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briefs

Road work to begin Monday

Times Staff Report

Work on a section of Route 1428 in Floyd County from the "S-curve" in Prestonsburg south toward Allen will begin Monday, August 25, according to Mark Westfall, PE, Highway District 12 Resident Engineer.

Westfall said that milling will start on Monday morning, followed by patching and leveling, which should begin Tuesday afternoon. "Work on the whole route is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete," Westfall said. Motorists should expect long delays and should choose an alternate route if at all possible.

"We know that this temporary inconvenience will affect local residents, school buses, even mail delivery," Westfall said, "and we apologize for the delays. However, we ask people to remember that the result will be a newly-paved, safer highway that will be finished before winter weather sets in."

Man pleads guilty to contacting minor

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man accused in 2007 of using internet communications to solicit sex with a 15-year-old pleaded guilty last Friday in Floyd Circuit Court to a lesser charge.

David Kyle Robinson, 26, of Prestonsburg, was originally charged with unlawful use of electronic communications to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity, a Class D felony, when he reportedly made inappropriate contact with a 15-year-old Auxier girl. The charge was amended to Class A misdemeanor.

Robinson was sentenced to 12 months suspended sentence, and 24 months of probation. He is ordered to remain more than 1,000 yards away from his victim.

According to court records, Robinson will also "be assessed for any psychological problems and participate in any treatment needed."

Robinson had reportedly been a youth leader at Highland Avenue Baptist Church, but church officials later told Times staff that Robinson held no such position. Despite the church's denial, the court also ordered that Robinson be prohibited from holding any position as a staff member or volunteer with any church or community or academic youth

organization.

According to the plea agreement, Robinson will not be required to register as a sex offender.

Investigators reportedly followed evidence which showed Robinson, then 26, was making inappropriate gestures towards the girl in person and on the internet via MySpace and MSN Messenger.

Search warrants were executed for both Robinson's residence and his employer, Abbott Engineering, where investigators confiscated the computers found in both Robinson's home and work. The forensic evaluation of the computers was processed by the KSP Crime Lab.



David Kyle Robinson

SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby, Jr. and Principal Brent Rose discussed the traffic situation at Prestonsburg Elementary on Wednesday.

Traffic still causing problems at school

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

"It's just numbers," Pete Grigsby, Jr. said, as he watched the first round of parents pull in the expanded parking lot at Prestonsburg Elementary on Wednesday.

Grigsby, assistant superintendent of the Floyd County Board of Education, worked with Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Brent Rose to come up with a better system to allow parents and buses to drop-off and pick-up students at the school.

The new Prestonsburg Elementary has had traffic flow woes since opening its doors last year, as officials attempted

to get the Kentucky Department of Transportation to install traffic signals in the area to no avail.

"We tried to get the state to put a light there," Grigsby said. "We went around and around about it, but they wouldn't approve it."

Part of the problem is the size of the student body, which means more vehicles driving around the school and causing traffic to bottleneck on the four-lane that passes the entrance to the facility. According to Rose, Prestonsburg Elementary has around 150 more students than any other school in the district.

"With our headstart, we have 795 students," Rose said.

"We also have 104 employees, and all of that means a lot of traffic."

While the morning traffic still causes problems at the school, both Grigsby and Rose believe it is improving.

"It's getting better now," Grigsby said. "We have the city and county police involved in helping direct the traffic flow, and we didn't have this additional parking last year. Once things get going, we shouldn't need the police detail. Prestonsburg Police Chief Mike Ormerod and Sheriff John K. Blackburn have both been a big help."

The expanded parking lot

(See TRAFFIC, page three)

County audit reveals some problems

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Kentucky State Auditor Crit Luallen released the audit of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Monday, and she has a few suggestions for the county's leaders.

While the audit doesn't note any major faults in the financial statements, Luallen cited multiple weaknesses which she addressed in the report.

According to the audit, the Floyd County Fiscal Court did not maintain proper records for the Public Properties

Corporation Debt Service Fund. All bank statements were made available, but officials did not maintain a receipt and disbursement ledgers or prepare a financial statement.

"The county did provide a financial statement in the quarterly and annual reports," said Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "However, the county will maintain a receipt and disbursement ledger in the future and will make the necessary efforts to follow through on these recommendations."

(See AUDIT, page three)

Dry conditions prompt burn ban

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A report was issued this week from the Energy and Environment Cabinet declaring the need for a burn ban after extremely dry conditions in recent weeks have made Eastern Kentucky susceptible to forest fires.

According to the report, "Due to the extremely dry conditions and the high potential for forest fires in the Eastern District counties of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Lawrence and Pike, we

request that you complete the attached proclamation to issue burning bans in your respective counties."

The proclamation, signed by R.D. "Doc" Marshall on Wednesday, states that, "all outdoor burning in Floyd County is prohibited under the authority of KRS 149.401."

The proclamation will, according to Marshall, be in effect until such time as it is rescinded. All Floyd County residents are encouraged to comply.

According to officials (See BAN, page three)

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 81 • Low: 56

Tomorrow



High: 83 • Low: 57

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Three killed in Pike County accidents

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Three lives were lost this week following a series of motor vehicle accidents in Pike County on Tuesday, one involving an ATV.

Yvonne McGlothlin, 42, of Big Rock, Va., was killed while traveling along the shoulder of Route 1499, near

Feds Creek, on a 2002 Yamaha ATV. McGlothlin reportedly attempted to make a left turn across the highway and pulled into the path of a 2002 Dodge Dakota. Deputy Coroner Denver Bailey pronounced McGlothlin dead at the scene.

No report on the driver or his condition was released by KSP.

Later that day, two Pike County men were killed in a car accident when the

vehicle they were traveling in was struck by an oncoming car.

Billy Coleman, 38, and Benny Justice, 47, both of Shelbyana, were killed this week when a vehicle being driven by Vicki Reid, 45, of Elkhorn City was traveling east on U.S. 460 near Millard when she reportedly crossed the center line and struck the 1991 Geo Prism being driven by

Justice. Coleman, who was a passenger in Justice's vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene by Deputy coroner Zeb Hampton. Both Reid and Justice had to be airlifted to Holston Valley Medical Center in Tennessee.

Justice died on Wednesday from the injuries sustained in the crash.

Kentucky State Police is still investigating both accidents.

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Obituaries

John Edward "Tad" Adkins

John Edward "Tad" Adkins, age 65, of Martin, passed away Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at St. Joseph Martin.

He was born October 4, 1942, in Martin, the son of the late Garner Adkins and Marie Maggard Adkins. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Lee Adkins of Martin; a son, Johnny Daryl Adkins, and daughter, Kimberly Lyn Adkins, both of Martin; a brother, Jimmie Dale Adkins of Martin; a sister, Wanda Gay Webb of Martin; and three grandchildren: David Stone, Justin Adkins, and Chelsea Adkins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Donald "Duck" Adkins.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 23, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Bethel Moore Allen

Bethel Moore Allen, 82, of Huntersville, North Carolina, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, August 18, at Northeast Medical Center, in Concord, North Carolina.

Born April 4, 1926, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Arlin and Julia Bradley Moore. She was a retired schoolteacher from the Middletown (Ohio) Board of Education. She taught fourth-grade students for nearly 28 years at Mayfield Elementary School, after earning a teaching degree from Pikeville College in 1959.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Wilson Allen; a stepdaughter, Susan

Allen Richardson; her sisters: Ocie Moore Jacobs and Ova Mae Moore Bates; and brothers: Otmar Gee and Talmadge Neilas Moore.

Survivors include her sons: Charles Bradley Jr., of Middletown, Ohio; and Kenneth D. Allen of Gastonia, North Carolina; two daughters: Diane L. Allen of Huntersville, North Carolina; and Debra A. Reedy of Davidson, North Carolina; a sister; Sweetia Faye Moore Jones of Michigan; a brother, Gary Randall Moore of Somerset; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 23, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Burial will take place at the Allen Family Cemetery, in Pyramid, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held on Friday, August 22, beginning at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Tessie Slater Campbell

Tessie Slater Campbell, age 94, of Garrett, widow of Bob Campbell, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at her residence.

She was born February 17, 1914, at Clintwood, Virginia, the daughter of the late Ike and Vertie Mullins Slater.

She was a retired businesswoman, housewife, loving mother and a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church for 58 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Survivors include, one son; Michael (Patricia) Fitzpatrick of Garrett; one niece, Peggy (Frankie) Francis of Garrett; five grandchildren: Crystal Collins, Kelli Coleman, Robert Fitzpatrick, Jamie Martin and LeAnn Prater; six great-grandchildren: Alex

Parker Collins, Lincoln Brac Coleman, Landon Bryce Coleman, Gavin Martin, Gracie Martin, and Emorie Prater

Funeral services for Tessie Slater Campbell will be conducted Saturday, August 23, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mullins Cemetery, Cancy Ridge, Clintwood, Virginia.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Thursday, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Kentucky. (Paid obituary)



Ivellea Risner

Ivellea Risner, age 85, of New London, Ohio, passed away Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at the Firelands Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in New London.

She was born March 13, 1923, in Pay, (KY), the daughter of the late A. B. and Nora (nee Stumbo) Hall. She moved to New London in the 1940's.

She worked at her father's grocery store, in Blue Moon, and later at the Battle Creek, Michigan, army post. She worked at several restaurants in Sandusky, and at Sutters Candy in Mansfield. She also worked for Ashland Dry Goods in Ashland; both Victorine and Thomas Creative Apparel in New London; and served as the manager of London Town Apartments for 21 years. She attended the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Hall in Wellington.

She is survived by a daughter, Rosalie Kidd, of New London; two sons, Waldean (Susann) Risner of New London, and Larry Gene (Gail) Risner of Norwalk; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Magdalene Hall and Melva

Anderson, both of New London; Irene (John W.) Brown, of Ashland; Betty Jo Pettit, of Elyria; Inez Gasser, of Waco, Texas; and sisters-in-law, Marilyn Hall, of Ocala, Florida, and Vernice Hall, of New London.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake Risner in 2001; two brothers: R.J. Hall in 1987, and Clyde Hall in 1976; a sister, Loreta Hardy in 2003; three brothers-in-law: Eldon Anderson, Ray Pettit, and Blain Hall; and an infant son, Leon Risner.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 22, at 2 p.m. at Eastman Funeral Home, 200 W. Main St., New London, with Pastor Bill Lechenc officiating.

Burial will follow at the Ashland County Memorial Park.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be

expressed at: www.eastmanfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)



Nova Jean Wright

Nova Jean Wright, 74, of Warsaw, formerly of Mentone, Indiana, died Monday, August 18, 2008, at her residence.

Born June 5, 1934, in Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Crft and Kate (Branham) Crisp.

From 1965 to 1990, she worked in the bindry/press-room of RR Donnelly and Sons, Warsaw, Indiana.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Wright, to whom she was married September 15, 1958.

Other survivors include three daughters: Regina Fannin of Lexington; Vanessa (husband, Steve) Allen of Florence; and Karen (husband, Bert) Aker of Richmond, Virginia; four sons: Michael (wife, Rhonda) Wright of

Burket Indiana; Kevin Wright, and Edgar Wright, both of Palestine, Indiana; and Steve (wife, Jackie) Wright of Warsaw, Indiana; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Tamara Burchet; and a son, Daryl Wright.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, August 21, at 4 p.m., in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Indiana, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating.

Burial will be in Mentone Cemetery, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to:

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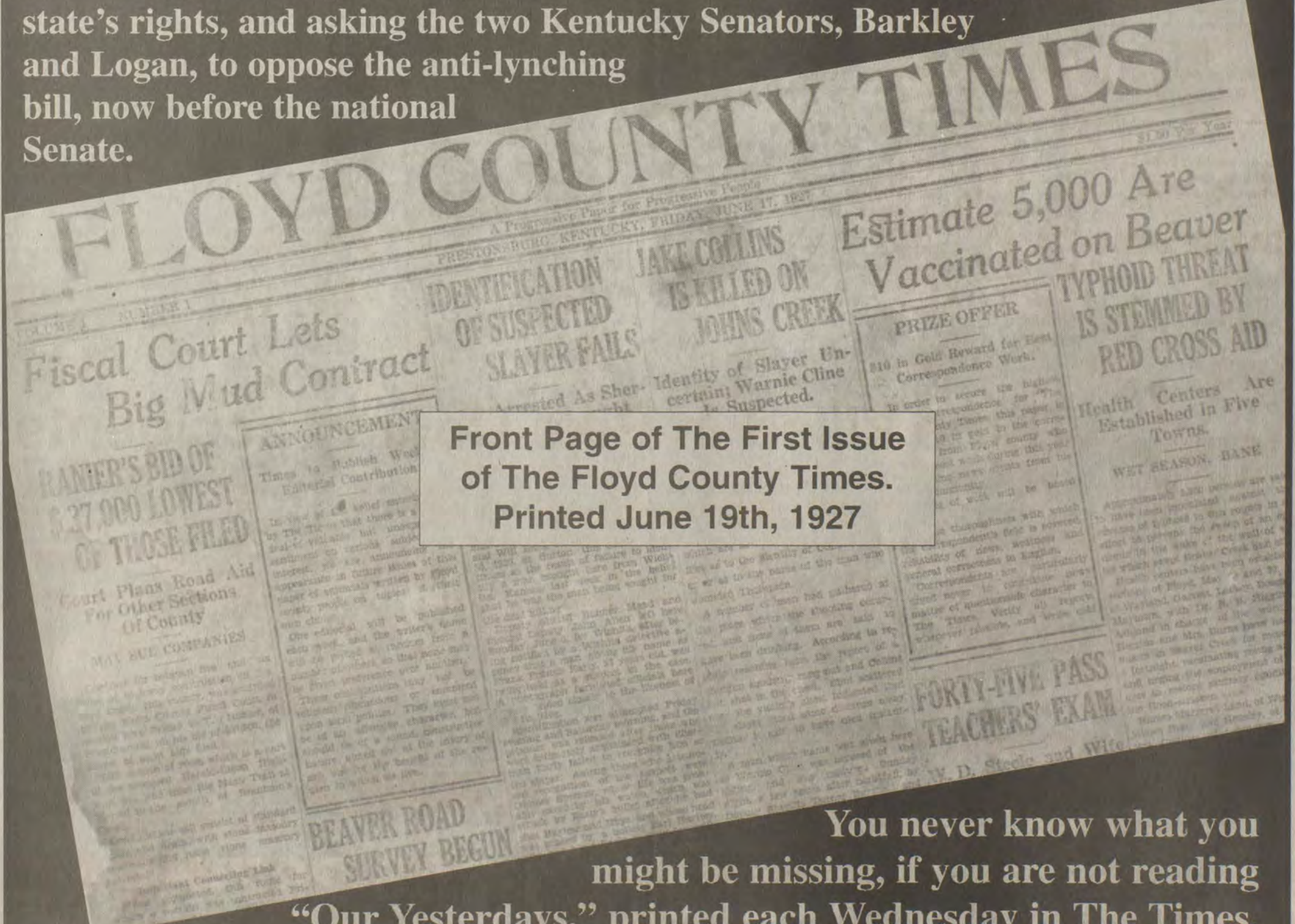
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Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its February 10, 1938, issue that Senator Joe P. Tackett, of Floyd County, introduced a resolution to the Kentucky Senate, last week, protesting the alleged encroachment of the federal government on state's rights, and asking the two Kentucky Senators, Barkley and Logan, to oppose the anti-lynching bill, now before the national Senate.



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You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.

Senior citizens art show planned at BSCTC

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — An art exhibit honoring area seniors will be held from Oct. 15 until Nov. 15, at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery.

Seniors interested in showing their artwork need to contact the director of their local senior citizens center for this opportunity to showcase their talents.

This exhibit will celebrate the contributions made by seniors to area culture, and allow the general public to

view what a lifetime of experience means to the continuity of customs and heritage.

Any person over the age of 60 is welcome to participate in the art show. Space is limited in the gallery, so interested persons are encouraged to sign

up early to be sure to get a spot in the show.

Local senior citizens directors will be contacted two weeks prior to the exhibit to provide the names of those interested in the show. A reception will be held for seniors and the general

public, Tuesday October 21st at 6 p.m., with refreshments being served at the BSCTC Art Gallery.

For more information contact your local senior citizen center or the art gallery director Tim Sizemore at (606) 886-3863 ext. 64746.

Audit

The audit also found that the outstanding principal balance on the liabilities section of the report from the fourth quarter did not agree with the confirmed debt balance at June 30, 2007.

"The Floyd County Treasurer stated that the county's liability section was originated from statements given to the county by our creditors," Marshall said. "The county will request that our banking insti-

tutions make the necessary corrections to prevent this from happening in the future."

The lease of two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles also caught the eye of the auditor, as all purchases over \$20,000 should require bids. According to the audit, the court leased the vehicles for Marshall and the 911 coordinator, with payments of \$824 for each lease for 39 months, coming to a total of \$32,526 for each lease.

"With regards to the county's use of the 2007 Tahoe, the county has entered into a rental agreement," Marshall said. "The county will make the necessary corrections to prevent this from happening in the future."

According to the audit, the county did not maintain an accurate and complete schedule of capital assets, including new land, building improvements and vehicles purchased during

the fiscal year of 2007 totaling \$926,549. Also, according to the audit, the county did not have capital road expenditures separated from operating expenditures, or separated between paving projects and bridge replacement projects.

