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Kidnapper sentenced to 12 years

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sentencing was held last Friday for a Johnson County man who was found guilty in April of the brutal kidnapping and attempted murder of his wife. Charles I. Lemaster Jr., 51, of

Leander, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to the kidnapping of his then-wife, Nancy Lemaster, 39, from Meade's BP on Route 321 near Auxier.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, Lemaster must serve at least 85 percent of his prison sentence.

"Twelve years is a significant sentence," said Turner. "Eighty-five percent before parole eligibility gives us some certainty about where he will be for the next several years."

Turner added that Nancy Lemaster was happy with the plea agreement, and was pleased that justice was done without having to go through a long,

drawn-out trial.

Lemaster was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury in March 2007 on 11 criminal counts, including second-degree assault, violation of a protective order, three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, unlawful imprison-

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briefs

Woman killed in wreck

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

DORTON — A traffic accident in Pike County over the weekend between an automobile and a motorcycle resulted in fatality for an Eastern Kentucky woman.

Gregory Damron, 54, and his wife, Sheila Damron, 51, of Pikeville, were traveling north Saturday aboard their Honda Shadow 1100 on U.S. 23 when a vehicle being driven by Lisa Cantrell, 21, of Stanville, pulled into the path of the motorcycle.

According to Kentucky State Police Trooper Melissa Hampton, there was no evidence that the Damrons were traveling too fast.

Both of the Damrons were transported by helicopter to Holston Valley Hospital in Tennessee. Sheila Damron was pronounced dead at the hospital by Dr. Jason Dunn.

Gregory Damron has undergone surgery, but his status was unknown as of press time.

According to Trooper Hampton, both Damrons were wearing helmets.

Cantrell was transported to the Pikeville Medical Center, where she was treated and released.

Trooper Hampton responded to the scene and was assisted by the Dorton Volunteer Fire Department, Shelby Creek Rescue Squad and the Pike County Sheriff's Department.

Neither alcohol nor drugs are suspected to have played a role in the crash.

CRASH-PRONE SPOT



photo by Jack Latta

The Knotty Hollow curve section of Route 1428 continued to be a routine destination for emergency crews with two traffic accidents taking place on the dangerous stretch of road before noon on Monday.

Garrett bank robbery suspect arrested in Tenn.

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The man believed to have been responsible for last month's bank robbery in Garrett is in custody in Tennessee after allegedly robbing two other banks.

Michael Wayne Williams, 45, of Mansfield, Ohio, was arrested at a Super 8 motel on May 23 after he alleged-

ly robbed the Home Federal Bank in Knoxville.

The robbery was reportedly nearly identical to the one which took place earlier in May at the Citizens National Bank branch in Garrett.

According to police, the robbery was so low-key that other customers in the bank had no idea that it was being robbed.

According to (See ARREST, page ten)



Michael Williams

Lawmakers say they have agreement on pension plan

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Top lawmakers in the Kentucky General Assembly say they have an agreement on state pension legislation, and they plan to ask Gov. Steve Beshear to call a special session.

Lawmakers say they'll ask

Beshear to call a legislative session beginning on June 23 to consider the proposal, which would begin shoring up the state's financially troubled pension system for public employees. Lawmakers say they hope to pass the proposal in five days, and the changes would take effect on July 1.

Among the changes — state employees would have to wait until the sum of their age and years of employment totaled 87 to retire with full benefits.

Beshear, who is in Japan, has said he would call a special session if lawmakers agree beforehand on a plan to strengthen the pension system.

City garbage rates heading up

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city council held a first reading Monday night for a proposed increase in the city's garbage collection rates.

The rates, currently set \$10 per month for residential service, are scheduled

to rise 35 percent to \$13.50 per month, effective July 1.

Councilman Gorman Collins, who was not present at the meeting, said Tuesday that the main reason for the increase was in order to pay for a new garbage truck. Collins said

(See GARBARGE, page ten)

Council tables 'clean' audit for further review

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The city council tabled approving an audit of city operations Monday night, in order for council members to have more time to look over the numbers in more detail. However, a summary given by the director of the city's auditing firm indicated that council members should not find too much to worry about.

"You have a clean audit again this year, so I congratulate you on that," said Don Lawson, managing director of Stephens and Lawson.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said he was most pleased to see that the city had operated at a surplus during the previous year, bringing in \$57,380 more than was spent.

However, council members wanted to make certain there were no irregularities and pressed Lawson further. Council member Chris Slone noted that the city was paying to hear the bad news as well as the good and asked Lawson for the "not-so-good highlights."

Lawson said the audit exposed no problems with internal controls. He further noted that the only problems found in regard to legal compliance were that some city funds, mostly dealing with the city's Mountaintop Project, operated in a deficit, a problem he blamed mostly on government grant funds "drying up."

The council will revisit the audit at a future meeting.

In other news, the council held a first reading on a \$16.3 million budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. The budget includes expenditures of \$5.2 million for general government, \$6.3 million for utilities, \$1.2 million for the Mountain Arts Center, \$767,000 for Stonecrest Golf Course and \$415,945 for Archer Park.

In another budget-related matter, city attorney Jimmy Webb told the council that he did not anticipate billing the city for the \$44,000 in legal fees that had been allocated for him in the previous budget and asked that \$15,000 of that amount be given to the fire department to assist with buying radios.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Council members Christ Slone, Donna Wells and Don Willis pored over copies of the city's audit during Monday night's meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council.

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Today



High: 89 • Low: 66

Tomorrow



High: 88 • Low: 67

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Obituaries

John Andrew Branham

John Andrew Branham, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born December 18, 1920, in Emma, he was the son of the late Turner Branham and Janey Garrett Branham. He was a former employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg; and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Coats Branham, who died June 2, 1998.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Othella Smith of Wetumpka, Alabama; several nieces and nephews; and a much beloved aunt, Anna Lee Garrett Alley of Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by two sisters: Ruby A. Hopson and Edythe Cherry.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, at the Community United Methodist Church, with Rev. Raymond Snyder officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to Community United Methodist Church, 147 Burke Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Christopher Edward Burke

Christopher Edward Burke, 33, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born March 16, 1975, in Pikeville, he was the son of Charles and Patricia A. Isaac Burke of Prestonsburg. He was a contractor, construction worker.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include two brothers and sisters-in-law: Charles Stephen Burke and Patrick Gerald (Elizabeth Deanne) Burke, all of Prestonsburg; and Selina Blanton; a niece and two nephews: Laken Alexis Burke, Stephen Isaiah Burke, and Payton Gerald Burke; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 12, at 1 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial will be in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. Active pallbearers: Charles Stephen Burke, Patrick Gerald Burke, Jason Burke, Michael Campbell, Tony Isaac, Roger Powers, Eric Fritzer, Joe Whitt, Matt Good, Derrick Hatfield, and Jerry Wicker.

Honorary: Stephen Isaiah Burke, and Payton Gerald Burke. (Paid obituary)



Burns E. Hall

Burns E. Hall, 80, of Virgie, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Monday, June 8, 2008, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

He was born May 1, 1928, in McDowell, the son of the late Andy Hall and Myrtle Burns Hall. He was a retired security supervisor for First American Bank Corporation, and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three nephews: Ron Elswick, Kenny

Ratliff, and Randall Ratliff; and four nieces: Denise Clark, Deborah Craft, Teresa Moore, and Stephanie Timmons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Burns Roger Hall; a brother, Blaine R. Hall; two sisters: Lillian Hall Ratliff and Marie Hall Reynolds; and a nephew, Donnie Elswick.

Funeral services for Burns E. Hall will be conducted Wednesday, June 11, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Gene Bracken officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Shirley Rae Johnson

Shirley Rae Johnson, 74, of Dwale, died Monday, June 9, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born April 20, 1934, in Beckley, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Mike and Effie Badger Miklos. She was a homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother, and a member of Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ollie Johnson.

Other survivors include a son, Tim Johnson of Prestonsburg; two daughters and sons-in-law: Michelle (Mick) Dunaye of Sharon Center, Ohio; and Debbie (Mike) Wesley of Snellville, Georgia; two sisters: Kay Bowman of Media, Ohio; and Paula Hauck of Jefferson, North Carolina; six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren: Rachel, Allissa and Ryan Johnson, Shannon, Tyler, and Tylie Wesley, Olivia Johnson, and Jonathyn Vanderpool.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Adam Dunaye.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at Pleasant Home Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg, with Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Hoot

Shepherd Cemetery, in Dwale, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Carmel Kidd

Carmel Kidd, age 85, of Lake Station, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at his residence.

He was born February 13, 1923, in Floyd County, the son of the late Wilburn and Roxie Kidd. He proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army.

He was married to Draxie Elliott on May 24, 1948, in Pikeville, and she preceded him in death on May 12, 1997.

He had worked as a coal miner for more than 25 years, and then in the water and sewer department of the City of Martin. He was a member to the Church of Christ; enjoyed Bible study; and loved working in his garden.

He is survived by his loving family: his daughters, Dianne (James) Howell of Lake Station; and Krista Lynn Stewart of Harold; three sons: Vincent Kidd of Printer; Patrick Kidd of Harold; and Granvel (Connie) Kidd of Dana; a sister, Edith Huff of Drift; 28 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren; and other loving family members and dear friends.

In addition to his parents and wife, Draxie Kidd, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Noreen Howell; and two sons: Arnell Kidd and Ricky Kidd.

Funeral services for Carmel Kidd were conducted Monday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Bruce Coleman and Junior Kidd officiating.

Burial was in the Yates Cemetery, in Printer, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Tim Hall, Patrick Kidd, Bradley Kidd, Clifton Howell, Paul Howell, Tracy Howell, Marc Howell,

and James Howell. (Paid obituary)



Christopher

Jordan Meadows

Christopher Jordan Meadows, 24, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, June 5, 2008, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born March 24, 1984, in Athens, Ohio, he was the son of Linda and Ed Senig of Weeksbury. He was a gold medalist in the Special Olympics in Ohio and Kentucky; manager of football/basketball team, and mascot at South Floyd High School from 1999-2002.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by Joe Skeans of Grethel, who was like a brother.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 9, at 1 p.m., at the Weeksbury Community Church, with Vernon Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Minerva Lane Family Cemetery, in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers were the 2002 South Floyd High School basketball players. (Paid obituary)



John Mullins

John Mullins, 49, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, June 8, 2008, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born January 23, 1959, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Dave and Rosie Bush Mullins. He was a retired oil rig operator.

Survivors include a son, and three daughters: Johnathan Mullins and Lindsey Mullins, both of Hi Hat; Tracy Mullins of Somerset and Heather Mullins of Virginia; four brothers, and two sisters: Joe Johnson, James Mullins and Letty Moore, all of Hi Hat; Eugene Johnson of Grundy; Steve Mullins of Pikeville; and

Myrtle Newsome of Springfield; and two grandchildren: Nathan Brewer and Brianna Tackett.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ransom Mullins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 11, at 11 a.m., at Little Nancy Old

Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Card of Thanks

The family of Brianna Leighayne Castle would like to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to Ronnie Samons for the comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service.

All your love and acts of kindness will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF BRIANNA LEIGHAYNE CASTLE

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF ANGIE HUNT HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Willie "Bear" Little would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, Pastor Louis Ferri, and the church family who prayed and cared for us during our time of great sorrow. We would also like to express our gratitude to Pastor Robert Hampton, who gave us so much comfort. To family and friends who cooked for us, sat with us, prayed with us, and helped with memorial services and burial, there are no words to express how you have touched our hearts and helped us in our healing process. We give thanks, also, to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their guidance and support. Bless all of you.

HELEN LITTLE, AND FAMILY

A Special Thank-You

The family of Jamie Lee Kilburn, who passed away May 27, 2008, wishes to thank all of the family and friends who attended the funeral services.

We also wish to thank all who sent beautiful flowers, cards, food, and money, for the family. These mean so much and brought, and still bring, so much comfort to all of us.

Thanks to the workers of Shirt Gallery, and members of the family, for the food that was sent to our home after the services—it was deeply appreciated.

Thanks for the services of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home—they were very helpful with the needs of the family. Thanks to the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for their assistance at the funeral, and the Floyd County Detention Center for their assistance of the graveside closing of the grave. Special thanks to Kenny's Floral for the flowers—they were very beautiful and elegant, and came from the heart. Thanks to the officiating preachers, Johnny Patton and Ronnie Sammons.

Thanks to Gwen Hall, Sandra Allen, and all who added pictures to the picture board. These pictures put a light on his life, making memories for all who knew him and shared good times.

From his mother, Debbie Hall, thanks to all of her co-workers of Pioneer Credit for flowers and cards, as well as their loving support, not only from the Prestonsburg office, but from all other offices.

Jamie was liked and loved by a lot of people. His kindness and smile will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He will be deeply missed by his two sons, Wesley, age 9; Matthew, age 7; their mother, Sandra Allen; his mother and step-dad, Debbie and Tommy Hall; his dad and step-mother, Arthur (Junebug) Kilburn and Lisa Robinson; his brother, Shawn Dale Kilburn; grandmother, Inez Yates Kilburn; and all of his family and friends.

I, his mother and family, hope we haven't missed anyone in our thanks and thoughts.

From the hearts of his family, and all who knew him.

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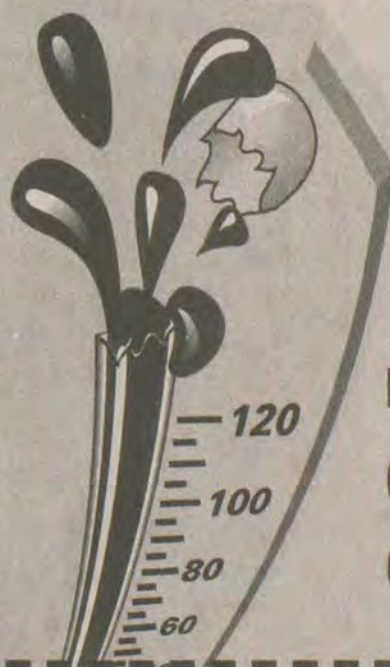
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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Jenny Wiley AARP plans June meeting

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will conduct its monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, June 17, starting at 6 p.m. All members and friends are urged to attend.

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Church of Christ to hold Vacation Bible School

The Church of Christ on Arkansas Creek will be having Vacation Bible School June 16 thru June 20.

Support Group

Do you have a friend or loved one who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or any other dementia? We can help! We will meet at a new location: Thursday, June 12, at 5 p.m., UMWA Health & Retirement Funds Office Uniplex Center, Suite 304, 126 Trivette Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501. For more information, contact the Fund's office at 606-432-1072, ext. 12 or 13. Refreshments will be served.

Christ United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

A Beach Party, Surfin'

Through the Scriptures at the Christ United Methodist Church, 105 Methodist Lane, Allen, 606-874-2344, Tillie Hinchman, VBS director. On Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m., Vacation Bible School Orientation; June 23-26, Monday-Thursday, 6:8:30 p.m.; Friday, June 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cook-Out for the whole congregation, out back of church and Wesley Christian School, with "Fun Time Inflatables."

Food City presents Annual Relay For Life

Food City will be having a Annual Relay for Life Car Show 2008, on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m., on University Drive, Prestonsburg, across from Big Sandy College.

Trophies will be given away for Best of Show, Best Chevy, Best Ford, Best Custom, Best Mopar, Best Truck, Best Muscle Car, and Best Street Rod. Top 20 trophies awarded according to the highest score. Rain date will be June 21. Registration fee: \$15. For questions, contact: FC Pharmacy Dept. No. 471, (Elly Reed). (606) 889-9572.

Thelma Training Center plans graduation program

The Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center, in Thelma, will be conducting its commencement program on Friday, June 13, beginning at 1 p.m. The graduation program is held at this time each year to honor and recognize the students who have completed their individual training programs over the past year. A reception will be held in honor of the graduates, their families and guests, immediately following the graduation ceremony. The staff and students of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center would like to invite all interested citizens and program supporters to attend. For more information, call 788-7080 or 1-800-443-2187.

Jervis-Jarvis Family reunion

The Jervis-Jarvis family reunion will be held at the Cow Creek Baptist Church, Annex B, on Saturday, June

21, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Please bring a covered dish.

Angel Food Ministries

Prater Creek Baptist Church will be taking Angel Food orders at the church on June 7, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Orders are accepted by mail, e-mail or phone (606-285-9447) thru June 14. You may visit: www.pcbaptist.org for more info.

