wells, an Eastern Kentucky native, blamed part of the problem, especially unhealthy

cooking and eating, on culture. "It's not that we can't afford healthy food. It's ingrained in us that eating is a big part of our social lives," Wells said, adding that changing unhealthy habits in the region would require a "mind-set change."

The healthiest counties are mostly centered in the suburbs of Louisville and Lexington.

Oldham County, north of Jefferson County and the healthiest on the list, reported low rates of obesity, diabetes and overall mortality. Its strengths lie in affluence and education: its high school graduation rate and per capita income surpass state and national averages, with only eight percent of its under 65 population uninsured.

According to the report, Kentucky is "a healthy place to live and work." But Kentucky fares worse than the rest of the nation in terms of smoking, obesity, exercise and oral health:

■ 29 percent of Kentucky

adults smoke compared to 21 percent nationwide

■ 29 percent of Kentucky adults are obese, compared to 24 percent nationwide

■ 32 percent of Kentucky adults don't get enough exercise, compared to 24 percent nationwide

■ 37 percent of Kentucky adults are missing six or more teeth, compared to 33 percent nationwide.

"Like politics, all health care is local," said Dr. Emery

Wilson, director of the Office of Health and Development at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. "If we really want to improve the health of Kentuckians, we must start at the local or county level."

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For

all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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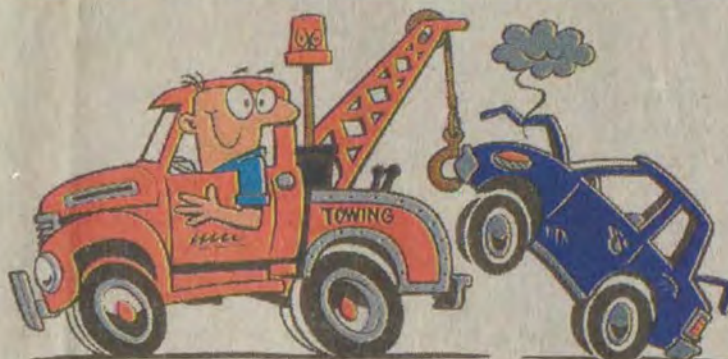
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County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation Monday to promote Sept. 17-24 as Farm Safety Week, an initiative promoted by Kentucky Farm Bureau and the National Safety Council, while Richie Schoolcraft, of Kentucky Farm Bureau, looks on. In the proclamation, Marshall noted that "the harvest season is an excellent time to express concern and to renew support for programs to protect [the] health and safety [of farm workers]." Kentucky Farm Bureau will be participating in an ATV safety promotion to urge riders to always use a helmet and safety gear, to never ride under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and to take a rider training course before operating an ATV.

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# State law complicating efforts to clean up meth labs

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Elnore Robinson wants to clean up her Louisville rental property where police arrested her tenants for making methamphetamine, but a new state law is standing in her way.

The law, which took effect weeks after the bust, requires property owners to hire state-certified contractors to clean up properties where toxic and potentially explosive chemicals were cooked to make the drug. Since the law took effect July 1, no contractor has signed up to be certified — in large part, officials say, because a \$500,000 surety bond or "other financial assurance" must be posted.

"Everything has to be cleaned by a certified individual before it will pass the health inspection," Robinson said. "We wanted to do it right, we intended to do it right, but nobody now is certified. I called Frankfort and they said if we did (the cleanup) correctly it still wouldn't pass."

The cleanup of former meth labs — nearly 350 were busted statewide in 2006 — depends on the level of contamination. It ranges from requiring the disposal of furniture, carpet, drapes and drywall, to washing things down with bleach and water.

The cost generally ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000, but sometimes goes higher.

Contractors also are required by the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to carry liability insurance for at least \$250,000 to cover themselves in case a cleanup is not done properly.

But "the hurdle is the half-million dollars" for the surety bond, cabinet spokesman Mark York said. "That is what contractors have told us."

While the statute cannot be changed until the General Assembly meets next year,

York said the cabinet had come up with a temporary solution — using cabinet funds to underwrite \$450,000 of the bond amount and requiring contractors to come up with a \$50,000 bond. In the long term, he said, "Obviously what we would like to do is work with the bill sponsor and see about working on possible changes to the legislation."

The sponsor, Rep. Tanya Pullin, D-South Shore, said she would be open to changing the law.

"If the reality is no one will sign up under those circumstances, then we need to make a change," she said. "What we really want is to get these things cleaned up."

Environmental attorney Tom FitzGerald dismissed concerns about the surety bond, saying he blames the cabinet for not aggressively searching for contractors to certify.

"I think it is regrettable the agency has not made an active effort to go out there and recruit the contractors to get this program up and running the way it was intended," said FitzGerald, the director of the Kentucky Resources Council, an environmental group.

He also said he does not believe the proposed solution satisfies the intent of the law.

"You are essentially eliminating the whole intent of the surety bond requirement," he said. "You are shifting the risk and the exposure for nonperformance from the individual who had committed to do the job to the state."

Before Kentucky's law took effect, the cleanup was left to county health departments and property owners. There were no standards or requirements that a home be properly cleaned before being occupied again.

York said he could offer no immediate solution to Robinson's dilemma, beyond lobbying environmental companies to sign up for the certi-

fication. "I would encourage (property owners) to contact companies that are in the cleanup business to encourage them to go through the certification process," he said.

