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Judge rules against city in Stonecrest dispute

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The future of Stonecrest Golf course hangs in the balance today as the jury trial of Danny Hamilton II vs. the City of Prestonsburg, et al begins in Floyd County Circuit Court.

The lawsuit, which began in 2006, stems from a property dispute that arose when the city, through Mayor Jerry Fannin, sold two residential lots near the 14th and 15th holes of Stonecrest Golf course. The lots were on property that the city had obtained for the stated purpose of recreational use only.

One of the lots in question was sold

to Danny Hamilton II and Susan Hamilton for the purposes of building a home. The Hamiltons were not notified of the "recreational" restriction on the property until they had already begun construction on their home.

According to court records, the city had obtained the property from David and Della Clifton of Prestonsburg, who "originally resisted the idea of selling their property, but ultimately agreed, under threat of condemnation, to exchange a portion of their property for four lots in a proposed subdivision to be located around the Stonecrest Golf Course."

In the deed, the property's purpose is clearly stated: "The Grantee further

covenants to Grantors that said property herein conveyed shall be used for recreational purposes only."

According to court records, on June 16, 2003, the city sold one lot to William and Patricia Hall, with the other lot being sold to the Hamiltons on Oct. 31 of the same year. Both the Hamiltons' and Halls' home plans were approved by the city, though the Halls had not yet begun construction when the deed restriction was discovered.

Fannin signed off on both the Hall and Hamilton sales, despite reportedly helping to negotiate the original deal with the Cliftons. According to court records, "The deed was executed by Jerry Fannin as Mayor for the City of

Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and both Mr. and Mrs. Clifton."

After the violation was discovered by the Cliftons, the Halls reportedly worked out a deal with the city to trade the restricted property for another residential lot on Stonecrest. The Hamiltons wanted a trade similar to the Halls, but also wished to be compensated for the nearly \$80,000 they had already spent on construction.

The Hamiltons reportedly filed suit when it appeared clear that the city was not willing to repay them for the money they had spent in construction. The Hamilton lawsuit names, along

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briefs

Feds cite Letcher coal operator for Jan. death

The Associated Press

WHITESBURG — Federal mine officials have cited an eastern Kentucky mine operator that runs a mine where a man died in a fall in January.

Authorities say Roy D. Sturgill, 29, died Jan. 8 after his truck backed over a dumping point and continued to go down the slope.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration says the mine should have had an adequate berm in place that would help drivers know when they back up near an edge. The federal agency issued two negligence citations for the incident at Blue Ridge Surface mine in Letcher County. The mine is run by Cumberland River Coal.

State officials have issued multiple citations in the incident.

RUSSIAN DELEGATION



Dr. Boris Kvitoko of Russia, pro-rector of BSAA, presents a gift to Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, during a visit to the Capitol last week. Shown from left to right are Dr. Nikolay Belous, rector of BSAA; Dr. Vladimir Torikov, pro-rector of BSAA; Sen. Turner, and Dr. Boris Kvitoko, pro-rector of BSAA. For more about the Russian delegation's visit to Kentucky, see page A5.

Resident complains city is going to the dogs (and cats)

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A downtown resident says the city needs to enforce its dog ordinance.

"I can't sit on my porch because of all the animals (cats)," said Carolyn Ford, who added that a small toy poodle had recently been attacked by a much larger dog after the dog reportedly jumped a fence.

Ford, who lives on Arnold Avenue, said she pays county taxes, but that the county dog catcher won't come into the city. "I don't get anything for my county taxes."

Council members said they had an ordinance on the books, and that all they could do was enact the ordinance, they could not enforce it.

Councilman Branham asked Ford if they should ask their police officers to go after criminals or dogs.

"I'm not afraid of a criminal," said Ford, "But I'm deathly afraid of dogs."

Ford said enforcement of the ordinance is a small request, and added that most cities have "pooper scooper laws."

Ford said she would also address the Floyd County Fiscal Court about the matter.

Council demands earlier budget reports

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Council members passed a municipal order during Monday's Prestonsburg City Council that spells out exactly when they will receive their updated budgets from the city's comptroller.

"We're sick and tired of begging and pleading," said Councilman Shag Branham, in regard to the timeliness in which council members are receiving copies of the budget.

According to the municipal order approved by the council, Yvette Stephens, the city's comptroller, must either e-mail or hand-deliver a copy of the updated budget to council members four days before a council meeting.

Stephens said she didn't understand the intent of the order.

"The intent is to get an updated report more regular, e-mailed to us, before we come to council," said Branham.

Stephens maintained that the reason that council members were not getting reports on time was because she wanted them to be accurate, and that if the council received a report on Friday before a council meeting, the

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Councilman C.E. "Shag" Branham expressed some agitation during Monday's City Council meeting over the timeliness with which the council is presented their budget reports.

Prosecutors concerned about early release of inmates

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Some Kentucky prosecutors are concerned about a possible "mass exodus" of felons from jails because of a provision in the budget allowing early release of non violent

inmates.

The proposal to allow some inmates to serve the last six months or more of their sentences on home incarceration is part of the state's effort to save money and reduce jail crowding.

Chris Cohron, commonwealth's

attorney for Warren County and president-elect of the Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorney Association, said the proposal is shortsighted, lacking in specifics and dangerous.

State corrections officials said they did not yet know how many inmates

would be released.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, House Judiciary chairwoman and a member of the state Criminal Justice Council, said the eligible prisoners would be "vetted completely and thoroughly" before their release.

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Mostly sunny
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Friday
Partly cloudy
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Obituaries

Otis Eugene Akers

Otis Eugene Akers, age 61, of Harold, passed away Monday, April 14, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born July 20, 1946, in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Marion Akers and Mae Williams Akers. He was a retired mechanic for Childers and Venters, Pikeville.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Thornsbury Akers of Harold; a son, Eddie Akers of Harold; two sisters, Ailene Kidd and Novia Clark both of Honaker; and two grandchildren, Andrea and Zachary Akers.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Verleen Kidd.

Funeral services for Otis Eugene Akers will be conducted Thursday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

She was united in marriage on December 24, 1970, to Donald G. Hall, who preceded her in death on March 18, 1988.

Surviving are two sons: John Hall and wife, Leah, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and William Hall of Waverly; two daughters: Patricia Conley-Sekanik of Junction City, Kansas, and Debra K. Arledge of Waverly; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; a brother, John E. Hamilton; and a sister, Peggy Ann Cisco, both of Chillicothe, Ohio.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, at Botkin Funeral Home in Waverly, with Pastor Dale Reed officiating.

Burial was in the Little Ettie Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.botkinfuneralservice.com (Paid obituary)

Kathryn Allen Haywood

Kathryn Allen Haywood, 87, died Thursday, April 3, 2008, in Prestonsburg.

She was a resident in the Riverview Nursing Home.

She was the daughter of the late William Allen and Eva Hughes of Lackey.

She is survived by two sons from her first marriage to Belvie M. Moore, to whom she was married for 43 years: Belvie M. Moore, Jr., and Margaret Moore, daughter-in-law, of Narragansett, Rhode Island; and David A. Moore and Karen Moore, daughter-in-law, of Panama City Beach, Florida; and eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are her sister, Ada Schwanke of Ocala, Florida; and a brother, William Allen of Niota, Tennessee.

Kathryn and Belvie Moore were residents in Michigan City, Indiana, for 35 years, before moving to Evansville, Indiana.

She was an elementary school teacher in Floyd County, and had a long career as a bookkeeper in Michigan City, Indiana, before retiring.

Funeral arrangements were held at the Alexander Cemetery, Wednesday, April 9th. (Paid obituary)

Marguerite Huffman

Marguerite Huffman, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born December 17, 1926, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Fonso Bentley and Myra Sturgill West. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Island



Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John Huffman.

Other survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Johnny (Patty) Huffman of Prestonsburg; and Sam (Kara) Huffman of West Chester, Ohio; her daughters and sons-in-law: Teresa Hayes; Zoe Daniels, and Sally (Ray) Porter, all of Prestonsburg; and Dolly (Bob) Caines of Harrodsburg; two brothers and one sister: Jim West of Stuart, Florida; James Sturgill of Allen Park, Michigan; and Betty Marshick of Westland, Michigan; 15 grandchildren; Petey, Traci, Kim, Chris, Leah Anne, Matt, Mira, Missy, Jonni Ann, Bobby Lee, Mary, Lorna, Samantha, Nate, and Cody; and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: David West and Howard West

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Brother Jerry Workman officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: active: Petey Hayes, Chris Daniels, Matt Daniels, Bobby Lee Caines, Nathan Huffman and Cody Porter.

Honorary: Bob Caines, Ray Porter, and Danny Huffman. (Paid obituary)



Gwendolyn Lee Lafferty

Gwendolyn Lee Lafferty, 72, of Allen, died Wednesday, April 12, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 1, 1935, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Mary Walk Branham. She was a retired school bus driver for the Handicapped, retiring after 30 years.

She is survived by her husband, Bennie Lynwood Lafferty.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Bennie Michael (Pauletta) Lafferty of Banner; Melissa Lee (Sam) Nelson of Dwale; one brother and two sisters: Jimmy Branham of Martin; and Betty Jean Chandler and Joe Ann Sammons, both of Toledo, Ohio; five grandchildren: Billy Samuel (Brooke) Nelson, Alicia Michelle (David) Gearheart, James Michael Lafferty, Nathan Lafferty, Madison Brooke Lafferty; and a great-grandchild: Aliyah Grace Nelson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister, Jessie Branham, Alvin Bruce Branham, and Alma Elliott; and a grandchild, Sarah Renee Lafferty.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church, in Allen, with Dr. Kenneth LeMaster officiating.

Burial was in the Lafferty Family Cemetery. (Daniels

Creek), in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was Sunday, after 7 p.m., at the funeral home; and at the church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pallbearers: Nathan Lafferty, James Michael Lafferty, Billy Samuel Nelson, David Gearheart, Sam Nelson, Ricie DeRossett, Frankie Francis, Harry Branham, and Anthony (Hoss) Conley. (Paid obituary)

James Tuttle

James Tuttle, 62, of Clay City, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, April 11, 2008, at St. Claire Memorial Hospital, in Morehead.

Born October 16, 1945, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Thomas and Deborah Johnson Tuttle. He was a disabled factory worker.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lavey Tuttle.

Other survivors include five sons: Kenneth Tuttle of Ashtabula, Ohio; and Thomas Tuttle, Phillip Tuttle, Michael Tuttle and Christopher Tuttle, all of Mt. Sterling; four daughters: Melissa Johnson and

Sherrie Tuttle, both of Mt. Sterling; Jamie Johnson of Melvin; and Rebecca Hill of Owingsville; a sister, Helen Johnson of Prestonsburg; 20 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren

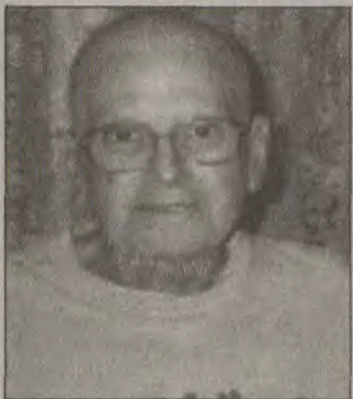
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters: Virgil Hall, Nick Tuttle, Bo Tuttle, JoAnne McKinney, Goldie Bullock, and Violet Stumbo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation: was at the church (Paid obituary)

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James Walter Allen

James Walter Allen, 68, of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born December 17, 1939, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Edgar Allen and Viola Boyd Allen. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and traveler; a retired coal miner; a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church; and a veteran of the Air Force.

He is survived by his wife, Madge E. Allen whom he married June 23, 1962.

Other survivors include a son, James Walter Allen Jr. (B.J.) of Harold; a daughter, Jamie Kimmel (Jeff) of Betsy Layne; two brothers: Willard Allen of Circleville, Ohio; and Vernon Allen of Michigan; two sisters: Helen Edmonds of Michigan; Mickie Thomas of Coeburn, Virginia; and three half sisters: Lois, Brenda, and Diana; six grandchildren: Koty Newsome, Blake Newsome, Kasey Jewell, Jeremy Jewell, Lawrence Kimmel, and Ryan Kimmel.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Rondal Allen.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Tracy Patton and Tim McCoy officiating.

Burial was in Allen Family Cemetery, in Betsy Layne.

Visitation was at the church. J.W. Call Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers: Koty Newsome, Blake Newsome, Jeremy Jewell, Ryan Kimmel, Blake Childers and Lawrence Kimmel.

Guestbook at: www.jwcallfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Mary Lou Hall

Mary Lou Hall, age 71 of Salisbury Rd., Waverly, Ohio, died Thursday April 10, 2008, at her residence, following an extended illness.

She was born on February 11, 1937, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late John W. and Darcus Blanton Hamilton.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Myrtle "Patsy" Blevins Bentley Dean 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 flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF MYRTLE "PATSY" BLEVINS BENTLEY DEAN

Card of Thanks

The family of Chrissie Ethel Hagans would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISSIE ETHEL HAGANS

Card of Thanks

The family of Mirtie Newsome Reynolds would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort, and were there for our family, during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Jerry Manns and Clinton Moore 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 many prayers and support will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF MIRTIE NEWSOME REYNOLDS

Card of Thanks

The family of Ida Akers wishes to thank all of those friends, relatives, and neighbors, for all the love and support upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Frank Kidd Jr., and Chris Kidd for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services. Words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude we will always feel for each of you.

THE FAMILY OF IDA AKERS

~ In Loving Memory ~

Robert Anthony Hunter "Tony"

7/31/59 - 4/4/08

You were taken from us too soon. You struggled through life, but never let it show. Always seeing the good in life and people. Smiling and joking, you were a wonderful and free-spirited brother and uncle. A kind, loving and giving man, helping others without expecting anything in return, and you continued that beautiful trait even through your passing, by donating yourself to others in need. A piece of our hearts will always be empty, for we lost the most special person in our life. So wrap your arms around me and guide me through this life, until we see each other again.

I love you, Bub,

Your Sis, Tammy Calhoun Justice, and family

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The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies that will be purchased during fiscal year 2008-2009, for use in the operation of City Government during that time. The general type of materials supplies for bid:

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Bid proposal forms can be picked, up in the City Clerk's Office, located at 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, or can be mailed or faxed by contacting Sharon Schoolcraft at (606) 886-2335, ext. 16.

BID PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 9, 2008.

The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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.

Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Master Mason Degree
Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held Saturday, April 19. The first section of the degree will be conferred at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served; and the degree work will continue. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Maytown Homecoming
The Maytown Homecoming Association invites all those with connections to the Maytown Community to "come home" to the Homecoming 2008, Memorial weekend, to be held May 23-25. Registration will begin Friday, May 23rd at 1 p.m., at the Maytown Center, (Old school).

Friday evening will feature gospel music at Graceway Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday activities will be listed inside the registration packets. Those wishing to share breakfast and the afternoon meal on Saturday should send \$20 to Ruth Martin, P.O. Box 186, Eastern, KY 41622. Meals will be served in the Gathering Place (Old lunchroom).

Please invite your family and friends, those local and out-of-town.

Big Sandy ADD hosts Grandparents Day
The Big Sandy Area Development District's Aging Department is hosting a Grandparents Appreciation Day. The event will be held at Pin Zone Bowling Alley in Prestonsburg, on Saturday, April 26th, from 12-3 p.m. This is a free event open to the public that will include bowling, billiards, educational and safety awareness. For more information, please contact Jessica Slone or Pat King at 1-800-737-2723.

Christian Motorcyclists plan "Run for the Son"
The Ransomed Riders Chapter of Christian Motorcyclists Association will be holding its annual "Run For The Son" bike rally on Saturday, May 3, at the Sonic Drive Inn in Paintsville. The event will include a 100 mile bike ride and Bike Show. Trophies will be given to Best of Show, Rider's Choice, Most Miles Traveled, Oldest Biker, and Youngest Rider.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. Bike judging at 11:30 a.m. Ride out will be at 1 p.m. Event will also include a live DJ and door prizes. Participants are encouraged to give a \$10 donation for a single rider or a \$15 donation for double. All proceeds will go to Christian missions.

Community Yard Sale
Middlecreek Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary will be hosting a community yard sale on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Middlecreek Volunteer Fire Department, Rt. 114, between Salyersville and Prestonsburg. Rain or shine. Yard sale space will be rented for \$5. Call early to reserve your space or for more information, call: Dearl Faye Holbrook, at 606-886-8481 or Terri Dickerson, at 606-889-0123.

Organ donor support

group meeting
The Second Chance at Life Support Group for the Prestonsburg/Pikeville/Hazard area will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 17, at the Mountain Arts Center. Second Chance is for transplant recipients, those awaiting a transplant, donor family members and anyone interested in organ and tissue donation. The group promotes organ and tissue donation awareness and works to provide support to its members. The group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. For more information, call Joy Adkins of Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates at 304-638-4244.

Floyd County Relay for Life
Event to be held Friday, August 1, at Archer Park. Opening ceremony, 6:30 p.m. To register a team or to find out more, call Susan Shepherd at (606) 377-1096. You may also visit www.events.cancer.org/rflfloydky. Help the American Cancer Society help save lives!

South Floyd High School 10-year reunion planned
A 10-year reunion for the South Floyd High School Class of 1998 will be held July 28th, 2008. We are currently gathering addresses and phone numbers of the alumni. If you are an alumnus, please contact Danielle Tackett Harvel by phone or email—(606) 277-7770 or danielleharvel@yahoo.com. More details will be announced at a later date.