Orders may also be placed with the following churches: Faith Fellowship, Allen; First Baptist, Harold; First Church of God, Prestonsburg; and Graceway United Methodist, Langley. Email to prbarnette@bellsouth.net for further information.

Pratt Family Reunion

To be held June 21, in the Old Maytown School Lunchroom. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. The lunchroom is reserved for the entire day. Meats, bread, drinks and dinnerware will be provided; please bring a side dish, dessert or specialty. Also, if desired, please bring an item for the silent auction that will be held to raise money for next year's reunion. Access to playground, horseshoes, volleyball and gym. For more info., please contact: Loretta Pratt Hackworth at 886-3928, Elbert Pratt at 358-2315, Jimmy Pratt at 358-4083, or Julia Pratt Jones at 285-3179 or fernjo@bellsouth.net.

East Kentucky Fair to hold mud bog event, Sat. June 14

The East Kentucky Fair will hold its 2nd qualifying mud bog event—Saturday, June 14, at 3 p.m., at ThunderRidge. All 4-wheelers welcome. Giving away \$500 at the fair on August 2. Must run to qualify. Sign up on the day of the event, or call Terry Trimble at 886-2374.

East Kentucky Fair accepting applications for vendors and exhibitors

The East Kentucky Fair is now accepting applications for vendors and exhibitors for the 2008 fair to be held July 31-August 2. Please download a

form from www.eastkyfair.com or call Terry Trimble, at 886-2374

Floyd County Relay for Life

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

South Floyd High School 10-year reunion planned

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-033 for more information.

Night Science

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to

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Cinema 2—Held Over
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Cinema 1—Held Over
WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

Cinema 2—Held Over
THE STRANGER (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 3—Held Over
INDIANA JONES (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:45-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:20) 6:45-9:20.

Cinema 4—Held Over
BABY MAMA (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00; Fri. 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:00) 7:00.

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IRON MAN (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 9:15; Fri. (4:15) 9:15; Sat.-Sun. (4:15) 9:15.

Cinema 5—Held Over
SEX IN THE CITY (R). Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (4:50) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:50) 8:00.

Cinema 6—Held Over
KUNG FU PANDA (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

Cinema 7—Starts Friday, June 13
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20) 6:50-9:20.

Cinema 8—Starts Friday, June 13
THE HAPPENING (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.

Cinema 9—Held Over
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.

Cinema 10—Held Over
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG). Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (5:00) 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00) 8:00.

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The capacity of human beings to bore one another seems to be vastly greater than that of any other animal.

— H.L. Mencken

Our View

Bad drivers need to get the message

It goes without saying that the detours in Prestonsburg are an aggravation. But while the inconvenience is a necessary evil we must bear until downtown construction is finished, some drivers are making the problem much worse.

We understand that the detours require a period of adjustment, and for the first few days we expected there to be some hiccups. However, some drivers are refusing to adjust, making an already difficult situation more so.

We watch with amazement as some people deliberately disobey "do not enter" signs, even drive around barricades, rather than simply drive a block or two out of their way. And we cringe to watch some drivers race down Prestonsburg's narrow back streets as if they are traveling down U.S. 23.

What these people refuse to recognize is that the barricades, one-way signs and speed limits are not merely obstacles for them to hurdle. Instead, these new traffic regulations are temporary measures designed to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible and to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians alike.

By refusing to comply, these nuisance drivers are exacerbating the congestion and confusion the detours have created, and they are placing themselves and others at risk. We watch as children play outside and shudder to think of what could happen if one of these "too busy to be inconvenienced" drivers makes an ill-timed mistake.

City police have already promised to begin issuing tickets to offenders once drivers have had the opportunity to adjust. We believe that time has already arrived, especially for the most egregious offenders. At the very least, it is high time to start handing out warnings, to ensure that the message is delivered.

— The Floyd County Times

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Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS
97TH HOUSE DISTRICT

It took a while for the idea of infant and toddler car seats laws to catch on in the U.S., as anyone old enough to remember riding in a car in Kentucky before 1982 might recall.

The reason Kentucky and most states were slow to require child car seats is the same reason many states were reluctant at one time or another to require seat belts—lawmakers did not want to restrict the personal liberties of parents or whoever may be driving. Arguments against child car seats laws ranged from car seats being unaffordable or hard to find to the fact that families with many small children would have trouble fitting several car seats in one vehicle. Other arguments, including the age old "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" made by those who didn't see the need for change, were also made.

It was not until our state and others began to see how effective a 1977 child passenger law passed by the Tennessee Legislature was at saving the lives of children under age 4 that lawmakers began to change our minds about requiring child restraint seats in the Commonwealth. Six years after the law's passage, deaths among child passengers under age 4 in Tennessee had fallen by more than 50 percent—a phenomenal drop in fatalities. As soon as Kentucky lawmakers heard of this success of our neighbor to the South, they went to work to craft their own child restraint seat for infants which passed in 1982. Three years later, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), every state and Washington D.C. had a sim-

ilar law.

Since those early days, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that child car seats have saved at least 7,900 lives nationwide. But more lives can be saved if children age 4 and older who are too big for a child car seat but too small to be safely secured with an adult seat belt were properly restrained. That is where a booster seat comes into the picture.

By requiring children who are at that "in between" stage between a child car seat and seat belt to ride in a booster seat, studies show that the risk of death or injury to children can be reduced by nearly 60 percent. But like passing the child car seat laws so many years ago, passing booster seat laws nationwide has been a slow process that is finally beginning to pay off.

As of today, all states either have booster seats laws in effect, about to take effect or have legislation pending. Among those states with laws that are set to take effect this year are Utah, Washington, Michigan, Virginia, Massachusetts and Kentucky. Kentucky's law, which takes effect on July 15, will require any child under the age of 7 who is between 40 and 50 inches tall to be secured in a booster seat while in a moving vehicle.

I supported this legislation because it will keep our children more secure on our roadways and prevent unnecessary deaths. Many believed the law—Senate Bill 120—should have included 7 year olds and children under age 8 who are between 40 and 57 inches tall, but were willing to settle for this law since it is the only one that we were going to be able to get through the Senate. Improvements to the law can be made during a later session if the need arises.

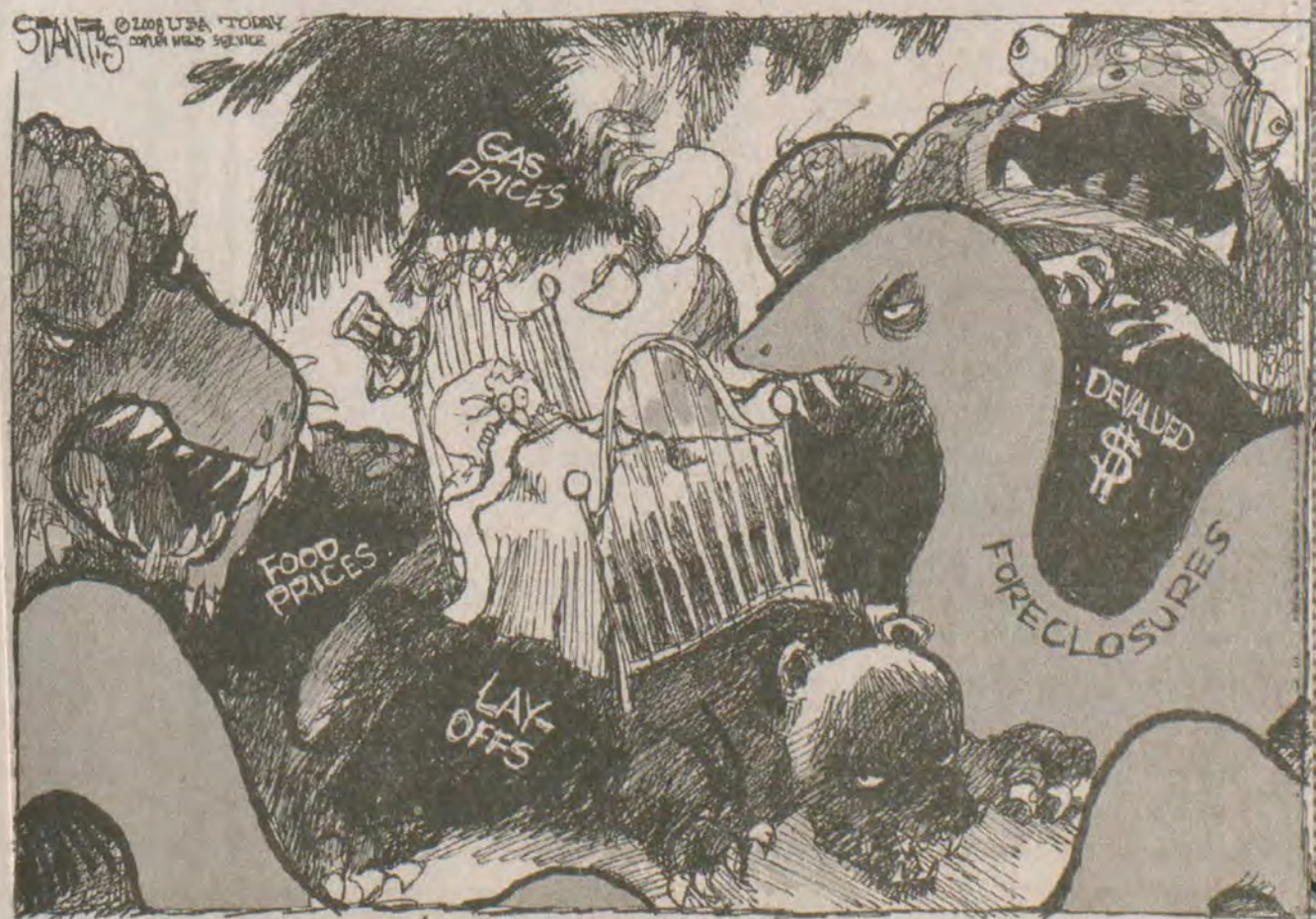
One thing that is important to note

is that there will be no fine levied for violating the booster seat law through July 1, 2009. Violators will only receive a courtesy warning until that time. On or after that date, violators will be fined \$30 per violation. The fine can be prepaid, however, and will not carry any court costs or additional fees or costs. Also, anyone cited for the first time can avoid the fine and have the charge dismissed if they acquire a booster seat and prove to the state that they have one on hand.

Having a child car seat and booster seat is important, as discussed, but they are only as good as the skill of the person who installs them. It can be extremely difficult to get a seat properly installed, as many frustrated parents, grandparents and other caretakers have figured out. The good news is that there are usually plenty of people in each community who are trained in proper installation of the seat. Known as "certified car seat safety technicians", these individuals are often available at fire departments, hospitals and other public places—including the occasional shopping mall, says NCSL—to help with the installation.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet can also guide individuals through the installation process. Anyone needing assistance can call the Cabinet's Highway Safety office toll-free at 1-888-374-8768 and get the help they need. More information about child seat safety can also be found on the Cabinet's Highway Safety website at www.highwaysafety.ky.gov.

Summer is here, school is out and we need to be ever mindful of motor vehicle safety for our youngest citizens and all our children. So please drive safely, buckle up yourself and your child passengers and have a great summertime.



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ARH now offering surgical weight loss program in East Ky.

HAZARD — The recent announcement that Appalachian Regional Healthcare will now offer the region a new surgical weight loss option has special meaning for ARH Bariatrics Program Director Anita McDaniel.



For the majority of her life, Anita McDaniel struggled with the constant rollercoaster ups and downs of weight loss and weight gain. At her heaviest, McDaniel weighed 301 pounds.

For the majority of her life, McDaniel herself struggled with constant rollercoaster ups and downs of weight loss and weight gain.

"It was a constant battle from the time I was 17--- it was frustrating because for every 50 pounds I would lose, I would ultimately put even more weight back on," McDaniel of Hazard says, admitting that at her heaviest, she weighed 301 pounds, nearly three times the suggested weight for her 5-foot-3-inch frame.

Along with the weight gain came an increasing number of health conditions ranging from high blood pressure and arthritis to a serious bout of sleep apnea and the often debilitating fibromyalgia. And with a family history of heart disease and diabetes, McDaniel, a registered nurse, knew it was a just a matter of time before she would also have to deal with the effects of those conditions as well.

Five years ago, McDaniel decided to make a serious change in her life to improve her health and prolong her future by undergoing weight loss surgery and today says it was the best thing she has ever done.

McDaniel was on hand last Thursday as ARH officials announced plans to now offer bariatric weight loss surgery at the new ARH Medical Mall in Hazard --- a program for which McDaniel, a 27-year employee of ARH, says she is excited to serve as director.

"This weight loss program will change lives, it will save lives --I'm sure this surgery saved mine. When I was at my heaviest, my doctor told me that if I didn't make some serious lifestyle changes that I would not live to see my then six-year-old daughter grown," McDaniel says. "There is so much that I was not able to do then that I can do easily now. Having this surgery was the best thing that I ever did just for me."

The new ARH Bariatrics Surgical Weight Loss practice will be offered under the direction of the Bluegrass Bariatrics Surgical Associates, the only group in the state to dedicate its practice entirely to bariatric surgery and to performing 100 percent laparoscopic bariatric surgery.

The practice will be headed by G. Derek Weiss, MD and John S. Oldham, Jr. MD. Recognized by the American Society of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery as Center

of Excellence Surgeons, Weiss and Oldham performed 40 percent of all bariatric surgeries in Kentucky in 2007 and have performed thousands of these procedures over the past five years.

The ARH Bariatrics Weight Loss Practice will offer the LAP-BAND Ap® System. Unlike gastric bypass surgery, there's no stomach cutting or stapling, plus it's adjustable for the patient's needs, and can even be removed.

"Here in Hazard, we plan to offer the safest weight loss surgery, adjustable gastric banding," Dr. Weiss says. "The truly amazing thing is that this 45 minute surgery does not involve cutting or stapling of the stomach, results in minimal pain, and allows patients to go home right from the recovery room."

Even better, McDaniel says, is that the surgery will be offered locally, preventing long drives to other cities and keeping patients close to home, a key aspect to successful outcomes for patients.

"This is something you have to do just for yourself --too many times we get caught up in taking care of those around us that we neglect ourselves. You have to be committed to this surgery and making lifestyle changes and it is very important to be surrounded by a supportive network of family and friends," she says. "Having this weight loss surgery available in Eastern Kentucky will now make losing weight a reality for those living in our area that might not have the ability or resources to travel away from home for such a procedure."

Obesity and the health conditions associated with being overweight are extremely prevalent in the areas ARH serves, says ARH President and CEO Jerry W. Haynes.

"We are pleased to be able to offer additional weight loss options for those who have been unable to lose weight by traditional means," Haynes says. "It is ARH's goal to not only treat patients when they are ill, but to promote services and offer opportunities to improve the overall health of the people of Central Appalachia. We believe this new surgical weight loss program can be of great benefit to

many in our region."

Dr. Oldham agrees, noting that he finds weight loss surgery very rewarding.

"I am continually amazed at the dramatic changes I see in my patients' lives. We do see amazing improvement or resolution in our patients' associated illnesses such as diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, arthritis, high cholesterol, and gastroesophageal reflux to name a few. It's very true that almost all of these conditions are reversible or significantly improved with weight loss surgery," Dr. Oldham says.

Equally important to patients, Dr. Oldham says, is the dramatic improvement in their overall quality of life.

"Previously, access to these life-saving and life-changing procedures wasn't available in the region. We are excited to say that this has now changed as we will be offering the LAP-BAND and REALIZE Band surgeries right here at Hazard ARH," he says. "It's not a coincidence that we're here --this is the fruition of two years of intensive research on both ARH and our part. We formed this partnership because we are both committed to offering the best in weight loss surgery, and that's what we'll be offering here at the ARH Medical Mall."

People who are more than 100 pounds overweight are generally considered to be

morbidly obese. Obesity-related medical conditions are linked to more than 300,000 deaths each year, only after smoking-related deaths.

To be considered for the surgery the patient must be at least 100 pounds over ideal body weight and have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40. Occasionally insurances will grant approval based on a BMI of 35 with a serious medical

condition, such as high blood pressure or diabetes.

