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#### briefs

## Lambert resigning

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert said Thursday that he is resigning effective June 27.

Lambert said in a written statement that he believes it's a mistake "to remain for too long" in a high-level government position.

Lambert, 59, was elected to the Supreme Court in 1986. He has served as chief justice for the past 10 years.

"When I became chief justice, it was with the full intention of serving only two four-year terms," Lambert said. "However, due to a massive number of judicial elections in 2006 and due to significant changes in the makeup of the Supreme Court at that time, I felt a duty to stay through the period of transition."

Lambert said he intends to join the state's senior judge program, in which retired judges are assigned to preside over specific cases as needed.

"Serving on the Supreme Court and as chief justice has been the greatest privilege of my life," Lambert said.

The Supreme Court is made up of seven justices, elected from seven areas of the state to eight-year terms. Those justices choose which among them will serve as chief justice to oversee the state's judicial system.

During his time on the Supreme Court, Lambert has written more than 400 published opinions and scores of dissenting and concurring opinions.

#### 2 DAY FORECAST

##### Today



High: 77 • Low: 58

##### Tomorrow



High: 72 • Low: 48

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## REACHING OUT



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain answered questions from the audience during his town hall meeting Wednesday in Inez.

# McCain seeks input from 'forgotten' communities

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — Eastern Kentuckians from all over the region turned out Wednesday in Inez to hear Sen. John McCain give his vision for the future during a town hall meeting in the old Martin County courthouse.

McCain, the presumed Republican nominee for president, is the second candidate and the first Republican to visit Eastern Kentucky during this election cycle.

McCain's visit to Inez is due largely to Mike Duncan, chairman of the Republican National Committee and a resident of Martin County. Duncan was on hand Wednesday to introduce McCain at the speech.

"John McCain is a man of character, faith and courage," said Duncan in his introduction, adding that the senator from Arizona is "a Kentuckian in

spirit."

Sen. McCain, who if elected President, will be 72 when he is sworn in, said that his purpose for coming to Eastern Kentucky, "is not to admire the Appalachian scenery or to proclaim my Scots-Irish kinship with so many of the hardworking people who settled here, and carved a rugged life from the wilderness, and whose decentness still live here, proud of your heritage, self-reliant despite challenges from many places in American do not experience, faithful to the values that have passed from one generation to the next, and intent on making for better lives for yourselves and your children."

McCain noted the last time a president, Lyndon B. Johnson, came to Inez, he stood on Tom Fletcher's front porch and declared his war on poverty. Ironically, after the speech McCain reportedly visited the

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#### LOCAL REACTION



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Shelley Amburgey, of Knott County, said that he was out on the streets of Inez with "fellow Democrats of Kentucky." "We're here to show our opposition to McCain, and Republicans, with our signs. Every time we get a Republican in the White House, we go sour. Same holds for the state, every time we get a Republican governor, the state goes sour. We're in a terribly unwanted war and the economy is worse than it's been in 50 years. I'm a staunch Hillary supporter."



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Debbie Blevins, of Warfield, said that she is not supportive of McCain's bid for the presidency. "The reason I don't support him is because he is just another George Bush, a third George Bush. The country can't go through that again. He's more for the wealthy, rich people and property owners than he is for the poor people."



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Dewey Conn, of Martin, an ex-POW and World War II veteran, said that he was supportive of McCain's campaign. "I believe he's an honest fellow and a pretty good politician," he said. Conn, 86, said that he, like McCain, is proud of his years of service to his country.



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Linda Hinkle, of Martin County, said that McCain "is the only choice we've got" in the 2008 presidential campaign. "Hopefully, he will get in and make the changes we need."



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Tiny Nikki Stepp was all dressed up in anticipation of seeing Sen. McCain. Danna Hinkle, of Martin County, Nikki's "godmother," said that she came out on Wednesday morning to hear McCain's views. "If he's going to come here and see poor folk, I figure he's worth coming out to hear," Hinkle said.

# Council member's object to portrayal in reports

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg City Council member answering to allegations that he boycotted a special called meeting last Thursday called Mayor Jerry Fannin and Councilman Kelly Moore's statements "intentionally misleading." Councilman B.D. Nunnery said that

he expressly notified City Clerk Sharon Schoolcraft and City Attorney Jim Webb Thursday that if the city attorney would not be there, and there was nothing in writing for him to consider with regards to a settlement, that he would not be in attendance.

"The mayor knew this, and both him and Kelly Moore misled the public," said Nunnery.

The controversy arose after a spe-

cial called meeting was announced for April 17 to discuss terms of a settlement in the case of Hamilton vs. City of Prestonsburg.

Fannin and Moore, who were both present, were quoted in the Big Sandy News as saying that the other council members were conducting a boycott of the meeting. There were not enough members present for quorum, and thus no city business could be conducted.

Schoolcraft was quoted in the BSN as thinking that Nunnery's and other council members absence was not legitimate.

Nunnery said that the statement made by Mayor Fannin to the BSN that, "What we had is an option here to settle a lawsuit and not be out no money and get our golf course back."

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was also an intentionally misleading statement.

Nunnery said that the most recent terms for settlement include the city giving up over \$100,000 of property in the form of lots in and around Stonecrest, divided between the Hamiltons and the Cliftons, as well as a two-year family membership at Stonecrest Golf Course for the Hamiltons.

Nunnery noted that the details were a little hazy, and that was precisely why he wanted the terms in writing.

Nunnery said that he has no problem discussing a settlement, but he personally will not consider a settlement until the City Attorney Jim Webb presents the terms of the settlement to him in writing.

"They wanted us to show up

and approve something, without knowing exactly what we were approving," said Nunnery, adding that this was the sort of thing that got the city into the mess in the first place.

Nunnery added that if the city attorney is not present, or is unprepared again on Monday, that he will not consider a settlement then either.

Webb said that he had to be in court in Pikeville and was unable to attend the meeting, but that the mayor had done all the negotiating. Webb added that he wasn't aware of all the details about the proposed settlement himself.

Another council member whose absence was dubious, according to Schoolcraft, was Don Willis.

Willis says he had notified

Schoolcraft beforehand that he had a prior engagement, and that if he was able to attend at all, he would have to leave early.

"I started a second chance program for transplant recipients," said Willis. "I had a lady coming in from KODA [the Kentucky Organ Donor Association] for a meeting and I wasn't going to leave her sitting there."

Willis said the meeting was originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m., but that the lady arrived early and he had notified city officials beforehand.

Other council members absent included Chris Slone, who was reportedly out of town, Gorman Collins, who was on vacation in Las Vegas, and C.E. "Shag" Branham,

who was in Cincinnati with his daughter who was being treated at a hospital.

Morris Copley, whose absence was also deemed illegitimate could not be reached for comment.

The settlement is in regards to a lawsuit, which began in 2006, from a property dispute that arose when the City of Prestonsburg, through its Mayor, Jerry Fannin, sold two residential lots near the 14th and 15th holes of Stonecrest Golf Course — lots which 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 by the city 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."

Mayor Jerry Fannin signed off on the Hamilton sale,

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."

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."

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McCain

Fletcher home to find it abandoned, rundown and dilapidated.

McCain told those in attendance that he had an easier start than many residents of Martin County. "I am not the son of a coal miner. I wasn't raised by a family that made its living from the land or toiled in a mill or worked in the local schools or health clinic."

"Although I pride myself on being a pretty resilient man, I cannot say that I have half the strength and determination of people in Inez," McCain added.

McCain said during the speech that he believes Johnson had good intentions with the war on poverty, but that "government can't create good and lasting jobs outside of government. It can't pay lost wages. It can't dig coal from the earth."

In his speech, McCain said that he believes education and communication to be the future of Eastern Kentucky.

"New education technolo-

gies offer great partners, and bring the best teachers and most advanced technologies into the classroom where students and teachers alike benefit," McCain said.

One program advocated by McCain was the "Troops to Teachers" program, which the senator said, "takes advantage of the sense of heightened responsibility and duty that military veterans were taught in the discipline of the armed forces."

After delivering his prepared speech, McCain took a number of questions from members of the audience. The questions ranged from immigration to the current economic problems facing the country.

On immigration, McCain said that there are currently 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, and that roughly 2 million of those have committed crimes. "They must be found, and gotten out of this country," McCain said of the criminal aliens.

McCain did what few

Republicans in Washington have been willing to do and used the "R" word while speaking on the current economic strife.

"I believe that we are in a recession. I believe the numbers will support that," said McCain. "I think the reality is, and I don't have to tell you here, that American families are hurting."

A short-term solution to the current recession offered by McCain included a proposed gas tax holiday that he has been promoting which would cut the federal gas tax of 18 cents per gallon for the summer months. McCain drew laughter from the crowd by saying, "By the way, the special interests in Washington greeted that proposal as we know it."

"I believe if make people drive a little further ... maybe spend a little more money, that will be helpful to the economy," McCain said before adding, "rather than sending that money to pay for the

bridge to nowhere in Alaska which helps none of the average Americans."

After the Town Hall session of the meeting, McCain took a short tour of Inez, but before leaving promised those in attendance, "I will not forget

that the decisions I make will affect, for good or ill, your ability to make decisions for your families. I will not make promises I intend to forget, and I will not make this my last visit to Inez."

"If I'm elected," McCain

said in closing, "I will come back here in the course of my administration, hold another town hall meeting, and invite you to hold me accountable for the decisions I have made, and the promises I have sworn to keep."

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Obituaries

**Deena Flannery**

Deena Susan Holt Flannery, age 40, of McDowell, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at her residence.

She was born May 4, 1967, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the daughter of Willie Eugene Holt, of McDowell; and Sandra Ruth Tackett Holt, of Drift. She was a graduate of McDowell High School and grew up in the Drift Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Brittney Michelle Flannery, of Wayland; a sister, Shana Dawn Holt Mitchell and her husband, Orville, Jr., of Drift; a nephew, Tyler and two nieces: Shayla and Casey.

Funeral services for Deena Susan Holt Flannery will be conducted Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Ted Shannon and Dr. Dicky Tackett officiating.

Burial will follow in the Drift Cemetery, in Drift, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday, with nightly services at 7:00 p.m., here at Hall Funeral Home.

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daughter's home.

She was born on February 18, 1923, in Floyd County, the daughter of Lucian and Dixie (Edgington) Carrier. She had lived in the Munith area since 1963, moving from Garrett.

On February 10, 1940, she married Epp Hoover, and he preceded her in death on April 1, 1973. She was a member of Jeruel Baptist Church. She loved crocheting, gardening, shopping for clothes, Bluegrass music, and most of all her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by eleven children: Jimmy (Margie Sue) Mosley, of Munith, Charles (Joanne) Hoover, of Spring Port, Tommy (Jeanette) Hoover, of Wayne, Linda (Wayne John) Mays, of Munith, Roger (Vera) Hoover, of Munith, Woodrow (Cindy) Hoover, of Munith, Gary (Brenda) Hoover, of Stockbridge, Phillip (Robin) Hoover, of Stockbridge, Delana (James) Handshoe, of Munith, Graham (Mary) Hoover, of Munith, Tina (Brian) Robinson, of Grass Lake; also one sister, Pauline Van Horn, of Lima, Ohio; 47 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Harlis Kilburn; three brothers and three sisters: Doug Conn, Willie Conn, Berlie Conn, Mac Manns, Melster Maggard and Ticker Conn.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 24, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Sammons and Roy Robinson officiating.

Burial was in the Adkins-Crum Cemetery (Arkansas Creek), in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday and Thursday, (Edgington) Carrier, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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**Gracie Conn Kilburn**

Gracie Conn Kilburn, 81, of Martin, died Monday, April 21, 2008, at her residence.

Born February 24, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Johnny and Liddie Sammons Conn. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Kilburn.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Joseph (Brenda) Kilburn and Wendell (Vicky) Kilburn, all of Ypsilanti, Michigan; daughter and son-in-law, Kathryn (Russell) Spurlock of Martin; a brother and three sisters: Harley Conn of Printer; Mary Conn of Martin; Pearl Sammons of Maytown and Verlie Sammons of Wabash, Indiana; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Harlis Kilburn; three brothers and three sisters: Doug Conn, Willie Conn, Berlie Conn, Mac Manns, Melster Maggard and Ticker Conn.

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**Virginia Lee Hoover**

Virginia Lee Hoover, age 85, of Munith, Michigan, went to be with her Lord on Tuesday April 22, 2008, at her

daughter's home.

She was born on February 18, 1923, in Floyd County, the daughter of Lucian and Dixie (Edgington) Carrier. She had lived in the Munith area since 1963, moving from Garrett.

On February 10, 1940, she married Epp Hoover, and he preceded her in death on April 1, 1973. She was a member of Jeruel Baptist Church. She loved crocheting, gardening, shopping for clothes, Bluegrass music, and most of all her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by eleven children: Jimmy (Margie Sue) Mosley, of Munith, Charles (Joanne) Hoover, of Spring Port, Tommy (Jeanette) Hoover, of Wayne, Linda (Wayne John) Mays, of Munith, Roger (Vera) Hoover, of Munith, Woodrow (Cindy) Hoover, of Munith, Gary (Brenda) Hoover, of Stockbridge, Phillip (Robin) Hoover, of Stockbridge, Delana (James) Handshoe, of Munith, Graham (Mary) Hoover, of Munith, Tina (Brian) Robinson, of Grass Lake; also one sister, Pauline Van Horn, of Lima, Ohio; 47 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

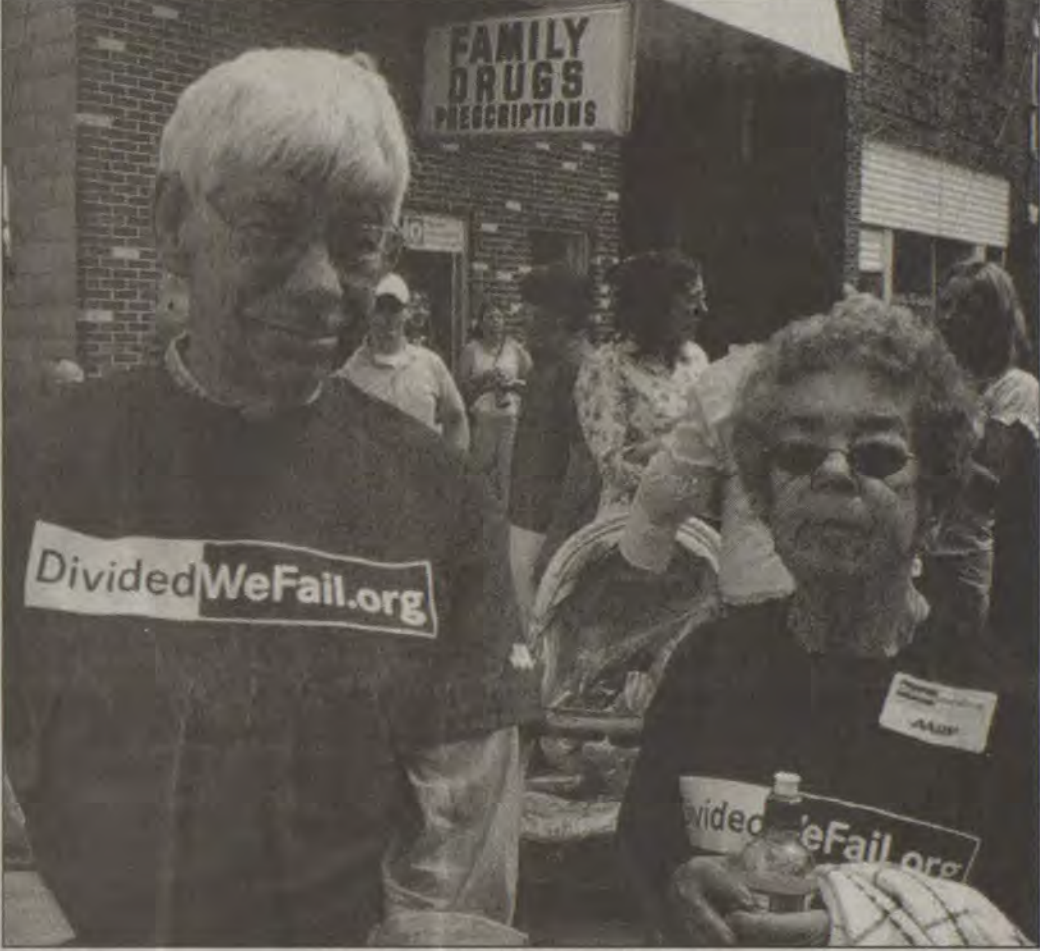
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Howard and Bessie Tibbs, of Letcher County, said that they came out to hear Sen. McCain to learn more about his thoughts on health care. "Health care is a really important issue. Many people in our area can't afford health care. We support McCain because he is willing and able to make changes in the country's health care programs," said Bessie Tibbs.