First Assembly of God Revival, April 27-29
First Assembly of God, in Martin, will be having a Revival on April 27 thru April 29, 285-3051.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Night Science
Spend a night under the stars without pesky critters around! Grab your sleeping bag and come to the East Kentucky Science Center for the Night Science programs for ages 8 and up. The programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will include planetarium shows, laser shows and other activities. For more information, contact Shannon at 889-0303, ext. 15. Cost \$15-20/person.

Free Woodland Workshop
A free workshop for Woodland Management and Carbon Credits Information will be held on Friday, May 2, at 9:30 a.m., at Dewey Dam. Morning sessions will be held in the "Shop Building" across from Corps offices. Afternoon demonstrations will be held near the "Picnic Hollow" shelter.

Lunch will be provided.
MACED (Mountain Association for Community Economic Development) representatives will be in attendance.
Woodland owners, come learn how to acquire cost share money to improve your timber stands!
Contact Clark Allison at (606) 789-7706 for more information.

Give your change to make a change
The East Kentucky Science Center will take donations of spare change during Earth Education Week, April 14-18, that will be donated to the World Wildlife Foundation on Earth Day, April 22. Please help global wildlife by donating your spare change to this worthy effort! Call 889-0303 for more information.

Big Sandy Watershed Conference
To be held April 24, 25 at Breaks Interstate Park. "Resource Extraction. Providing Energy. Protecting the Big Sandy River Basin." Register by April 18. Fax to (276) 935-7752 for more information.

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HRMC Community Calendar April
April 19 - Community Diabetes Program. Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Building, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 22 - Diabetes Focus Group. Meeting Place A & B, Medical Office Building, 5-8 p.m.
April 24 - Kiwanis. Meeting Place B, Medical Office Building, 12-1:30 p.m.
For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

BSCTC Dental Open House
The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Integrated Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene Program will host an Open House on Thursday, April 17, on the Prestonsburg campus in the Student Center Atrium from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Door prizes, free dental exams and free dental cleanings available. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Linda Daniel at 886-3863, ext. 67352, or via email ldaniel0010@kctcs.edu.

EKSC Father/Child Day
The East Kentucky Science Center will host a Father/Child program on April 26, from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Included in the program will be admission to current exhibit, a planetarium/laser show, and classroom program, where kids will get to build robots to take home! Kids ages 5-15 are encouraged to bring their dads to share in this great program. Pre-registration required; limited to 25 children and their fathers, on first come, first serve basis. Call 889-0303 to register.

Health & Wellness Day
Health and Wellness Day will be held May 3, at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a cornhole tournament for various age groups with cash prizes. All area businesses invited to participate. There is no charge, but participating businesses are asked to donate a door prize or cash for the tournament winners. For more information or to register, contact Rhonda Heinze at Cooley Medical at 886-9267.

Piarist School Reunion
The First Annual Piarist School Reunion, featuring the Class of 1998's 10-Year Reunion, will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Music, dancing, dinner and silent auction. All former students and faculty cordially invited to attend. For more info., please contact Ann @ 859-626-2171 or email to: piaristalumni@yahoo.com.

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The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

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Cinema 9—Starts Friday, April 18
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Guest View

Protect innovation

The idea of protecting American innovation is so central to our national ideals that the authors of the Constitution charged Congress with "securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries."

But lately, that ideal has run into a logjam at the Patent and Trademark Office. At the end of last year, the office had a backlog of more than 760,000 submissions amid concerns over the quality of some of those submissions.

But a flawed bill under consideration in the Senate is not the answer. Under the guise of "reforming" the patent process, Senate Bill 1145 sides with large technology companies such as Microsoft, Cisco Systems and Apple at the expense of small innovators and academic researchers at institutions such as the University of Wisconsin.

We urge senators to either repair this legislation or table it. The House passed its own version of the bill last fall.

The bill weakens the value of a patent by opening up new avenues for challenge after issuance. While a limited post-grant challenge may make sense, additional kicks at the cat do not.

The bill also would limit the damages that could be collected after infringement, which could encourage theft.

"They might as well infringe and hope you don't sue," says Carl E. Gulbrandsen, managing director of the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, which manages intellectual property for UW-Madison.

WARF also objects to a provision that would require applicants to submit search reports and other information that the Congressional Budget Office estimates would increase the cost of filing for a patent by \$5,000 to \$10,000. The bill also would bring the U.S. system in line with international practice by granting patents to the "first to file," instead of the "first to invent." That change may streamline the process by reducing bickering about who had the idea first, but is it consistent with the original intent of protecting intellectual property? The current version of the bill does include a 12-month grace period, which would allow universities, for example, to patent inventions if professors had published information about them before filing for a patent. The bill also would limit "venue shopping" by plaintiffs, which seems reasonable.

But the bill does not address the problem of resources for the patent office. Congress has diverted millions of dollars in patent and trademark application fees from the office in recent years. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who has condemned the diversions, estimates that \$750 million was diverted from the office between 1992 and 2004. The first and best thing Congress could do is demand that the cash-starved patent office keep its application fees.

The Senate should send this bill back for a rewrite.

—The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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The greatest of faults,
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— Thomas Carlyle



Letters

Give thanks with a card or letter

April has been designated National Card and Letter Writing Month by the U.S. Postal Service. This year the campaign is being extended into May, with a special focus on celebrating Mother's Day, May 11.

The theme for 2008 is: "Touch your Mother's heart with a keepsake letter."

National Card and Letter Writing Month is an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance and historical significance of card and letter writing. Writing, sending, and receiving letters, postcards, and greeting cards is a tradition that preserves our nation's history and changes lives — particularly in times of war and times of personal triumph and tragedy. Unlike other communications, card and letter writing is timeless, personal, and immediately tangible.

I am sure you and many readers of your newspaper appreciate letter writing. Your "Letters to the Editor" section, and others like it, remains a popular forum for the public voice and have done much to enhance this fine art.

Card and letter writing, however, also helps improve literacy and promotes creativity among our youth. That is why the Betsy Layne Post Office is joining post offices across the country in the National Card and Letter Writing Month celebration by sponsoring the following activities:

We are planning to partnership with the local school to initiate a writing project with the following themes:

April 14-20, Give Thanks to Teachers week

■ April 21-27, Give Thanks to Family week

■ April 28-May 4, Give Thanks to Heroes week

■ May 5-11, Give Thanks to Mothers week.

Help us ensure that the art of card and letter writing continues to have a place of honor in American culture. Thank you for supporting National Card and Letter Writing Month.

Darla Click
U.S. Postal Service
Betsy Layne

Thanks senator for caring

A couple of weeks ago my mom and I had the opportunity to meet with Sen. Mitch McConnell and talk about an issue that is very important to me, curing diabetes.

I am 11 years old, and I have type 1 ("juvenile") diabetes. Sen. McConnell remembered me from a meeting with him this summer in Washington, DC, for Children's Congress 2007. Then, and now, he listened as I told him about what I have to do every day to stay healthy, and how hard my parents work to make sure that I can do all the things my friends can do.

Since I have type 1 diabetes, I have to stick my finger at least 10 times a day to check my blood sugar, and I take four insulin shots a day to stay alive. He understood, and told me he would continue to fight in Washington

for me and the other kids with diabetes.

We also talked about the Special Diabetes Program, a program that makes it possible for scientists to work towards finding a cure for diabetes. For me and thousands of other kids, this would mean no more shots!

Last year, Sen. McConnell worked hard and the program was renewed for another year. But for this program to really get us close to a cure, we need it renewed for multiple years. Even though things are difficult in Washington right now, the senator told me that he understands how important this program is to me and to the thousands of other people living in Kentucky who have this same disease.

Living with diabetes is very hard, but I really do believe we will find a cure. I hope it is in my lifetime, and I think it can be if we keep the Special Diabetes Program hard at work!

I am so happy that Sen. McConnell believes that too, which is why I know he will work hard to get this program what it needs to get us closer to a cure! Thank you, senator!

Emilee Fairchild, age 11
Submitted by Paula Fairchild,
mother of Emilee
Paintsville

Outraged by 'Dexter'

I am outraged that CBS is planning to bring the Showtime series "Dexter" to broadcast television. This community does not need a series that glorifies a sadistic serial killer coming into our homes. Nothing justifies using the publicly-owned broadcast airwaves to expose potentially hundreds of thousands of children to a series that glorifies a ruthless, bloodthirsty killer.

CBS is claiming that the series will be edited to comply with broadcast standards, but editing in the way they edit a feature film for broadcast, even one about a serial killer like "Silence of the Lambs," will not make Dexter appropriate for broadcast TV. The biggest problem with this series is something they can't get around with any amount of editing: i.e. the series compels viewers to feel empathy for a serial killer, to root for him to prevail, to hope he doesn't get discovered.

CBS insists "Dexter" will be scheduled "responsibly" in the last hour of prime time, but scheduling a program for the 10 p.m. time slot does little to ensure children will not be exposed to the content. After all, 10 p.m. in the Eastern and Mountain time zones is still only 9 p.m. in the Central and Pacific time zones — an hour when many children are still awake and watching TV. In fact, most 10 p.m. dramas — many of which contain intense violence or sexual content — are viewed by hundreds of thousands of children under the age of 18 and as young as 2-11, according to Nielsen Media Research. For example, during the week of Dec. 10-16, 2007, C.S.I. Miami was watched by 423,000 2-11-year-olds and 400,000 12-17-year-olds. Furthermore, we've all seen content — foul language, explicit sex and nudity, and even graphic violence — that was once confined to the 10 p.m. hour creep into earlier time slots, even into the

Family Hour, where millions of children are exposed to it. Bringing Dexter to broadcast TV, even in the latest hour of prime time, ensures that broadcast standards will be forever changed.

CBS also claims that Dexter is no different from other crime dramas, like "Law & Order," "Criminal Minds" and "C.S.I." But unlike those other crime dramas, the hero is not a police officer, forensic investigator, or FBI agent trying to capture the criminal so they can be put to justice. The hero in this series is a cold-blooded serial killer. Unlike other crime dramas where you root for the "good guy" to prevail, Dexter asks viewers to root for the criminal.

There is no denying TV's influence, and that influence is especially concerning around "anti-heroes" or "criminal protagonists," because audiences come to see their actions as not only justified, but heroic.

Broadcasters must use discretion in deciding how they use a public resource, i.e. the broadcast airwaves, because unlike books or magazines or even cable programming, which have to be sought out, purchased, and brought into the home, broadcast TV comes into every American home with electricity and a television set — bidden or unbidden. Broadcasters therefore have a unique obligation to be responsible with the content they air. This is why the NAB for years had a code of conduct which stipulated:

■ The use of horror for its own sake will be eliminated; the use of visual or aural effects which would shock or alarm the viewer, and the detailed presentation of brutality or physical agony by sight or by sound are not permissible.

■ Criminality shall be presented as undesirable and unsympathetic. The condoning of crime and the treatment of the commission of crime in a frivolous, cynical or callous manner is unacceptable.

■ The presentation of murder or revenge as a motive for murder shall not be presented as justifiable.

■ It is not enough that only those programs which are intended for viewing by children shall be suitable to the young and immature. Television is responsible for insuring that programs of all sorts which occur during times of day when children may normally be expected to have the opportunity of viewing television shall exercise care in the following regards:

■ In avoiding material which is excessively violent or would create morbid suspense, or other undesirable reactions in children.

"Dexter" could not have aired on broadcast TV under the NAB's Code of Conduct. Although it is no longer binding (thrown out on anti-trust grounds, not because the principles behind it were bad), broadcasters should continue to exercise the same care and restraint out of respect for the viewer and the unique privilege they have in being granted use of the public airwaves.

Please, take a stand against "Dexter." Our community deserves better.

Walter Ord
McDowell

Turner hosts Russian delegation at Capitol

FRANKFORT — Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, hosted a delegation from the state of Bryansk, Russia and the Bryansk State Agricultural Academy (BSAA) April 7 at the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort.

Senator Turner gave the delegation a tour of the Capitol and Senate chamber and explained how Kentucky's state government operates.

"Our Russian guests seemed eager to learn about the Kentucky General Assembly," Sen. Turner said. "As a legislator, I was glad I could be a part of this event and hear the perspective of this very knowledgeable delegation. And, it goes without saying, I was pleased to be able to show off our beautiful Capitol and discuss our great

Commonwealth." Kentucky Campus Compact hosted the April 4-12 visit to the United States as part of an educational/economic development exploration. The delegation included Dr. Nikolay Belous, rector of BSAA; Dr. Vladimir Torikov, pro-rector of BSAA; Dr. Boris Kvitoko, pro-rector of BSAA; Mr. Vladimir Tatarinov, head of external economy and investment department, Bryansk Region Administration, Russia; and Evgeny Kulyukin, deputy director at the Bryansk Bible College.

KyCC is housed at Northern Kentucky University and NKU President James Votruba serves as chair of the KyCC board. "When we created the Kentucky Campus

Compact in 2006, the presidents agreed that global education needed to be one of the top priorities," Votruba said.

"This partnership with Bryansk Agriculture Academy is a great addition to the efforts being made on each individual campus. We have a lot to learn from each other and the exchanges between Kentucky and Russia will give us all the opportunity to expand our understanding of the world," he added.

During the trip to Kentucky the delegation not only went to the Capitol in Frankfort, but visited Morehead State University, Berea College, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, ALLTEC Corporation, Three Chimney's Farm, Jif Peanut Butter Factory, Fish Hatchery at Cave Run Lake in Rowan County and a local Rotary Club.

They will be viewing the veterinarian program and farm

at MSU, several programs at Berea (especially the Labor Program), tour the Entrepreneur Center and Coal Academy at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, tour Three Chimney's Farm Equine Program, ALLTEC's facilities, and the manufacturing of peanut butter at the Jiff factory in Lexington.

Kentucky Campus Compact (KyCC) sponsored a visit to Russia in May 2007. The delegation of Mike Phillips, MSU; Tracy Royce, Maysville Community and Technical College; David Aker, Mountain Missions Enterprises; and Eugene Blackburn, KyCC program director, visited Bryansk State Agricultural Academy.

It was an exploratory trip for the possibility of professor/student exchange, service-learning possibilities and other programs sponsored by KyCC.

The Academy and KyCC agreed to work together on future projects.

KyCC will serve as a conduit for member institutions to participate in the KyCC/Bryansk State Agricultural Academy Projects. Possibilities include global civic engagement, establishing an international service-learning center at the academy, service-learning projects centered on land use evaluation, soil and water sampling, machine repair, carpentry, vet technology and others.

There are possibilities for teaching and tutoring in English and agritourism activities.

Kentucky Campus Compact (KyCC) is a membership organization of Kentucky college and university presidents and their institutions, promoting the civic purpose of higher education

through civic involvement, service learning and engaged learning.

Currently, there are 27 member presidents including four-year publics, community colleges, and independent institutions, representing over 120,000 students. The KyCC member institutions are listed at www.kycompact.nku.edu.

Sen. Turner serves the 29th district, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties. He serves on Appropriations and Revenue; Committee on Committees; Education; Health and Welfare; Rules, and State and Local Government committees. He has served in the State

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Big Sandy CTC holds academic honors ceremony

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Community and Technical College honored students for academic achievement in a ceremony held at the Mayo Campus of BSCTC on Friday night.

On a night filled with thunderstorms and heavy rain, family and friends watched as fifty-seven students crossed the stage to receive honors in categories that included the President's List, Dean's List, Who's Who in American Junior Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa and the BSCTC Honors Program.

The President's list honors students who achieve a grade-point average of 4.0 in courses numbered 100 or above. The Dean's List recognizes students with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in courses numbered 100 or above.

Who's Who in American Junior Colleges recognizes the academic excellence of sophomore-status students who have completed 33 degree credit hours and have excelled in their coursework.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society of two-year community and junior colleges. Students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa must have completed 12 credit hours, be currently enrolled and have achieved a 3.5 grade point average.

The BSCTC Honors Scholarship Program is an innovative program with stringent requirements. For a student to be considered for this program, he or she must have a 3.25 GPA, recommendations from both high school counselors and teachers, a minimum ACT composite score of 24 and at least a minimum score of 20 in all disciplines. The student must also submit a written prospectus statement

regarding the future they see for themselves and the way an education at BSCTC fits into that overall plan. Students must finally, take part in a timed, on-demand essay on a topic chosen by the Honors Program Committee.

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of BSCTC, said, "I am extremely proud of all of the students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The young men and women that we see here tonight are examples of the quality of students that attend our college. They represent hundreds more that achieve academic excellence on our campuses. Thus far this year we have had 411 students achieve the Dean's List, 142 achieved the President's List, 35 are members of Phi Theta Kappa, 121 were honored with inclusion in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and 37 students are members of the current Honor's Program. That is academic excellence and I am proud to be associated with this group of students."

Henry Webb, guest speaker for the Honor's Program, encouraged the students to continue to strive for excellence. Webb, superintendent of Floyd County Schools, reminded the students that education and dedication were key to a successful future.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers students an opportunity to earn two years of post-secondary education without having to move away from Eastern Kentucky. It is less expensive and closer to home than the regional and state colleges and universities, yet offers high quality education that will transfer to the college of choice after graduation with an associate's degree.

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pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
 Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
 Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
 Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
 Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
 For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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
 Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE
 The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday 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.

