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briefs

Pike man sentence to 10 years for manslaughter

Williamson Daily News

PIKEVILLE — Pike County Circuit Court Judge Steve Combs followed a jury's recommendation and sentenced Varney resident Billy Reed to a 10-year prison term in connection with his conviction of second-degree manslaughter.

Reed was convicted after he slammed his vehicle into a motorcycle that was being driven by Ronnie Church, of Belfry, earlier this year, resulting in Church's death.

Police say Reed was impaired on drugs when the incident happened back in January on U.S. 119 at the Town Mountain Road intersection.

Reed has to serve 20 percent of the sentence before he is eligible for parole.

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CONGRESSIONAL VISIT



photo by Jack Latta

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers spoke of the importance of coal to the nation's economy and energy needs during a speech Monday in Prestonsburg.

Rogers touts importance of coal

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers of the 5th District aired his Washington woes Monday in Prestonsburg during a special function with the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon, titled "Lunch in Mister Roger's Neighborhood," held in May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, offered Rogers an opportunity discuss the current ener-

gy crisis and his take on "what's not happening in Washington."

During the speech, Rogers blasted Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), calling Pelosi and her associates "radical environmentalists" for refusing to allow members of Congress to bring to the floor a proposed energy bill which would allow off-shore drilling.

"Pelosi recessed Congress, and took off on a book-signing tour," Rogers said.

Rogers has been an active partici-

pant in the so-called "shadow Congress" which has been pushing the house to come back into session for a vote on the bill.

"We must solve the oil supply problem as a matter of national security," Rogers said.

In 1981, Congress imposed a moratorium on off-shore drilling, which has been extended annually since then for most coastal waters, with exceptions in the Gulf of

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Shooting suspect to appear in court

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man being held in custody for a drive-by shooting last week in Allen is scheduled to appear in Floyd County District Court today for his preliminary hearing.



Jessie Dulaney

Jessie Dulaney, 26, of Banner, who allegedly fired a weapon at a number of people at a home in Allen, has been charged with five counts of attempted murder.

Dulaney was reportedly driving the car, and was injured when at least one resident of the home returned fire on the vehicle. According to authorities Dulaney was treated and released for a gunshot wound from Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Sally B. Vance, 30, of Prestonsburg, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was shot during the assault and later died at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center from injuries she sustained in the gun battle.

According to Kentucky State Police reports, a gun fight broke out last week between the occupants of a vehicle and the residents of 74 Third Street in Allen. Police have not said who started the shooting, or how Vance was shot.

"The details surrounding the shooting incident are sketchy at best, but statements indicate an exchange of gunfire occurred between at least two individuals," said Det. Mike Goble in a released statement.

Goble said that one of the suspects,

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Local Pizza Hut operator files for bankruptcy

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The rise in minimum wage is one of the reasons cited by Midland Food Services, owner of 92 Pizza Hut restaurants including one in Prestonsburg, for the company's recent bankruptcy filing.

According to the filing, Midland Food Services was not able to keep up

with the hike in minimum wage, along with the rising cost of ingredients and term leases that the company describes as "unfavorable."

Minimum wage in Kentucky increased to \$6.55 an hour, an increase of almost 12 percent, in June. Previously, minimum wage in the state was \$5.15 an hour.

High gasoline prices have also taken a toll on national eatery chains, with

families reportedly eating at home instead of driving to the restaurants for meals.

Midland owns five Pizza Hut restaurants in Eastern Kentucky, with one location in Prestonsburg, two in Pikeville, and one each in Paintsville and Louisa.

This is the second time in less than 10 years that the company has filed for bankruptcy, with the last filing taking

place in October 2000. It took Midland less than a year to emerge from of bankruptcy protection and get back on fairly stable financial ground.

According to reports, Midland recorded \$64 million for its last fiscal year, but failed to make a \$27.5 million principal payment to Capmark Finance. Capmark is a company that

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Former highway official got salary, retirement

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A former official at the center of a federal probe into the awarding of Kentucky highway projects was collecting salary and retirement benefits from the state Transportation Cabinet, a newspaper reported.

Former highway engineer James W. Rummage was rehired as a consultant two months after he retired last year and got a raise before retiring, The Courier-Journal in Louisville reported Tuesday.

Feds probe connection to Lawson

Then-Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert — who is also under scrutiny of investigators — approved both the raise and the rehiring, according to Rummage's personnel file.

An FBI affidavit filed last week claims Rummage gave confidential cost estimates for road projects to a prominent road contractor, Leonard Lawson of Lexington.

Rummage referred questions to his

attorney, Marc Murphy. Murphy said Rummage simply followed directions from Nighbert, his boss, by obtaining the confidential estimates. Murphy said any implication that the raise and rehiring is evidence of a conspiracy or even a friendship with Nighbert is wrong. He said Rummage had nothing more than an boss-worker relationship with the former transportation secretary.

FBI agent T. Clay Mason said in the

affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in London that he has been investigating allegations of corruption in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for more than a year.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville and The Times-Tribune of Corbin first reported on the FBI affidavit Saturday.

Mason said in the affidavit that the probe centers on whether Nighbert or Kentucky road contractor Leonard Lawson directed a former state highway engineer to provide confidential

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Obituaries

Robert E. "Bob" Dermont

Robert E. "Bob" Dermont, age 83, of Nicholasville, formerly of Martin, husband of Joyce Dermont died Monday, August 11, 2008, at his residence.

He was born January 29, 1925, in Beauty, a son of the late Stephen Daniel and Mary Kish Dermont. He was a retired businessman and Navy Veteran.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son Joe Dermont, his wife Connie, of Lancaster; two daughters: Theresa Howard, her husband Rolland, of Lancaster; and Mary Ellen Maggard of Nicholasville; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Dermont, a son, also preceded him in death.

Funeral service for Robert E. "Bob" Dermont will be conducted Wednesday, August 13, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Father Bob Damron officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospice. (Paid obituary)

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Norma Faye Spears Hunt

Norma Faye Spears Hunt, age 70, of Stanville, widow of Carada Hunt, passed away Monday, August 11, 2008, at the Signature Health Care of Pikeville.

She was born April 8, 1938, in Betsy Layne, the daughter of the late Evan Spears and Julie Justice Spears.

Survivors include four sons, Freddie (Debbie) Hunt, John

(Debbie) Hunt, Donald Hunt, and William Douglas (Althea) Hunt, all of Stanville, Ky., two daughters, Betsy Brown of Stanville, Crystal (Ray) Nichols of Grethel; a brother, James Spears, Trenton, Michigan; a sister, Phyllis Seters of Stanville; 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and eight great great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Leo Spears and Evan Spears; and a sister, Sylvia Allen.

Funeral services for Norma Faye Spears Hunt will be conducted Thursday, August 14, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergymen Willis Adkins, Virgil, Jack and Mark Hunt officiating.

Burial will follow in the Scalf Cemetery, in Stanville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. (Paid obituary)

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Irene Slone Johnson

Irene Slone Johnson, 69, of Minnie, died Monday, August 11, 2008, at her residence.

Born June 4, 1939, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Tora Johnson Slone. She was a waitress.

She is survived by her husband, Elever Milford Johnson. Other survivors include a

brother, Denver Slone of McDowell; one sister, Ruth Slone of McDowell; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Nettie Slone, Zettie Slone Johnson, and Bonnie Slone.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 14, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Boyd Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Martin Eli Johnson

Martin Eli Johnson, age 56, of Prestonsburg, husband of Patricia Spears Johnson, passed away Saturday, August 9, 2008, at the King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland.

He was born March 19, 1952, in Myra, a son of the late Wille Johnson and Anna B. Caudill Johnson. He was a retired factory worker, and attended the Weeksbury Community House of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In addition to his wife, survivors include, one son, Martin Eli Johnson Jr. of Coldwater, Michigan; one daughter, Suzanne Troxler of Coldwater, Michigan; one step-daughter, Patricia Warters of Akron, Ohio; five brothers, Virgil Ray Johnson, Johnny Johnson, and Dennis Johnson,

all of Prestonsburg; Ronald C. Johnson of Claremont, North Carolina; and Willie Johnson Jr., of Weeksbury; two sisters, Jeanette Shepherd of Blue River; and Angela Helton of East Point; three grandchildren, and one stepgrandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Clergymen Vernon Johnson and Tom Blackburn officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Herbert Gene Salisbury

Herbert Gene Salisbury, age 83, of Wheelwright, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2008, in the Pikeville Health Care Center.

He was born April 23, 1925, in Hunter, the son of the late Robert and Arminia Conn Allen, and stepfather, Johnnie Allen.

He was a retired coal miner, a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army, and was in

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COB Para Inf. 82nd Airborne Division, and was in the CCC as a young boy. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by his wife: Martha Pearl Salisbury of East Point; three grandchildren; and one stepgrandchild.

Other survivors include his sons: Herbert Gene Salisbury of Eddyville; Johnny Ray Salisbury of Prestonsburg; John (Alyssa) Salisbury of Ivel; and Billy Salisbury of Prestonsburg; daughters:

Tammy Vance of Ivel; Loretta Ferrell of Martin; and Diane Hall of McDowell; brothers: James Allen of Oregon; Lonnie "Bud" (Lillian) Allen of Betsy Layne; Johnnie Allen Jr., of Texas; Ronald "Dave" (Brenda) Allen of McDowell; and Ken (Mavis) Allen of Ohio; sisters: Barbara Halbert of Lexington; Bessie Yates of Corbin; Annette Miller of

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When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see;

If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today, While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,

And that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye.

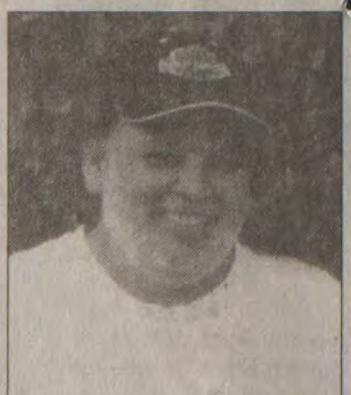
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, so much yet to do,

It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you. I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all the loved we shared, and all the fun we had.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Happy Birthday, Tommy

Sadly missed by his mother, Wilma Bentley



Card of Thanks

The family of the late Maxine Stumbo Dye would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. To those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. To those who visited us at the funeral home. And to Elders Barry and Kevin Spurlock for the peaceful words at the service. The Floyd Co. Sheriff's Dept. for escorting us safely to the graveside. The Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, Thank You and God Bless.

THE FAMILY OF MAXINE STUMBO DYE

AARP

Health Educator to be Guest Speaker at Jenny Wiley AARP

Jane Bond, health educator from the Floyd County Health Department, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528 AARP, to be held Tuesday, August 19, at 6 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg. She will address the subject, "Preparedness for Medical Emergencies in Floyd County." She will also discuss the need for volunteers. John Rosenberg, chapter president, urges all members and friends to attend.

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Wayne Supply Company recently donated \$500 to the UNITE Foundation in support of Camp UNITE, an adventure/leadership program for middle school-aged youth. More than 300 children from across the Fifth Congressional District have attended Camp UNITE over the past two summers. Planning is currently underway for 2009. "Wayne Supply has been a tremendous supporter of UNITE, especially our treatment initiative and providing opportunities for youth," said Karen Engle, UNITE president/CEO. Pictured are Liz Wilson, UNITE Foundation director, receiving a check from Dave Mockabee, Wayne vice president and branch operations manager. For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org.

Obituaries

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Michigan; Myrtle Lambert of West Virginia; and Irene Horner of Virginia; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; stepchildren: Wm. Buford (Janice) Little of Wheelwright; Larry (Miko) Little, Sylvester (Patty) Little, Glen Little, Charles (Sue) Little, Virginia (Willis) Little and Jeanette (Clayton) Farmer, all of Michigan; and a brother-in-law, Eugene Thompson of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three sons: Morris, James and Thomas Salisbury; two daughters: Betty Salisbury and Fanny Salisbury; a brother, Curt Salisbury; and a sister Betty Thompson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 13, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Willis Little, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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Mary M. Salyer

Mary M. Salyer, 81, of Raceland, passed away Thursday, August 7, 2008, at Community Hospice Care Center.

She was born August 29, 1926, in Martin, the daughter of the late James R. and Josaphine Mae Adams Cumpton.

She was an accountant/book-keeper for the C&O Railroad, and the Russell YMCA; and a member of the Wurtland Church of God.

She was a member of Russell Chapter No. 144, Order of the

Eastern Star; president of Worthington Younger Woman's Club; a Kentucky Colonel; a notary public; a member of Greenup Lioness Club; was secretary-treasurer for Whirl-A-Ways square dance club; she delivered Meals on Wheels; was the administrator of the "Adopt-a-Highway"; She originated and developed the Worthington City Park, including bringing in the caboose; and was manager and supervisor to Flatwoods, Ironton, and South Point city pools.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Edward Salyer Jr.

Survivors include her son, Corky Salyer of Raceland; two brothers: Harold (Avonelle) Sloan of Wurtland; and John J. (Fran) Cumpton of Sparks, Nebraska; and a sister-in-law, Elsie Cumpton of Worthington.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Clifford Cumpton and Troy Cumpton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 12, at 2 p.m., in Carmen Funeral Home, in Flatwoods, with Pastor Henry Montgomery officiating.

Burial was in Caroline Cemetery, Raceland, under direction of Carmen Funeral Home.

Visitation was Monday, August 11, at the funeral home.

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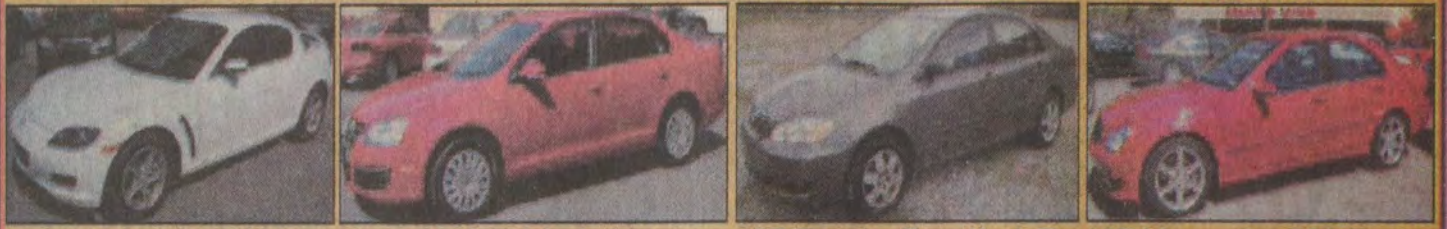
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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

Traditions are group efforts
to keep the unexpected from
happening.

— Barbara Tober

— Guest View —

The shape of a slump

Gas prices are up, a lot. Housing prices are down, a lot. Jobs are disappearing. The American auto industry is on its knees, and 2,400 Chrysler workers soon will lose their jobs.