Not all who attended speech were there to show support

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

INEZ — A large number of people showed up in Inez Wednesday to both support Republican presidential hopeful John McCain and to decry him.

The most vocal opposition to McCain came in the form of the United Mine Workers Association, whose spokesperson, Charles "Hawkeye" Dixon, said, "We believe he represents nothing other than a third term of George W. Bush."

Dixon went on to note that a lot of Eastern Kentuckians rely on minimum wage jobs and "ever since he's been in the Senate he's opposed raising minimum wages to help those people out."

Dixon says that the national news media has done a poor job in explaining to people what McCain's voting record has been with respect to the middle class.

"He's focused more on getting us into war with Iran, than getting us out of war with Iraq," Dixon added.

One issue that Dixon says is vital, is McCain's record of supporting Bush on deregulation of the mining industry which has caused a number of safety concerns among miners.

"What he means when he says he is in support of deregulation," said Dixon, "is that he is in support of making unsafe mines, unsafe."

Dixon said the mine workers are in favor of big change in this country, and that John McCain is just more of the same, and that they will support the Democratic nominee, whether it be Sen. Hillary Clinton or Sen. Barack Obama.

"Our preference was John Edwards," Dixon said. "But since he is out of the race, we believe and are in support of the Democratic nominee."

Dixon added that whichever candidate gets the nomination, "They would be head and shoulders above McCain."

While Dixon and the UMWA were there to oppose McCain's campaign, members of the Disabled Veterans group said they attended to support a true American hero.

"We're here not to support him politically," said Charles McLaughlin, a Vietnam veteran from Kermit, W.Va., "but to honor him for his service rendered to his country."

"We're here to honor a true hero," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said that the

disabled veterans group in attendance would not be able to stay for the whole speech, because they had a memorial service to attend for one of their fallen comrades later in the afternoon.

Others on hand for the event were members of the American Association Retired Persons from around Kentucky. Members said they were on hand to promote their "Divided We Fail" campaign, not to officially support McCain.

"There's 50 million Americans without health care," said Scott Wegenast, of Louisville. "People are worried about their financial security, their kids' financial security, their grandchildren's financial security, and what the 'Divided We Fail' campaign is about is ending the gridlock in D.C."

Wegenast says that whoever becomes the next president needs to get together with Congress and "start delivering for the American people."

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Roma Howell, 57, of Grethel, to Lee Maggard, 72, of Pippa Passes.  
Shelly Newsome, 36, to Monroe Jarvis Jr., 25, both of Prestonsburg.  
Kathy Bentley, 37, Dustin Koger, 24, both of Allen.  
Shanean Spencer, 26, of Paintsville, to Burnis Newsome, 33, of Martin.  
Ashley Bowling, 18, to Kevin Hylton, 21, both of Jackson.  
Tiffany Burke, 19, to Ryan Oncal, 25, both of Emma.

### Civil Suits Filed

Stephanie Ousley vs. Stevie Tackett  
Michael Cutting vs. Debra Huff  
Kathy Crabtree vs. Roy Lee Crabtree  
Sharon Wright vs. Jeffery Wright  
Tamara McCarty vs. Betty Cook  
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. Steward B. Horne  
Mary Prater vs. Michelle Sparks  
Charles Collins vs. Heather Barnette  
Richard Burgess vs. Felicia Burgess  
Cornela Conn vs. Cathy Ratliff  
Stephanie Hall vs. Nathan Hall  
Lisa Deaton vs. Mark Devon Deaton  
Scotty Gibson vs. Jill Ann Gibson  
Jennifer Rose vs. Brent Rose  
Stacey Scott, et al vs. Victor Harper, et al  
Vonnice Ousley vs. James C. Parrish  
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. Michael Case, et al  
Asset Acceptance vs. Nivia Gibson Combs  
Vicki Williams vs. Larry Williams  
R.E. Michel Co., Inc. vs. A.S.A.P. Plumbing, et al  
Midland Funding vs. Lenora Chaffin  
Matthew Kendrick vs. Shelia Kendrick  
Jamie Grindle vs. Gregory Collins  
Laura Knight vs. Wally Minchuk  
Sherry Robinson vs. Chris Watkins

### Small Claims Filings

Marlene Whitaker vs. Joe Poe, et al  
LVNV Funding vs. Rodney Frasure  
Midland Funding vs. Rita Varney  
Midland Funding vs. Leah Johnson  
Capital One Bank vs. Jamie Hatfield  
Asset Acceptance vs. Jerry Mark Helton  
Asset Acceptance vs. Greg D. Hall  
Asset Acceptance vs. Berthy M. Carr  
Asset Acceptance vs. Jewell J. McCoy  
Asset Acceptance vs. Maria A. Clark  
Asset Acceptance vs. Bonnie J. Scalf  
Asset Acceptance vs. Vannie Damron  
Midland Funding vs. Shaunda Whitaker  
Portfolio Recovery vs. Jeff D. Adkins  
Palisades Collection vs. Mary L. Bailey  
Midland Funding vs. Sharon K. Hall

Midland Funding vs. Kizzie Halbert  
Asset Acceptance vs. Stephanie Ratliff  
Housing Authority of Martin vs. Kimberly Artrip  
Asset Acceptance vs. Brandi E. Hall  
Asset Acceptance vs. David G. Boyd  
Midland Funding vs. Danny McCoy  
Palisades Collection vs. William Reid  
Palisades Collection vs. Debbie Brown  
Midland Funding vs. Patsy Johnson  
Midland Funding vs. Harold Osborne Jr.  
Kentucky Check Exchange vs. Billy Burke  
Stone Creek Financial, Inc. vs. Virgil L. Shelton Jr.  
Jeff Case vs. Roger Layne

### Charges Filed

Irene Wallen, 31, of Martin, harassment.  
Elder G. Slone, 56, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
Minis Newsome, 76, of Stanville, assault/domestic violence.  
Robin Collins, 37, of Prestonsburg, assault.  
Kathlene Miller, 44, of Salyersville, failure to wear seat belts; public intoxication, controlled substance; possession marijuana; use/possession drug paraphernalia.  
Judy Lynn Craft, 33, of Wayland, public intoxication, controlled substance.  
Angela Marie Hall, 25, of Harold, public intoxication, controlled substance.  
Angela M. Crider, 20, of Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.  
Glen Ramey, 44, of Warsaw, Indiana, public intoxication, controlled substance; criminal trespassing.  
Krista D. Hardy, 20, of Richmond, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
Collady R. Lowe, 49, of Betsy Layne, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
Daniel Todd Lafferty, 27, of Minnie, theft by deception/cold checks.  
Thomas Baker, of McDowell, theft by deception/cold checks.  
Eric T. Vanderpool, 34, of Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.  
Jamie Porter, 26, of Salyersville, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

Amanda G. Patrick, 23, of Salyersville, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.  
Charles E. Manuel, 53, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place.  
Steven Roy Greene, 31, of Flat Gap, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.  
Oscar Slone, 58, of Betsy Layne, assault/domestic violence.  
Shelby G. Mullins Jr., 44, of Kite, alcohol intoxication, public place; use/possession drug paraphernalia.  
Donald Ray Marshall, 61, of Auxier, harboring a vicious animal.  
Rhonda A. Arnett, 31, of Salyersville, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
Darvin D. Cole, 25, of Salyersville, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
Michael Morrison, 26, of Royalton, drinking alcoholic beverage in public place.  
Nancy L. Bertrand, 34, of Prestonsburg, harassment.  
Alicia Salisbury, 44, of Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.  
Samantha L. Moore, theft by deception/cold checks.  
Kenneth C. Bradford, 54, of David, criminal trespassing.  
Troy Michael Mullins, 30, of Pikeville, assault/domestic violence.  
Clinton Roberts, 59, of Harold, sexual misconduct.  
Donald Ray Tilley, 39, of Langley, violation of KY EPO.  
Sheena Hall, 24, of Dana, criminal trespassing.  
Bobby J. McAllister, 50, of Dana, criminal trespassing.  
Johnathan L. Hall, 23, of Dana, criminal trespassing.  
Gary K. Frazier, 62, of Blue River, terroristic threatening.  
Gary K. Frazier, 62, of Blue River, terroristic threatening; assault (no visible injury).  
Billy J. Collins, 45, of Inez, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; driving DUI on suspended/revoked license; possession open alcoholic beverage in motor vehicle; failure to maintain required insurance; no/expired registration plates; no/expired KY registration receipt; failure to wear seat belts; failure to notify Dept. of Transportation of address change; no operator/moped license; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle.

Eric Lee Meade, 26, of Printer, identity theft.  
Timothy Butler, 28, of Beaver, assault; criminal mischief.  
Eric T. Vanderpool, 34, of Prestonsburg, flagrant non-support.  
Alicia Robinson, 32, of Pikeville, public intoxication, controlled substance; possession controlled substance/drug unspecified (two counts); controlled substance, prescription, not in original container; theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

### Property Transfers

Bonita and Zachary Akers to Janet and Tivis Akers; Branhams Creek  
Janet and Tivis Akers to Bonita and Zachary Akers; Branhams Creek.  
Belva and Floyd Blevins to Wayne Clark; location undisclosed.  
Phillis Boyd to Phillis Boyd and Ronnie Tackett; location undisclosed.  
Sarah and Steve Boyd to Steven Shortridge; Left Fork of Dotson's Branch.  
Brock Mcvey Company to City of Prestonsburg; McNally Lane & South Lake Dr.  
Clifford, Clifford David, and Ruth Campbell to Steven Shortridge; Left Fork of Dotsons Branch.  
Pamela and Steven Childers to James and Rita Hamilton; location undisclosed.

Brent Clark to City of Prestonsburg; Ridgewood.  
Cheryl and Paul Fannin to Glen and Susie Powers; location undisclosed.  
Franklin Fitzpatrick to Barron Allen; Spurlock Creek of Middle Creek.  
Donnie and Eugene Flannery to Sandy Tackett; location undisclosed.  
John and Kimberly Gray to Rebecca Moon; Crestwood Subdivision.  
Thelma Hale to James Hale and Roy Glennis Jr.; location undisclosed.

Brenda Hamilton to John and Shirley Hamilton; Daniels Creek.  
Estate of Frank Heinze to Liza Cantrell, John C. Heinze, and Gretchen Moyer; location undisclosed.  
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# Viewpoint

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## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

*The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on the global food crisis:*

The global food crisis has been called a "perfect storm" by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and a "silent tsunami" by the executive director of the U.N. World Food Program, Josette Sheeran.

Are they overstating the problem? Haitians whose protests last weekend forced their prime minister to resign would not think so. In the Philippines, where soldiers armed with M-16 rifles are guarding sales of subsidized rice, people would see hunger as a priority. The 24 people killed in food riots in Cameroon can only contribute their numbers as a silent warning.

When every disaster — global warming, terrorism, Darfur — competes for the front page and funding, it's hard to prioritize among them. But alarm does seem justified in the face of the most widespread hunger since the 1970s. ...

Most Americans can tolerate those higher prices, just as they will pay for biofuel-powered SUVs, but for much of the world they're a disaster. This is not a crisis that can be solved through rock concerts or sending money. It requires fundamental changes, and the time to start making them is now.

*Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram, on John McCain and tax reductions:*

John McCain is supposed to be running a presidential campaign, not a candy store.

The Arizona senator and presumptive Republican presidential nominee has gotten carried away with calling for a wide array of tax reductions that would send federal budget deficits ballooning even higher.

In recent pronouncements, McCain has called for suspending federal fuel taxes from Memorial Day to Labor Day, doubling the tax exemption for a dependent child from \$3,500 to \$7,000, slashing corporate taxes and other tax-shrinking measures.

Those sweet tax-cut goodies probably look awful tasty to taxpayers, until they stop to think about their destructive impact: The tax cuts would sharply reduce federal revenues and increase annual budget deficits. That would increase the cumulative national debt, which has soared to about \$9.4 trillion — almost \$30,000 for every man, woman and child in America.

Commendably, McCain appears genuinely determined to clamp down on federal spending, which needs to be reined in. But the amount of revenue lost from his tax-trimming proposals probably would far outstrip any spending cuts that Congress might adopt. ...

McCain's campaign prides itself on "straight talk." But he's not shooting straight with American voters if he contends that his panoply of proposed tax breaks wouldn't swell already excessive budget deficits.

*Sarasota (Fla.) Herald-Tribune, on President Bush and global warming:*

Just in time for Earth Day, the federal government announced two welcome — though modest — advancements in the struggle against climate change.

First, the Environmental Protection Agency said greenhouse gases — the global-warming emissions caused by burning coal, oil and gas — were 1.1 percent lower in 2006 than in 2005. ...

Last week's other positive development was President Bush's willingness, for the first time, to set a target date for beginning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The bad news is that the date is 2025. ...

Bush made clear his opposition to bipartisan Senate Bill 2191, which would impose mandatory limits on greenhouse gases in five years, followed by annual reductions. ...

The EPA's announcement of greenhouse gas reductions in 2006 show that, given the proper conditions, positive change is possible. The federal government can't control the weather, but it can — by mandatory restrictions on emissions and, even better, a carbon tax — help reduce the nation's over-reliance on fossil fuels and promote alternative sources of energy.

Bush has finally accepted what he called "the important climate change goals we share." It's too late in his presidency to lead the way toward achieving those goals, but we hope he won't stand in the way of the progress that Senate Bill 2191 promises.



## Guest column

### One hundred years in Iraq?

by SHELDON RICHMAN

John McCain, the Republican candidate for president who dubiously claims the status of war hero because he was imprisoned and beaten after bombing civilian targets in North Vietnam 40 years ago, apparently wants other young men to have the chance to become war heroes.

He continues to be dogged by a remark he made in January during the New Hampshire primary. At a town meeting a man asked McCain what he thought of President Bush's statement that U.S. forces could be in Iraq for 50 years.

"Maybe 100!" McCain said. "We've been in Japan for 60 years. We've been in South Korea for 50 years or so. That would be fine with me as long as Americans are not being injured or harmed or wounded or killed. It's fine with me — I hope it'd be fine with you — if we maintain a presence in a very volatile part of the world where al-Qaeda is training, recruiting, and equipping and motivating people every single day."

Later, McCain amplified his position in response to questions from David Corn of Mother Jones:

"After the event ended, I asked McCain about his 'hundred years' comment, and he reaffirmed the remark, excitedly declaring that U.S. troops could be in Iraq for 'a thousand years' or 'a million years,' as far as he was concerned. The key matter, he explained, was whether they were being killed or not: 'It's not American presence; it's American casualties'" (<http://tinyurl.com/yu639c>).

Since then, McCain's critics have

used this statement to demonize the senator. McCain and his allies have cried foul. Are the critics out of line?

I don't think so. Sen. Hillary Clinton accurately summarized McCain's position: "He said recently he could see having troops in Iraq for 100 years." Sen. Barack Obama put some spin into his summary, but was certainly in the ballpark, "Senator McCain said the other day that we might be mired for 100 years in Iraq — which is reason enough not to give him four years in the White House" (<http://tinyurl.com/2b4bdz>).

McCain is wrong about al-Qaeda in Iraq. By nearly all accounts, it is a minor element in the country, largely despised by its fellow Sunni Muslims. Moreover, the group wasn't even in the country until the United States invaded. Saddam Hussein distrusted Osama bin Laden. Before 2003 an al-Qaeda operative was in northern Iraq, but that was the semi-autonomous Kurdish region that Saddam did not control.

Nevertheless, since McCain believes al-Qaeda is an important force there, his openness to keeping U.S. troops there for a hundred, a thousand, or a million years in defense of America's interest in the region signifies his openness to continuing war and American casualties — not to mention Iraqi casualties, which seem to count for little in the eyes of Americans.

How can this be if he stresses that a long occupation is acceptable only if no Americans are killed or injured? The answer is that McCain is not likely to end an occupation because of American casualties. He attacks the Democrats for wanting to do this now, so he could hardly follow that course himself. His real point, which he has said on other occasions, is that the American people would not

object to a long occupation if there are no casualties.

Thus it is no exaggeration to say that McCain would accept 100 years of bloody occupation if that is what it took to win in his view. The Democrats' charge against him is true.

Oddly, last November McCain seemed to understand the implications of a long-term occupation when he appeared on Charlie Rose's television program and expressed opposition to a long-term occupation even if there were no casualties.

ROSE: Do you think that this — Korea, South Korea is an analogy of where Iraq might be, not in terms of their economic success but in terms of an American presence over the next, say, 20, 25 years, that we will have a significant amount of troops there?

McCain: I don't think so.

ROSE: Even if there are no casualties?

McCain: No. But I can see an American presence for a while. But eventually I think because of the nature of the society in Iraq and the religious aspects of it that America eventually withdraws.

Note his reference to the nature of Iraqi society and its religious aspects. McCain seems to be saying that the Iraqis will never accept a U.S. force and that therefore America perhaps could never count on an occupation without casualties, regardless of what goes on in South Korea.