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

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?
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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 Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 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.
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Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605.

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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 stan-

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

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Beatles, Vivaldi highlight Pikeville College Symphonic Band's spring performance

PIKEVILLE — Booth Auditorium will come alive as the Pikeville College Symphonic Band performs its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, April 24.
 The band will be performing tunes such as the famous "Army of the Nile" and "Concert March," by Kenneth J. Alford. "Carmen Suite," by Georges Bizet, will also be featured.
 "Bizet was born in Paris, France, in 1838 and visited Spain many times during his life," said Brad Daniels, assistant professor of music and director of bands at Pikeville College. "Bizet became very familiar with Spanish folklore and folk music. For 'Carmen,' he composed a score that is rhythmic, tuneful and char-

acteristic of the gypsy lifestyle. We feel that this suite retains the spirit of the original production," said Daniels.
 The symphonic band will also feature the talents of Howard Francis, associate professor of mathematics and computer science at the College. Tommy Money, of the Air Force Band, will join Francis for a performance of Vivaldi's famous "Concerto In Bb for Two Trumpets."
 A medley of tunes from the Beatles and the finale of the "William Tell Overture" by Rossini will round out the evening.
 The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. The performance is free and the campus and community are cordially invited.

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Auditions to be held for Big Sandy Singers Scholarship at BSCTC

PRESTONSBURG — Auditions will be held for the Big Sandy Singers at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, on Saturday, May 3, from noon until 5 p.m. on the Prestonsburg Campus, Pike Building, in Gearheart Auditorium.

The Big Sandy Singers is the elite, auditioned, student singing ensemble from Big Sandy Community and Technical College and MSU on the BSCTC Campus. Those who are chosen from the audition process will receive a \$1,200 scholarship to attend BSCTC and recording experience on the Big Sandy Singers compilation album and solo recording experience as well.

Anyone interested in auditioning must be eligible to enroll at Big Sandy Community and Technical College or MSU on the BSCTC Campus for the Fall 2008 school year (graduating high school seniors; non-traditional students; current BSCTC students; current MSU at BSCTC students).

The Big Sandy Singers are directed by BSCTC Instructor



Auditions will be held for the Big Sandy Singers on Saturday, May 3 at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Prestonsburg Campus. Anyone eligible to enroll as a student at BSCTC or MSU on the BSCTC campus is eligible to audition. Pictured are the 07-08 Big Sandy Singers performing at the Mountain Arts Center.

and veteran Kentucky Opry member Laura Ford Hall, with Timothy Cooley, album producer and technical director, and Clayton Case, assistant director. The group performs approximately 35-to-45 shows each year for various civic

functions and performs two major concerts at Christmas and in the spring. The Singers have performed several times on WYMT, at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center and the Mountain Arts Center as well as many other venues.

In the 2007-08 school year, the Singers sang for Naomi Judd, Presidential Candidate John Edwards, and Hal Rogers' PRIDE Envi Awards, as well as 42 other performances. The group also takes shows into area high schools and elemen-

tary schools, presenting a "go to college" and "drug free" message with the Big Sandy Idol program. The students who sing in the Big Sandy Singers serve as ambassadors for the college.

In addition to live performances, the Big Sandy Singers also record a group compilation CD each year. The Singers' debut album "Down to the River to Pray" was released in 2005, the second album "Going Home" featuring their hit covers of "Boondocks" and "I Have a Father" was released in 2006, and the newest album "Bring the Rain" was released in Dec. 2007. Group members will also have the opportunity to record a solo album at no cost - and the solo album option is part of the scholarship given.

Anyone wishing to audition should arrive at Gearheart Auditorium on our Prestonsburg Campus any time between the hours of 12 PM noon and 5 PM on Saturday, May 3. Auditionees will be taken into the audition on a first come, first served basis. Those auditioning should prepare one song (pop, country, or gospel

style) with a karaoke track. The track must be karaoke (without lead vocals). Karaoke tracks can be easily ordered through www.buykaraoke.com; or www.karaoke.com, and are also available in the music section at Wal-Mart. Those auditioning will be judged on tone, pitch, vocal control, stage presence, blendability, and overall performance.

"We are excited about auditions this year," said director Laura Ford Hall. "We have so much fun and this is such a wonderful experience for students. Eastern Kentucky is full of talent, and we can't wait to hear what awaits us on May 3."

If you have questions regarding auditions, call Hall at (606) 424-2498 or email to laura.hall@kctcs.edu.

Council

numbers might not be the same on Monday.

Councilman Branham said that the date on the printout would indicate that the figures were accurate as of that date.

The order passed the council by a unanimous vote.

Also during the meeting, Philip Hunt, of Hall and Clark Insurance, came before the council in an effort to clear up

the council's intentions in regard to its insurance policy.

The city is currently insured under the Kentucky League of Cities policy, and Hunt said, "KLC does more for your city than just insurance."

Hunt, who acts as the regional agent for KLC, advised the council that its premium would not go up this

year, and that despite its current cost, they would not be able to find other insurance to offer the same amount of coverage offered by KLC.

Hunt told the council that if council members wanted to look into other insurance plans, he would be happy to help them, adding that, "Our commission would double if we go to another company."

During the meeting the council also met in executive session for nearly two hours to discuss the current status of pending lawsuits, as well as personnel matters. Upon return from executive session, council made a motion to allow the city to begin condemnation proceedings for the purposes of an easement near Stonecrest, and to allow city

attorney Jim Webb to pursue a settlement in regard to the Hamilton/Clifton litigation.

All members except Gorman Collins and Donna Blackburn Wells were present for Monday's meeting.

Ruling

with the City of Prestonsburg, First Commonwealth Bank, Community Trust Bank, Investors Title Insurance, Bankers Title of Central Kentucky LLC., Trans Union Settlement Solutions, Inc., and David and Della Clifton.

The suit against the Cliftons has reportedly been dropped, though after the Hamiltons filed suit, a cross claim was made by the Cliftons against the city of Prestonsburg as well for violating the terms of the deed.

Keith Bartley, attorney for the Cliftons, said his clients, like the Hamiltons, tried to settle the matter out of court, and the city was unwilling to cooperate. "For more than a year they tried to straighten it out without a lawsuit."

According to court records, "In his deposition the Mayor of the City of Prestonsburg, Jerry Fannin, testified on multiple occasions that the city had made a mistake in selling residential lots in violation of the recreational use only restriction placed upon the property obtained from the Cliftons."

"The mayor further testified that the city had changed its plans regarding the Clifton property and decided to sell residential lots therefrom in order to obtain profits."

According to the court records, Fannin admitted during his deposition that on at least one occasion he had visit-

ed the construction-site on the Hamiltons' lot.

Bartley says the right of reversion does not void the deed, and because the Cliftons did not violate the agreement, they would not have to give up the four lots they received as compensation for the property.

Aside from the property losses, the city is apparently also on the hook for the legal fees accrued by the Cliftons in pursuing their reversionary rights. According to the Clifton's deed the city must "pay the grantors' legal fees and cost, including attorney's fees incurred in connection with such enforcement, regardless of the outcome of the litigation."

Last Friday, Judge John David Caudill reportedly ruled in favor of plaintiffs motion for summary judgment in which, "the Cliftons are entitled to reversion of the property they transferred to the City of Prestonsburg ... because the city of Prestonsburg changed its plan with regards to the particular property, and instead of using it for recreational purposes only, as it contractually agreed, the city chose to make profits by selling residential lots."

The court ruled, "There are no genuine issues of material fact, and that David and Della Clifton, his wife, are entitled to summary judgment against the city of Prestonsburg, and that

the property formerly conveyed from the Cliftons to the City of Prestonsburg shall, in its entirety, revert back to the Cliftons."

The property which reverts back to the Cliftons not consists of the residential lots, but also reportedly includes portions of the course's 145h and 15th holes.

The enforcement of that

reversion will reportedly remain in abeyance, a condition of real property in which title is not vested in the known titleholder, until the jury trial is concluded.

According to city officials, there are currently no fewer than five lawsuits pending against the city, with a possibility of two more being filed in the near future.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The Pet of the Week is Kudos, a 8 week old puppy mix. Pictured with Kudos is the Celebrity of the Week, U.S. Senate candidate Greg Fischer.

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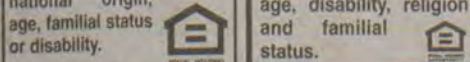
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 Successful applicant may be required to take a pre-employment drug test and criminal background check. Applications may be picked up at the Floyd County Health Dept. at 283 Goble Street in Prestonsburg, and completed applications returned to that location with transcript and copy of current nursing license by 4:30 p.m., April 23, 2008. Starting salary: 16.30-20.54 negotiable with additional experience. Position 1 will be with the Diabetes Center, and Position 2 will be in the clinic/community setting.
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Moving Sale at Highland terrace apt 408. 9 am to 5pm. April 5th, 6th, and 7th.

Moving sale: Located at 1107 South Highland behind tobacco max. Boys twin bedroom suite & more. Sale Thursday April 17th & Friday April 18th. For directions or questions call 226-1190.

Miscellaneous

Wanted: To buy 2005 Floyd County School yearbook in good condition. Call 452-2300 before 5 pm.

For Sale: Pull or electric start grave-y. Call for more info 358-3416.

For sale: 05' Honda CRF 450 R like new condition. Ridden very little. \$3,800. 73' model case dozer 350 D excellent condition. \$10,000. 7 1/2 ft. wide disk 5 ft wide wash haul. Bought new, used 1 season \$1,300 for both. Call 346-2648.

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House for rent

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New home for sale located at Camargo. 10 minutes from Mt Sterling. 3 Br, extra room, large 2 car garage. Hardwood floors & carpet. Exterior-vinyl & brick on level lot. Approx 1 acre on Vlacornik Rd. 2 min from Green bryer lake. Living space 1,760 sq ft. Vaulted ceiling living room, 2 full baths. Reduced to \$155,000. call 859-498-3429 or 859-274-2907.

2 Story home for sale. 3,000 sq ft. Located in Upper Wells Addition in Pikeville, Ky. Call 437-1950 or 424-1150.

Two story home with wrap around decks, appx 3,000 sq ft on one + acre city water/sewer. Many extra's-167 lakeview village Prestonsburg call 789-1230 ask for Sam.

For sale: one of Prestonsburg's finer homes. 3- story four

bedrooms, three baths, jacuzzis, furnished basement, swimming pool, patio etc. Also house w/ three bedrooms, 1 bath. House # 381 located at 389 maple Ave. Also for sale golf clubs, bicycles and so forth. Call 886-3422.

3 Br, 2 bath house for sale. 2 New heating units, newly floored, back deck, basement, city water & sewage. Central air & gas heat. Located at Allen off US 23. Price \$152,000. Call 606-297-2792(h) or 454-4579 (c).

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HOUSE FOR SALE Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719, evenings 606-377-6042

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0343 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 204-1455 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.7 miles northeast of Hippo, Kentucky in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 216.72 surface acres and will underlie 336.74 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 553.46 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 miles south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road and located 0.2 miles southwest of Caney Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by George Thornsby, et al., Evie Thornsby, et al., Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Chris Damron, Danny Ousley, Rosie Reffitt, Craig Ousley, et al, Betty Litsey, Charles Litsey, Gordon Ousley, Donald and Brenda Ousley, Sally R. Kessie, Charles E. Bradley, Amy Bradley, Abby Bradley, Adam Bradley, Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth Silveus, Earl and Peggy Stephens and Sianna Risner, Mont Ousley Heirs, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd,

J.T. and Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis Reffitt, Dovie Thornsby, Glen Hurd-Estate, Dawn Stone, Curt and Anna Howard, Adrian Bradley, James and Rose Marie Bradley, and Ronald and Jackie Bradley. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Mont Ousley Heirs, George Thornsby, et al., Evie Thornsby, et al., Chris Damron, Danny Ousley, Rosie Reffitt, Craig Ousley, et al, Betty Litsey, Charles Litsey, Gordon Ousley, Donald and Brenda Ousley, Sally R. Kessie, Charles E. Bradley, Amy Bradley, Abby Bradley, Adam Bradley, Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth Silveus, Earl and Peggy Stephens, Sianna Risner, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd, Dovie Thornsby, Glen Hurd-Estate, Dawn Stone, Curt and Anna Howard, Adrian Bradley, James and Rose Marie Bradley, and Ronald and Jackie Bradley, and T a m m y Dempsey. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. 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. 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.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 06-CI-00948 U.S. Bank, NA (Successor by Merger to Firststar Bank, NA, fka Star Bank, NA, Successor by Merger to Trans Financial Bank, NA) Plaintiff Vs. Glenn Kidd, Carolyn Kidd, First Guaranty Bank, Columbia Natural Resources, LLC, a Delaware

ty is now vested solely in Glenn Kidd pursuant to the survivorship clause of said deed and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of the Justice Branch of the right fork of Beaver Creek, near Martin, Floyd C o u n t y , Commonwealth of Kentucky, which Tract No. 2 consists of three tracts of land which are more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: Mountain Lot No. 1 embracing 8.2 acres, as shown on map 714, more particularly described as follows, viz:

Beginning on a large hickory standing on

price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

William S. Kendrick
Floyd County Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0321 Amendment #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for an surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.22 miles southwest of Grethel in Floyd County. This amendment will add an additional 80.17 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 55.23 auger/highwall acres making the total area within the permit boundary 841.12 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 miles southwest from Frasure Branch County Road's junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Little Mud Creek in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip, area and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Iva Howell, Shelby Jones et. al., and Johnny and Annetta Hamilton. The operation will underlie surface area owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Shelby Jones et. al. The operation will use the contour and auger/highwall methods of mining.

The 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, No. 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.

Advertisement for Sealed Bids

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is accepting sealed bids for the following:

Hot-mix blacktop patching, and cold-mix blacktop patching for any Commission Specified Locations for the Period April 1, 2008 through December 15, 2008.

Bids for these services must be submitted on a per ton lay-down price with said price to include the utilization of the bidder/contractor's equipment.

Bidders are required to submit with their bids proof of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

Bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

Bids must be sealed and addressed as follows:

Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Advertisement for Sealed Bids

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is accepting sealed bids for the following:

Regular Unleaded Gasoline per gallon
High Sulfur Diesel Fuel (Off-Road) per gallon

Bidders are asked to submit these prices net of any taxes.

The winning bidder will be the exclusive supplier of the products for the Commission for the period July 01, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Bidders are required to submit with their bids proof of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000). Bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

Bids must be sealed and addressed as follows:
Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake

Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Advertisement for Sealed Bids

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is accepting sealed bids for the following:

Grass Cutting and Weed

Trimming of All Specified Commission Locations for the Period April 1, 2008 through November 1, 2008.

A complete listing of the locations to be maintained may be picked up at the offices of Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission at 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; telephone (606) 886-6871. Bids will be

accepted through 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

Bids must be sealed and addressed as follows:

Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED BIDDERS For the Sale of FLOYD COUNTY GAS SYSTEM

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the sale of a NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, owned by Floyd County, Kentucky, by and through the Floyd County Fiscal Court, and operated and managed by East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., pursuant to a lease agreement. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System, until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

The Floyd County Gas System consists of a natural gas distribution system furnishing natural gas to approximately 770 residential customers and 101 commercial customers residing in the communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Middle Creek, Minnie, and Wayland, and their outlying vicinities in Floyd County, Kentucky. Documentation regarding the sale of the Floyd County Gas System may be examined and copies obtained of necessary documentation by scheduling an appointment with Seldon Horn during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the offices of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., located at 320 South Central Avenue, Suite 102, Prestonsburg, Kentucky [Telephone (606) 886-2431; "FAX" (606) 889-9196], and having the mailing address of P.O. Box 408, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

BID PROCESS:

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone (606) 886-9193] until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 17, 2008. The sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System will be opened and an award of the bid made to the highest and best qualified bidder at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., Local Time, to be held in the County Courtroom, located on the 2nd floor of Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid not submitted with the necessary documentation shall not be considered. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Submission of a bid shall be construed as evidence and confirmation that the bidder has reviewed all necessary documentation, has made all necessary site visits, and has conducted sufficient due diligence to allow its submission of a bid and bona fide offer for the system.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any formalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

BID PROPOSAL:

The Floyd County Gas System is a public utility regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. A qualified bidder will be required to provide all necessary proof of the bidder's financial, technical, and managerial ability to purchase, operate, and maintain the Floyd County Gas System. An award of the bid and the sale of the Floyd County Gas System shall be contingent upon the approval of the system's transfer by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

All bids are to be submitted with the bidder's understanding and acknowledgment that the bidder will be assuming all debts and liabilities of the Gas Systems.

Due to the public trust owed by the Floyd County Fiscal Court to those citizens of Floyd County, Kentucky, served by the system, a qualified bidder for the Floyd County Gas System must meet strict requirements regarding financial stability, customer service, and pipeline safety. Therefore, please describe your proposal to purchase the Floyd County Gas System, including but not limited to providing the following information:

- Describe and supply documentation for the financial structure you propose for purchasing the Floyd County Gas System.
 - Name of proposed owner(s) and percentage of ownership interests,
 - Copies of owner's articles of incorporation or other documents explaining ownership structure,
 - Method for payment to Floyd County, Kentucky, for purchase of system,
 - Plan for disposition of debt owed to First Guaranty Bank, Kentucky Frontier, Inc., & Governor's Office for Local Development and resulting equity and debt structure,
 - Financial strength of proposed owner(s), with copies of supporting documents,
 - Proposed time schedule for completing purchase of the system,
- Describe your operating plans for the Floyd County Gas System:
 - Number and type of operating employees,
 - Physical locations of main office, maintenance shop, billing department, and customer services department,
 - Plan for performing 24/7 emergency response,
 - Plans for billing and customer service,
 - Plans for meeting Kentucky Department of Transportation (KYDOT) requirements, including operation and maintenance plan, operator qualifications, drug and alcohol testing, integrity management plan, and community education plan,
 - Plans for meeting Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) requirements,
 - Potential effects of new ownership on customer service.
- Provide your financial, technical, and managerial ability references, including addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.
- Note: Additional documentation not set forth in this bid package may be requested through an addendum to the bid package.