No wonder America is in a funk. The average American is feeling poorer, and for good reason. The typical paycheck buys 2 percent less than it did a year ago, according to U.S. government figures.

How long will this go on? A year ago, some economists — including former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan — were predicting a “V-shaped” recession — a slump that does down sharply and but recovers fairly quickly. But 12 months into the slowdown, the slump looks more like a “U-recession,” a slowdown that starts slowly and lingers a while before beginning a slow recovery. The nightmare is the “L-shaped” slump, one that goes down fast and stays down, sometimes for years.

“One of the big factors now is fear,” says economist Pat Welch of St. Louis University. “People are getting blind-sided by mortgage, food and gas prices, and they’re worried about their jobs.”

America is suffering from inter-related meltdowns in the real estate, banking and credit industries, topped off by growing inflation. Banks and investment funds could lose more than \$400 billion on their subprime mortgage investments.

As a result, banks have cut back sharply on lending. Fewer buyers can get mortgages today, so housing prices keep falling. They’re down 18 percent over two years, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller index, and no one is sure where the bottom is.

In business, even credit-worthy corporations are finding it hard to borrow, further slowing the pace of the economy.

Meanwhile, high oil prices are causing a jolting transition in the auto industry and airlines. The result is rising unemployment. Jobs have declined for seven months in a row. The jobless rate, 5.7 percent, is up a full point over the past year.

No two recessions are alike. In some ways, the factors behind this one resemble those that brought on the slump of 1991. At that time, savings-and-loan institutions were collapsing by the hundreds. Commercial real estate was tanking. Junk bonds — the subprime mortgages of the corporate world — were cratering. This brought on a credit crunch, even as the Persian Gulf War sent oil prices soaring.

Officially, that recession lasted eight months, but it was followed by a recovery so slow that voters rejected incumbent President George H.W. Bush in 1992 and installed Bill Clinton in office.

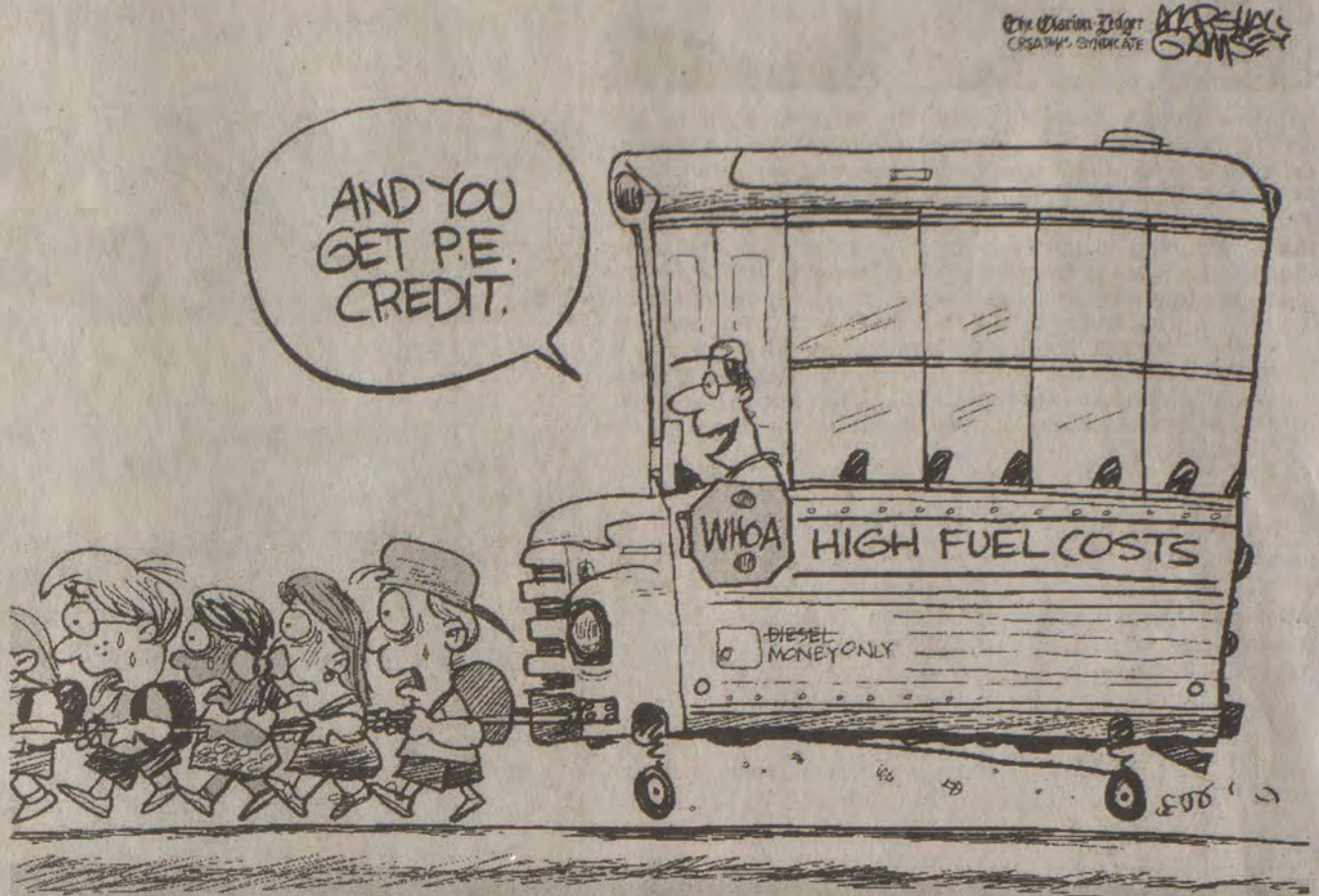
The Federal Reserve has staved off panic by lending billions to the banking system. But the Fed’s standard anti-recession medicine — cutting short-term interest rates — hasn’t worked his time. The Fed has cut short-term interest rates from 5.25 percent to 2 percent. When money gets cheap, people are supposed to start borrowing and spending again.

But people can’t borrow if banks won’t lend. And the Fed dares not cut rates further for fear of fueling inflation. Consumer prices are up 5 percent over the past year, the highest rate in 17 years.

Government stimulus checks helped a little this spring, keeping consumer spending positive. The recently passed housing bill will save a few hundred thousand families faced with foreclosure, but many more will lose their homes.

Although some additional tactics could help ease the situation, the only real cure is time. It will take many months for the credit system to heal, raise new capital and resume lending. Clearly the credit industry doesn’t believe that housing prices have fallen far enough yet to match true value. The auto industry must retool to make smaller cars, and some firms might dip into bankruptcy along the way. The nation is for a long, dreary slog.

— St. Louis Post Dispatch



— Letters —

‘As the Stomach Turns’

I would like to inform you of a situation concerning the construction of the new apartments on North Highland Avenue. This has always been a quiet, elderly neighborhood, but we have had to tolerate being blocked in an exorbitant number of times. Not only this, but the messes left each Friday are an eyesore, to say the least.

The latest episode in “As the Stomach Turns” happened yesterday. While sitting on my porch reading, I began to hear what sounded like a saw and assumed it was my neighbors,

who are building a shed. I then began to smell an odor unlike wood and started having difficulty breathing. I proceeded to walk toward the deafening saw sound, only to discover it was not my neighbors’ shed project, but a huge jigsaw at the construction site coming from the new apartments.

By this time, there was a cloud of gray smoke in the air. I came upon two men, one pouring a gallon bucket of water over a jigsaw cutting grooves in the sidewalk. I whistled loudly at them three times. They finally stopped.

These people do not live here, vote, pay taxes or have to tolerate their messes and inconveniences. It seems the least they could do would be to use splints to create the necessary grooves

in the sidewalk, thus preventing the air pollution.

As the daughter of a former contractor and as an individual with a master’s degree in health, I can say the silicone dust emitted from this procedure is a real health issue. My concern is for the elderly sitting on their porches that are unaware of the damaging air they are breathing and the fact this dust infiltrates our homes!

Consequently, I am disappointed in the city’s lack of response to this situation thus far. But I understand the contractors are constructing this sidewalk free.

Isn’t there a city code that pertains to this procedure?

Sharon Sammons
Prestonsburg

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— Guest Column —

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

The railroad industry has a saying: “The safest crossing is the one that doesn’t exist.”

If you wonder what that means, take a look at the state-by-state statistics on railroad crossing collisions and casualties and you’ll get a better idea. Thousands of cars and trucks were involved in collisions with trains at railroad crossings across the country in 2007, and about half the drivers of those vehicles were either injured or killed in the crash. It is surprising that more did not die, since statistics show that a motorist is 20 times more likely to die in a collision with a train than in a crash with another vehicle.

CSX Railroad official Bryan Glover and Wayne Gentry, who coordinates Kentucky’s Operation Lifesaver railroad safety program, used the old adage about railroad crossings in their presentation before the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation last week. As the state with the 12th largest number of crossing collisions in the nation, both men explained their organization’s efforts to reduce crossing accidents and improve railroad safety.

For CSX, a federal mandate that requires railroads to reduce the number of crossings nationwide is part of that effort. Glover said CSX works with both the state Department of Transportation and Operation Lifesaver to identify crossings that could be targeted for closure.

The efforts of CSX, Operation Lifesaver and cooperating government agencies appear to be working. In 2007, there were 16 fewer colli-

sions at railroad crossings in Kentucky than there were in 2003. But reducing the number of crossings is not the only solution, and certainly not the best immediate solution—no matter what that old saying implies.

Both Glover and Gentry agreed that educating the public on the dangers of disobeying railroad crossing signals while in a motor vehicle and trespassing on railroad property by walking or riding four-wheelers or other types of vehicles along railroad corridors is key to saving lives, as is enforcement.

Operation Lifesaver regularly teaches railroad safety to elementary school children, high schoolers in driver’s training and those in private driver’s courses offered by groups like the American Automobile Association. At my suggestion, Gentry said Operation Lifesaver is also looking into working with state traffic school on a railroad safety component.

CSX, Glover said, stresses county-wide railroad safety training with school bus drivers, which could be at least one reason why there have been no crossing collisions involving school buses in Kentucky in many years. Another reason? Gentry said safety coordinators encourage school districts to route buses away from roadways with crossings when possible.

One of the best teaching tools that Gentry has is video footage of actual crossing collisions between trains, cars and trucks taken from cameras fixed inside the train engine cabin. Clip after clip of the black and white railview footage shows everything from small compact cars to large construction vehicles behind plowed like snow off the track by a train which, on average, weighs 12 million pounds.

Most motorists don’t know that a

train weighs that much, or that it takes a train traveling at 55 mph up to 5,280 feet, or one mile, to come to a complete stop compared to 200 feet for the average car traveling that fast. So the message that Gentry and Glover are trying to get out is basically that, where there IS a crossing, obey the signs and train signals.

Oh, and don’t try to outrun a train. All those railroad crossing signals, flashing lights and stop signs near crossings mean only one thing: Stop at the crossing and let the train pass. If you try to race the train, even if the race ends in a tie, you will lose.

I mentioned that there have not been any collisions between trains and school buses in the Commonwealth in many years. But what I did not mention that there is a third reason for that phenomena—enforcement.

State laws are very strict on school bus drivers who disobey railroad safety laws. If a bus driver is convicted of certain railroad crossing offenses in state law, that person is disqualified from driving a bus for a 60 day for a first offense and 120 days for a second offense within three years and could face substantial fines. The average motorist, however, might only receive a \$25 fine for breaking the law.

It is doubtful whether a driver in a hurry is going to let a small fine deter them from trying to run through a crossing, but knowing that they may not survive if they try to do so could. Preliminary federal stats show that nine people died in railroad crossing accidents in 2007, putting Kentucky among the top 15 states for such fatalities behind states like California and Texas. Too many of us are dying in these accidents, and there is no need.

So let’s do as Operation Lifesaver says and “Look, Listen, and Live” as long as there are railroad crossings on our roads.

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Community Calendar

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David School open house

The David School will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, August 13, from 5 to 8 p.m. Come for refreshments and learn about the advantages of enrolling. For questions or directions, please call (606) 886-8374.

Health Educator to be Guest Speaker at Jenny Wiley AARP

Jane Bond, health educator from the Floyd County Health Department, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528 AARP, to be held Tuesday, August 19, at 6 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg. She will address the subject, "Preparedness for Medical Emergencies in Floyd County." She will also discuss the need for volunteers. John Rosenberg, chapter president, urges all members and friends to attend.

Allan Central High School Class of 1978 Reunion

30-year class reunion is being planned on Saturday, August 16, at ACHS. Please contact Ricky Bentley, 377-2070, Randy Bentley, 358-2741 or Bernadette Blevins Hagans, 285-9884.

Betsy Layne Elementary Back to School Open House

Please join the administration, faculty, and staff of Betsy Layne Elementary for a "Back to School" Open House on August 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Come and take advantage of meeting your child's teacher for the upcoming school year, as well as getting the opportunity to see his or her new classroom. You'll also get to meet our new principal, John A. Kidd. Please join us to kick off an exciting new year.

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Mullins High School Reunion 1954-1993

Everyone who attended Mullins High School is invited to a school reunion on Saturday, August 30, at 6-10 p.m., at the Lunchmark Inn Mark V. Charge for dinner and attendance is \$35.00 per person. Please mail check to:

MHS Together Again, P.O. Box 584, Pikeville, KY 41502 (please list class year). For more information, call: 606-432-1512; 606-432-2767; 606-678-8588. Deadline for registration is August 22, 2008. Looking forward to seeing you at the MHS Together Again Reunion!!!

Wayland High School Class of '59 Reunion

The Wayland High School Class of 1959 will meet at the Wayland Historical Society Building on Saturday, October 4, at 11 a.m., in Room No. 208, to complete plans for their 50th reunion in 2009. For additional information, contact:

PSlone@allegiance.tv
Sclaypool@fuse.net
Judymusic@bellsouth.net

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

—August 14th at 6 p.m., "Back To School Open House" at AMS. Students and parents can meet teachers and staff, tour the building and receive information. Refreshments will be served.

—Updated student health records may be dropped off at the school on weekdays. Students must have a 6th Grade Physical form and updated immunization certificate to begin school!

For more information, contact the Adams Middle School Youth Services Center at 886-1297.

Parsons Family Reunion

The Parsons Family Reunion, for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Sunday, August 31, from 11 a.m., to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery. Cemetery is located on Parsons Branch Road, off Rte. 979 in Floyd County. Please bring a covered dish. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. All family and friends are welcome. Call Mrs. E.J. Parsons at (865) 426-7585 or Ray Parsons (313) 383-7262 for more information.

Betsy Layne High School Class of 1998 Reunion

The Betsy Layne High School Class of 1998, 10-year class reunion will be held August 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Heritage House, Prestonsburg. Tickets: \$25 per person. For tickets/more information, contact Misty Stevens Bauder at mistybauder@hotmail.com or 606-432-7815.

Highlands Folk Festival General Information

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Proceed benefits the Mountain Arts Center Music Education Program.