"The county agrees with this statement and shall have the road department and finance officer follow this recommendation to prevent this from occurring in the future,"

Marshall said. "The finance officer shall periodically review the capital assets list to make sure this recommendation is being followed as stated."

The final comment from Lualien informed the court that it should pursue a buyer to purchase East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. In October of 2004, the court began the process of assuming control of East Kentucky Utilities in order for 1,000 residents to maintain utilities.

"The county also agrees

with this statement," Marshall said. "The East Kentucky Utilities Board of Directors, which does not count as their members any current members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, voted unanimously to request that the court advertise the sale of this company for bids. On March 27, 2008, the court voted to advertise the sale of East Kentucky Utilities to the highest bidder."

The complete audit report of the Floyd County Fiscal Court can be viewed online at <http://www.auditor.ky.gov>.

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Traffic

allows parents to park and wait on their children after school without blocking school buses or obstructing the flow of traffic. The parking lot currently contains 160 spaces.

"We normally have at least 100 parents waiting here at the bell," Rose said. "We're planning to move the location for parent pick-up to allow for easier access and eliminate the blocking of buses."

As parents get used to the school location and the way student drop-off and pick-up are designed, Grigsby expects

things to run smoother in the future.

"This year, the parents are being much more cooperative and helping each other," Grigsby said. "They've been educated on the process and they are being very helpful."

Another possible problem is an earlier starting time for schools in Floyd County, and Rose wants to make sure that parents are aware of it.

"We start school at 8 a.m.," Rose said. "I think some parents don't realize that school is starting earlier."

Along with the help of parents, Rose is an advocate of having children ride the school buses, at least in the mornings.

"If they ride the bus in the mornings, they are guaranteed to get here early and have time for breakfast," Rose said.

Once the routine becomes familiar to parents and the school year progresses, Rose envisions a productive and successful school year for the students and staff at Prestonsburg Elementary.

"We're already off to a great start," Rose said.

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New parole credit program debated in Judiciary meeting

FRANKFORT - A program that is expected to save the state around \$12.5 million over the next two years by allowing inmates on parole supervision to receive credit toward their sentence—and final discharge from parole—drew comments from supporters and detractors before state lawmakers Tuesday.

A total of 1,016 inmates had been released as of Aug. 18 under the program, created by lawmakers during the 2008 Regular Session as part of Executive Branch budget bill House Bill 406, according to state Department of Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. Any parolee who does well during parole supervision is eligible for the credits, not just nonviolent and/or nonsexual offenders, she said.

"It is for anyone who has been out a period of time on parole who did well during that period of time," she told the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary. "If they did not receive an additional (felony

sentence, and if they had not absconded, they receive the credit. Nothing (in the bill) was tied to the type of sentence they had."

But the program concerns Kentucky Commonwealth's Attorney Association President and Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cochran, who said his office has been flooded with calls from crime victims who worry how the provisions will affect them.

"We are tracking those who have come out," he said. "Unfortunately, according to the statistical analysis, there is going to be reoffending. My main concern is to equip the public and court system going forward on what does a sentence mean? What does a 20- or 10-year sentence mean?"

Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown tried to allay concerns about the program by explaining that parole credit does not equal early release. In all situations, he said, the inmates are under

the supervision of the department until that time that they would be eligible for discharge from prison through "minimum expiration", or the minimum completion date, of their sentence without parole.

"The sentence is not being shortened," said Brown. "No one has had a day cut off that they have not received some official credit for."

Parolees also face stiff penalties-like denial of bond—for committing another felony or fleeing parole supervision, said Judiciary Committee Co-Chair Sen. Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, who said he is not sure the system could be any tougher beyond adding time to a person's sentence.

"If someone commits another felony offense while on supervision there are ramifications," said Stivers. "The deterrent there for a person who goes back a second time for violating these are pretty substantial."

Still, Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, said he felt more deterrents could be added to strengthen the program and public perception of it.

"I think there's a perception problem, to some extent," he said. "I think it's a good program, but I do think there needs to be some deterrents...that if an individual violates parole, that makes him ineligible for a second parole. There are some ways to tweak it."

The program and other money-saving corrections provisions in HB 406 drew some heat from county judge-executives at the meeting for its impact on county budgets. Larue County Judge-Executive Tommy Turner said that the provisions could result in a "devastating" loss in revenue to counties, which rely on state inmate dollars to meet their jail costs.

Currently, counties collectively spend \$130 million a year to balance their jail budgets, Turner said.

"The system we've created makes counties rely on inmate

counts as feed lots rely on heads of cattle. It's sad," he added.

Also speaking before the committee against the provisions was Jo Ann Phillips with Kentuckians Voice for Crime Victims, who called the new system an "unfunded mandate" on victims. "The emotional devastation and tragedy incurred by these victims—I don't hear that cost being discussed," she said.

She was reassured by the committee's Co-Chair Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, who made it clear that public safety is a legislative priority.

"We are taking clearly into account, number 1, the safety of the public," said Stein.

According to Commissioner Thompson, the state will save approximately \$12.5 million over the next two years from the release of the 1,016 former inmates under discharged already under the parole supervision credit program.

Election

within the Department of Forestry the fine for disobeying the burn ban is \$100, plus court expenses. However, officials warn citizens that, should

their fire get out of control and spread, they will be responsible for all suppression costs involved with putting out the blaze.

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Kristyn is a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is currently attending Regency School of Hair Design, and working on completing her Associates at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

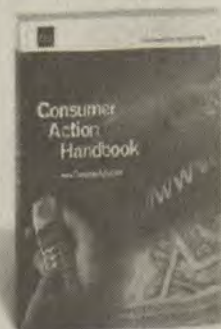
Chris is also a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He received his Associates in Engineering Technologies and Surveying and Mapping, with a minor in Architectural and Mechanical Drafting from Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He is currently employed by Booth Energy, and works as an above drainage underground mining draftsman/surveyor.

It was love at first sight for Chris and Kristyn when they were introduced by mutual friends. They could tell there was something special about each other and started dating on July 4, 2007. Five months later, on February 16, 2008, Chris proposed to Kristyn on a beautiful mountaintop in Gatlinburg, TN.

Chris and Kristyn will wed on August 30, 2008, at Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, and a reception will be held immediately following. The newlyweds will honeymoon in Florida and come back to reside in Prestonsburg.

We wish the two of them lots of happiness, health, and love in their future together.

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Viewpoint

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— Guest View — Editorial roundup

Chicago Sun-Times, on Sen. Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Convention:

We're all for compromise and diplomacy, but the announcement on Thursday that Sen. Hillary Clinton's name will be placed into nomination at the Democratic National Convention for a roll call vote leaves us with a sense of unease.

Clinton and her historic candidacy must get its due, no doubt.

That's why she is expected to be the headline speaker on Tuesday night during the week of the convention, a perfect opportunity for her to shine before millions of viewers while her supporters celebrate.

The roll call vote, though, looks like nothing more than an opening for the bitterness that lurks beneath her loss to rise to the surface again.

We've never been much for summer reruns.

Sen. Barack Obama won. Clinton lost.

Time to move on.

The Dallas Morning News, on NATO expansion:

John McCain and Barack Obama disagree on many things, but in response to Russia's invasion of Georgia, they were of one mind about what the United States should do: Redouble efforts to bring Georgia into NATO.

They're wrong, and dangerously so.

Consider that if President Bush had gotten his way over European objections, Georgia would already be a NATO member country. The recent Russian invasion would have committed NATO to go to war with Russia which, despite its weakened state, still has a sizable army and thousands of nuclear missiles to defend Georgia.

Are Americans willing to engage in a shooting war with Russia over this former Soviet republic? What is the vital U.S. interest at stake worth paying that kind of price?

Others say that were Georgia in NATO, Russia never would have invaded. Maybe. Maybe not. Is that a chance worth taking? If the U.S. is not prepared to fight for Georgia, it has no business extending security guarantees to it. ...

Despite American warnings, Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili rashly attacked South Ossetia, giving Russia an excuse to invade. Were Georgia in NATO, treaty obligations would likely have made this local dispute an event that either shattered the alliance or a fuse that ignited World War III.

Georgia's fight with Russia is not our fight, nor should it be. Russia has drawn a line in the sand, right in its own back yard. We would be prudent not to cross it.

The Denver Post, on U.S. Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps:

Once in a lifetime, there comes an athlete who accomplishes the impossible — or, at least, what had been considered impossible.

If you've been following the summer Olympic games in Beijing, you know that the athlete for this generation is Michael Phelps.

On Sunday, the U.S. swimmer won his eighth gold medal in these games in a breathtaking march that has set new world record marks and demolished opponents.

We are awed by his accomplishments, yet the seeming contradictions and complexities of this gifted 23-year-old also make him intriguing.

He's a ferocious competitor but also a good sport (which shouldn't be contradictions, but unfortunately they often are).

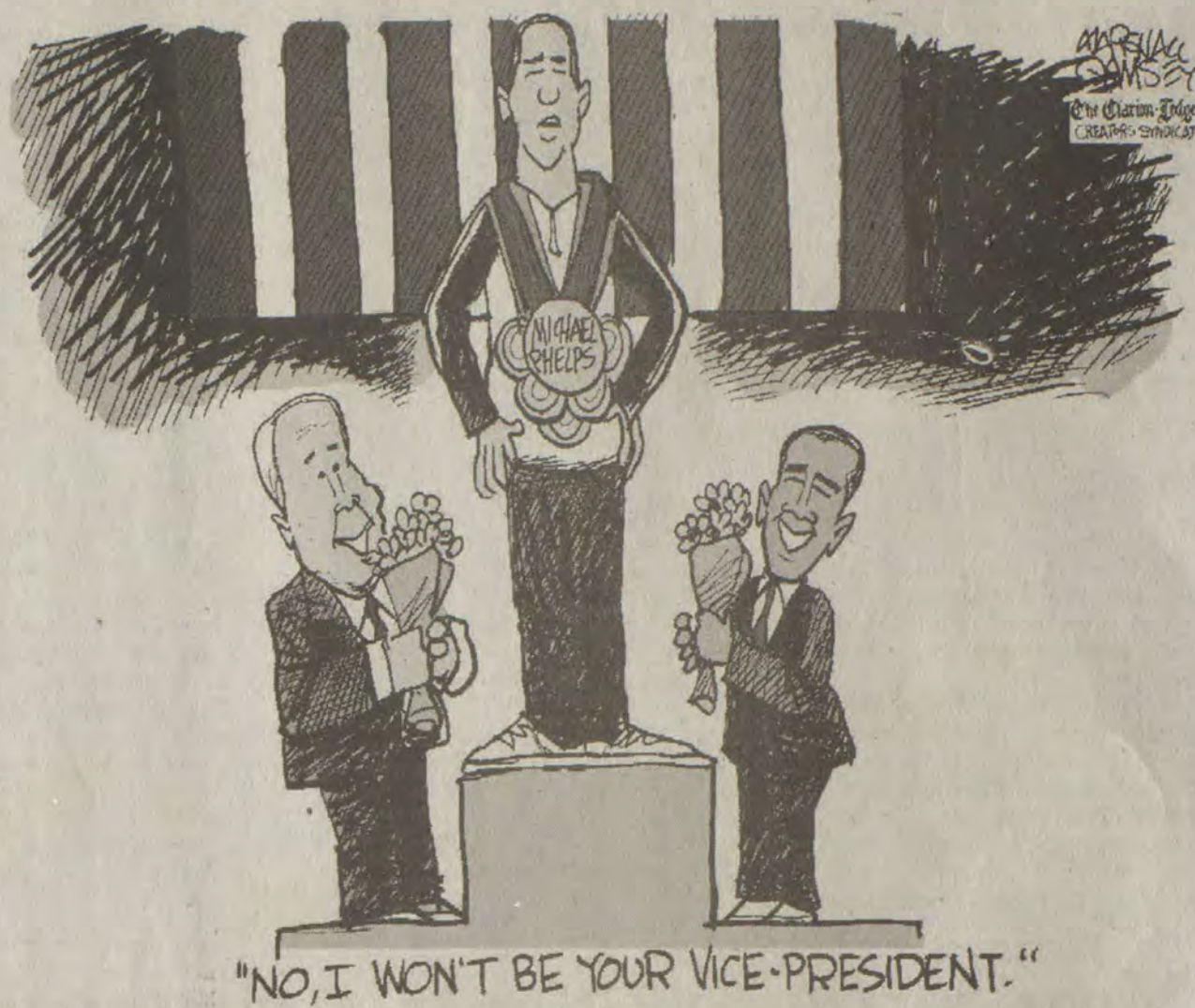
He's a self-effacing, regular guy who is anything but normal once he hits the water. He has prepared himself with a superhuman training regimen yet makes racing, winning and smashing world records all look so casual.

So the question must be asked: Is he the greatest U.S. Olympian of all time? ...

The debate will rage over technological and training improvements and money in sports that allows athletes to be full-time professionals. And you could talk all day about which sports are harder on the body and which make it easier to rack up multiple medals by virtue of relay opportunities.

In the end, we'll never all agree on the superlatives, but we should be able to concur on one thing: Seeing Phelps swim in these games has been a rare opportunity to watch a phenomenal athlete create sports history.

It has been awe-inspiring.



— Guest column —

Law and order are sagging on Wall Street

by WILLIAM A. COLLINS
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Your investments,
On the brink;
Not as safe,
As you might think.

The robber barons of the Roaring '20s finally stumbled off into oblivion with the coming of the Great Depression. It was the New Dealers who then invented the regulatory regimens to prevent such corruption from ever, ever happening again in the stock market and in corporate governance. Bless their hearts!

It all worked fine for a while, but now the barons are back, like the Joker in a Batman sequel. And the chief culprit in their resurgence for once wasn't even Richard Nixon, Wellspring #1 of so many of America's evil urges. No, this time it was Ronald Reagan, U.S. Wellspring #2. Mr. Reagan believed people were basically good, that "excessive" regulation was bad, and that unfettered capitalism would maximize world welfare. Or at least that's what he convinced us to think.

These were not uncommon beliefs at the time. He shared them with corporate moguls, stock market thieves, and shysters of every stripe. His ghost shares them today with George W. Bush (Wellspring #3) and his rampant anti-regulatory apparatus. Ken Lay became their living icon,

whose timely death raised him to a James Dean level of notoriety on Wall Street. His photo still appears regularly in "Crook" magazine. (OK, I made that one up.)

Unfortunately, it's the rest of us who have been left holding the bag. Whether it's Greenspan/Bernanke who were supposed to be protecting us from bankers, the Environmental Protection Agency that was supposed to protect us from global warming, the Food and Drug Administration that was to speed the coming of affordable wonder drugs, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that's supposed to protect shareholders and consumers, or the Federal Communications Commission that's supposed to protect us from media monopoly, all have failed.

Nay, not so much failed as defected. Failure suggests that these agencies actually gave regulation a good go. And no doubt their professional staffs did. But the corruption was higher up than that, right at the top. Loyal and brave staffers have blown whistles, resigned in protest, sued, organized, published, and done all the heroic things for which we praise public servants. They've been met with firings, prosecutions, slander, and silence. Gutting the regulation of corporations has become national policy and mere civil servants are not going to be allowed to stand in its way.

Now as the wheels finally come off this corporation-driven administration, you might think these travesties would diminish at last. Far from it. Rather a panicky sense of mortali-

ty is gripping the White House, and its agents are pushing ahead faster than ever to insulate corporate chiefs from you and me and even from their own investors.

The SEC has already ruled to make it harder for shareholders to get a spot on the company's proxy ballot. Meanwhile pro-management courts are making it harder to file investor class-action lawsuits. The SEC is also proposing to allow multinational corporations to be governed by the looser financial rules of other countries if that would help their profits. And Congress and the SEC alike have turned a blind eye toward forcing corporations to report adequately impending environmental costs.

Will a new administration be able to reverse this nouveau '20s-style corporate abandon? John McCain seems disinclined. Barack Obama seems disinclined to say. Maybe he doesn't know. It's murky. You can bet that unless he's a pretty strong character he'll mostly follow corporate desires. Bill Clinton surely did.

So once again, it seems that no matter who wins, nervous citizens will have no opportunity to relax. Even with a presumably well-motivated president, the ship of state doesn't run itself. Corporations will always press for laws to their own advantage and will hire regiments of lobbyists to make their pitch. Plainly, we'll just have to keep contributing to all those heroic non-profit groups that work to thwart them.

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Guess who pays more income taxes?

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Grim stories ruled the roost this week with the best effort being an HBO film that takes a wry look at the 2000 presidential election.

■ "Recount" — The 2000 race between George Bush and Al Gore gets a satirical spin in this outing which follows the goings-on behind the doors in the corridors of power, as the teams for both nominees fought over the results of Florida's polls. Kevin Spacey anchors this one as a weary member of the Gore team who fights till the bitter end to solve the "hanging chad" debacle. Funny but frustrating for anyone who isn't happy with how things turned

out.

■ "An American Crime" — The horrible, but true, story of the savage fate that befell two youngsters who were sent to live with an overworked housewife for the summer in Indiana (circa the early 1960s). Catherine Keener tries hard as the over-the-edge caregiver, but can't breathe life into this morbid story which is so pared down that it plays like a lame "Lifetime Channel" expose.

■ "Prom Night" — Plodding PG-13 remake of the early 1980s slasher flick which wasn't all that original itself. There are a few jumps here but there's no disguising that this would only barely work if it was aimed towards an older audience. This one should have killed

off the remake cycle but made enough money to guarantee remakes of "Friday the 13th" and "My Bloody Valentine."