Bid Amount For Floyd County Gas System: \$ _____

NOTICE OF SALE

On the 18th day of March, 2008, the City Commission of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, adopted an Ordinance directing the sale, at public outcry, of a city electric power franchise. The Ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, providing for the Advertisement and Sale of a Franchise Authorizing the Owner Thereof To Own, Maintain, Construct and Operate Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Lines Upon, Along, Over and Under the Streets, Thoroughfares, Alleys, Sidewalks, Bridges, Public Ways and Other Public Places of Said City.

WHEREAS, the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, is incorporated under the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and desires to grant a franchise for an electric power company to own, maintain, construct and operate its electric power transmission and distribution lines upon, along, over and under the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, there exists a public necessity for adequate service of electric power and energy to the citizens of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the interest of the public that a franchise be advertised and sold, granting and entitling the grantee to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of lines for the transmission and distribution of electric power to the citizens of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and to persons, firms and corporations beyond the limits of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The City Commission of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, Does Ordain As Follows:

SECTION 1

That there be sold at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles, and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now and may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across said City.

SECTION 2

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in its use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges and public places.

SECTION 3

The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION 4

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising, in any way, from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance or operation of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION 5

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wheelwright, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other public places where such work is done, in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

SECTION 6

Wherever in this franchise, either the City of Wheelwright, or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of said City, and said grantee whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7

The grantee of this franchise may make such rules and regulations covering the furnishing of said electric energy as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like quality that is adequate, efficient and reasonable to that now being rendered in said City.

SECTION 8

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for said franchise, privilege and right, and for the use and occupancy of the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other places of the City in lieu of any street or alley rental, or to the charge for the use or occupancy of said streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, thoroughfares, public ways or public places of said City and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION 9

Mary Ann Slone, City Clerk of the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed Special Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sell same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City Building in Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 o'clock a.m., on May 2, 2008, after she has advertised the time, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law, by inserting a Notice of Sale in the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation in Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this Ordinance.

SECTION 10

Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby granted shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor upon the date and at the time fixed by the Special Commissioner in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Special Commissioner shall report and submit to the City Commission at the time and place of its next regular meeting said bids and proposals for its approval, and said City Commission reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Wheelwright to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Special Commissioner shall be refused by the said City Commission, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefor shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit, and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning in or adjacent to the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11

Each bidder for said franchise, privilege and right shall file, as part of his bid, a certified copy of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

SECTION 12

The ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.
Approved this 18th day of March, 2008.

DAVID M. SAMMONS, Mayor

Attest:
MARY ANN SLONE, Clerk
Introduction and First Reading, 2-19, 2008.
Second Reading, 3-18-2008.

Pursuant to the direction of the City Commission of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, the undersigned will, on the 2nd day of May, 2008, at the front door of the City Building in the City of Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10:00 a.m., offer for public sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, an electric franchise on the public streets and thoroughfares of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, which electric franchise shall be in terms set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, and said sale shall be made, in all respects, in accordance with the Ordinance set forth above, and all bidders will be required to comply with the terms of said Ordinance.

Witness, Mary Ann Slone, City Clerk and Special Commissioner, this 18th day of March, 2008.

MARY ANN SLONE, City Clerk and Special Commissioner

2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow; US 127 South; Frankfort, KY 40601.

Resources Branch, 24 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

DOROTHY SMITH HAYES TO SANDRA HAYES SHEFFIELD AND RONALD M. HAYES BY WILL DATED 03/01/1998 AND RECORDED 09/13/03 IN WILL BOOK 2, PAGE 370, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM RONALD HAYES AND JOAN HAYES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AND SANDY SHEFFIELD AND CLARENCE C. SHEFFIELD, WIFE AND HUSBAND, TO KEVIN BROWN AND MONICA BROWN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, BY DEED DATED 06/01/2006, AND RECORDED 6/12/06, IN DEED:BOOK 525, PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 07-CI-00833 US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION TRUST 2006-WF3 PLAINTIFF VS. KEVIN BROWN MONICA BROWN UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS, WHO ARE HEIRS OF DEVEISEES OR LEGATEES OF EARNEST HAYES AND THEIR SPOUSES AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSON WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION-COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 8th day of October, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,255.91, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 24th day of April, 2008 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT T.J. WEBB'S LINE IN THE CENTER OF HENRY'S BRANCH; THENCE RUNNING WITH SAID T.J. WEBB'S LINE TO THE TOP OF THE RIDGE INTERSECTING WITH W.J. WEBB'S (SHARP WEBB) LINE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HENRY'S BRANCH; THENCE WITH W.J. WEBB'S LINE UP THE RIDGE TO THE W.L. AND REBECCA HAYES LINE; THENCE DOWN THE HILL WITH THE W.L. AND REBECCA HAYES LINE TO THE LINE OF T.J. WEBB. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM DAISY DAY AND W.B. DAY, HER HUSBAND TO EARRIT HAYES BY DEED DATED 06/10/88 AND RECORDED 07/03/90 IN DEED BOOK 335, PAGE 1128, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM

DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 1st day of October, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$34,787.62, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 24th day of April, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake, located at the Northwest corner of the parcels on a street or road known as Official Hollow and with the right of way boundary line of said street or road in a southerly direction with this street or road a distance of 70 feet 4 inches to a stake in said line and thence turning at an angle of 90

degrees, thence a straight line in an easterly direction a distance of 94 feet to a stake, thence turning to an angle of 90 degrees in a northerly direction a distance of 77 feet 4 inches to a stake, thence turning at an angle of 90 degrees and running a distance of 94 feet in a westerly direction to the point of beginning. This includes house and Lot No. 108 down on map marked David Community made by Princess Elkhorn Coal Company dated April 28, 1953. Said map is located in the office of David Community Development Corporation, David, Kentucky. Excepted and reserved herein are two waterline easements having been heretofore conveyed to Blake Meadows and Evelyn Meadows, his wife, and St. Vincent Mission, Inc., by previous grantors herein, Cheryl Ann Geucke Hickman and Reginald K. Hickman, and this deed is subject to those easements. Being the same property conveyed to Harmon Leedy and Betty Leedy, his wife, by Most Reverend William A. Hughes, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, by deed dated March 3, 1987, and recorded March 6, 1987 in Deed Book 308, Page 416, 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 \$5,000.00 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. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

WHITAKER BANK, INC. f/k/a THE BANK OF WHITESBURG PLAINTIFF VS. WILLIAM L. SLOAN a/k/a WILLIAM SLOAN, ET AL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 19th day of October, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of

\$31,720.31, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 24th day of April, 2008 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property address: 782 Main Street Wheelwright, Kentucky 41669

TRACT I
Being located in the town of Wheelwright, Kentucky and being more particularly described as being Lot 376 as to delineated on the subdivision plat of survey prepared by Richard E. Martin and filed in Map, Drawer 348A in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. Being the same property conveyed to Frankie Blair and Cuba Stephanie Blair, his wife, by deed dated April 15, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 165, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TRACT II
Being Lot No. 377 as delineated on the Subdivision plat, or survey prepared

Advertisement for Sealed Bids

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is accepting sealed bids for the following:

Directional Road Boring Services in the size range Two inch (2") through Thirty-six inch (36") for any Commission Locations for the Period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Bidders are required to submit with their bids proof of liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

Bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at which time the sealed bids will be opened. The winning bid will be announced as soon as possible after Commission management has examined all bids.

Bids must be sealed and addressed as follows:

Mr. David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0356 Original

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, (606) 889-8440 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 365.7 of surface disturbance acres for a total of 365.7 acres located 3.45 miles southwest of Brainard, Kentucky and in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The proposed operation is approximately 3.45 miles southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch and located 0.31 miles southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude 37°03'48". The longitude 82°05'49". The proposed operation is located on the Iyvon U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will be use a combination of contour, auger/highwall mining and area mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Jewell Lovely and Michael Howard and Terry & Zona Francis, Junior & Mabel Hackworth, et. al, Clifford & Hannah Adams, Byrd and Helen Holbrook Heirs C/O Gerald Holbrook, Jewell Lovely. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Permits, Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by John C. Kidd. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is ASPI Services DBA Lucky's Restaurant and Bar, Betsy Layne, Ky. The nature of the business will be Music, Dancing, Restaurant, and Liquor by the drink. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than April 17, 2008, 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 April 17, 2008, 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.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

WANTED

Contact information need for Randi (Fitzpatrick) Ritz, Madison Fitzpatrick and Warren Fitzpatrick. Anyone having any information as to where or how they can be contacted, please contact Jerry W. Wicker at Jerry W. Wicker Law Offices, P.O. Box 1590, Hindman, KY 41822, or call toll-free at 800-819-0056 or 606-785-5556. I have money for them.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Bellrose Developments, LLC, of 103 Lance Street, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a medical building. This property is located approximately 1,400 feet west of the junction of U.S. Route 23 with KY Route 979, at Harold, in Floyd County. Any comments or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

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by Richard E. Martin and filed in Map Drawer 348 A in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Frankie Blair by deed dated July 28, 1983 of record in Deed Book 349, Page 50, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT III
A certain tract or parcel of land located in the town of Wheelwright on Otter Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 378, as shown on map or plat of Mountain Investment, Inc., Subdivision of Wheelwright, Kentucky, identified of record as file no. 348, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Frankie A. Blair, single, dated May 25, 1979 of record in Deed Book 238, Page 587, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. All three tracts being the same property conveyed to William L. Sloan and Tamara J. Sloan, his wife, by Deed dated December 12, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 400, Page 720, in the Office of the Clerk aforesaid.

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CENTEX HOME EQUITY COMPANY I, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. JEANNE CAMPBELL aka JEANNE CAROLYN (BROOKS) JENKINS aka JEANNE BROOKS HENGST, ET AL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 14th day of November, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$128,440.79, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 24th day of April, 2008 at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No.: 029-40-13-020.00
Legal Description:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying and situated on Right Beaver Creek at Estill, Kentucky in Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning on a stake in a fence line, said stake being 5 7 feet from a 24' poplar; thence running N

36 deg. 00' W 445.50 feet to a stake at the base of a 15' oak; thence running N 48 deg. 45' E 172.00 feet to a stake at the base of a 4' dogwood in the fenceline; thence running with a fence between Names Scott and Arnold Cooley S 38 deg. 30' E 450.00 feet to a point in the middle of the road; thence running S 50 deg. 11' W 188.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said tract contains 1.85 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeanne Carolyn (Brooks) Jenkins, a single person, by virtue of a deed from Clyde Louis Simpleton, Fayette Circuit Court Master Commissioner, for and on behalf of Barry Stephen Jenkins, Sr., a single person, dated November 27, 2002, filed December 12, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 481, Page 86, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky.

Parcel Number: 029-40-13-020.00
Address: 238 Airport Lane, Wayland, KY 41666

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The truth about bottled water

by JOHN G. SHIBER, PhD

The following is the second in a series of articles concerning Environment Month.

Bottled water industry magnates are beginning to fess up about where their water really comes from, thanks to the citizen action group, Corporate Accountability International (CAI). Pepsi Cola has recently admitted that the water they bottle and sell (Aquafina) comes from municipal supplies. That's right. It's all tap water! Soon, Coca Cola (Dasani) will be admitting the same thing, with Nestle (Poland Spring, Pure Life, and dozens of other brands) close behind.

American consumers have been deceived big-time by the bottled water industry which, through massive advertising, suggests their water is better and purer than tap water. Names like "Canadian Spring Water", "Arctic Water", "Ozark", etc. help to project that false image. It's the biggest commercial hype in modern history...and the most lucrative. Last year, people spent \$100 Billion on bottled water worldwide. That's 3

times more than the United Nations says it needs to provide clean water access to everyone in the in the world!

Rather than drink the perfectly good, cheap water from our taps, we pay between 240 to 10,000 times more for bottled water, which often comes from the same source! Pepsi, for example, draws water from the Tucson (AZ) city water supply and bottles it as Aquafina. People pay \$1.39 for a half-liter of it at convenience stores, while for that price they can get 139 gallons of the same water at home!

Bottled water is not regulated by the federal government to any significant degree, so it's anyone's guess where it actually comes from or how safe it is to drink. The label may say "purified", but most purification processes are of questionable value. Ozonation, for example, releases into the water a byproduct (bromate) that is implicated in cancer; distillation might remove toxic elements, like lead or cadmium, but it also removes all other elements that make water a healthful drink; filtration can be just as easily (and more inexpensively) achieved by

(reverse-osmosis) water filters for home water systems.

Public/municipal water companies, on the other hand, are held to high federal standards. Federal law requires regular monitoring and an annual report to citizens about water quality, testing results, treatment measures, and how well they are complying with federal guidelines. They risk heavy fines for non-compliance.

The bottled water industry does have non-obligatory, self-regulation in place via the International Bottled Water Association (IBWA), but the IBWA only tests water for its members and the results are never published. It tests for some 200 contaminants, however, so if you must drink bottled water, look for the "IBWA-certified" logo on the label before buying it.

The environmental cost to the bottled water 'craze' is

high. 60 million plastic water bottles are thrown away daily. They take hundreds of years to degrade. The plastic used to make the bottles is not always the best quality, either, so some impurities might leech into the water, creating health risks. A few years ago, I had samples from three bottled waters analyzed. Two had trace amounts of arsenic. It wasn't determined if it came from the bottle, but it's something to ponder.

Because over a quarter of commercially bottled water comes from public water sources, municipalities around the country are beginning to feel the loss and are taking action. Citizens in Maine, Michigan, Texas, and Florida have charged Nestlé with depleting aquifers and damaging stream systems from which their bottling plants extract massive amounts of water and pay next to nothing

for it. Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation (MCWC) won a court victory that shut down a Nestlé plant which was taking water from a stream that feeds a wildlife refuge, sensitive marshland, and several lakes. San Francisco has banned purchasing bottled water with municipal funds, New York City is urging residents to drink tap instead of bottled water, and city mayors across the U.S. are calling for increased attention to the

importance of municipal water and the impact of discarded water bottles on city waste.

Corporations earn billions of dollars by making us feel that what they are selling is of a quality far superior to anything we can get locally, make, or grow ourselves. It's about time we learn to recognize and deal with all this hype and hold these corporations accountable.

I'll 'drink' to that!

Friedman's stores holding bankruptcy liquidation sale

Jewelry chain to liquidate \$400 million of inventory

ADDISON, Texas — Friedman's Inc., which operated 455 retail jewelry stores under the Friedman's and Crescent brands, is conducting a court-ordered bankruptcy liquidation sale, which April 5.

The sale was ordered by the bankruptcy court as a result of Friedman's Chapter 11 filing earlier this year.

Inventory valued at approximately \$400 million will be liquidated at below market prices in a sale that is expected to last approximately 10-12 weeks. Merchandise to be sold will include women's and men's fine and fashion jewelry, featuring diamonds, other precious stones, gold and silver, as well as a wide selection of watches. The liquidation sale will involve 377 Friedman's and Crescent store locations in 23 southeastern, southwestern and mid-western states. Among the participating stores are the Prestonsburg and Pikeville locations, as well as other Kentucky locations in Ashland, Bardstown, Campbellsville, Danville, Elizabethtown, Georgetown, Glasgow, Hazard, Jackson, Lexington, London, Louisville, Maysville, Middlesboro, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Richmond and Shepherdsville.

Friedman's is currently in negotiations with an interested third party to sell its 78 remaining locations.

The Friedman's sale is being managed by a consulting

group consisting of three leading national retail liquidation and asset recovery firms: Great American Group, LLC; Hudson Capital Partners, LLC; and Silverman Jeweler Consultants, Inc.

"We would like to express our appreciation to all of the Friedman's employees who have invested considerable time and effort into building this fine jewelry chain," said Harvey Yellen, Chairman of Great American Group. "It is unfortunate that Friedman's has to be liquidated after all of these years, and we will work with the employees and personnel to ensure a smooth process."

"Over the course of its 88 year history, Friedman's has built a reputation for selling fine jewelry. This liquidation sale offers a unique opportunity to acquire quality jewelry items at extraordinary values," added James L. Schaye, Hudson Capital Partners President and CEO.

Friedman's Inc. has been operating under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code since January 28, 2008 (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, Case #08-10161 (CSS)).

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Sports

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Smith's five-hit complete game lifts Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team fell to Morehead State University last week before getting back into the win column. Morehead State defeated Alice Lloyd 8-1. Josh Beddingfield pitched 7 2/3 innings and took the loss for visiting Alice Lloyd. Catcher C.J. Lynn had two of Alice Lloyd's six hits in the setback.