Prestonsburg High School Class of 1988 Reunion is planned for August 16

Where are you? 20-year class reunion is being planned on Saturday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Stonecreek Golf Course. Please, contact Kay Skeens-Tungate at 859-948-4411 or Traci Hayes-Rankin at 606-886-8487 for details and to register. More information is available at: www.classmates.com E-mail: kayt2828@aol.com Respond by August 1.

Free Bible Lessons

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Hope to see you there.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We

are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The

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Dr. Parsons attended Pikeville College in Pikeville, KY. He graduated as Valedictorian in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Chemistry. Dr. Parsons then graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine to become a Doctor of Medicine. Most recently Dr. Parsons completed his Graduate Medical Education at East Tennessee State University Family Physicians of Kingsport before joining the Harold Primary Care Clinic.

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Cinema 3—Held Over
BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 8:15; Fri. (5:00) 8:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00) 8:15.
Cinema 4—Held Over
THE MUMMY: TOMB OF THE DRAGON KING (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 5—Held Over
SWING VOTE (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:55-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:55) 6:55-9:20.
WALL-E (G), Fri. (4:20); Sat.-Sun. (4:20).
Cinema 6—Starts Friday, Aug. 15
START WARS: THE CLONE WARS (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 7—Starts Friday, Aug. 15
MIRRORS (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 8—Starts Wed., Aug. 13
TROPIC THUNDER (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 9—Held Over
PINEAPPLE EXPRESS (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
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Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

UNITE

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the

old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

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

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special interest groups:

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

Paintsville.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt." Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

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

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

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter
PET OF THE WEEK



This week's celebrity is Gerald DeRossett. Gerald served 26 years as a magistrate in Floyd County. He was always instrumental in securing funding and support for the shelter. Gerald is holding a seven-week-old retriever mix female puppy named "Lex".

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FALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 18TH

The Floyd County Conservation District will be accepting applications for the Kentucky Agriculture Relief (K.A.R.E.) Program beginning August 25th. The program will be a 75/25 cost-share program with a maximum \$2,000 reimbursement costs share per farm. The K.A.R.E. Program will provide cost share assistance to Floyd County farmers who have experienced loss during last year's weather-related disasters and will help prevent future disasters. The available practices are:

1. Drilling for subsurface aquifers and well establishments.
2. Developing and piping on farm springs.
3. Construction of small steam water basins.
4. Establishing and enhancing on-farm ponds.
5. Water hook-up to city/county water lines for farm usage.
6. Irrigation equipment, structures, and components.
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8. Pasture/Grain Development.
9. Filter fabric pads for heavy use area.
10. Fence and water—excludes plank and decorative fencing.
11. Seeding; Custom Services & Rental of Equipment.
12. Cooling Fans and Sprinkler Systems.
13. Shade cloth and other temporary or permanent agriculture shelters.
14. Feeding equipment, commodity storage structures, hay wrappers, feed mixers, and silage feeding/storage equipment.
15. Crop Insurance Premiums.
16. Trailers, wagons, and other forage/commodity transportation related equipment.
17. Animal waste handling equipment.
18. Rootstock and trees and certified, hybrid, and/or other seed varieties.

Please contact the Floyd County Conservation District for practice specifics. Applications **MUST BE APPROVED AT THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING.** Please contact the Floyd County Conservation District located at 18 Mayo Branch, Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. You may call us at (606) 889-9800, or email us at conserve@bellsouth.net for more information.

Prestonsburg Police to get tasers

Council approves seeking grant for equipment

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg City Council voted Monday night to request funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to equip city police officers with tasers.

The grant the city is applying for is designed to "provide body armor, firearms, ammu-

nition, electronic control devices, electronic control weapons or electro-muscular disruption technology to sworn peace officers and service animals."

Director of Public Safety Mike Ormerod said that the tasers have been put in the budget, and will be purchased for the city police regardless of whether or not they receive the grant.

In the city's request to KHS, Ormerod says, "Electronic control devices such as tasers introduce an option of controlling violent suspects from a distance without risk to the officer and less risk of injury to the suspect."

According to project information, "The use of electronic control devices has proven to reduce officer injuries by 80 percent and greatly reduce

injuries to suspects."

Tasers have been the subject of much controversy in recent years particularly after a 2007 incident at the University of Florida gained national attention.

During a question-and-answer period with U.S. Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.), university police forcibly removed Andrew Meyer, a 21-year-old fourth-year undergraduate

telecommunications student, from the forum, restraining him through direct force and stunning him with a taser.

Meyer's exclamation, "Don't Tase me Bro!" was deemed the most memorable quote of 2007 by the Yale Book of Quotations.

In January of this year, Baron "Scooter" Pikes, 21, of

Winnfield, La., was killed by a 50,000 volt taser after officers, trying to arrest the man wanted on a charge of possession of cocaine, reportedly tasered the subject nine times while in custody. According to the coroner's report, the subject ceased trembling after the seventh shock, and died.

Shooting

J.R. Allen, came to the station to be interviewed, and that several others, including Tony and Tammy Grigsby, were expected.

After the gun battle, the vehicle Dulaney was driving was reportedly stopped by Prestonsburg Police for a traffic violation. According to Mike Ormerod, once the officer grasped the situation, emer-

gency vehicles were called to take Dulaney and Vance to the hospital.

Goble said when and if the grand jury hears the facts of the case, there could be more charges.

According to Kentucky Revised Statutes, "The use of physical force by a defendant upon another person is justifiable when the defendant

believes that such force is immediately necessary to prevent: The commission of criminal trespass, robbery, burglary, or other felony involving the use of force, or under those circumstances permitted pursuant to KRS 503.055, in a dwelling, building or upon real property in his possession or in the possession of another person for whose protection he acts."

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When asked if the statute, known as the "castle doctrine," would play a role in the case, Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner said, "It's certainly something that could be a factor, though it's too early to say whether that would exonerate anyone."

No motive for the violence has been offered yet from KSP investigators.

Rogers

Mexico and off the coast of Alaska.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush put in place a presidential ban on off-shore drilling, which was lifted last month by the current President Bush. The ban had been sustained under President Bill Clinton.

Due to the congressional moratorium, off-shore drilling is still not permitted.

One aspect of the bill that directly affects Eastern Kentucky is a section which is, according to House Republican Conference, designed to "spur the development of alternative fuels through government contracting by repealing the prohibition on government purchasing of alternative energy and promoting coal-to-

liquids technology."

"It will work. It's been proven scientifically that it does work," Rogers said of the process of coal liquefaction.

"We have hundreds of years of supply of coal," said Rogers. "We need plants to turn that coal into fuel."

Rogers reportedly spent time touring the site in Pike County where construction of just such a facility is supposed to begin in the near future.

As was reported in the Williamson Daily News, Rogers met with Pike Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford and a number of business owners to discuss the future of coal.

Rogers said that not only will these

plants help with the nation's energy crisis, but also help to create jobs in Eastern Kentucky.

"I am excited," Rogers said during the tour. "I like vision and bold thinking. Of course, there is more to be done. It is a hugely expensive new endeavor, and most of the funding will have to come from the private sector. We will have to see where it goes from here."

"We are the Saudi Arabia of coal," said Rogers, about Eastern Kentucky's abundance of coal. "We need to use anything we have to provide jobs and energy independence. It is a matter of national security. I would be thrilled to make this happen."

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Probe

cost estimates for road contracts in 2006 and 2007. Such estimates are supposed to be secret until sealed bids for proposed construction projects are opened.

Nighbert's attorney, Howard Mann, has called the allegations "false and baseless" and said his client "has not done anything wrong."

Lawson's attorney, Larry Mackey, previously called the FBI agent's sworn statement "a collection of innuendo and suspicions and should have never been made public." He has declined to comment further.

The newspaper report said that although Rummage told his bosses he planned to retire at the end of August 2007 at age 48, he received a special 10 percent raise on Aug. 16, increasing his pay about \$12,000 to \$129,919.

The newspaper reported

that he worked only two weeks at the higher salary, but such a raise would increase his retirement benefit and cause his payout to increase by 10 percent.

About two months later, Nighbert recommended that Rummage be rehired in a different position at a salary of \$95,000 a year. Rummage had to sign a statement that he did not have a "prearranged agreement" to return to work for the department.

Rummage resigned from the position on March 31, soon after agreeing to cooperate with the FBI investigation into the alleged leaking of cost estimates.

Mann, Nighbert's attorney, also has said it is implausible to think that Rummage and Nighbert would be part of conspiracy because Rummage was once targeted for firing or demotion. His name was on a

list of targeted employees that was disclosed during an investigation of improper political influence in hiring, including within the Transportation Cabinet during the administration of Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

That probe resulted in more than a dozen indictments against Fletcher and his associates for allegedly violating state hiring laws by favoring Republicans over Democrats for protected state jobs. In a

deal Fletcher worked out with prosecutors, the charges against him dismissed in 2006. He had pardoned the associates in 2005.

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Defendants By virtue of the Order of the Floyd District Court, dated July 23, 2008, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order Attorney to notify the Unknown Heirs of Timothy Hall of a pending debt collection action secured by a mortgage of the following property:

Parcel 1: Being Lot No. 1 as shown on a plat of Wheelwright Development Corporation lodged in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office in File No. 1-168 and more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 1 Beginning at a point in the North right-of-way line of the Golf Course Hollow Road, said point being twelve (12) feet more or less Northeast of the nearest corner of the bridge that crosses Otter Creek, thence with said North right-of-way line, North 83 degrees 23 minutes 12 seconds East, 72.57 feet to the point of curvature of said right-of-way; thence with the right-hand curve in the right-of-way defined by a 192.50 foot radius for an arc a distance of 153.14 feet to the point of tangency of the curve, thence with the right-of-way, South 51 degrees 01 minutes 56 seconds East, 4.00 feet to a point; said point being a common corner to Lot No. 2, North 33 degrees 28 minutes 17 seconds West, 87.00 feet; thence South 86 degrees 23 minutes 48 seconds West 109.50 feet to a point on the East bank of Otter Creek; thence with

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said East bank South 25 degrees 37 minutes 09 seconds West, 60.71 feet, South 54 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds West, 101.02 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.583 acres more or less. Included within this tract is a ten (10) foot wide permanent Sewer easement centered on the sewer line as it now lays. Being the same property conveyed to Tim Hall and Teresa Hall from Jerry Dean Allen dated January 15, 2002 and appearing of record at Deed Book 482, Page 338, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Parcel II: A certain tract or parcel of land located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake at the corner of Hayes, Johnson lot or property; thence running down the Kentucky State Highway 55 feet to a stake; thence across the bottom 75 feet to a stake; thence running a straight line up the creek 50 feet to a stake at Hayes Johnson's line, thence running with said Hayes Johnson's line to a stake at the beginning so as to include all of the land in said boundary.

Being the same property conveyed to the Mortgageors from Johnny Dale Pack and Sherry Pack, husband and wife, by deed dated January 17, 2006 and appearing of record in Deed Book 520, Page 312 in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Notice is given that the Unknown heirs of Timothy Hall advise the undersigned of their name and/or address and come forward and present any defense they may have to the current complaint or be forever barred.

Signed, Robert J. Patton Warning Order Attorney

Notice is hereby given that the Unknown Spouse of Amon Tackett is directed to come forward and present any interest in the above-described

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY DIVISION No. II C.A. No. 08-CI-00870 Citifinancial Services, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Unknown Spouse of Amon Tackett, et al., Defendant NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated July 21, 2008, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order to notify the Unknown Spouse of Amon Tackett of the pendency of a Complaint and Reformation of Mortgage for Foreclosure of Real Estate of the following described property:

All that certain parcel of land in Floyd County, Commonwealth of KY, as more fully described in Book D481, Page 420, ID #095-10-10-069.00, being known and designated as Lots 68 and 69, Subdivision of the B.M. Furguson Farm Old Home Place.

Being the same property conveyed by fee simple Deed from Deloris Hall, Joyce Daugherty, Namon Tackett, Amon Tackett, Timmy Tackett, Wendale Tackett, Peggy Miller and Terry Tackett to Penny Lea Thacker, dated 12/19/2002 recorded on 12/30/2002 in Book D481, Page 420 in Floyd County Records, Commonwealth of KY.

Notice is hereby given that the Unknown Spouse of Amon Tackett is directed to come forward and present any interest in the above-described

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Notice of Public Hearing 2009 Annual Plan

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Central Office at Warco Apartments
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The Authority's Website: www.floydcountyhousing.com

The Authority's business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on Wednesday, when all offices close at 12:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held October 7, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. at 402 John M. Stumbo Drive, Langley, KY. Anyone requiring assistance for hearing or sight impaired, may contact this agency at 606-285-3833 (voice) or 1-800-247-2510 (TDD). If you require special accommodations, please notify the Floyd County Housing Authority 72 hours in advance.

The Floyd County Housing Authority is an Equal Opportunity Agency.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The City of Prestonsburg is now accepting bids on a new Six-Yard Rear Loaded Garbage Truck. Bid specs can be picked up at City Hall or at the Public Works Department. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, August 15, 2008. For questions, please contact Ronnie Rice at (606) 886-3537. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 07-CI-00892 U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the C-Bass Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-CB1 Plaintiff vs. Richard Brian Ratliff Defendant NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF DEFAULT Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 5th day of February, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$59,848.81, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice

Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 28th day of August, 2008, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake at the County Road and land; thence running with the land and fence to the creek and with the creek a total distance of approximately 265 feet from the beginning to the line of James Ratliff to a stake; thence running with the line of James Ratliff approximately 150 feet back to a stake at the County Road; thence running along the County Road approximately 185 feet to the stake and beginning.

Being the same property conveyed from James George Ratliff, single, to Richard Brian Ratliff, single, by deed dated 01-25-02, and recorded 01-31-02, in Deed Book 468, Page 447, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

A 1977 manufactured home is located on the subject property.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good

surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

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

sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 07-CI-01462 American General Home Equity, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Dewey Collins Jr. Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 22nd day of February, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$51,128.81, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 28th day of August, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the fol-

lowing described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

The following described premises situated on Left Beaver Creek, Bryant Branch, in the County of Floyd, and State of Kentucky, to-wit:

Beginning at Bryant Branch Road up the hill with T.M. Mullins line 125 feet long or 80 feet wide. Being the same property conveyed in Quitclaim Deed from Alice Collins to Dewey Collins, Jr., dated 06/30/2004, recorded 07/01/2004, in Deed Book 500, Page 165, in the County Clerk's Office for Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid pur-

chase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the

Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 07-CI-01023 Popular Financial Services, LLC Plaintiff vs. Rosie Brown, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Rosie Brown, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Willie Brown, on October 21, 1998, County of Floyd Defendant

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 8th day of February, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$108,940.91, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 28th day of August, 2008, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated on Tink Fork of Big Mud Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being bounded and described, more particularly, as follows:

Beginning at creek thence up the creek joining Edgar Howells property; J.D. Hamiltons line thence upon the drain with said property to the main coal road thence left handed with coal road joining John D. Hamiltons line thence back down the drain to the beginning. Containing one-fourth more acres. Being the same property conveyed to Rosie Brown and William Brown, husband and wife, from Homer Hamilton and Wanda Hamilton, husband and wife, by deed dated August 7, 1978, and recorded August 7, 1978 in Deed Book 240, Page 107, of the Floyd County Clerk's Records.