Which is it, Mr. Straight Talk? Is a long occupation acceptable or not?

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The senator called to congratulate me on my victory in Pennsylvania — and said he's looking forward to a brawling, knock-down-drag-out, no-holds-barred slugfest to the convention!



# 'Harold & Kumar' delivers a few scattered laughs

by DAVID GERMAIN  
AP MOVIE WRITER

The poster for "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay" is the best thing about the movie, depicting the brainy potheads in orange prison jumpsuits staring in disbelief from behind a wire-mesh fence.

That one still image captures all the inherent humor of two wily-as-Bugs-Bunny guys who are about to bust out of the U.S. military's main boarding house for terrorism suspects.

Actually seeing them in motion is mostly an anticlimactic affair as the sequel follows the fitfully funny, fitfully too-stupid-to-live pattern of 2004's "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle."

That first movie fizzled in its theatrical release but found an audience on DVD, leading to Chapter 2 in the adventures of best buds Harold (John



"Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay," a New Line Cinema release, is rated R for strong crude and sexual content, graphic nudity, pervasive language and drug use. Running time: 102 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

(Cho) and Kumar (Kal Penn).

The movie picks up exactly where the first one ended, with the two washing away (and in more disgusting fashion, otherwise expunging) the effects of their successful munchie run for burgers.

Now, they're off to Amsterdam so Harold can woo his dream girl (Paula Garcés), and he and Kumar can openly smoke all the weed they want in the land of legalized marijuana.

Of course, Kumar can't wait, unveiling a device of his own making that will allow

him to circumvent the no-smoking rule on their airplane (the sequence features a clever moment of racial profiling by an elderly passenger when she spots Kumar, along with some amusing confusion between the words "bong" and "bomb").

Ultra-deranged Homeland Security zealot Ron Fox (Rob Corddry) dispatches Harold and Kumar to Guantanamo, from which they escape, return to the United States and make a beeline for the wedding of Kumar's old flame (Danneel Harris), whose fiance has

White House connections that could clear our heroes.

Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg, who wrote the first movie and move up to directing the sequel from their own screenplay, connect here and there with some funny terrorism-induced paranoia and political gags.

A scene of a Homeland Security interpreter unable to recognize perfect English spoken by Asian-Americans is particularly bright, while it's impossible not to giggle amid Harold and Kumar's extended party session with President Bush, though the makeup and demeanor of the actor (James Adomian) playing the president add up to a flat caricature.

Hurwitz and Schlossberg inevitably revive memorable moments from the first movie, including Kumar's bedroom fantasy with a giant bag of pot and another road trip with former "Doogie Howser, M.D." star Neil Patrick Harris, who

returns as an endlessly randy, doped-up version of himself (stick around through the end-credits for a quick Doogie bonus).

Also returning for a brief bit are David Krumholtz and Eddie Kaye Thomas as Harold and Kumar's neighbors.

Despite the bigger, bolder scenario, the new movie generally delivers more of the same, and like its predecessor, too much of it is sadly lame. Dropping Harold and Kumar into such treacherous terrain as a Klan beer blast or a tough black neighborhood in the Deep South sound a lot funnier than they turn out.

Dumb as it is, the sequel maintains and deepens the natural, amiable rapport Cho and Penn developed in the first movie. They're such lovable goofs that you can't help wishing their quest for White Castle fast food and their flight from Gitmo could live up to the sort of sharp satire these

# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Video enthusiasts received a real treat this week with the release of four excellent films. You'd have a hard time wasting your video dollar with this batch, unless you took a chance on "One Missed Call."

"The Orphanage" — Guillermo del Toro ("Hellboy") produced this excellent ghost story set at the titular location. Brave the subtitles and you'll

be treated to an atmospheric chiller that's too good to risk giving anything away with a plot summation.

"The Savages" — Phillip Seymour Hoffman and Laura Linney hit all the right notes here as an estranged brother and sister who must pull together when their dad falls ill. The usual recriminations and bonding ensue, but it all feels fresh in the hands of the talented actors on hand.

"Cloverfield" — This monster movie refused to pony up shots of its

creature in previews and you'll be glad they did if you rent this one. It captures an invasion of New York City by a giant beast that is captured on video by young people trying to flee the site from ground zero. They cleverly keep shots of the beast to a minimum and the "Blair Witch Project" style works well, though theatrical audiences occasionally experienced motion sickness from some of the jittery camera work.

"Charlie Wilson's War" — Tom Hanks and Phillip Seymour Hoffman

(again turning in solid work) star in this true account of a Texas congressman, Wilson. Hanks is fine as the wily politician who arranges aid for the Afghanist army after they are invaded by the Soviet Union, but it's Hoffman, again, who steals every scene. Fun but it won't linger too long in your mind and there's nothing wrong with that.

Next week look for Javier Bardem in "The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" and Nicole Kidman in "The Golden Compass."

# Whistleblower settles lawsuit against state

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state worker will receive \$500,000 to settle a whistleblower lawsuit against the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Sarah Missy McCray filed the suit in 2005 under the state's Whistleblower Act, claiming former Transportation Secretary William Nighbert had threatened her. McCray claimed in the lawsuit that she was a victim of retaliation because she cooperated with an attorney general's investigation into the hiring practices of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Republican administration.

Gov. Steve Beshear, a Democrat, said in a written statement Wednesday that he was pleased with the settlement.

"I appreciate how difficult this has been for Ms. McCray and applaud her pursuit of justice," Beshear said. "It's no secret that many state employees were mistreated over the past four years."

The Fletcher administration was marred by scandal that involved the hiring and firing of hourly employees based on political considerations. Such activities are illegal under Kentucky law.

A special grand jury that began work in 2005 returned 29 indictments. Fletcher was among the people charged, but the counts against him were later dropped in a negotiated agreement with prosecutors. He pardoned everyone else charge in the case, including Nighbert.

Fletcher lost his bid for reelection last year to Beshear, who made the hiring scandal a major issue in the campaign.

Telephone calls to Fletcher's office at Pikeville Medical Center seeking comment went unanswered on Wednesday.

McCray was one of two Transportation Cabinet employees who have won major settlements from the state in the past five months. Former Chief Deputy Inspector General Michael Duncan, who was fired in 2005, settled a case in December for \$369,000.

Duncan was one of several state employees on a so-called "hit list" of workers targeted by the Fletcher administration. Duncan claimed that he was fired because he supported Democrat Ben Chandler in the 2003 governor's race.

The state Personnel Board

also ordered that Duncan could return to work with back pay.

The indictment against Nighbert alleged that he blocked McCray from getting a bonus because she had testified to the special grand jury.

The indictment also alleged that Nighbert told McCray "that if it were 20 years ago, I probably would have come back there and socked you in the mouth." Nighbert denied making that statement or threatening McCray, who served as a personnel officer.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Chuck Wolfe said McCray stood to win a much larger settlement if the case, scheduled for next month, had been decided by a jury.

Nighbert disagreed. "I was personally willing to go there and testify to what had happened," he said Wednesday. "I would have been surprised if she would have gotten anything at all when the whole story was told."

Under the settlement, McCray was also reassigned

from the Transportation Cabinet to the Personnel Cabinet. She didn't return a telephone message to her office on Wednesday.

"This case is one of the most egregious examples of how

many state workers came to work each day fearing for their jobs," Beshear said. "I left us with the task of cleaning up the mess created by the previous administration."

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# FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



Floyd County students Chase Baldrige, Jessica Justice and Andrea Akers are pictured with Supt. Henry Webb.

## Floyd County Board recognizes student accomplishments

Several students were recognized for their recent accomplishments in district and regional Governor's Cup and Science Olympiad Competitions during the March 24th Board meeting held at Adams Middle School. Those recognized earned placements to compete in state level competitions. The Floyd County Board of Education proudly congratulates all those students who have participated this year in

the Governor's Cup and Science Olympiads. We extend a special thank you to the teachers who coach students throughout the year and during these important events. The following schools were recognized during the March 24 board meeting, held at Adams Middle School:  
Middle School District 86  
Overall Final Standings #1  
Betsy Layne Elementary School,  
Three students qualified

for state competition  
District -85- Competition:  
Chase Baldrige Placed 2nd in Mathematics  
District -86- Competition:  
Jessica Justice Placed 1st in Composition  
District-86-Competition:  
Andrea Akers Placed 2nd in Composition  
Regional Science Olympiads Middle School Division  
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5th Place Betsy Layne Elementary - Gemini -Advances to State  
Regional Science Olympiads High School Division  
3rd Place Betsy Layne HS - Omega- Advances to State  
5th Place PHS - Blackcats -Advances to State



### Flying high at ACHS

Allen Central High School geometry students concluded their study of quadrilaterals by designing their own kites. The students were free to choose measurements up to 95 cm for the height. Projects were graded on geometric correctness, scale drawing, and flight ability. The only materials used were straws donated by McDonald's, trash bags, clear tape, and string. The students conducted their studies and projects under the instruction of Ms. Amy Halbert, ACHS teacher.



### PES students become volcanologists

Above: Students from his class looked on as PES third grader William Blanton completed his volcano experiment. At right: Mrs. Martin watched as Emily Dillon allowed her volcano to erupt during a class experiment in which students from Mrs. Jo Ann Conn's third grade class learned about volcanoes and the science involved in their volatile activity.



## BLHS student chosen for 2008 Peter Jennings Project

Rebecca Ratliff



tion. "The Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution is an amazing opportunity for student journalists to work closely with professional journalists from across the country and to learn not just about the obvious journalistic connection to the First Amendment, but to better understand how often the constitution impacts the news and the reporting of the news. Participation can give these students a real advantage in their career," says Joseph M. Torsella, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center.

Rebecca and her journalism teacher Mr. John Kidd traveled to Philadelphia to participate in the event. Mr. Kidd shared, "When I read one of her essay entries, I knew she would have a very strong possibility of being selected for the program." As a participant Rebecca had the opportunity to work one-on-one with leading journalists, jurists, lawyers, scholars and political leaders, including United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She had the opportunity to analyze a major legal case; take part in a series of public programs, and learn about the constitutional impact on journalism today.

## 'Learning While Serving'

Notre Dame and St. Ambrose Universities just completed their yearly week of service at The David School, March 3 through March 7.

Each year, students from numerous colleges and universities from all around the country dedicate their spring break to The David School, a non-profit independent school located in David. "Learning While Serving" has been a long time motto at the school where students are taught values associated with learning how to be a valuable and pro-

ductive member of the community.

Other than spending time tutoring and teaching students in the classroom, volunteers from both Notre Dame and St. Ambrose participated in numerous projects around the campus which included yearly maintenance projects, a road side cleanup and help with food preparation.

Each group also designed and built their own sitting bench, which upon completion, was placed along the school's hiking trail. Industrial

Arts instructor, Tom Bormes, also assisted the group's members with making their own wooden cross necklaces.

Several volunteers noted that the closeness between the students and staff at The David School makes for an admirable family oriented atmosphere. The school's small size allows its teachers the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with each student.

The David School is very grateful to both Notre Dame and St. Ambrose for their service to the David community.

Floyd County Schools proudly announces that Betsy Layne High School student Rebecca Ratliff has been selected as a 2008 Jennings Student Fellow. She participated along with twenty nine high school journalists from across the country and with their faculty advisors, in the 2008 Peter Jennings Project for Journalists and the Constitution at the National Constitution Center held on March 9. The selection

of the 2008 Jennings Student Fellows is based on an application process in which students were asked to write 500 words on why he/she would be an ideal candidate for the Peter Jennings Project and what they hope to bring back to their school following the conference. In addition, the students were asked to describe the single piece of journalism that they are most proud of and include it with their applica-

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Never a better friend

Mother's Day is still a couple of weeks away (May 11), but it's never too early for a good reminder of just how important us moms are.

I received this from an email friend earlier this week and thought it was well worth sharing with my dear readers:

Remembering Mothers  
After 21 years of marriage, my wife wanted me to take another woman out to dinner and a movie. She said, 'I love you, but I know this other woman loves you and would love to spend some time with you, too.'

The other woman that my wife wanted me to visit was my mother.

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### DINNER DIVA

## Blueberry Madness

by LEANNE ELY

One of my favorite childhood memories is making blueberry pancakes on a lazy Saturday morning with my mom. The tart, distinct flavor melting into my hot, just off the griddle, pancake can make my mouth salivate right now just thinking about them!

Blueberries are an all-American berry with more phytonutrients than any other berry out there. These tiny blue wonders contain five different flavonoids that make them top notch antioxidants and anti-inflammatory powerhouses. Just 2/3 of a cup of blueberries gives you the same antioxidant protection that 5 servings of broccoli would give you! Blueberries have more antioxidants than any other fruit or veggie and should be standard issue stuff in everyone's healthy diet. Not only are they mega-intense on

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Betty Hunt was honored to speak at Phi Theta Kappa's Initiation Ceremony, held March 28, on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus.

## Climbing Mountains, Chasing Stars: Betty Hunt

# 'Believing is where it all begins'

by MARY STEPP  
BSCTC FACULTY

"Bloom where you are planted," said Betty Hunt. "We have different places we will be throughout our life. Make the best of each place, each moment, and bloom."

Hunt, 43, of Inez, teaches Business & Marketing at the Martin County Area Technology Center. She works to motivate her own students, telling them: "Don't give up! Make a plan, and stick to your guns. If something happens that blocks your path, make the detour to get back on the path. Sometimes that happens. The road is being repaired, and we need to make a detour. Just be sure to get back on that right path. We deep down know what it is."

Early on, Hunt's path did not point to a college education. Her parents had not gone to college. "I was one of four siblings. Only a brother, who was residing with me at the time, and I graduated from high school. I did have a few aunts who completed associate degrees; however, the higher degrees, especially, seemed unobtainable," she said.

According to Hunt, some of the biggest obstacles she met were financial ones, coupled with the doubt that she could actually be successful in obtaining a degree.

"For the lack of a better way to put it, I had the belief that I was not 'good enough' to dare hope or want a higher degree. I had close people in my life who would say, 'Why are you doing that?'" she said.

Today, she reflects back on those people: "I don't think they were trying to be negative. I just did not have many role models in my life who had experienced what doors a college education could open for them, and therefore, they could not understand

why one would want to struggle and do whatever it takes to obtain a degree," she said.

Hunt was 23 when she took her first college course, and she worked full-time the entire time she was pursuing her education. "It was necessary to pay the bills," she said.

She started taking classes part-time, and she credits her instructors at Big Sandy Community & Technical College for pushing her toward an associate degree. She said they told her, "If you are going to take classes, you should go ahead and get a degree" and "This will be more valuable than just hours."

Hunt ultimately earned an Associate in Science from Big Sandy CTC, a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Sullivan University, and a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Morehead State University.

"I have to add here that without the easy access, smaller classes, and great instructors at Big Sandy, I don't know if I would have been able to follow through and be where I am today," said Hunt. "Many of the instructors encouraged me along my path - Robert R. Allen, Bill Loftus, Hassan Saffari, Dorothy Carlson, Bob Looney, Jean Rosenberg, Toufic Saad, and Mazola Salmons were some of my great supporters. Without their belief in me, I would not have been able to believe in myself. Many of my co-workers also gave me the strength to believe, Patty McKenzie, Debbie Castle, Susan Chafin, Carla Reynolds, and Nancy Johnson. Really, I could name many, many more," she said.

As a student, Hunt was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Recently, on March 28, she returned to the Prestonsburg Campus to serve as guest speaker at PKT's

Initiation Ceremony.

It's not hard to see that Hunt is serious about being a good role model for others. "I feel in my struggles in life, no matter what good and bad choices I have made, I was not 'given up on.' I feel loved and I am loved by Jesus. I want to try not to 'give up' on people, and in the same instance, want them to understand that they are accountable for what they do, and if they make a bad choice, they should make it a learning experience, learn from it and move forward," she said.

She then added, "Why do I try to be a role model and do good and try to get others to believe in themselves? I try to be like Him because others may look at me and try to be like me."

Some of the biggest awards in her own life include feeling like she has been "a good wife, mother, and grandmother" and "believing in herself." And in turn, throughout the year, Hunt walks into her business and marketing classes and encourages her students to believe in themselves.

"I am in the position to make a difference in my students' lives. I can share what my obstacles were, how I felt about myself at their age, how I have changed my thought processes, what it took to get where I am today. I can share that it is not an easy path," Hunt said. "For some, it seems to be easier than others; however, everyone has obstacles to overcome. Believing in yourself, your worth and your value is where it all begins."



Betty Hunt, business and marketing professor, BSCTC.

### FLY LADY

## Facades of perfectionism

by MARLA CILLEY

My grandmother taught me that if you couldn't say anything nice then say nothing at all. That is such a wonderful adage to live by. I first wrote to love by and that is probably the best way to live.

What happens to us that makes us want or need to criticize everything? Do we learn this at our grandmothers' knees or do we just pick it up through osmosis from our parents? How sad that the adage that we should live by is

only words and not actions.