■ "The Wizard of Gore" — Here's a remake that works, though the original film wasn't seen by many. The story centers on an illusionist whose act consists of carrying up the prettiest girls in the audience. A detective gets on the case when these volunteers from the audience turn up dead the next day sporting the same wounds they would have received had the tricks been real. Crispin Glover has a field day as the evil magician and there are key appearances by genre vets like Jeffrey Combs ("Re-Animator") and Brad Douriff ("Child's Play").

■ "Street Kings" — Tough cop dra-

mas don't get much more hard boiled than this effort that was adapted from a screenplay by novelist James Ellroy ("L.A. Confidential"). The story centers on a rogue cop who is given a free hand to pursue his partner's killer, but soon loses himself in the investigation after he's targeted by a sharp internal affairs officer (well played by Hugh Laurie). Great dialogue but some confusing plot twists hint at a lot of rewrites which may put off Ellroy fans. Keanu Reeves does little with the lead role but Forest Whitaker shines as his commanding officer.

Next week look for Uwe Boll's latest video game adaptation "Postal," and check out Cameron Diaz in "What Happens in Vegas."

'Rocker' plays a familiar tune

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

"The Rocker" might really have rocked if it didn't feel like a cover of a couple of superior comedies.

The first and most obvious is "School of Rock." As a shlumpy, 40ish drummer who missed his shot at heavy metal stardom, Rainn Wilson is pretty much channeling Jack Black here: the volatile man-child outbursts, the intensely pure feelings about rock music, even some of the crazy eyeball stuff feels way too familiar. And Wilson's character, Robert "Fish" Fishman, similarly gets a chance at redemption when he hooks up with a high school band that unexpectedly finds itself on the rise.

But there are also plenty of elements of "This Is Spinal Tap," one of the greatest musical comedies ever. Twenty years ago, Fish played drums for the up-and-coming Cleveland hair band Vesuvius, but the other members (led by Will Arnett in leopard-print tights, eyeliner and shaggy, blond hair) cast him aside to secure a record deal. Everything about the parody of this type of metal is very



"The Rocker," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for drug and sexual references, nudity and language. Running time: 105 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

Tap-esque, from the gaudy clothes and cheesy songs to the on-stage explosions and offstage egos.

There was some seriously bad music in the mid-1980s, much of which rears its ugly head in "The Rocker." (Though the use of Europe's overplayed anthem "The Final Countdown" does feel relevant in context.)

Nevertheless, Wilson has an engaging, goofy energy about him, as does the movie itself — for the most part. Peter Cattaneo, who earned an Academy Award nomination for directing "The Full Monty," brings some of the same unabashed, let's-put-on-a-show vibe of that 1997 British-American film.

Having long ago given up his dreams of stardom — but hanging onto the ponytail and

sideburns just in case — Fish now works as a drone answering calls at a customer service center. Once he gets fired and moves in with his sister (Jane Lynch) and her family, he receives an unexpected request. His insecure, heavyset nephew, Matt (the shy, likable Josh Gad), asks him to play the prom with his high-school band when the drummer drops out at the last minute.

Fish struggles with the decision (and, in the process, repeatedly bangs his head on the ceiling of the attic where he's sleeps, a bit of a tired gag from the start) but eventually gives in and joins A.D.D., as they're known. The other two members are sullen, sarcastic bassist Amelia (Emma Stone from "Superbad," who nabs some of the wittiest lines) and pretty-boy lead singer and gui-

tarist Curtis (Teddy Geiger), whose downer lyrics spring from his childhood abandonment issues.

It's all pretty predictable stuff from there. After a rough start at the prom, where Fish unleashes his inner Neil Peart with a raucous solo during Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes," A.D.D. experiences a meteoric rise, thanks to a viral YouTube video. Wilson, co-star of TV's "The Office" — who is never shy about showing off his pasty bod — finds himself doing the full monty here for a protracted laugh.

There is, of course, the obligatory montage as the group records its first album, shoots its first music video, goes on tour and experiences the thrill of groupies. Eventually, they argue but there's never any doubt that they will reconcile. Fish, meanwhile, stays drunk nearly

the whole time, now that he finally has a chance to live out his fantasies 20 years later. (And the fact that it's been 20 years since Vesuvius dumped him is mentioned so many times, it could be a drinking game itself.)

Christina Applegate brings realism and smarts to the role of Curtis' mom, who hops on the tour bus to make sure the kids are safe, and Jason Sudeikis is appropriately smarmy as A.D.D.'s slick manager.

What is a surprise, though, is how tame the music is: A.D.D.'s songs are catchy and poppy and completely innocuous, like something you might hear on Radio Disney. For a guy who used to eat metal for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Fish should demand that the group rock a little harder. Audiences should demand that of this movie, too.

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St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey Jr, Pastor

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST
Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 147 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neely St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Glen "Sandy" Douglass, Rev.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m.; Youth Service 6 p.m.; Rev Jim Adams, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister, David Pike, Associate Minister.

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PRESBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagans, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm; Layonna Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday 8 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Akken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor D.P. Curry.

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Faith and Family



KIM'S KORNER

'I'm miserable ... my life is so wretched'

Whoa, what a class we experienced this past Wednesday night. Have you ever found yourself repeating the words in the title to this week's column?

Sorry to say, I sure have, and it hasn't been that long ago either. And thank God for our "Battlefield of the Mind" class.

I, for one, have been having some pretty wild parties lately, self-pity parties that is. And to a n d b e h o l d, right there in the second paragraph of chapter 22, Joyce Meyers wrote, "You can be pitiful or powerful, but you cannot be both."

And then in big ol' black bold type jumping off the page was "Self-pity is idolatry." What? Yes, self-pity is turning in on ourselves, concentrating on us, our feelings and makes us only aware of our own selves and our own needs and concerns and that is definitely a narrow minded way to live.

Oh, Lord Jesus, forgive me. If there is one thing I never want to do it is to be narrow-minded and only concerned with myself.

"Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not (merely) his own interests, but also each for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

Not once had I had ever thought during one of those pity-parties I was being self-involved. No, it was more like, "Gloom, despair and agony on me." Poor pitiful me, how I had been wronged.

Wait a minute, how much more self-involved can it get? No matter how hard I tried to be good, stay on the right path, still the unfairness, unjust and outright calamity seem to spring forth in my direction. Then that old Charlie Rich song would come to mind, "Why me Lord, what have I ever done to deserve even one," and you know the rest.

Oh yeah, the more I thought, the more pitiful I felt. Key word there, THOUGHT! Remember this class is the "Battlefield of the MIND!"

We can literally exhaust ourselves thinking, and especially thinking the wrong thoughts. And ol' slu-foot himself, a.k.a. Satan, likes nothing more than to keep our thoughts in the negative and keep us in bondage and from receiving what God has in store.

After reading that we can actually become addicted to self-pity, it was like, "Oh, Lord Jesus, quick, shake it off, Kim. Jump up, hit your knees and get rid of this 'oh, woe is me' mentality."

How many times have we heard to be careful what you pray for, because you may just get it? Then there are times in our lives we can pray for a certain "thing," whatever it may be, and it doesn't seem to come to pass. That's when God knows what is best for us. Not our way, but His. That was a few columns back, He always answers our prayers, maybe not how we would like, but always what is best.

Yes, we may not always get our way, and most importantly we have got to nip those "oh, woe is me" thoughts in the bud when those emotions began to rise.

"Oh God, help me pass this test, for I don't want to go around this mountain even one more time!"

'Til next week, may you be powerful and not pitiful. God bless!



Kim Little Frasure

Baptist relief teams serving in Muhlenburg Co.

CENTRAL CITY — The Kentucky Baptist Convention has sent a disaster relief team to assist with ongoing cleanup in areas of Muhlenburg County, in response to extensive damage caused by a tornado in February.

According to Coy Webb, disaster relief associate for the KBC, three volunteers from Auburn, Franklin and Lexington are currently serving in Muhlenburg County. Additional volunteers from Elizabethtown will be joining the effort later this week.

The volunteers will assist with

chainsaw work, brush removal and debris cleanup. Webb said it is uncertain how long the volunteers will serve, and that additional workers are still needed.

Trained volunteers interested in helping may contact the KBC's Baptist Men on Mission Department at 502-489-3527 or 866-489-3527 (toll free in Kentucky) for more information.

Kentucky Baptists are part of a larger network of Southern Baptist volunteers trained to respond to disasters by manning mass feeding operations,

using chainsaws to clear downed trees and limbs, clear mud out of flooded homes and more.

Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers work in conjunction with other organizations, such as the Salvation Army, the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Together, Southern Baptists compose the third largest relief organization in the United States.

To learn more about Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, go to www.kybaptist.org/dr.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is a cooperative missions and ministry organization made up of more than 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in Kentucky. A variety of state and worldwide ministries are coordinated through its administrative headquarters in Louisville, Ky. including: missions work, disaster relief, ministry training and support, church development, evangelism and more. For more information, visit www.kybaptist.org.

Amish thriving as population nearly doubles in 16 years

by MARK SCOLFORO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LANCASTER, Pa. — The Amish are expanding their presence in states far beyond Pennsylvania Dutch country as they search for affordable farmland to accommodate a population that has nearly doubled in the past 16 years, a new study found.

States such as Missouri, Kentucky and Minnesota have seen increases in their Amish populations of more than 130 percent. The Amish now number an estimated 227,000 nationwide, up from 123,000 in 1992, according to researchers from Elizabethtown College's Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies.

Over the same period, Amish settlements have been established in seven new states, putting them in at least 28 states from coast to coast. The new states are: Arkansas, Colorado, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Washington and West Virginia.

"When we think they might be dying out or merely surviving, they are actually thriving," said Elizabethtown professor Don Kraybill, a leading expert on the Amish who shared his research from an upcoming book with The Associated Press.

Also known as Anabaptists, most Amish reject modern conveniences and rely on horse-drawn carriages. They began arriving in eastern Pennsylvania around 1730. Along with English, they speak a German dialect called Pennsylvania Dutch or Pennsylvania German.

Amish couples typically have five or more children. With more than four out of every five deciding in young adulthood to remain within the church, their population has grown steadily. More than half the population is under 21.

A small portion of the increase is also due to conversions to the faith.

The Amish are attracted to areas with relatively cheap farms, a rural lifestyle and nonfarming jobs such as construction or cabinet making that fit their values and allow them to remain independent. In some cases, they have migrated to resolve leadership

problems or escape church-related disputes.

In Intercourse, a town just east of Lancaster popular with tourists, Amish goat farmer Lester Stoltzfus said a number of area families had moved recently to other states in search of affordable farmland.

"It's fine with me if people move out," Stoltzfus, 37, said from his farm along a country lane hemmed in by cornfields. "There are too many people living here anyway."

Down the road at Fisher's Tin Shop, where stove pipes and decorative items fashioned out of tin hung on the walls, Ben Fisher could not offer any explanation for why the Amish are doing so well. But he said families are on the move all the time.

"They've got to go somewhere," Fisher said.

As they move into new areas, some of the conflicts that occurred years earlier in established Amish settlements are playing out again, often involving issues such as building codes or waste treatment.

In Mayfield, Ky., an area into which a few hundred Amish have moved in recent years, nine men are fighting charges they operated horse-drawn buggies without the flashing lights or orange safety triangles that state law requires.

"They are moving into new states and settling or establishing new settlements in communities where local officials aren't acquainted with them. That creates some misunderstanding on zoning issues or other unique factors in Amish practice," Kraybill said.

At the same time, some businesses have been glad to accommodate the Amish. In Mayfield, hardware store owner Dan Falder said his business is one of several to install hitching posts where the Amish can tie up their horses.

Now when Falder looks across the parking lot, he sees horse manure. "That's new within the last few years," he said.

Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana continue to be the geographic center for the Amish, accounting for about two-thirds of the faith's population. They also accounted for more than half of the total population gain.

But eight states with at least 1,000 Amish residents had higher rates of growth, led by Kentucky, which saw its population jump 200 percent, from 2,835 to 8,505, the study found.

The number of Amish "districts" — congregations that usually consist of two or three dozen families — has increased by 84 percent in the past 16 years, from 929 to 1,711.

The arrival of the Amish can raise land prices, and their self-reliance translates into a relatively low burden on public services.

Dennis Hubbard, a government official in Sheldon Township, Wis., said the newcomers seldom appear in the court system, require long-term care or attend public schools.

"As they live their lives, they really do not become very involved with government," said Hubbard, whose state has seen its Amish population climb 117 percent since 1992.

At least 350 Amish families

migrated into Missouri, New York or Wisconsin between 2002 and 2007. Over the same period, about 520 families moved out of Ohio and some 470 left Pennsylvania.

"One family doesn't go — there is a group of them that goes, like two or three or four," said Fannie Erb-Miller, national editor of The Budget, a weekly newspaper serving the Amish that is based in Sugarcreck, Ohio.

Once a settlement has six families and at least one minister, it qualifies to send The Budget dispatches about its activities, often with an invitation for others to join it.

"They can continue to let people know: We're here, come visit us, how the land is, the orchards do great or whatever," Erb-Miller said.

Kraybill said only families who use horse-drawn buggies and call themselves Amish were considered Amish for purposes of his research.

Researchers combed Amish publications and mined other sources to determine where

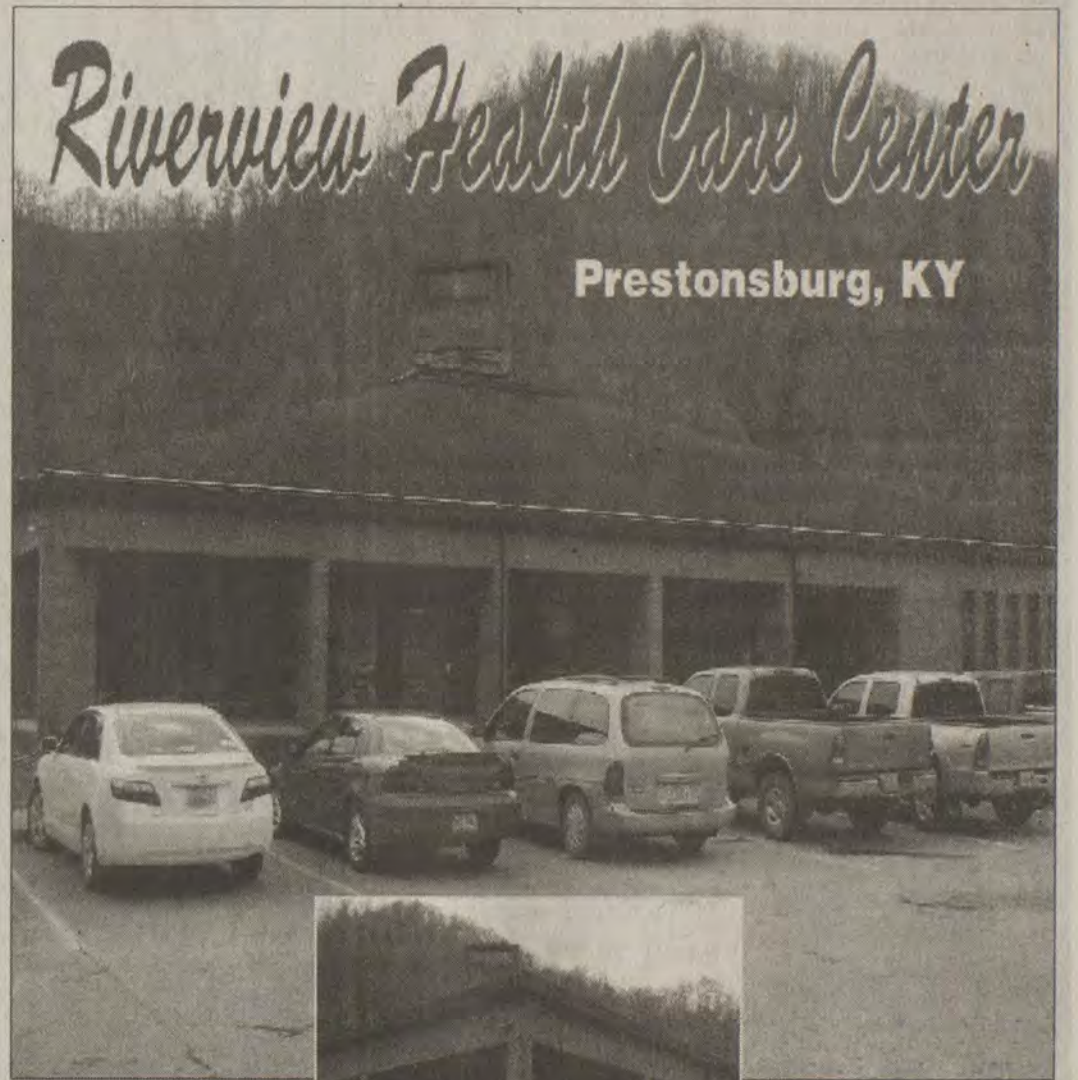
new settlements were being established and to count the total number of districts.

They used a figure of 135 people per church district to calculate population estimates, but the study cautions that its method could result in numbers that are too high for newer settlements and too low in long-established Amish communities.

In Ontario, Canada, the only Amish community outside the United States also is growing. It consists of about 4,500 people, up from 2,300 in 1992.

The Amish have noticed their changing demographics. The population boom is posing practical challenges for a people who, for example, often pay non-Amish "taxi" — private vehicles — to take them on longer trips.