Being the same property conveyed to Rosie Brown, divorced, from William Brown, divorced, by deed dated November 5, 1998, and recorded November 16, 1998, in Deed Book 427, Page 254, of the Floyd County Clerk's Records.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the success-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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<http://www.floyd.kyschools.us/publicnotice.html>

A copy is also available for viewing at the Floyd County Board of Education, Finance Department, 106 N. Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Request for Bids for Vehicles

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is now accepting bids for a basic cargo van for use with the Weatherization Assistance program. Sealed proposals will be accepted by the agency until 4 p.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Request for Bids should be addressed to Mr. Mike Howell, BSACAP Executive Director, 230 Court Street, Johnson County Courthouse, Paintsville, KY 41240. Bids may also be submitted in person, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, at the same address.

Questions regarding the bid procedure or other specifics may be directed to: Mr. Steve Arms, Weatherization Assistance Program Manager, at 193 East Court Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by telephone at (606) 886-2929.

Any and all revisions to this request shall be made only by written addendum issued by BSACAP. No oral statements by any person shall modify or otherwise affect the terms, conditions or specifications stated in this request.

Technical Specifications

1. 6-cylinder, 4-speed with automatic transmission
2. Air conditioning

BSACAP accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by the bidders in the preparation and presentation of a bid. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the bidder.

Bid responses that do not conform to the terms and conditions in this bid request will be subject to rejection. BSACAP reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and proposals, and further specifically reserves the right to make the award in the best interest of BSACAP.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids for road work to be done on Cliff Road. The scope of the project will be to excavate, fill, elevate and construct approximately 450 feet of roadway. For a detailed spec sheet, please contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335.

Sealed bids will be due no later than 4:00 p.m., on Friday, August 22, 2008.

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ful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

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

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT

COURT DIVISION III C.A. No. 04-CI-00209
Debra Jo Bush Combs Ousley Petitioner vs. Paul Townsel Combs Respondent
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property, entered on the 20th day of March, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 28th day of August, 2008, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on

Beaver Creek, containing five (5) lots, and described as follows:

Being Lots Nos. 58, 59, 60, 61 and 62 in the Melvin Frasure Subdivision of Arkansas, Floyd County, Kentucky, map of which is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court, to which map reference is made for a more specific description of said property.

Being the same property conveyed to Paul Townsel Combs and Debra Jo Bush Combs, his wife, by deed dated February 15, 1985, from George Bush, Jr., and Betty Jo Bush, recorded in Deed Book 291, Page 152, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ms. Beverly May, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 363 Wilson Creek Road, Langley, Kentucky 41645 has petitioned the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to declare an area unsuitable for all types of surface coal mining activities, pursuant to 405 KAR Chapter 24. The petition number is LUM 08-2. The petition area is located in Floyd County and consists of 2,006 acres in and around the Wilson creek watershed. A Public Hearing previously scheduled for August 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Allen Central High School, 442 KY Rt. 550, Eastern, Kentucky has been canceled. The hearing will be rescheduled in December, 2008. Written comments may still be submitted to Ron Mills, Director, Division of Mine Permits, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac Matthew Castle, single, Petitioner vs. Clarendia T. Bailey/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Clarendia T. Bailey; Oma T. Johnson, Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Oma T. Johnson; Arizona T. Isaac/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac; Hagar Thornsby/Deceased and the Unknown Heirs of Hagar Thornsby; and Floyd County, Kentucky Respondents
Notice is hereby given to the Unknown Heirs of Arizona T. Isaac that suit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court. You have fifty (50) days in which to file an respond the Com-

plaint/Petition.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0177, Amendment 5
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles North of Gunlock in Magoffin/Floyd County. The amendment operation will add 126.89 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 39.42 acres of highwall/thin seam mining area and underground area making a total area of 1545.04 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 miles North from Brushy Fork Road's junction with Ky. Route 7 and located on Molly Branch. The proposed amendment is located on the David USGS 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Marie Whitaker, David L. Francis, Tonie Wireman Heirs, John Arnett Heirs, and Dewey Shepherd Heirs. The highwall/thin seam mining and underground mining will underlie land owned by Marie Whitaker, Nancy Whitaker, S a n d y Shepherd/Marie Whitaker/Ruth Shepherd, Jerry Shepherd, Tonie Wireman Heirs, Goble & Bertha Shepherd, David L. Francis, John Arnett Heirs, Big Branch Holding Co., LLC, and Dewey Shepherd Heirs. The operation will use the area and contour methods of surface mining, the underground method, and highwall/thin seam miner method of auger mining. The operation will also include refuse disposal within the permit boundary. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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Lincoln's Kentucky roots featured at State Fair

by THOMAS S. WATSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky native son Abraham Lincoln will be honored during the 104th Kentucky State Fair with a display that recognizes his birthplace, rise to the presidency and accomplishments as chief executive. An 8,000-square-foot display called "Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln" will be divided into areas which explore his life from his birth Feb. 12, 1809, in a log cabin to

his ascension to the White House. It also traces his struggles in office as he sought to end slavery and bring a halt to the Civil War.

The fair opens Thursday and runs through Aug. 25.

A national commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth began Feb. 12 and related events are being held throughout Kentucky. The Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky State Fair sought an appropriate educational exhibit for this year's fair and chose Lincoln,

said society spokeswoman Lisa Cleveland.

"It will be fun for students and educational," Cleveland said. She said teachers will devise lesson plans about Lincoln, based on what children learn about him at the fair.

Central City Elementary School teachers Dorothy Parker and Peggy Shoemaker plan to take 84 fifth-graders from the school the 100 miles to the fair to see the Lincoln exhibits.

"I want to take pictures and perhaps do a play for the whole school," Parker said.

Lincoln was to have been portrayed at the exhibit by interpreter Jim Sayre, 72, of Lawrenceburg, but he recently broke his ankle and the exhibit organizers said last week they were seeking a substitute.

Lincoln exhibits at the fair include parts of a Kentucky Educational Television special

on video in a theater setting. There will also be a store to show what people could buy in the 1790s and cutouts of Abe and Mary Lincoln where children can insert their faces and have photos made.

Fairgoers will be introduced to Lincoln-related sites through the Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail, said Kentucky Historical Society Executive Director Kent Whitworth. They include the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site that marks the location of his birth in a log cabin near Hodgenville, some 45 miles south of Louisville.

National Park Ranger Rodney Blanton said rangers from the historic site will work in the Lincoln display at the state fair.

Visitors may pick up a trail "passport" to begin collecting stamps at Lincoln sites across the state and after collecting 10 or more, they become eligi-

ble to win monthly prizes such as T-shirts, caps and mugs.

Whitworth said the fair will feature demonstrations of how split-rail fences were made and the Historical Society's HistoryMobile — a converted tractor-trailer — will be at the fair with more Lincoln information.

Aside from the Lincoln focus at the fair, there are more traditional fair activities and exhibits, as well as more exotic acts.

A tiger will walk a tight rope in one of this year's specialty acts. Fair spokesman Edward Browne said there will also be a band roving through the crowds, playing water jugs, pots, pans and homemade instruments.

The Brooks and Dunn Cowboy Town Tour with ZZ Top and special guest Rodney Atkins kick off the professional entertainment opening night, Aug. 14, at 8 p.m. EDT

at Freedom Hall. The following night, Vanessa Hudgens and Corbin Bleu will be on stage with special guests Jordan Pruitt and Drew Seeley.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, Brad Paisley will perform along with Jewel, Chuck Wicks and Julianne Hough. Trace Adkins' "American Man Tour" with special guests Miranda Lambert and Keith Anderson is set for Sunday, Aug. 24.

The World's Championship Horse Show is Aug. 17-23 and is expected to attract 2,000 horses that will compete for \$1.2 million in premiums as world champion saddlebreds are chosen in different divisions.

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Glance of events at fair

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Fair gates open daily at 7 a.m. and the exhibit buildings at 9 a.m. Here's a look at some of the Kentucky State Fair attractions:

■ Aug. 14 — 5:15 p.m. South Wing "C" Lobby, opening day ceremonies

■ Aug. 14 — Brooks and Dunn, Freedom Hall.

■ Aug. 14 — Abe Lincoln tribute. Folk Heritage Award recipients Donna and Lewis Lamb will provide music from Lincoln's era as Don and Sylvia Coffey perform vintage dances along with John and Laura Penn. Blue Ribbon Stage.

■ Aug. 14 — Livestock exhibits open.

■ Aug. 15 — Vanessa Hudgens, Freedom Hall.

■ Aug. 15 — Boys II Men with Midnight Star, Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 15 — Old-time fiddler Roger Cooper and his apprentice Michael Garvin perform Lincoln-era music with fiddler John Harrod and his apprentice Rossi Clark, Blue Ribbon Stage.

■ Aug. 16 — Brad Paisley, Freedom Hall

■ Aug. 16 — Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 17 — The Oak Ridge Boys with The Roys, Cardinal

Stadium.
■ Aug. 17-23 — World's Championship Horse Show, North Wing.

■ Aug. 18 — Newsboys with Article One, Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 19 — Turner with Candy Coburn, Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 19 — Margaret Garner, escaped slave, portrayed by Erma Bush, a Kentucky Humanities Council Chautauqua performer; Blue Ribbon Stage.

■ Aug. 20 — Free concert: Gary Lewis and the Playboys, Billy J. Kramer, Gary US Bonds and Andy Kim. Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 21 — 45th Annual Kentucky Ham Breakfast and Auction, 7:30 a.m. Southwest Conference Center.

■ Aug. 22 — Village People, Cardinal Stadium.

■ Aug. 22 — "Juneteenth Blues Cabaret," a tribute to blues singers Bessie Smith, Ethel Waters, Billie Holiday, Dinah Washington and Lena Horne; Blue Ribbon Stage.

■ Aug. 23 — Lexington Philharmonic brass quintet will play music from Lincoln's era including Civil War music and popular songs of the day, Blue Ribbon Stage.

■ Aug. 24 — Trace Adkins, Freedom Hall.

Budget cuts mean end of TV college courses

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A program that has helped thousands of Kentuckians get a college education will end due to state budget cuts.

Kentucky Educational Television will stop airing College Courses after the fall 2008 semester. KET spokesman Tim Bischoff told The Kentucky Enquirer. The program offered classes for busy students and those in rural areas for 30 years.

More than 140,000 students have enrolled in the program since it was first offered in 1978 as a way to appeal to nontraditional students.

The Council on Postsecondary Education had funded the program with a \$182,700 annual grant, but it notified KET it would discontinue the grant this year because of state budget cuts.

Gov. Steve Beshear plans to talk with the Council on Postsecondary Education "to determine if the source of those funds is gone long term or if there might be other

things that we can do," said spokesman Jay Blanton.

Those enrolled can watch classes on television, view them online or order DVDs from KET instead of traveling to campus. Students communicate with their professors by phone or e-mail and most universities require a few on-campus sessions during the semester for discussions and exams.

"The real benefit of this program is the access that it allows students to have to higher education," Bischoff said. "Students sometimes have barriers of time or barriers of distance to higher education. This program has been able to break down those barriers."

Bischoff called the program unique because it was able to bring college classes into living rooms across the state.

"We're always looking for ways, and open to ways, we can serve adult learners," Bischoff said. "It's core to who we are, it's core to our educational mission, we were certainly disappointed that the program is ending."

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Kramer collects Battle of the Bluegrass Modified feature win

201 to host BoB Late Models in Aug. 30 finale

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - Indiana driver Joey Kramer qualified the fast, won his heat race and cruised to victory lane Saturday night in the Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified feature

race at 201 Speedway. Kramer outlasted a feature field that included several local drivers. Kelly Warren, Jimmy Arnett, Don Adams and Darren Muncy rounded out the Modified feature top-five.

A breakdown of the latest Battle of the Bluegrass Modified racenight follows.

Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: 77-Joey Kramer, 15.214.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat (Top 4 Transfer): 77-Joey Kramer; 33-Corey McKenzie; 74-Beadie Blackburn; B1-Delane Browning;

52T-Shawn Tolson; 23-Courtney Conley; 1S-Keith Smith; 30-William Hensley.

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat (Top 4 Transfer): 34-Robbie Gullion; J17-Jimmy Arnett; 3-Jim Lemaster; 20-Mickie Sanson; 55-Darren Muncy; 62K-Joel Jensen; 50/50-Robert Jackson; 21-Jimmy Barnett; 31-Clyde Potter.

Third Open Wheel Modified Heat (Top 4 Transfer): 78-Josh Lucas; 09-Don Adams; 12-Kevin Copher; 84-Walt Mayabb; 11-Pete Castle; 46-Dennis Deboard;

7X-Warnie Allen Jr.; 40-Chris Maynard.

Fourth Open Wheel Modified Heat (Top 4 Transfer): 0-Kelly Warren; 28M-Kevin Mayabb; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 3-Jacob Ross; 15-Stanley Haddix; B8-Shane Back; J16-Leslie Johnson; 1D-Tommy Cordell.

First Open Wheel B-Main Consi (Top 2 Transfer): 55-Darren Muncy; 52T-Shawn Tolson; 23-Courtney Conley; 62K-Joel Jensen; 31-Clyde Potter; 50/50-Robert Jackson; 7-Glen Patton.

Second Open Wheel

Modified B Main Consi: 11-Pete Castle; 46-Dennis Deboard; 15-Stanley Haddix; J16-Leslie Johnson; B8-Shane Back; 7X-Warnie Allen Jr.

Battle Of The Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Feature: 77-Joey Kramer; 0-Kelly Warren; J17-Jimmy Arnett; 09-Don Adams; 55-Darren Muncy; 11-Pete Castle; 34-Robbie Gullion; 52T-Shawn Tolson; 12-Kevin Copher; 78 Josh Lucas; B1-Delane Browning (13th); 20-Mickie Sanson; 3-Jim Lemaster; 84-Walt Mayabb; 74-Beadie Blackburn;

15-Stanley Haddix; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 21-Jimmy Barnett; B8-Shane Back; 28M-Kevin Mayabb; 33-Corey McKenzie; 3-Jacob Ross.

One of Kentucky's top dirt tracks, 201 Speedway will host the Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model Series on Saturday, Aug. 30 in an event that will also serve as a regular-season finale for the Johnson County track owned by Floyd Countian Chuckie May, a former Late Model driver. The Johnson County track continues to thrive under May's leadership.