Or is it that as we get older we just say what we think without thought to how someone is going to react to it? In the long run, it doesn't matter because whatever the reason for our blunders, the hurt is done. Do we become our mothers or some other negative person in our lives? Is the programming so engrained in us that we don't stand a chance of changing? I pray not, but prayers are not the only answer; we have to dig deep to stop this behavior in us because we know how it feels to

be criticized. If we know how it feels, then why do we do it?

I think it is perfectionism plain and simple. The truth is that we think we are better and therefore our opinion should and must be shared. Now that is a scary thought. Perfectionism rears its ugly head again and we are determined to stick our foot in our mouths just because we're "right."

When are we ever going to learn that not every thought in our head should be voiced or written quickly and sent via email. If someone had wanted

our opinion then don't you think they would have asked for it?

Even the closest people to you don't need to hear your every thought on a subject. These people are allowed to have opinions of their own. They can make decisions on their own. If they desire an outside opinion, they are smart enough to ask for it and have enough courage to listen to it. Just because they asked does not mean they have to take your opinion and use it. If they ask for an opinion and they don't get the answer they were looking for it will teach them not to ask again.

Opinions should be given honestly

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## Family Medicine

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of Family Medicine

**Q**I often get sore knees after I play basketball. Several months ago, I picked up a "jumper's knee" strap at the drug store. It goes around the leg, just below the knee. It has greatly reduced my post-exercise knee pain. Could you tell me what jumper's knee is? I find this a funny term since it's a standing joke that I can't jump more than an inch off the floor. How does this strap help reduce my knee pain?

**A**The kneecap (patella) is attached to the shin bone (tibia) by a strong tendon

known as the patellar tendon. This tendon helps to straighten out the knee in concert with the quadriceps muscle of the thigh and its tendon, the quadriceps tendon. Jumper's knee, whose primary symptom is pain at the bottom and front of the knee, is caused by inflammation and irritation of the patellar tendon where it attaches to the top end of the tibia. That's why this disorder is called patellar tendonitis in doctor lingo.

This inflammation of the patellar tendon is very common in participants of active jumping sports, like

# Pickup game players — who can't jump — can get jumper's knee

basketball and volleyball. You don't have to jump high to get jumper's knee. The frequency with which you jump is more crucial in the development of this problem than the height of your jumps. Therefore, jumper's knee is not just limited to seasoned athletes and NBA stars, but the average pickup game participant is equally vulnerable.

Patellar tendonitis is easily diagnosed in the physician's office by taking a history and doing a physical exam. A history of pain with activities such as running or jumping is commonly the major complaint of someone with this condition coming into the doctor's office. The patient may also complain of aching and stiffness in the knee that gets worse when he or she cools down after a game. During the physical exam your physician should be able to reproduce

your pain by pressing over the patellar tendon.

In some cases, though, your doctor may be suspicious that you may have something more than just simple jumper's knee. In that case, he or she may take an X-ray to be sure there is nothing else going on.

You have already started the appropriate treatment for jumper's knee. The strap that you use just below your knee cap, helps support the inflamed tendon where it attaches to the tibia. This is helpful in many people.

There are also several other treatments that can provide comfort. These may include resting the knee when it is painful, using non-prescription anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen, as well as stretching before you exercise and icing the painful knee when it is

inflamed.

But please remember that self-treatment has its limits. If any condition that you treat yourself for doesn't resolve completely in a few days, make an appointment to see your family physician.

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## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•April 21 - May 2 - CATS testing.

•May 5 - SBDM parent nominations may be made in the school office. Any parent-guardian with a child that will be enrolled at AMS during 2008-2009 may nominate/vote.

•May 6 - BSCTC representatives will visit 8th graders.

•May 6 - Magic Mc pizza party, 3:15-4 p.m.

•May 8 - 5th grade Visit Day for PES students.

•May 10 - 8th grade Prom. Grand March will begin at 3:30 p.m., followed by dance until 11 p.m. Invitation orders now being taken in the YSC.

•May 12 - Miss Kentucky will visit at 1 p.m.

•May 16 - "Hoops for Hearts" event.

•May 19 - SBDM election, 3 p.m., in school library.

•May 19-21 - Book Fair. All items will be half price.

•May 22 - Perfect Attendance recognition.

•May 23 - Peer Mediation training.

•May 28 - Volunteer appreciation Luncheon/Title I Parent Compact Review meeting, 12 p.m., in school library.

•May 31 - 8th grade trip to King's Island.

•Lending Library available for student/parent use.

•Brochures, 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. Students served do not have to attend MS. 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 Linda 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 21 thru May 2 - CATS testing window.

•Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•Marion Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

### Allen Central Middle School

•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

•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.)

•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

•John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.

•Lost and 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 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

•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, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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## Howell-Dastrup nuptials held

Richard Cody Dastrup and Rebecca Catherine Howell were married in an outdoor ceremony on April 12, 2008, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Wittensville, Utah. Becca is the daughter of Mike and Bonnie Howell, of Staffordsville, and a 2006 graduate of Johnson Central High School. She is also the granddaughter of Floyd County resident, Nina Howell, of Grethel, and the late Charles Howell. The couple now reside in Clearfield and plan to attend Weber State University in Ogden, Utah in the fall.

# Ernie Thacker and Route 23 to perform May 8, in Whitesburg

Ernie Thacker and Route 23, Pinnacle Record artists, will be performing on 88.7 WMMT's popular Bluegrass Express Live on Thursday, May 8, in the Appalshop Theater in downtown Whitesburg and Live on WMMT. The Theater is located at 91 Madison Ave, and the performance will begin at 7:30PM. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, and \$5 for Students. For reservations, call (606) 633-0108 or email [wmmtfn@appalshop.org](mailto:wmmtfn@appalshop.org). ERNIE THACKER has an extensive record of accomplishments, including a six-year stint with Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mt. Boys and appearances on the Grammy-nominated, The Stanley Tradition and its IBMA award winning successor, The Stanley Gospel Tradition. He later independently branched out to form Ernie Thacker & Route 23. On April 18, 2006, Ernie Thacker's musical career was put on hold when he was involved in a terrible car accident. After numerous surgeries, and despite being confined to a wheelchair, Ernie has made a remarkable recovery. He is now on tour, and going strong. Born and raised in Elyria Ohio, Thacker nevertheless has deep roots, including a family connection to Dickenson County, Virginia, where he moved as a teenager. By then he was already a serious mandolin player and singer, and it wasn't long before he came to the attention of Ralph Stanley. Impressed with the young man's talent, Stanley invited him to travel with the Clinch Mt. Boys, and eventually made him a member of the band - first as mandolin player and then, in 1989, as lead



Ernie Thacker and Route 23 will appear at Whitesburg's Appalshop on May 8.

singer and guitarist. Ernie Thacker and Route 23's classic sound, energetic stage presence and commitment to professionalism have already earned notice from veterans in the bluegrass industry, resulting in their appearance among the top 20 nominees for the IBMA's Emerging Artist Of The Year Award for the years of 1999 and 2000. "Great stage presence, high energy and great crowd pleasers," says Dwight Dillman (IBMA's Promoter Of The Year) of the Bean Blossom Festivals, where the band has appeared in every season since its creation, while the Poppy

Mountain Festival's Marty Stevens called them "One of the hottest new traditional groups on the circuit."

"Ernie has a great voice, and a special feel for traditional bluegrass and the Stanley sound," says Doobie Shea's Tim Austin, who with Dan Tyminski co-produced the singer's debut for the label. "with first-rate material from writers like Keith Tew, Ronnie Bowman, Jerry Williamson and Junior Siisk, and guests like Aubrey Haynie, Dan, as well as Route 23, I think he's going to open a lot of eyes."

## Eyes

All too often, the demands of my work and my three children have made it impossible to visit her as often as I should.

Taking my wife's suggestion, I called my mother and invited her to go out for dinner and a movie. "What's wrong, are you ill," she asked me. My mother is the type of woman who suspects that a late night call or a surprise invitation is a sign of bad news.

"I just thought that it would be pleasant to spend some time with you," I responded. "Just the two of us."

She thought about it for a moment, and then said, "I would like that very much."

That Friday after work, as I drove over to pick her up, I was a bit nervous. When I

arrived at her house, I noticed that she, too, seemed to be nervous about our "date." She waited in the door with her coat on. She had curled her hair and was wearing the dress that she had worn to celebrate her last wedding anniversary.

She smiled from a face that was as radiant as an angel's. "I told my friends that I was going to go out with my son, and they were impressed," she said, as she got into the car. "They can't wait to hear about our evening."

We went to a restaurant that, although not elegant, was very nice and cozy. My mother took my arm as if she were the First Lady and I was her son, The President.

After we sat down, I had to

read the menu to her. Her eyes couldn't focus on the small print. Halfway through the entries, I lifted my eyes and saw Mother sitting there, staring at me. A nostalgic smile was on her lips.

"It was I who used to have to read the menu to you when you were small," she said.

"Then it's time you relax and let me return the favor," I told her.

During dinner, Mother and I had an agreeable conversation. We spoke of nothing extraordinary but just caught ourselves up on recent events of each other's lives. Actually, we talked so much that we missed the movie. As we arrived at her house later, she said, "I'll go out with you again, but only if you

let me invite you." I agreed.

"How was your dinner date," my wife asked when I returned home.

"Very nice, much more so than I could have ever imagined," I said.

Not much later, my mother died of a heart attack. It happened so suddenly that I didn't have a chance to say goodbye. Sometime later, after her memorial service had already been held, I received an envelope with a copy of a restaurant receipt from the same

restaurant that Mother and I had dined in on our date. An attached note, in my mother's handwriting, said: "I paid this bill in advance. I wasn't sure that I could be there; but nevertheless, I paid for two plates. If I can't come, then one is for you and the other for your wife. You will never know what this night meant to me. I love you, son."

At that moment, I understood the importance of saying in time, "I love you" and to give our loved ones the time

that they so deserve.

Nothing in life should ever be more important than our own families. Give them the time they deserve now. We never know what tomorrow may bring - or take away.

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her... that somebody isn't a Mother.

Editor's Note: May 11 isn't far away, folks - get busy now planning that special day! (And I do hope my own three children are reading!)

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## Fly Lady

when requested. The old adage comes back into play if you are not asked: "If you can't say anything good then say nothing at all!" We can always find something nice to say if we will choose our words wisely.

Have you been hearing your mother or father's voice coming out of your mouth? You don't have to allow this behavior to hurt another person. You can nip it in the bud by letting the words fill your head first and imagine how someone might react to them. We can also write it out to get the full impact of the harsh-

ness of the criticism. Then we can tear it up. We can stop negativity from becoming a cancer in our lives.

Has your perfectionism caused you to put on the façade of cattiness, gossiping, whining, sarcasm, martyrdom, cynicism, snide remarks, realism or "I'm just saying"? Isn't it awful that perfect can turn into such ugliness? Watch yourself this week. Put signs up to remind yourself to stop this negative behavior. Just because you think you are right doesn't give you permission to rain on someone else's

parade.

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## Diva

the antioxidants, but recent studies have shown that blueberries may decrease the effects of Alzheimer's disease and dementia...wow!

If you need more reasons to eat blueberries, remember that antioxidants are responsible for blocking some of the causes that can lead to cancer. One antioxidant heavily concentrated in blueberries is ellagic acid. People who consume foods with the most ellagic acid are three times less likely to develop cancer than those who do not consume foods with ellagic acid. Convincing berries, yes?

Eating blueberries is not only pleasurable; it's incredibly healthy and helps you get the upper hand on getting enough fruit in your day. Here's a terrific recipe that will help you incorporate blueberries into your breakfast:

**Mayberry Blueberry Muffins**  
Makes one dozen  
1 3/4 cups whole wheat

pastry flour (available in health food stores)\*

3/4 cup sucanat (natural evaporate sugar cane juice, available in health food stores)

4 teaspoons baking powder

3/4 cup kefir or buttermilk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup vegetable oil (use a cold pressed oil, like safflower)

1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen\*\*

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prepare muffin tin by greasing or line with paper cupcake liners.

In a large bowl, mix together the dry ingredients and make a well in the center. In another bowl, mix together wet ingredients till well blended. Now add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients, mixing till just combined; do not over mix.

Gently fold in the berries and spoon batter into prepared muffin tins. 3/4 full. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until cooked through. Cool for 5

minutes in the tin, then move to a wire rack to finish cooling.

\*Whole wheat pastry flour is softer and finer than regular whole wheat flour, resulting in a nicer textured muffin.

\*\*To keep blueberries from sinking to the bottom of the muffin pan, toss with a tablespoon of flour before adding to your batter.

Nutritional Data: per serving (excluding unknown items): 201 Calories; 9g Fat; 2g Protein; 28g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 1mg Cholesterol; 180mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1 Grain (Starch); 0 Fruit; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 2 Fat; 1 Other Carbohydrates.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her Saving Dinner Book series (Ballantine) and her New York Times Best Selling book *Body Clutter* (Fireside). Copyright 2008 Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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# Temporary barrier wall on Route 321 to be removed Friday

The temporary concrete barrier wall installed on Route 321 from the intersection of Route 3 to the Johnson County line will be removed today, according to Jerry Lowe, Floyd County Maintenance Engineer for Highway District 12.

This stretch of highway suffered a significant rockfall incident on April 8 with shale-like rock material continuing to fall over a period of several days. The temporary wall was put in place so that at least one lane of the road could be used while still protecting motorists from rocks and debris that might fall in the north-bound lane, which is closer to the hillside.

"We want to thank the Auxier and Prestonsburg fire departments," Lowe said. "They allowed us to use their

equipment to apply high pressure water to the high wall in order to knock down any remaining loose material. This is one of the reasons that the road can be re-opened to traffic now rather than later."

Lowe explained that Highway District 12 has taken every measure within its means to ensure that the roadway is safe. "We had geotechnical engineers from the Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort inspect the situation. Of course, we can't predict when there might be another rockfall incident. Rocks, bushes, and other debris are more likely to come down during times of extreme temperature changes. This happens in our area mostly in the spring, but sometimes also when autumn transitions into winter. Really, it can happen any time. But

our experience is that the weeks between winter and spring temperatures are our most troublesome time of the year."

The ultimate solution, Lowe said, is a major project that would completely change the nearly vertical high wall to one with that is terraced or benched. "That would probably cost more money than District 12 has in its entire maintenance budget for several years."

Indeed, Keith Damron, Branch Manager for Planning at the district, said that estimates on a permanent fix for the Route 321 problem were done several years ago. "At that time, in 2006, the projected cost of a complete rehab project was more than \$25 million."



A barrier wall on Route 321 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville is scheduled to come down today.



Pikeville College Upward Bound students recently earned second place in the Scholars Bowl competition held at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The Scholars Bowl was sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. Team leader Clyde Hamilton, a sophomore from Allen Central High School, earned a position on the Kentucky state team that will compete in Atlanta, Ga., in April against teams from seven other Southeastern states. The Upward Bound Program is a federal TRIO program hosted by Pikeville College that helps students overcome class, social, academic, and cultural barriers to achieve higher education. From left are Jeanna Roberts, Pikeville College Upward Bound guidance coordinator, students Kassie Williams, Clyde Hamilton, Kayla Bryant, Brittany Boyd, and Dr. Dean Kahler, vice president of Admissions at Western Kentucky University.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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## Kinzer claims two top-10 finishes

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – The Kinzer Motorsports team traveled to the Twin Cities Raceway Park in Vernon, Ind., and the Florence Speedway in Union last weekend for a pair of Dirt Late Model events. At Twin Cities last Friday night, Allen driver Brandon Kinzer won his heat race and started near the front of the field for the 40-lap main event. After the dust had settled at the southern Indiana

speedplant, Kinzer found himself 10th in the final rundown of the \$3,000-to-win O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass (BoB) Dirtcar Series-sanctioned main event.

On Saturday, the Kinzer Motorsports racing action turned to Florence for a \$2,000-to-win feature event. Kinzer finished second in his competitive heat race and then piloted a strong racecar in the A-Main. The Floyd County native got up to the second spot in the feature event before

eventually finishing fourth in the running order behind winner Justin Rattliff, Mike Jewell, and Audie McWilliams.

The Florence Speedway feature race included several well-known national Dirt Late Model drivers. Jesse Lay (5th), David Spille (6th), Jeff Alsip (7th), Bill Blair Jr. (8th), Robby Hensley (9th) and Chad Stapleton (10th) rounded out the Top 10.

Kinzer ranks as one of the state's top Dirt Late

Model drivers. The Floyd County Late Model driver will compete in races staged as part of various touring series throughout the 2008 season. He is scheduled to race in Eastern Kentucky at Chuckie May-owned 201 Speedway multiple times later on in the season.