ARH will host the following free educational seminars about the new surgical weight loss program:

■ June 26 (Thursday) 6:30-7:30 p.m. (First Federal Center on the Hazard Community and Technical College Campus)

■ July 24 (Thursday) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (First Federal

Center on the Hazard Community and Technical College Campus)

■ August 28 (Thursday) 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Hampton Inn, Pikeville)

For more information about the seminars, call 800-362-0464. To learn more about bariatric weight loss, visit www.arh.org and select the ARH Bariatrics icon.

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Big Sandy Community & Technical College (BSCTC)

1:00-4:30

Wheelwright Baptist Church
Martin Community Center

5:00-7:00

BSCTC
Weeksbury Community Center
6:00-9:00
Betsy Layne Sr. Citizens Center

TUESDAY

8:00-12:00

Mud Creek Clinic
BSCTC
Dixie Apartments (9:30-12:00)
David Craft Center

1:00 -4:30

Mud Creek Clinic
BSCTC

6:00-8:00

Highlands Reg. Hospital
Martin Comm. Center
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WEDNESDAY

8:00-12:00

Martin Community Ctr.
Highlands Reg. Hospital (8:30-12:30)
BSCTC

1:00-4:30

BSCTC

6:00-8:00

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THURSDAY

8:00-12:00

Betsy Layne Youth Service Ctr. (10:00 am- 4:30 pm)
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Weeksbury Community Center

1:00 -4:30

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



This week's celebrity is Tara Robinson. Ms. Robinson is a Pharmaceutical Rep and a resident in Johnson County. Along with her husband, John, she works hard to help at the shelter. Tara hosts fundraisers and volunteers wherever she is needed. Her goal is to improve the lives of all the animals she encounters. She is shown here with Nicolette, a 2-year-old, female Bichon Frise. This dog does not shed. She is housebroken and is very gentle. Nicolette loves to play. She is a GREAT dog for all ages.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg
Phone 886-3189

Calendar

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community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the Old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

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

Senior employment program
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service

Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

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

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first

Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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Successful applicant may be required to take a pre-employment drug test and criminal background check.

Applications may be picked up at the Floyd County Health Dept., at 283 Goble Street in Prestonsburg, and completed applications returned to that location with transcript and copy of current nursing license by 4:30 p.m., June 24, 2008. **Starting salary:** 16.30-20.54 negotiable with additional experience.

Applications for LHN I will be considered for Positions, only if lack of candidates for LHN II are received. **Minimum Requirements:** Current RN license or compact state/provisional license in KY, meeting all requirements of KRS 314.041 and approved to practice. Salary range for LHN I: 14.07-17.56.

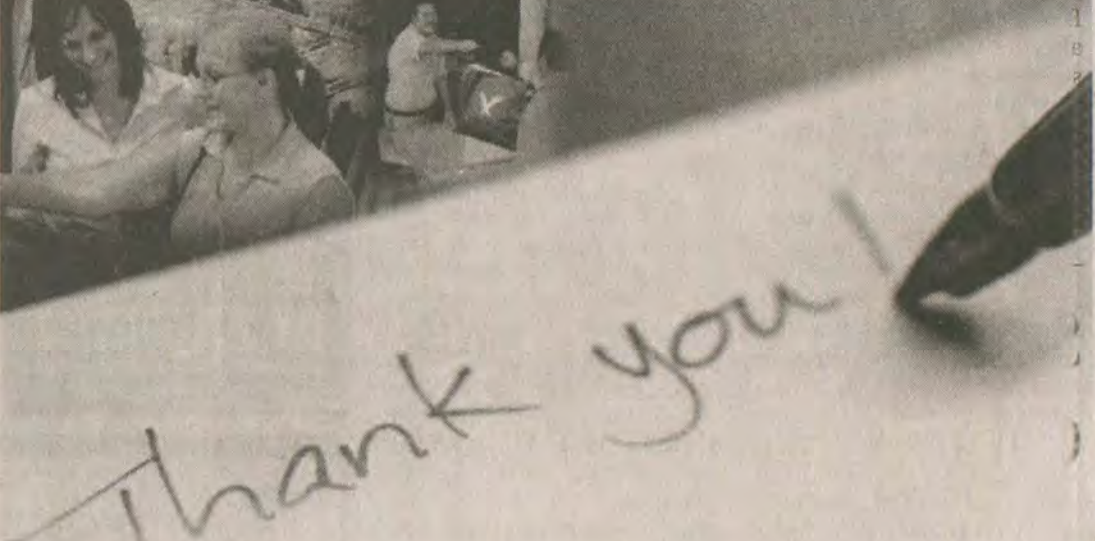
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Officials looking to reduce state prison burden

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — With Kentucky's prison population skyrocketing, and only expected to get larger, Gov. Steve Beshear has called on a group of legal authorities from across the state to find ways to relieve the prison system's financial burden on taxpayers.

As Kentucky grapples with budget woes throughout state government — such as sharply reduced spending on public universities — lawmakers are looking to reduce the amount of money the state spends on prisons. A subcommittee of the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council began studying the state's sentencing practices last week.

"The prison population has grown to the point that it's getting close to costing half a billion" dollars, said Charles Geveden, deputy secretary of the state's Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. "We need to look at that, but the thing we don't want to sacrifice is the protection of the public — and we won't sacrifice that."

Kentucky lawmakers recently approved a two-year \$18 billion state spending plan that's set to take effect on July 1. The Department of Corrections' annual budget is \$424.5 million in the 2009 fiscal year, which begins July 1, and \$440.4 million the following year.

That includes nearly \$525 million in state funds over the next two years for adult prisons.

Kentucky's prison population has increased rapidly in recent years, and it's only expected to increase. A study released earlier this year by the Pew Center on the States found that Kentucky has experienced the nation's largest prison population increase — it grew by 12 percent to 22,400 inmates.

That number could reach 31,000 within 10 years, the report found.

Beshear and state lawmakers have looked for ways to reduce those numbers. The General Assembly included language in the state budget that allows for certain Class C and Class D felons to serve parts of their sentences in home incarceration programs.

"It is time that we take a serious look at our sentencing guidelines, our penal code, and all of the related items to try to figure out ways to appropriately punish people, make sure the public is protected, and find some alternatives that are less expensive than just putting somebody in prison," Beshear told The Associated Press during an interview in March.

Beshear has asked the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council to study the issue and report back with recommendations by Dec. 1. The sentencing subcommittee headed by Geveden is one of five

reviewing the prison issue. Other subcommittees are looking at Kentucky's drug laws, the penal code, pretrial release and probation and parole.

Geveden's panel on sentencing is looking at, among other things, finding ways of reducing the number of people who re-offend. Some answers could include offering more treatment, education and job training while people are in prison, Geveden said.

"What the recommendations will be, we don't know for sure," he said.

Kentucky Public Advocate Ernie Lewis, a member of the panel, said he's hoping the state overhauls all of its sentencing practices to rein in "out of control prison numbers." Harsher laws, longer sentences and more law enforcement has led to the state's current prison situation, Lewis said.

"Those numbers are difficult to ignore," he said. "However, I think that our culture over the last 30 years has become so harsh, and so law-and-order oriented, that I think it's very difficult for that to be changed."

Scott Kimmich, the deputy judge-executive in Kenton County, said corrections accounts for about 10 percent of his county's budget. Kimmich said county officials are looking for more funding from the state to offset its financial burden when it comes to housing inmates.

Kimmich said he thinks the panel should review the number of inmates with mental illness, and the penalties that are doled out to people convicted of nonviolent offenses.

"We have created a situation in our society where people are being locked up for things that really are not a crime against society,"

Kimmich said. "We've got to take a long, hard look at that."

Linda Tally Smith, a commonwealth's attorney in Boone and Gallatin counties, said she supports studying the issue. But, while rising prison costs should be reviewed, there's not necessarily a problem with the state's sentencing laws, she said.

Some of the problem is

that people have broken the law numerous times on their way to prison, Smith said. Many citizens are alarmed about the state's rising prison costs, but they also support harsh penalties, she said.

"Most people who you talk to on a daily basis don't understand why people who commit crimes don't get more time," Smith said.



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Father charged after young son gets sunburn

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Police in Berea have charged a man after his two-year-old son was sunburned.

Authorities charged 27-year-old Bobby Jones with criminal abuse, saying he didn't take adequate care to make certain the boy didn't come to

harm.

Officers said Jones left the child out in the sun for at least 90 minutes Sunday without applying sunscreen.

Doctors said the boy had second- and third-degree burns.

The child's mother reported the burns after she picked up her son.

State Commerce Cabinet jazzes up name

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — What's in a name? Plenty, if your name is the Commerce Cabinet.

Gov. Steve Beshear announced Monday the name of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet will be changed to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

Commerce Secretary Marcheta Sparrow says the new name will more accurately reflect the mission and agencies within cabinet, which is being reorganized. The cab-

inet includes departments such as parks, fish and wildlife, the state sports authority, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Kentucky Historical Society and the Kentucky Horse Park.

The cabinet says in a release that no jobs will be lost in the reorganization.

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Uniform allergy plans sought for U.S. schools

by KELLEY SCHOONOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — When Danielle Davis attended school in Rapid City, S.D., her mother didn't worry much about her being exposed to peanuts, a food that could kill the severely allergic teenager.

Danielle's high school had a food allergy policy, and she had no problems during her nine months there.

But when the two moved to Charleston in 2006, everything changed.

"Every day I send her out I never know whether or not I'm going to have to go and get her, whether I'm going to be called and told that she's in the emergency room or if she's going to make it that day," said Jennifer Davis.

These are common worries for the parents of children with food allergies when they move to a new school, according to Anne Munoz-Furlong, founder and chief executive officer of the Food Allergies & Anaphylaxis Network. The Alexandria, Va.-based nonprofit is pushing for a federal law

to create uniform guidelines for schools to follow to protect the estimated 2 million school-age children with food allergies.

"Some schools have very comprehensive plans — they've been working with food allergies for a long time — and others are just getting started and they don't know what to do," Munoz-Furlong said.

When Danielle's peanut and tree nut allergies first developed, she was attending a U.S. Department of Defense school in Landstuhl, Germany. Her mother worked with officials to create a policy there to handle food allergies in schools, but the Davises left for South Dakota shortly after it was implemented.

Davis said she had to start from square one in Charleston — meeting with, and providing food allergy literature to, Capital High School's principal, teachers, cooks, nurses and the county's schools superintendent.

Even though Capital High now has a policy that bans nut products, Danielle said it isn't vigorously enforced.

Danielle is terrified to attend

school on the days following big candy holidays like Halloween and Easter because students bring peanut butter cups and other goodies with them.

Her nut allergy is so severe that she can go into shock if a child across a table or a school bus aisle eats peanut butter candy. She takes four allergy medications every morning and carries two pens of self-injectable epinephrine, a form of adrenaline, everywhere she goes in case she starts to have a reaction.

"Having peanuts in my face is like having a loaded gun held to your head," said Danielle, who estimates that during the past school year she suffered 20 reactions that landed her in the emergency room or a clinic for breathing treatments.

Many schools and school districts in the U.S. have allergy policies, but only Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island and Tennessee have statewide plans, according to the National Association of State Boards of Education.

While several other states have developed guidelines, U.S. Sen.

Chris Dodd, who introduced the legislation, told a Senate panel last month that "without federal guidance, a child's health and safety may be protected in one school but not in another."

The Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act passed the House in April and is pending in the Senate.

The Connecticut Democrat knows firsthand about the problem. His 6-year-old daughter Grace is allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, shell fish, sesame and tropical fruits and has gone into shock four times. Like Davis, Dodd and his wife have had to educate Grace's school and her teachers about food allergies.

A Duke University Medical Center study released in 2007 says children are developing food allergies at younger ages.

The number of children under age 5 suffering from peanut allergy alone has doubled in the past decade, said Dr. Wesley Burks, the study's senior author.

Researchers can't say why food allergies have increased, but one the-

ory is that society has become too hygienic, which deprives children's immune systems from building up their defenses, Burks said.

An estimated 12 million Americans have food allergies, which occur when the immune system identifies a food as harmful and triggers antibodies to attack it.

Eight foods account for 90 percent of all allergic reactions — peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, fish, shellfish, soy and wheat. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition says food allergies lead to 150 deaths, 30,000 emergency room visits and 2,000 hospitalizations each year.

Country singer Trace Adkins is using his celebrity status to raise awareness and lobby for the federal bill. His 6-year-old daughter Brianna suffers from nut, dairy and egg allergies.

"When I was a kid, I didn't know anybody that had any food allergies," said Adkins. "We're doing something to our babies that are causing them to develop these allergies."

KSP writes over 7,000 seat belt citations during 'Click It or Ticket' campaign

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Police announced that as a result of its seatbelt enforcement efforts, 7,021 seat belt and 223 child restraint citations were issued to unrestrained motorists during the national 'Click It or Ticket' enforcement mobilization (May 19 - June 1, 2008). KSP joined other state and local law enforcement agencies who participated in 'Click It or Ticket' as part of a statewide effort to increase seat belt use among those identified as least likely to buckle up. The campaign includes the Memorial Day Holiday travel period which is one of the deadliest for motorists in the Commonwealth.

KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer was pleased with his agency's results in the statewide mobilization effort.

"Last year, there were 835 crashes in Kentucky during the Memorial Day weekend," said Brewer. "Eight people lost their lives and 355 were injured. Many of these fatalities and injuries might have been avoided if the drivers had buckled up, slowed down and avoided the use of drugs and alcohol. I applaud the efforts of our troopers during this campaign and their dedication to saving lives on Kentucky roadways."

Captain Tim Lucas, Commander for the Highway Safety Branch points out that, according to the National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), regular seat belt use remains the single most effective way to protect yourself and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. When worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat pas-

senger car occupants by 45 percent - and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs, and minivans.

"Kentucky has a seat belt usage rate of 72 percent and even though we have improved from past years, it is still disturbing that some individuals refuse to buckle up - the citation numbers bear this out," said Lucas.

We are hopeful that the numbers we achieve in 2008 will reflect that we are getting the message across to those who have cavalier attitudes when driving and less likely to buckle up," added Lucas.

In addition to the seat belt citations, KSP issued 6,333 speeding citations; 461 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests; 46,308 vehicle inspections; 434 suspended license violations; 2,029 failure to provide proof of insurance citations; 77 reckless driving citations; 151 drug arrests; 6,279 miscellaneous traffic violations and 164 fugitives were apprehended during the enforcement campaign.

"Click It or Ticket" is a national enforcement effort that is supported by federal NHTSA funding allocated to the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety. KSP will continue its highway safety efforts through enforcement and public awareness throughout the summer.

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ATV study to improve fit, safety among kids

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky is conducting a first-ever study of its kind to analyze all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety, particularly in children. UK trauma surgeon Dr. Andrew Bernard is the primary investigator of a comprehensive multi-year

investigation which will measure a number of physical and behavioral issues accompanying pediatric ATV usage. The research will begin June 9 at the Wenner Gren Biomedical Research Facility on the UK campus.

ATV safety for children is to buy the proper size vehicle. Current recommendations for determining the right vehicle size are based upon age categories, 6-11, 12-15 or 16 and above. The problem with these categories is that each of these age groups can have a wide

variability in the rider size. "Since most children injured on ATVs are riding adult size vehicles, this study will attempt to determine the fit between a child and a vehicle that is adult-size," said Bernard. "It will also try to determine how often a youth in a certain age bracket is actually fitted with the wrong vehicle."

During the 2008 Memorial Day weekend, there were 13 ATV-related deaths nationally and four of those in Kentucky. It's an all too common headline in this state, which ranks third in the nation for ATV deaths.

The premise of the Phase I aspect of this unique study is that age is not the best indicator of how a child is properly fit to, and can safely use, an ATV. Thus, quantification of pediatric biometrics, or the measurement of physical characteristics, in ATV riders is the first goal of this research program. The resulting experi-

mental procedure involves use of a custom-designed variable incline ramp that simulates riding an ATV over varying terrain. Video cameras will be focused on the child sitting on the ATV and will record a host of parameters, including arm reach, leg angle, head and trunk inclination. Grip reach and strength will also be quantified in an effort to determine how brake lever design contributes to safety with regard to braking capabilities.

Young research subjects are being recruited to sit on youth and adult size ATVs while key body dimensions are being measured and compared to ATV dimensions. Subsequent phases of this study will include an examination of visual perception, hazard recognition, as well as and ATV braking and steering.