Evans returns to 201 Speedway winner's circle

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - On a night when Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modifieds had the spotlight, Late Model drivers put on a solid show Saturday at 201 Speedway. Veteran driver Jackie Boggs turned in a fast qualifying effort of 13.45 and led laps 1-15 of the Late Model feature. Boggs, however, failed to hold on for the Late Model feature victory. Instead, Rod Evans paced the Late Model field in laps 16-20 and took the victory.

Tim Mason (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Open Wheel Modified) also claimed feature wins Saturday night.

A breakdown of the Late Model, Bomber and Four-Cylinder racing follows.

Late Model Qualifying: 4B-Jackie Boggs, 13.45; 13-Jamie Ferguson, 13.71; 81-Brandon Fouts, 13.84; 9-Terry Hicks, 13.85; 2-Rick Whitt, 13.86.

First Late Model Heat: 4B-Jackie Boggs; R1-Rod Evans; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 81-Brandon Fouts; 47-Chris Combs; 2W-Rick Whitt; 9-Jimmy Perkins; 43K-Kevin Hall; 05-Jefferson Davis; 57-Brittany McKinney.

Second Late Model Heat: 9-Terry Hicks; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 11-D.J. Wells; 78-Robert Fletcher; 16-Paul Davis; 3-Richie Edwards; 25-Albert Butcher; 81-Benny Butcher; 26-Shane Case.

Late Model Feature: R1-Rod Evans; B4-Jackie Boggs; 9-Terry Hicks; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 81-Brandon Fouts; 47-Chris Combs; 3-Richie Edwards; 43K-Kevin Hall; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 25 Albert Butcher; 2W-Rick Whitt; 9-Jimmy Perkins; 78-Robert Fletcher; 05-Jefferson Davis; 57-Brittany McKinney; 11-D.J. Wells; 16-Paul Davis; 26-Shane Case; 81-Benny Butcher.

First Bomber Heat: 73-Charlie Mollette; R17-Don Risner; 77-Harley Hall; 3-Shannon Richmond; P12-Dean Pennington; 20-Bo Howard; 5H-James Hale; 9X-Steve Lewis.

Second Bomber Heat: 45-Tim Mason; P20-Ervin Vance; 3D-Darren Damron; 5M-Scott Morris; B70-Jason Blair; 27-Matthew Hollins.

Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: 45-Tim Mason; R17-Don Risner; 73-Charlie Mullett; P20-Ervin Vance; 3D-Darren Damron; J17-J.J. Terry; 77-Harley Hall; 5M-Scott Morris; 3-Shannon Richmond; P12-Dean Pennington; 20-Bo Howard; 5H-James Hale; 27-Matthew Hollins; B70-Jason Blair; 9X-Steve Lewis.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 18K-DI Henson; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 9-Ethan Conley; 37-Alan Osborne; 7K-Kinsey Patton; 17X-Shawn Shelton.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: D6-Darin Rogers; 31-Ricky Combs; A17-Alan Salisbury; M77-McCay Sexton; 30-Estill Lawson.

Four Cylinder Feature: 37-Alan Osborne; 18K-DI Henson; D6-Darin Rogers; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 17X-Shawn Shelton; M77-McCay Sexton; 9-Ethan Conley; 7K-Kinsey Patton; 30-Estill Lawson; A17-Alan Salisbury; 31-Ricky Combs.



Former University of Louisville guard Bryant Northern started early on during the 2007-08 season for the East Kentucky Miners. Northern was one of the team's 2007 free agent camp participants. Pikeville College product Daniel Price (not pictured) also participated in the free agent camp.

Local players have opportunity of lifetime with Miners free agent camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - It isn't every day an Eastern Kentuckian has a chance to live his hoop dream. The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization is gearing up for its second season. East Kentucky will hold its second free agent camp on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Local players are urged to register for the free agent camp and have the opportunity to reach their goal of playing basketball professionally. The inaugural East Kentucky Miners free agent camp produced former Louisville standout Bryant Northern, a player who started at the point guard position in the team's debut home game. Former

Pikeville College player Daniel Price wasn't signed initially but played for the Miners later on in the 2007-08 season. Price also attended the East Kentucky pro basketball team's first free agent camp.

Eastern Kentucky is rich in basketball-tradition.

"East Kentucky has a lot of great basketball talent, going back to the legendary King Kelly Coleman on up to John Pelphrey, Jody Thompson, J.R. VanHoose and some of the other big-time players of the 1980s and 90s," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We've yet to have an Eastern Kentucky native suit up and play for the Miners. This is a great opportunity for all area players to come out and show us what they've got."

The 2007-08 Miners free agent camp included former University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University and Eastern Kentucky University players as well as standouts from Pikeville College and Alice Lloyd College.

The early registration fee for the East Kentucky Miners free agent camp is \$75. Early registration is being held through Sept. 5. The registration fee is \$125 for those who register on the day of the camp.

Acceptable forms of payment are money order and cash. Money orders should be sent for the early registration. Cash or money order will be the only acceptable form of payment. No checks will be accepted during any of the

registration period. Money orders should be made payable to East Kentucky Miners.

The camp will be comprised of two sessions - 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. A one-hour lunch period will be held prior to the start of the second and final session.

All players should send a resume with their registration form. Players should also bring a second copy of their resume to the free agent camp. Game video - if available - is also encouraged.

Payment and application materials should be sent to East Kentucky Miners Basketball, LLC., c/o Coach Kevin Keathley, 237 2nd Street Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

Colonels complete first week of drills

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND - The Eastern Kentucky University football team wrapped up preseason practice number nine Friday morning under sunny skies and an unusually cool August breeze. The team concluded the first of two sessions Friday by concentrating on overtime situations before running a series of sprints from sideline to sideline. Below are some notes on the first week of preseason camp.

After opening training camp with a pair of practices in helmets only, the Colonels strapped on full pads for the first time Tuesday. The team then worked through its first two-a-day practice session on Wednesday. Coach Hood was proud of the way the players arrived at camp as all of the players were in

respectable shape and most were in excellent physical condition.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Wes Woods is a red-shirt freshman offensive lineman for the Colonels. Woods is a former Kentucky All-Star.

EKU had its first preseason scrimmage Saturday under the lights at Roy Kidd Stadium.

According to Hood, the offensive line and linebacker units have the most to learn in the change of schemes this year. He has been pleased with the progress from both units thus far, but notes they still have a long way to go. Junior Jake Tamaska changed positions from

fullback to linebacker due to the lack of depth at the linebacker position. Sophomore linebacker Jordan Dalrymple has a



Perry County Central graduate Al Holland is EKU's starting quarterback.

broken hand and is currently being held out of 'live' practice.

"The first week is kind of like a warm-up week and just getting used to the tempo of practice," said Hood. "Week two is full steam ahead. It will be a

grinding week for the team. By week three, all of the packages should be developed and it should just be a matter of fine tuning for all of the situations we could face during a game." Week two of camp features three two-a-day practices - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

INJURIES: Junior fullback Phillip Herbst is out with a shoulder injury while sophomore offensive lineman Andre Barbour has been limited due to a mild concussion. Key contributors - senior quarterback Allan Holland, senior defensive back Zach Denton and junior defensive lineman Chris Hall - who missed all of spring practice due to a variety of injuries are all practicing at full speed.

Wildcats have first practice in full gear

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The University of Kentucky football team had its first practice in pads Saturday afternoon at the Nutter Training Center. Coach Rich Brooks was pleased with what we saw, although his enthusiasm was tempered by a pair of injuries.

"Overall, I was pleased," Brooks said. "I thought guys attacked pretty well. We had a lot of guys being aggressive. It wasn't as crisp or as sharp as you'd like to have it - it never is the first day in full gear - but overall the effort was there and it looks like we have some guys who can make some plays."

Brooks reported that second-team center Jake Lanefski sustained a broken bone in his snapping hand. Brooks said that Lanefski can practice with a cast, but probably would move to guard while the bone heals. Other offensive linemen, such as sophomore Marcus Davis and freshman Osaze Idumwonyi, will get a look at the backup center slot during Lanefski's absence.

In addition, freshman wide

(See WILDCATS, page two)

Matt Smith moves to center; Jeffries returns to practice

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Matt Smith has been moved to center in order to bolster that position, Coach Rich Brooks announced Sunday.

Smith, a freshman from Louisville, had been working at defensive tackle during his first week as a Wildcat. That move was prompted by a need for additional players at the position after backup center Jake Lanefski sustained a broken hand on Saturday.

"First day, he (Smith) looked like he knew what he was doing. I think that will be a much better spot for him, moving forward, on the offensive side of the ball," Brooks said. "Marcus Davis is doing some good things (at center). It looks like he is going to be in the mix."

Brooks also announced another position change, sophomore Chris Goode moving from defensive end to the offensive line. The coach noted that Goode is following a similar path as Eric Scott, last year's starting center. Goode, like Scott, began his collegiate career as a tight end and defensive end before finding his niche as an offensive lineman. Goode is getting his first look in the O-Line as a tackle.

Brooks also announced that offensive tackle Justin Jeffries, who missed a couple of days with a shoulder injury, returned to practice on Sunday. However, offensive tackle James Alexander exited with a sprained ankle, the extent of which is not yet known.

The Wildcats practiced for two hours and 40 minutes Sunday afternoon at the Nutter Training Center.

The Wildcats resumed practice on Monday.

Ambrose shines again in a memorable weekend

by JOHN KEKIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — A day after he made NASCAR history, Marcos Ambrose nearly did it again.

Ambrose, who won the Nationwide Zippo 200 at Watkins Glen International on Saturday to become the first Australian to win a NASCAR race, drove the No. 21 Wood Brothers Ford to an impressive third-place finish Sunday in the Centurion Boats at The Glen Cup race after starting last.

"It was just a real thrill," Ambrose said. "You don't get many chances in life to do something special like this, and today I'm going to look back very fondly. I've come a long way."

The win by the 31-year-old Ambrose, a native of Tasmania, was being called back home the biggest breakthrough in international motorsports by an Australian since Alan Jones won the Formula One crown nearly two decades ago.

Ambrose, who raced one year in the Craftsman Truck Series and is in the top 12 in the Nationwide Series, is slated to race full-time in Cup next year with JTG Daugherty Racing.

Eddie Wood will be sad to see him go.

"Marcos has done a heck of a job for the first time here in a Cup car," Wood said. "We needed this so badly."

It was the first top-five finish for the Wood Brothers since 2005 on the road course at Sonoma.

POOR STRATEGY: Dale Earnhardt Jr. started on the front row, gained the lead on

the second lap from eventual winner Kyle Busch, and sailed away, leading 27 of the first 28 laps.

Then poor pit strategy doomed what could have been a breakthrough day. Earnhardt has never won a Cup road race, and when he was forced to give up the lead with 27 laps remaining by pitting under caution, he lost his track position and finished 22nd.

"What are we going to do to get a good finish?" said Earnhardt, who dropped two spots in the points standings to fourth. "I was happy we had a good car. Strategy got messed up there at the end."

"If the caution hadn't come out, we'd been sitting rosy," said Earnhardt's crew chief, Tony Eury Jr.

RACING IN THE RAIN: Racing in the rain at the Sprint Cup level is not on the horizon, but some drivers think it would make sense and be very entertaining.

Using Goodyear's specially grooved wet-weather tires, the Nationwide Series made history a week ago in Montreal when Ron Fellows won NASCAR's first major points race in the rain.

"It's definitely a possibility," said Tony Stewart, a six-time winner on road courses. "Goodyear did an excellent job. I'm their biggest critic at times. They can do things right at times. You still got to see the race. You get to see guys who are a lot out of their element, and that's fun. It's fun to watch those drivers adapt."

Rain tires have not been an option for Sprint Cup Series teams on road courses since 2006.

Sprint Cup qualifying

Friday at Watkins Glen was canceled because of rain for the fourth time in five years, but NASCAR vice president of competition Robin Pemberton said that, despite those statistics, too many factors weigh against using rain tires for Cup events. But Pemberton added that NASCAR would always consider anything.

Goodyear had 600 rain tires on site at Watkins Glen for the Nationwide cars, and the tires would have been used if it rained. It didn't.

Rain tires were used for an official Craftsman Truck Series practice at Watkins Glen in 1999. At the 2000 Cup event at The Glen, NASCAR offered drivers the opportunity to test rain tires in an unofficial session and Dale Earnhardt, Mark Martin, Robby Gordon, Todd Bodine, and Jeff Burton briefly tried them, though the tires were never used for an official practice.

Jeff Gordon isn't too fond of the idea, though. "I like to see where I'm going," he said.

FRANCHITTI'S FUTURE: Dario Franchitti's first ride in a month served as a reminder that he's still available.

The former Indy 500 winner won the pole for Saturday's Zippo 200 Nationwide race at Watkins Glen International, led 18 laps, and finished fifth. He has six more scheduled starts in the series, but where he'll drive after that is still up in the air. Franchitti lost his Cup ride last month when Chip Ganassi shuttered it for lack of sponsorship.

"I figure with the Cup deal closing down, I might as well be in the car somewhere," said the 35-year-old Franchitti, who

switched to stock cars after winning the 2007 IndyCar title. "I was planning to do these Nationwide races anyway. I figure get in the car, keep learning, keep working on how to drive a stock car properly. That's where we are now."

Franchitti said he wasn't ready to give up hope just yet.

"I'm going to talk to other teams in the NASCAR paddock, for sure," he said. "I'm going to talk to everybody and see what my options are for next year."

So far, he said he's sticking with trying to find a ride in a stock car, but his brother Mario races sports cars in the American Le Mans Series, and that could be an option.

"It's not a good feeling. It's the first time it's happened in my career," said Franchitti, who's made two trips back to his native Scotland with his wife, actress Ashley Judd, since he lost his ride. "It's just a sign of the times really."

SPARK PLUGS: Richard Childress Racing drivers Jeff Burton and Kevin Harvick carried decals on their cars in support of the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma at Wake Forest University Medical Center. ... Harvick extended his NASCAR record to 66 consecutive races without a DNF. ... Kyle Busch has led 1,131 laps this season, the most in Cup. No driver has led every race. ... The point spread between first and second has varied between six following California and 262 after Chicago. Kyle Busch leads Carl Edwards now by 242. ... Toyota has nine wins, Chevrolet five, Ford four, and Dodge three.

Wildcats

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receiver E.J. Fields incurred a hamstring strain and will be day-to-day.

Brooks noted that freshman Randall Cobb, who has been seeing action at quarterback and wide receiver, would see approximately 90 percent of his practice time at QB. The coach also gave an update on many of the team's true freshmen.

"I will say this, right now at the receiver position, Matt Roark is doing very, very well," Brooks said. "E.J. Fields was doing very well and we just hope that he's not down very long. (Gene) McCaskill is doing really well and (Eric) Adeyemi is doing well. We look to get some production out of those guys as we move forward."