The ALC Eagles hosted Asbury Friday and Saturday in a four-game KIAC Conference series. Alice Lloyd won the first game 9-4. Brandon Bowers pitched a complete game and got the win. Adam Adkins had three hits for the Eagles. Matt Hume, Robert Smith and Lamar Williams had two hits each. Asbury fought back to win the

second game in extra innings, 7-6. J.T. Coleman was the starting pitcher and Michael Haynes was the loser in relief. Smith had two hits and an RBI, Adkins had a home run and drove in two runs. Williams also had two hits.

Smith pitched a five-hit complete game and got a 3-1 win in the third game of the series. Carlos Armenteros had a hit and two RBI. Lynn had two hits. Gavin Wells had a hit and an RBI. Asbury won the last game, 5-4, in extra innings. Michael Kelly was the starting pitcher. He went 7 1/3 innings. Gerald Branham was the losing pitcher. The Eagles had 10 hits. Allen Central High School graduate Justin Jacobs paced Alice Lloyd offensively with three hits and an RBI. Jacobs, who ranks as one of the top players in the ACHS baseball

program's history, continues to carry a role as one of Alice Lloyd's top all-around performers.

The Eagles closed out the week Saturday afternoon with a doubleheader at New River Community College (Va.). Alice Lloyd won the first game, prevailing 10-6. Kevin Davidson started the game and pitched well. Branham was the winning pitcher. The bats of Hume (HR, two hits, four RBI), Armenteros (two hits, one RBI) and Coleman (one hit, two RBI) played big in the win. Todd Duff pitched a complete game and the Eagles won the second game 13-6. Alice Lloyd banged out 17 hits in the game. Smith had three hits and four RBI. Hume, Jacobs, Adkins and Wells had two hits each. Jason Bowling had a home run for the ALC baseball team.



photo courtesy of Paula Goble
PRESTONSBURG SENIOR PITCHER Josh Rodebaugh went to the plate with a pitch during a recent game. Rodebaugh is one of the 15th Region's top pitchers.

Trailer rewiring not as complex as it appears

by LEE McCLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT - A recent Kentucky Afield Outdoors column discussed fixes for common boat trailer light problems. These problems often don't often surface until you hitch up the trailer for the first time of the season. Sometimes, just replacing light bulbs and fixing the electrical ground won't work because the trailer's wiring is shot. It may take a simple repair or need complete replacement.

Many boat owners put off rewiring a trailer or pay someone to do it because it seems like an intimidating job. You don't have to be an electrical engineer to do it. You just need a buddy, a rewire kit, wire strippers and black electrical tape.

First, you must determine the extent of the problem.

Wiring problems can occur in a variety of ways. A small nick or cut in the wire's insulation can lead to corrosion and a short circuit. This renders all of the trailer lights on your rig useless.

If wind from towing the boat at highway speeds blows a piece of wire into a pinch point, then the wire may be cut when you make a sharp turn. Clamps that hold the wiring to the trailer can break from a rock thrown up from driving on the Interstate and cause the same pinching problem. Inspect the area around your trailer tongue for cut or frayed wires.

If your trailer wiring runs along the outside of the frame, get a flashlight and inspect it. Check the wires for bare metal or damaged insulation. You can quickly patch bad spots with shrink-wrap electrical connectors.

If the wiring runs inside the frame of the trailer, then you may have to rewire it. Some boat owners - once they realize how easy it is to do - rewire their trailer every few seasons. Most rewire kits cost less than \$15 and those with the new wiring and lights usually cost under \$30. The rewire kits with LED lights cost considerably more.

Once you're ready to start, carefully read the instructions for the rewire kit and make sure to line up the correct set of wires for each side of the boat trailer.

First, cut off the electrical plug at the trailer's tongue. The rewiring kit will include a new plug. Next, strip about 2 inches of insulation off the ends of remaining wires that go into the trailer frame. You will use the old wires to pull the new wires through the trailer's frame.

Twist the bare metal ends of the old wire to the ends of the new wire. Make sure to match the wires correctly. For example, the brown/yellow wire from your trailer must match up with the brown/yellow wire from the kit. After twisting each wire together, fold over the ends to make sure the wires do not pull apart easily.

Bundle these connections together then wrap the outside

(See REWIRING, page two)



U19 SOCCER: Floyd defeats Pike

PIKEVILLE - Floyd County defeated host Pike County 3-1 Saturday afternoon in a U19 soccer contest. Floyd County prevailed, despite being without several key players. The Pike County team featured more than one member of the Pikeville College soccer program.

Jose Luis Ater, P. J. Collins and Ethan Filowiat scored goals for the talented Floyd County team. Floyd County goalkeeper Ryan McKinney recorded several saves.

Above: Pike County goalkeeper Tyler Hazelett sacrificed his body to prevent a goal by Floyd County's Luis Ater as Pike defender Zach Combs leaped to avoid contact.

Right: Ater booted a ball into the goal off a service from his brother, Tony Pacheco.



Rutherinne takes Jenny Wiley, Rebellion wins Commonwealth

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Rebellion overtook front-running Elite Squadron in the final yards to win the \$400,000 Commonwealth Stakes for 3-year-olds and up on Saturday at Keeneland. Rebellion, with Edgar Prado up, stalked the pace early then surged at the top of the stretch to win by a neck. He covered the seven furlongs in 1:21.40 and paid \$10.20, \$5.40 and

\$4.60. Elite Squadron, ridden by John Velazquez, raced to the early lead before being caught at the wire and paid \$31.80 and \$14.00. Medzendeekron, piloted by Eibar Coa, was third and paid \$8.20.

Earlier Saturday, Rutherinne came from well off the pace to edge Stormy West and win the \$200,000 Jenny Wiley Stakes for fillies and mares ages 4-and-up.

Rutherinne, with Garrett Gomez up, covered the 1 1-16 miles in 1:44.76 for her fourth victory in her last five starts and paid \$14.00, \$7.60 and \$4.40.

Stormy West, ridden by Kent Desormeaux, edged Lady of Venice for second and paid \$18.00 and \$7.60. Lady of Venice, piloted by Prado, paid \$4.40.

Favorite Precious Kitten never challenged and faded to fifth.

Lady Eagles falter in two doubleheaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College softball team played two doubleheaders last week. Longtime rival Pikeville College blanked the Lady Eagles 7-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. Elisabeth Hartley was the starting pitcher and suffered the loss for the Lady Eagles. Kasey Blair had two hits and Erica Smith connected on a hit for ALC. Pikeville College blanked ALC 8-0 in the second game. Kasey Blair pitched for ALC, finishing with seven strikeouts. She also helped her cause at the plate, providing

two hits. Ramey Adams, Nicole Durman and Jessica Mullins also had a hit for the ALC softball team.

The Lady Eagles played Mountain State University Friday. Mountain State blanked Alice Lloyd 13-0 and 20-0. Hartley pitched the first game. Durman had two hits and Blair also added a hit. Blair pitched the second game and had two hits. Holly Burton had two hits and Hartley belted a double in the second matchup.

The Lady Eagles are scheduled to host Brescia University Friday and IU-Southeast Sunday. Midway College is scheduled to visit Alice

Lloyd Saturday.

Golf: The Alice Lloyd College men's golf team participated in the KIAC Conference Tournament last weekend in Richmond. IU-East won the Tournament with a team score of 328. The Eagles were followed by Berea (351) and ALC (390). Individually, Mark Blevins of IU-East finished atop the leaderboard with an 81 on the par 72 course. Leyton Childers shot a 91 to lead the Eagles. He was followed by Ryan Martin (95) and Chrisley Toler (96).

The Eagles were participating in the Region XII tournament in London Tuesday.

Schmidt signs to play two sports at Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - A local product has decided to stay home to further her education and athletics opportunities.

Kylie Schmidt, a senior at Pikeville High School, has signed a scholarship agreement to play two sports at Pikeville College next season.

Schmidt will run Cross Country in the fall and play softball in the spring.

"Kylie is someone I've had my eye on for a while now and we're very happy to have signed her," said Robert Staggs, softball coach at Pikeville College. "She's a quality person who happens to be a very good athlete and we're pleased she'll be a part of what we're doing at Pikeville College."

Schmidt is off to a sizzling start for her senior season, hitting .688. In only four games, seven of her 11 hits have been for extra bases, with five doubles and two triples. Also, in only four games, she has been credited with driving in 13 runs.

Schmidt is coming off a junior season that saw her named first-team all-state as well as all-district. As a sophomore, she was all-district and all-region and an honorable mention all-state selection.

John Biery is the Cross Country coach at Pikeville College. "We couldn't be happier about bringing Kylie Schmidt to Pikeville College," he said. "She's one of those athletes who only come around so often, and we're lucky to keep her here at home."

Meeks undergoes successful surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky sophomore Jodie Meeks underwent successful surgery in Philadelphia, Pa., last Friday to repair a bilateral sports hernia.

Meeks' surgery was performed by well-renowned surgeon Dr. Bill Meyers, who diagnosed the injury on Thursday.

Meeks played in eight games this season averaging 8.8 points in 23.2 minutes of action.

He is the second Wildcat to undergo surgery since the conclusion of the season. Freshman Patrick Patterson underwent surgery at the beginning of the month on his left ankle, to repair a stress fracture sustained during the season.



Forward Ethan Filowiat kept constant pressure on the left flank of the Pike County defense, using his speed and ball handling ability in Floyd County's 4-1 win.

Immelman stands alone in Grand Slam hunt after Masters

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods can forget about the Grand Slam for another year. And don't even bother bringing it up to the only guy at the moment with a chance.

So, Trevor Immelman, think you can win the next three majors?

"No, probably not," the South African replied, breaking into a toothy grin that blended quite nicely with that green jacket he was wearing Sunday evening.

Immelman could be forgiven for wanting to soak up his first major title before he worries about winning another. Besides, on a day when the wind howled and par was a good score at imposing Augusta National, even the newest Masters champion looked more relieved than joyous.

After tapping in at No. 18 to win with a closing 75 — that's 3 over par — Immelman leaned over to retrieve his ball and wearily raised his arms. As victory celebrations go, this hardly compared to a defiant Woods fist pump or Phil Mickelson leaping joyously in the air.

The course was the real winner. Already facing a 7,445-yard behemoth and those devious greens, the world's best players didn't stand a chance when gusts up to 30 mph shook the trees, rattled the flagsticks and played havoc with those little

white balls.

Heck, Paul Casey lost a stroke standing over a putt. The Englishman was forced to call a penalty on himself when his ball rocked ever so slightly in the breeze whipping across the sixth green. He waved the white flag in the form of a 79. Steve Flesch hung on a little longer, going down for the count when he dunked his ball in Rae's Creek at No. 12.

If you were looking for someone who best epitomized a final round that turned into an episode of "Survivor," skip the guy wearing the green jacket. Look to Brandt Snedeker, bawling his eyes out after shooting 77 in the final group with Immelman.

"It was just a rough day out there," the 27-year-old Tennessean said, sounding as though he has just listened to a tearjerker of a country song. "You know, it's hard to put that much effort into something and get so little out of it."

Not even Woods could mount the sort of back-nine charge that used to make this place so special on a Sunday afternoon.

Sure, he rolled in a 70-foot birdie putt at No. 11, the patrons erupting with a passion that was missing most of the week. It didn't last long. Woods missed a 5-footer at No. 13, took bogey at the next hole and that was it. When he did sink a birdie with his final stroke of the tourna-

ment, he simply waved his hand in disgust as if to say, "Thanks for nothing."

"I just didn't make any putts all week," Woods said. "I hit the ball well enough to contend. I hit the ball definitely well enough to put pressure on Trevor back there, but I just didn't make any putts."

He regrets that confident assessment of his Grand Slam chances, which he described earlier this year as "easily within reason." Sure, he finished second to Immelman, three strokes away from the winner's 8-under 280, but there was no serious challenge from the guy with 13 major titles — none of them won from behind in the final round.

For 2008, Woods' hopes of doing something grand are one and done. From now on, his lips are sealed.

"I learned my lesson," he said. "I'm not going to say anything."

Immelman's final-round score was the highest for a winner since Arnold Palmer won with the same number in 1962. There was precious little drama, even when the leader inexplicably dumped his tee shot into the drink at No. 16 and took double-bogey.

He still went to the final two holes needing only to avoid a Van de Velde of a collapse, and those only happen once a lifetime. Immelman made an up-and-down par from the bunker at 17, then got safely down at the 18th despite driving into a

massive divot in the middle of the fairway.

"I didn't hear many roars out there," Immelman said. "It's just so damn difficult."

Maybe the green jackets at Augusta National went a little overboard with their redesign a few years ago, which was called a "tiger proofing" but has basically turned this into an U.S. Open wannabe. Forget about shooting 31 on the back side to win, as Jack Nicklaus did in 1986. Now, it's just a matter of who makes the most pars and avoids the calamitous mistake.

While the tournament itself provided few compelling storylines, Immelman's journey to the major championship club was a rather interesting one.

He fell in love with golf at an early age, and his parents gave liberally of their time and resources to make sure the boy's obvious talent was nurtured. The icon of South African golf, three-time Masters champion Gary Player, took an interest as the youngster was coming up through the ranks, telling anyone who would listen that this kid had the purest swing since Ben Hogan.

Player stuck to his guns, even when criticized for taking Immelman with a questionable captain's pick for the 2005 Presidents Cup. The two played a practice round at Augusta, and Player called

with encouraging words when Immelman went to the final round with a two-stroke lead.

"Take your time," Player said in a voice mail message that his protegee got late Saturday. "Keep your eyes on the ball an extra second on the putts. There will be bad breaks, but I know you're going to win."

Aside from Player's rah-rahs, Immelman didn't look like much of a contender when he got to Augusta. He had a good excuse, though.

Back in December, shortly after winning a tournament in his native country, he had trouble breathing and felt a severe pain in his ribcage. He went to see his doctor, who noticed a tumor on his diaphragm. He waited five frightening days to undergo surgery — it was a holiday weekend in South Africa — but the growth turned out to be benign.

He was left with a 7-inch scar across his lower back and a game that needed a lot of work. He missed the cut in half of his first eight events this year, and hadn't finished higher than 40th in stroke play on those rare times he make the weekend.

"This has probably been the ultimate roller-coaster ride, and I hate roller coasters," Immelman said. "Here I am after missing the cut last week, and I'm the Masters champion. It's the craziest thing I've ever heard of."

Even Woods isn't immune on a back 9 where almost everything went wrong

by TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — If the millions watching from their living room couches weren't paying close attention Sunday, they might have thought this was quite a Masters.

Trevor Immelman made a hole-in-one. Tiger Woods chipped one from nowhere and the ball hung on the edge of the hole before dropping.

Great shots were breaking out all over the back nine, and with each one the roars seemed only to get louder.

Unfortunately, none was from this year.

Hard to blame CBS for showing highlights of previous Masters even while this one was going on. A senior bowling tournament would have been more interesting than this snoozefest.

By the time Immelman gagged his way in, almost everyone else had already gagged and gone home. He didn't so much win this green jacket as inherit it, and even the

great Woods wasn't able to do anything about it.

Listen to the hushed tones of those who worship in the cathedral of golf that is Augusta National, and they'll tell you the Masters doesn't begin until the back nine on Sunday. On this Sunday, they might as well have saved us all the trouble and given Immelman the green jacket just for making it through the front nine without making too much of a mess of himself.

Zach Johnson may not have been the most exciting player ever to win the Masters, but at least he won it with a flurry of birdies on the back nine when it counted most. All we'll remember Immelman for is hooking his tee shot into the water on the par-3 16th when he had a five-shot lead he seemed destined to blow.

Turns out the new Masters champion could have put another Nike ball in the pond and still survived. No one else seemed to want this green jacket.

The three players right behind Immelman as the day

started made their combined way around the course in a staggering 18-over-par. The greatest player ever couldn't even break par.

This wasn't so much a major championship as a NASCAR race, complete with wrecks scattered everywhere. Immelman emerged the three-stroke winner with a fat final round of 75 only because he was in the final group where it was easier to take a caution lap.

Woods managed a forced laugh afterward, but Brandt Snedeker took it personally. The aw-shucks kid with the Opie Taylor looks stood, head in hand, crying his heart out after the biggest day of his young career went bad.

"I was laughing outside," Snedeker said. "I'm crying in here."

The only surprise was that more players weren't crying under the pressure of trying to play perhaps the greatest course in the world in the final round of the Masters. Their job was made even worse by swirling winds that left even Woods

guessing at yardages most of the time.

The green jackets who run the Masters wanted nothing more than a back nine filled with the kind of shots CBS kept showing from previous years, but even they didn't have the power to control Mother Nature. They tried to compensate by moving tees up and sticking pins in inviting spots, but a course already playing slick and fast turned into a monster that even the best players in the world had no clue how to tame.

Steve Flesch was doing better than most, cruising along only two shots from the lead at even par for the day when his 8-iron didn't even come close to clearing the water on the treacherous par-3 12th. On a course where eagles and birdies are usually available coming in, he played the last six holes a whopping 6-over-par.

There were similar tales of woe everywhere. Snedeker made only six pars all day on his way to a 77, while Paul Casey barely broke 80 after

starting the day just four shots back. A day after the 45 week-end survivors made their way around the course in a combined 26-over-par, they were 120 over in the final round.

"It's kind of like trying to breathe air at the top of Mount Everest; there's just not a whole lot of options left over," Stewart Cink said. "You've got a lot of lungs pounding in and out."