Although some pediatricians would respond that this research is unnecessary because a child should not be on an ATV at all, the approach

taken by this research will provide consumers, manufacturers, and potentially government regulators important information for those parents who choose to allow a child to ride, said Dr. Bernard.

"ATVs are the fastest growing part of the motor sports industry and Kentucky is one of the leading states in the country in per capita ATV death rates over the last five years," said Bernard. "Kids are going to ride and there is little that can be done to prevent that. However, there are things that can be done to dramatically lower the likelihood that a child or adult will be injured on an ATV."

This study is a collaborative effort among the UK College of Medicine Department of Surgery, UK College of Education Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, and the UK Center for Biomedical Engineering.

Gates will protect endangered bats

The Associated Press

OLIVE HILL — Wildlife officials in eastern Kentucky have spent years nurturing the endangered Indiana bat population in the damp, dank caves the bats call home.

Through their efforts, the area's bat population has risen dramatically at Carter Caves State Resort Park. Park naturalist Coy Ainsley said the number of bats in the Saltpeter Cave has jumped to more than 7,000 from 30.

Still, officials were dismayed when dozens of bats were killed last fall during two separate incidents at Laurel Cave. The violators apparently knocked the bats off of their roosts then killed them by either stomping on them or crushing

them with rocks.

A \$5,000 reward was offered, but no one came forward. Rather than leave the bats vulnerable to another attack, officials are working to protect them during their hibernation.

The park is installing a series of gates to ward off trespassers.

"They can't handle much disturbance," Ainsley said. "If they wake up during hibernation they use up a lot of energy they need to survive the winter."

Volunteers have helped build the gates by hauling steel components into the entrance of the cave. Each piece is then measured and cut before being taken to the proper location and welded into a gate structure.

The tricky, cliff-lined path through Laurel Cave makes it impossible to take the raw material all the way to the site before being cut.

"It takes two to four people per piece to carry some of these things," Ainsley said, noting the need to carefully carry each through often narrow passages. "It is just grunt work. It has been pretty difficult."

Once installed, the gates will be locked from Labor Day through May 1. Once the cave reopens, only those with permits will be able to explore Laurel Cave.

Caves in and near Carter Caves State Resort Park serve as home territory for an estimated three-fourths of Kentucky's Indiana bat population.

Coalition takes aggressive anti-drug stance

The Associated Press

STANFORD — Ron Barnett spent 22 years as a pastor in Eastern Kentucky before deciding to return to his hometown of Waynesburg.

What Barnett saw there shocked him as families struggled to deal with the devastating effects of substance abuse. "I was amazed at the changes," Barnett said. "I thought, 'My soul, what's going on?'"

Rather than rage from the pulpit, however, Barnett decided more needed to be done. Borrowing the framework of a program he saw in Clay County, Barnett helped start the Lincoln County Drug-Free Coalition two years ago.

The coalition is using a multi-pronged approach that does more than warn children about the dangers of drug abuse. It created a program called "Court Watch," in which members sit in courtrooms wearing earphones that allow them to monitor the progress of cases.

"We want the judges to know that we're there to hold them accountable," said coalition member Lana Hixson. "We want the defense attorney to know, and the prosecutors."

Circuit Judge Jeffrey Burdette said the coalition's presence hasn't gone unnoticed and gave him the motivation to create a drug court in Lincoln County last year.

"They're always here," he said. "I welcome it, because the court system is misunderstood. They've become better informed about what we do and help explain it to the pub-

lic." Court Watch volunteers go through training with various court personnel to get a better feel of what goes on in the courtroom.

Coalition members also attempt to interview candidates for office, such as judges and sheriffs, and endorse those who promise to address the county's drug problems.

Barnett said the group lobbied the Lincoln County school board to bring drug dogs into the schools and station a deputy at the campus as a resource officer.

"It's not a quick fix, it's definitely a long-term thing," said Misti Dixon, who works for the Bluegrass Prevention Center and regularly attends coalition meetings. "But it's absolutely effective in breaking the cycle with kids who have grown up seeing their grandparents do it. It shows them there are other options."

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Coal country malaise claims ex-boomtown's school

by SUE LINDSEY
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POCAHONTAS, Va. — With one broad smile after another, the images start with preschoolers' antics, proceed through youngsters' Halloween dress-ups and sporting events and into formal prom attire. By the end, the audience is weeping.

The slideshow is part of an annual send-off for the Pocahontas High School senior class a week before

graduation, but the 23 juniors were honored as well this year.

Pocahontas High, — total enrollment 186, including middle schoolers — is shutting its doors after 99 years. Most students will now travel close to an hour to school on winding roads in this rugged coal-mining region along the West Virginia line.

"It's like losing my home," said junior Miranda Grose, still wiping away tears long after her classmates had left the May 30 assembly.

"They're all just like family." Closing Pocahontas High may be one more step toward erasing a community that was put on the map for coal miners in the 19th century and once boasted 5,000 residents and a bawdy reputation; the town had 28 saloons and four red-light districts. Its population has dwindled to 440 since the mine closed more than 50 years ago, and signs of neglect mar its aging buildings.

Principal Chris Stacy has watched enrollment figures

decline since he took his job three years ago. The Tazewell County school budget for this year listed expenses of more than \$11,350 per pupil at Pocahontas, while the next highest figure among the four high schools was less than \$6,800.

"It comes down to almost being a no-brainer, even though it's very, very difficult," said Cookie Johnson, the school board member who made the motion to close at a March meeting.

School Superintendent Brenda Lawson and Johnson said the students will have more choices in course offerings at other county schools. The tradeoff, besides the commute, is they'll be in much larger classes.

Research shows that small schools "can benefit students tremendously," said Alan Richard of the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta. All 29 Pocahontas seniors graduated last year, with 19 of them accepted to college.

Grose, who wants to be a psychologist, is used to being in classes of 10 or 12 and has had a couple of classes with only one other student. "You learn so much," she said.

A stream of older students filed into Donna Cornett's sixth-grade science class during the assembly, ostensibly to see the newly hatched chicks

under warm lights at the back of the room.

Cornett has taught the same students through sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Few people move in or out in the depressed region.

"Once you've had them for three years, you know them," Cornett said.

Next year, she's been told she'll be at an elementary school.

Pocahontas' tenured teachers haven't lost jobs, but their assignments will change.

Bob McGraw was at a 1,200-student school before he came to Pocahontas as a high school English teacher 15 years ago. He has students with learning disabilities as well as those in Advanced Placement classes.

"I love teaching here," he said. "It has some qualities of the one-room schoolhouse."

Students now have a choice of two high schools: Archival Graham is within 15 minutes, while Tazewell County is farther away. Most are going to Tazewell County High.

The school closing had been rumored for years, but some residents found the timing baffling because it came

amid hope for a revival. School board member David Woodard, the lone dissenter, noted that the state opened a prison nearby less than a year ago, creating 340 jobs.

The students' absence will be felt beyond the darkened building. Their help has been crucial to putting on the annual spring memorial service for 114 miners killed in a 1984 explosion.

"They light the candles. They read off the names," said Amy Flick, a guide at the Pocahontas Exhibition Coal Mine and Museum.

The loss was on the minds of seniors even as their teachers hosted a celebratory cook-out.

"Everybody here comes to homecoming," said Miles Hagy, a two-way player for the Pocahontas football team who's headed to Concord University. "I was hoping, I could come back."

Sentence

ment, kidnapping, first-degree burglary, first-degree fleeing and evading police, attempted murder and being a persistent felon. The additional counts of wanton endangerment stem from Nancy Lemaster's coworkers, Jennifer Lafferty and Tonya Shepherd, at whom Charles Lemaster also pointed his weapon.

On Jan. 28, 2007, Nancy Lemaster was working in the store when Charles Lemaster entered with a semiautomatic handgun. Lemaster is shown

on the store's surveillance camera dragging Nancy Lemaster through the parking lot by her hair while holding a gun to her head.

Lemaster then forced her into his 1990s model Chevrolet pickup truck and fled the scene. Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble, having been advised of the kidnapping, observed a vehicle fitting the description of the suspect and a chase ensued.

Lemaster led Det. Goble to Hannah Branch, a rough dirt

road which was snow covered at the time. Goble was forced to abandon the pursuit due to the road conditions, but Lemaster's vehicle stalled on the road just out of sight of Goble, and Nancy Lemaster was able to escape and fled on foot back to Goble's car.

Lemaster was apprehended two days later.

Nancy Lemaster was transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center following the incident and was treated and released.

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Arrest

Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, Williams was apprehended because the man who drove him to the bank had no idea he was going to be an accomplice to robbery.

"He had his son in the car," said Turner. "He just thought he was taking him to make a withdrawal."

Turner said the man reported the robbery to the police when he was safe.

Turner said that Williams and a female accomplice, Christina Hall, 33, of Kite, had been indicted in Floyd County.

According to court records, Williams was charged with first-degree robbery for allegedly threatening "the use of a dangerous instrument upon Annie Shepherd, while in the course of committing a theft, by robbing the Citizens National Bank."

First-degree robbery, a Class B felony, is punishable by 10-to-20 years in prison.

According to Turner, Williams has also been indicted by a federal grand jury for the two robberies in Tennessee, but that he is suspected of additional robberies in Ohio, North Carolina and Florida, as well as the bank in Garrett.

"Apparently that's what this guy does — hit a bank, party for a while, and then go again," Turner said.

Turner added that his office would be waiting to see what the federal prosecutors do on it in Tennessee. He indicated that

they are looking to charge him with several different robberies, including the one in Garrett.

"We want to keep the option open on our end until we know he is going to be sent away for a long time," Turner said.

Like in Garrett, the robber reportedly entered the building and handed the teller a note with instructions.

Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble said that during the Garrett robbery, the suspect entered through the front door and handed the teller a note with instructions on what to do.

"She turned to another teller, apparently out of disbelief, and the man told her, 'Don't make me shoot you,'" Goble said.

KSP officials released video stills from the bank's

cameras to Times staff after the robbery, but Goble said, "he was pretty well versed in what he was doing. He did his best to shield himself from the cameras."

Tessie Jones, the mother of Shepherd, said this was the second such robbery in little over a year.

She added that her daughter had been present for the previous robbery too, but said this one was different. "He was serious. It was in his expression. He wasn't playing around."

No one was injured during the Garrett robbery.

According to court records, Hall was indicted in a companion charge for tampering with physical evidence after she allegedly burned Williams' clothing after the Garrett robbery. She is currently out on bond awaiting trial.

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Garbage

garbage rates have not risen in several years.

Councilman C.E. "Shag" Branham said that landfill rates, the cost to replace dumpsters and fuel costs had also factored into the decision.

"We still kept it below what the county charges," said Branham.

Branham added that the garbage pickup rates for seniors over the age of 62, would remain at the \$10 a month fee.

The second reading of the proposed ordinance will be held at the next meeting on June 23.

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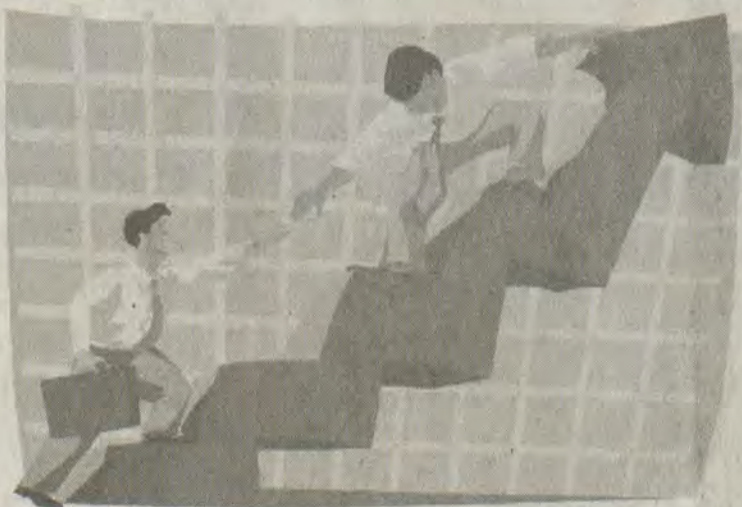
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Odds & Ends

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — A West Virginia city council is hoping to overcome opposition to giving the mayor a raise from the proposal's biggest foe: the mayor.

Huntington Mayor David Felinton has vowed to veto a proposal to raise his pay by nearly \$28,000 to \$90,000. He currently earns about \$62,000.

Felinton says it sends the wrong message to the city's employees, and that the town of 49,000 has other priorities.

But City Council members say the raise is needed to attract top candidates for the next mayoral election in 2012. The council is to vote on the proposal Monday night.

The Huntington mayor hasn't had a raise since 1996.

If Felinton vetoes the raise, eight council members would need to vote to override his veto.

TEMECULA, Calif. — In the end, the elusive chicken that took up residence outside a McDonald's just got too comfortable in its new home.

For four months customers tried unsuccessfully to catch the brown hen using bait or bare hands. Last week, the fast fowl was finally captured after it settled in for the night right on top of the drive-through window box.

A group of employees distracted the bird with bites of hamburger bun and nabbed it.

Restaurant manager Chona Cauley said the chicken's downfall was that it got a little bit too comfortable around the drive-through.

"Normally, the chicken sleeps in the bushes," Cauley said.

The bird won't end up on the menu. It has been sent to live as a pet with other chickens at the home of a restaurant worker.

Since the chicken arrived, customers often found themselves waiting to order their McNuggets while the bird blocked the drive-through lane.

SIMSBURY, Conn. — Authorities in Connecticut are wondering who stuffed a raw roasting chicken with a pipe bomb and left it on a roadside.

Simsbury police Capt. Matthew Catania says a motorist noticed the chicken Friday morning. He says the bomb was large enough to harm a person if it went off.

The road was closed while the Hartford Police Department's bomb squad came and blew up the chicken.

Nobody was injured. No arrests had been made Monday night.

SYDNEY, Australia — A judge halted a drug conspiracy trial Tuesday after some jurors were found to have been playing the puzzle game Sudoku while evidence was being given.

Sydney District Court Judge Peter Zahra ended the trial Tuesday for two men facing a possible life sentence for drug conspiracy charges. The trial had been running for 66 days and had cost taxpayers an estimated \$950,000.

The judge was alerted after jurors were observed writing vertically, rather than horizontally. It had been assumed they were taking notes.

"Yes, it helps me keep my mind busy paying more attention," the jury foreman told the judge Tuesday. "Some of the evidence is rather drawn out and I find it difficult to maintain my attention the whole time, and that doesn't distract me too much from proceedings."

Jurors in the trial are anonymous, and no action can be taken against them for the puzzle playing.

The foreman admitted to the judge four to five jurors were playing puzzle games for

up to half the time the trial had been going.

"Jurors are sort of the judges of the facts and it's very disappointing they weren't giving our clients a fair trial," said Robyn Hakelis, a lawyer for one of the defendants.

A new trial is expected to begin in a few weeks.

PHILADELPHIA — Frank Gallagher spent 37 years as a mailroom supervisor at a natural science museum — so long that he used to wisecrack that he should be part of the collection.

Now he is. *Rhinodoras gallagheri* is a new species of catfish named by scientist Mark Sabaj Perez at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Sabaj Perez, who manages the museum's collection of 1.3 million fish, said he was impressed by Gallagher's dedication, love for fellow employees and keen interest in science.

"I simply thought, 'Here is a guy who should be honored with his own catfish,'" Sabaj Perez said in a statement Monday.

Gallagher retired in 2003. *Rhinodoras gallagheri*, commonly known as the Orinoco thicklip catfish, can be found in Venezuela and Colombia.

New species are often named for prominent scientists, generous benefactors or even spouses — but not always.

A biologist recently named a new trapdoor spider after musician Neil Young, and in 2005, entomologists named a new slime-mold beetle after President Bush.

BATAVIA, Ohio — An ailing, retired farmer who refused to give up his outhouse after authorities declared it to be a public nuisance finally got a new one.

Elbert "Lew" Preston, 79, stood his ground long enough for a nonprofit group to come to his aid and build him a sturdy new outhouse with a waste tank underneath.

"There she is," Preston said as he showed off the new outhouse. "She's a lifesaver."

The wooden outhouse, complete with a crescent moon on its door, replaces a 1960s-built version that had run afoul of public health officials in Clermont County, east of Cincinnati. While the old one was over a hole in the ground, this one sits atop a concrete base and a 1,000-gallon tank.