"An Amish woman said, 'We joke among ourselves, if we keep growing at this rate, soon half the world will be Amish and the other half will be taxi drivers,'" Kraybill said.



SPIRITUALITY

- Church Services
 - Morning Worship
 - Afternoon Services

- Vacation Bible School
- Bible Study
- On-site Chaplain

- 24-hr. Chapel
 - Tuesday, 10:15
 - Wednesday, 10:15
 - Thursday, 10:15/11:15
 - Friday (3rd), 2:00
 - Sundays, 2:00

THERAPY

- Neuromuscular re-education
- Therapeutic exercise
- Therapeutic activity
- Wheelchair management
- Gait training
- Orthotic and prosthetic training
- Ultrasound and electrical stimulation
- Adaptive equipment utilization
- Daily living re-education
- Orthopaedic rehabilitation
- Speech language and swallowing
- Cognitive retraining

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Bowling
- Picnics
- Mall Shopping
- Baseball Games
- Dining Out with Friends
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WELLNESS Q&A

Not just for looks

by ERNEST BREWER

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Question: I have noticed several athletes in the Olympics wearing some weird looking tape. The first one I saw, I thought was a tattoo on a girl's shoulder. Then, I saw others on knees, legs, arms, feet and backs. What is this stuff, and what is its purpose?



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Answer:

The tape that you have been seeing is called Kinesio-Tape (K-Tape), and it serves several purposes. I was introduced to K-Tape over two years ago when I attended a course specifically to learn various taping techniques using this new type of tape. At the time of the course, I was not impressed. As a matter of fact, I was disgusted that I had traveled so far, spent a few hundred dollars and wasted a perfectly beautiful weekend learning techniques I thought I'd never use. However, when I got back to work the next week, I elected to try the tape on a few patients, and the results were fairly remarkable. Needless to say, I'm still using the stuff.

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DINNER DIVA

Proud to be an American

Dear Readers,
Today's column is not your usual cooking stuff, because today, I became an American.

On August 5, 1965, I arrived in this country with my parents and my younger brother and sister. At 7-years-old, I understood that we had left Canada to live in a new country. I don't remember how exactly, but I knew being here was different than being there.



Leanne Ely

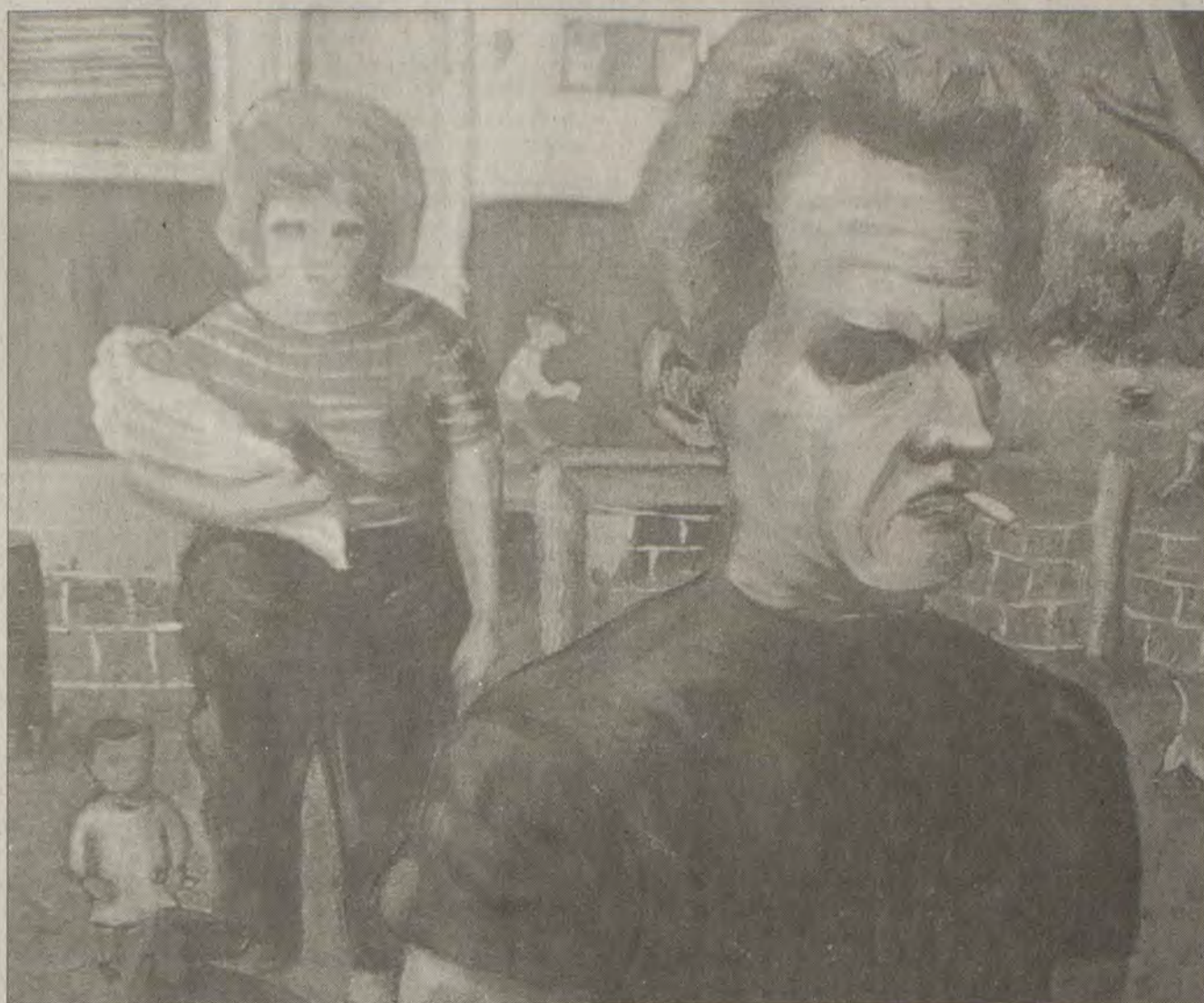
Our neighbors in Whittier, CA where we settled in, would ask my mother to bring us children over because she loved listening to our clipped Canadian accents and our very proper manners—at least that is what my mother told me.

But today is what counts because it was by choice, not birth that decided my allegiance. It took a long time to get here—four years, a few bucks to apply, interviews, fingerprinting, background checks and testing. But at last I stood in a room full of people representing 44 different countries. I held up my right hand and swore that I would uphold the law, the constitution and serve my country if necessary. Then I said the Pledge of Allegiance as a brand new American with 100 other new citizens. We waved the little flags they gave us, we clapped, we laughed and then we watched a short video with President Bush welcoming us as Americans. And as the song I'm Proud to Be an American played, they showed

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FAMILY MEDICINE

Reader should take drug doctor prescribed for latent TB— Page A9



photos by Jarrid Deaton

The art of Tim Sizemore is currently on display in the art gallery of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

NOT A PRETTY PICTURE

Sizemore's work aims for stark but sympathetic realism

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Tim Sizemore is a true artist. Working without the flash and flair utilized by many of his contemporaries in the field, Sizemore strives to strike the truth of his subjects and present them to the public in paint.

Sizemore's art is currently on display at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery, where he also serves as instructor of art and director of the art gallery.

"I like to get into the reality of life," Sizemore said. "I don't want to depict it with rose-colored glasses, but truthfully, and tempered by sympathy for my subjects."

The paintings that line the wall of the art gallery are striking, with many of them depicting what could be considered as grim scenes, but each piece appears to be telling

the truth through the medium of art.

One painting shows a man in the foreground with a cigarette jutting from the corner of his mouth and a beer can held fast in his hand at the end of a tattooed arm. Behind him, a woman clutches a child in one arm while another child stands at her side. In the background, yet another child runs in front of a mobile home. Another piece depicts a woman trapped in the tangled sheets of her bed, pills, joints and cigarettes beside her, while dark creatures lurk in the shadows of the room.

The hardships faced by rural people dealing with life in the mountains is the frequent focus of Sizemore's work, and these paintings can be viewed as an extension of his vision. Because of the quality of his work and the honesty that he uses in portraying the life struggles of his subjects, Sizemore has received national recognition, with

exhibitions in the Smithsonian Institute, Berea College, The Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, the Kentucky State Capital Rotunda, Louisville's Folk Art Center, and numerous art exhibits sponsored by the state, along with gracing the cover of Appalachian Heritage Magazine. Sizemore's work is also found in many private collections, and two of his pieces are located at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts.

The public can view Sizemore's art from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the gallery located in the Magoffin Learning Center on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. A guest book is provided at the art gallery where visitors can leave their comments regarding the work.

For more information, contact the art gallery at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64746.



FLY LADY

Headed back to school

One of the hardest documents I ever put together was the Teacher Control Journal. I was determined to let go of my fears and just do it! What was I afraid of you may wonder?

I was scared because the document I was writing was going to be viewed by teachers. Maybe deep down inside I was afraid that it was not going to stand up to their criticism. I was able to let go of my fears because I received an email from a teacher begging for a testimonial that we had sent out last year. She needed help getting ready for the fast approaching school year.

I know in my heart that our simple system of habits and routines can work for everyone. I overcame my fears to reach out and help others. If I do this then any of us can.

We all have fears! It is our perfectionism that keeps us trapped in them and by them! We don't have to give into them another day.

I have to tell you a funny story, I

shared it with my sweet darling over coffee right after I released the Teacher Control Journal! He explained to me that our ladies are above average and the funny incident was evidence of that. I was literally terrified to release the Teacher Control Journal to our teachers. In the email that told the world about the Teacher Control Journal I gave specific instructions on how I had set up my filters to get that message from me. Every email that comes to my inbox without TCJ in the subject line is just another affirmation that my fears were so silly! Each email is another reason to laugh at my perfectionism. What Robert told me is that super intelligent people intuitively skip the instructions. I totally understand this. I have even complained to people at Yahoo and JumpCut that their programs were not intuitive.

So my dear friends, I have set up filters in many different ways to fill

the requests for Teacher Control Journal. Then I get to look in my inbox and see there is one more way to say it. Isn't that what really makes us special; we are all different and together it just works.

Thank you all so much for overcoming your fears to ask for help! I am here! We can grow together as we put perfectionism in its place! I have spent many hours putting together the Teacher Control Journal. I had some help from a teacher. Her name is Jamie Hawley. I have included her examples in

the document. I have also included a letter to parents and the Student Control Journal. Please just jump right in and start using it. You can adapt it to fit your needs whether you are an elementary, middle, high school or home schooling teacher. Right now the most important part is for you to get it and start to put together your Teacher Control Journal. I cannot do it for

you. Every class is different. I can get you motivated to do it.

There are testimonials in this document as well as forms to fill in the blanks. Use what you need. You have my permission to adapt to fit your classroom. You can edit anything except my letter to the parents. If you want a copy of the Teacher Control Journal send an email to FlyLady@flylady.net with TCJ in the subject line and I will get it back to you.

We also have it on our website. http://flylady.net/pages/teacher_cj.asp

Are you ready to FLY into a brand new school year!

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Family Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
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Q My boyfriend has the nastiest feet I have ever seen. There is gunk between his toes, and he complains that his feet itch and sometimes are painful. I think he has athlete's foot, even though he is not an athlete. He won't go to the doctor. He says it will go away. It does seem to get better in the winter.

A Well, Ma'am, I'll go with your diagnosis. It does sound like a possible case of athlete's foot to me. This very common foot infection is caused by a fungus — usually *Trichophyton rubrum*. It generally affects both feet, but it can just be on one foot. Most people have

occasional problems with athlete's foot, but it sounds like your boyfriend's feet need some attention.

Doctors call this disease *tinca pedis*. The reason it's called athlete's foot in common parlance is that it is frequently spread in public showers, like those in locker rooms and athletic centers. However, you don't have to be athletic to get athlete's foot, it can be easily spread in the home. For instance, if an infected family member takes a shower and another family member then uses the same shower, without a proper cleaning, the second family member can get athlete's foot. This happens when his or her

feet come into contact with the surface of the shower where the athlete's foot fungus is lurking.

The primary symptoms of athlete's foot are itching and burning between the toes or on the soles of the feet. There can be blisters and cracking, peeling skin, as well. Athlete's foot can also affect the nails and cause them to thicken and discolor. Athlete's foot fungi like to grow where it is warm, wet and dark, and inside the shoe certainly qualifies as a place fungi like. Fungi are very hearty and can live on floors, rugs, in bed linens, and even survive the washing machine.

Perhaps because they are more likely to wear thick socks and heavy shoes, men are more prone to have this condition than are women. People with chronic illnesses like cancer and diabetes are also at higher risk.

One thing I find curious about your question is that you state his

condition "gets better in the winter." Actually athlete's foot is more common in the winter because you're more likely to wear shoes or boots that completely cover your feet. This tends to make them even more warm and sweaty and provides that warm, damp and dark environment which, as I mentioned, fosters fungi growth.

There are many over-the-counter remedies that work quite well for athlete's foot. If your boyfriend has a stubborn case, though, he may want to drop his aversion to doctors. He may need a prescription medication to eradicate his athlete's foot.

As with many of the medical conditions I discuss, prevention is the best treatment. Keeping the feet dry, especially between the toes can prevent the growth of fungi. Airing out the feet as much as possible, like going barefooted at home can help. Wearing open sandals can also promote dryness as can frequent changes of socks and shoes. When showering

in public places, protective footwear can prevent the fungi from coming into contact with the soles of your feet. Using an antifungal powder daily is also a good idea. Following all these tips can help prevent athlete's foot.

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Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at familymedicine-news.org.

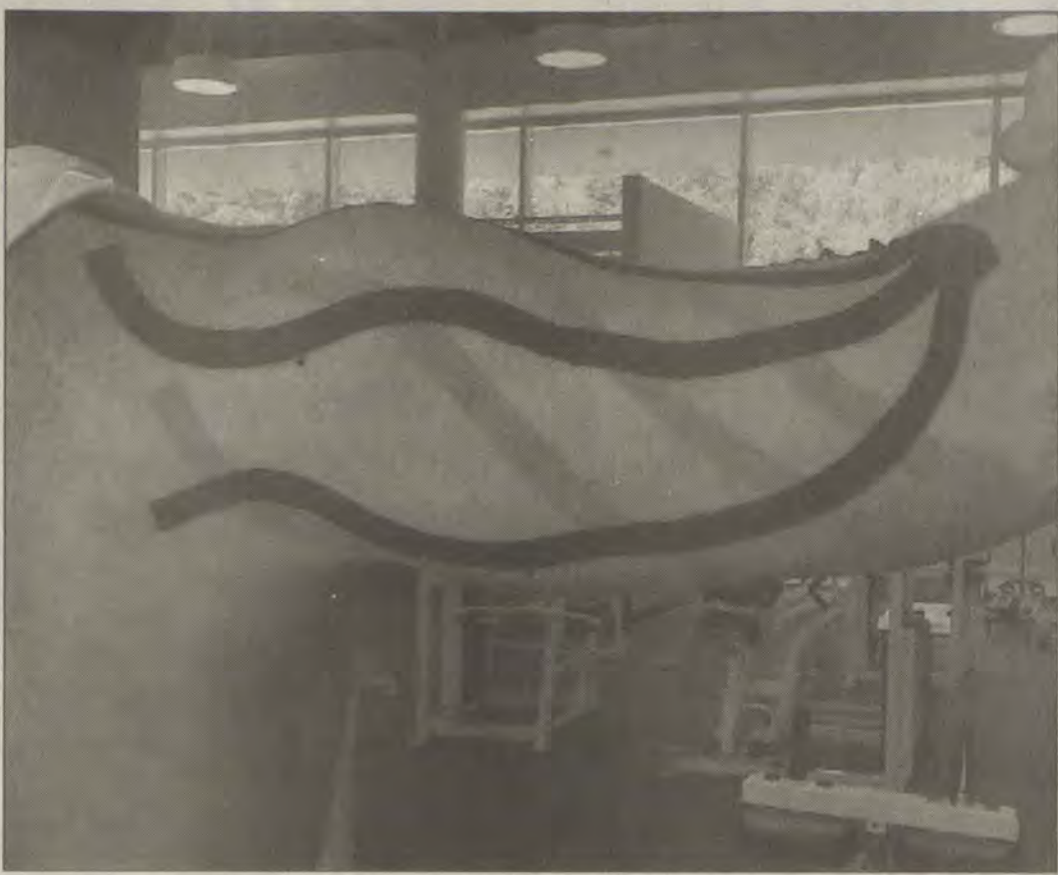


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K-tape, popularized in the Olympics, can be used to treat various joint and muscle pains.

Wellness

So, what is the stuff? K-Tape is not medicated. It comes in four colors: pink, blue, tan and black. K-Tape is unique because of its elasticity and adhesiveness, which allow for application of the tape in some very useful ways. In our clinic, we utilize K-tape primarily for knee joint pain correction and reduction of swelling of an extremity, such as after a joint sprain or after surgery on an arm or leg. Additionally, we have used it in the treatment of various forms of muscle strain, joint instability, tendonitis, and carpal tunnel.

How does it work? It works in multiple ways depending on what a person is trying to achieve with its use. A majority of the K-Tape that I've seen in the Olympics utilized techniques in which individual muscles were surrounded. In these cases, the purpose was to support the muscle and assist the muscle in preventing a strain. In other cases, I saw where an ankle, knee or shoul-

der joint was taped for the purpose of providing stability to the joint.