Even Woods seemed baffled by it all, just as he had been all week. Woods might have been the only player at Augusta National who wanted the wind to blow, but when it, did he couldn't take advantage of it. And, of all the majors that got away, this one may be the one he remembers most because it was there for the taking among a group of pretenders who hadn't been there before.

The enduring image of Woods at this Masters won't be one of him pumping his fist after making a 70-footer for birdie on No. 11, but hitting a shot from around a tree two holes later. The only thing his birdie putt on the final hole did

was give him undisputed second place and the satisfaction of matching par 72 on a day when par seemed much higher.

The green jackets had to be horrified by it all, even more than they were a year earlier when they were criticized for making the course too tough for any fun to break out on the final day. Excitement usually reigns on the back nine, but the final six players could only manage seven birdies.

Almost fittingly, the day ended with the storied course taking one final insult. The wind was one thing, but the sight of Immelman's tee shot on the 18th hole sitting in a nasty divot on the otherwise perfectly manicured fairway is one that will haunt the people who run the Masters for the next year.

Their only consolation is that not many people were still watching.

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Rewiring

of the wires tightly with black electrical tape. This helps to prevent the connections from snagging anything inside of the trailer frame. Do not skimp on black tape on these wrappings because getting the wiring hung inside a trailer is no fun.

Next, go to the back of the trailer and cut the old wires that connect to the rear lights. You can wire the lights in directly, or leave 4-6 inches of the old wire hanging from each light and splice into the new wire. Also, cut any wires leading to the yellow lights along the side of the trailer.

Return to the back of the boat and gently pull on the wires going into the frame. This pulls the new replacement wires through the trailer. Make

sure the new wires you just attached pull through cleanly. Keep pulling until you see the black electrical tape used to make the connection from the old wires to the new wires of your rewiring kit.

Unwrap the black tape and connect the new wires to the rear lights with shrink-wrap electrical connectors, or wire them in directly. Go to the other side of the trailer repeat these steps.

Splice in the yellow clearance lights to the brown wire of the new wiring harness you just installed. The plastic wire splices that snap together are easy to use. Finish these by taking a pair of pliers and squeezing the metal strip in the middle of the wire splice. This

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ensures the splice pierces the insulation of the wire completely. For an extra measure of weather proofing, you can wrap the splice in black electrical tape. The shrink wrap wire connectors and wire splices usually come with your rewiring kit.

You are done. You've just rewired your trailer.

Look for a future Kentucky Afield Outdoors column on general boat maintenance and things to watch for in your first few trips of the year.

Consult the 2008 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide for information about boating regulations. Remember boating registrations expire each year on April 30.

P'burg to host East Ky. pro hoops camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Young Eastern Kentucky basketball players and hardwood hopefuls from surrounding areas will have an opportunity to attend one of three East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps during the month of June. The camps, conducted by East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, will be held in three separate counties. Prestonsburg High School (June 5-7), Sheldon Clark High School (11-13) and Knott County Sportsplex (June 16-18) are set to host East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps. The timeframe for each of the three-day camps is 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The preregistration fee for an individual East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp is \$65 per participant. Two siblings in the same immediate family who preregister can attend a single camp for \$100. Each additional

sibling in the same immediate family will be able to attend a single camp for \$35 through preregistration.

The registration fee for the day of each camp is \$75 per camper. Registration for each camp will be held from 8-9 a.m. on the first day. The fee for those who register on the morning of a camp is \$75.

Voted one of the top 10 young pro basketball coaches in America in 2006, Keathley guided the East Kentucky Miners to a 26-22 record in the team's debut season.

Each East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participant will receive a T-shirt, participation medal and certificate. The camps will also include giveaways and the chance to win various prizes and awards, including basketball merchandise and trophies. Lunch will be provided from noon-1 p.m. every day at each camp.

Applications will be avail-

able at area schools, the East Kentucky Miners office, The Floyd County Times and other area businesses. Visitors in Pikeville for this year's Hillbilly Days can also pick up applications at the Miners booth.

Checks for the camp should be made payable to Coach Kevin Keathley.

Dates for additional East Kentucky Youth Pro Basketball Camps will be announced later in the spring.

For more information on the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, call 606-437-9715 or 606-794-6409. Additional information on the camps is also available via email at stevenlemaster@suddenlink.net.

East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps (9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day): June 5-7 — Prestonsburg High School; June 11-13 — Sheldon Clark High School; June 16-18 — Knott County Sportsplex.



HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL: Perry County Central outlasted Prestonsburg Tuesday, April 8, defeating the Lady Blackcats 15-13. The loss was Prestonsburg's fifth straight setback. Prestonsburg, however, managed to get in the win column Thursday. The Lady Blackcats defeated district/conference rival South Floyd 18-5 in five innings for their first win of the season.

A schedule of Prestonsburg's upcoming games follows.
April 16 at Paintsville, 5:30 p.m.
April 17: Pike County Central, 5:30 p.m.
April 21: Johnson Central, 5:30 p.m.
April 22: Perry County Central, 5:30 p.m.



Jimmie Johnson turned a fuel gamble into first Cup win of 2008

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. — A little white lie by crew chief Chad Knaus helped Jimmie Johnson drive to his first NASCAR Sprint Cup victory of the season.

With leader after leader diving for the pits to take on gas in the waning laps of Saturday night's Subway Fresh Fit 500 at Phoenix International Raceway, Knaus was a constant presence on the radio, telling Johnson he had a big enough lead to slow way down.

"You know, we don't play the fuel mileage game," the two-time reigning Cup champion said. "We race for points year after year and, if we can't make it, we're coming to pit road. So, the fact that we stayed out and rolled the dice, I figured I'd probably run out coming off (turn) four."

"But we had enough to do a little burnout (after taking the checkered flag) and then I drove around to the backstretch (on a

cooldown lap) and it ran out. So we had it figured out to a 'T.'"

All the leaders, including Johnson, pitted during the last of eight caution flags, with 82 laps left in the 312-lap event on the 1-mile oval. At that point, everyone was expecting to make one more stop and hoping for another caution that never came.

Asked if he was worried he might not make it, especially with so many other cars pitting in the waning laps, Johnson said he just listened to his longtime crew chief, who was telling him he had a 20-second lead and could slow down even more when his lead was actually about 10 seconds on Clint Bowyer, the only other driver to gamble at the finish.

"I don't think he stopped talking for three laps," Johnson said, laughing. "My instinct was to step on the gas pedal, so it was good. And the white lies he was telling me were even more helpful. When he says something, I might think about it for a split-second, but I believe him every time."

Knaus wasn't as sure about Johnson making it to the finish as he sounded.

Asked if he was worried, Knaus said, "Yeah, the whole run."

Johnson, who led a race-high 120 laps, gave Hendrick Motorsports its first Cup victory of the year, beating Bowyer to the finish line by 7.002 seconds.

"We're back," Johnson said. "We've been working very hard to get back. I couldn't be more proud of the folks back at Hendrick Motorsports."

Johnson, who also led early in the race, fell to 14th on a pit stop midway through the event.

"We got out off cycle and got a little behind there and had to drive to front, and still wound up saving gas at the end," Johnson noted.

The 49-year-old Mark Martin, now a part-time driver in the Dale Earnhardt Inc. No. 8, battled at the front with its former driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr., in the second half of the race.

And it appeared Martin had his first win since 2005 locked

up after he passed Earnhardt for the win on lap 272 and began to pull away, building leads of more than a second. But, with the end in sight, Martin was called into the pits on lap 301, giving up the top spot to Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet.

Denny Hamlin, who pitted late in the race, finished third, followed by Carl Edwards, Martin, Jeff Burton and Earnhardt.

Martin, who shares the No. 8 with rookie Aric Almirola, was disappointed, but said, "I'm just really, really proud of this team. We just about pulled that one off tonight."

He said he might have been able to get to the finish like Johnson and Bowyer.

"I saved a lot of gas, probably more than they knew," he said. "You can't stop if somebody else stays out."

It was the 34th career win for Johnson, who had 10 of the Hendrick team's 18 victories last season, including a win here last fall.

He and teammates Jeff Gordon, Earnhardt and Casey Mears have been shut out in the first seven races of 2008.

Mears finished 11th, while four-time Cup champion Gordon, who crashed and finished last in Texas a week ago, wound up 13th.

Helton defends NASCAR's

current drug-testing policy: The call earlier this week for regular random drug testing by some of NASCAR's biggest stars apparently will not change the sanctioning organization's current policy of testing only for "reasonable suspicion."

But NASCAR president Mike Helton said the reaction by the drivers to the published report that former Truck and Nationwide driver Aaron Fike used heroin the same day he drove in some races is a positive sign for the stock-car sport.

Referring to the story in the April 21 edition of ESPN The Magazine, Helton said, "When you have a headline like that and the other athletes rare up on it and react like they did, that's a positive thing."

"The (NASCAR) community polices the community," Helton added in an interview with The Associated Press. "The positiveness of all the drivers talking and everything, I think, echoes the responsibility that exists in this sport to avoid all that and to police all that. That's why we think that the reasonable suspicion policy works as an umbrella from a NASCAR perspective."

Helton said he does not know of any policy that can guarantee that no driver will ever race while under the influence of some substance any

more than anyone could guarantee that an athlete in another sport will not abuse something on game day.

"The other part though is the fact that when we do find a situation and we do authenticate the abuse of a substance, it is a severe reaction," Helton said. "It's not just a couple of weeks off, it's a very severe, career-changing reaction from us that I think speaks loudly."

Helton added the substance-abuse policy that NASCAR has had in place for more than two decades has worked very well, with the help of the teams and the drivers.

"There are a lot of random drug testing policies or substance-abuse policies in our sport and they come through the car owners," he said. "We're different than other sports where we have multiple layers of independence. That's why we feel like the reasonable suspicion element that NASCAR implements has served its purpose and works well."

"But we know of car owners that have random testing programs with their employees. So those elements are already there. ... There's a lot of ways to attack this animal and a lot of ways to do it, but the shared responsibility between the competitors, the car owners and NASCAR, I think, works."

Gorzelanny, 3 homers lead Pirates past Reds, 9-1

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates went from being swept by the Cubs to sweeping the Reds in the same home stand. No doubt it wasn't a coincidence Tom Gorzelanny looked like two different pitchers during his two starts of the unusual week.

Ryan Doumit, Xavier Nady and Jason Bay homered and Gorzelanny bounced back from one of his worst career starts to outpitch Cincinnati rookie Johnny Cueto, leading the Pirates to a 9-1 victory Sunday and their first series sweep in nearly a year.

Gorzelanny (1-1), becoming the only Pirates starter other than Ian Snell to win this season, limited the Reds to one run and four hits despite walking four over 6 1-3 innings. He was coming off a no-decision Monday when he allowed seven runs in 2 1-3 innings of the Pirates' home opener against the Cubs, matching the shortest start of the 47 he has made in the majors.

"I was more confident, I was challenging guys and I let them get themselves out," said Gorzelanny, a 14-game winner last season. "I stayed in the strike zone a lot more than I did last time. We worked on a lot of things between starts and I went back to attacking hitters."

Pittsburgh was swept in three games by the Cubs from Monday through Wednesday only to do the same thing to Cincinnati during the weekend, the Pirates' first sweep at home since they took three against the Astros last April 24-26. They hadn't swept Cincinnati since July 23-25, 2004.

Maybe it's only 12 games,

but the Pirates are 6-6 and, despite losing twice against the Cubs in extra innings with rookie relievers on the mound, they are hitting and pitching better than they have in April the last few seasons.

Maybe it's a little too early for the Pirates to talk about ending that streak of 15 consecutive losing seasons, but Bay sees a lot of positives even though they also were 6-6 a year ago.

"I think people are reluctant to say we have to get off to a good start, but for the five years I've been here I've always been one of those people who say we need to get off to a good start," Bay said. "If you get too far behind early, it's hard to dig out of that hole. Those last three games (against the Cubs), we could have put ourselves in a hole but we came back and played very well."

Doumit hit a solo homer in the second and added a sacrifice fly, Nady hit a two-run shot in the sixth and Bay added a three-run drive in the seventh against reliever Todd Coffey as the Pirates had an easy one after winning one-run decisions the previous two nights.

"To come back after being swept to sweep is huge," Nate McLouth said.

Cueto (1-1), outstanding in his first two starts with 18 strikeouts and no walks, wasn't as sharp in this one as he gave up five runs and five hits — four for extra bases — in six innings. He struck out six but also issued his first walk, to McLouth in the third ahead of Luis Rivas' run-scoring double.

Cueto struck out 22 batters until he finally gave up a walk after being the only pitcher since 1900 to strike out as

many as 18 and walk none in his first two starts.

"Johnny got some balls up in the zone a little bit and over the heart of the plate, like he doesn't usually do," manager Dusty Baker said. "He didn't warm up as well as he has in the past, he told me. ... It wasn't a very good day and it was a worse weekend."

Baker was told the game would start on time, but a 9-minute rain delay forced Cueto to warm up again briefly after he initially threw in the bullpen. Baker blamed it on miscommunication, though neither he nor Cueto said it was a factor in the right-hander's pitching.

"I was warming up good but then they stopped me because of the rain, but I'm not going to blame that," Cueto said through an interpreter.

McLouth, the major league hits leader with 22 hits in 12 games, doubled in the sixth to extend his season-long hitting streak to 12 games and scored twice while reaching base three times.

The Reds left nine runners on base, giving them 32 for the weekend, and went 1-for-8 with runners in scoring position to finish the series 6-of-35.

"The only thing we can take out of this weekend is trying to forget it," catcher Paul Bako said.

Notes: A steady rain fell much of the game until skies cleared in the eighth inning. ... Pirates 1B Adam LaRoche was scratched about an hour before game time with flulike symptoms. ... In an oddity, Cueto drew his first major league walk as a batter in the third — before he issued one. ... Bay is a .363 career hitter against the Reds with 20 homers and 66 RBIs in 259 at-bats.

Focus High School Football Combine slated for June 14

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The inaugural Focus High School Football Combine will give senior high school football players-to-be in Kentucky and surrounding states the opportunity to showcase their skills and talents in tests and drills Saturday, June 14 at Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School. Coaches from NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and junior college football programs will be present to evaluate players.

The combine will be comprised of the 40-Yard Dash, 20-Yard Shuttle Run, Bench Press (Repetitions of 185 pounds), Vertical Jump and Broad Jump.

Preregistration for the combine is underway. The combine is open to any high school senior-to-be.

Numerous college coaches — from all levels — have already committed to be in attendance at the combine. The debut event will coincide with the final day of the annual Prestonsburg High School 7-on-7 passing tournament.

A postgame meal will be

provided at the conclusion of the combine. Each combine participant will also receive an event T-shirt and a copy of their individual results.

Preregistration for the combine is \$50. Onsite registration will get underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 14. Registration on the day of the combine is \$60.

Applications are available through high school football coaches and at area businesses/sponsors.

For more information on the Focus High School Football Combine, call 606/794-6409 or email footballcombine@suddenlink.net.

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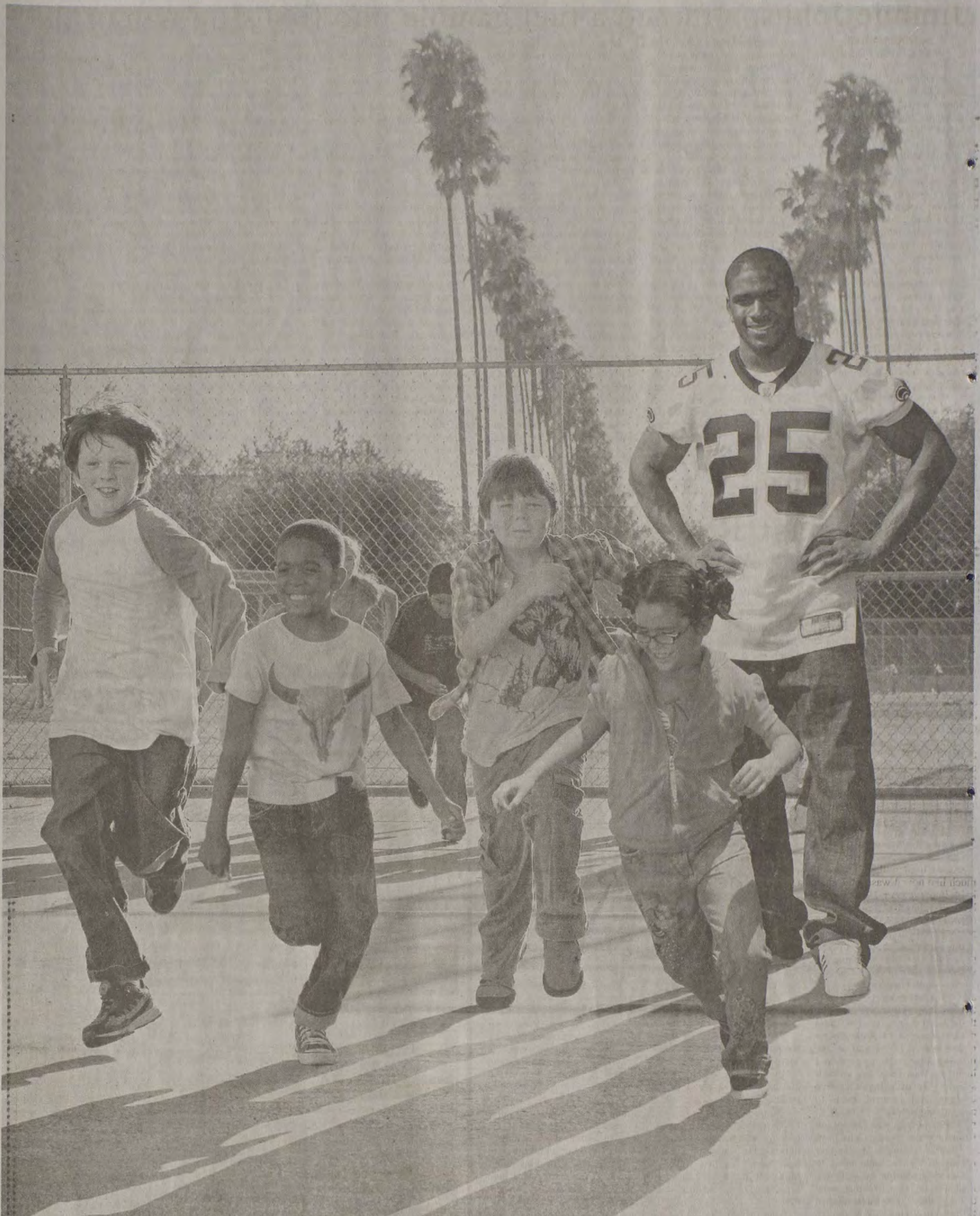
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POISON OAK

Shooting the bull(bats)

Perhaps it's an age thing; (seems as if I'm saying that a lot lately), or maybe I'm just some sort of oddball who's completely out of touch with modern culture, but I absolutely do not enjoy watching those so-called reality shows.