"It's too nice and complicated to be an outhouse," Preston said. "I call it a privy."

Preston, a former trustee for Washington Township, challenged the board of health for months before seeking help from People Working Cooperatively, a nonprofit that has done thousands of projects for low-income, elderly and disabled residents in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky.

Past jobs have included replacing roofs and building wheelchair ramps, but this was its first outhouse.

Preston lives near a busy shopping area and has 175 acres of potentially lucrative real estate but didn't want to go to the expense and complications of installing a septic system.

Preston, who is slowed by diabetes and has colon problems and pacemaker, said he never saw the need to replace the old outhouse — which once was picked up and carried into his garden by a tornado without major damage.

He said he has used an outside toilet since settling in Washington Township 40

years ago and likes the privacy of a privy.

"When you're in a house, sounds carry," Preston said. "Everybody knows your business."

DETROIT — John Lawrence Locher has accomplished many things in his 90 years, including living through the Great Depression, fighting in the Pacific during World War II and a long career with General Motors.

But missing was the diploma whose pursuit he abandoned in the early 1930s to help feed his family in Detroit.

Locher checked it off his list, wearing his cap and gown in Detroit Southwestern High School's 2008 commencement ceremonies Monday night — more than 70 years after he dropped out.

"I feel 100 percent lighter," he said. "I appreciate this moment very much. ... It real-

ly was overwhelming."

The school sent the General Motors Corp. retiree an honorary diploma for "life credits" this past winter to his home in Cape Coral, Fla. Southwestern Principal Garnet R. Green later said Locher's family had contacted the school about the diploma and allowing him to participate in commencement.

"When I opened it up, I almost fainted," Locher said a few hours before the ceremony from his daughter's home outside Lansing. "I thought someone was playing a real cruel joke on me."

Locher left school after 10th grade, with the city and rest of the country mired in the Depression and his father suffering from tuberculosis.

"My family was starving, literally," he said. "I had to make some provision to make money. I was the oldest. I had a paper route. I did all kinds of work. I worked one place for

33 cents an hour, and I worked my fanny off."

He latched onto GM in 1936.

"I worked 38 years with GM," he said proudly. "I was a senior design engineer at the time, and I didn't have a high school diploma. God has been really good to me."

Five of Locher's eight children and his 80-year-old wife, Mary, were among relatives attending the ceremony.

DETROIT — A meteorite resembling Michigan's Lower Peninsula has been sold at auction, but bidders weren't

quite as smitten with the mit-

ten as the seller expected. The 75-pound nickel-and-iron meteorite sold for \$20,000 Sunday at Heritage Auction Galleries in Dallas. It had been expected to sell for \$32,500 to \$40,000.

Michigan native Darryl Pitt, the meteorite's owner, says he is disappointed by the low price. He says he thinks the space rock is worth \$50,000.

There was more interest in a three-quarter-ton nickel-iron meteorite that resembles the Indian subcontinent. It sold for \$90,000.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Bloomquist wins fifth Dream race

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROSSBURG, Ohio - Scott Bloomquist won his fifth Dirt Late Model Dream feature race. Bloomquist held off Brian Birkhofer in a 24-car racefield.

Shane Clanton, who posted the fastest time, turning around the historic Tony Stewart-owned racetrack in 16.580 seconds.

Jimmy Owens and Tim McCreadie finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

John Blankenship, a driver based out of Williamson, W.Va., won Heat 4 and finished

18th in the feature.

A breakdown of the latest Dream race follows.

The 14th annual Dirt Late Model Dream - 123 cars. Fast Time: Shane Clanton, 16.580.

Heat 1: Shane Clanton, Tim Fuller, Jimmy Owens, Dale McDowell, Michael England, Dennis Erb, Justin Ratliff, Matt Lux, Andrew Reaume, D. J. Wells, Robbie Hensley, Dan Schlieper, Donald Beyers, Freddy Smith, Terry Phillips, Bobby Kitchen, Darrell Lanigan, Jerry Rice, Brett Wyatt, Mark Anderson, Rodney Hamblin.

Heat 2: Shawn Toczek, Don

O'Neal, Mike Marlar, Rodney Combs, John Gill, Rick Eckert, Donnie Moran, Casey Roberts, Frank Heckenast, Terry Casey, Curt Spalding, Scott Orr, Todd Morrow, Billy Moyer, Jeff Fernet, Jill George, Kirk Bradley, Michael Kloose, Jon Horner, Riley Hickman, Bob Lanter.

Heat 3: Earl Pearson, Jr., Scott Bloomquist, R. J. Conley, Brian Birkhofer, Jimmy Mars, Steve Casebolt, Vic Hill, Eric Jacobsen, Joe Arms, Tyler Boggs, Jason Keltner, Ky Harper, Tim Isenberg, Chris Ross, Justin Labonte, Bryan Bernheisel, April Farmer, Steve

Francis, Shane Riner, Scott James, Ivedent Lloyd, Jr.

Heat 4: John Blankenship, Wendell Wallace, Chub Frank, Brady Smith, Chad Ruhlman, Jeep VanWormer, Jesse Stovall, Jerry Bowersock, Brian Shirley, Jordan Bland, Ben Adkins, Brent Kreke, Mike Collins, Damon Eller, Tony Knowles, Nick Marolf, Brandon Perkins, Scott Daly, Josh Williams, Justin Shaw

Heat 5: Tim McCreadie, Matt Miller, Aaron Scott, John Mason, Shannon Babb, Jeremy

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photo courtesy of Eldora Speedway
Scott Bloomquist won his fifth Dirt Late Model Dream race Saturday night at Eldora Speedway.

Lee leads BoB field during tour stop at 201

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA - Stanford-based driver Victor Lee kept a tight grip on first-place in the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model Division points battle Saturday, claiming the \$5,000-to-win first-place prize at 201 Speedway. Lee outlasted Tim Tungate en route to the finish line. David Webb, Shon Flanery and Dustin Linville rounded out the top-five. Chris Combs, Mike Jewell, Eric Wells, Tyrel Todd and Greg Oliver completed the top-10.

Thirty-one cars competed for a spot in the Super Late Model feature race. A breakdown of the Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series event follows.

O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model Division

Race summary from 201 Speedway, Sitka, Saturday, June 7:

Racing Optics Top Qualifier- Aaron Hatton 13.633.

Wayne Bowen Racing Supply Heat 1 (Top 4 Advance)- David Webb, Aaron Hatton, Tyrel Todd, Rod Evans, Mike Jewell, Larry Gray, Brandon Fouts, Richie Edwards.

K&N Performance Engineering Heat 2 (Top 4 Advance)- Greg Oliver, Josh McGuire, Chris Wilson, Royce McGowan, Shon Flanery, Michael Paul Howard, Richard Witt (DNS-Anthony Adams).

Graphic Impressions Heat 3 (Top 4 Advance) - Chris Combs, Tim Tungate, Eric Wells, Zach Carney, Jamie Ferguson, Audie Swartz, Daniel Williams.

Real Racing Wheels Heat 4 (Top 4 Advance)- Jason Montgomery, Victor Lee, Steve Stollings, Arnie Fields, Jimmy Crabtree, Dustin Linville, Paul Davis, James Butcher.

B-Main 1 (Top 2 Advance)- Shon Flanery, Mike Jewell, Larry Gray, Anthony Adams, Michael Paul Howard, Brandon Fouts (DNS- Richie Edwards).

B-Main 2 (Top 2 Advance)- Dustin Linville, Audie Swartz, Jamie Ferguson, Daniel Williams, Jimmy Crabtree, James Butcher (DNS- Paul Davis).

Series Provisionals- Larry Gray, Jamie Ferguson.

Track Provisionals- Anthony Adams, Michael Paul Howard.

O'Reilly A-Main- Victor Lee, Tim Tungate, David Webb, Shon Flanery, Dustin Linville, Chris Combs, Mike Jewell, Eric Wells, Tyrel Todd, Greg Oliver, Josh McGuire, Zach Carney, Larry Gray, Jason Montgomery, Arnie Fields, Royce McGowan, Audie Swartz, Aaron Hatton, Anthony Adams, Rod Evans, Steve Stollings, Chris Wilson, Jamie Ferguson, Michael Paul Howard.

Total Entries- 31. Lap

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Professional basketball coach Kevin Keathley instructed young basketball players during a camp held last week at Prestonsburg High School.

Seventy attend first Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Young basketball players ages 5-13 participated in Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp held June 5-7 at Prestonsburg High School. The camp, under the direction of East Kentucky Miners head coach Kevin Keathley, stressed basketball fundamentals. Among the things taught were techniques used during Miners practices. Campers who excelled throughout the camp were rewarded with various basketball-related merchandise.

"To have 70 children turn out for our first camp is tremendous," said Keathley. "My main objective was to provide a camp that the students could benefit from. I believe we

achieved that. The most important aspect of the camp was teaching the campers about setting goals and working hard to reach their dreams."

Miners guard Jason McLeish, front office member Brian Levy and local youth coach Jamie Howell joined Keathley on the camp staff.

Keathley and McLeish spoke to campers about the importance of setting goals. The importance of hard

work was also stressed during the camp.



dance to learn from an athlete that they rarely get to see up close and personal in this area."

The Prestonsburg stop was the first of four for Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp.

"I'm looking forward to our upcoming camp in Knott County," said Keathley. "We're going to work extremely hard to make it the very best camp in the region this year. Hopefully, we will have the same kind of reception at the Sportsplex that we

(See CAMP, page thirteen)

Kentucky leads nation in basketball attendance

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Just as fans routinely pack Rupp Arena to watch the Wildcats play, Kentucky annually leads the nation in average attendance. The NCAA's recently compiled attendance figures from this past season

reveal that in 2007-08, for the 12th time in 13 years, UK's average crowd of 22,554 led all of Division I men's basketball.

It marks the 20th time in the 32-year history of Rupp Arena that Kentucky has had the top attendance figure. A total of 405,964 fans passed through the

turnstiles in downtown Lexington for 18 Wildcat games during the 2007-08 season. North Carolina, with an average crowd of 20,497, was second, followed by Syracuse (20,345), Tennessee (20,267) and Louisville (19,481).

Nationally, a record

28.1 million attended Division I men's games last season, an average of 5,524 per game. The Southeastern Conference was second among all conferences in average attendance, drawing 12,140 fans, behind only the Big Ten's 12,978 average.

Blevins claims Lonesome Pine Late Model feature victory

Former NASCAR regional champ Blackburn finishes fourth

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

COEBURN, Va. - Brian Blevins returned to Victory Lane at Lonesome Pine

Raceway Saturday, claiming a first-place finish in the Late Model feature. Blevins won in an 11-car field full of veteran drivers. Wayne Hale finished second and Nate Monteith ended the feature third. Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn, a former NASCAR regional champion and LPR track champ, finished fifth in the No. 69 Late Model. Josh Hale edged the top-five in the fifth place position.

Other feature race winners included Rob Austin (Street Stock), Matthew Eades

(Mod-4) and Linton Perry (Pure-4).

Lonesome Pine Raceway Results from Saturday, June 7 - Late Model: 1. 40 Brian Blevins; 2. 19 Wayne Hale; 3. 44 Nate Monteith; 4. 69 Steve Blackburn; 5. 29 Josh Hale; 6. 55 Mardy Roberts; 7. 00 Bruce Blessing; 8. 75 Steve Wright; 9. 22 Caleb Roark; 10. 15 Kres VanDyke; 11. 94 Jeff Woodward.

Charger: 1. 48 Paul Shull; 2. 16 Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 3. 7 Caleb Roark; 4. 13 Nasty Jones.

Street Stock: 1. 25 Rob

Austin; 2. 22 Roger Neece; 3. 07 Tony Vance; 4. 4 David Brown; 5. 9 Shane Higgins; 6. 11 Jeff Counts; 7. 18 Doug Austin; 8. 65 James Mills; 9. 2 Steven Duty; 10. 15 Jeff Thompson; 11. 34 Terry Stone; 12. 71 Chuck Crigger; 13. 16 Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 14. 21 Jeff Williams; 15. 08 David Sizemore.

Mod-4: 1. 5 Matthew Eades; 2. 3 Rocky Yates; 3. 16 Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 4. 73 Richard Adkins; 5. 44 Jody Bostic; 6. 88 Kirby Gobble; 7. 22 Mick Holtsclaw; 8. 75 Jenna Wagner; 9. 15 Colin

Eades; 10. 43 Blake Roark; 11. 9 Hershel Robinette; 12. 13 David Brown.

Pure-4: 1. 1 Linton Perry; 2. 94 Tom Hodges; 3. 9 Jeff Bobo; 4. 3 Stacy Head; 5. 22 Anthony Home; 6. 91 Tim Pressley; 7. 4 Tony Casteel; 8. 29 Steve Addison; 9. 20 Marion Guy; 10. 17 Steve Skeen; 11. 49 John Jones.

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StoneCrest to host free clinic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG StoneCrest Golf Course is offering a free Junior Golf Clinic for boys and girls, ages 8 to 17.

The clinic will be held July 14, 15 and 16, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at noon with a free lunch.

Those taking part in the clinic will be given instruction on the rules of golf, golf etiquette, driving range hitting, chipping and putting.

All golf equipment will be furnished. Participants will need to wear sneaker type shoes and follow the StoneCrest dress code, which includes Bermuda length shorts and collared shirts. No short shorts or tank tops will be permitted.

The clinic is limited to the first 100 youths who sign up. Applications are available at StoneCrest Golf Course pro shop.

For more information, contact head golf professional Wes Jenkins at 886-1006 or Paul Hughes, clinic coordinator, at 886-6471 or 226-3016.

Slone scores 18 in All-Star exhibition

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MAYSVILLE - Paintsville High School product Landon Slone scored 18 points Monday night as the Kentucky Senior All-Stars defeated the Kentucky Junior All-Stars 123-95 at Mason County. Slone was the Senior team's second-leading scorer. The Floyd County native was one of 11 players who provided scoring for the senior team.

Mr. Basketball Darius Miller paced the Senior All-Stars, scoring a team-high 23 points. Victor Moses added 20 points for the Senior squad. Shelvin Mack netted 16 points as six different players provided 10 or more markers for the winning team.

Slone has signed to play for the University of Kentucky men's basketball team as a walk-on during his freshman season. Slone could earn a scholarship following his freshman campaign. Miller has signed to play on scholarship for the Wildcats.

The Senior All-Stars set the tone in the first half, carrying a 61-27 lead into halftime.

Three different players reached double figures scoring for the Junior All-Stars.

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Career home run milestone: Griffey hits No. 600 against Marlins

by CHARLIE MCCARTHY
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Ken Griffey Jr. completed his perfect power stroke and admired the arc of his 600th homer before rounding the bases.

Who could blame him for pausing to watch this home run? The journey to the milestone took a lot longer than anyone expected.

Griffey became the sixth player sixth player in history to reach 600 homers with a drive off Mark Hendrickson in the first inning of the Cincinnati Reds' 9-4 victory over the Florida Marlins. Griffey joined Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa as the only players to reach the mark.

"I don't think I touched any of the bases. I sort of floated around," Griffey said.

The 38-year-old Griffey homered with Jerry Hairston on third and one out. The left-handed slugger launched a 3-1 pitch 413 feet into the right-field seats.

Griffey received a standing ovation from the crowd of 16,003 and responded by coming out of the Reds dugout and waving his helmet to the fans. His 14-year-old son, Trey, joined the players in offering congratulations in the dugout. Dusty Baker has managed

the last three players to achieve the milestone: Bonds in San Francisco, Sosa in Chicago and now Griffey. He was there for Bonds' 600th, on Aug. 9, 2002.

"It's awesome every time you see a milestone like that," Baker said. "It doesn't take away from the others. It adds to it."

Controversy ensued in the stands following the home run. Justin Kimball, a 25-year-old from Miami, said he caught the home run ball, put it in a wool cap and then had the hat ripped from his hands. Kimball said someone ran off with the ball.

However, the Florida Marlins announced Major League Baseball had authenticated the home run ball for a middle-aged male fan who would only give his first name as Joe.

Paul Bako had his first career multihomer game — three-run and two-run shots — and Brandon Phillips added a solo homer in support of Edinson Volquez (9-2), who gave up three runs in six innings.