The Kinzer Motorsports raceteam is scheduled to be back on the track tonight at the Short Track at Talladega in an unsanctioned \$2,000-to-win feature race.



photo by Thomas Hendrickson

Brandon Kinzer claimed a fourth-place finish over the weekend in a feature race at Florence Speedway.

## Baseball – on the road again

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

FRANKFORT – As I sit here preparing to entertain you for the next 750 or so words, I feel like the shoe is, at long last, on the wrong foot. If anybody needs to be enlightened as to the goings-on in the sports world right now, it's me.

Last week we were in Kansas where our world was wall-to-wall bowling. That was about all we knew. While we worked in the hotel room at night Baseball Tonight buzzed in the background, but in my estimation it is often less about enlightening us on baseball and more about John Kruk failing to prove he can be entertaining and funny.

Early in the broadcasting career of Joe Morgan - when he was cutting his teeth as a member of the Reds broadcasting crew - I never dreamed he'd make it. It seemed every sentence began with the phrase, "When I was playing ..." and, to tell the truth, I wasn't all that interested in Joe's take on baseball back in his day. I'd seen it, enjoyed it, loved it, but it was behind me. I want to know about what's going on now.

It's about the only positive thing I have to say about Billy Packer's broadcasting. Say what you want about him but at least he focuses on the task at hand. Sometimes he does so to a fault; even though Jim Nantz rarely tries to be cute, when he does make the effort Packer is quick to cut him off with a nugget about the game.

This is my major complaint about Dick Vitale. I don't care about his All Rolls-Royce Team or his Diaper Dandy's or his desire to raise a million dollars for the Jimmy V fund. It's a great cause, but when he's broadcasting a game he needs to be focused. Break something down for me that just happened. Bottom line is it's one of two things for Dickie V. He either won't do it or he simply can't anymore, and that's why I believe it's time for him to work exclusively out of the studio for the remainder of his career.

But even on the simple task of being in the studio Kruk fails. He often seems completely uninterested in what's going on in the game they're showing. It's compounded further by the fact that most nights he's flanked by Tim Kurkjian, who may not be the most exciting guy in the world but nobody knows the game or has more passion for it than he.

Then we made the triumphant return home and I've had even less time to check out the sporting world. We were home for two days before hitting the road again, and during that time I was far more interested in what had happened while Earl is in a coma or if Dwight K. Schrute had snapped last week.

There are only so many hours in the day, and while I did catch a couple innings of Reds baseball, my focus was elsewhere.

Speaking of the Reds the other shoe finally fell on Wayne Krivsky on Wednesday, something I only learned about when Jason Blanton and I met for dinner that evening. Krivsky claimed to be surprised by the move, but exactly what did he think Walt Jocketty had been hired to do back in January?

"I fought for an hour to keep

(See BASEBALL, page two)



file photo

Former Mountain Christian Academy standout Landon Slone has been picked to play for the Kentucky All-Stars.

## Slone named First Team All-State

*Floyd County native picked for Kentucky All-Stars*

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville High School senior guard Landon Slone earned a spot on the 2008 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team. Slone, who will attend the University of Kentucky next season as a walk-on, having the chance to earn a scholarship, joined Tennessee signee Scotty Hopson and former Wildcat teammate Darius Miller on the first team.

June Buchanan School standout Clark Stepp earned a spot on the second team.

Slone and Stepp will represent the Eastern part of the state on the Kentucky All Stars team in its two-game series versus Indiana.

Murray State University signee Kayla Lowe was an honorable mention selection.

A breakdown of the Associated Press boys' and girls' basketball honors follows.

The 2008 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 20 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position) – Player of the Year: Scotty Hopson, University Heights, 6-7, F.

First Team: Jon Hood,

Madisonville-North Hopkins, 6-7, G; Scotty Hopson, University Heights, 6-7, F; Shelvin Mack, Lex. Bryan Station, 6-3, G; Darius Miller, Mason Co., 6-7, F; Landon Slone, Paintsville, 6-3, G.

Second Team: Tyshwan Edmondson, University Heights, 6-4, G;

Arrez Henderson, Holmes, 6-0, G; Aaron Morris, Madison Central, 6-6, F;

Nathan Novosel, Lex. Catholic, 6-5, C; Clark Stepp, June Buchanan, 6-4, G.

Honorable Mention: DaQuan Brown, University Heights; Tyler Brown, Apollo; Dakotah Euton, Rose Hill Christian; Ethan Faulkner, Elliott Co.; Jonathan Ferguson, Elliott Co.; Nick Gagel, Lou. Jeffersonton; Dexter Heyman, Lou. Male; Richie Phares, Scott Co.; Jordan Smart, Lex. Catholic; Taylor Stewart, Lex. Catholic; Ryan Young, Lincoln Co.

Coach of the Year: Champ Ligon, Lex. Bryan Station

The 2008 Kentucky high school girls' All-State basketball team, as selected by 20 members of The Associated Press (with school, height and position) – Player of the Year: Monique Reid, Lou. Fern Creek, 6-1, G.

First Team: Tia Gibbs, Lou. Butler, 5-9, G; Natalie Novosel, Lex. Catholic, 5-11, F; Ashley Rainey, Warren East, 6-2, F; Monique Reid, Lou. Fern Creek, 6-1, G; Brittany Young, Graves Co., 5-6, G.

Second Team: DeSarae Chambers, Mason Co. 5-9, G; Kellechia Cook, Franklin-Simpson, 5-8, G; Janae Howard, Owensboro, 6-2, F; Ceira Ricketts, Lou. Fairdale, 5-8, G; Brittany Wilson, Lou. DuPont Manual, 5-11, F.

Honorable Mention: Rachel Adams, Calloway Co.; Samantha Drake, Bardstown; Jessica Holder, Marshall Co.; Alex Jones, Elizabethtown; Kayla Lowe, Pike Co. Central; Anna Martin, Lex. Christian; Adia Mathies, Lou. Iroquois; Chantelle Pressley, Lex. Paul Dunbar; Maggie Prewitt, Montgomery Co.; Ebony Rowe, Lex. Paul Dunbar; Gwen Rucker, Lex. Henry Clay.

Coach of the Year: Michael Sowers, Lex. Paul Dunbar.

### KENTUCKY ALL-STARS

Player, School  
Tyler Brown, Apollo  
Arrez Henderson, Holmes  
Scotty Hopson, Univ. Heights  
Desmond Johnson, Cumberland  
Shelvin Mack, Bryan Station  
Darius Miller, Mason County  
Aaron Morris, Madison Central  
Victor Moses, Henry Clay  
Landon Slone, Paintsville  
Corey Sorrell, Cov. Holy Cross  
Michael Sparks, Tates Creek  
Taylor Stewart, Lex. Catholic

## Lowe signs to play for Murray State

*Reigning 15th Region Player of the Year to compete in OVC*

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Pike County Central High School standout Kayla Lowe has signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Murray State University women's basketball team. Lowe, a 6-1 forward will be a freshman in the fall at MSU for head coach Rob Cross.

Lowe was a Kentucky All-State First Team selection, 15th Region Player of the Year, and McDonald's All-America nominee after finishing with an outstanding career at Pike Central. She was also named all-state by the Courier-Journal and Kentucky Coaches Association.

"I'm very excited about Kayla's decision to become a Racer," Murray State Coach Rob Cross said. "Off the court she's a Kentucky Governor Scholar and wants to be a surgeon and has great leadership abilities, she's going to bring a lot to Murray State and our community."

Her team at Pike Central was 25-6 overall last season and lost in the regional final, however Lowe led her school to their first Kentucky Sweet 16 State Tournament as a junior. Lowe was named to the all-tournament team as Pike advanced to the semifinals.

Lowe ranked second in Kentucky last season in free throw percentage by hitting 113-131 from the line for 86 percent. She ranked among the best in the state with 18.8 points per game, and 8.2 rebounds and a 55 percent clip in field goal shooting. Lowe shot over 50 percent from three-point range.

Cross said he likes Lowe's talent and love for the game.

"On the court, Kayla's a hardnosed

competitor and she knows how to win," Cross said. "She's a versatile student-athlete, and can play inside or out. Kayla fits in well with the young women that signed with us in the fall and she's going to fit in well with our returning team members."

"I'm like everybody, when you're little, you have dreams," Lowe said. "I'm happy and I know what I want to do in my career, and I can accomplish that at Murray State. I'm thrilled about coming to Murray State, I feel like it will be my home away from home."

Lowe is a multi-sport athlete at Pike Central. She was one of the top volleyball players and is playing softball this spring.

Kayla Lowe joins the Racers' recruiting class that includes Rachel Isom (Cleveland Tenn.), Jana Roney (Union City, Tenn.), and Mallory Schwab (Martinsville, Ind.).

Murray State plays in the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC).

## Route 7 Motocross set to open

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Route 7 Motocross Park will open its season Sunday. After a successful 2007 season, Route 7 Motocross will be a part of the Mountain Motocross Series with Beaver Junction Motocross, another Floyd County track, and MX3 of Pound, Va. The Mountain Motocross Series is comprised of 15 races. Competitors must race in 10 of 15 rounds to qualify for the series points title.

Sunday races scheduled at Route 7 Motocross Park are April 27 (Rd. 1); May 4 (Rd. 2); May 18 (Rd. 3); June 15 (Rd. 4); June 29 (Rd. 5); July 13 (Rd. 7); Aug. 3 (Rd. 9); Sept. 14 (Rd. 14); Sept. 28 (Rd. 13); Oct. 19 (Rd. 14) and Nov. 2 (Rd. 15, Final Race).

Saturday races scheduled for the Route 7 track are July 5 (Rd. 6); July 26 (Rd. 8); Aug. 16 (Rd. 10) and Aug. 30 (Rd. 11).

The Sunday race schedule is made up of signups (9 a.m.), practice (10) and racing (Noon).

The Saturday race schedule is comprised of signups (3 p.m.), practice (4) and racing (5).

## Lawrence County course to re-open

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA – Eagle Ridge Golf Course at Yatesville Lake State Park near Louisa will re-open on Thursday, May 1.

The course was closed last fall because playing conditions had deteriorated due to the high temperatures, shortage of rainfall, and an unpredictable water supply. The fairways were reseeded with bent grass and returned to their original condition that gave them a national ranking in 2005 for Best New Affordable Public Course by Golf Digest. Despite the difficult conditions, the course's maintenance staff successfully maintained the greens throughout last season.

The Arthur Hills' "mountain masterpiece" design features a number of holes that overlook Yatesville Lake and the surrounding natural wooded areas. The course also opened a new clubhouse last year and features a new driving range.

"The combination of a solid, strategic golf course along with the inspiring scenery will bring golfers back to play time and time again," said State Park Golf Director Dan Strohmeier.

The daily fee facility is located 10 miles off U.S. 23 in Lawrence County. It's less than an hour away from Ashland and Huntington, W. Va.

The par-71 course features five sets of tees ranging from 4655 to 6630 yards. More information about Yatesville Lake State Park's "Eagle Ridge" Golf Course can be found at www.parks.ky.gov or by calling the course at 866-906-7888.

Local patrons who purchased a 2007 season pass will receive a pro-rated credit upon purchasing their season pass for the 2008. During the month of May, golf cart traffic will be restricted to cart paths only to allow the grass to mature.

A re-opening ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, at 11 a.m. Guests will be able to tour the new driving range, clubhouse and reseeded course. The ceremony is open to the public.

## Registration continues for East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE, KY. – Basketball will be taken to the next level during the month of June as young athletes participate in East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps. The camps, conducted by East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, will be held at Prestonsburg High School (June 5-7) and Knott County Sportsplex (June 16-18).

Each of the three-day camps will run from 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 of the event.

An East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp will be held July 31-Aug. 2 at Sheldon Clark High School. The camp was originally scheduled to be held at the Martin County school in June. A scheduling conflict, however, prompted the camp to be moved to a later date.

"We are going to give campers that attend the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp a full spectrum of basketball skill development," said Keathley. "Defense, offense and team concepts will all be touched on throughout the camp. I encourage all parents and coaches to have their children attend one of the camps."

Voted one of the top 10 young basketball coaches in America in 2006, Keathley coached the East Kentucky Miners to a 26-22 regular-season record in the team's inaugural campaign. Keathley has eight straight winning seasons to his credit.

The Miners, under Keathley's guidance, set a single-game professional basketball scoring record March 2 in a 194-115 win over CBA American Conference foe Atlanta.

East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participants will have the chance to learn fundamentals from one of the best offensive-minded coaches. Each East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participant will receive a T-shirt, participation medal and certificate of completion. 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.

Camp applications are available at schools in Floyd and Knott counties, the Knott County Sportsplex, the East Kentucky Miners office (located at 237 2nd Street Suite 5, Pikeville) and several area businesses.

Checks for the camp should be made payable to Coach Kevin Keathley. 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 coachkeathley@yahoo.com, coachkeathley@ekminers.com or stevenlemaster@suddenlink.net.

East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps (9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day)

June 5-7: Prestonsburg High School

June 16-18: Knott County Sportsplex

July 31-Aug. 2: Sheldon Clark High School

## Pace invited to try out for Golden State Warriors

Former Miner led CBA in scoring

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Former East Kentucky Miner Josh Pace has received an invitation to try out for the NBA's Golden State Warriors. Pace's agent,

Nate McCray, who works with Dynasty Sports Management of Harrison Township, Mich., has confirmed Pace's invitation to workout for the Warriors.

He is scheduled to work out for the Warriors in early June. Pace will look to earn a formal invitation to the team's preseason training camp in the fall when he

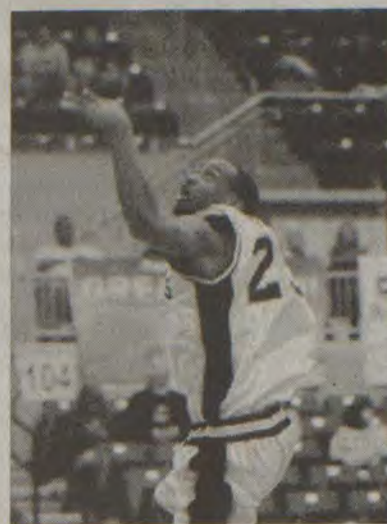
works out for Golden State.

"The Miners organization couldn't be more excited for Josh Pace and the opportunity he has with the Golden State Warriors," said East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley. "All of his hard work is definitely paying off."

Pace played for an East Kentucky Miners team that led the CBA in scoring during the 2007-08 campaign, averaging 110.6 points per game. The Warriors lead the NBA in scoring.

"Josh Pace is an ideal player for a team that gets up and down the basketball floor and puts a lot of points on the scoreboard," Keathley

added. "He's a slasher-



JOSH PACE

type player who finds his way to the basket."

Pace, a Syracuse University graduate, led the CBA in scoring during the 2007-08 season. The proven scorer averaged 23 points per game. A former New Zealand Player of the Year, Pace helped the Miners to a 26-22 regular-season record. Pace was also a member of the CBA American Conference All-Star team. During East Kentucky's debut season, Pace turned in back-to-back triple-double performances. He ended the season with a league-high three triple-doubles. The Georgia native was an All-CBA Second Team selection at the conclusion of the 2007-08 season.

## Miners accepting ticket deposits for 2008-09 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The East Kentucky Miners are currently accepting season ticket deposits for the 2008-09 season. Deposits for Miners season tickets for the 2008-09 season are \$50.

Benefits for putting a season ticket deposit in now are guaranteed lowest pricing and priority seat selection. The East Kentucky professional basketball franchise is also offering a 5 percent referral credit to any of its existing season ticket holders who refer

new customers to purchase season tickets.

The Miners ranked third in the CBA in attendance during the 2007-08 season. Three East Kentucky players – Boo Jackson, Josh Pace and Steve Thomas – earned All-CBA recognition during the team's debut stint.

A member of the National Conference, East Kentucky made a strong late-season push, sweeping eventual CBA champion Oklahoma in a two-game series at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

East Kentucky set a CBA

single-game scoring record on its home hardwood on Sunday, March 2 in a 194-115 win over conference counterpart Atlanta.

The Miners play all of their home games at the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center. East Kentucky established a strong fanbase during its inaugural campaign.

The Miners finished the 2007-08 regular-season 26-22 under the guidance of head coach Kevin Keathley. East Kentucky fell to Pittsburgh in a play-in game played as part of the CBA Playoffs.

For more information on Miners season tickets for the 2008-09 season, call 606/437-9715.

- MINER (BUT MAJOR) ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE DURING DEBUT SEASON**
- Led CBA in scoring (110.6 points per game).
  - Set a single-game scoring record, hitting for 194 points versus Atlanta on March 2.
  - Ranked third in the CBA in attendance, first among expansion franchises.

## Annual Green & White Football Game set for Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. – Marshall University's annual Green & White Spring Football Game is set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium in Huntington.