Robinson said she has done that to no avail.

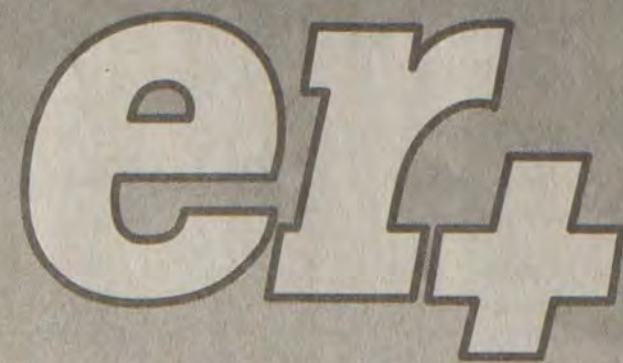
FitzGerald said he finds York's suggestion to Robinson "offensive."

"Frankly, that's their job," FitzGerald said of the state.

York said the state has approached contractors in surrounding states, and has "people available to answer questions — there's been inquiries — and we've posted information on the new law on the Web."

Several contractors who are certified to handle asbestos removal in Kentucky said they are interested in signing up to do the meth lab properties but were unaware of the new law.

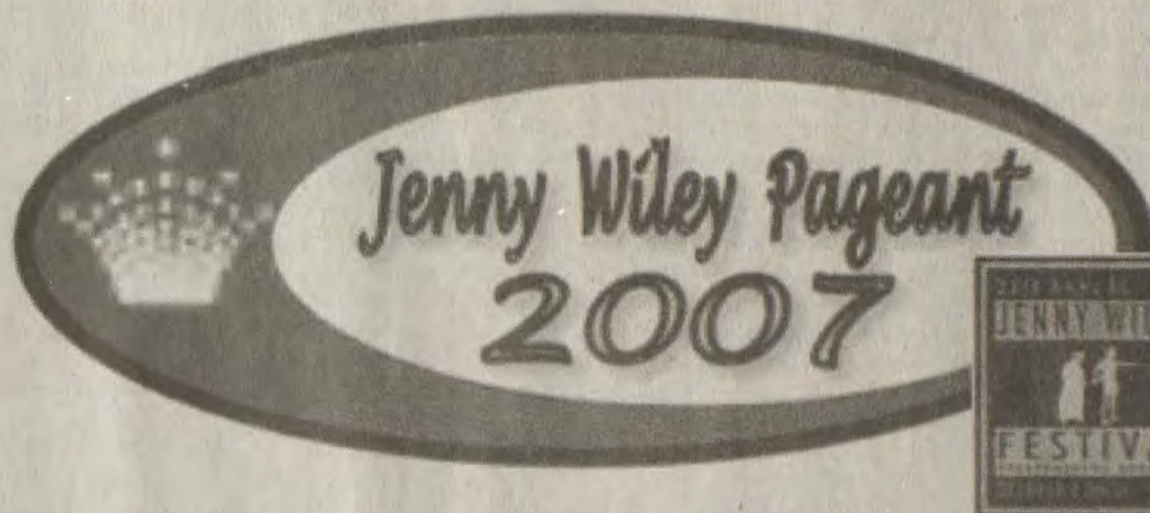
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# Court OKs \$34,000 computer system for sheriff

*Editor's note: Portions of the following story, which ran in the Sunday, Sept. 16 issue, were inadvertently replaced by another story. It is being reprinted in its entirety.*

by **JENNIFER LAWSON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — In hopes of being able to better advertise the Floyd County delinquent taxes and follow new tax laws, the Floyd

County Sheriff's Department is leasing a \$34,020 computer system.

In the past, the sheriff's office was required to advertise the delinquent taxes for three weeks in the paper with the largest circulation in the county. Now, however, Sheriff John K Blackburn says the law has been revised and it is now required that the delinquent taxes be advertised on the internet for 30 days prior to a tax sale. The bills are now only

required to be published one time, instead of three, in the newspaper.

According to a resolution, which was approved by the Floyd County Fiscal Court in a special called meeting Friday morning, the sheriff advised that in order to advertise the delinquent taxes on the internet his office need to lease a computer.

According to an estimate from Custom Solutions Incorporated, the system will

cost \$11,340 per year and would require a three-year lease for the software, as well as another lease period for the hardware.

In the past the Floyd County PVA office has been responsible for the preparation of the tax bills at the discretion of the Floyd County Clerk, but with the new computer system the services of the PVA office will no longer be needed for this purpose. Therefore, the court will also pay the PVA

office \$5,000 annually in order to offset any loss of funding needed to effectively run the office.

As of press time, it was not determined when the new computer system will be in operation.

Other resolutions approved at the fiscal court meeting included one for lighting to be installed at the Garrett ballparks. According to the resolution, residents of the area have expressed the need for the lights and members of the Garrett Fire Department has stated that in the event of an emergency helicopters would need the lighting to safely evacuate anyone that is injured. An estimate from G & S Contracting Inc. indicated the lighting system will cost \$19,996 which the Governor's

Office of Local Development has already approved.

A resolution was also signed for primary election costs to be reimbursed to the county clerk's office in the amount of \$35,958.29. A Coal Development award in the amount of \$44,444 was received by the fiscal court and will be made available to Prestonsburg Utilities, according to a resolution, along with a second Coal Development grant in the amount of \$1,294,444.