Griffey finished 1-for-4 with a strikeout and an intentional walk. He exited in the middle of the eighth.

Bako said he was not bothered that his performance was overshadowed by Griffey.

"That's fine with me man," Bako said. "I was really happy

to be here and see it, and I'm proud to be his teammate and to get to enjoy it."

Hairston left the game in the middle of the first breaking his left thumb when stealing second. He said X-rays showed a non-displaced fracture and could miss two to four weeks.

Hendrickson (7-4) allowed six runs — five earned — and five hits in 2 1-3 innings. Mike Jacobs homered for the Marlins.

"I grew up watching him; I know what he did for baseball in Seattle," Hendrickson said. "It's just one of those things where I'm going to pitch to these guys and don't back down from it. You're going to give up home runs, but it came in a game where I gave up a couple others."

Still, the game will be remembered for Griffey's historic homer.

After showering and dressing quickly, Griffey faced the media with "72 text messages and 18 phone calls" on his cell phone. He mentioned he had received recent phone calls from Willie Mays and Hank Aaron, who offered encouragement.

"My father hit 152 home runs, and that's who I wanted to be like," said Griffey, whose father also played for the Reds.

Griffey, one of baseball's most prolific sluggers before

injuries began to take their toll, started the season with 593 home runs.

It took 216 at-bats to make history — his previous homer came May 31.

Griffey hit No. 597 on April 23 at Great American Ball Park, then went 90 at-bats — the second-longest drought of his career — before connecting again in San Diego on May 22.

He went another 29 at-bats, and even got a day off during the week to work on his swing, before hitting No. 599. Griffey went 17 at-bats between that homer and No. 600.

"I've been swinging the bat a lot better the last 10 days or so," Griffey said. "I was able to get the ball in the air. I wasn't beating the ball into the ground like I had been."

Like his 400th and 500th, this home run came on the road.

Unlike Bonds and Sosa, Griffey has stayed clear of questions about whether he came by all of his homers legitimately. His name has never come up in baseball's steroids scandal. Unlike Sosa, he's never been caught using a doctored bat.

Although Junior is linked numerically with Hammerin' Hank and the Babe, he has never been defined by the home run.

His game is so well-rounded that he was voted an All-

Century outfielder with Seattle before his 30th birthday. By then, his backward cap and light-up smile were the face of baseball.

His statistics were setting the pace, too. When Griffey was traded to his hometown team before the 2000 season, he was significantly ahead of Aaron's record home run pace.

It seemed like a sure bet that when his nine-year, \$116.5 million contract was wrapping up this year, he'd be the next home run king, or close to it. Then, the city would have two of its own atop baseball's revered lists — Pete Rose as the hits king, Junior as the home run king.

It hasn't turned out that way. Griffey hit 40 homers in his first season with the Reds, when he became the youngest to reach 400 career. Then came a succession of major injuries — torn hamstrings, torn patella tendon, separated shoulder, torn ankle — that knocked him way off Aaron's pace.

Nearly knocked him off the map, too.

The one-time superstar got booed in his hometown and overlooked in conversation about the game's best players. It took him more than four years to get to homer No. 500 in 2004.

It seemed he might never make it to 600.

A year later, he was back in

the swing. Griffey hit 35 homers in 2005, winning the comeback player award. He followed it with 27 homers in 2006.

Last season, he played in 144 games — his most since 2000 — and hit 30 homers, leaving him seven shy of No. 600. The Reds erected a countdown board at Great American Ball Park, and featured him on the cover of the 2008 media guide.

Griffey was the youngest player in the majors — still only 19 — on April 10, 1989, when he homered off the Chicago White Sox's Eric King on the first pitch he saw at Seattle's Kingdome.

Homer No. 36 was one of his most satisfying. It came one batter after his father, Ken Sr., homered off California's Kirk McCaskill on Sept. 14, 1990, an unprecedented father-and-son moment in the majors.

Even now, Griffey says those two seasons he spent playing with his father in Seattle were the best times of his career. And he has suggested that he would like to finish his career back there.

AP Sports Writer Joe Kay in Cincinnati contributed to this story.

Applebee's Park set to host state baseball tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2008 Forcht Bank/KHSAA State Baseball Championship is slated for this Thursday through Saturday, June 12-14, at Applebee's Park in Lexington. Quarterfinal action is scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m., 12:30, 6 and 8:30 p.m. Gates will open at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Semifinals will be Friday at 6 and 8:30 p.m. and the championship on Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now

through the Applebee's Park box office. Advance general admission tickets are \$8 each per session (two games). General admission tickets on gameday will be \$10 each. Super Club tickets (lower level behind home plate) are also available at \$12 in advance and \$14 on gameday.

High School Baseball State Tournament At Applebee's Park First round Thursday's games Lawrence Co. (30-7) vs.

Greenup Co. (36-6), 10 a.m. Apollo (32-8) vs. Louisville Christian Academy (19-17), 12:30 p.m. Lexington Catholic (21-11) vs. Harrison Co. (35-5), 6 p.m. Christian Co. (27-11) vs. Pleasure Ridge Park (35-4), 8:30 p.m.

Semifinals Friday's games Apollo-Lou. Christian Academy winner vs. Christian Co.-PRP winner, 6. Lawrence Co.-Greenup Co. winner vs. Lex. Catholic-

Harrison Co. winner, 8:30.

Championship Saturday's game Semifinals winners, 7 p.m.

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Professional basketball player Jason McLeish worked with young campers on ballhandling during Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp.

Camp

did at Prestonsburg High School."

Even in the offseason, fans continue to follow the East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization. Basketball camp participants and their parents eagerly fired questions concerning the East Kentucky Miners to Keathley and McLeish.

"To have 70 kids turn out in Prestonsburg says a lot about the reach of the East Kentucky Miners and the work we did in putting together the Pro Basketball Youth Camp," Keathley confided. "To have

that kind of support almost 30 miles outside of our playing area is a credit to this community."

East Kentucky Tire, Ronnie M. Stone Attorney at Law, Home Furniture and Wal-Mart sponsored the pro basketball youth camp.

"Without our sponsors, none of this would have been possible," Keathley said. "Myself and the entire staff of the Coach Kevin Keathley Pro Basketball Youth Camp would like to send a thank you to the sponsors and the City of Prestonsburg for making this a very successful event for the youth of this com-

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munity." Knott County Sportsplex will host Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp June 16-18.

Central Elementary was originally scheduled to host the camp June 11-13. However, due to a scheduling conflict, Central Elementary will welcome the camp July 21-23.

Sheldon Clark High School will be the site of Coach Keathley's Pro Basketball Youth Camp July 31-Aug. 2.

Each of Coach Keathley Pro Basketball Youth Camp runs three days.

FCT SPORTS CALENDAR

Focus High School

Football Combine: The inaugural Focus High School Football Combine will be held Saturday, June 14 at Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School. Coaches from NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and junior college football programs will receive full results and video from the combine.

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

The combine is open to any high school senior-, junior-, sophomore- or freshman-to-be and will coincide with the final day of the annual Prestonsburg High School 7-on-7 passing tournament.

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

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

For more information on the Focus High School Football Combine, including

registration details, call 606/794-6409, email footballcombine@suddenlink.net or write Focus High School Football Combine, P.O. Box 1677, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653.

East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps: The East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, conducted by East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley, will be held at Knott County Sportsplex (June 16-18), Central Elementary School (July 21-23) and Sheldon Clark High School (July 31-Aug. 2).

Each of the three-day camps will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The preregistration fee for an individual East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp is \$65 per participant. Two siblings in the same immediate family who preregister can attend a single camp for \$100. Each additional sibling in the same immediate family will be able to attend a single camp for \$35 through preregistration.

The registration fee for the day of each camp is \$75 per camper.

Registration for each camp will be held from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of the event.

Each East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camp participant will receive a T-shirt, participation medal and certificate of completion. The camps will also include giveaways and the chance to win various prizes and awards, including basketball merchandise and trophies.

Lunch will be provided from noon-1 p.m. every day at each camp.

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

Checks for the camp should be made payable to Coach Kevin Keathley. For more information on the East Kentucky Pro Basketball Youth Camps, call 606-437-9715 or 606-794-6409.

Pikeville College Volleyball Camp: Pikeville College will host a volleyball camp July 14-17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$60. The camp will be under the direction of Pikeville College coach Robert Staggs. For more information on the camp, call 606-218-5357 or 606-432-1807.

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Leaders- 3 (Webb 1-15, Lee 16-32, Tungate 33, Lee 34-40). Cautions- 10 (Laps 7, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 27, 28, 38). Red Flags- None. PPM Racing Products Hard Charger- Shon Flanery (Started 17th-Finished 4th-Advanced 13 Positions). DriveSmart Kentucky Move of the Race- Victor Lee (Pass of the lead off of turn two on lap 16). Time of Race- 49 minutes, 52 seconds.

O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model Point Standings

1. Victor Lee (Stanford), 4713

2. Tyrel Todd (Science Hill), 1,432
3. David Webb (Nicholasville), 1,282
4. Tim Tungate (Campbellsville), 1,266
5. Zach Carney (Mooresville, Ind.), 1,233
6. Eric Wells (Hazard), 1,118
7. Larry Gray (Lexington), 1,116
8. Mike Jewell (Scottsburg, Ind.), 1,112
9. Arnie Fields (Flemingsburg), 993
10. Chris Combs (Isom), 971

O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series

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Upcoming Schedule of Events

June 14- Bluegrass Speedway (Bardstown)- 7th Annual June Jam- \$3,000-to-win.

June 21- Clinton County Speedway (Albany)- \$3,000-to-win.

June 28- Brownstown Speedway (Brownstown, Ind.)- 10th Annual Lee Fleetwood Memorial-\$3,000 to win.

July 4- Mountain Motor Speedway (Isom)- \$3,000-to-win.

July 5 - 201 Speedway (Sitka)- \$5,000-to-win.

Dream

Wayne, Ryan Dauber, Casey Noonan, Jay Johnson, Larry Kingseed, Rick Rogers, Jared Hawkins, Wayne Chinn, Josh Richards, Rocky Owens, Brad Neat, Mark Thresher, Rocky Hodges, Doug Drown, Dillon Wood.

Heat 6: Shannon Buckingham, Audie McWilliams, Steve Shaver, Bart Hartman, Chris Madden, Eddie Carrier, Jr., Rusty Schlenk, Jackie Boggs, Clint Smith, Ray Cook, Brian Ruhlman, Jason Feger, Billy Rust, Shannon Thornsberry, Bill Williams, Tommy Kerr

Dale Groves, Jr., Chris Conley, Jeff Beyers, Delmas Conley. C-Main: Moran, Hill, Ratliff, Dauber, Arms, Lux, Heckenast, C. Smith, Shirley, Schlenk, T. Boggs, Stovall, Cook, J. Boggs, Johnson, Bland, Wells, Jacobsen, Noonan, Bowersock, Roberts, Reaume, Casey, Kingseed. B-Main: Birkhofer, Combs, Hartman, McDowell, B. Smith, Mars, Gill, C. Ruhlman, Madden, Carrier, Jr., Erb, Eckert, Ratliff, Babb, Arms, Hill, Dauber, VanWormer, England, Payne, Mason, Moran, Lux, Casebolt.

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The 100-lap Dream: 1. Scott Bloomquist; 2. Brian Birkhofer; 3. Shane Clanton; 4. Jimmy Owens; 5. Tim McCreedy; 6. Earl Pearson Jr.; 7. Shannon Buckingham; 8. Steve Shaver; 9. Chub Frank 10. Bart Hartman; 11. Audie McWilliams; 12. Wendell Wallace; 13. Eric Jacobsen; 14. Rodney Combs; 15. Mike Marlar; 16. Billy Moyer; 17. Shawn Toczek; 18. John Blankenship; 19. Don O'Neal; 20. Dale McDowell; 21. Aaron Scott; 22. Tim Fuller; 23. Matt Miller; 24. R. J. Conley.

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Kentucky Senior All-Stars 123, Kentucky Junior All-Stars 95. Exhibition at Mason County

Senior All-Stars— Miller 23, Brown 4; Henderson 1, Johnson 6, Mack 16, Morris 4, Moses 20, Slone 18, Sorrell 14, Sparks 7, Stewart 10.

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Kahne wins at Pocono, claims third victory in four weeks

by JENNA FRYER
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LONG POND, Pa. — With pit strategy so critical at Pocono Raceway, it was no surprise to see Kasey Kahne's team make a sudden change.

It could have cost him a victory. Instead, Kahne rallied to his second points race victory in the last three weeks with a dominant run Sunday in the Pocono 500.

It nearly went awry early in the race when Kahne headed to pit road for a four-tire stop. At the last minute, crew chief Kenny Francis called for just a two tire stop, and the crew was caught flat-footed when Kahne drove away missing three lug nuts on one of his wheels.

Kahne had to return to pit road for a second stop, which dropped him to 38th.

"Kasey did a great job driving it back up through the field," Francis said. "We had a really, really good car, to be able to do that. It was pretty

impressive to watch, really, for me. There at the end, I finally was relieved that we got back up front and were leading the race."

That's what momentum can do to a team, and Kahne and his No. 9 crew have been riding a wave of it since winning the All-Star race a month ago. Including that \$1 million win, Kahne has been to Victory Lane three times in the past four events.

He knows he's got his fans to thank after they voted him into the All-Star race, giving him the push he needed to rally his way to ninth in the Sprint Cup Series standings.

"As a driver, I didn't feel like my confidence was down. But until I actually won this year, the All-Star race, I realized that I was leaving a little bit out there and wasn't communicating probably like I should have been," Kahne said. "I definitely credit the fans for getting us into the All-Star race. That gave us the momentum."

"That gave the company the excitement and the momentum that they needed, and myself, and that's when I personally feel like I started communicating better and I've done a much better job since."

Has he ever. He followed the All-Star win with a victory the next week in the Coca-Cola 600, and although he bobbled last week with a 31st-place finish at Dover, he owned Pocono.

Kahne started from the pole, overcame the missing lug nuts and led a race-high 69 of the 200 laps in his Dodge.

"Never. I've never had a car that dominant before," Kahne said. "This one stayed the same all day long. It was so good all day long."

Brian Vickers was second for his best finish since joining Red Bull Racing at the start of last season, and Denny Hamlin was third to give Toyota two cars in the top three.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was

fourth and appeared winded after racing over four hours on the hottest day so far of the NASCAR season.

Temperatures hovered around 90 degrees all day, even after a brief rain shower halted action midway through the race.

Vickers declared himself exhausted and blamed some of the issues on rising heat in NASCAR's new car.

"It's brutal. We're going to the infield care center after the races and that's ridiculous," Vickers said. "NASCAR needs to step in and ... cool these cars down to help us. It is extremely freaking hot out there."

Hamlin was pale white and clearly spent as he nodded in agreement.

"I saw Brian, and even Junior needed a second to breathe. It's just tough," Hamlin said. "We're trying as drivers to stay hydrated, but these cars are just way too hot."

Jeff Burton was fifth and was followed by Jimmie

Johnson, Matt Kenseth and Kurt Busch. Carl Edwards and Mark Martin rounded out the top 10. Bobby Labonte was 11th and AJ Allmendinger was 12th to give Red Bull its best all-around day since the two-car team joined NASCAR last season.

Kyle Busch became the first driver to compete in all three of NASCAR's national series at three different race tracks on the same weekend, but fell far short of winning a triple crown and finished last Sunday in the Sprint Cup race.

Busch, who wrecked his primary car in Saturday's practice session, started at the rear of the field when he had to switch to his backup Toyota and was running deep in traffic when he ran into Jamie McMurray as he battled for the same spot of race track. It sent Busch into the garage for repairs, and even though his crew rebuilt the car and got him back on the track, he wound up 43rd.

"I saw (McMurray) get

high, get loose, and thought he faded back further than he did," Busch said. "We broke the mirror trying to adjust it there before the race and couldn't see anything out my right rear quarter panel. So I couldn't clear myself. The spotter didn't say anything, so I apologize to McMurray for wrecking their day."

Busch was second in Friday night's Truck Series race at Texas Motor Speedway, and was a distant 20th in the Nationwide Series race at Nashville on Saturday night.

But even worse, his cozy lead in the Sprint Cup Series standings was gobbled up as Busch lost 121 points of his lead. Burton now trails him by just 21 points.