So a few weeks ago, when reality set in, that there was nothing else but reality shows on all the regular channels. I grabbed the remote and went surfing.

For some reason, I stopped for a



Clyde Pack

second on the Discovery Channel—or it might have been National Geographic...or neither—after I caught a glimpse of some birds in flight. Although I'm not interested in ornithology, I continued watching a few more minutes, and heard the narrator refer to them as "nighthawks." They looked very familiar, and although the ones on TV had been filmed in Texas, I realized that when I was 8 or 10 years old, we simply called them "bullbats."

Now I'll admit that in those days, much like now, I wasn't the sharpest knife in the drawer. However, I did know they were not real bats, because I had plenty of occasion to see a bullbat up close.

On those summer evenings, just before dusk, half a dozen—and sometimes more—of the men in Society Row who loved their guns, and never missed a chance to do a little shooting, would walk out into their backyards, and much to the delight of the youngsters in the neighborhood, point their shotguns heavenward and start shooting. For half an hour or so, the community sounded more like a war zone than it did a mining camp. Kids would yell and dogs would bark, as perhaps as many as 30 or 40 rounds would be fired.

What appeared to be a hundred or more bullbats, with their long, brown wings, with a bright, white stripe near the lips, would dart up and down and sideways, near the rooftops, as they fed on insects, that only they could see.

Of course, at the time, I had no clue they were feeding, and even though spent buckshots would pepper the tops of the houses, sounding like a mini-hail storm, it was very seldom that one of the birds would ever fall to earth.

As I caught the tail-end of the TV show, I learned that coal-camp kids weren't the only ones who referred to the common nighthawk as "bullbats." The narrator even went on to say the name was derived from the fact that when feeding in flight, the bird swooped and darted and dived, much like a bat, and in Texas and places where a lot of cattle were raised, bullbats liked to feed near the herds. Thus, the "bull" part of their name.

Anyway, my stumbling across that particular channel, at just the right time, prompted another memory of 1940's coal-camp living.

I wonder why it is that I haven't seen a bullbat since?



Billie Jean Osborne, flanked by Clayton Case, left, and "Munroe" (Fred Goble), left, said that she was "honored and thrilled" by the weekend's special tribute.

photo by Goodlyrne Productions

Laughter, tears and entertainment highlight Osborne tribute

PRESTONSBURG — Over 700 people attended one of the most memorable and entertaining events ever staged at the Mountain Arts Center this past Saturday evening. This year's Country Music Highway's Red Bud Festival featured former and current members of the Kentucky Opry paying a special musical tribute to their founder, Billie Jean Osborne. Musical performances were sprinkled with accolades and recognitions from local, state and federal officials including a very poignant, humorous and sincere message from Congressman Hal Rogers (via video) in which he spoke about Osborne's determination and perseverance exhibited in securing federal funds for the construction of Prestonsburg's Mountain Arts Center. Congressman Rogers expressed his gratitude for her efforts and for the fruits that it has produced. The Mountain Arts Center was primarily constructed to become the "Home of The Kentucky Opry," which it is. But in the years since, it has grown to encompass much more, including an art gallery, recording studio, venue for local talent competitions and productions, instructional classrooms and a place in which local organizations can convene for meetings, banquets and other such activities.

There was also another special audio presentation unveiled during the tribute, courtesy of WSIP and

Carl Jerrell aka "CJ the DJ." The audio featured an interview of Floyd County native Dwight Yoakam expressing his appreciation to Osborne for her efforts in getting his career established and working diligently to establish this remarkable venue for future performers.

Those in attendance, especially those former and current KY Opry members, were obvious in their affection for "Miss Billie." Much love for their mentor and founder was expressed as many of the performers became quite emotional in their expressions of gratitude prior to their musical performances.

Many great performances were presented including a house raising performance by Allen James and Craig Collins the "original" Kentucky Opry Blues Brothers duo. Guests at the performance were forthcoming with their pleasure with the entire evening and many stayed around to enjoy a special reception in the MAC lobby presented on behalf of Miss Billie.

Mountain Arts Center Director Keith Caudill, Comedian Fred Goble as "Munroe" and the rest of the Mountain Arts Center staff worked tirelessly in putting together a first class and memorable event in honor of Miss Billie Jean Osborne. The Kentucky Opry Band proved how amazing they truly are learning

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Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Mountain Arts Center, was honored with a special tribute of her "life and times" this past Saturday evening at the arts center. Following a private reception, former and current members of the KY Opry presented a special performance in her honor, followed by a public reception in the MAC lobby. Among the esteemed guests that offered a few words in regard to "Miss Billie's" contributions were Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, and Congressman Hal Rogers.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

CRITTER CORNER

Keep pets safe around the house

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Aside from loose hair, muddy pawprints and the occasional chewed-up shoe or roll of toilet paper, pets can be a delight around the house. Their funny antics bring many smiles, their companionship comforts, and the love they bestow upon their "people" is boundless.

But pet owners should be aware that hazards around the home can exist for our furry friends. The ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Animal Poison Control Center managed more than 130,000 cases of such threats to

animals in 2007. Among the top calls were cases involving common household good and products.

As such, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center advises pet owners to be aware of dangers posed by the following: Prescription and over-the-counter drugs - painkillers, cold and flu medicines, and antidepressants are all common medications that prove hazardous to the health of pets. And not only those medications intended for human use, but those intended for the use of animals, as well. All medications should be kept well out of reach of pets, preferably in

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Nancy Grace fan

"Buddy," a male Eskimo Spitz owned by Brenda Music, of Trimble Branch, enjoys regularly watching the Nancy Grace news show on television. Must be that cute haircut of hers that catches his eye, huh? Or, maybe Buddy's just an ole news 'hound' in disguise.

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YESTERDAYS

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Ten Years Ago (April 17 and 22, 1998)

A Florida fugitive and a 14-year-old runaway were taken into custody, Wednesday, after a traced phone call led authorities to their whereabouts. Floyd detectives Homer D. Neeley and Jim Rederick located the fugitive, Charles Cavadas, 22, of Florida, and the youth, around noon, at a Rice Branch residence within walking distance of a pay phone, which was used to make the traced call...Floyd deputy Bryan Hall took inventory, Tuesday night, of illegal items seized from a residence on Mill's Branch. The officer discovered a cultivation operation at the residence, while investigating an unrelated complaint. Sally Vance, 18, Corey Fraley, 20, and 32-year-old Tony Sexton, were arrested for the offense. The officer said the accused were growing marijuana in a bathroom, with lights and aluminum foil on the walls...Two candidates for public office in Floyd County were indicted, Wednesday, by a federal grand jury on separate charges involving Medicaid fraud and gambling. Morgan Joseph, 46, owner of Medical Transport ambulance services, and a Democratic candidate for jailer in the May Primary election, is charged with 11 counts of fraud for allegedly submitting false claims to the state's Medicaid Assistance Program. Also indicted, Wednesday, were two Floyd Countians and a pair from Johnson County on gambling charges. Russell Johnson, 47, of Wheelwright, a Democratic candidate for county commissioner in District 3; James C. "Bub" Reynolds, 52, of Beaver; Larry Keith Sexton, 53; and Sue Combs, both of Paintsville, are charged with operating an illegal bookmaking business...With search dogs and their trainers across the state en route to Floyd County, an

area youth, Andrea Celine Branham, 15, of Allen—who was presumed to have been abducted—was found unharmed, Wednesday, in the Cow Creek area, nearly 12 hours after leaving her home, to walk her dog...Floyd County school board members want their local legislators to explain a provision in the state budget bill which mandates the construction of two athletic fields before state construction funds can be assessed for new projects...The newest member of Floyd County's Board of Education attended his first meeting, Monday, and appeared to be somewhat perplexed at the fast-paced action. Jimmy Osborne, 38, of Banner, a medical technologist at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, said he was told Friday, he had been appointed to replace B.J. Newsome, who resigned in January to seek the office of County Commissioner...The Otter Creek Correctional Center (OCCC) is again making headlines, as its parent company, U.S. Corrections Corporation of America, (USCC) of Louisville, had its management contracts purchased by Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), a Nashville-based real estate investment trust company, that is the largest private prison operator in the world. The estimated price tag for the acquisition is \$255 million...An economic plan presented by Governor Paul Patton, this week, may place eastern Kentucky on the right track to enable the region to catch up with the rest of the state within 20 years. The governor presented the plan to the Kentucky Appalachian Commission during a meeting held Monday in Hazard...A Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Squad firefighter waded flood waters, Sunday morning, to fight a blaze at a Drift residence. Volunteers with the rescue squad had been working throughout the night, assisting with evacuating area residents who were forced out of their homes by the flood waters. The fire apparently began on the second floor of the home, owned by Jimmy

Turner...Just weeks after Martin council members met with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, about options for alleviating the city's flood woes, several residences and businesses in the city suffered damages from a flash flood. The city's main street was covered by the flood waters, Sunday night. The Garrett, Wayland, McDowell and Maytown communities were also flooded over the weekend...There died: Anna Mae Scutchfield Shepherd, 72, of Water Gap, died Monday, April 13; Della J. Powers, 70, of Fernandina Beach, Florida, Monday, April 13, at the Baptist Medical Center, in Jacksonville; Pearl Carroll, 67, of Sunbury, Ohio, a native of Printer, Saturday, April 18, at her home; Foster Hamilton, 74, of Alexandria, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County; Monday, April 20, at the James Cancer Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio; Virgil Rondle "Punk" Moore, 47, of Langley, Friday, April 17, at the V.A. Medical Center, in Chillicothe, Ohio; Laura Isaac Hall Johnson, 84, of Melvin, Sunday, April 19, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ruby Brown, 87, of McDowell, Saturday, April 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Armina "Dolly" Slone, 56, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, April 18, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center; David L. Stephens, 63, of Hager Hill, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, April 10, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Chaffins resigned after charges of improprieties...Three deputies were laid off as a result of a lack of funds in the sheriff's department. McKinney's Grocery Store, at Toler, was robbed, Friday, of an undetermined amount of merchandise...George Branch residents were walking this week, as the bridge collapsed there...The hearing in Pike Circuit Court, regarding Magistrate Eddie Caudill, was reset...There died: Ernest Sanders, 85, formerly of Weeksbury, Saturday, in Taylor, Michigan; Mrs. Willie Blackburn, 86, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Harold Hatcher, Jr., 73, February 26, at his residence in Columbus, Ohio; Birdie Turner, 86, of Minnie, Tuesday, at HRMC; Ida Hamilton, 91, formerly of Floyd County, March 28, in Plymouth, Ohio; and Eliza Blackburn, 94, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at her home.

Thirty Years Ago (April 19, 1978)

The grand jury, which adjourned last Wednesday, made no addition to the Floyd District Court's murder docket, but one of the 32 indictments voted, named a Magoffin County man on a second degree manslaughter count, and closing days were marked by an investigation of the death of an infant, which later may result in a manslaughter or murder bill...The newborn baby whose body was found, last Tuesday, in a Cow Mountain garbage dump suffered a fractured skull, but it has not been determined if the injury was sustained before or after its death, a report to Coroner James J. Carter said...After two days of almost continuous competition, Prestonsburg Community College topped 10 other Kentucky

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Twenty Years Ago (April 20, 1988)

After its opening two years ago, the Big Sandy Regional Airport still requires you to make it through a guarded entrance, as the access road is privately-owned...A 25-ton weight limit was placed on the road to Bosco...Prestonsburg Building Inspector Paul

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center.

- Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
- Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.
- The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

- ACHS Parent Organization members will accept nominations for parent members of the School Board Decision Making Council until Wednesday, April 30. All nominations must be turned in to Brenda Turner, in the school office. The election for parent representative will be held on Wednesday, May 15, from 3-8 p.m., in the school office.

- April 18 - Progress reports.
- April 18 - UK Barn Storming Tour (Basketball).
- April 21 thru May 2 - CATS testing window.
- 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

- April 7-21 - Accepting Parent SBDM Council nominations.
- April 17 - Child Abuse Awareness booth, in cafeteria, 2-3 p.m.
- April 21 - CATS testing begins.
- April 24 - Parent Site-Base Election, in YSC, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 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

- 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.

Duff Elementary

- Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.
- 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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

- April 14-18 - Spirit Week!
- April 21 - May Valley FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in school library. Open to the public, everyone encouraged and invited to attend.
- April 21 - CATS testing begins.
- May 2 - CATS testing ends!
- May 7-9 - PTO Flower Sale.
- May 7-9 - Spirit Days for K-2 testing.
- May 12-15 - CTB testing, K-2.
- May 14 - DARE Day, 5th grade.
- May 22 - Kindergarten registration for school year 2008-2009, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- May 22 - County Perfect Attendance ceremony.
- May 27 - Puttin' on the Hits, Head Start thru 1st grade.
- May 29 - Puttin' on the Hits, 2nd thru 5th grade.
- May 30 - Schoolwide Puttin' on the Hits, 9 a.m., in Outdoor Classroom.
- June 2 - End of Year Head Start and Kindergarten programs.
- June 3 - Awards Day, 9:30 a.m.
- May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). There are only a few slots available. Please contact Ms. Pam or Ms. Irene in the school office at 285-0883 if you are interested.
- Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood

pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- 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 checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
- GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.
- 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

- 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.)

- April 22 - Parent meeting to review Learning Compact for 08-09, 6:30 p.m., in cafeteria.
- May 15, 16 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- 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.
- After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
- School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Call the PES Center at 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on South Floyd campus on Mondays; Mt. Comp Care counselor will be on campus on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with either counselor, contact the SFYSC.

- SFHS and SFMS Parent Volunteer training held throughout the year. Watch for dates TBA.
- Juniors and Seniors will attend the pre-Prom program at the MAC in May.

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

- John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.
- Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. If your child has lost an item, please contact us as soon as possible. Items left over two weeks become the property of the center and will be donated to charity.
- Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

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

- April 17 - "Give-A-Way" Day, 5-50 p.m., in school gym. Come see what we have to "Give-A-Way"!
- April 17 - "Family Read Night," will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Please make plans to attend.
- April 18 - CATS kick-off day!
- April 24 - Child Abuse Prevention Candlelight Vigil, 7 p.m., Prestonsburg Municipal Parking Lot. Come out and show your support for Child Abuse Prevention.
- April 26 - "Grandparents Appreciation Day," 12-3 p.m., at the Pin Zone Bowling Alley (Prestonsburg). For more information, call 1-800-737-2723.
- April 28 - Board of Education meeting, at OES, 6 p.m.
- May 2 - CATS testing. "When the testing starts, you should have all your apples in your cart!" Please be on time and good luck to all students!
- Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.
- The Center is BEGGING for

items such as children's clothing, shoes, belts, etc. that are in GOOD condition. All items are greatly appreciated and utilized by the center for 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

- April 22 thru 25 - Stanford testing.
- May 1, 2, 8, 9 - WCS Aldersgate Camp Family Retreats. K-4 through 2nd grade on May 1, 2; 3rd grade through 7th grade on May 8, 9.
- 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.; BSCTC
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center
- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Drug Court
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC; David Craft Center
- 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments
- 9-11 a.m. - Hope House
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martin Community Ctr.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; BSCTC
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center
- 9-11 a.m. - Hope House
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
- Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
- 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
- 6-9 p.m. - Betsy Layne Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
- Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397
- Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

BSCTC hosts National History Day District Contest

The District Contest of National History Day was held on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on March 28. Approximately 83 people gathered for this event including 64 students who came with their teachers to compete and to represent their schools at this annual contest that takes place across the nation each year. Beginning at the District level, students compete in five different categories in groups and as individual competitors. First, second and third place winners advance to the state contest which will be held this year on April 26 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort. First and second place winners in the State Contest will advance to the National Contest, to be held at the University of Maryland June 15-19. The Kentucky State Historical Society sponsors this academic competition throughout the state of Kentucky. Dr. Donald Barlow has coordinated the contest at Prestonsburg since 1991, making it the longest running contest in the state of Kentucky and quite often the largest in the state. Scholarships of \$1,000 per year for up to four years were awarded for the first place individual winners who were also in their Sophomore-Senior year of high school, by Georgetown College.