Several events are planned around Saturday's game, including the Marshall University Ticket Office's first Choose-A-Seat Day. Fans will be able to purchase season tickets from Noon till 3 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. This will be the first opportu-

nity for the general public to purchase season tickets for the 2008 football season. To this point only 2007 season ticket holders have been able to renew and purchase additional seats. A variety of season ticket options are available and season prices start as low as \$88 and range up to \$579. For more information, please contact 1-800-THE-HERD or visit www.herdzone.com.

Fans interested in attending the choose-a-seat must purchase a Green & White game ticket in order to enter the sta-

dium. Game tickets, which can be purchased at the gate, are \$5 and all proceeds go to benefit the Marshall University Quarterback Club, which supports the Marshall University Football Program.

Parking lots open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Parking is available in the Stadium West Lot, Annex Lot and A Lot for \$10. Parking in the Third Avenue Garage will be available for \$5 beginning at Noon.

Stadium gates A and B North open at 1:30 p.m. A tailgate for former

Marshall Football players, coaches and invited guests will take place at the M-Club Pavilion at Noon. Thundering Herd football alumni will also participate in the "Thunder Walk" along with the current team. The walk to the locker room is scheduled to begin at the Pavilion at 1 p.m.

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Erica Meade, Prestonsburg Softball

Hunter Crowder, Allen Central Baseball

### Baseball

my job," Krivsky said in the AP story. "I did not see this coming at all. I still think it's a gold mine. That's what hurts so much, not to see the job through to the end and bring that winner to Cincinnati. I've had visions of being in the clubhouse with champagne being poured all over everybody."

The bottom line is this: With a proven winner in place in Jockey, Krivsky needed his franchise to get off to a quick start. And last I checked, nine up and 12 down isn't quick in the eyes of most people.

With Krivsky gone the broadcast team felt free to open up about his performance during Wednesday's 9-3 loss to the Astros. During their discussion with Dayton Daily News reporter Hal McCoy, they labeled Krivsky as someone

unwilling to share any responsibility with those around him.

They did say this was fairly typical of first-time bosses, noting it being a lesson Jockey had learned on earlier jobs in Oakland and St. Louis and pointing to the time Ray Knight demoted his third-base coach and started doing the job himself while he was manager.

The bottom line is that in a moment of private reflection, Krivsky will have to admit to himself if no one else that the writing was on the wall when Jockey came aboard. One could argue that like Tony Perez before him Krivsky wasn't given enough time. But unlike the one they call Doggie, who was in his first season as Reds manager when dumped a quarter of the way into the season, Krivsky had the previous two seasons

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to show his abilities. Fact is they haven't exactly rivaled the Big Red Machine era for success.

The big news locally is the announcement that Kayla Lowe has picked a school and while she'll stay in Kentucky, she pretty well couldn't have gone farther from home. Yahoo maps says it's 409.9 miles from Pikeville to Murray, but if it's where she'll be happy, we're all for it.

Kayla Lowe was an exceptional high school basketball player and we believe she has the skills to succeed on the collegiate level as well. We're hoping she can excel in the OVC, the league Murray won to reach the NCAA tournament last season.

We wish her nothing but the best.

## Keathley serves as guest speaker for Special Olympics Area 3 Meet

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Rain didn't dampen the spirit of competition Saturday during the Special Olympics Area 3 Track & Field Meet at Prestonsburg High School's Blackcat Stadium. Special Olympians from across Eastern Kentucky competed for the opportunity to advance on to state competition. Numerous Eastern Kentucky counties – including Floyd, Pike, Martin, Johnson, Knott, Breathitt and Letcher, among others – were represented during the meet. East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley, a Floyd County native, values the opportunity he had to serve as guest speaker for the Area 3 Meet. Keathley helped to open the event.

"Myself and the entire Miners organization have been

committed to communities throughout Eastern Kentucky since day one," Keathley commented. "I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the athletes and supporters. It was an honor to see the athletes compete and have the opportunity to meet and speak with several of them. I'm already looking forward to next year's Area 3 Meet."

Members of the Prestonsburg High School football program, including head coach John DeRossett, assistant coaches and players, volunteered during the Area 3 Meet.

Both area and regional level competitions serve as qualifying events for athletes who wish to advance to Special Olympics Kentucky state competition.

In the sports of bowling and track & field, athletes must

qualify for state events by participating in their respective area tournament or competition.

In all other sports, sanctioned regional events are offered. By participation in one of these regional events, athletes will qualify for the respective state event.

The sport of basketball serves as the exception to the "participation" rule of qualifying for state level events. In basketball, teams must place first or second in their division at their assigned regional tournament in order to advance to the state tournament.

The City of Richmond and Eastern Kentucky University will host the Special Olympics Kentucky Summer Games June 6-8.

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## SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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# 2008 CATSPY Awards presented at Memorial Coliseum

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky Athletics Association presented 25 honors at the sixth-annual CATSPY Awards, held Monday at Memorial Coliseum to recognize athletic and academic performance during the 2007-08 year. With co-winners in some categories, a total of seven teams and 25 individuals were recognized. Jay Crawford of ESPN and Christi Thomas of WKYT served as co-hosts of the event.

Football and women's tennis won the Male and Female Team of the Year

awards for their achievements in 2007. Football posted some of the most exciting, dramatic wins in school history while winning back-to-back bowl games for only the second time ever. The women's tennis squad made its 11th-consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament and finished in the nation's top-35 rankings for the 10th-straight season.

The Mr. and Miss Wildcat Awards are given for all-around excellence in athletics, academics, character, and service. Crissy Cannon of the gymnastics team was named Miss Wildcat, while football's Jacob Tammé and Wesley

Woodyard were co-winners of Mr. Wildcat.

The K-Association Female Athlete of the Year was awarded to Jennifer Pason, who helped shoot the rifle team to fifth place in the NCAA championships. For the second-consecutive year, quarterback André Woodson won the K-Association Male Athlete of the Year in recognition of his numerous accomplishments and leadership of the football team.

The Male Performance of the Year Award went to rifle's Thomas Csenge (pronounced same as "sing") for posting identical scores of 1,181 points (of

a possible 1,200) in consecutive meets — an amazing feat. The Female Performance of the Year Award was received by diver Kari Retrum for her All-America showing on the one-meter board, finishing sixth in the nation at the NCAA championships.

The Academic Teams of the Year were men's soccer and women's soccer. The Scholar-Athletes of the Year were Beth Felts (women's golf), Chelsea Chowning (women's basketball), Collin Cowgill (baseball), and Jacob Tammé (football).

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to John Cropp, UK

Associate Director of Athletics, for his decades of service as a coach and administrator, including the last 17 years at Kentucky.

A new award was instituted this year, the Bill Keightley "Assist Award," for a non-athlete who exemplifies the selflessness, kindness, and work ethic represented by its namesake. The inaugural winners were men's basketball managers Zach Murphy and Will Herschelmann.

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## University of Kentucky Athletics adds six in 2008 Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky announced during Monday night's CATSPY Awards the 2008 inductees into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame. The class includes football player Al Bruno, men's basketball player Tony Delk, track athlete Tim Harden, diver Tina Johnson, former men's basketball player and athletics director C.M. Newton and men's golfer Johnny Owens. The class will be formally inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend, Sept. 26-27, in conjunction with the football game against Western Kentucky.

Bruno (1948-50), who caught 38 passes for 589 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1950, huge numbers for that era, was a third-team All-

America by both AP and UPI. His single-season school record for receiving yards stood until 1964 and his UK single-season record for TD receptions held until 1998. In addition to playing a key role on UK's Orange and Sugar Bowl teams, he also played on UK's national championship basketball team in 1949. Following his time at Kentucky, Bruno played and coached in the Canadian Football League, where he won a CFL Grey Cup championship as both a player and a coach.

Delk (1993-96) was the Most Outstanding Player of the 1996 NCAA Final Four and the Midwest Regional in leading UK to the national championship. He earned first-team All-America and SEC Player of the Year honors as a senior, and also led

the Wildcats in scoring three straight years. He is UK's career leader in three-pointers, while ranking second in career steals and fifth in scoring. Delk also played 10 seasons in the NBA.

Harden (1993-96) was a three-time NCAA dash champion who won the national indoor 55-meter title in 1995 and 1996 and added the outdoor 100-meter national championship in 1995. He earned All-America honors in 10 events during his career and was a six-time SEC dash champion. Harden, who still holds the school record in the 100 meters, had a prolific track career following graduation, highlighted by winning a silver medal in the 1996 Olympics in the 4x100-meter relay.

Johnson (1994-96) was an eight-time All-America diver,

winning the honor in one-meter, three-meter and platform diving. The 1996 SEC one-meter diving champion and NCAA runner-up in the platform event, she was named SEC Swimmer and Diver of the Year by league coaches three times (1995-97). Also an Academic All-American and a three-time member of the SEC All-Academic Team, Johnson left school as UK's record-holder in three categories.

Newton (1949-51; AD 1989-2000) oversaw the upgrading of several facilities, the addition of three varsity sports, and tremendous growth in revenues during his decade-plus as UK's Athletics Director. Named to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame for his contributions to the game, Newton was nationally prominent as chair-

man of the NCAA Tournament, chairman of the rules committee (introduced the shot clock and three-point shot), and working with international basketball. As head coach at Transylvania, Alabama, and Vanderbilt, he won 509 games and several Coach of the Year awards. Newton was also a pioneer for racial integration as both a coach and administrator.

Owens (1947-50) was considered one of the nation's best amateur golfers for more than half a century. He capped his UK career by winning the Southeastern Conference championship his senior year (1950). He also won two state championships at Lexington's Henry Clay High School, 10 Lexington city championships, two State Amateur titles and four State Seniors crowns. In 1984, he also won

the British Senior Amateur championship.

The UK Athletics Hall of Fame was started in 2005 to recognize and honor persons whose participation and contributions enriched and strengthened the University's athletic program. The charter class included 88 individuals who had previously had their jersey retired by UK.

There is a five-year waiting period — after leaving UK — to be eligible for inclusion into the Hall of Fame, and a 10-year waiting period to have a jersey retired. An individual must be a member of the Hall of Fame to be eligible for jersey retirement.

A committee consisting of Hall of Famers, media members, campus representatives and current coaches and administrators elects new inductees each year.

## Fern Creek's Reid, Dunbar coach honored

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville Fern Creek girls basketball coach Michelle Fries can recite Monique Reid's stats instantly. It's a habit Fries picked up last fall when she gave Reid's numbers to college suitors daily: 32 points per game, 19 rebounds per game, 56 percent field goals.

Reid, who eventually signed with Louisville, is one of the strongest female rebounders Fries said she's ever seen.

"She's just so determined to pull down the basketball," Fries said.

It's that kind of determination that helped Reid earn Associated Press Kentucky Girls High School Player of the Year. Michael Sowers of Lexington Paul Dunbar is Coach of the Year.

Reid says she inherited her determination from her father. Billy Reid and Monique would go to Wyandotte Park in south Louisville early mornings when school was out and do a drill in which Monique would get offensive rebounds and then quickly shoot the ball

again.

"He used to wake me up at 7 a.m. in summer and it would be me and him in the park," she said. "My daddy's always been my coach."

Monique still goes to the same park, but now she plays in pickup games against the guys. That's where she gets her toughness, she said.

"They usually pick me up," she said. "And if they don't pick me up, next game I show them up."

After those games, hard fouls, holding, double- and triple-teams from high school girls are no big deal.

"She just keeps on moving through the game," Fries said, "like 'Yeah they've done that to me before.'"

This past season Reid and the Tigers were 21-11, the first time in her high school career they won more than 20. Picking the highlight of the season was easy for her — beating Louisville Sacred Heart in the 7th Region Tournament. The Valkyries won the state championship in 2004 and produced Players of the Year, Crystal Kelly in 2004, and Carly Ormerod in 2005.

Reid had 32 points and 25

rebounds in the win.

"The whole game you could see the fire in our eyes," she said. "Nothing was holding us."

The Tigers were eliminated by Louisville DuPont Manual in the tournament's next round.

Coach of the Year Michael Sowers' team was also eliminated in their regional tournament by the eventual region champ, Lexington Henry Clay, though the loss did little to tarnish his team's breakout season.

The Lady Bulldogs went 30-3, with winning streaks of 13 and 16 games and beat Indiana's 2A state champion, Heritage Christian and knocked off Henry Clay twice during the regular season.

Sure, getting eliminated hurt at first, but Sowers tried to reinforce to his players the progress they'd made during the season.

"After a few days of being sad over the loss it gave us some time to look back over the season, we appreciated what we'd accomplished," Sowers said. "We came out winning 30 so our kids accomplished a lot."

University Heights was eliminated in the first round of the Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament by Lexington Catholic.

"That was a tough game," Hopson said. "Tough game. But look at the season we had. We had a great season. It's nothing I can hold my head down about."

Besides, Hopson has his sights set on big goals down the road. Next year, he takes his game to the University of Tennessee, hoping to help fill the void left by senior Chris Lofton, another Kentucky high school player who went south.

"As far as the team, I wanna do it all: SEC championship, Final Four, championship," Hopson said. "I want to be an impact player."

And after that? Hopson and McCoy think professional basketball is possible.

"He's still not close to reaching his potential," McCoy said. "One of these days, he's going to make a lot of money playing this game."

Other players receiving votes for Player of the Year were Shelvin Mack of Lexington Bryan Station and Darius Miller of state champion Mason County.

Like University Heights, Champ Ligon's Bryan Station team had a memorable season though it fell short of a championship. Not bad for a coach who was briefly fired by the school last season after posting a 24-8 record.

"In terms of my coaching career, it was pretty devastating," he said.

But the Bryan Station family wasn't having it. Members of the community expressed their support for Ligon. His players, including Player of the Year finalist Shelvin Mack, petitioned door-to-door to keep their coach. There's still a MySpace page called "Bring Champ Ligon Back!"

Two of Sowers' players received honorable mention on the AP's All State Team.

Chantelle Pressley was a four-year starter for Dunbar and will head to Eastern Illinois University next season. The forward averaged 11 points and five rebounds this season. Also receiving honorable mention is sophomore forward Ebony Rowe, who averaged 10 points and 11 rebounds and set a school record with 24 rebounds in a game this past season.

"We just wanted these kids to get some recognition," Sowers said. "We thought we had a pretty good chance to be special and we were."

Also receiving votes for Coach of the Year were Ohio County's Brad Johnson, Bowling Green's LaVonda Johnson, Montgomery County's Mackenzie Lee, Franklin-Simpson's Lex-Lindsey, Elizabethtown's Tim Mudd, Louisville Butler's Eddy Wilson, and Conner's Kim Warfield.

Tia Gibbs of Butler, Natalie Novosel of Lexington Catholic, and A.D. Slone of Pike County Central received votes for Player of the Year.

ment, where they were eliminated, 79-63. Still, Ligon called it a tremendous season.

But a 30-win season, awards and having the job at Bryan Station aren't enough. There's still work to do and the goal is the state championship, he said.

And, "hopefully, I'll be able to coach at Bryan Station for a long time," Ligon said.

Greenwood's Blane Embry, Marshall County's Gus Gillespie, University Heights' Randy McCoy, and Bowling Green's D.G. Sherrill also received Coach of the Year votes.

Scotty Hopson signs with Tennessee: McDonald's and Parade All-American Scotty Hopson has signed a letter of intent to play at Tennessee in the 2008-09 season.

Coach Bruce Pearl says Hopson, who on Monday was named The Associated Press' Kentucky Boys High School Player of the Year, can immediately help make up for the losses of shooters Chris Lofton and JaJuan Smith.

The 6-foot-7, 185-pound guard averaged 24.3 points, 11.3 rebounds, three blocks and three assists as a senior at University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville.

Hopson is the first McDonald's All-American to sign with Tennessee since Vincent Yarbrough in 1997.

He joins center Philip Jurick, guard Daniel West and wing Renaldo Woolridge in the Volunteers' 2008 signing class.



ARCHERY has taken its place a proven sport at Adams Middle School. photo by Jamie Howell

## Character still turning pro

by WILL GRAVES  
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LOUISVILLE — Rick Pitino tried for two years to tell talented but enigmatic forward Derrick Character that he probably needed more seasoning at Louisville before testing the professional ranks.

Character, however, thought otherwise and announced he was heading to the NBA after Louisville's season ended with a loss to North Carolina in the NCAA tournament.

Since then Character, who averaged 8.3 points and 4.5 rebounds for the Cardinals last season, has softened his stance. Pitino hasn't and hopes NBA scouts and general managers can succeed at getting through to Character that his game might not be NBA-ready.

"I think he's been looking in the mirror and conning himself for a long, long time," Pitino said. "Now he's got to go and find out what the real world is like."

Character is enrolled at Louisville and has yet to hire an agent, leaving open the possibility of his return in the fall. Pitino however, doesn't think Character will be back in the fall.

"That's not in the cards for him right now," Pitino said. "It's not in his best interest as well as our best interest. Our best interest and his best interest right now is to try to become a second-round draft pick. Too much has happened for him to turn around now."