In cleaning out old garages, several old vehicles were found and will be salvaged for parts as the Floyd County Road Supervisor advises they are no longer operable.

The regular fiscal court meeting is scheduled to be held Sept. 21.

## Jobs

counties — it needs help from the state in finding and enticing industry to bring highly coveted jobs offering good salaries and benefits, county officials said.

"We just need an opportunity to get businesses to come look at us," said Mitchell Ball, administrator for the Jackson County Industrial Development Authority.

Kentucky's two candidates for governor in the upcoming Nov. 6 election — Republican incumbent Ernie Fletcher and Democratic challenger Steve Beshear — outlined their plans for increasing jobs, especially in impoverished areas, in responding to an AP questionnaire.

On the campaign trail, the rivals offer starkly different reviews of Kentucky's economic performance during Fletcher's tenure as the state's first GOP governor in a generation. Fletcher says the state has made solid progress, while Beshear says it continues to lag behind most of the nation in several broad measures.

Beshear said that Fletcher "has failed to provide the leadership needed on economic development." Fletcher countered that improving economic opportunity has been "my guiding principle."

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.7 percent in July, compared to 5.9 percent in December 2003 when Fletcher took office. Kentucky's jobless figure continues to surpass the national rate and the gap has widened. The national rate

was 4.6 percent in July, down from 5.7 percent in December 2003.

Kentucky added 61,200 jobs between December 2003 and July 2007, according to a seasonally adjusted, non-farm employment survey by the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. A broader measure of employment shows the state added 76,394 jobs during the period.

Both candidates see education as a stimulus for job creation. Fletcher pointed to increased state spending on education — from the earliest grades to college — to back up his claim of making education a priority.

"Unlike many politicians that make this claim, we've put our money where our mouth is," he said.

Beshear said he wants to modernize workforce development and training, make college more accessible and turn schools into "first-class institutions of learning." Beshear has proposed expanding preschool programs and redesigning high schools to better prepare students for college and the workforce.

Beshear said the state should target incentives toward "the kinds of businesses we need — those with high growth potential in high-wage jobs." Beshear says the state's economic development efforts should have more of an inward focus, encouraging business startups and expansions in Kentucky. He also says he would seek ways to boost avail-

able capital for fledgling companies and would increase the state's venture capital tax credit.

Fletcher touted an energy bill he recently signed that would provide hundreds of millions in financial incentives to companies that build plants in Kentucky to convert coal to cleaner-burning alternative fuels.

"If we want to advance together as a commonwealth, this is the sort of economic development that will achieve that goal," Fletcher said.

Beshear also advocates tapping Kentucky coal and crops to become a leader in developing alternative fuels.

During his term, Fletcher won passage of a tax overhaul that took about 500,000 of Kentucky's poorest residents off the state income tax rolls, cut personal income taxes for most other Kentuckians and lowered corporate income taxes. The governor also boasts of expanding a tax increment financing program to stimulate development, and says high-tech startups have grown and high-speed Internet access has spread.

Beshear has countered that Kentucky lags near the bottom nationally in workforce education and the number of adults with college degrees and blames Fletcher for not improving the situation.

Both candidates also mentioned efforts to improve Kentuckians' health as another way to boost the state's competitiveness. Fletcher noted his ini-

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tiatives to revamp Medicaid, the federal-state health plan for the poor and disabled, and to assist small businesses in obtaining health coverage for their workers. Both candidates have offered proposals to provide health coverage for uninsured children.

In Jackson County, Judge-Executive William O. Smith acknowledges that the devastating fire at the Mid-South Electronics plant knocked his county on its heels with the eventual loss of hundreds of jobs.

A month before the blaze, the county had a 5.6 percent unemployment rate in December 2004. Its jobless rate was 12.9 percent, the state's highest, in July 2007.

"It's just going to take us some time to get back up to speed," Smith said.

Smith realizes his county is unlikely to attract a huge industrial plant, like an auto facility, but would be ideal for spin-off plants serving a big industry located in the state's more populated areas. He said rural areas like his need the state's attention to improve their economies and reach their potential.

"Even though we're small, we're a lot in number, and we need the governor's help," he said.

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## Harris qualifies fastest, captures 201 Speedway Late Model checkers

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – Floyd County native Paul Harris turned the fastest qualifying lap of 13.41 and raced his way to a Late Model feature win Saturday night at 201 Speedway. Harris led laps 1-13 and 19-20 on his way to claiming the victory. The Floyd County driver held off Jamie Ferguson, who led laps 14-18. Randy Boggs, D.J. Wells and Terry Hicks rounded out the top-five in the 20-lap Late Model feature. Twenty-five Late Models were on hand Saturday night.

Corey McKenzie (Open Wheel Modified), Albie Howell (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Jamie Hamilton (Four-Cylinder).

Results from Saturday night follow  
First Late Model Heat: (Top six transfer to A Main): R1-Rod Evans; 10-Paul Harris; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 64-Terry Hicks; 81-Brandon Fouts; 12D-Daniel Williams; 32-Danny Wilson; 57-Brittany McKinney; 3-Jacob Ross.  
Second Late Model Heat: 18-Eric Wells; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 28-Harold Redman Jr.; 10-Raymond Nichols; 81-Albert Butcher; 6-Rodney Davis; 15-Brian Pennington; 77-Robert "Taco" Fletcher.