Georgetown, Kentucky. Two entries were selected as outstanding projects that analyzed Kentucky History topics, and were awarded \$50 each. The national theme this year was Conflict and Compromise in History. Next year the theme will be The Individual in History. Each contestant must relate their project to that theme. The winners of the contest are listed below.

Eastern District contest winners included:

Junior Division Individual Documentary

1st Place: Crit Mitchell, "Henry Clay: The Great Compromise," Stumbo Elementary

No 2nd or 3rd place.

Group Documentary

3rd Place: Hayley Back, Cody Collins, MaKayla Combs, MaKenzie Herald, and Mariah Tiller; "Hatfield and McCoy Feud," Wooten Elementary.

This entry also won the Kentucky History Award, Junior Division.

2nd Place: Michael Scott and Jordan Whitehead, "Child Labor in the U.S.," Harlan County Christian.

1st Place: Emily Wills, Kayla Hill and Jeff Causey, "Tianamen Square Massacre," Harlan County Christian.

Group Historical Exhibit

No 3rd Place

2nd Place: Nakeya Hall,

Elizabeth Farley, and Allison Boudle; "Bloody Monday," Stumbo Elementary.

1st Place: Cody Akers, Terry Hinkle, and Kevin Johnson, "Kentucky and the Civil War," Stumbo Elementary.

This entry also, won the Abraham Lincoln History Award, Junior Division.

Senior Division Group Documentary

No 3rd place

2nd Place: Matt Thacker, Timmy Lester, Jacob Maynard, and Colby Justice, "Run! It's the British Invasion" Pike County Central.

Research Paper

No 2nd or 3rd

1st Place: Ryan Cooper, "The Louisiana Purchase: Laying the Foundation for Development," Russell Independent High School.

Individual Historical Exhibit

No 2nd or 3rd place

1st Place: Lisa Trivette, "White Knights," Pike County Central.

Group Historical Exhibit

3rd Place: Felicia Hopkins, Leanna Williamson, Liz Hope, Brittany Boyd, and Brandon Gross, "Tinkering with Student

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50th Wedding Anniversary

James Lewis Hall and Shirley (Thornberry) Hall, former residents of Wheelwright, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the Oxbow Center, in St. Paul, Virginia. Many family members and friends joined them in celebrating this happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been blessed with one son, Jeffrey Hall; one grandson, Dawson Nathaniel Hall, age 5; and a daughter-in-law, Pam Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are both graduates of the former Wheelwright High School.

HILLBILLY NIGHT

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

Saturday, April 19, 2008

MENU

Enjoy a festive, hillbilly supper at May Lodge, featuring:

Roast Pig carved on the line, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, country ham, chicken and dumplings, fried apples, Kentucky style green beans, fried taters with onions, turnip greens, pinto beans, and a large assortment of salads, desserts and beverages.



Serving Time: 5:00-9:00 p.m.

ADULTS: \$14.95 (includes beverage)

CHILDREN, AGE 12 AND UNDER: \$7.95

ACTIVITIES

- 6:00 p.m. **THE CARRIERE FAMILY:** Enjoy the sounds of Appalachia as Angie, Staci, and Joshua bring you an evening filled with down-home music. This talented trio are members of the Kentucky Opry and have played at the Mountain Arts Center for many years. This program will be held in the Dining Room of the May Lodge.
- 7:00 p.m. **Comedian Munroe Birdshot:** "Munroe" is Appalachian comedy at its best. This talented performer is a part of the Kentucky Opry that performs regularly in The Mountain Arts Center. This program will be held in the Dining Room of the May Lodge.
- 8:30 p.m. **Folk and Country Line Dancing:** Fun for the entire family. Get your heels a tappin' and your hands a clappin' for a good ole fashioned dance. All dances are easy and will be taught. No experience necessary. We will meet in Meeting Room 4, at the May Lodge.

For additional information, call 1-800-325-0142 or 606-889-1790.



Yesterdays

colleges in the 14th annual Mountain Dew Festival, and regained the coveted Little Brown Jug award from Hopkinsville Community College, winner of the event the past two years...An autopsy of the body of Arnold Frasure, 34, who was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his mobile home on Wilson Creek shortly after midnight, Monday, was a part of the investigation underway, Tuesday, by authorities...There died: Mrs. Sallie Smith, 84, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Ellis Scott, 75, of Springfield, Ohio, formerly of this county, April 8, in Good Samaritan Hospital at Dayton; Joe Wheeler Burchett, 68, of Sugar Loaf, Monday, at the Uk Medical Center; James Robinson, 53, of Auxier Road, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Thelma Jones Autore, 61, of Bevinsville, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Earl Belcher, 65, of Grundy, Sunday, in Johnson City, Tennessee; Hiram Case, 53, of Paintsville, Tuesday, April 4, DOA at Paintsville Hospital.

Louisville, Sunday, that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor...A total of 204 Floyd County families have been aided by the Citizens Improvement committee as of April 1, according to Rev. Ivan Jones...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Edwards, of Franklin, O., a son, James Lloyd, April 4, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Burl R. Click, a daughter, Billy Clay, April 4, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Griggs, a daughter, Jane Carol, April 8, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie Dean May, a son, Gregory Dean, April 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Webb, of Maytown, a daughter, April 11, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Mrs. Nannie Graves Whaley, 66, former Prestonsburg resident, Friday, at Louisville; Miss Eva Fitzpatrick, 73, native of Prestonsburg, March 31, in Louisville; Mrs. Addie Conley, 59, of Endicott, Friday, April 4, at Paintsville Hospital; William J. Bates, 72, last Wednesday, at his home in Buckingham; Mrs. Mimmie Hall, 90, Friday, at the home of a son at East McDowell.

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Forty Years Ago

(April 18, 1968)

With sales of \$1,525,555 last year, Kentucky Appalachian Industries at West Prestonsburg had a gross profit of \$93,656 it was reported at a recent meeting...The long seige of Khe Sanh has claimed the life of Sp-4 John C. Wells, member of a former Floyd County family...Prestonsburg Community College will stage its second annual Mountain Dew Festival, beginning next Thursday, and upward of 500 students are expected to participate...The vacancy created on the Floyd County Board of Education, by the recent death of Ray Howard, was filled, Monday evening, by the appointment of his son, O. R. (Pete) Howard to the post...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Cole, of Bypro, a son, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Sturgill, of Martin, a son, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Mullins, of Eastern, a daughter, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos R. Ousley, of Hippo, a daughter, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shepherd, of Hueysville, a son, April 14...There died: Mrs. Dorothy Brown, 54, formerly of Hueysville, Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Junior Cross, 38, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at Chillicothe, Ohio; Mrs. Lula Hughes, 75, of Lackey, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Kendall Owens, 67, of Lackey, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Mildred Howton, 39, formerly of Hi Hat, Sunday, at her home in Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Bula Case, 63, retired Honaker postmistress, at her home, Tuesday.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 15, 1948)

Buses and drivers, of the Sparks Brothers Bus Company, remain idle tonight (Thursday) marking a week since the breach between the company and its union drivers, April 15...Nearly 200 delegates to the Republican district convention, held Monday, at Inez, unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Edward L. Allen, Prestonsburg attorney, for party nomination for Judge of the Court of Appeals from the Seventh Appellate district...Highlighting activities of the second annual Floyd County Music Festival, here, Saturday, Betty Jean Layne, 17, junior, in Betsy Layne High School, was crowned Festival Queen...Married: Miss Dale Napier, formerly of Garrett, and Clifford J. Brown, of Orville, O., April 14, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio...Born: to Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Salisbury, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Nancy Conway, April 16, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kirk, of New York, N.Y., a son...There died: Lettie Osborne, 24, Sunday, at her home in Buckingham; Mrs. Elizabeth Hale, 82, April 13, at her home at Bonanza; Robert H. Newman, 73, of Grethel, April 15, in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Loue Emma Stanley, 82, formerly of Abbott Creek, April 16, in Jenkins.

Seventy Years Ago

(April 21, 1938)

After returning 116 indictments, and examining 178 witnesses, the Floyd grand jury adjourned, Tuesday, attacking in its final report the lawlessness originating in roadhouses and "public places where intoxicating liquors are sold"...Two men and a woman were jailed, here, this week, by Sheriff Dial Salisbury, in connection with the slaying of Rosco McCown, 22, in an Abner Mountain dance hall, near Melvin, Saturday night...Proposed construction of a 15-room high school near the junction of the Left and Right Beaver highways met with opposition, last week, from a group of Martin citizens over the past week...There died: Mrs. Dave Hicks, 47, of Middle Creek, last Thursday, at the home of a sister in Hippo.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 17, 1958)

The Prestonsburg School Disaster committee, in a meeting at the First National Bank, Wednesday noon, voted to give the Prestonsburg School children Recovery committee \$1,500 to assist the operations group in its effort to find the remaining three bodies of children lost in the Feb. 28 tragedy...The State Highway Department, this week, asked bids from contractors on construction of the Prestonsburg-Auxier road, a section of the planned U.S. 23 bypass between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, for letting May 2...Judge Bert T. Combs, of Prestonsburg, announced in

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closed cabinets and above countertops. The ASPCA cautions pet owners to never give their four-legged family members any medication without first talking with a veterinarian.

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Osborne

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all the necessary material in just a few hours of practice. Musical Director Dave Kazee also did an outstanding job with getting the material ready for the band members. Event co-producer and promoter, Ken Carriere of Goodytime Productions, summed it up when he said, "Billie Jean Osborne's contribution to the performing arts in this region has already been well established and this first class tribute on her behalf could not have been any better except for those countless other former Kentucky Opry performers who, for whatever reason, could not attend."

A special thanks goes to America Byways and Tour Southern and Eastern Kentucky (S.E.T.K.A.) for the funding of this remarkable, and very entertaining, tribute.



Happy 18th, Joy Ann!

Joy Ann Hunter celebrated her 18th birthday on Saturday, April 5, 2008. She is the daughter of Larry and Loretta Hunter, of Printer. She is the granddaughter of Daniel and Nelvie Sue Boyd, of Dana, and the late Charlie Jr. and Myrtle Hunter, formerly of Printer. Joy Ann is a senior at Betsy Layne High School.

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Rights: Importance of the Tinker Decision," Pike County Central.

2nd Place: Austin Simpson, Megan Stump, Sarah Stanley, McKinley Brundy, Johnathan Ray, "Segregation: Separate But Not Equal," Pike County Central.

1st Place: Holly Turnmire, Natasha Tackett and Natasha Ward, "The Dove of Peace: The Compromise of 1850," Pike County Central.

This entry also won the Kentucky History Award, Senior Division.

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No 3rd Place
2nd Place: Cory Anderson, Travis Burgess, Austin Collins, Codie Miller, and Nastosha Robinson, "Fools' for the Cause of Christ," Pike County Central.

1st Place: J.D. Abshire and Cody Hunt, "KKK: 100 Years of Terror," Pike County Central.

Participating teachers included Jenny Wells Bays, of John M. Stumbo Elementary School; Stephanie Smith, of Harlan County Christian School; Rowetta Mullins, of Wooton Elementary, Perry County; and, Gina Ray, of Pike Central High School.

Judges included Daniel Bell, Elizabeth Cole, Douglas Herman, Judy Bowen, Melissa Forsyth, Liz Cole, Michelle Fields, and Kathy Lowe who are all faculty or staff at BSCTC. Also judging were James Hamilton, Peggy Conklin, Stephen Budney, and Karla Nicholson who represented the Kentucky Historical Society, state sponsor for the event.

breath-freshening product containing the sweetener xylitol. Xylitol has been found to cause a sharp drop in the blood sugar of dogs. This drop in blood sugar can result in depression, loss of coordination and seizures. In some cases, liver damage can result. Breath freshening strips should also be kept out of reach of dogs. Certain breath strips contain menthol, which can be irritating to the tissues of the mouth and the gastrointestinal tract. There are plenty of ways to solve the problem of "doggy breath" without giving your pet products made for people. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center recommends discussing the problem with your veterinarian who can provide information in

regard to appropriate oral hygiene programs for your pet.

Insecticides and insect control products also pose threats to pets. Flea and tick preparations and insect baits pose hazards to animals and some species of animals can be particularly sensitive to certain types of insecticides, so it's vital that label instructions be followed exactly. Also, never use any flea or tick product that has not been specifically formulated for your pet.

Common household plants such as lilies, azaleas, and kalanchoe can be potentially poisonous. Also, rhododendron, sago palm, and schefflera have been known to be harmful.

Chemical bait products designed to eradicate mice,

rats and other rodents. It is imperative that these products be placed in areas that are completely inaccessible to companion animals.

Common household cleaners such as bleaches, detergents, and disinfectants can cause gastrointestinal distress and irritation to the skin, eyes or respiratory tract. Keep all such products out of the reach of curious pets.

In case of accidents, it's smart to be prepared for emergencies involving your pets. ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center experts recom-

ment that all pet owners invest in an emergency first-aid kit for pets. The kit should contain the following items: Fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, three percent USP (to induce vomiting); turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide); saline eye solution; artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing); mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal following skin contamination); forceps/tweezers (to remove stingers/splinters); muzzle (to protect against fear- or excite-

ment-induced biting); can of pet's favorite wet food; pet carrier.

Always consult a veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center for directions on how and when to use any emergency first-aid item. The telephone number of the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center is (888) 426-4435. It is a good idea to keep this number, as well as the numbers of local veterinarians and animal care clinics and hospitals at hand, in a prominent location, in case of pet emergencies.

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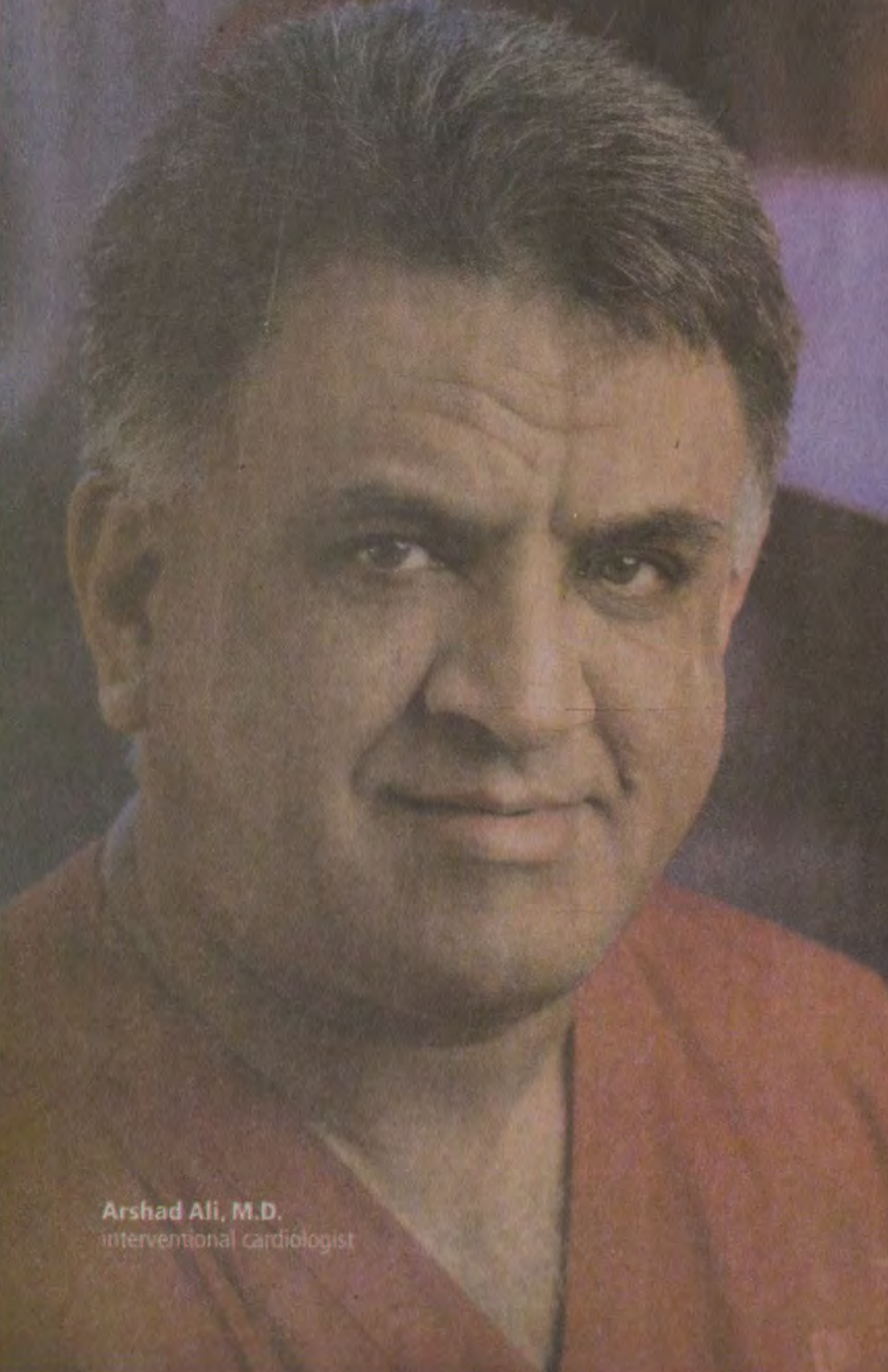
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