"We just had a bad weekend in Pocono, that's all we can really say," crew chief Steve Addington said. "We've had a great year. You can't sit here and dwell on one weekend."

McCutchan joins Wildcat football staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former Kentucky center Matt McCutchan has rejoined his alma mater as a graduate assistant coach.

McCutchan will work with the offense, and his duties include analysis of opponent film, preparing scouting reports, conducting "self scout" of UK tendencies, overseeing the offensive scout team, and assisting with on-campus recruiting. He also will help coach the Wildcat offensive line.

"I'm very pleased to get a former player who was part of the transition of our program," Coach Rich Brooks said. "Obviously, he played a role in the growth of our offense through the 2006 season. Matt wasn't the biggest lineman, but he was one of the best in the SEC because of his hard work and dedication. Those are the qualities you look for in coaches."

McCutchan spent the last year attending a mini-camp with the Kansas City Chiefs and a training camp with the Los Angeles Avengers. He also was an assistant offensive line coach at his alma mater, Lebanon (Ohio) High School, during the 2007 season.

McCutchan was a three-year starter (2004-06) for Kentucky after transferring from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He began as

a walk-on but eventually earned a scholarship, starting in all but one of his 31 career games. Under McCutchan's leadership in the offensive line, the Wildcats defeated Clemson in the 2006 Music City Bowl. He was twice named the Southeastern Conference Lineman of the Week during his career and he earned UK's Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman award in 2005.

Prior to Kentucky, McCutchan attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School in 2000 and played right guard. He spent the 2001 and 2002 seasons at the Naval Academy but did not see varsity action due to injuries. He received a rare sixth season to complete his eligibility due to the injuries sustained at the Academy.

McCutchan, a member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 2005, graduated in 2006 with a degree in economics. He is currently working on a master's degree in sport leadership.

A native of Lebanon, Ohio, McCutchan attended Lebanon High School where he was first-team all-state as a junior and second-team all-state as a senior, playing tackle on offense and tackle and end on defense.

McCutchan replaces Lawrence County native Gerard Parker, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Tennessee-Martin.

HARNESS RACING HONOR



James Stiltner II of Van Lear is this week's Dairy Cheer Driver of the Week at Thunder Ridge Harness Racing Track. Since the previous Wednesday, Stiltner had five wins in 13 drives. He also had a pair of second-place finishes and three third-place finishes. Stiltner will receive a \$20 gift certificate from the Prestonsburg Dairy Cheer.

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Painstville, Ky from Monday - Friday between 8:00am thru 4:30pm.

18 years or above needed, you must have computer skills, accounting experience not needed. Any job experience needed, you will earn up to \$25,000 monthly. Email me at norrisnelson40@yahoo.com.

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 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

Miscellaneous

Wanted: House to rent or land contract. Elderly couple prefer all rooms on one floor. Call 889-9276 or 791-7339.

For sale: 2 800 Watt Max 10" subwoofers Volfenhag. Also Boss Amp 400 series. \$ 200. Call 789-8792 or 792-8657.

2 karat diamond choker necklace for sale. Call 791-0107.

Real Estate

Houses

Home for sale or rent. Located in Van Lear. 3 Br, 2 story fenced in yard. \$400 per month or \$30,000. Call 792-6882.

Condo for sale: located in West Palm beach. Gated senior village. 1 Br, 1 1/2 bath, enclosed patio. Beautifully decorated. 1st floor corner unit. Reduced price. Call 606-437-7733.

For sale by owner. 230 South Highland Avenue, Prestonsburg. Recently updated 2-story home in downtown Prestonsburg. 3 Br, 2 bath, original

hardwood flrs, gas logs, private back deck, large 32x20 storage bldg. Approx 1688 sq. ft. Reduced to \$105,000. Owners relocating!! Call for an appointment. Call 886-3748.

House for sale! 3 Br, 1 bath, kitchen, livingroom, diningroom, large utility room and office space. Located at McDowell with in walking distance from the school. For more info call 606-377-2680.

House for sale: 3 br, dining room, kitchen, single bath with full size unfinished basement. 5,500 sq ft with garage area. Located half mile south of World Wide Equipment. Call 874-2421.

3 Bd house for sale. 1 1/2 bath new kitchen & app. Commercial bldg also located on property. Located on Middle Creek. Call 8886-2699.

Brick & Stone House for Sale. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

For Sale: 35 acres of land, one story house with 1,600 sq.ft of living space, partial basement located in Floyd County at Hi Hat, Ky. Two acres of flat land with the rest hillside. Four bedrooms, two full baths, living room, dining room and kitchen. Appraised

value \$65,000. Price non-negotiable. Cash up front. No land contracts. Contact Mike Mullins at 606-785-5475 (8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.weekdays) or 606-251-3414.

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

Sale or Lease

Level lot for sale: 100x300 with city water. \$15,000 Call 886-8366.

Acres for sale. Located at Rt 80 close to Martin. Possible commercial property. \$85,000. Call 886-8366.

Building for rent: approx.2500 square ft. Former John P. Wells garage. Equipped with mechanics lift.

Located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Call 886-9690 for more info.

Beauty Shop For Rent fully equipped located on South Lake Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Ready to move in! Call 886-9690 for more info.

Prestonsburg business for lease. Great location on the main road, close to downtown and the courthouse. lease as is or change, many possibilities, ie restaurant, sports bar, office complex-ample parking. May consider selling. Call 791-3663.

FARM FOR SALE
 Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derosselt Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

APARTMENT

New town house
 Apt for rent. 2 br, 1/12 bath, stove, fridge, DW, W/D hookup. City limits at 23 & 80. \$650 mth plus utilities and

\$350 deposit. 1yr lease. NO PETS Call 237-4758.

1 or 2 Br, apt for rent. Also a 3 br for rent. Located in David. All utilities included. Call 606-454-5494 or 606-297-9851.

1 Br apt for rent. Utilities pd. W / D provided. Very clean, private and quiet. Suitable for working single or couple. Located between Allen and Prestonsburg on Rt 1428. No section 8, no drugs, no pets. Criminal background check. \$495 month. \$200 deposit. Call 226-0999.

For rent: small, clean, furnished studio apt. Suitable for one person. \$275 per month. Deposit required. Call 886-6208.

For rent: Furnished 2nd floor studio apt. Suitable for 1. Located on University Drive near food city and BSCTC. Utilities included. No Hud and no Pets.Call 886-3565.

accessible Apt. rent is based on income. Contact Kathy 452-4777

2 br, 1 ba apt for rent. Living room, dining room. Fully furnished. All utilities furnished. Located at level. \$795 per month plus \$795 security deposit. call 606-422-1862.

Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

House for rent

Country Cottage for rent. 2 Br, 1 1/2 bath. Lg LR eat in Kit and dining room. W and D hook up. 1 1/2 miles from Clark school. Lease only. \$475 per month. 886-6219 or 886-8459.

Mobile Homes

2 Br, mobile home for rent with washer and dryer. Just of Mt Parkway on RT 114. Call 886-8724.

Special FHA Finance Program
 \$0 Down if you own land or use family land. We own the bank your approved. Call 1-866-597-2083.

LOTS FOR RENT
 Dwale Mobile home Park. off US 23 near Prestonsburg. Nice quiet community. Restrictions apply. 606-377-2357

Mobile home for rent. Beautiful, 3 br, 1 bath. Located on Cow Creek. \$410 mth plus utilities and security deposit. No dogs. Hud accepted. Call 874-2802.

2 Br, mobile home for rent. Located at Garrett. HUD approved. Call 606-432-9110.

Mobile home lot for rent. Located 6 miles from the Mountain Arts cen-

ter at Blue River. \$ 125 per month. Call 886-9317 or 791-9311

Mobile home for rent: Clean, good neighborhood, nice yard, storage building and paved parking. 16 ft wide mobile home. Spacious living room & kitchen. 2 br 2 bath, garden tub in master bedroom. Some restrictions. \$500 mo plus utilities. Phone 886-0226 after 5 pm and weekends.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0324

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that GCAS Corporation, P.O. Box 2886, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile north of the community of Dana, in

Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 28.46 surface acres, and will underlie 9.47 acres. 6.24 acres of the underground rests beneath proposed surface acreage, and is included in the surface acreage. The total acreage to be permitted is 31.69 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road, and located within Johnson Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Randy Hayes, et al., Appalachian Land Company, and Junior L. Conn & Loretta Conn. The permit area will underlie land owned by Sylvia Hall. The operation will use the surface area and surface contour methods of mining. The application has been filed for

Attention: Floyd County Bid Proposals

Floyd County Fiscal Court is advertising for sealed bids for the fiscal year July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009. Bids for the following items are being accepted — cleaning supplies, gravel, asphalt & placement, use of equipment with hourly rates, the grade placement of concrete slabs & footers per yard, drain pipes & gabion baskets, bridge materials, pool chemicals, park supplies, food for Floyd County Detention Center, fuel filters, oil, grease, and other vehicle materials, double walled plastic, heating & cooling, construction of concrete bridges, and diesel fuel.

Bid packets may be picked up at the front desk of the Floyd County Judge/Executive office, beginning June 9th, at 8:00 a.m., and the sealed bids will be accepted no later than 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 26th, at the office, of the Floyd County Judge/Executive. The sealed bids will then be opened at the special meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Friday, June 27, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call (606) 886-9193; ask for Libby.

Notice of Sewer Use Ordinance of Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

Pursuant to the consent judgment entered into between Prestonsburg and the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, the EPPC approved, by letter postmarked April 15, 2008, the sewer use ordinance which properly defines and adequately prohibits illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system. Additionally, the sewer use ordinance gives the city oversight of connections to the city's sewer system, by means of right-of-entry and inspection provisions, and it further provides for remediation of the illicit connection and enforcement of the city's rules with appropriate penalties.

Upon the EPPC approval of the SUO Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission shall notify its customers pursuant to the consent judgment filed August 7, 2007. PCUC shall notify its customers within forty-five (45) days of the existence of the SUO (May 31, 2008). Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the EPPC notification (July 15, 2008), PCUC shall commence enforcement of these SUOs with respect to illicit connections to the sanitary sewers. An exception to the prohibition on unauthorized discharges to PCUC's sanitary sewer system shall be allowed within any area designated as a Historical District by city ordinance. Within such Historical District, PCUC may allow unauthorized discharges to the sanitary sewer system from structures having historical significance and which discharges may not be reasonably abated without undue damage to the historic structure.

Ordinance No. 3-2000

An ordinance of the City of Prestonsburg acting through the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission (PCUC) concerning use of the municipal sanitary sewage collection and treatment system, setting forth policy, definitions, rules and regulations regarding the use of said system, controlling private wastewater disposal, governing the building of sewers and connections, pollutant discharge limits, pretreatment program administration, establishing the right of the City through PCUC to charge fees for administering the City's reasonably necessary functions related to sewer use, and delineating powers and authority of the PCUC inspectors and setting forth the methods and procedures of enforcement of the ordinance and penalties for violation of same repealing prior ordinances.

Whereas, the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) has constructed facilities and improved collection lines to same; and Whereas, the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) has determined the need for the adoption of a Sewer Use Ordinance to properly control the effluent to be discharged by the public into the City's sewer system, and the use of the system;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City of Prestonsburg (PCUC) that the following ordinance shall be in effect from the date of publication hereof and until repeal and/or amendment thereof by the legislative body of the city.

Adopted, this 8th day of May, 2000.

A copy of this sewer use ordinance will be available at the offices of the City of Prestonsburg and the available at the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission during normal business hours.

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Contact: Donnetta Mullins 606-886-8506, today, or mail to P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 and Picture it Sold!

Proposals are Requested for a NEW 12-Passenger Van
 The proposal needs to include total cost for one vehicle "Out the Door." The proposals will be considered based on price, features, warranty, spaciousness, independent evaluation in recent years, EPA gas mileage, accessibility and insurance cost. For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606-285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2 p.m., local time. June 12, 2008. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all proposals.

INVITATION TO BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
 Pursuant to KRS 45A.365 and Board Policy 04.32, the Floyd County Board of Education is hereby providing notice that the Board will receive sealed bids for the following items and/or services listed below:

- Soft Drink Machine Vending
- Fencing
- Waste Water Treatment
- Facilities Maintenance
- Backhoe & Excavation
- Oil & Lubricants
- Diesel Fuel & Gasoline
- Auto Replacement Parts
- School Pictures
- Miscellaneous Items

Bid Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained by contacting Michael Long via phone at 606-886-4528, via e-mail at: michael.long@floyd.kyschools.us, or via mail at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. In addition, electronic copies can be obtained on the internet at the following website: <http://www.floyd.kyschools.us/publicnotice.html>

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. EDT, on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, and will be opened on this date at 1:05 p.m. EDT. All envelopes must be clearly marked **SEALED BID** on the outside of the envelope, with the items or services you wish to bid on. All proposals must be received by the time designated, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Proposals will be publicly opened and read at the time and location stated above.

The contract(s) may be awarded to the lowest and/or best evaluated qualified proposal meeting all specifications and conditions, subject to all other provisions of the item/service request for proposal, and be in the best interest of The Board of Education. A one-year contract with the option to renew annually for each item/service listed above is scheduled to be awarded at the board meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m., June 23, 2008, at Betsy Layne High School, 554 Bobcat Blvd., Stanville, KY 41659.

public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Public Notice
Ms. Beverly May, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, 363 Wilson Creek Road, Langley, Kentucky 41645 has petitioned the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet to declare an area unsuitable for all types of surface coal mining activities, pursuant to 405 KAR Chapter 24. The petition number is LUM 08-2. The petition area is located in Floyd County and consists of 2,006 acres in and around the Wilson Creek watershed adjacent to the town of Langley. The purpose of this notice, pursuant to 405 KAR 24:030, Section 4(3), is to notify the general public of the receipt of a complete lands unsuitable petition and to request submission of relevant information pertaining to this petition. Any persons with an ownership or other interest of record in the property covered by the petition who wish to be notified of any hearing should identify themselves in writing to: Paul J. Ehret, Director, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, # 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort,

Kentucky 40601. The petition document is on file for review and copying (at cost) at the above address, as well as the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-7014 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560 has applied for a permit for a surface mining and reclamation operation affecting 50.02 acres of surface disturbance area and 0.00 acres of underground area, for a total area within the permit boundary of 50.02 acres, located 0.58 miles north of Hippo in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 2.47 miles northwest from KY 850's junction with KY Route 550. The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will be a haul road only operation. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Edward and Sadie Shepherd, Billy and Susan Reffett, Dexter Reffett, Madge Allen Casey, Grace H. Sutherland, et al., Floyd Allen, et al., Lona Duff, Henry and Adith Morris, Dixie Adkins, Maurice Allen, and Tina Hicks.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE1 Pursuant to Application Number 836-5333 Renewal#4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that MATT/CO., INC.; 432 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for renewal of an underground coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 7.50 surface acres and will underlie 590.13 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 597.63 acres. The operation is approximately 1.0 miles east of KY Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located in Dial Branch. The area is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will affect surface areas owned by Joe Burchett and will underlie land

owned by Grace Weedman, Roland Blackburn, Clyde Burchett, Rosie Woods, Leonard Gobel, William Jarrell, J.G. Porter, Tri-Star Development, Inc., Vivian Franklin, Rudy Harris, James Wells, Martha Johnson, John Harris, Roland Reid, Joe Burchett, Ed & Bertha Cline and Bradis Goble. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5218 Renewal No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for a renewal of an underground mining operation, located 0.4 mile northeast of Handshoe, in Knott County. The existing operation affects a total surface disturbance of 11.6 acres, and will underlie an additional 1,576.00 acres, for a total acreage of 1,587.60, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The existing operation is approxi-

mately 1.9 mile southwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 2029, and located along Salt Lick Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 33". The longitude is 82° 54' 18". The existing operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by Consol of Kentucky Inc., Western Pocahontas Properties, Arnold Handshoe et al., Jack Handshoe Heirs, Dave Compton Heirs, D.D. Compton, Ogie Mitchell et al., Madge Hicks, Myrtle Bailey, Charles Howard, Rose Oney Heirs, Eldree Handshoe Ratliff, Clinton

Handshoe, Gary Handshoe, Hershel and Margaret Handshoe, Bessie Conley, Bradford Handshoe, Sharon Chaffins, Leslie Bradley, Kirstina Strohschein and Beulah Leitch, Wayne Stevens, Wanda Hutchinson, Marvin and Janet Shepherd, Levisa Coburn Est., Betty Compton, Kenneth Bailey, Velton Prater, Charles and Becky Howard, and Lois Conley. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections,

or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5534 Amendment 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 869, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles east of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment operation will add approximately

688.21 acres of underground mining area, making a total area of 1022.67 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.2 miles southeast from Ky. Route 194's junction with Ky. Route 1428, and located on Cow Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer/Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The amended underground mining area will underlie land owned by William Blair, S.P. Davidson Heirs, Otto Endicott, Eula Lewis, James Lewis, Betty Jarvis, Henry Lewis, Ralph J. Lewis, David and Ollie Collins, Gary Lewis, Jan Salisbury, John

Harris, Daniels Creek Development Corporation, James Hunter Heirs, Kimberly Hunter, and John K. Burchett. The operation will use the room-and-pillar method of mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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POISON OAK

A good father; a good man

With next Sunday being Father's Day, I suppose it's only natural that my thoughts turn to my dad.