As stated above, our clinic utilizes K-Tape a great deal for reduction of swelling in an arm or leg. This technique was one that I was most skeptical about when I first learned it, but is now the technique that provides us with some of the most remarkable positive changes clinically. The technique is performed by applying the tape in strips around the extremity while gently stretching the soft tissue where tape is being applied. The result may look like a spider-web tattoo, which can be a real conversation starter at church or at the grocery store. This application aids in the reduction of swelling by creating separation between the tissue layers and allowing improved blood flow.

These explanations are my attempt at trying to simplify some rather complicated, long winded and big-worded theories, but if you would like to

indulge yourself with some more detailed explanations feel free to look at www.kinesiotaping.com.

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The information presented is intended to be informative for the general reading audience and not intended to be utilized for creation of a personal treatment plan or replacement of the care of your current health care professionals. In all cases, seek the advice of your physician for a definitive answer for your specific health con

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another video of thousands of other new Americans taking their oaths, saying the Pledge—just like we'd just done. At that moment, tears ran down my face as I contemplated the privilege I now have to vote in this great country come November. Politics didn't matter at that moment—being an American did.

My birthplace will never change and I will always have a great affection for Canada. But it is here in the USA, where I've been raised, gone to school, married, had a family, started a business and led my life. It's here where I've enjoyed incredible freedom and witnessed 2 of my nephews be sworn in as lieutenants in the Air Force and Army so they could serve our country. It's here where I feel great pride and swelling in my heart as I sing the chorus to that song—

And I'm proud to be an American
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And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me
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Because there ain't no doubt, I love this land
God bless the U.S.A!
This is my country and I'm so very excited to tell you all today, that I'm PROUD to be an American!

Love,
Leanne

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| ACROSS | 1 Type of file | 5 Broadway org. | 10 Bog | 15 — Cass | 19 Game ending? | 20 Prentiss or Poundstone | 21 Kind of quartz | 22 Vizquel of baseball | 23 Approximately | 25 Puzzling problem | 26 "Peter Pan" pooch | 27 Hester Prynne's kid | 28 Kids connect them | 30 Shorten a skirt | 31 Social climber | 32 James of "Misery" | 35 Clods | 38 Owl or eagle | 40 New Hampshire's motto | 45 — -do-well | 46 Shelley showcase | 47 Lauder powder | 48 Squealers | 51 Zodiac crustacean | 53 32 Across' co-star | 56 Moun-taineers' gear | 59 "Darn!" | 61 Envelope abbr. | 63 Indeed | 65 Egyptian Nobelist | 66 "Battle Cry" author | 67 Alibi | 68 Coaching legend | 72 Came by | 73 Exclude | 74 Actress Hagen | 75 Misjudge | 76 "Make a decision!" | 80 Big —, CA | 81 "What —, a mind reader?" | 82 Appearance | 83 Royal abbr. | 84 Most meager | 86 Pres., e.g. | 87 Delhi dress | 88 Assail | 90 Author Grafton | 91 Cry over a mouse? | 92 Lena of "Havana" | 93 Showy shrub | 95 High-toned guy? | 99 Cough | 101 Wax device | 103 Praise | 105 Summertime | 106 Enthusiastic review | 108 Hamlet's line | 113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit) | 115 Frame of mind | 116 "Nonsense!" | 117 Terrible | 118 Boar's beloved | 120 Rigatoni relative | 123 Bridal path? | 127 Brainchild | 128 Hebrew text | 131 Survival option | 134 "Oh, woe!" | 135 Honshu metropolis | 136 Furry fisherman | 137 Tourist isle | 138 Riga resident | 139 Katmandu's country | 140 Peter of Herman's Hermits | 141 List ender | 4 Give it one's awl? | 5 Cal. page | 6 Guitarist Sussman | 7 Acted promptly? | 8 Besides | 9 Ecclesiastic | 10 Cartographer's creation | 11 Give it — (try) | 12 Hasty | 13 That's no bull! | 14 Grammy winner | 15 Dragon or Dracula | 16 Words for a wimp | 17 Lord's lair | 18 Spirited steed | 24 Norwegian name | 29 Disconsolate | 33 Humorist Buchwald | 34 Tide type | 36 Earliest | 37 Word with cow or horse | 39 Acts like a chicken | 40 Tennis stroke | 41 — Bell Wells | 42 Donkey doc | 43 Bulldogs | 44 A shape that stops traffic | 49 Tiny Tom | 50 Soap opera, e.g. | 52 Cassius' cohort | 54 Pupil's place | 55 Medieval menial | 57 Bouquet | 58 Mississippi port | 60 Gary and Elizabeth | 62 Kickoff | 64 Muppet drummer | 68 Quiet partner? | 69 Hosts | 70 Halloween greeting | 71 Ancient deity | 73 Shakespearean tragedy | 77 German poet | 78 Air bear? | 79 Flexed, as muscles | 85 Born | 87 Italian wine | 88 "The Jungle Book" bear | 89 Glum drop? | 94 Parental sibling | 96 Sgt. or cpl. | 97 Solid circle | 98 New York city | 100 Polo's place | 102 Bk. convenience | 104 — -wop | 107 Singer Sheena | 109 Literary pseudonym | 110 Bright inventor? | 111 Dictator | 112 Pyramus' paramour | 113 Move like | 51 Across | 114 "Archie" character | 117 Push-button predecessor | 119 Envelop | 121 Schipa or Jackson | 122 Up on | 124 Flatten | 125 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek" | 126 Runner Zatopek | 129 Record abbr. | 130 Smith or Foster | 132 Novelist Kesey | 133 Vein contents |
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Reffett named to New York Life executive council

Dexter D. Reffett has been named a member of the 2008 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of more than 11,000 licensed agents.

As a member of the Executive Council, he is invited to attend the meeting to be held August 24-28, in Seattle, Washington.

Reffett has been a New York

Life agent since 2004, and is associated with New York Life's Kentucky General Office in Louisville.

He has worked in the financial community in Kentucky for 25 years. Reffett graduated from Prestonsburg Community College with Associate Degrees in both Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Morehead State University with a Master of Business

Administration Degree, Louisiana State University with a Graduate Degree in Banking, and graduated from the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma

He has one son, Adam Keith Reffett, who attends Berea College.

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Seth Wallace and Samantha Meade are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Surprise Wallace, on August 3.



The wedding vows of Ms. Amber Lynn McClain and Bryan R. Stewart were exchanged on Saturday, July 5, at 6 p.m. at the Morehead United Methodist Church in Morehead. Attendants for the couple were: Maid of Honor, Rachel Martin, friend and sorority sister of the bride, Bridesmaids, Megan Ritchey, friend and sorority sister of the bride and Heather McClain, sister of the bride, Junior Bridesmaid, Sharian Fagnano, cousin of the bride. The Best Man was Aaron Wellman, friend of the groom, Groomsmen were Kyle Hawkins, cousin of the groom and Bradley McClain, brother of the bride. Arianna Grayli, cousin of the bride, was the Flower Girl, Ethan Fagnano and Kian Grayli, cousins of the bride, were Ring Bearers. Attending the guest book was Melissa Hawkins, cousin of the groom. Out-of-town guests included the bride's parents, Danny and Michelle McClain of Cincinnati, the bride's grandparents, Captain and Mrs. Paul Allen, of Flatwoods, and the groom's grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Clark, of Madisonville. The groom's parents, Kathy Clark, of Naples Florida, and Jim Stewart, of Lakeview Village, hosted a patriotic themed wedding rehearsal luncheon on July 4 at Reno's Roadhouse in Morehead. Immediately following the wedding ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance was given by the bride's family in the fellowship hall of the church. After a honeymoon to the Marriott Grand Hotel and Resort in Gulf Shores, Alabama, the new couple moved to Naples, Florida.

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Paige Marie Bowditch, 18, of Grethel, to Timothy Lee Mullins, 18, of Hueysville.
Jessica Lynn Shepherd, 27, of David, to Johnathan Darrell Stumbo, 37, of McDowell.
Kristyn Suzanne Buckley, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Christopher Ray Spears, 22, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Midland Funding LLC v. Willard J. Johnson
Asset Acceptance LLC v. Danny Johnson
Asset Acceptance LLC v. Jimmy Whilhite
Luis Lafferty v. Sandra Eberling
Capital One Bank v. Jodie R Shortridge
Pioneer Credit Company v. James H. Marcum
Midland Funding LLC v. Erica Reid
Midland Funding LLC v. Gary G Mitchell
Midland Funding LLC v. Carla G Hayes
RMC Corporation v. Florence Wallen
Asset Acceptance LLC v. Eddie Ritchie
White Acres Enterprises LLC v. Everett Jim Gayheart
Asset Acceptance LLC v. Johnathan Hill
Credigy Receivables Inc. v. Kenneth E Montgomery
Capital One Bank v. Jacqueline Cotton
Lendmark Financial Services v. Brandon Wright
Chassity L. Bailey v. Samuel P. Bailey Jr.
Tiffany Marie Wallen v. Shawn Curtis Wallen
Stephanie Ann McKenzie v. David Lee McKenzie
Lisa Love Samons v. Jody Lee Samons
Dewey Conway v. Tiffany Conway
John David Trusty v. Andreina Nonoska Prieto Trusty
Tammy Sykes v. Bert Thomas Sykes
Thelma Lou Charles v. Jimmy Charles

Small Claims Filings

Thomas Hall Finley Jr., v. Kim Kidd
W&G Investments Inc., v. Melody Terry
Bobby Page v. Curtis Hall
Mark Stacy Blackburn v. Sam Porter

Charges Filed

Charles J Shell, 33, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
Terry Ray Rogers Jr., 33, Harold, operating motor vehicle under the influence, driving on DUI suspended

license, failure to wear a seat belt, failure to surrender revoked license, possession of a controlled substance (2 counts), controlled substance not in original container (2 counts).

Frankie L. Hall, 31, Topmost, theft by unlawful taking.

Johnie R. Collins, 57, Banner, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Jeremy D. Anderson, 24, Tram, second degree possession of controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.

Jason Lee Benton, 30, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Sandra Stapleton Bentley, 44, Stanville, harassment.

Darren Lawson, 35, Prestonsburg, fourth degree assault.

Sam Salisbury Jr., 56, Printer, alcohol intoxication.

Marcia Walls, 50, Dwale, theft by unlawful taking.

E L Tackett, 61, Grethel, cultivation of marijuana.

James Gregory Baldrige, 31, Garrett, disorderly conduct.

Jimmy D Lawson, 35, Prestonsburg, disorderly conduct.

Aleck Wallen, 44, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.

James C. Roberts, 54, Harold, alcohol intoxication.

Jeffrey A Green, 21, Oil Springs, alcohol intoxication, possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor.

Christopher Farrar, 30, Walkersville W.Va., public intoxication, endangering the welfare of a minor.

Jamie D Hale, 33, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.

Janice Jacobs, 39, Hueysville, menacing.

Dustin Spears, 25, Wheelwright, fourth degree assault, alcohol intoxication, terroristic threatening.

Jamie L Spears, 25, Wheelwright, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, disregarding traffic control device, fourth degree assault, improper start from parked position.

Joan Noble Hall, 35, Drift, fourth degree assault.

James Sexton, 20, Martin, fourth degree assault.

Timothy Hall, 39, Drift, fourth degree assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

James Sexton, 20, Martin, terroristic threatening, criminal trespassing.

James R Bailey, Salyersville, alcohol intoxication.

Michael Stanley, 30, Bevinsville, fourth degree

assault (2 counts), alcohol intoxication, drinking alcoholic beverage in public.

Darrell Lee Hill, 24, Bevinsville, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Jamie Alexander Tackett, 27, Hi Hat, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Michael Slone, 40, Mousie, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Adrian Ousley, 69, Hueysville, disorderly conduct, illegal take deer/turkey/elk.

Kelly Johnson, 18, Hi Hat, theft by unlawful taking.

Twana Brewer, 29, Drift, theft by unlawful taking.

Charles Edward Stephens Jr., 41, Emmalena, terroristic threatening, fourth degree assault.

Michael S Brooks, 32, Wheelwright, public intoxication, resisting arrest.

Omer Lovely Jr., 38, Prestonsburg, harboring a vicious animal.

Lorraine Reynolds, 56, Banner, public intoxication.

Richard Hall, 35, Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication.

Keith Williams, 18, Mount Sterling, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, disorderly conduct.

Rella Barnett, 56, Salyersville, theft by deception.

Brianna G. Shepherd, 26, Hager Hill, selling alcoholic beverages to minors.

Richard Clayton Short, 37, Garrett, first degree possession of a controlled substance, third degree possession of controlled substance not in original container.

Billy J Lazar, 40, Prestonsburg, operating on suspended operators license, operating motor vehicle under the influence, failure of non owner operator to maintain insurance, no Kentucky registration receipt, failure to wear seat belts, controlled substance

prescription not in original container, third degree possession of controlled substance.

Duana Fitch, 37, Stanville, theft by failure to make required disposition of property over \$300.

Pedro Victoriano Garcia, 28, Pikeville, operating motor vehicle under the influence, endangering the welfare of a minor, no operators license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain insurance, first degree trafficking in cocaine, first degree possession of cocaine.

Ray D. Hagans, 37, Betsy Layne, operating motor vehicle under the influence, possession of controlled substance, no registration plates, no Kentucky registration, failure to produce insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to wear seat belts.

Randy Salisbury, 52, Printer, fleeing or evading, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on DUI suspended, operating ATV on roadway, failure of non-owner operator to maintain insurance, no registration

plates, no Kentucky registration, resisting arrest.

Brenda Lee Miller, 45, Martin, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operating on suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license, possession of drug paraphernalia, menacing, resisting arrest, first degree possession of cocaine.

Lucky Ferrell, 52, Prestonsburg, operating a motor vehicle under the influ-

ence, failure of to maintain insurance, second degree possession of controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container, first degree promoting contraband.

Ted Johnson, 42, Martin, wanton endangerment.

Derek Clark, 45, Blue River, flagrant nonsupport.

Melissa Hall Johnson, 27, McDowell, theft by unlawful

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Cardinal Mart 2, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food: lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 90. Retail: cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 93.

Exxon, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food: lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 96.

Playland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically sealed thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, improper storage of clean equipment and utensils, improper handling of clean equipment and utensils, floors not properly covered. Score: 96.

Property Transfers
Chad Casebolt to Brenda Wibbels and Gary Wibbels, property not listed.

Violations noted: Food: food not protected during storage, cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, nonfood contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, toilet facility not accessible, floors not properly covered, floors not drained properly, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not constructed properly. Score: 90. Retail: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically sealed thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, food not protected during storage, cloths used for food and nonfood contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, nonfood contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, toilet facility not accessible, floors not properly covered, floors not drained properly, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not constructed properly. Score: 89.

Mary Susan Goins to Claude J. Webb and Janet Cooley Webb, property located at Valley View Estates.

Jeanette Harris to Terrie Harris Beck, property located at Mae Gearheart Subdivision.

Wesley French Samons to Wilburn R. Samons, property not listed.

Arthur Collins to Charles T. Collins, property located at Brandykeg.

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Delbert Glen Goins to Claude J. Webb and Janet Cooley Webb, property located at Valley View Estates.

Mary Susan Goins to Claude J. Webb and Janet Cooley Webb, property located at Valley View Estates.

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in government auditing standards issued by the comptroller general of the United States, and the audit guide for fiscal court audits issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described in note 1, Floyd County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements do not include financial data of the East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., an entity that meets the criteria to be reported as a legally separate discretely presented component unit of Floyd County, Kentucky, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because of the omission of the discretely presented component unit, as discussed above, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Floyd County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

The county has not presented the management's discussion and analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison information is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of budgetary comparison information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Floyd County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, combining fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation of the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2008, on our consideration of Floyd County Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

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Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- 2007-1 The Fiscal Court Should Maintain Proper Records For The Public Properties Corporation Fund
- 2007-2 The Fiscal Court Should Ensure The Quarterly Report—Liabilities Section Is Accurate
- 2007-3 The Fiscal Court Should Require Bids For All Purchases Over \$20,000
- 2007-4 The Fiscal Court Should Maintain An Accurate And Complete Schedule Of Capital Assets
- 2007-5 The Fiscal Court Should Pursue A Buyer To Purchase East Kentucky Utilities, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

June 13, 2008

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 105 Sea Hero Road, Suite 2, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-5404 or by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Auditions set for Diamond Girls dance team

Dance Etc. to host tryouts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Auditions have been set for the Diamond Girls — official dance squad of the East Kentucky Miners professional basketball team. The auditions will be held Sept. 20-21 at Dance Etc. Studio of Dance in Prestonsburg. Dance Etc., located at 98 Oak Ridge in Prestonsburg, will host a pre-audition clinic for the Diamond Girls Dance team

from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20. The audition for the dance team is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. The fee for the auditions is \$50 per participant. Checks and money orders should be made payable to East Kentucky Miners.

"I'm super-excited about the new season and the auditions," said Diamond Girls Coach/Dancer Jilleyn Brown Vickery. "This is a great opportunity for area dancers."

The audition application and other information regarding the two-day event are available online at www.ckminers.com.

The Diamond Girls gained a

strong following during the East Kentucky pro basketball team's debut season. Vickery has acknowledged that the Diamond Girls would be making numerous appearances at various Eastern Kentucky festivals leading up to the start of the Miners' second season.