Third Late Model Heat: 51-Randy Boggs; 8-Anthony Adams; 55-Jason Edge; 51R-Darren Muncy; 11-D.J. Wells; T71-Tom Pennington; R22-Randy Caudill.

Late Model Consolation Race: (Top two transfer): 32-Danny Wilson; 6-Rodney Davis; R22-Randy Caudill; 3-Jacob Ross; T71-Tom Pennington; 57-Brittany McKinney.

Late Model Feature: 10-Paul Harris; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 51-Randy Boggs; 11-D.J. Wells; 64-Terry Hicks; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 55-Jason Edge;

(See **HARRIS**, page two)



Open Wheel Modified points leader Corey McKenzie collected his sixth feature win Saturday night at 201 Speedway in the Ryan Maynard Chiropractic, Stanley Haddix Racecars-sponsored 2007 Tomahawk Chassis. This Saturday night, 201 Speedway will host the Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series.

## No. 2 St. Francis rolls past Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Second-ranked University of St. Francis had no problem with Pikeville College on a perfect Saturday afternoon, rolling to a 55-3 win over the Bears.

The Cougars had 374 yards of total offense, including 248 on the ground from their run-and-shoot attack. Pikeville, meanwhile, struggled for the second consecutive week against a brutal schedule and finished with 169 yards of offense on the day.

Fullback Marcus Rush opened the scoring for USF with a pair of first-quarter touchdowns on runs of two and four yards. The kick failed on the first, so Jeff Wedding hit Jeremiah Wood on a conversion pass on the second to make the count 14-0. It was 20-0 by the end of the period as Daniel Carter scored on a two-yard dive with 20 seconds left. Pikeville senior Ryan Brown blocked the kick.

The Cougars scored on a pair of second-period touchdowns. Taylor Viece scooted in from three yards out and Wedding connected with Zach Rainey from 15 yards out to make it 34-0 at the half. In the third period, Rush scored on a one-yard run and Bret Winegardner record a fumble in the end zone to make it 48-0.

A Jordan Wise score from a yard out made the count 55-0 before the Bears got on the scoreboard. A 12-play, 49-yard drive that took 5:06 off the clock ended with a 28-yard field goal for sophomore Kyle Chilton.

The points were the first the Bears had posted on the Cougars since the first quarter of their meeting in 2005 in the opening round of the NAIA playoffs. Since then, the Cougars had shut the Bears out in the remaining three periods of that game before pitching them the only shutout in Pikeville College football history a year ago.

Sophomore tailback De'von Joseph had 73 yards on the ground for the Bears on 20 carries. Five other players carried 27 times for 0 net yards. In the air, freshman Dan Wideman and senior Chip English combined to go 11-of-29 with two interceptions for 96 yards. Antwan Surratt had two catches for 36 yards.

(See **BEARS**, page two)

## KENTUCKY EARNS RESPECT



photos by Jamie Howell

Kentucky go-to receiver Keenan Burton tried to haul in a catch during the first quarter of Saturday's game versus Louisville. Several Kentucky players stepped up to lift the Wildcats to the win over Top 10-ranked Louisville.

## Wildcats claim spots in national polls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky football team is ranked No. 21 in The Associated Press poll and No. 23 in the USA Today/Coaches poll in rankings that were announced Sunday.

It is UK's first appearance in the AP ranking since the 1984 season-ending poll, when the Wildcats were rated No. 19. The team's last appearance in the USA Today poll came on Nov. 15, 1998, when the Wildcats came in at No. 25.

Kentucky is coming off a dramatic 40-34 home win over then-No. 9-ranked Louisville, marking its first win over a top-10 team in 30 years. Senior quarterback André Woodson led the way by completing 30-of-44 passes for 275 yards and four touchdowns, including the 57-yard game-winner to senior wide receiver Steve Johnson with 28 seconds remaining.

Game Changing Performance of the Week nomination: André Woodson's 57-yard game-winning touchdown pass to Steve Johnson is one of four nominees for the weekly Pontiac Game Changing Performance award.

Now, it's up to UK fans to determine if the Cats earned the Pontiac Game Changing Performance for the third week of the 2007 NCAA football season. Fans can go to Pontiac.com/ncaa, where they can view video clips of the four finalists and vote for their favorite play. Voting ends at midnight on Wednesday. ESPN will announce this week's winner on Thursday night during the Pontiac Performance Halftime Report.

The winning university receives a \$5,000 contribu-

(See **WILDCATS**, page two)



Steve Johnson (13) had a pass slip through his hands during the first half of Saturday's game versus Louisville. Johnson, however, managed to haul in the game-winning catch.

## Kinzer wins Carolina Clash feature at Wythe

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

WYTHEVILLE, Va. – Floyd County native Brandon Kinzer captured the Carolina Clash Super Late Model Series feature win Saturday night at Wythe Speedway. Kinzer was able to bounce back and get back into Victory Lane after not making it into the 37th Annual World 100 at Eldora Speedway one week earlier.

The Brandon Kinzer Motorsports team has upcoming races scheduled for Duck River (Tenn.) Speedway (Sept. 21-22) and Mountain (Tenn.) Raceway Park (Sept. 29).

A complete rundown of the Carolina Clash feature race results follows.