"Chandler Burden, on the defensive line, is very impres-

sive at this point," Brooks continued. "We just need to get him understanding more about what he's doing. Physically, he's a force out there. I feel very good about Cartier Rice at corner. He's going to see some action for us this year. We have some other freshmen — (Danny) Trevathan is in the mix (at middle linebacker) — and just need to ascertain in the next week or so how many of those guys are going to be major factors for us early. Winston Guy has some learning to take place (at safety), but physically he's been impressive."

The Wildcats met the public Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium with Fan Day activities, then returned to the practice field on Sunday.

Steelers sign Leftwich

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LATROBE, Pa. — The Pittsburgh Steelers signed veteran quarterback Byron Leftwich on Sunday, choosing the former Jacksonville Jaguars starter over Daunte Culpepper, a three-time Pro Bowl player.

The Steelers signed the 28-year-old Leftwich after both he and Culpepper worked out Sunday morning at the team's training camp at Saint Vincent College.

Pittsburgh needed a backup for Ben Roethlisberger after veteran Charlie Batch broke his right collarbone in Friday night's 16-10 preseason victory over the Philadelphia Eagles. Batch, who is scheduled for surgery Monday, is expected to miss four to six weeks.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said Leftwich, who has started 46 career games for Jacksonville and Atlanta, may not be released when Batch returns.

"We're just going to let the play talk," Tomlin said. "You know how we do it. We're

going to evaluate what we see based on performance."

Leftwich was released by Atlanta in February and has played in just nine games the past two seasons because of ankle injuries. A first-round pick of Jacksonville in 2003, he saw action in 15 games that season, making 13 starts. He missed two games in 2004 and five in 2005 with injuries.

A serious ankle injury in 2006 limited him to just six games, opening the door for backup David Garrard to get a 10-game audition and win the starting job. Leftwich was released at the end of training camp last year and signed with Atlanta.

The Steelers also signed veteran punter Mitch Berger on Sunday to compete with Paul Ernster. Punter Daniel Sepulveda, a fourth-round draft pick in 2007, tore an anterior cruciate ligament on the first day of practice, ending his season.

The 35-year-old Berger is a 12-year veteran with a career average of 43.1 yards with five different teams, including Arizona in 2007.

Indiana opts to not request second hearing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University will not request a second hearing in front of the NCAA infractions committee, but will send a written response to the NCAA's newest allega-

tion of failing to monitor the men's basketball program.

University spokesman Larry MacIntyre confirmed the decision. He had no explanation for why it was made after university president Michael McRobbie promised to vigorously fight

the charge in June.

Indiana has until Sept. 17 to file a response, something MacIntyre said has not happened yet.

The allegation is the latest twist in a phone-call scandal involving former coach Kelvin Sampson that

has rocked the Hoosiers' basketball program.

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DIAMOND DANDY: Webb beats Braves for 17th win

Reynolds breaks franchise record for strikeouts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Ashland native Brandon Webb has been masterful on the mound this season in racking up the most wins in the majors. So for his latest outing he turned his focus toward his performance at the plate.

Webb pitched six strong innings for his 17th win and hit a two-run double to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Sunday.

"I got a good piece of wood on that one," Webb said. "We had a couple of ducks on the pond and that's when I step it up."

With Arizona leading 4-0 with two outs in the fourth inning and Jamie D'Antona standing on second, Atlanta starter Mike Hampton inten-

tionally walked Chris Burke to get to Webb. But the right-hander lined a double over the outstretched glove of Jeff Francouer in center, scoring D'Antona and Burke to put the Diamondbacks ahead 6-0.

"Every now and then you get lucky and get a base hit," Webb said.

Chris Snyder homered for the first-place Diamondbacks, who snapped a four-game losing streak and extended their lead in the NL West over Los Angeles to 11 1/2 games.

"The Dodgers aren't going to give us the division," said third baseman Mark Reynolds, who hit a two-run double in the first. "We have to win as many games as we can. The way the division is it's crucial for us to keep playing and keep plug-

ging along."

Reynolds is a Pike County native.

Webb (17-4) was effective if not sharp, allowing one run and six hits with two walks and five strikeouts. He threw 62 of 96 pitches for strikes in his shortest outing since three straight six-inning starts from June 28-July 8.



WEBB



REYNOLDS

After loading the bases twice in the sixth and surrendering a sacrifice fly to Omar Infante, Webb — the 2006 NL Cy Young Award winner — escaped by fielding Francouer's grounder and

starting an inning-ending double play.

"We had a chance to get to him and they got out of it with a double play," Braves third

baseman Chipper Jones said. "That's what he does. Brandon Webb is unbelievable, the probable Cy Young Award winner again."

Infante finished 2-for-3 for the Braves, who fell one game short of their first four-game sweep of Arizona since 2004.

"To win three out of four against their pitching staff is pretty good," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox. "They've got an outstanding staff and getting three is big."

After Webb's double, Hampton (1-1) retired Stephen Drew to end the fourth inning but his day was done. He allowed five hits, walked two and struck out three in matching his shortest start since coming off the disabled list July 26.

"I made some terrible pitches with guys in scoring position," Hampton said.

Reynolds gave Arizona a 2-0 lead in the first when he hit a two-run double into the left-field corner. Reynolds scored on Chris Young's groundout to

first. "That first inning went a long way toward getting us moving in the right direction," Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. "Early runs and Brandon Webb on the mound usually ends up being all good in the end."

Snyder made it 4-0 when he led off the second with his 10th home run, his first since July 30.

Notes: Reynolds struck out in the fifth inning, his franchise-record 146th of the season. Troy Glaus held the previous record of 145, set in 2005. He added his 147th in the eighth. ... Drew singled in the first to extend his hitting streak to 13 games, matching his career high. ... Diamondbacks 2B Orlando Hudson will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery late Saturday night to repair a dislocated bone in his left wrist. Hudson was injured during the sixth inning of the Braves' 11-4 win on Saturday. Hudson was placed on the 15-

day disabled list, and the Diamondbacks recalled OF Jeff Salazar from Triple-A Tucson. Arizona also transferred RHP Edgar Gonzalez to the 60-day disabled list from the 15-day DL. ... Diamondbacks LHP Doug Slaten likely will be activated from the disabled list on Tuesday before Arizona plays Colorado. ... Arizona RF Justin Upton will begin a rehab assignment in Tucson on Monday. Upton has been out since June 9 with a strained left oblique muscle.

... Braves LHP Tom Glavine, on the DL since June 11 due to a strained left elbow, allowed three runs — two earned — and four hits in five innings Saturday night for Double-A Mississippi. He threw 74 pitches, 47 for strikes, and retired his final six batters. Glavine is expected to pitch Thursday against the Chicago Cubs. ... Atlanta is 10-13 since the All-Star break, 5-5 in August after going 10-15 in July.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES: Kyle Busch wins again

by JOHN KEKIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — If Kyle Busch has a weakness, it's apparently going to be awfully difficult to find.

After rivals Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon said during the week they thought he was slipping following two straight lackluster finishes, Busch answered by making NASCAR history on Sunday. He led 52 laps from the pole and won the Centurion Boats at The Glen at Watkins Glen International to become the first driver in NASCAR's history to win three road course races in one season.

"That's pretty neat, pretty special to me," said Busch, who finished second Saturday in the Nationwide race here. "To be a force to be reckoned with means a lot. This year has just been phenomenal. It's just crazy."

Busch, who also clinched the top spot in the 10-race Chase for the Sprint Cup title, has won 16 races in NASCAR's top three series this season — eight in Sprint Cup, six in Nationwide and two in trucks. His win Sunday

completed a trifecta on road courses that includes the Nationwide race in Mexico in April and the Cup race at Sonoma in June.

Busch also joined another select group. Only Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart and Robby Gordon had swept both Cup road course events in the same year.

"That kid's awesome," said Steve Addington, Busch's crew chief. "I can't believe we don't win a race in three or four weeks and we're in a slump."

Actually, Busch has won four of the past seven races, and Sunday's victory gives him 80 bonus points for the Chase, 50 more than Carl Edwards with four races remaining before the postseason. Drivers get 10 bonus points for a victory.

After a 43-minute red-flag stoppage due to a multicaer pile-up with eight laps to go, Busch held off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Stewart, who was bidding for his fifth win here in seven starts. Stewart settled for his second straight runner-up finish and moved within 10 points of Jeff Gordon for sixth in the standings.

"I never could get the runs in the right spots," said Stewart, who also has finished second twice here in the past three years. "I needed to stay with him to be close enough to try to make a move in a braking zone. We never could get close enough to get an opportunity."

Marcos Ambrose of Tasmania, who started last in the No. 21 Wood Brothers Ford, finished an amazing third a day after winning the Nationwide race.

"It's just a great weekend all around," Ambrose said after only his third Cup start of his brief NASCAR career. "I hope I can give the Wood Brothers a shot in the arm that they need to really get the momentum to move forward."

Ambrose was followed by Juan Pablo Montoya and Martin Truex Jr.

Kevin Harvick was sixth, followed by Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Edwards and Kurt Busch. Matt Kenseth finished 12th to move into 12th place in the standings, 22 points ahead of Clint Bowyer in the race for the final slot to make the postseason.

Jeff Gordon, a four-time

winner at Watkins Glen, began the day sixth in points, but faded quickly after a strong start and finished 29th.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who has never won a Cup race on a road course, took off to a big lead after passing Busch on the second lap and figured to be a strong contender. But poor pit strategy derailed his effort and he finished 22nd after leading 33 laps and fell two slots in the standings to fourth.

Johnson had a stout car, too, but an unscheduled pit stop for a tire problem spoiled his chances of notching the first road-course victory of his career.

Running up front most of the day around the 2.45-mile, 11-turn course, Busch allowed Stewart to pass him on lap 54 so Stewart could collect five bonus points for leading, then quickly regained the top spot when Stewart moved over the next time around.

Busch and Stewart made their final pit stop one lap later and regained the top two spots on lap 65 when Earnhardt gave up the lead and pitted under caution, losing all of his track position.

"He was fast," Busch said

of Stewart. "I knew that he was going to be good. We both came together and left together, and that was probably the win right there, to be able to beat him off pit road. Once we did that, I kind of got up through the esses better than him and we pulled away."

The JGR teammates stayed 1-2 until Ryan Newman, running third and hoping for a strong finish to enhance his chances of making the Chase, slid off course in turn 1 on lap 79, bringing out the third caution of the race and bunting the field for a nine-lap dash to the finish.

The dash was shortlived. A stunning multicaer crash on the final turn of lap 82 of the 220.5-mile race brought out a red flag stoppage that lasted 43 minutes.

The pileup started when Michael McDowell spun David Gilliland, who caromed off the wall and was slammed hard again by Bobby Labonte, with both cars spinning violently around. Max Papis, Dave Blaney, and Sam Hornish Jr. also were unable to avoid the carnage, with Hornish slamming hard into the water barrier at the entrance to pit

road. "I couldn't see," Blaney said. "It was a big hit for a bunch of guys."

Labonte was taken to a local hospital for evaluation and released. The other drivers involved were taken to the care center and also released.

"I'm fine, I'm broken in my heart," Papis said. "We were ready to attack. I know with nine to go, you get up on the wheel and push hard. Pushing and shoving is OK, but that was crazy. I guess there wasn't much place to go. They kept pushing and shoving."

The 90-lap race resumed with six laps remaining, and Busch sailed away on the restart and was never challenged.

"I was worried," Busch said. "I knew getting a good start was going to be good, and once I got that, then it changed all my worries."

NASCAR SPRINT CUP SERIES NEXT RACE:
Aug. 17 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

NATIONWIDE SERIES: Ambrose prevails in Zippo 200

by JOHN KEKIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Marcos Ambrose took advantage of a fortuitous pit stop midway through the Nationwide Zippo 200 at Watkins Glen International on Saturday and easily beat Kyle Busch for his first career NASCAR victory.

Ambrose, from Tasmania, was in the pits on lap 42 when the fourth caution of the 82-lap race flew. He gained the lead on lap 48 but gave it up right away to top off for fuel.

Ambrose worked his way up to third with 12 laps to go as Jeff Burton and Jimmie Johnson battled for the lead. But the two leaders ran out of fuel with less than four laps remaining and Ambrose coasted to the victory in the No. 59 JTG Daugherty Racing Ford.

"I just feel like a weight is off my shoulders, just a huge relief," said Ambrose, who was third last week in the rain in Montreal after leading the most laps and second on the road course in Mexico. "We've come close. We haven't been able to close the deal. I've had to be patient."

"He's been due," Busch said. "He was leading last week in the rain by nine seconds."

Matt Kenseth finished third, followed by Kevin Harvick and polesitter Dario Franchitti, who was back in a NASCAR race-car for the first time in nearly a month. Franchitti, who lost his Cup ride with Chip Ganassi Racing last month because of a lack of sponsorship, led 18 laps in the first of seven Nationwide starts the former Indianapolis 500 champion will make this season for Ganassi.

Brad Keselowski was sixth

and moved past Carl Edwards into second place in the series standings, 128 points behind leader Clint Bowyer. Rookie Joey Logano finished seventh in his first race at Watkins Glen.

Bowyer was running in the top 10 on a restart following the fifth and final caution of the race, but Edwards slammed into him on the first turn and both ran off course. Edwards finished 25th, two spots behind Bowyer.

Johnson, in only his second start in the series this year, was seeking his first career road course victory and led 17 laps before pit strategy ruined his day. He finished 29th, while Burton limped home 14th.

Johnson was leading midway through the race but was caught speeding off pit road under the caution on lap 42 and was sent to the rear of the field.

Joining him there was Busch, who was penalized for an uncontrolled tire in the pits. Both came back in to top off with fuel, but too many laps remained to finish the race without pitting again.

Still, both tried, gambling on cautions that never came. Burton, who had spun out on lap 3, gained the lead on lap 51 with Busch close behind.

Busch, seeking to become the first driver in NASCAR history to win three road courses in one season, then stalked Burton for seven laps, often smoking his front tires on heavy braking in the turns.

On the final turn of lap 62, Busch hit the right rear of Burton and both cars spun completely around. Busch rammed it in second gear and quickly took off with the lead as both drivers recovered, and Ambrose was able to get past

Johnson for third when Johnson slowed because of smoke created by the spinout.

Burton, one of the most mild-mannered drivers in NASCAR, exacted payback six laps later, catching the rear of Busch's No. 92 Toyota and regaining the lead as Johnson roared past Busch into second.

In an effort to save fuel, Johnson backed off and trailed by 1.2 seconds but was well ahead of Ambrose and Busch. But Johnson was forced to pit at the end of lap 78, four laps shy of the finish. Burton continued but ran out the next time around, giving Ambrose the lead.

The final lap was tense. Ambrose had a big lead over Busch, but Boris Said was right in front of him and crew chief Gary Cogswell told Ambrose not to pass.

Good idea. Ambrose spun

Said in the April race in Mexico and the irate Said walked to the Australian's pit box and apologized to Cogswell for the car that Ambrose's team would have to fix down the road.