"Look for us at festivals and in

communities throughout Eastern Kentucky," Vickery added. "Our first youth dance camp will be held in October or November. The children who participate in the dance camp will have the chance to perform at one of our home games during the upcoming season."

The Diamond Girls dance team performed at each East Kentucky Miners home game during the 2007-08 season.



photos courtesy of Dusty Layne/East Kentucky Miners
Auditions for the Diamond Girls Dance Team will be held Sept. 20-21.

Street ballers to visit Pikeville

by **RICK BENTLEY**
 TIMES COLUMNIST

Ever see those guys playing outdoor basketball on one of the ESPN stations? The one where it's more about the show than the outcome? Those guys in the "And One" league?



Well, if that's your cup of tea, we've got a treat for you. Tomorrow night at Pike County Central, the game known as Street Ball is coming to our beloved mountains.

The SoESE (pronounced So Easy) All-Stars will be in town with their exciting form of basketball and are bringing with them several players you may have seen on television.

Let me tell you a couple of reasons why you, the casual fan, may be interested in going by. At 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pikeville College Gym, the travelling show will be offering tryouts to anyone interested in playing against them that night. The team and its ownership will be there and will pick nine guys, from what I've been told, to play against.

And then there's this: SoESE is owned by a guy named Arthur Crawford, who told me this week that his organization was giving away some 3,000 tickets to students from Kindergarten through the eighth grade, allowing them to enter free of charge as long as they're accompanied by a paying adult (Admission is \$10).

Any group willing to give away tickets to about as many people as will fit into Pike County Central's gym can't be all bad, now can they?

The star attraction is a guy known as White Chocolate, and yes, I cannot believe I just typed that. His name is Randy Gill, and you may remember him as the ultimate winner of the MTV reality program "Who Got Game," hosted by Magic Johnson. The show covered the country in an effort to find the best street-ball player in the U.S. In the end, it was Gill.

Gill, who won \$100,000 for his efforts on the show, played at Bowie State University, an NCAA Div. II school located in Bowie, Md. According to his online bio, he was the team's leader in points and assists in 2001, a season he hit better than 43 percent from the three-point arc.

"He's our main attraction," said Crawford.

I'm not interested in making

(See **BALLERS**, page four)



photos by Jamie Howell
THE PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS got in some preseason work last Friday in a scrimmage session versus Hazard and Clay County. Prestonsburg is scheduled to host longtime rival Sheldon Clark today in its second and final scrimmage.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Today's Scrimmages
 Sheldon Clark at Prestonsburg
 Morgan County at Raceland
 Mason County at Ashland
 Perry County Central at South Laurel
 Pulaski County at Whitley County
 Highlands at Male
 Allen Central, Betsy Layne,
 Pike Central at Shelby Valley
 Hazard at Belfry
 Bell County at Johnson Central
 Harlan County at Knox Central
 Fleming County vs. East Carter
 Letcher Central at Breathitt County

Dr. Gene T. Watts Grid
 at Knott County Central
 Paintsville vs. Somerset
 Powell County vs. Knott Central



Evans, Wells tied for Late Model lead

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Heading down the stretch, Rod Evans and D.J. Wells are tied for first-place in the 201 Speedway Late Model division. Evans and Wells have accumulated 750 points apiece. Terry Hicks (640), Shannon Thornsberry (570), Jamie Ferguson (515) and Steve Stollings (505) round out the Late Model division top-five.

Other division points leaders are Jim Lemaster

(Open Wheel Modified), Tim Mason (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Shawn Ousley (Four Cylinder).

The final points race for the Johnson County dirt track is set for Saturday, Aug. 30.

A list of the top-10 drivers in each division follows.

LATE MODEL: 1. Rod Evans, 750; 2. D.J. Wells, 750; 3. Terry Hicks, 640; 4. Shannon Thornsberry, 570; 5. Jamie Ferguson, 515; 6. Steve Stollings, 505; 7. Brandon Fouts, 485; 8. Albert Butcher, 430; 9.

Michael P. Howard, 355; 9. Brittany McKinney, 350; 10. Rick Whitt, 320.

OPEN WHEEL MODIFIED: 1. Jim Lemaster, 670; 2. Dennis Deboard, 620; 3. Brian Salisbury 545; 4. Jimmy Arnett 540; 5. Jason Hall, 390; 6. Jeremy Hayes, 380; 7. Stanley Haddix, 345; 8. William Hensley, 340; 9. Jimmy Barnett, 335; 10. Randy Boggs, 330.

MR. METAL BOMBER: 1. Tim Mason, 1,060; 2. J.J. Terry, 880; 3. Darren Damron, 870; 4. Charlie Mollette, 865; 5.

Bo Howard, 845; 6. Harley Hall, 770; 7. Dean Pennington, 725; 8. Ervin Vance, 720; 9. Allen Turner, 585; 10. Greg Hensley, 470;

FOUR CYLINDER: 1. Shawn Ousley 1105; 2. Darin Rogers, 1,080; 3. Alan Osborne, 1,065; 4. DI Henson, 825; 5. Ethan Conley, 660; 6. Estill Lawson, 645; 7. Alan Salisbury, 640; 8. McCaye Sexton, 470; 9. Shawn Shelton, 450; 10. Henry Lawson, 375; 10. Michael Blair, 375.

Kinzer finishes runner-up in Hall of Fame feature

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

BROWNSTOWN, Ind. — The Kinzer Motorsports team visited legendary Brownstown Speedway on Saturday night for the annual Hall of Fame Classic. Brandon Kinzer qualified fourth quickest in his group during time trials at the 1/4-mile, semi-banked oval and later won his heat race. After starting from the outside

of the second row for the 30-lap main event, Kinzer fell back to the sixth spot before marching all the way up to the second position. The Allen native was credited with a strong runner-up performance behind winner Don O'Neal in the \$3,000 to win event.

A breakdown of the Hall of Fame feature race follows.

HALL OF FAME CLASSIC — LATE MODELS (37 Entries).

HEAT ONE: Don O'Neal, Cody Mahoney, Jesse Lay, Christian Rayburn, Joe Janowski, Mark Barber, Rodney Bruce, Chip Stitsworth.

HEAT TWO: Greg Johnson, Justin Shaw, John Gill, Brian Wilhite, Mike Bechelli, Jeff Mounce, Jim Curry, Brad Erwin, Jason Smith.

HEAT THREE: Tim Tungate, Tim Prince, Derek Fisher, Steven Godsey, Scott Jones, Shawn Negangard, Mark Bechelli, Dustin Neat, Jason Jamison.

HEAT FOUR: Brandon Kinzer, Steve Barnett, Zach

Carney, Shannon Reed, Mike Jewell, Chad Stapleton, Chas Shellenburger, Derek Ramp, Jordan Bland.

CONSY ONE: Mark Barber, Joe Janowski, Mike Bechelli, Jim Curry, Jason Smith, Jeff Mounce, Rodney Bruce, Chip Stitsworth, Jeremy Crisp.

CONSY TWO: Shawn Negangard, Chad Stapleton, Jordan Bland, Scott Jones, Jason Jamison, Chas



KINZER

Shellenburger, Derek Ramp, Mark Bechelli, Mike Jewell, Dustin Neat.

FEATURE: Don O'Neal, Brandon Kinzer, Greg Johnson, Steven Godsey, Tim Tungate, Steve Barnett, Tim Prince, Shannon Reed, Cody Mahoney, Jesse Lay, Joe Janowski, Derek Fisher, Shan Negangard, Mark Barber, John Gill, Zach Carney, Christian Rayburn, Justin Shaw, Chad Stapleton, Brian Wilhite.

Arroyo pitches Reds to win over host Cubs

by RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Bronson Arroyo and two Cincinnati relievers made it a rare night at Wrigley Field.

Not only did the Reds beat the Chicago Cubs in their home park, a difficult enough task, they limited the NL Central leaders to just three hits and a run.

"In this ball park you rarely see 2-1," Reds manager Dusty Baker said Wednesday night, after his team got a victory by that very score.

Arroyo allowed three hits and a run in seven strong innings. And the last-place Reds took advantage of a third strike wild pitch by Ted Lilly to tie the game in the sixth and a fly ball double between two Cubs' fielders to go ahead in the seventh.

"You never feel completely comfortable in this ball park, but with the wind blowing in today, it made it a little easier to pitch to some of the tough guys in the middle of the order," said Arroyo, who was backed by two key double plays. "(You're) not worrying about the ball going out of the park so easily."

Arroyo (11-10) tied a career high by issuing five walks and struck out four in a duel with Lilly, who held the Reds hitless the first five innings.

The loss was only the fifth in the last 22 games for the NL Central-leading Cubs. They are now 46-18 at Wrigley Field.

The Reds broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh when Edwin Encarnacion hit a fly that fell in front of Chicago left fielder Alfonso Soriano and behind shortstop Ryan Theriot for a leadoff double. He moved up on an infield out and scored on Jolbert Cabrera's sacrifice fly.

"I think I didn't have a good position to the ball," said Soriano, who was slow to come in, explaining he was expecting a deep fly. "He hit it on the end and I didn't have a very good jump on the ball."

David Weathers pitched the eighth and Francisco Cordero struck out the side in the ninth for his 24th save in 30 chances.

Lilly (12-7) fell to 0-3 against the Reds this season with all three losses at Wrigley Field, and was hurt by a third-strike wild pitch when the Reds tied the game in the sixth. The left-hander gave up two hits in seven innings and lost for the first time since the Reds beat him on July 10.

"I thought stuff-wise this was one of Lilly's better games of the year," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Lilly didn't allow a hit until Ryan Hanigan doubled off the top of the center field wall leading off the sixth. One out later, Chris Dickerson reached on the third strike wild pitch to put runners at the corners.

When Jeff Keppinger hit a shot between first and second, Cubs second baseman Mark DeRosa made his third nice play of the game to stop the ball and throw to second for the force, but Theriot's relay to first wasn't in time for a double play as Hanigan scored the tying run.

"I was put in a situation where I had an opportunity to get out of it. Looking back, you'd have liked to make a little better pitch to Keppinger with two strikes on him," Lilly said. "I mean, ideally to get weaker contact. ... That's kind of the game right there, that they're able to get that run."

The closest the Reds came to a hit in the first five innings came on Hanigan's third-inning liner that DeRosa snared with a diving backhanded effort just before the ball hit the ground. DeRosa also made a nice play in the second on a hard hopper off the bat of Joey Votto.

Arroyo struggled with his control early on, giving up four walks in the first four innings, one intentional. He surrendered a run in the second when Aramis Ramirez singled and moved up on an infield out and wild pitch before DeRosa hit an RBI single. But he escaped two other potential jams by inducing double play grounders from Ramirez and Geovany Soto in the third and fourth.

More on the Reds...

Notes: The Reds put INF/OF Jerry Hairston Jr. on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right hamstring and recalled infielder Adam Rosales from Triple-A Louisville. ... The Reds still do not have a complete game this season. The only other team in the majors without one is Houston. ... DeRosa made another great catch in the ninth to save a run, going high to grab Cabrera's liner to end the inning. ... The wind blew in at 8 mph on a 72-degree night.

Follow the Reds and the rest of Major League Baseball in the pages of *The Floyd County Times*.

Ballers

sport of this company; indeed, I hope you go out and catch the action. But I did think this was humorous.

According to said online bio, the guy known as White Chocolate has earned the nickname "Imported" because of his popularity in the cities and towns he visits.

White Chocolate has a nickname?

Anyway, he'll be on hand, as will the following, many of whom have appeared on ESPN: Violator, "50," 13th Floor and Whyte Flyte.

According to Crawford, "50, 13th and Whyte are leapers. All of them have 40-plus inch verticals."

Folks, that's some serious hops.

Crawford described the night as a hip hop version of the Harlem Globetrotters. You'll see fancy handling of the ball, tricks, athleticism and alley-oop dunks. The dunks are "completely out of this world," he said.

Crawford added that there would be multiple giveaways that night, handled by ladies he called the "SoESE Platinum Stars." The free stuff includes an authentic Jermaine O'Neill jersey, iPods, basketballs, T-shirts, water bottles, etc.

Saturday afternoon's try-outs are free and open to the

public at the college gym, an event Crawford calls an "Open Run." "Anybody can come and try-out for the team, and if they're selected, they'll make up the opposing team," he said.

Crawford does this "to get more community interaction," and you have to admit that's good business right there.

I enjoyed my conversation with Crawford this week and think he does a lot of things to make this a fun night that will be successful for everybody there. The idea of having locals make up the opposition is ingenious in my estimation.

If you like exciting, up-tempo play where the focus is

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on flash and not necessarily fundamentals, this is your kind of game. And considering the kids get in free, it's a solid bargain for a night of fun.

I know the local promoters of this and believe in them, which is another reason I don't hesitate to recommend it.

Eastern Kentuckians are known to be basketball people, and it's been a while since the last organized game was held here (think the 15th Region finals at the Expo Center).

Hoops-starved fans have their opportunity for a fix Saturday night.

QB OPTIMISTIC: Manning hopes to start Colts' opener

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning proved Tuesday he can stand, walk and talk.

Next question: Will the two-time league MVP start in the Colts' season opener?

Manning made it to his first practice of the season Tuesday, then ended his self-imposed silence by saying he wanted to play in Indianapolis' first regular-season game Sept. 7 against Chicago — although he couldn't provide a guarantee.

"I've not really had a whole lot to say to tell you the truth," he said. "As to when I'll be back on the practice field, that's still to be determined. Obviously, the sooner, the better for me. My goal is to be back for the first game."

Indy's franchise quarterback had been kept out of public view since having surgery to remove an infected bursa sac from his left knee July 14. Team officials said he was staying away to reduce the risk of another infection.

Things began changing Monday night when the former Super Bowl MVP arrived at the PeyBack Foundation's charity bowling event, which was closed to the media.

Over the past couple of weeks, local radio talk shows have been filled with questions about whether Manning's knee was worse than originally diagnosed and whether he might miss the season opener — or additional games — and a local television station showed an apparent photo of Manning at the bowling tournament Monday

with a brace over his right knee.

By Tuesday morning, Manning was back at practice in his familiar No. 18 jersey, minus a helmet or pads, and wearing a wrap around his left knee. He threw a few passes but spent most of the time chatting with team owner Jim Irsay and coach Tony Dungy at the new Lucas Oil Stadium.

Afterward, Manning took questions for the first time since a conference call July 24, the date his teammates reported to training camp, and he wasted no time in dismissing the growing speculation.

"This, maybe, will stop some of the whining going on," he said. "I just didn't want to get into these daily progress reports. I've done nothing but rehab, I guess we're sort of in the rumor mill now. I don't wear a knee brace, I wore this (wrap) today, really for the first time."

"If we're to the point of someone putting a cell phone picture on the news, that's a little disappointing. So I guess, I'll squash that right now, it's not true. I don't wear a knee brace."

Throughout Manning's absence, team officials have repeatedly said Manning's rehabilitation is on schedule. He was expected to miss four to six weeks, and Dungy believes Manning could be practicing by next week.

The time table remains uncertain, though, and Dungy could not assure fans that Manning would be ready to face the Bears.

"I don't think we can guarantee that," Dungy said. "I don't know if any of those (injured) guys will be out

there on the 7th, but my guess is they will be."

Irsay doesn't want to take any chances with his prized player.

After drafting Manning with the No. 1 pick in 1998, Irsay has watched Manning start all 160 regular-season games and 14 straight playoff games, leading the Colts to eight playoff appearances and a Super Bowl title following the 2006 season.

If it means Manning would get healthier by taking the first week off and ending the NFL's second-longest streak for consecutive starts by a quarterback, Irsay implied Manning would sit out.

Getting Manning back wasn't the only pleasant sight for Dungy.

Bob Sanders, last year's defensive player of the year, and three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney were in pads for the first time Tuesday.

Sanders had offseason shoulder surgery for the second straight year, and Freeney hadn't practiced since undergoing season-ending foot surgery in November. The return was a welcome respite for Indy's two defensive leaders, who were limited to personal workouts during the team's training camp in Terre Haute, Ind.

"I should definitely be ready in three weeks," Freeney said. "I think I'm close (to 100 percent). I'm definitely good enough to compete and play."

Freeney said he hadn't missed this much time on a football field since high school.

Sanders, however, has and

shown little negative impact from sitting out.

He has missed most of training camp in three of his five NFL seasons, and last year was regularly held out of the Colts' midweek practices. Sanders responded by starting a career-high 15 games and becoming the first Colts' player to win the league's top defensive award.

"It's great to be running around with my teammates instead of standing around wishing you were out there," he said. "Rehabbing is something I'll have to continue to do throughout my career. What's important is to continue to use that time to make sure you're mentally sharp."

Just like Manning, however, long it is until he starts throwing touchdown passes.

"This has been a new process for me, and it's not been the most enjoyable process," Manning said. "I can throw. I have been able to keep my arm in shape. I can certainly lift weights with my upper body, and my lower body, so I feel I've been able to stay with my strength level. As far as when, and how much time I need, we'll just have to kind of wait and see."

NFL SCHEDULE

Today's Games
Philadelphia at NE, 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 9 p.m.


FOOD CITY SUMMER SLAM




photos by Jamie Howell

ALLEN CENTRAL (pictured above) finished runner-up in the Food City Summer Slam volleyball tournament. South Laurel won the tournament. Right: Prestonsburg is pictured during the high school volleyball tournament. The Prestonsburg volleyball program hosted the tournament last Friday and Saturday.