- Carolina Clash Feature Race at Wythe Speedway (Wytheville, Va.), Saturday, Sept. 15:
1. 18-Brandon Kinzer; 2. 70-Jeff Smith; 3. 32-Shane Roberts; 4. 1W-Ricky Weeks; 5. 95-Deano Long; 6. 1H-Billy Hicks; 7. A1-Scott Autry; 8. 20-Dan Breur; 9. 7-Brian Moody; 10. 15-Jimmy McCormick; 11. 15-Gary Mabe; 12. 32-Larry Blenkinship; 13.

(See **KINZER**, page two)

## Lady Rebs finish runner-up in Mountain Classic tournament

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ – Allen Central finished runner-up to host Martin County on Sunday in the Mountain Classic girls' basketball tournament. Martin County outlasted Allen Central 32-24 in the championship game.

Logan Cline and Amber Shepherd each had six points for Allen Central in the tournament title game. Megan Jones followed with three points for Allen Central, which dropped to 11-2.

Jones, Shepherd, Cline and Caitlin Kidd represented Allen Central on the All-Tournament team. Shepherd won the Robin Harmon Player of the Tournament Award.

In other tournament games, Allen Central defeated Dorton, Paintsville and Belfry. More on each of the wins follows.

**Allen Central 38, Dorton 20:** Amber Shepherd fired in a game-high 16 points as the Lady Rebels defeated Dorton. Caitlin Kidd followed with eight points for the Lady Rebels.

**Allen Central 50, Paintsville 32:** Amber Shepherd scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Lady Rebels past Paintsville.

Logan Cline and Megan Jones finished with seven and six points, respectively.

**Allen Central 30, Belfry 28:** The Lady Rebels managed to edge Belfry in the semifinals of the Mountain Classic Sunday. Amber Shepherd and Caitlin Kidd accounted for all of Allen Central's scoring with 20 and 10 points, respectively.

## Blackcats thrive on the ground

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – In four games, Prestonsburg junior running back Allen Craynon has rushed for 628 yards and nine touchdowns on 70 carries. Craynon is well on pace to rush for over 1,000 yards. He also leads Prestonsburg in receiving with two catches for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

Craynon rushed for 210 yards on 18 carries in the win over Lawrence County. The junior standout had four rushing touchdowns and one TD receiving. Craynon's touchdown catch was a 60-yard scoring reception.

Seth Setser, another member of Prestonsburg's promising junior class, currently ranks as the second-leading rusher for the Blackcats. In four games, Setser has rushed for 334 yards and five touchdowns on 35 carries.

Prestonsburg quarterback Bobby Hughes has rushed for 210 yards on 33 carries.

Hughes has completed five-of-15 passes for 196 yards and three touchdowns. The Prestonsburg quarterback has only been intercepted once in four games.

Craynon is also Prestonsburg's leader in the receiving department.

The Blackcat offensive unit has rushed the football with major consistency. In four games, Prestonsburg has amassed 1,345 rushing yards. The Blackcats have outscored four opponents 155-45 and allowed just 534 yards rushing.

Defensively, Setser and Michael Burchett each have two interceptions. Austin McKinney has recovered a team-high three fumbles for the Blackcats.

Following a convincing 42-12 win over longtime rival Lawrence County, Prestonsburg is now preparing for Class 2A, District 7 opponent Morgan County. The Blackcats will travel to West Liberty this Friday night for a game against the Cougars. Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Morgan County game is set for 7:30 p.m.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg quarterback Bobby Hughes got a play from Blackcat head coach John DeRossett during a game earlier in the season. The Blackcats continue to pile up rushing yardage.



# Shootout: Anderson throws 5TDs as Browns outlast Bengals, 51-45

by TOM WITHERS  
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CLEVELAND — Another bizarre week of twists, turns and turbulence in Cleveland ended with more absurdity: Browns 51, Bengals 45.

Go figure.  
Derek Anderson threw five touchdown passes, Jamal Lewis rushed for 216 yards and the Cleveland Browns, so desperate after being embarrassed in their home opener that they traded their starting quarterback two days later, outlasted the Cincinnati Bengals and Carson Palmer 51-45 on Sunday.

A week that began in chaos ended in celebration.

"We live close to Cedar Point," Browns general manager Phil Savage said, referring to the popular amusement park. "It has been a rollercoaster. We won a game that nobody expected us to win."

Palmer tossed a career-high six TDs, but his final chance to rally the Bengals (1-1) ended when he was intercepted at the Browns' 27 with 21 seconds left by cornerback Leigh Bodden, who had missed practice time this week with a groin injury.

The pick capped an eventful seven days and an historic afternoon for the Browns, who had a 300-yard passer, a 200-yard rusher and two 100-yard

receivers (Braylon Edwards and Kellen Winslow) for the first time since joining the NFL in 1950.

"Not in my wildest dreams could I have imagined it," Bodden said.

Who could?

The teams combined for 96 points, 1,085 yards of offense and countless missed tackles.

Even Cleveland fans, who bolted the stadium early a week ago, got a chance to party, not long after a few of them dumped beer on Bengals wide receiver Chad Johnson.

Last Sunday, Anderson had come off the bench to replace Charlie Frye during the first half when the Browns (1-1) were routed 34-7 by the Steelers. Less than 48 hours later, Cleveland dealt Frye to the Seattle Seahawks, becoming the first time since the AFL/NFL merger to trade its season-opening quarterback before Week 2.