"It's pretty tremendous," Cogswell said. "The race was just like a storybook race. It's hard to just beat people. There's just so many good cars. We were just able to put ourselves in the right position to win. Everything went the way it needed to for us to win."

"I've dragged my family halfway around the world, away from my dad and mom, and everybody who needs me back in Australia," said the 31-year-old Ambrose, the first Aussie to win a race in any of NASCAR's top three divisions. "Today it just feels like it's worthwhile. It feels like I've conquered a huge mountain."

Fourteen home games highlight MSU women's slate

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Fourteen regular season home games in Johnson Arena, including seven of the first nine, highlight the 2008-2009 Morehead State women's basketball schedule, announced this week.

Second-year head coach Mike Bradbury has put together a schedule that features 12 challenging non-conference opponents. The Eagles will open the ledger with a pair of exhibition game against Georgetown College (Nov. 3) and Kentucky Christian (Nov. 10). MSU tips off the regular season with a road game at Duquesne on Nov. 14, but then the Eagles are at home for seven of the next eight games.

"We tried to put together a schedule that had as many

home games as we could. Some of those are return games from last season, but with such a new team this year, we hope that playing at home early will help us get comfortable as a team before we start the conference season," said Bradbury. "I think this will be a very challenging schedule, and I hope it will fully prepare us and give us confidence for the OVC schedule."

Highlighting the non-conference home portion of the pre-Christmas schedule will be Ohio University (Nov. 17), Saint Louis University (Nov. 19), SIU-Edwardsville (Nov. 22), Texas-Arlington (Nov. 30) and Houston Baptist University (Dec. 14). SIU-Edwardsville is the newest member of the Ohio Valley Conference but will not begin official competition until

2011-2012. Houston Baptist is a transitional NCAA member, moving up from the NAIA ranks.

The Ohio Valley Conference schedule gets underway with two games in December, and they are both at home for MSU. The Eagles lift the lid on OVC play with defending league champion Murray State (Dec. 4) before entertaining UT Martin two days later (Dec. 6). In the middle of the home games, MSU will take a short trip down interstate 64 to battle Marshall in Huntington (Nov. 25).

The middle of December will signify a seven-game stretch away from Morehead, beginning with a trip up north. MSU travels to Detroit Mercy (Dec. 17) and finishes the pre-Christmas schedule at Toledo (Dec. 19). After

Christmas, the Eagles will get back to work with a three-day tournament at the University of Louisville, starting on Dec. 28 when they face Louisville. The Cardinals return a consensus All-American and were ranked 12th in the nation in one final poll last year. The Eagles are also scheduled to face New Hampshire (Dec. 29) and Central Michigan (Dec. 30) during the three-day event.

In OVC play, MSU will host Tennessee Tech (Jan. 8), Jacksonville State (Jan. 10), Eastern Kentucky (Jan. 24), Tennessee State (Jan. 29), Austin Peay (Jan. 31), Eastern Illinois (Feb. 12) and the regular season home finale with Southeast Missouri (Feb. 14).

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POISON OAK

Ah, the hardy Northern Privet

According to family lore, when I was about 6 months old, my brother Ernest—who was nine years older than me—dropped me head first into a coal bucket. It has never been decided, at east to my satisfaction, whether or not he dropped me on purpose, nor whether or not the bucket has coal in it at the time.

Anyway, after I've reached adulthood, I've begun to wonder whether or not that simple act of nearly 70 years ago might have affected me to some degree, perhaps causing me to say or do things that someone who was never dropped on his head might no say or do.



Clyde Pack

For example, about 40 years ago I decided it would be just an absolutely wonderful idea to surround our yard with a nice, medium-high hedge. A chain-link fence, or

even the little white picket fence that everybody in the 1950s movies dreamed of having, would have been a far better choice. But noooo! This little pea brain chose a hedge.

Now, every weekend, just like clockwork, out comes the old trimmers and here we go again. I'm not kidding, it would take three or four full-time hedge cutters to keep ahead of this thing. By the time I finish the last snip on one end of my yard, the other end needs it again. And if it happens to rain during the weekend and keeps me from trimming, it wouldn't surprise me if a monkey or two didn't jump out before the next weekend rolls around.

Furthermore, several times over the years, I've discovered—in a most inconvenient manner—that hornets can build a softball-size nest in less than a week, and if they build it near the top of the hedge, it is invisible to the naked eye—until it is cut into by hedge trimmers. On more than one occasion, I've headed for the kitchen to mix up a paste of water and meat tenderizer to ease the pain from the stings.

Most recently, yellow jackets have built a nest in the ground near the path I have to walk when I'm trimming. I noticed them about three weeks ago, and so far they haven't objected to my presence. One of my friends suggested I pour gasoline into the hole, but I told him that at \$4 a gallon, gasoline would be the last thing I'd pour into a hole in the ground.

I remember distinctly when those hedge came in the mail. "Northern Privet," the label read: "A hardy, all-weather hedge, performs best in zones 3-6."

What that label should have added was, "Plan to devote your life to this plant between the months of April and October."

And if you're wondering why I just don't cut it down. It's because the primary stockholder in our little company thinks it's "cute."

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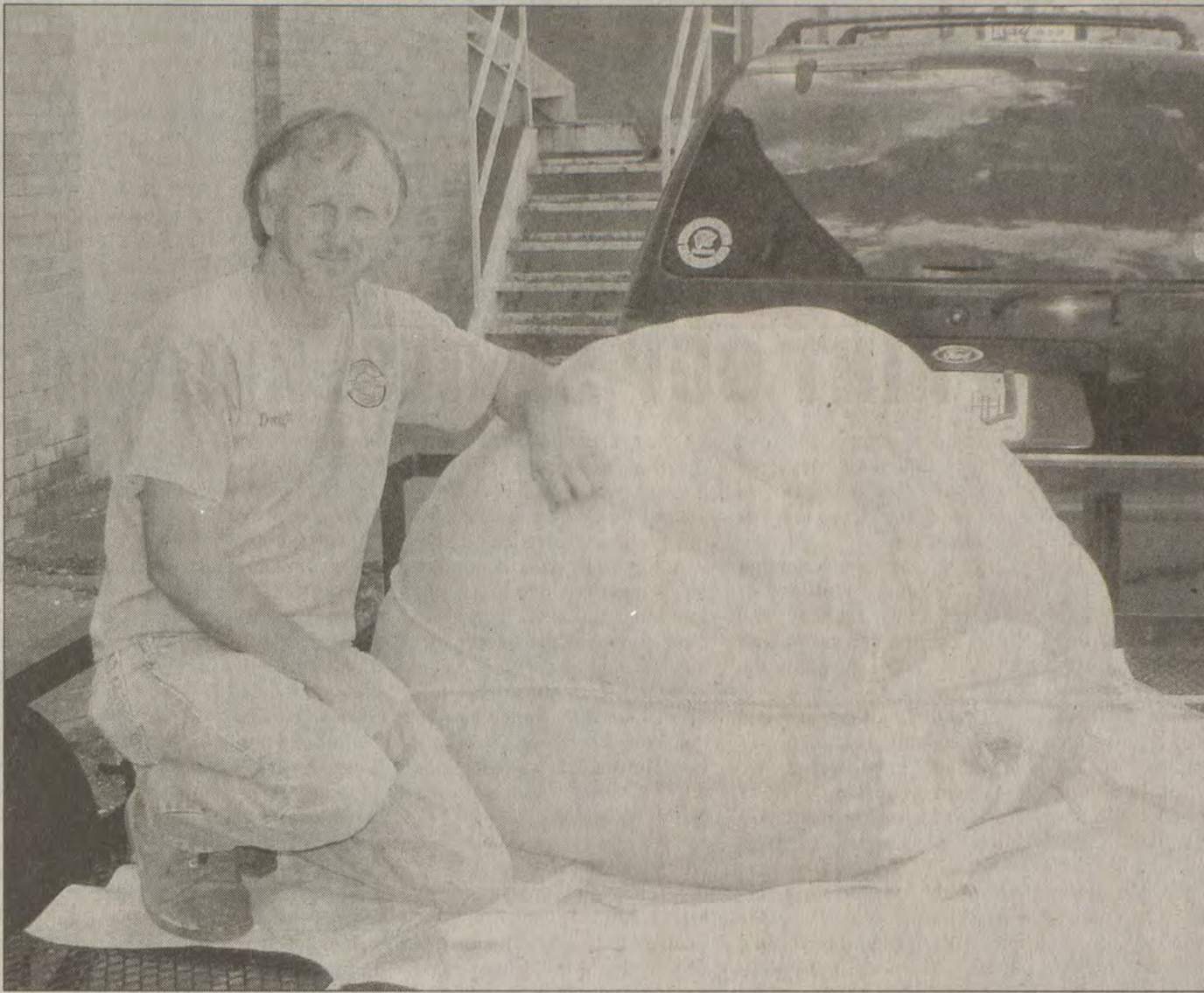


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Dwight Slone, of Prestonsburg, picked this massive 660-pound pumpkin from his garden last week.

A GREAT PUMPKIN

Spurlock man grows 660-pound squash

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As October approaches, pumpkins will inevitably become a common sight in the area, but one pumpkin grown by a Prestonsburg man is not common by any definition.

The massive pumpkin, tipping the scales at 660 pounds, was grown by Dwight Slone, of Spurlock.

Slone has plenty of experience when it comes to planting pumpkins, and he currently has others swelling on the vine with hopes of an even more massive orange behemoth to pull from his pumpkin patch.

"This one was only 39 days old," Slone said.

"It wasn't supposed to be picked until September 20."

According to Slone, the 660-pound pumpkin was well on its way to weighing over 1,000 pounds.

"It was on pace to be over 1,400 pounds," Slone said. "I have three more growing right now. Two of them are at 250 pounds and one is around 450 pounds."

Slone uses organic material to spur the giant growth spurts of his pumpkins, and it has been a major success for him so far.

"I use things like kelp, seaweed and humic acid," Slone said. "The pumpkin would have kept on growing if it hadn't been for a fungus."

Slone plans on eventually going for the record books with the fruits of his labors, and by his esti-

mation he would have been close to the world record if the fungus hadn't ended the growth spurt of the 660-pound pumpkin.

Competitive pumpkin farming is very popular in the United States, with the annual Pumpkin and Arts Festival in California drawing crowds of over 250,000 each year. The winning pumpkins at this event regularly top over 1,200 pounds.

The world record for pumpkin size first crossed the 1,000 pound mark in 1994. In 1981, the record was only 500 pounds.

The current world record pumpkin was grown in Massachusetts in 2007. It weighed in at 1,689 pounds.

"I'm eventually going to be able to go for the world record," Slone said.

Farmers' markets growing in Kentucky

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Maybe it's high gas prices, or this summer's salmonella produce scare. But Paducah grower Danny Garrett says his produce business selling fresh veggies at a roadside store and a local farmer's market is up this year.

Almost double.
"People are just trying to save some money," Garrett said in a telephone interview.

Farmers' markets are growing in numbers across Kentucky. And, the state has been ramping up its efforts promoting farmers' markets and their locally grown produce.

This summer the state Capitol grounds was host to a large farmers' market with more than 20 growers from Franklin County and nearby locations. Last week was designated to honor farmers' markets throughout Kentucky.

"Farmers' markets are a great source of fresh Kentucky Proud fruits and vegetables. Many also sell canned goods, meat, dairy

(See **MARKETS**, page five)

REUNION



The fifth-annual Shelton-McSurley reunion was held at Minnie Park in Minnie, on June 14, for the descendants of Charlie and Mary McSurley Shelton and Tucker and Rosa McSurley. There were an estimated 250 people who attended and everyone enjoyed the music, games, good food and the annual talent show. Every year this two-day event is held and culminated in the family performing in a talent show as "Minnie Pearl," "George Jones," "Loretta Lynn," "Willie Nelson," "Ronnie Milsap," "Ike and Tina Turner," and many, many more. This year, many awards were presented to the members of the Shelton and McSurley families. In addition, many businesses donated gifts and items for the reunion. Anyone who is a descendant is welcomed to attend the reunion. For specifics, you may contact Pat Shelton at Pshe605014@aol.com, or go to the family reunion website at: <http://familylobby.com/TheSheltonfamily>.

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Twenty Years Ago (August 17, 1988)

Six Floyd County emergency services operations will receive \$70,000 in area development funding, according to Holly Leach, project officer with the Big Sandy ADD.

After more than two years of legal battles and red tape, residents of Hueysville may have to settle for a coal tipple in their midst.

Chester Stone, 54, was arrested, August 15, and charged with cultivating marijuana in a field near his home at Blue River.

Two minutes after the holdup of United Federal Savings and Loan, Tuesday afternoon, Prestonsburg police had the suspect, Paul Richard Wright, 37, of Prestonsburg, in custody, charged with strong-armed robbery in the first degree.

There died: Jimmy Lee Crum, eight-day-old infant son of Jimmy and Carol Allen Crum of Arkansas Creek, August 11; Evan "Punk" Ferguson, 69, of Prestonsburg, August 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dollie Johnson, 90, of Melvin, August 15, at Bates Creek Health Care Center in Lexington; Orbin Johnson, 79, of Prestonsburg, August 12, at Glasgow Community Hospital; Ida May Moore, 86, of Abbott Creek Road, Wednesday, August 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Haze Music, 79, of Prestonsburg, August 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Josephine Sturgill Ramey, 62, of Prestonsburg, August 11, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Bennie Shepherd, 69, of David, August 5, at his residence; Cova Adalene Stephens, 66, of Allen, August 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Thirty Years Ago (August 23, 1978)

Prospects for Economic Development Administration (EDA) assistance toward expansion of the production capacity of the Prestonsburg Water System's plant, as one phase in a broad water program affecting other communities, appeared brighter following a meeting held at May Lodge, Monday evening.

A special fiscal court meeting, last week, was devoted almost entirely to questions involving the sheriff's office, and an attempt to set a limit on the number of deputy sheriffs to nine failed.

A Van Lear man was killed last Thursday morning in a head-on collision on KY 850 near Pyramid; and in a one-car accident two days earlier, a Floyd Countian was fatally injured on the Mountain Parkway, eight miles west of Salyersville.

Harkins Mineral Associates, a limited partnership, comprised of Josephine Harkins Browning, Iley B. Browning Jr., and Elizabeth L. Browning, has filed suit against the Floyd County Coal Company Inc., and Island Creek Coal Company, asking a minimum of \$10.5 million for alleged violation of the agreement entered into by the parties.