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Emulating Ali, Edwards seeking NASCAR title

Back-flipping driver is very confident behind the wheel

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nobody has ever accused Carl Edwards of lacking confidence.

But the fifth-year NASCAR Sprint Cup driver was beginning to sound a little Muhammad Ali-esque last Sunday after the latest of his 12 career victories.

"My psyche and mentality is pretty much fixed on I'm the greatest race car driver to ever live," Edwards said, laughing. "You know what I'm saying?"

Edwards noted that it was longtime NASCAR star David Pearson who told him, "If you don't believe that, you don't belong in a race car."

There's little question that the Roush Fenway Racing dri-

ver belongs right where he is — and that's challenging Cup points leader Kyle Busch for the favorite's slot as they close in on the 10-race Chase for the championship.

The win by Edwards at Michigan International Speedway, his fifth of the season and second in the last three races, moved him just a bit closer to Busch, who has eight wins and was looking for a time like he might make this season into his own little success story.

There's no question that Edwards has come a long way since Jack Roush, considered one of the best talent scouts in the business, gave him the opportunity to show that he could do the job, giving Edwards a full-time truck ride in 2003. Then 23, Edwards took full advantage, winning three races and finishing eighth in the points.

"I feel a little lonely in the decisions I have to make on many subjects at many different times," noted Roush, who is now co-owner of the NASCAR team he started in 1988 with Mark Martin. "But

Carl demonstrated to me — and as David Ragan does, and as Matt Kenseth did before him, and Greg Biffle did — that he's going to be a good in this business as anybody I've ever known.

"And he's going to stay there for a long time. So, I was right in recognizing he had potential — and very quickly after he won his first race ... I told him, 'I'll stay in the business as long as you drive these cars.' I hope that I've got job security for a long time now on account of that."

Edwards has won so much now — including six races in trucks and 16 in the Nationwide Series — that he's even experimenting with his trademark victory back flip off the car.

When he won the Nationwide race on Saturday, the Missourian did the back flip while still wearing both his HANS Device and helmet.

"I wanted to see how it would work," Edwards said.

He stuck the landing. On Sunday, he did his acrobatics, barchaded and stumbled a bit. But nobody seemed

to care — least of all Edwards, who is just having fun.

"We're getting to the point I feel personally that we can win at any racetrack we go to," he said "Our pit crew has stepped up their game. That was our weakness for a long time, and the guys have just repeatedly, week after week, worked harder and become better."

In both of his Michigan wins over the weekend, it was his crew that gave him the edge, getting him out ahead of Tony Stewart on Saturday and in front of Busch on Sunday on the final pits stops of each race.

And Edwards isn't the only Roush Fenway driver feeling good these days.

Heading for Bristol this week, former champion Kenseth and Biffle are both in the top 12 with only three races to go until the start of the postseason. And Ragan, in only his second season in Cup, is 14th, but just 26 points behind 12th-place Denny Hamlin.

Shades of 2005, when all five Roush drivers made it into what was then a 10-man Chase

field, with Biffle winning a tiebreaker with Edwards for the runner-up spot to champion Stewart.

"I'm guardedly optimistic that we'll be able to put four cars in the Chase," Roush said. "That won't be the same as when we put five in, but Carl, based on the way that the structure of the Chase is, will be in better shape than any of the other guys can be."

He was referring to the 10-point bonus the Chase drivers get for each win during the regular season. Despite losing one of those bonuses earlier this year after being penalized by NASCAR, Edwards would start the Chase just 40 points behind Busch if the playoffs began this week.

"Carl certainly is a strong favorite within my group of prospects of being able to close the deal," Roush added.

Edwards likes the sound of that, although he isn't expecting it to be easy.

"Somebody said, 'It's coming down to you and Kyle.' I said, 'Man, I hope it's just me and Kyle.' It would be nice to just have to beat one other

guy," Edwards said. "(But) I have a feeling that this Chase is going to be spectacularly competitive."

NASCAR SPRINT CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch, 3,429
2. Carl Edwards, 3,207
3. Jimmie Johnson, 3,127
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,084
5. Jeff Burton, 3,080
6. Tony Stewart, 2,871
7. Greg Biffle, 2,854
8. Kevin Harvick, 2,812
9. Jeff Gordon, 2,791
10. Matt Kenseth, 2,783
11. Kasey Kahne, 2,756
12. Denny Hamlin, 2,735
13. Clint Bowyer, 2,709
- (tie) David Ragan, 2,709
15. Brian Vickers, 2,569
16. Martin Truex Jr., 2,534
17. Ryan Newman, 2,524
18. Jamie McMurray, 2,365
19. Kurt Busch, 2,324
20. Elliott Sadler, 2,297

NASCAR hands out penalties, suspensions to Gibbs Racing crew chiefs

by MIKE CRANSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, NC — NASCAR suspended two Joe Gibbs Racing crew chiefs indefinitely and stripped drivers Tony Stewart and Joey Logano of 150 points each Wednesday for cheating after last weekend's Nationwide Series race.

Crew chiefs Jason Ratcliff and Dave Rogers were fined \$50,000 each, and five other crew members were suspended indefinitely, but NASCAR decided not to bar the cars from any future races.

After Stewart finished third in Saturday's race at Michigan International Speedway in the No. 20 car and Logano was seventh in the No. 18, inspectors found magnets under the gas pedals of both cars when they were sent to the chassis dyno for examination. NASCAR vice president of competi-

tion Robin Pemberton said the teams were attempting to mask the cars' true horsepower.

No. 18 car chief Dorian Thorsen, engine tuner Michael Johnson and crew member Toby Bigelow and No. 20 car chief Richard Bray and engine tuner Dan Bajek all received indefinite suspensions. JGR was docked 150 owner points for each car and the teams were placed on probation for the rest of the season.

The discovery of using magnets to try to prevent the gas pedal from reaching the floor came as Gibbs' No. 18 and No. 20 Toyotas have dominated this season. They've combined to win 14 of 25 Nationwide races and NASCAR last month ordered all Toyota teams to cut about 15 horsepower in their motors.

JGR president J.D. Gibbs and his father, owner Joe Gibbs, said they had no knowledge of the crew

members' intent and apologized for a "foolish decision."

The point deductions mean little to Stewart, who was racing in his final Nationwide race for JGR, and Logano, who has run a partial schedule since turning 18 earlier this year.

NASCAR on Wednesday also fined Sprint Cup driver Reed Sorenson's crew chief Donnie Wingo \$25,000 after the car was found to have an improperly attached weight in Sunday's race at Michigan.

No. 41 crew chief Wingo fined for rule infraction

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR on Wednesday fined Donnie Wingo, crew

chief of the No. 41 car in the Sprint Cup Series, for a violation committed during the Aug. 17 race at Michigan.

The No. 41 car, driven by Reed Sorenson, was found to be in violation of Sections 12-4-A (actions detrimental to stock car racing) and 12-4-W (improperly attached weight) of the 2008 NASCAR rule book.

As a result, Wingo has been fined \$25,000 for the rule infraction.

Penske makes crew chief change for No. 77 team: Penske Racing on Tuesday announced that Travis Geisler has replaced Chris Carrier as the crew chief of the No. 77 Dodge, driven by Sam Hornish Jr. A mechanical engineering graduate from Vanderbilt, Geisler, 27, had been the race engineer for the No. 12 Dodge, and was an integral part of that team's 2008 Daytona 500 victory.

Newman gets another new number

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turns out Ryan Newman won't be driving the No. 4 Chevrolet for Stewart-Haas Racing next year after all.

It will be the No. 39.

Stewart surprised Newman with the news Monday night during his show on satellite radio.

"That number was my first Silver Crown number, my first USAC midget win at IRP ... so that's a very special number to me and that's definitely cool."

Stewart, who will drive for his own team with the No. 14 used by boyhood hero A.J. Foyt, said he gave up on the No. 4 when it became clear that longtime car owner Larry McClure, whose team has used that number for years, might return to NASCAR's Sprint Cup series next season.

"We had some hiccups in the No. 4 with Larry McClure," Stewart said. "I'm not sure there was enough due diligence when it came to knowing for sure if Mr. McClure was going to have a car for next year. We spoke with NASCAR and NASCAR said that that number was available and I'm not sure that, all the way around, that enough due diligence was done."

"We've been told that he's going to run some races next year and, to us, especially me as a car owner, we know how much car numbers mean to teams and organizations. Even though NASCAR has given us that number for next year, if Mr. McClure is going to run a car we're excited to have him back in the series, and we're glad to see him come back, so we wanted him to have his number."

Stewart noted that there are a lot of available numbers that he could have paired up with the No. 14, but he chose a number that would mean something

to his soon-to-be teammate.

"This was a great opportunity to give Ryan and (his wife) Krissie a gift that we know would mean something and mean a lot to him," Stewart said. "Having the No. 14, and knowing how much that means to me, I thought this would be just be a great way for us to kick this week off."

Stewart will finish out this season in the Joe Gibbs Racing No. 20 Toyota before moving to the team of which he recently became part owner. Newman will finish the 2008 season in the No. 12 Penske Racing Dodge.

SAFE RECORDS: In the wake of Michael Phelps winning a record eight gold medals in the Beijing Olympics to surpass the seven Mark Spitz won in Munich, it's time to look at seemingly unbeatable records in other sports.

In NASCAR, the safest record appears to be the 200 victories by stock car king Richard Petty, 119 more than Jeff Gordon, the leading active driver with 81 wins.

"I know records are made to be broken, but I don't think anyone will ever win 200 races again," said former NASCAR Sprint Cup champion Bobby Labonte. "That's one record in a league of its own. Someone would have to win 10 races a season for 20 years straight. I just don't see that happening. Richard Petty is going to have a long reign as king of that achievement."

Labonte does believe it may be possible for some to break the modern-era record (since 1974) of 13 wins in a single season. That mark is held jointly by Petty and Gordon.

"It would be tough, but someone could break it," Labonte noted. "It's going to take an outstanding driver and a phenomenal team, and a few lucky breaks along the way, but

it's not impossible."

Kyle Busch already has eight wins this season with 13 races to run.

Petty also jointly holds the record of seven Cup titles with the late Dale Earnhardt.

"Racing is more competitive than ever before, but there are a few drivers coming up through the ranks that stand a real chance of winning multiple championships," Labonte said. "Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson are part of an awesome organization (at Hendrick Motorsports) and they have tons of talent. They'll be championship contenders for years to come."

"It would take a career of near-perfect seasons to win seven championships, but a young driver who gets drafted into a top-tier team could be a threat."

Busch wins Craftsman Truck race at BMS

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle Busch came into the O'Reilly 200 Wednesday night at Bristol Motor Speedway missing one thing from his resume at the World's Fastest Half-Mile — a win in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series.

The 23-year-old completed the Bristol hat trick, surviving several late-race wrecks en route to his third Truck Series win of the year. He now has a total of 17 NASCAR victories this season, including eight in the Sprint Cup Series and six in the Nationwide Series.

Busch, true to form, played to the crowd before his customary winner's bow at the start/finish line. Afterward, even he was impressed with

what he had accomplished.

"To be able to do the sweep at Bristol is pretty awesome," said Busch who won the 2007 Food City 500 and the Sharpie MINI 300 in March of 2006 at BMS. "Fortunately, we were able to come home with a win."

"We just had a great race tonight. It's a lot of fun with Billy Ballew (owner), Richie (Walters, crew chief) and all these guys. This thing was pretty good when we unloaded it. We just kind of fine-tuned on it a little bit."

Former BMS winner Todd Bodine finished second, followed by rookie Scott Speed, Johnny Benson, the defending champion of the O'Reilly 200, and Rick Crawford. Rounding out the top 10 was T.J. Bell, Mike Skinner, Dennis Setzer, David Stremme and Ted Musgrave.

Although he had several chances to get around Busch on restarts, Bodine just didn't have enough horses.

"His truck would roll in the center and that's where he would beat me," he said. "We had that problem in practice. Unfortunately, it was still there in the race — we didn't get it fixed. I could run with him everywhere except through the middle. At Bristol, that's what you have to do — you have to roll through the middle good."

Two-time defending Sprint Cup champion Jimmie Johnson led in the early going before getting caught up in a wreck. Johnson, making his Truck Series debut in his Randy Moss-owned ride, finished 34th.

Busch, who started third, dominated the event, leading the final 133 laps. He returns to action in the Friday night Food City 250 and will cap his Bristol experience in Saturday night's sold-out Sharpie 500.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg hosted Class A state title contender Hazard and high-powered Clay County last week.

Fouts finds way to Victory Lane in 201 Late Model feature

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Brandon Fouts qualified the fastest, prevailed in his heat race and claimed the feature win Saturday night at 201 Speedway in the tracks very competitive Late Model division. Fouts held off D.J. Wells and Eric Wells en route to the win. Rod Evans and Jamie Ferguson rounded out the Late Model feature's first five finishers.

Jimmy Arnett won in the Open Wheel Modified division. Other feature winners were Ervin Vance (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Shawn Ousley.

Results from all 201 Speedway racing divisions follow.

Late Model Qualifying: 81-Brandon Fouts, 13.56; 11-D.J. Wells, 13.81; 18- Eric Wells, 13.84.

First Late Model Heat: 81-Brandon Fouts; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 18-Eric Wells; 43K-Kevin Hall; 78-Robert "Taco" Fletcher; 3-Richie Edwards; 81-Benny Butcher.

Second Late Model Heat: 11-D.J. Wells; R1-Rod Evans; 47-Chris Combs; 9-Terry Hicks; 24-Michael P. Howard; 17-Steve Stollings; 57-Brittany McKinney.

Late Model Feature: 81-Brandon Fouts; 11-D.J. Wells; 18-Eric Wells; R1-Rod Evans; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 47-Chris Combs; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 9-Terry Hicks; 78-Robert "Taco" Fletcher; 17-Shannon Thornsberry; 3-Richie Edwards; 25-Albert Butcher; 57-Brittany McKinney; 81 Benny Butcher; 48-Larry Ferrell; 17-Steve Stollings; 43K-Kevin Hall; J11-James Butcher.

Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: 00-Chris Prater, 15.78; 33-Corey McKenzie, 15.90; J17-Jimmy Arnett, 15.91; 28M-Kevin Mayabb, 15.99.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 00-Chris Prater; 7-Claude Spence; 3H-Glen

Patton; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 23-Courtney Conley; 15-Stanley Haddix.

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat: 33-Corey McKenzie; 74-Beadie Blackburn; 20-Jason Perry; 21-Jimmy Barnett; J16-Leslie Johnson; 17S-Brian Salisbury.

Third Open Wheel Modified Heat: J17-Jimmy Arnett; 46-Dennis Deboard; 42-James Grigsby; 0-Jimmy Collins; 62K-Joel Jensen; 44-Ryan Jarrell; 7X-Warnie Allen.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: J17-Jimmy Arnett; 74-Beadie Blackburn; 46-Dennis Deboard; 7-Claude Spence; 23-Courtney Conley; 62K-Joel Jensen; 15-Stanley Haddix; 00-Chris Prater; 7X-Warnie Allen; 17S-Brian Salisbury; 21-Jimmy Barnett; 20-Jason Perry; 44-Ryan Jarrell; 33-Corey McKenzie; 3H-Glen Patton; J16-Leslie Johnson; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 42-James Grigsby.

Mr. Metal Bomber Heat: P20-Ervin Vance; 73-Charlie Mollette; 20-Bo Howard; 3D-Darcey Damron; J17-J.J. Terry; 37-Greg Hensley; 5H-James Hale; P12-Dean Pennington; 0-Jr. Blackburn.

Mr. Metal Bomber Feature: P20-Ervin Vance; 3D-Darren Damron; J17 J.J. Terry; 37H-Greg Hensley; 20-Bo Howard; 73-Charlie Mollette; P12-Dean Pennington; 28P-Dereck Blackburn; 5H-James Hale.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 37-Alan Osborne; D6-Darin Rogers; 18-Ivan Gunnels; 31-Ricky Combs; M77-McCaye Sexton; 30-Estill Lawson.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: 18S-Shawn Ousley; 18K-DI Henson; 9-Ethan Conley; L13-Henry Lawson; 7K-Kinsey Patton; A17-Alan Salisbury.

Four Cylinder Feature: 18S-Shawn Ousley; 37-Alan Osborne; 18K-DI Henson; D6-Darin Rogers; 31-Ricky Combs; 7K-Kinsey Patton; M77-McCaye Sexton; L13-Henry Lawson; 18-Ivan Gunnels; A17-Alan Salisbury.

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No. 8 West Virginia's White set to pass more

by JOHN RABY
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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia's revised play-book might be the only thing between Pat White and his chance to become the top rushing quarterback in major-college football.

First-year coach Bill Stewart wants the speedy White to throw more this season as the No. 8 Mountaineers try to balance out a potent but one-dimensional offense that crumbled at the worst possible time in 2007.

West Virginia needed a win at home over bitter rival Pittsburgh in early December to earn a spot in the national championship game. Instead, WVU was held to 104 yards rushing — one-third its usual total. Pittsburgh won 13-9 and the Mountaineers settled for the Fiesta Bowl.

That loss isn't talked about, but the changes it brought on offense are.

By getting additional work for his arm instead of his legs this season, White calls it "spreading the love." And

Stewart has no doubt that White, 26-4 as a starter, can make the transition to throwing more often.

"Patrick White's the greatest winner in college football today," Stewart said. "The guy will find a way to beat you."