Cleveland racked up 554 yards of total offense, scored its most points since returning to the league in 1999, and for the time being, took some of the heat off coach Romeo Crennel, who improved to 11-23 in his third season.

"A division win, how about that?" said Crennel, playfully mocking his 2-12 record against AFC North opponents.

For once, it all fell into place for the Browns.

"I'm excited about this win," said Edwards, who had eight catches for 146 yards and two TDs. "For the first time in a long time I'm excited to go home and watch our highlights."

The clips will be dominated by Anderson, who was only expected to hold down the starting job until rookie Brady Quinn was ready. That plan, too, may be scrapped following the 24-year-old's breakout performance.

When Frye got traded, Edwards said he a few receivers met with Anderson.

"We told him, 'We're behind you and you are here because you can play,'" Edwards said. "He was commanding in the huddle. This is the first time he was the guy. He came in and pulled it all together."

Anderson got off to a shaky start, going 0-for-5 on Cleveland's first two possessions. But the big-armed QB from Oregon State finished

20-of-33 for 328 yards and the five TDs, tying a team record shared by Frank Ryan, Bill Nelsen, Brian Sipe and Kelly Holcomb.

A former sixth-round draft pick, Anderson has always had the physical gifts but has been plagued by bad decision-making. This time, he was strong and smart.

"I wouldn't say I was nervous," Anderson said of his fourth career start. "I was happy with the way things turned out."

It was just the third time in NFL history that two QBs threw five TD passes in the same game. Oakland's Tom Flores (6) and Houston's George Blanda (5) both did it on Dec. 22, 1963, and Billy Kilmer of New Orleans (6) and Charley Johnson of St. Louis (6) also did it Nov. 5, 1969.

Joe Jurevicius caught two TD passes and Kellen Winslow had one for the Browns, who finally got to

show off their new offense under first-year coordinator Rob Chudzinski.

Palmer went 33-of-50 for 401 yards, but was hurt by a few drops as the Bengals tried to come back.

Out of timeouts, the Bengals got the ball at their 9 back with 1:03 left. After two completions got them to the 20, Anderson threaded a 30-yarder over the middle between two defenders to Johnson, who had 11 catches for 209 yards and two TDs.

One play later, Palmer tried to feather another pass down the sideline to Johnson, but Bodden made a pick the Browns won't soon forget.

The Bengals came in feeling good about themselves following a Monday night win over the Baltimore Ravens. Now, they have some doubts, especially about an already suspect defense.

"I don't think anybody expected this game to shake out like this," Palmer said. "If

anything, it's a good reminder for us that it doesn't matter who you play. This is one of the tougher losses. I thought we had this win. I feel like I'm mourning over a loss. I'm just going to try and shake it off."

Lewis averaged 7.7 yards per carry thanks to a 66-yard TD burst in the third quarter and 47-yard run in the fourth that set up Phil Dawson's 18-yard field goal that put the Browns up 51-38 with 5:44 left.

"It's been a long time since I've been able to break out like that," Lewis said.

Chad Johnson's second TD catch pulled the Bengals within 34-31 in the third, and as the NFL's most eccentric showman promised, he jumped headfirst into the Dave Pound, where he was baptized in a shower of beer by Cleveland's rowdiest fans.

"That was cool," Johnson said. "It was fun and it was cold. I think I gave the fans their money's worth."

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Morehead State

#### defeats W.Va. Tech, 34-7

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University football team rolled to a 34-7 win over West Virginia Tech in their home opener Saturday evening at Jayne Stadium.

The Eagle scored the first 28 points of the game and limited the Golden Bears to only 137 yards of total offense, including only 21 net yards rushing.

"It was a good win in front of a big Family Weekend crowd," said MSU Head Coach Matt Ballard. "We were able to play a lot of people, and we continued to do a great job against the run."

"We have areas we need to improve in. Robert Morris will bring a very good football team to Jayne Stadium next Saturday."

MSU, now 2-0 on the season, got on the board first when Brian Yost hit freshman tight end Derick Burks with a 24-yard touchdown pass. Max Hammond's PAT kick gave MSU a 7-0 lead with 9:00 left in the first quarter.

Yost scored on a three-yard run with 1:06 left in the initial period, and Hammond's kick made it 14-0. Jerrod Pendleton, who scored 20 of

MSU's 21 points in its win over Saint Francis on Sept. 8, scored his fourth touchdown of the season on a one-yard run with 1:03 left before halftime. Another Hammond extra point gave the Eagles a 21-0 lead at halftime.

On MSU's first drive of the second half, Drew Morgan scored on a four-yard run, and Hammond's kick made the score 28-0 with 12:28 left in the third quarter.

West Virginia Tech, now 0-3 in 2007, scored its only touchdown when Eric Putmon blocked a Mason Webb punt in the end zone and teammate Jahi Sherard fell on the loose football. Matt Zickafoose kicked the extra point to cut the MSU lead to 28-7 with 2:41 remaining in the third period.

MSU closed out the scoring with 8:10 left in the game when Morgan scored from 11-yards out. The PAT failed, and the final margin was 34-7.

The Eagles had 311 yards in total offense, 176 rushing and 135 yards passing. Yost hit 11-of-19 passes for 135 yards. Pendleton rushed for 48 yards on 10 carries. Nick Feldman caught three passes for 75 yards.