Character showed flashes of brilliance during his two years with the Cardinals, but struggled to stay out of Pitino's doghouse. Bothered by weight problems as a freshman, he was suspended for a game early this

season for undisclosed reasons and failed to become a dominant force when starting center David Padgett missed more than six weeks with a knee injury.

Character's good friend and teammate Earl Clark, however, has been eagerly accepted back into Pitino's good graces following a brief dalliance with the NBA.

"In Earl's case, he has as much potential as any player I've ever coached, because he has a what a lot of players don't have," Pitino said. "He's long (and) he's developed a work ethic for the first time. When he first came here I thought the chances of him making it at the next level were slim because of his work ethic. Now he's got a tremendous work ethic."

Clark averaged 11.1 points and 8.3 rebounds for Louisville, which went 27-9 and finished second behind Georgetown in the Big East. Clark is likely to be the focal point of the Louisville offense next year and one of the few frontcourt players with experience. Incoming freshmen Samardo Samuels and Terrence Jennings will battle for the starting center spot, with Clark at power forward and Terrence Williams at small forward.

After what he called his most "trying" season as a coach, Pitino isn't backing down from challenges next year. He expects to play a difficult nonconference schedule again, with games already lined up against UNLV, Kentucky and Western Kentucky. The Cardinals will play the Hilltoppers in Nashville next year as part of a four-game agreement between the two schools.

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4. Jimmie Johnson, 1,116
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- (tie) Tony Stewart, 1,078
8. Clint Bowyer, 1,044
9. Carl Edwards, 1,041
10. Greg Biffle, 1,039
11. Kasey Kahne, 929
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# Astros use 7-run inning to set up 9-3 win over Reds

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — When Kazuo Matsui singled home a pair of runs with two outs in the fourth inning, Houston Astros manager Cecil Cooper scribbled something in his black-covered notebook.

"On my pad, I wrote, 'One two-out base hit,'" Cooper said. "Then I wrote, 'Two two-out base hits.'"

He kept going, all the way up to six.

The Astros scored seven runs in the fourth inning — all on two-out hits — and rolled to their fourth straight victory Wednesday night, 9-3 over a struggling Cincinnati Reds team that's trying to remake itself.

Houston has won four in a row for the first time since last May, getting 36 runs out of a lineup producing top-to-bottom.

"You've just got to have good at-bats," said Darin Erstad, who had the second two-out hit of the inning. "When you have good at-bats guy after guy, it puts a lot of pressure on the other team. We've been doing a good job of that."

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 597th career homer off Chris Sampson (1-2), the only bright moment for the Reds, who changed general managers before the game. Walt Jocketty took over for Wayne Krivsky, a show of impatience by team owner Bob Castellini.

Jocketty watched from an upstairs booth as the Reds lost for the ninth time in 12 games. At 9-13, they're off to their worst start in five years.

If right-hander Bronson Arroyo (0-3) doesn't get turned around, the

outlook is dreary.

The Astros knocked Arroyo out of the game by sending 11 to the plate in the fourth inning for seven runs. Matsui, who has delivered three pivotal hits since he returned from the disabled list, had the first of six straight off Arroyo and reliever Mike Lincoln.

Arroyo gave up 10 hits, a walk and eight runs in 3 2-3 innings, raising his ERA to 7.56. His fastball was missing a few miles per hour, but Arroyo couldn't figure out why.

"I know he's going crazy," manager Dusty Baker said. "We're trying to help him figure it out. Right now, we don't have an answer. Before, he had better velocity, but he didn't have the location. Plus, when he gets a ball up or makes a mistake, they're not missing it."

Since Arroyo got a contract extension last year that will bring him an additional \$25 million through 2010, Cincinnati's No. 2 starter has gone 9-18. He's not sure why he's gotten off to such a slow start this year.

"I feel great," Arroyo said. "I've watched video, but there's nothing to see. I'm just getting beat, man. That's all there is to it. There's nothing else to say."

A day after the Astros set a season high for runs in an 11-7 win over the Padres, their lineup continued to string hits together. Every starter except Sampson had at least one.

Erstad and Hunter Pence led the way with three hits apiece.

It was another impressive showing by the Astros in a ballpark where they have dominated lately. They're 9-1 at Great American Ball Park during the last two years, and 25-15

since it opened in 2003.

The big, early lead helped Sampson rebound from the worst start of his career. The right-hander retired only two batters last Friday in Colorado, giving up six runs and six hits in an 11-5 defeat.

Ahead 9-1 in the fourth, Sampson could challenge a lineup that has struggled all month, a big factor in Krivsky's firing. He allowed eight hits and two runs in seven innings.

"In my last game, I felt good — maybe too good," Sampson said. "I had all of my pitches working tonight. I tried to convince myself when I went out there that it was 0-0. I didn't want to make stupid mistakes and throw pitches right down the middle of the plate."

Griffey's solo homer in the first inning was his first in a span of 22 at-bats and left him three shy of joining Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa with 600 homers.

It was Griffey's first homer on a seven-game homestand that concludes Thursday. The Reds will play nine games in San Francisco, St. Louis and Atlanta. Griffey hit his 200th, 300th, 400th and 500th homers in road games.

Notes: The seven-run inning was Houston's biggest since it scored seven in the fourth inning last July 29 against San Diego. ... The Astros designed for assignment infielder Tomas Perez and called up RHP Jack Cassel to start on Thursday. ... Pence extended his hitting streak to six games. ... Griffey's 199th homer with the Reds moved him ahead of Barry Larkin for eighth place on the franchise list. Griffey came to his home-

town team in a trade with Seattle before the 2000 season. ... 3B Edwin Encarnacion extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games with a solo homer in the ninth.

## Cubs win! Chicago gets win No. 10,000

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kerry Wood and the Cubs had some fun with their team's 10,000th victory. Kidding aside, the way these lovable losers are playing, Chicago might find itself celebrating the one win that's eluded the franchise for a century — a World Series title.

Ryan Theriot's RBI single off Kip Wells with two outs in the 10th inning gave Chicago a 7-6 win over the Colorado Rockies for their sixth straight win.

"Really, I didn't remember a lot about the first 9,000," said Wood, who got what Theriot termed "a cool benchmark" win as the Cubs improved to 15-6 for just the fourth time in the past 100 years.

The Cubs beat Louisville for their first win on April 25, 1876, and despite not having won a World Series since 1908, Chicago has a winning percentage above .500 (10,000-9,465).

Theriot's single to right field scored pinch-runner Mike Fontenot from second base as the Cubs joined the Giants as the only franchises in major league history to reach 10,000

wins.

"We've been picking each other up all year," Wood said. "That's why we are in the position we're in. It's somebody different every night. ... I don't think we could predict the way we were going to be swinging the bats right now. I don't think we have more than one guy in the lineup hitting under .300."

In other NL games, it was: Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 4; Florida 7, Atlanta 2; N.Y. Mets 7, Washington 2; Houston 9, Cincinnati 3; Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 4; San Francisco 3, San Diego 2, 13 innings and the L.A. Dodgers 8, Arizona 3.

Both teams blew ninth-inning leads with their closers, but it was the Rockies who ended up losing their fourth straight game when leading after seven innings.

Aramis Ramirez hit a two-run homer off struggling Colorado closer Manny Corpas with one out in the ninth to put the Cubs ahead 6-5, but Ryan Spilborghs tripled home the tying run off Wood with two outs in the bottom half.

Wood (2-0) struck out Clint Barmes to strand the winning run at third, then picked up the win when the Cubs rallied off Wells (1-1).

Carlos Marmol pitched a perfect 10th for his second save in as many chances.

Corpas blew his second straight save and fourth in eight chances just hours after his manager gave him a vote of confidence. Last year, he converted 19 of 20 saves, then signed a big contract over the winter.

# Reds fire GM Krivsky after 9-12 start

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — With Walt Jocketty, the question was when.

When would the Cincinnati Reds decide to switch general managers and give Jocketty the chance to turn them into winners?

The answer: 21 games into the season. Off to their worst start in five years, the Reds fired Wayne Krivsky on Wednesday and replaced him with Jocketty, who built consistent winners during 10 seasons running the Oakland Athletics and 13 with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"We've just come to a point where we're not going to lose anymore," Reds owner Bob Castellini said emphatically.

Jocketty is the fourth general manager in six years for a team that has gone through seven straight losing seasons. The Reds have been through four managers (plus an interim manager) and two owners since 2003, when they moved into Great American Ball Park. It's their deepest slump in a half-century.

Jocketty's job is to provide direction. He'll likely get more of a chance than Krivsky, who walked into Castellini's office on Wednesday morning anticipating a regular baseball meeting.

He was shocked when told he was fired.

"I fought for an hour to keep my job," Krivsky said. "I did not see this coming at all. I still think it's a gold mine. That's what hurts so much, not to see the job through to the end and bring that winner to Cincinnati. I've had visions of being in the clubhouse with champagne being poured all over everybody."

Castellini said a 9-12 start was the main reason he turned to Jocketty, a move that was expected at some point. Krivsky, who was hired before the 2006 season, was in the final year of his contract. Jocketty was hired as a special consultant in January. The two were friends from Castellini's days as part of the Cardinals' ownership group.

When he brought him in as a special

assistant in January, Castellini insisted that it was no threat to Krivsky's job. However, he talked to Jocketty about becoming director of baseball operations after this season, giving him time to ease into a major role.

Jocketty was surprised when Castellini asked him to become general manager on Wednesday.

"I knew this was important to Bob," Jocketty said. "I'm charged up and ready to go. I think this organization is going in the right direction."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said Jocketty has no weaknesses in running a team.

"His track record speaks for itself, so it was just a matter of time before he was back doing a position he's proven he can do very well," La Russa said.

The move marked a significant change for the Reds.

When Castellini hired Dusty Baker in the offseason, it was the first time the Reds had gone outside the organization for a manager since Lou Piniella came aboard for the 1990 season. The days of trying unproven managers were done.

Same now with the general manager's job.

The last three general managers — Jim Bowden, Dan O'Brien and Krivsky — were new to the job. Krivsky was the only one of the three hired by Castellini. Jocketty comes with a lot of experience at turning a struggling franchise into a winner.

"I think this organization is a little further along than St. Louis was when I took over in '95," Jocketty said. "This organization has a lot better base to work from."

Jocketty left the Cardinals last year, only one year removed from winning the World Series. Front-office friction left him out of a job even though he'd helped the Cardinals get to the playoffs seven times in 12 seasons.

The Reds haven't been since 1995. Before going to St. Louis, Jocketty spent 14 years with Oakland overhauling the A's farm system and working in baseball administration. He also was an assis-

stant general manager in Colorado.

Jocketty's job will be to set a course for the impatient owner, who has increased the payroll and expanded the front office during his two years in charge but hasn't been able to produce a winner. Cincinnati's payroll increased from \$69 million at the start of last year to \$74.3 million on opening day, 18th in the majors.

Krivsky showed a fondness for signing older pitchers and making a flurry of trades. Outfielder Josh Hamilton and second baseman Brandon Phillips resurrected their careers in Cincinnati.

Some of Krivsky's contract decisions backfired. For instance, reliever Mike Stanton was owed \$3.5 million when the Reds got rid of him during spring training. Castellini said big contracts that the team absorbed were a factor in the firing, but the 9-12 start was the overriding one.

Krivsky's most high-profile move was an eight-player deal with Washington in 2006 that sent outfielder Austin Kearns and shortstop Felipe Lopez to the Nationals for relievers Gary Majewski and Bill Bray. The deal hasn't made much of an impact for either team.

Jocketty will have a couple of major decisions in the coming months. Ken Griffey Jr. is in the final year of his contract — there's a club option for next year at \$16.5 million — and Adam Dunn is making \$13 million in the last year of his deal.

Krivsky said he's proud of how the farm system has turned around during his two years as general manager, now rated one of the NL's best. He got tears in his eyes when he talked about how he wouldn't be around to see the results.

"Baseball people recognize the Reds have come a long way," Krivsky said. "I wish more focus would have been on the whole body of work than the 9-12 record, or whatever went into the decision today."

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POINT GUARD Jason McLeish became a crowd favorite for the East Kentucky Miners during the 2007-08 CBA season.

## Bengals looking for help on lines, at receiver

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer takes the NFL draft just as seriously as he takes a game plan for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I check out everybody's mock drafts," the Cincinnati Bengals quarterback said. "I kind of make my own mental mock draft. I've researched a lot of players, watched a lot of film and have a good idea who I think are the best guys at each position."

Who would he like the Bengals to pick at No. 9 overall? "I hope it's Sedrick Ellis," Palmer said. "I hope he's still there."

There's a college connection and a bit of history. Both of them went to Southern California, which is a big plus in Palmer's mind. Ellis also plays one of the positions that coach Marvin Lewis has failed to fill during his five seasons in Cincinnati.

The Bengals could desperately use a dependable tackle on defense. Ellis, the Pac-10's defensive player of the year, is considered one of the best around. It's a nice fit, and everyone knows it.

"As a defensive player, you want that dominant force up front," safety Dexter Jackson said.

Lewis seems determined to fix the defense that has dragged the Bengals down for most of his seasons in Cincinnati. He fired defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan after a 7-9 season, bringing in Mike Zimmer.

The Bengals considered switching to a 3-4 defense this season, but decided to stay with a four-man line. End Justin Smith left as a free agent, and was replaced by Antwan Odom, a free agent from Tennessee.

The middle of the line still

needs some work, something Lewis said he would address during the draft. The question is whether the Bengals will have to trade up to get Ellis.

"I do think this is going to be a draft where there's going to be a lot of movement," Lewis said. "After the first few players, I think there's going to be varying views of a particular guy. I think that's going to be across the board."

The Bengals got a boost at linebacker when Odell Thurman was reinstated Monday from his two-year suspension by the NFL. If he can stay out of trouble, the Bengals will have less need at linebacker.

"He's big for this team," Jackson said. "Before he was suspended, he was one of the top young Cincinnati Bengals. I hope he can come back and play the way he was before he was suspended by the NFL."

"He can be a difference-maker for this team. He's a very competitive player. If he can come back and play at that level, he'll be a big help for us."

For the first time in years, the Bengals will consider taking a receiver high in the draft.

No. 3 receiver Chris Henry was released after his fifth arrest earlier this month. No. 1 receiver Chad Johnson has been unsuccessfully lobbying for a trade, and is threatening to sit out the season. T.J. Houshmandzadeh is the only proven option left.

"Obviously with Chris Henry and us waiving him, there's some holes that we need to fill," Lewis said.

The Bengals also will look at offensive linemen. Tackles Levi Jones and Willie Anderson struggled with injuries last season, and the Bengals need to replenish their depth. They also could use more depth at cornerback.

# Blanton, Denton claim MSC honors

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLIAMSBURG — The University of the Cumberlands baseball program is enjoying one of the most successful seasons in school history. Once again, the Patriots are earning many honors this season including a Mid-South Conference Regular Season Championship. Two more Patriots have earned MSC Player and Pitcher of the Week honors. Johnson Central High School graduate Adam

Blanton (Staffordsville) earned the Mid-South Conference Player of the Week honor for the week; his second of the season. Blanton started game one of the Patriots' doubleheader against Indiana University-Southeast Monday. The Johnson County native earned the win, pitching 6.2 innings, allowing four runs on eight hits and four walks while striking out five. Overall, Blanton is 5-1 with a 3.86 earned run average in 32.2 innings from the mound.

Andrew Denton (Hendersonville,

Tenn.) earned his first Mid-South Conference Player of the Week honor of the season for the week of April 21. Denton played in all three of the Patriots' games last week, going 7-13 at the plate for a .538 batting average. Denton collected two runs scored, two doubles, two runs batted in, and a stolen base while the team went 2-1.

The two honors for the week gave Cumberlands eight Mid-South Conference Player/Pitcher of the Week awards for the season.

## ALC pitcher Robert Smith named KIAC Pitcher of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College pitcher Robert Smith claimed the KIAC Pitcher of the Week Award for the week beginning April 14. Smith pitched a complete game 3-1 victory over Asbury College to secure the award. He had eight strikeouts while allowing only the one run to score. When not pitching, Smith also plays third base for the Eagles. He is a graduate of Owsley County High School.

The Baseball Eagles played four games last week. The week began with a game

that ended in a 5-5 tie with Pikeville College on Wednesday. The game was suspended because of darkness. On Friday and Saturday, ALC hosted IU-Southeast. The Eagles lost both games on Friday by the score of 10-0. J. T. Coleman was the starting and losing pitcher for ALC in the first game. Matt Hume, Robert Smith, and Lamar Williams each had two hits in the game. In the second game, Michael Haynes was the pitcher of record. On Saturday, Alice Lloyd got one game in before the rains came. They lost, 4-1. Smith went the distance, giving up only one earned run. Michael

Kelly had 2 hits. Gavin Wells had a hit and the only RBI for the Eagles.