Last year West Virginia was good for only 20 pass attempts and 159 yards passing per game. But the longest play from scrimmage was a 79-yard touchdown pass from White to Tito Gonzales in the 48-28 bowl win over Oklahoma.

White will need to find some new receiving connections. Gonzales is back, but three of the top four are gone from last season, including Darius Reynaud, who tied a school record with 12 of the team's 16 TD receptions.

Potential starters Gonzales, Dorrell Jalloh and Jock Sanders combined for only 46 catches last year. Adding to the mix is junior college transfer Alric Arnett, who sat out last season with a thumb injury.

"I'm not sure that the coaching staff has had the confidence in the receivers in the past," Gonzales said. "But I

think with the new coaching staff having confidence in Pat and his throwing ability and also the receivers making plays, we're really going to open it up this year. Teams are going to really be in trouble when they play us because we're going to be more balanced."

While an offensive line that returns all five starters learns how to pass block, West Virginia still should be one of the nation's top rushing teams.

And at a school where decorated quarterbacks Major Harris and Rasheed Marshall left defenses in their wake, White tops them all.

White rushed for 1,335 yards as a junior, the sixth-highest total for a quarterback in Bowl Subdivision history. He holds the Big East career record with 3,506 yards and needs 784 to surpass the FBS record of 4,289 set by Missouri's Brad Smith from 2002-2005.

"It's my last year of college football. I guess I want to make the most of it," White said. "So I'm going to do whatever I can to make that happen. I'm just

trying to win whatever way possible."

Since White's freshman season in 2005, West Virginia has ranked no worse than fourth on the ground nationally.

Noel Devine ran for 627 yards as a freshman and the 5-foot-8 speedster will take over the starting spot at running back from Steve Slaton, who set a single-season record with 1,744 yards in 2006 and skipped his senior season to enter the NFL draft in 2008. Another void was left by 260-pound fullback Owen Schmitt.

West Virginia is still looking for a backup to Devine. The candidates are Sanders, freshman Terence Kearns and junior Zach Hulce. Sanders is the only one among the three who's had a carry in a game.

For the second straight year, the team's biggest question mark is on defense. Quinton Andrews at safety is the only returning starter in the secondary.

The top two returning tacklers are linebackers Reed Williams and Morty Ivy. Williams had surgery on both

shoulders last winter and said he doesn't expect to be ready in time for the Aug. 30 season opener against Villanova.

West Virginia, seeking its third BCS bowl in four seasons, has toughened its schedule with nonconference games at Colorado and at home against No. 10 Auburn.

The league's BCS team should be determined over the final two weeks of the regular season. West Virginia plays at No. 25 Pittsburgh on Nov. 28 and returns to Morgantown to face No. 19 South Florida on Dec. 6.

West Virginia is one of only three FBS teams that have won at least 11 games over the past three seasons. The others are LSU and Southern Cal.

Stewart, who took over after Rich Rodriguez left for Michigan in December, has kept his players focused, disciplining those who underperform with jogging tours of the stadium steps. He's offended by others who see him as an optimist.

"I'm a realist," he said. "If someone does good, they will be told that. If someone does-

Kentucky Football At A Glance

2007 Record — 8-5, 4-3

Southeastern Conference.

Offense — Multiple.

Defense — 4-3.

Starters returning/lost — 15/7.

Lettermen returning/lost — 55/18.

Key players — Quarterback

Mike Hartline, wide receiver

Dicky Lyons Jr., running

back Derrick Locke, run-

ning back Tony Dixon, line-

backer Braxton Kelley,

defensive lineman Jeremy

Jarmon, cornerback

Trevard Lindley.

Coach — Rich Brooks (25-

35, sixth season at

Kentucky; 116-144-4, 23

years overall).

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FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT: Hazard High School (HHS) graduate Stephen Sizemore is a senior tight end for the Eastern Kentucky University football team. Sizemore played quarterback for HHS.



Buckeyes' special teams not so special this fall

by RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It's a statistic that rankles Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, a man not easily rankled. His Buckeyes were dead last in the Big Ten a year ago in kickoff returns and he's determined that won't happen again.

So Wednesday's kick scrimmage at Ohio Stadium took on particular importance.

Asked at the start of August workouts if he were giving special attention to special teams, Tressel said, "Absolutely. We were last in the world in kickoff returns. ... We're emphasizing that."

The Buckeyes weren't last in the world, although they were pretty close. They were 117th of the 119 bowl-level teams in kickoff returns, averaging just 17.65 yards. Only New Mexico State (17.45) and Northern Illinois (17.29) were worse, and they combined to go 6-19 as compared to Ohio State's 11-2.

It's obvious that there's plenty of room for improvement.

Not so long ago, Ohio State had one of the very best kickoff units with Ted Ginn Jr. prepared to take back almost every one that came his way. Ginn, now in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins, famously went the distance with the opening

kickoff in the national championship game two years ago (and was injured by a teammate in the ensuing celebration, thus going the distance on his last collegiate play). Things have gone downhill ever since.

Ginn averaged 24.4 yards in 2006, 29.6 as a sophomore and 20.0 in 2004. He had two kickoff returns for TDs, along with seven punt returns for scores in his career.

There were 56 teams in Division I last fall that returned a kickoff for a touchdown. Ohio State didn't have one.

"I don't know that we ever put all of the blocks together that you need to spring one," Tressel said on Wednesday after the kickers and returners were on display for more than an hour. "It's probably a reminder of how good the guy was before."

A year ago, backup wide receiver Ray Small handled 22 of the Buckeyes' 34 kickoff returns and averaged 17.8 yards per attempt. He shared punt return duties with Brian Hartline.

Now running backs Brandon Saine and Dan "Boom" Herron, both of whom dazzled in spring workouts, are the deep men on kickoffs, with Small and Hartline the top guys on punt returns.

Most fans pin any problems on the players who han-

dle the returns, but punter A.J. Trapasso said a lot of different aspects must come together for a successful return.

"It's not just the returners, although that's all that most people ever see," he said. "We need to tighten up. We obviously know our numbers have been down, and we want to improve on that."

Although returns weren't the central focus on Wednesday, Devon Torrence did bring one kick back 31 yards.

The highlight of the practice wasn't necessarily a bright spot for the special teams. Trapasso faked a punt, rolled right and had his pass deflected at the line with the ball falling into the hands of freshman running back Jermil Martin. He rumbled and tumbled 35 yards for the touchdown to give the Gray squad its margin of victory.

Tressel is also troubled by other special-teams numbers.

Ohio State was sixth-worst team in the nation last season when it came to allowing yards on punt returns (just 4.74 per return), but was way down the list in most other statistics.

The Buckeyes were 58th in punt returns and had just one for a TD (Hartline, a school-record 90 yards, against Kent State). Another KSU, Kansas State, had five punt-return touchdowns.

Ohio State was also 33rd in

net punting and 57th in kickoff return defense.

No wonder Tressel said he and his staff had meetings about how to improve on special teams even before they opened practice this August.

"Coach says special teams win championships," said Aaron Pretrey, who'll handle kickoffs for the second year in a row. "Last year we didn't play as well as we could. Our blocking and other things we could have done better on kickoff returns and things like that. So he's stressing those right now."

Also bothersome is that even though kicker Ryan Pretorius converted 18 of 23 field-goal attempts, including a 50-yarder, he also had four kicks blocked — including one by LSU's Ricky Jean-Francois in the Bowl Championship Series title game.

Pretorius converted a 52-yarder and didn't get a kick blocked, but he missed a couple of other attempts in a nearly deserted stadium on Wednesday.

"When you have a not-so-good day, it's kind of a wake-up call," Pretorius said. "I hate having those days, but I'm glad I have them because it allows me to wake up and know I'm not that great and it takes you back to square one. You focus on the small things so you don't make those mistakes in a game."

NCAA bans horse-collar tackles in football

by STEVE HERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA banned the horse-collar tackle from college football.

Following the lead of the NFL and acting on a proposal made by its Football Rules Committee, the NCAA will assess a penalty this season when a runner is yanked to the ground from the inside collar of his shoulder pads or jersey.

Other changes announced Wednesday include a clarification of rules on chop blocks, or tackling below the knees, and implementation of a 40-second play clock that will start as soon as the ball is ruled dead. Previously, a 25-second clock began only on

the referee's signal.

The NCAA also will emphasize consistency in officiating, including blending crews from different conferences.

Rogers Redding, NCAA football secretary-rules editor and coordinator of football officials for the Southeastern Conference, said the horse-collar ban may result in fewer back injuries.

"What we're hearing from trainers and physicians is we're getting some back injuries when the ball carrier is immediately snapped to the ground by being jerked quickly," he said. "If the ball carrier is grabbed by the shoulder or jersey and just ridden to the ground over a couple of yards, that's not going to be a foul."

The chop block will now be defined as any high-low combination block by any two players against an opponent other than the runner, anywhere on the field, anytime in the game and with or without a delay between the hits, Redding said.

Football officials support the change, said Dave Parry, head of College Football Officiating and coordinator of officiating for the Big Ten.

"We'll err on the side of safety. We'll defend the official who may be a little more strict, because that's a major point of emphasis," Parry said.

A video on avoiding helmet-to-helmet contact has been developed by the NCAA Committee on Competitive

Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.

"This is a short DVD that focuses on proper injury-prevention tackling techniques," said Ron Courson, a member of the committee and director of sports medicine at the University of Georgia. "It's been distributed to every college in the nation, and we encourage every football program to show this to the student-athletes."

The NCAA also modified the procedure for restarting the game clock after a runner has gone out of bounds. Except during the final two minutes of each half, the game clock will be restarted on the referee's signal, rather than when the ball is snapped.

Dixon, Kelly elected team captains

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tailback Tony Dixon and linebacker Braxton Kelley have been elected permanent team captains by the Wildcats, Coach Rich Brooks announced earlier in the month.

"They've obviously been through a lot here," Brooks said. "They both have played some great football. Tony has been an integral part of some big games for us, some mem-

orable plays. Braxton has made a lot of stops. We need to get another play, in addition to LSU, to remember Braxton from this year."

Dixon, a senior from Parrish, Ala., and Kelley, a senior from LaGrange, Ga., have been steady contributors during their careers. Dixon has rushed for 958 yards and eight touchdowns as a Wildcat. His most notable game effort came in 2006, when he accounted for 54

rushing and receiving yards on the game-winning drive of UK's upset of Georgia. Kelley has started since his freshman season and has 189 career tackles, none bigger than the game-clinching fourth-down stop in the triple-overtime win over No. 1 LSU last year.

"It's a big responsibility," Dixon said. "It tells me that a lot of guys look up to me to help carry this team to success. I look forward to work-

ing with all the guys and the season."

"It means a lot to be elected by your teammates," Kelley said. "Being captain is more than just on the field, it's also off the field. It's (setting an example by) going to class, getting the best grades I can, being on time and being accountable."

Dixon and Kelley will be joined each week by two game captains that are selected by the coaches.

WR Chris Henry rejoins Bengals

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry is back with the Cincinnati Bengals because their owner has a soft spot for troubled players.

Henry signed a two-year deal Tuesday with the team that let him go after he was arrested for the fifth time, a decision that seemed to mark a change in philosophy for owner Mike Brown. Instead, it was an aberration. The Bengals took him back at Brown's behest.

Coach Marvin Lewis, who had no interest in bringing back the troubled receiver, said Brown wanted to give Henry yet another chance.

"I obviously know that at the end of the day, that the owner has the final say-so on whether or not he wants to give a guy an opportunity or not," Lewis said, following an evening practice. "Mike has wanted to give Chris this opportunity, and asks that we do the best job that we can to try to prepare him and get him ready to play football."

The Bengals released Henry after he was accused of punching a college student and breaking his car window with a beer bottle in March. Henry was one of 10 Bengals arrested during a 14-month span — a local judge referred to the receiver as a "one-man crime wave."

The decision to let Henry go seemed to mark a major change for the Bengals owner.

"His conduct can no longer be tolerated," Brown said at the time. "The Bengals tried for an extended period of time to support Chris and his potentially bright career. We had hoped to guide him toward an appropriate standard of personal responsibility that this community would support and that would allow him to play in the NFL. ... But those efforts end today, as we move on with what is best for our team."

Brown declined to be interviewed Tuesday about his change of heart. However, during an interview last month, Brown said he still believed in giving players chances to change their lives.

"I guess the world is divided up between redeemers and non-redeemers," Brown said at the time. "I happen to be a redeemer. I think people can be made better and right. If that's a fault, so be it."

Henry has been in trouble repeatedly since the Bengals drafted him in the third round in 2005. Henry was suspended by the league for two games in 2006 and for the first eight games of last season for repeatedly violating its conduct policies.

He was suspended indefinitely by the league following his latest arrest, the one that led the Bengals to release him. After a mistrial, prosecutors dropped the charges against Henry and his suspension was reduced to four games.

Henry said the Bengals were the only team willing to offer a contract at this time.

"My agents spoke with other teams, but as far as signing, there was none of them," Henry said, dressed in street clothes while the team finished practice.

Before the Bengals made their offer, Henry worried that he might never play in the NFL again.

"To have that taken away from you, that can be really hard," said Henry, who has the NFL's shield tattooed on the back of his right hand. "That would have been a tough thing to go through. I kind of went through that. I was scared at one point that I wouldn't have the opportunity to be back on the field."

With Brown interested in bringing him back, Lewis talked to Henry last week, getting an idea of how he was handling his life.

"I think the last three or four months have been very humbling for Chris," Lewis said. "The week since the charges were dropped and his phone didn't ring, I think that was also humbling."

The Bengals could use another receiver now that Pro Bowl receiver Chad Johnson has a sprained left shoulder, suffered during a 27-10 preseason loss to Detroit on Sunday night. Johnson waved away reporters trying to get an update on his condition after practice Tuesday.

Pro Bowl receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh also missed practice because of a hamstring injury that has kept him out of the preseason games and team workouts.

Henry won't be able to practice with the team during his four-week suspension in the regular season. Once it ends, the Bengals will decide whether to add him to the team.

"Once off suspension, we'll have an opportunity to see whether or not he'd be a positive addition to the football team and go from there," Lewis said.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 898-5979, Renewal In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for renewal of a permit for an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.90 miles north of Wales and is situated in both Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 15.63 surface acres and will underlie 1619.26 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1634.89. The proposed operation is approximately 1.20 miles northwest from County Road 3514's junction with KY 122 and located along Arnold Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by

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Politicians discuss energy costs at state fair

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
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LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's top elected officials talked about rising energy costs over fried ham and eggs early Thursday morning at the state fair.

Republican incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell touched on the debate over domestic oil drilling, which has been a hot-button issue in the campaign for U.S. Senate. Bruce Lunsford, McConnell's Democratic opponent, also sat down for a hot meal at the 45th annual country ham breakfast, sponsored by the Kentucky Farm Bureau.

"In order to solve this problem, we have to do everything. We have to both find more and use less," said McConnell, the Senate's top-ranking Republican. McConnell also mentioned coal-to-liquid fuels, nuclear technology and even electric cars.

"We're not too many years away from the time when we'll be plugging in our cars and trucks for the night," he said.

Lunsford, a Louisville entrepreneur, said his energy plan includes expanded drilling, alternative fuels and drawing from the nation's strategic petroleum reserve to lower gas prices.

National politicians in both parties have signaled they are willing to expand offshore exploration, and the issue has

become a hot topic in the presidential and congressional races.

But Lunsford said Republicans are pushing for expanded drilling because it is favored by the oil industry.

"What the Republicans have done led by Mitch McConnell is they have been industry-driven for every solution, because that's who butters their bread," Lunsford said in a phone interview Thursday afternoon. Traditionally, only elected officials speak at the breakfast.

Lunsford released a new TV ad on Thursday that says McConnell has become a millionaire during his four terms in the Senate.

At one point, McConnell and Lunsford stood a few feet away from each other greeting visitors to the breakfast, which annually attracts more than 1,500 to the Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville.

Gov. Steve Beshear also touched on rising energy costs at the event, and said the state's agriculture industry could offer solutions.

"Kentucky's farmers will no longer be depended on for food, but also fiber and fuels," Beshear said.

The champion ham at the event, weighing 18.32 pounds, fetched \$200,000 from the winning bidder, Republic Bank. The money will go to charity.



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Report: Ex-official drank, viewed porn in office

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A report says the state's former top emergency management official resigned after admitting to drinking alcohol and viewing online pornography at the Boone National Guard Center.

Retired three-star Gen. Maxwell Clay Bailey resigned from his post in March.

The Courier-Journal reported Wednesday that a recent report, which it obtained through an open records request from the Transportation Cabinet's inspector general, says Bailey admitted to the allegations. The report says the actions did not affect his job performance.

The report states that Bailey says he was having family and health concerns at the time and regrets any embarrassment he may have caused. A number listed for Bailey in Paris, Ky., was disconnected on Wednesday.

"Bailey explained due to family and health concerns he probably should not have been working," according to the

report.

Bailey, a Kentucky native, was hired by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher to head the state Transportation Cabinet after he retired from the military in 2002.

Previously, Bailey was in charge of Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Fla., and had supervised the Air Force's special operations in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Bailey took up his post at emergency management in March 2005.

"We're dealing with someone that I really do consider — in the totality of his career — a national hero," Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, Kentucky's adjutant general, said.

Officials in Gov. Steve Beshear's administration requested the inspector general's investigation, according to the report. The investigation tallied more than 17 hours of interviews and involved 15 current or former employees, the report said.

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