### Western Ky. 26, Eastern Ky. 6

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — One week after scoring a school-record 87 points, Western Kentucky relied on defense and special teams to defeat in-state rival Eastern Kentucky 26-6 Saturday.

The Hilltoppers (2-1), who scored 49 first-quarter points against West Virginia Tech, needed a safety from their defense and a blocked punt for a touchdown from their special teams to put away the Colonels (1-2).

Western Kentucky trailed 3-0 after the first quarter when Alonzo Higgins put the Hilltoppers on the scoreboard by tackling Eastern Kentucky running back Bobby Washington for a three-yard loss in the end zone for a safety.

After the ensuing free kick, backup quarterback K.J. Black, a redshirt freshman, directed the Hilltoppers to their only offensive touchdown of the first half, hitting receiver Quinterrance Cooper from seven yards out to cap the 63-yard march and put Western Kentucky ahead 9-3.

The Hilltoppers' defense and special teams continued to carry the load, as Bo Smith's interception set up Chris James' 35-yard field

goal that put Western Kentucky up 12-3 at the half.

Special teams came through with a big play on the opening series of the second half, as Jihad Morris broke through the Eastern Kentucky line and blocked a Benton Kuszmaul punt and teammate Stephen Willis fell on it in the end zone to give the Hilltoppers a 19-3 advantage.

The Hilltoppers' offense struggled to put together drives for much of the day and had just 1 net yard rushing in the first half. But Black, spelling starter David Wolke for the second time in the game, directed an eight-play, 46-yard fourth-quarter touchdown drive that sealed the game. Tyrell Hadyen scored from a yard out with 1:42 to play to account for the final margin.

"There were definitely some issues. Obviously, (we were facing) a better football team this week," Western Kentucky coach David Elson said. "But overall, I thought we moved the ball and got first downs. I thought we were good on third down (9 of 17) and obviously, we played well enough to win."

Eastern Kentucky's points came on two Taylor Long field goals from 26 and 23 yards.

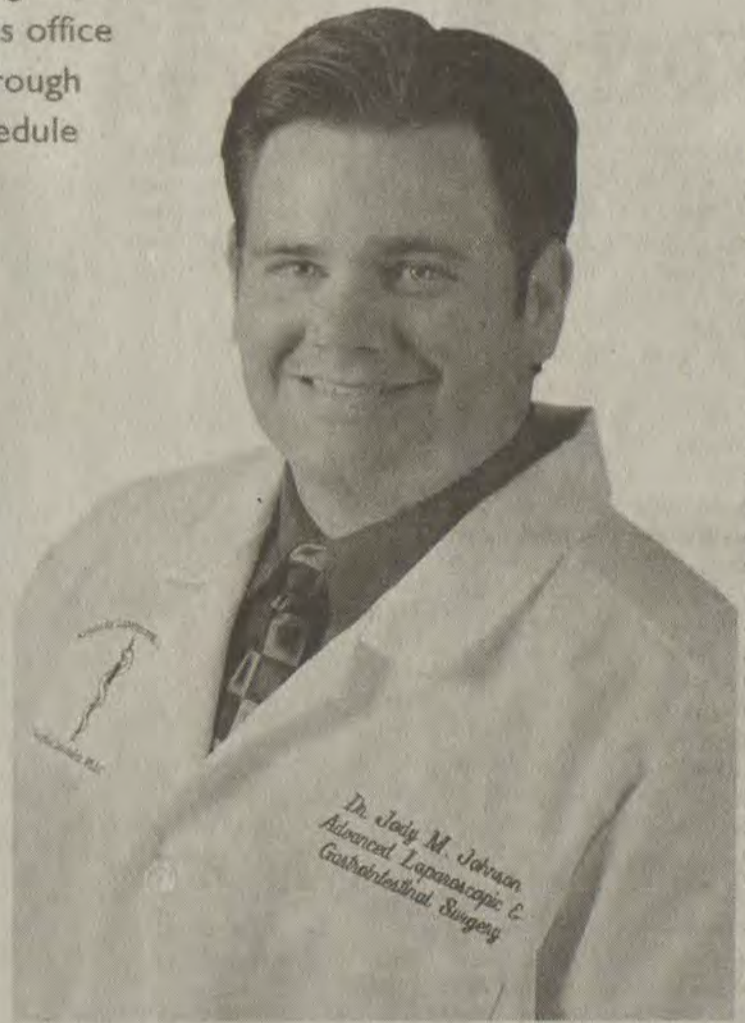
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Highlands Regional Medical Center is pleased to welcome Jody Johnson, D.O. back home to eastern Kentucky. A native of Hi Hat, Kentucky, Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Wheelwright High School, and received both his Bachelor of Science degree and Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from Pikeville College. He also served both his surgical residency and internship at the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Dr. Johnson served his procedural fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and is certified in trauma life support and cardiovascular life support procedures. Dr. Johnson is a specialist in laparoscopic surgeries, including gallbladder surgery, hernia repair, gastrointestinal and anti-reflux surgeries, as well as other general surgical procedures.

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



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### POISON OAK

## When our creek became our river

With tunes like "Give Me That Old-Time Religion" echoing from nearby hills, in true Bible-Belt fashion, one of the most exciting community events in a 1940s Eastern Kentucky coal camp was a baptism.