There died: Daisy Tackett Hatfield, 52, of McDowell, last Thursday, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington; Belknap Wells, 76, of Van Lear, Thursday, August 15, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Cleopatra Bartley, 55, of the Middle Creek Road, at her home, Saturday; Johnnie Johnson, 59, formerly of this county, died Monday, August 14, at Wright Patterson Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Julie W. Branham, 86, of Water Gap, last Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arville Caudill, 68, of Martin, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; George Preston Archer II, 64, formerly of Prestonsburg, August 19, in Kansas City, Missouri; Dortha Cole Reynolds, 68, of Hi Hat, last Wednesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Myrtle B. Dillon, 66, formerly of Ligon, Tuesday, August 1, at the Garden City Mich., Hospital; Mrs. Delores Fitch, 42, of Hager Hill, last Thursday; Harry Whittaker, 76, formerly of this county, Monday, at a VA Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Forty Years Ago (August 22, 1968)

A suit seeking a mandamus to require redistricting Floyd County's five educational divisions was filed in U.S. District Court Pikeville, Tuesday, by 38 residents for the county.

Congressman Carl D. Perkins will be the principal speaker, Saturday, at the mass meeting to be held at the Stumbo Elementary School, Grethel, to acquaint residents of the Mud Creek watershed with the importance, to them and their section of the county, of completion of the proposed water distribution system there.

The State Department of Education's Division of Finance, and the Division of Building and Grounds, last Wednesday, approved contracts for the construction of the Betsy Layne gym, and an addition to the Stumbo Elementary School; and also gave the go-ahead on the proposed Right Beaver school center at Eastern.

A Lexington firm began a battle against time, here, Wednesday, as it started repair work on the heat pump at the Floyd County courthouse in an attempt to get air-conditioning back into the building in time for the opening of the circuit court term, September 3.

Married: Miss Sara Ann Cooley, of

Prestonsburg, and Mr. Charles Butcher, of Williamsport, Ky., July 26, at the First Church of God, here.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herald, of St. Charles, Mo.; a son, Michael David, Aug. 10, at St. Charles; to Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Patrick of West Prestonsburg, a son, Jeffrey Scott, August 12.

There died: John Bentley, 78, of Allen, Monday, at the Crestview Nursing Home, Paintsville; Mrs. Maudie Crawford, 52, Friday, at her home at Hi Hat; Mrs. Toria Hall, 67, of Toledo, Ohio, formerly of this county, last Wednesday, at the home of a daughter at Wheelwright; Emery Hughes, 88, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, at his home at Willard, O.; Mrs. Daisy Thompson, 61, of Wabash, Ind., formerly of Dock, Saturday, at Lagro, Ind.; Mrs. Minnie Connors, 77, of Estill, Tuesday, at the Mountain Manor Convalescent Home, here; James Franklin Dixon, 80, of Shelby, O., formerly of Wayland, Tuesday, at Shelby; Mrs. Virginia M. Stith, 37, formerly of Martin, July 13, at Gallipolis, O.; Bum Tackett, 61, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, in Martin County.

Fifty Years Ago (August 21, 1958)

Ed Halbert, 54, of Martin, was found dead in bed, alone at home, early Thursday morning of last week, victim of a .22 caliber bullet wound.

Parram (Bunny) Youngblood, 32, Georgia deaf-mute, killer of Margie Jones, an eight-year-old Melvin girl, sped into a Georgia police roadblock, Monday, slammed on the brakes of a stolen station wagon, and amid the gun fire of four officers, took his own life, by firing a bullet through his head.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted, Monday, to place all county employees under a retirement system.

Two new polio cases were reported last week, according to Ray Howard, head of the Floyd County Chapter of the National Foundation.

Maynard Martin, 21, of Kite, was dead on arrival at the McDowell Memorial Hospital, Saturday, after an auto mishap, between Wayland and Dema, on Highway 7.

There died: John D. Collins, 72, of Gulnare, Sunday, at his home; James Nelson Harvey, 23, of Teaberry, last Thursday, at the Ashland tuberculosis sanatorium.

Sixty Years Ago (August 26, 1948)

With Tuesday's decision of Circuit Judge William B. Ardery of Paris, in the records, one last-gasp stand before the Court of Appeals remained, this week, as the only barrier to severance of Floyd and Knott counties as a judicial district, and a general reshuffling of counties in a redistricting shake-up over this section.

By Saturday, the Floyd County Playground Center will be completed as to its construction phase; by the weekend the big field in the center of Prestonsburg will be lighted.

Elderly coal miners will start receiving pensions next month, marking an end to one of the famous labor-management struggles of modern times.

Reece Bentley, 29-year-old Frasure's Creek miner, died shortly after midnight, Monday, as a result of the county's first hunting tragedy of the season. He was the victim of an accidental gunshot, fired earlier in the day, while squirrel hunting in the hills near his home.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hayes, of Maytown, a son, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Shepherd, of David, a daughter, Judy Carol, August 13, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Porter, of Allen, a daughter, Veida Gale, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Adkins, of Allen, a son, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Ecel Hicks, of Gearheart, a daughter, Aug. 17, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

There died: Leon Hayes, of Morehead, formerly of Martin, last Monday, in a car wreck near Morehead; Thomas Wright, 62, last Thursday, at his home at Wheelwright; Rev. Enoch Garrett, 90, last Wednesday, at the home of a son at Wheelwright; Hibbert Fleming, 61, Friday, at his home at Wheelwright.

Seventy Years Ago (August 25, 1938)

Answering the plea of the Floyd Fiscal Court, for W.P.A. aid "to keep thousands from starving" due to recent floods, the Louisville office of State W.P.A. Administrator George H. Goodman, Saturday, promised full cooperation.

"Floyd and Harlan counties lead the state in the annual number of violent deaths," Mrs. Blanche Carnes, field representative for the Kentucky Bureau of Vital Statistics, said here, while making a survey of 1937 deaths in the county, Monday.

Playing with matches, and accidentally setting the house afire, then crawling under the bed, young Virginia Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Wilson, caused her parents alarm, Tuesday, as they hunted for her, and fought the blaze at the same time.

While laborers, Tuesday, were digging a grave in a Martin cemetery for nine-year-old Ernest

Wheeler, who died in the Gearheart Hospital of typhoid, the preceding day, word was received for them to dig another grave, by the side of the first, for John Wheeler, 34, the lad's father, who succumbed to the disease at his home, Tuesday afternoon.

The Abigail Theater advertises the appearance

of Ken Maynard and his wonder horse, Tarzan, on its stage, in person, September 2.

At the Morrell Supply Company in Prestonsburg, this week, some of the advertised specials listed, include brass wash boards, 39 cents; iron beds, \$3.35; cane bottom chairs, 79 cents; and a No. 2 wash tub, 63 cents.

HEAVEN'S BEST CARPET CLEANING



Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce Business Of The Week

Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning, locally owned and operated by Larry and Danita Stumbo of McDowell, is this week's Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce Business of the Week. Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning offers many services including the cleaning of carpet and upholstery.

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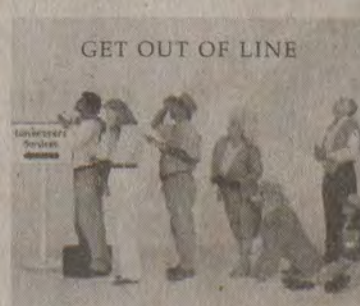
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- 26 Staffer
- 27 Witnessed
- 28 Sit for a snapshot
- 29 Wheelbase

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Markets

products, crafts, flowers and other products." Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said in a statement. "Those products are made close to home by your friends and neighbors."

Just four years ago, there were about 85 farmers' markets in Kentucky, according to Bill Clary, a spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. This year, there are nearly 120 markets with one in 112 of the state's 120 counties, Clary said.

Garrett, the Paducah farmer, said he grows fruits and vegetables ranging from

strawberries and tomatoes to green beans and sweet corn. He said customers are buying more items, including those they can pickle or freeze.

"It's a different year this year, and it's because of the economy," Garrett said.

Early cool weather and late crops, however, have dampened business a little this summer for Aaron Anderson, a 27-year-old farmer in Burlington in northern Kentucky. Nevertheless, Anderson said, business has improved annually and it's also increased in recent weeks.

Higher prices brought on

by soaring gas prices also seem to have helped local growers, he said.

"The prices in the stores are a lot higher," Anderson said. "It makes us look cheap."

Clary said the agriculture department has been focusing on boosting farmers' markets because of the potential they provide to small farmers. They account for an estimated \$8 million worth of sales throughout Kentucky last year, Clary said.

"It gives producers an opportunity to sell their goods at fair prices that consumers can afford, but is still better

than the wholesale market," Clary said. "It's just a good opportunity."

Jonathan Hostetler, 38, a former contractor who's been growing produce for about three years, said he thought the recent national salmonella scare with peppers and tomatoes has helped local growers. This year some farmers seem to be selling their product at better prices than in the past, Hostetler said.

"More and more people are wanting to know where their product's coming from," Hostetler said. "The consumer can buy tomatoes from me and

know ... it's not something that's been shipped."

First Lady Jane Beshear and Farmer teamed up this summer to promote the local markets. Beshear said the Capitol grounds will be an annual host to a farmers' market.

"Farmers' markets are a wonderful way to promote

local agricultural communities and support our Kentucky farming families," Jane Beshear said in a statement. "Locally grown produce has many benefits including greater nutritional value, reduced fuel usage — which is more environmentally friendly — and it keeps money within our local communities."

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New Arrivals

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

July 1

A son, Landen Dane Patoon, to Tosha Mollette and Mark Patton of Prestonsburg

July 10

A daughter, Kaylee Ann Mollett to Breezy Ann Jude of Tomahawk

A son, Kurtis Shane

Michael Thompson to Clarissa Marie Thompson of FlatGap

A son, Ronald Seth Slover to Jessica Baker of Hazard

A son, Matthew Grant Tomlinson to Jamey & Marcelina Tomlinson of Betsy Layne

A daughter, Katelyn Marie Hall to Anna & John Hall, Jr. of Lomansville

July 11

A son, Johnathan Blake Conn to Tina & Jeremy Conn of Prestonsburg

A son, Tyler Lee Stephens to Cristy Lynn & Nicholas Stephens of Martin

A son, Braylon Kyle Douglas Lemaster to James & Stacy Lemaster of Salyersville

July 12

A daughter, McKenzie Grace Mullins to Lucinda & Jason Mullins of Bypro

July 13

A daughter, Hannah Grace Sexton to Jennifer & Jeremy Sexton of McDowell

A daughter, Stephanie Ann Marie Kidd to Crystal Gail & Mack Kidd, III of Harold

July 14

A son, Charles Kaden Mullett to Stella Nichole Mullett of Prestonsburg

A daughter, Kalie Brooke Sturgill to Chastity Nicole & Donovan Dwayne Sturgill of Minnie

A daughter, Emily Jennifer Ella Fought to Stephanie Renee Burchett of Betsy Layne

A daughter, Nevaeh Marie Lee to Kayla Marie Combs of Blue River

July 15

A daughter, Izabella Dawn Webb to Samantha Webb of Williamsport

July 16

A son, Michael Rodney May to Joanne & Leslie May of Pikeville

A daughter, Layla Karoline Castle to Kelly & Carla Castle, of Prestonsburg

A daughter, Lauren Rebecka Gross to Becky Jo & Michael Ray Gross of Harold

July 17

A daughter, Abigail Lee-Anne Vanhooose to Crystal & Randall Vanhooose of Inez

A son, Rylee Chase Stambaugh to Kayla Stambaugh of Paintsville

A son, Ryan Isaiah Chase Moore to Marranda Mills of Inez

A son, Logan Andrew Gibson to Jonathan & Jessica Gibson, of Mousie

A son, Travis Page Eldrige to Jeanna & Clement Jr. Eldrige, of Wittensville

A son, Cameron Gage Smith to Wendy Conley of Hindman

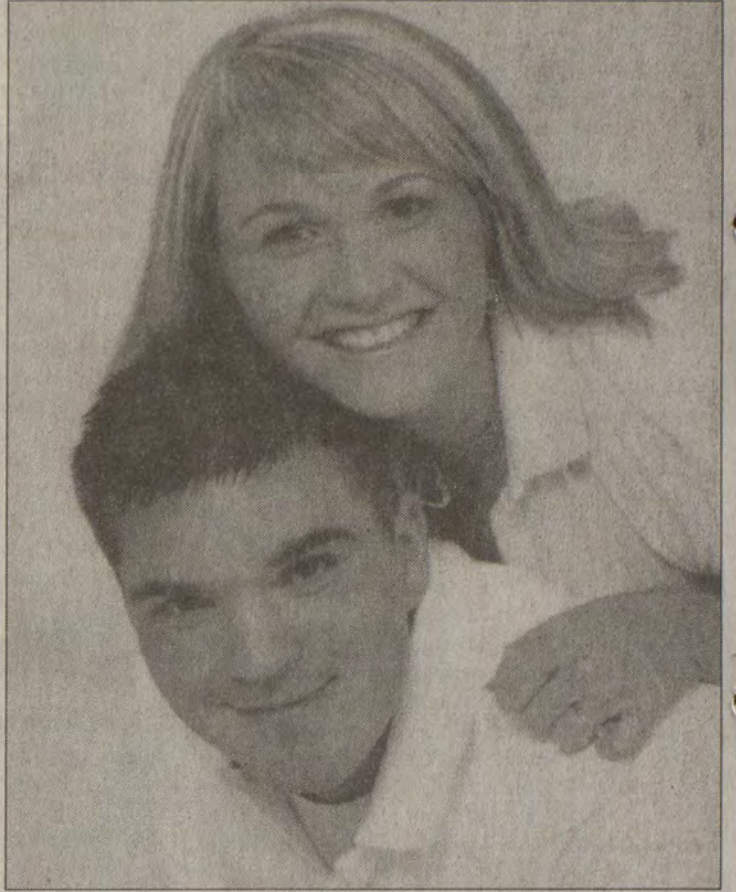
A son, Landon Tate Hale to Sarah Beth McKenzie of Staffordsville

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Shani Simpkins and Brandon Hall, of Prestonsburg, would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Paige Hall. Morgan was born on May 22, 2008, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. She weight five pounds and three ounces and was 18 inches long. The maternal grandparents of Morgan are Toni Gayheart, of Prestonsburg, and Anthony Gayheart, of Mousie. Paternal grandparents are Danny and Donna Little, of Topmost, and Kirby and Thelma Hall, of Topmost. Maternal great-grandparents are the late Janice and John Moxley. Paternal great-grandparents are Cloteen Hall and the late Carmel Hall, and the late Miles M. Morgan.

WEDDING



Hancock-Conn

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hancock, of Langley, along with Mr. and Mrs. Chad Conn, of Crestline, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Brittany NaShae Hancock and Chad Edward Conn. Brittany is the granddaughter of Cendia Hall and the late Lovel Hall, of Langley, and Fair Bentley, Jr., of Sunbury, Ohio. Chad is the grandson of Wilford Eddie and Lydia Conn, of Banner, and Fred and Kathy Gravelly, of Galveston. The bride-elect is a 2007 graduate of Allen Central High School and is currently enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The prospective groom is a graduate of Crestline High School and is currently enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. He is stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, November 8, at 3:30 p.m. at the Graceway United Methodist Church in Langley followed by a reception at the church. The couple plans to honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and will reside in Jacksonville, North Carolina.



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