GOLF: The ALC men's golf team played in the Region XII Tournament in London last week. Eleven teams participated in the region event. ALC and Berea participated from the KIAC and nine teams hailed from the AAC. Tennessee Wesleyan won the tournament with a five-player total of 606. ALC finished last with a total of 759. Leyton Childers and Ryan Martin each shot a 185 to lead the Eagles. Tyler Smith of Tennessee Wesleyan shot a 145 to win the tournament.

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# Faith and Family



### KIM'S KORNER

## Removing the 'But' from our lives

While flipping through channels the other evening, I stopped on TBN, where a young man was not only passionate, but on fire, sharing how so many of us need to remove the "but" from our lives. Needless to say my attention was caught.



Kim Little Frasure

The question was asked, how many times a day do we catch ourselves saying I would love to do this or that, BUT there's no way I can. Or I would love to be able to go here or there, BUT there is no way I can.

It's amazing when our eyes are opened to such realizations that seem so harmless and yet can cause us such defeat.

Just last Sunday we heard not one but two messages from the book of Matthew that it is not what goes into our mouths that defiles us, (and here's that word) but what comes out the mouth that does.

Oh, how our words have such an impact. How much better would we be to add after our but ... "God can."

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Every single one of us God has gifted in one area or another.

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We should not be seeking to remove ourselves from the pressure cooker of life, but use that pressure cooker to reveal the power and grace of God through our lives to others. It is here that we will receive our inheritance as we fulfill our purposes in and through our work life call.

Today, ask God to give you supernatural wisdom and discernment to express the Spirit of God through you in your walk and work.

'Til next week ...  
May God bless.



### HOPE HOUSE

Leslie Ford Howell, center, presented Renee McCoy, left, director, Hope in the Mountains, with a check for \$500 from the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, April 9, on the church grounds, in Prestonsburg. Marcia Morgan, right, a recovering person and "Hope House" advocate, spoke to the First Presbyterian congregation during recent Easter season services and so touched the members that they gave generously to love donations in honor of the recovery center and the work they do. Hope in the Mountains is a 90-day recovery center for women looking to break the bonds of addiction and begin new lives. McCoy and Morgan both said that they are very appreciative of the \$500 gift and the church congregation's generosity. The Hope in the Mountains recovery center, located in Floyd County, opened in March.

## Church, state and religious liberty issues topic of Campbellsville University KHIPP discussion

CAMPBELLVILLE — Nationally prominent speakers Dr. Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, and Holly Hollman, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, were recent guests at Campbellsville University's Kentucky Heartland Institute on Public Policy (KHIPP) roundtable.

They brought light to the issues of church and state and religious liberty, agreeing that it is fine for candidates to talk of religion because it helps voters know their nature and style of leadership, however, that is where the mix of religion and politics should end.

"We are honored to have these speakers on our campus," said John Chowning, vice president for church and external relations and executive assistant to the president, in his introduction of the guests. "Land and Hollman are recognized as national spokesmen and experts on this area of public policy, both seen often on Fox, CNN, ABC, NBC and

other national news media. Land, named one of America's top 25 most influential evangelicals, has been recognized as one of the ten top church-state experts politicians will call on when they get serious about addressing an important public policy issue."

"As a Baptist," Land said, "I believe in the separation of church and state, however, the issue today is with secularists who want a secular society, ostracizing faith from the public amendment. I debate these people all the time. The First Amendment to the Constitution specifies that government is not to interfere with how each of us practices our faith. I as a citizen, you as a citizen, cannot violate the First Amendment. All the restrictions are on the government."

He said, putting his beliefs in context, that on the issue of religion and government, the Abolitionist movement, the Civil Rights movement, the Labor Reform movement and Child Labor Reform are all totally inexplicable in American history apart from the religious leaders who led

them and the religiously motivated individuals who supported them. Land supports the rights of citizens to buy and place their religious symbols in public areas.

When questioned by Chowning about the rights of all citizens, no matter their religious affiliation, to do the same, Land said that it is fair for any religious group to pay for and place their symbols on public properties.

Hollman's work includes providing legal analysis on church-state issues that arise before Congress, the courts and administrative agencies.

She said, "If we are made in God's image, we should be wary of government taking that away from us." She challenged the crowd of 80 students, faculty, staff and community members at the public roundtable discussion to keep discussions going about the issues, especially in an elec-

tion year.

She said, "We don't need a religious state to reflect morality." She quoted the late Congresswoman Dr. Barbara Jordan who said, "You would do well to pursue your causes with vigor, while remembering that you are a servant of God, not a spokesperson for God and remembering that God might well choose to bless an opposing point of view for reasons that have not been revealed to you."

Hollman writes a regular column for the BJC's monthly publication, "Report from the Capital" and more information can be accessed at the Web site [bjconline.org](http://bjconline.org).

For more information about Campbellsville University's free and open KHIPP events, contact Chowning at [jchowning@campbellsville.edu](mailto:jchowning@campbellsville.edu) or (270) 789-5520.

Campbellsville University is a private, comprehensive

institution located in South Central Kentucky. Founded in 1906,

Campbellsville University is affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention and has an enrollment of 2,405 students who represent 98 Kentucky counties, 25 states and 29 foreign nations. Listed in U.S. News & World Report's 2008 "America's Best Colleges," CU is ranked 22nd in "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in the South and eighth in the South for "Great Schools, Great Prices." CU has been ranked 15 consecutive years with U.S. News & World Report.

The university has also been named to America's Best Christian Colleges®. Campbellsville University is located 82 miles southwest of Lexington, Ky., and 80 miles southeast of Louisville, Ky. Dr. Michael V. Carter is in his ninth year as president.

## County appealing federal judge's ruling against display

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A western Kentucky county is appealing a federal judge's ruling that bars a display of the Ten Commandments at its courthouse.

Attorney Mathew Staver, who represents Grayson County, said the March ruling by U.S. District Judge Joseph H. McKinley was "clearly flawed."

However David Friedman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky said the court "got it right."

McKinley ruled the intent of the display at the courthouse in Leitchfield was religious and not educational.

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel Inc. P.O. Box 565 Betsy Lane, KY 41605, has applied for a Phase II/III Bond Release on Increment No. 1 of Permit Number 836-5342 which was last issued on May 22, 2006. The application covers an area of approximately 3.50 acres located 0.60 miles north east of lvel in Floyd

County, 4, 2008

The permit area is approximately 0.9 miles northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. Route 23/460 and located on Kinney Branch. The bond now in effect on Increment No. 1 is a surety bond for \$14,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,900.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching completed in March 2002 on Increment No. 1

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by June 4, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for June 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by June

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5474, which was last issued on 04/22/05. The application covers an area of approximately 4.40 acres, located 1.30 mile northwest of Price, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from KY Rt. 122's junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located on Spewing Camp Branch Road of Left Beaver Creek. The bond now in effect for 836-5474, is a surety bond in the amount of \$4,200.00. The entire remainder of the original bond amount of \$14,200.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: All backfilling, grading, and revegetation activities, the removal of all temporary structures, and the establishment of the post-mining land use capability were completed in the fall of 2002. Written comments, objec-

tions, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 16, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Division of Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 16, 2008.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5475, which was last issued on 04/22/05. The application covers an area of approximately 5.20 acres, located 2.60 miles south of McDowell, Kentucky, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY Rt. 122's junction with Spewing

Camp Branch Road, and located 1.0 mile southeast of Pilgrim Rest Church. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$3,100.00. The entire remainder of the original bond amount of \$8,800.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: All backfilling, grading, and revegetation activities, the removal of all temporary structures, and the establishment of the post-mining land use capability were completed in the spring of 2003.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 16, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Division of Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 16, 2008.

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**NOTICE**  
RE: Francis, Kendrick & Francis, a Partnership v. Myrtle Fee, Constance Welss, Russell Stacy, Jr., Jack Gard, Russell Webb, Jo Ann Wallace, Debra S. Lopez, Janet Faye Murel, Thomas W. Lee, Charles Lemmon, Donna K. Hurr, Gary Stanley, George W. Webb, Sally G. Orteg and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.  
Floyd Circuit Court  
Case No. 08-CI-156

The individuals on the above styled lawsuit pending in Floyd Circuit Court should contact Hon. J. Drew Anderson, P.O. Box 1313, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, 606-886-2206, regarding the status of the above lawsuit and their rights affected thereby:

Russell Webb — Columbus, OH  
Jo Ann Wallace — Paxon, AZ  
Thomas W. Lee — Rushville, IN  
Charles Lemmon — Rushville, IN  
George W. Webb — Inez, KY  
Sally G. Orteg — Phoenix, AZ

This notice advises that J. Drew Anderson does not represent the plaintiff in this lawsuit, but merely is advising these defendants of the pendency of this lawsuit pursuant to Court order so that their interests may be protected therein. Any individual aware of the above-named persons should advise them of this notice or contact the above-named attorney themselves.  
J. Drew Anderson, Esq.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES**

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. is currently accepting proposals for Financial Audit Services for the contract period of November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008. Proposals are subject to terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal. Copies of this Request for Proposal may be obtained in the Accounting Department at the address below, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prior to the time and date specified for bid closing.

Proposals must be mailed or delivered to James Michael Howell, Executive Director, Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, 230 Court Street, Johnson County Courthouse, Paintsville, KY 41240. All envelopes must clearly be marked on the outside of the envelope "FINANCIAL AUDIT PROPOSAL"

Proposals will be accepted until May 16, 2008, and will be opened at 11 a.m. on or about May 21, 2008. All proposals must be received by the time designated in the invitation, and none will be considered thereafter. Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver bids on time. Proposals will be opened and read at the time and location stated above.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5287, which was last issued on 10/22/01, Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 1.97 acre, and Increment No. 2 covers an area of approximately 0.14 acre, located 1.30 mile northeast of Hi Hat, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.8 mile southeast from KY Rt. 122's junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located 0.1 mile east of Spewing Camp Branch Road.

The bond now in effect for Increment 1, is a surety bond in the amount of \$4,200.00. The entire remainder of the original bond amount of \$17,600.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 2, is a surety bond in the amount of \$100.00. The entire remainder of the original bond amount of \$100.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: All backfilling, grading, and revegetation activities, the removal of all temporary structures, and the establishment of the post-mining land use capability, were completed in the fall of 2002.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 16, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been sched-

uled for May 17, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Division of Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 16, 2008.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 880-0124 Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 959.40 acres located 182 miles northwest of Thomas in Martin and Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.84 miles northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road and located 0.09 miles northeast of Wolf Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use a combination of contour, auger and area methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. 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, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with

the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**Publication Well # 505281**

Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and KRS 353.640 an application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No 505281, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Harold Quadrangle, of Floyd County, State of Kentucky. Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property. To include all known or unknown successors in title to the Michael Crumb, including address if known or last known address. Unknown Heirs of Michael Crumb

**Publication Well #566660**

Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and KRS 353.640 An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No 566660, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Prestonsburg Quadrangle, of Floyd County, State of Kentucky. Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the

Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property. To include all known or unknown successors in title to the Mrs. John C.C. Mayo Company, including address if known or last known address. Mrs. John C.C. Mayo Company

**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°39'48". The longitude 82°55'49". The proposed operation is located on the Iynton 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) 889-1746. Written comments or objections

must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow; US 127 South; Frankfort, KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

**INVITATION TO BID**

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY,

is now accepting bids for chiller repairs. These repairs will require boiler certification. The deadline for bids will be Monday, April 28. Late bids will not be accepted. For more information, please contact Tracy Reichenbach at (606) 886-1037, ext. 131, or Paula Davis at (606) 886-1037, ext. 104, between 8 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all

bids received.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

B & M Services, P.O. Box 13, Beaver, KY 41604, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a retail beer license(s) no later than April 30, 2008. The business to be licensed will be located at 6310 St. Rd. 979, Grethel, KY, 41631, doing business as B & M Services. The (owner(s); principal officers and directors; limited partners; or

members are as follows: Owner, Brenda Newsome, of P.O. Box 13, Beaver, KY 41604; manager, Leslie Ward of P.O. Box 164, Beaver, KY 41604. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Office of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky, 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

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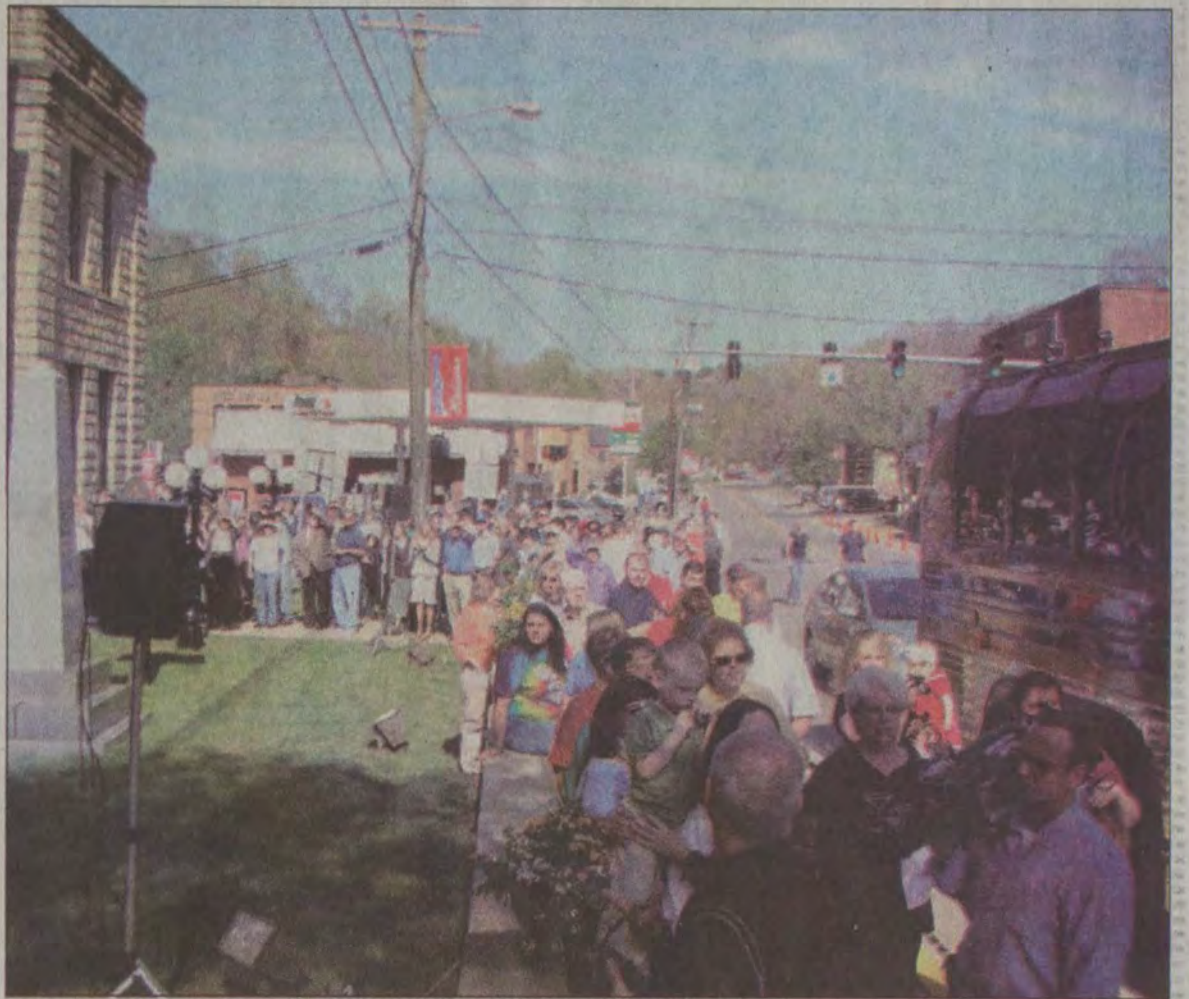
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# Sen. John McCain's visit to Inez



McCain stopped to pose for a photograph with one of the many onlookers who greeted him as he arrived in Inez. photo by Jack Latta

Martin Countians took steps to make sure the candidate was welcomed when he arrived. photo by Ralph B. Davis



A group representing the United Mine Workers were on hand in Inez to protest John McCain, whose election to president they say would represent "nothing other than a third term for Bush." photo by Jack Latta

Hundreds of people crowded the streets of Inez Wednesday hoping to be able to catch a glimpse of Sen. John McCain. photo by Jack Latta



Debbie Blevins, 55, a disabled retired bus driver, was an unwilling participant in the McCain press conference when the senator invited her up to stand next to him after she complained that she could not hear. Blevins said she was there in protest of McCain, and would be supporting the Democratic nominee for president. photo by Jack Latta

Charles McLaughlin, from Kermit W.Va., a Disabled American Veteran of the Vietnam conflict, said that he was in attendance Wednesday, not to politically back McCain, "but to support an American hero for his service rendered to his country." photo by Jack Latta