"I say 'community event' because practically everybody, church-goers and non-church-goers alike, seemed to forget (at least momentarily, anyway)

the war raging in Europe and thus the absence of most of their young men between the ages of 17 and 30, and assembled to participate, or simply watch, the familiar religious rite.



Clyde Pack

Unless we were in the midst of an extended dry spell, in which case the services were held at the Number One Pond, most baptisms took place in the dammed-up creek that ran in front of the church.

Children sat with their feet dangling over the edge of the bank and adults stood anywhere there was a place level enough for them to stand. Someone would begin, "Shall we gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river ...," and knowing the words by heart, those who wanted to would join in.

Actually, there was little beauty to our "river," just a few unidentified weeds along its edge, now hidden by the 50 or so onlookers who filled the Sunday afternoon with song. It was the same

"river" from which, Monday through Saturday, we'd take an old coffee sack, split it and seine for minnows and crawdads. It was the same "river" from which we'd drink if we got hot and thirsty from playing fox

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Worry

Is there a magic cutoff period when offspring become accountable for their own actions? Is there a wonderful moment when parents can become detached spectators in the lives of their children and simply shrug, "It's their life," and feel nothing?

When I was in my twenties, I stood in a hospital corridor waiting for doctors to put a few stitches in my son's head. I asked, "When do you stop worrying?" The nurse said, "When they get out of the accident stage." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.



Kim Little Frasure

When I was in my thirties, I sat on a little chair in a classroom and heard how one of my children talked incessantly, disrupted the class, and was headed for a career making license plates. As if to read my mind, a teacher said, "Don't worry, they all go through this stage and then you can sit back, relax and enjoy them." My mother just smiled faintly and said nothing.

When I was in my forties, I spent a lifetime waiting for the phone to ring; the cars to come home, the front door to open. A friend said, "They're trying to find themselves. Don't worry, in a few years, you can stop worrying. They'll be adults." My mother just smiled faintly and still said nothing.

By the time I was fifty, I was sick and tired of being vulnerable. I was still

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Clockwise, from left: Randy Bryant, of Martin, Kris Baca, also of Martin, and Denver Mullins, of Middlecreek, enjoyed the festival atmosphere and nice weather as they entertained visitors with some good old-fashioned "pickin' and grinnin'."



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Members of the Little Bit o' Country dance club entertained the crowd with country line dancing and invited visitors to join in the fun as they stepped to some lively country music tunes.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Prestonsburg Women's Club made a showing at the annual fall festival where members Earlene Nelson, Thelma Lafferty, and Burieta Gearhart hawked their wares of homemade candy apples and club cookbooks to customers Kristen and Janet Bentley.



Bethany Hughes and dad, Don, enjoyed their Saturday afternoon stop at the folk festival.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

# Highland Folk Festival outdoors hit

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

It was the 46th year for the Highland Folk Festival, but the very first year that the event was expanded to two days and moved outdoors as was done this past weekend at the Mountain Arts Center.

The festival kicked off with music and entertainment under the tent this past Friday evening and picked up again bright and early Saturday morning as sunny skies and mild temperatures welcomed visitors once again to the arts center grounds.

Vendors selling everything from jewelry to handmade crafts, artwork, candy apples, homemade candies, pies and more, set up shop underneath gay tents in the entertainment center's parking lot while dancers, singers and musicians entertained audiences throughout

the day.

Tyrone Martin, of Auxier, was named best chili chef at the end of the day following a "people's choice" vote for the best tasting chili offered up during the event's first chili cookoff. The secret, Martin said, is in the slow cooking of the recipe. "The real secret is in the time and effort put in," Martin said as Keith Caudill, director, Mountain Arts Center, announced his win, "you can put all the best ingredients in, but if you don't let it cook, it won't be good," he said.

Misha Curnutte, Prestonsburg Tourism, said that they were happy with the turnout to the event, co-sponsored by the tourism office and the Mountain Arts Center. "This is the first year for doing it outside and we're pleased at how things turned out. We look for it to be even bigger and better next year."

Tyrone Martin, of Auxier, took home the prize for winning the "People's Choice" award for best chili in the chili cook-off contest.



### CRITTER CORNER

## Animal abandonment punishable under state law

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Some feign ignorance, but most do know that the abandonment of animals is against the law. In Floyd County, Robin Branham and Cora Coleman, of RC Wildlife Rescue & Rehab, are pretty frustrated with those that regularly abandon animals near their Endicott wildlife refuge.

Branham and Coleman are currently housing two dogs, believed to be litter mates, on the grounds of their wildlife rehab center that were recently found on the roadside, confused and hungry. "Our hearts, of course, just went out to them," Branham said, "but we aren't in the busi-

ness of taking in stray dogs."

Already strapped for funding to help the wild animals housed on the rehab grounds, the women say that they simply can't afford to take in stray domesticated animals, as well. But knowing that that the Floyd County Animal Shelter regularly keeps a full house themselves, the soft-hearted duo do what they can to help the animals that come across their path.

"But it makes me really angry," Branham said. "These dogs shouldn't be dropped off on the road like that. It's not right."

Branham is correct, it isn't right, and it's



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Cora Coleman, left, and Robin Branham, of RC Wildlife Rescue and Rehab, are pictured here with two dogs, believed to be litter mates, that they rescued from atop Cow Mountain, apparently abandoned by their owners.

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