He died in 1969, but in the 30 years I knew Bill Pack, I was never aware of his quarreling with a neighbor, or even appearing to be out of sorts with any of them. Although he was by no means wealthy, he was a generous man with what he did have, and was known throughout the community for his benevolence. As I have mentioned on several occasions, when I was just a boy, I was often drafted to



Clyde Pack

tote vegetables he'd raised (he always tended a big garden) to older neighbors and widows living nearby. Of course, our own pantry never suffered, because he grew more than enough of everything, and had he not given some of it away, it would have rotted on the vine, or in the ground, as the case may have been.

Although he had been exposed to very little schooling during his youth, he read the Bible every chance he got. The complicated sentence structure and subtle references of the King James version never deterred him, as he'd read and re-read a chapter until he felt he had grasped its meaning.

Physically hardened from more than 40 years as a coal miner, his back bent and his hands calloused, he was still one of the most gentle men I've ever known. He never seemed to question his lot in life, and took pride in the fact that the coal he dug from deep within the earth, not only put food on his family's table, but also kept the country on the move. It's doubtful he ever traveled more than 100 miles from home in his entire lifetime, so he never once had the opportunity to see the skyscrapers and great bridges that were built from the steel that the coal he dug made possible. Yet, he took great pride in the fact that he had always provided a full day's work for the wages he'd earned.

He was a good father, and most of all, he was a good man.

And while we're on the subject, another father who could certainly be described in those terms, although practicing his fatherhood in a much different time and under much different circumstances, is our son Todd. Although both his progeny are much too young (Alison is 8 and Owen is 2) to express their feelings in an essay such as this, it is totally conceivable that when they reach adulthood, they too, will share the same feelings toward him that I do for their great-grandfather. I'd like to think that being a good father is in our genes; all part of the Pack DNA. However, since such judgement should not come from such a biased perspective, guess I'll let someone else make that determination.

One thing's for certain, though, we sure had a good example to follow. Bill Pack was a good father, and he was a good man.

Floyd native publishes book of poetry

Rockin' Chair Waltz speaks of life in Eastern Kentucky

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Born in Floyd County, in the community of Martin, R. David Biliter was raised by his paternal grandparents after his own parents divorced. Enrolling in Prestonsburg Community College following his graduation from Martin High School, Biliter discovered a love of writing after enrolling in a writing course there.

He went on to earn an associate's degree from PCC and self-published his first book of writings, entitled "Young; A Long Time Ago" at the age of twenty.

Like his grandfather, John C. Biliter, a locomotive engineer with the old C&O Railroad, as well as his father, John Paul Biliter, also a locomotive engineer with the same company (though the company's name had changed to the Chessie System), Biliter the writer continues the family tradition, himself also working as a locomotive engineer with the same company, again under a new name, CSX Railroad.

Biliter's writings have been published in magazines such as the Appalachian Journal and other prestigious publications. He has been awarded the Jesse Stuart Award for his poem, The Rockin' Chair Waltz, after which the title of his most recently published work is named.

For further information on David Biliter and his writings, you may contact the author by writing to: R. David Biliter, 312 North Sixth Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638. You may also email to either: rdbiliter@roadrunner.com or coalshedpublishing@roadrunner.com

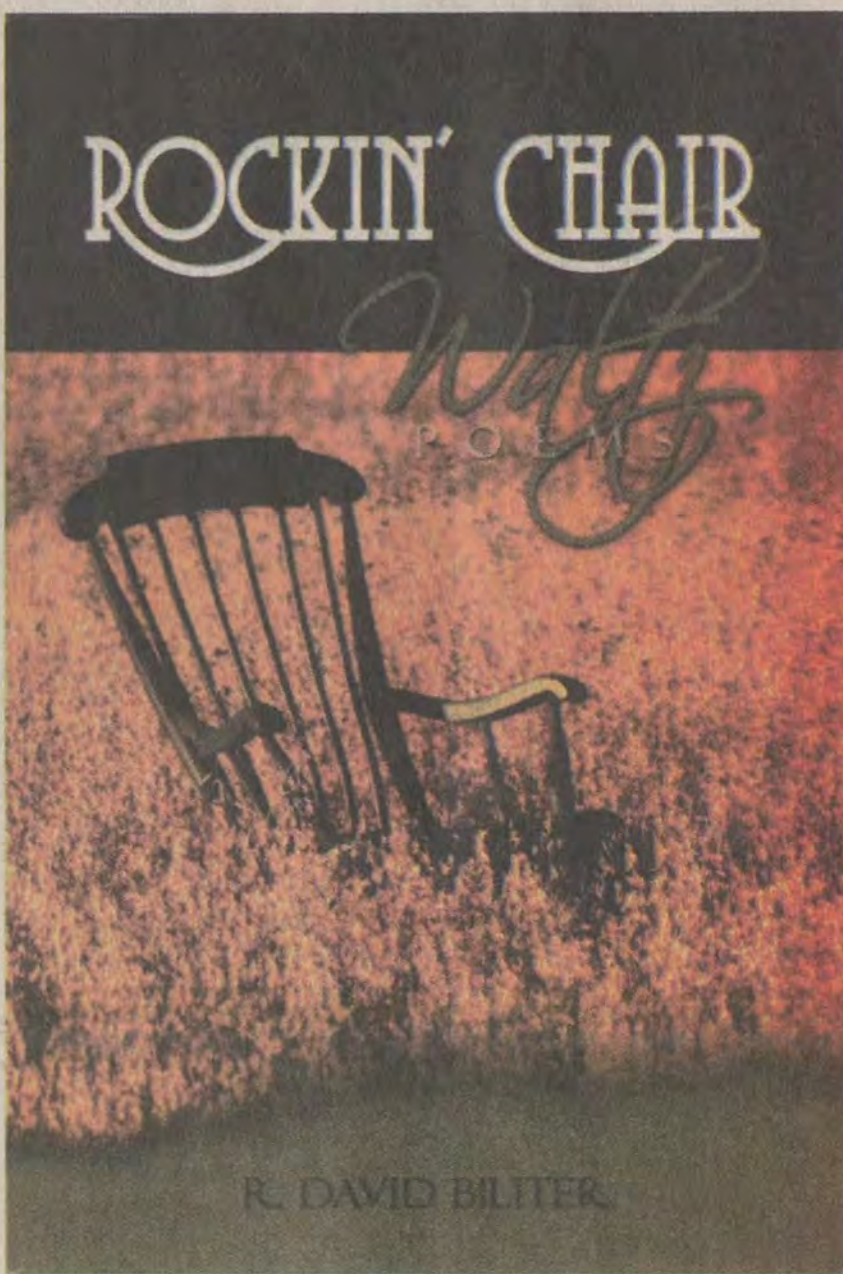
Following, please enjoy a selected few of his writings:

Rockin' Chair Waltz

By David Biliter

Beyond the fields edge, her stare locks where road swims from creek and rocks, and finally is a road. Mesmerized by country air, the cornbread burns, black skillet, another coat of burnt, with Grandma hidden somewhere in thoughts, while porch boards dance the rockin' chair waltz.

But Grandpa was a dancer too, nothing fancy, no soft shoe, he danced the clod hop his partner always the gooseneck hoe...up and down they'd always go row by row and doe-si-doe, they danced the un-sunned



R. David Biliter

sky of morning so, at noon he could take an hours' long nap, with the gooseneck hoe rested in his lap. Then the doctors came with such grave warnings, to rest the gooseneck in the mornings...take up another dance they said, or soon old man.....

So with sky leaned against mountains hair, Grandma canned the corn silk air, in wrinkled prune like lungs and listened: such youthful noises barnyards make, like oink and moo and cock-a-doodle-do, and Grandma almost smiled at such foolish, youthful thoughts, instead, brushed brittle hair back,

straightened the collar of her gingham sack, and began the rockin' chair waltz. And again, beyond the fields' edge there, Grandma locked her moistened stare, on a mound of earth that was left to show, a grave marked only by a gooseneck hoe.

Black Air

By David Biliter

That gap between the soft and rolling hills, down the brute and rugged snags of Appalachia, where life swings on rusted cliff hinge of tardy progress.

Street lamp-less streets surge pale in the sunless sky, after the mine blast. And is laid in a shroud of thick black air.

It lay like butter skimmed milk black air, in the lost legions of our lungs. That mucus pit. Yet we smile and are happy.

We watch it lay, black air in the valley like a swamp. It eats the color from the sky, and we sing the emphysema song, bed ragged choir.

The worst of it all are the children dying in the catacomb of the hillock, with dinner pales dripping off small fingers.

Down toward the mine mouth, they go, the young headlamp chasers of the carbide light. And trace the yellow beam into a cold and unforgiving darkness.

Apartments Above the 5 & Dime

By David Biliter

I've passed a million times, This town, its' Dusty roads and un-swept sidewalks,

A million times, And not once have thought above The "5 & Dime."

The apartments, With dingy windows, Like storm clouds hanging Above the streets...

And always with Some pregnant girl Shadowed there.

(See POEMS, page two)



Answering the Call

On Monday, April 7, students and teachers at South Floyd High School came out to support the Kentucky Blood Center in an attempt to help collect blood for the local hospitals. "The drive was a success and we were able to collect 26 units of blood from 37 students and teachers that registered," said David Whit, Kentucky Blood Center representative. "The students made this drive a success and each and everyone who participated in the drive are heroes because every unit that was donated could save up to three lives. The drive was sponsored by the Beta Club (pictured) and the students volunteers for the drive were Elena Fouts, Allie Hall, Kodi Hall, Tawana Jones, Faith Little, Kim Patton, Kyle Ray, Amber Tackett, Whitney Tackett, Brittany Thornsberry, The following students are on the committee but not in the photo. Brionna Jones, Brittany Springer, Angelia Crisp.

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Looking Back

This photo of members of the Floyd County Board of Education, taken more than a couple of decades back, was brought in by Judy Music, of Auxier, whose parents are pictured in the photo, sitting to the right of the festively laden table, fourth and fifth from the front. Judy thought that others in the county might enjoy picking out their own relatives, friends and former school administrators.



WYMT supports JWT

Eastern Kentucky's regional news provider WYMT has joined up with Jenny Wiley Theatre to help continue the tradition of professional theatre and theatre programming for eastern Kentucky. For 2008, WYMT will be sponsoring Jenny Wiley's production of *A Chorus Line*, an award winning musical that tells the very human stories of actors auditioning for the chorus in a Broadway musical. Pictured during the check presentation are Martin Childers, Executive Director JWT (left), and Brenda Davenport, Sales Associate for WYMT (right). Gifts from friends like WYMT help keep ticket prices and educational programming affordable. The Staff and Board of JWT sincerely thank WYMT for their support and encourage everyone to express their appreciation by enjoying WYMT's programming. For more information about Jenny Wiley Theatres 2008 productions visit www.jwtheatre.com

Poems

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But, now I wonder
Which side the kitchen sink is
op,
Where dishes pile...

And the gas heater,
That in Winter,
You back toward.

But in Summer
Sit's quietly on a bench,
With you.

There is a monster in the bath-
room.
He growls and spits gas flames,
and
Sits near the foot of the claw-
footed tub.

I wonder, which side of the bed
The wall is on, where on lonely
nights
You smeared tears like paste,
before your sleeping.
How many faces I have seen
Come from there; the stairwell,
that empties
Like a river onto the streets.

The drain traps full of coal dust
and phlegm,
Scraps from unemployment
checks,
And food stamp stubs.

What eyes have watched above
The kitchen sink, for the once-a-
week barge
That hauls what is left of the #3
seam.

The Elkhorn Coal Company
limps
Like the rest of us,
After a lifetime of working the
coals...

And with a blue-grey puff of
smoke,
It warns survivors,
This might be it...

The last trip down river...
And so they wait,
Wait to see if there is work
tomorrow.

The apartments over the 5 &
Dime
Are full. No vacancies,
Not now, not ever...



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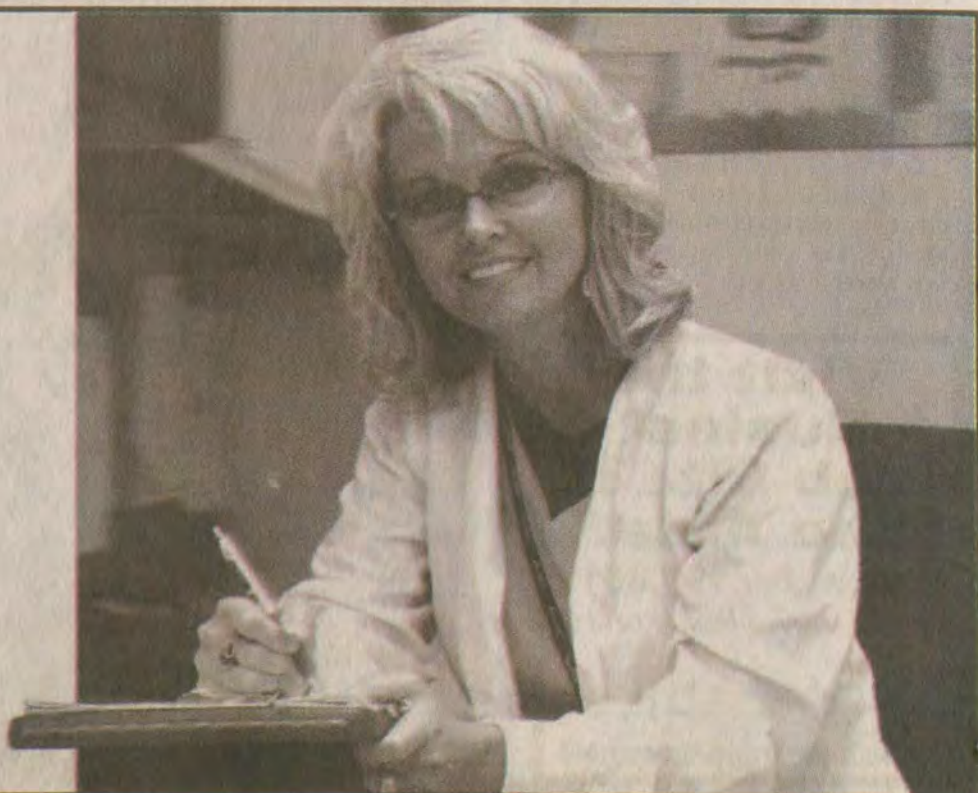
Dr. Bernard comes to King's Daughters after practicing in Louisville for several years. A Kentucky native, he is practicing with neurosurgeon Jerrel Boyer, D.O.

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
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Times,
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70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(June 12 and 17, 1998)

Security was tight during the last school days at Prestonsburg High School, after rumors began there had been a student with a gun at the school. Floyd interim superintendent Mike King, who has spent the last 10 days at the school, said the presence of police and security personnel at the school have caused a tense situation.

Floyd Fiscal Court members rejected a motion to hire an administrative assistant for Judge-Executive Ben Hale, after court officials questioned the legality of the issue.

Tiana Mae Burke, 21-month-old daughter of Tim and Lisa Burke, has been selected to be the poster child for the Shrine Hospitals' annual paper crusade in Kentucky counties.

Curt T. Blackburn, 58, of Prestonsburg, father of a graduating student at Adams Middle School, was arrested during the ceremony after he allegedly began "knocking over chairs," causing a disturbance at the school's graduation ceremonies, last Friday.

Floyd school board members voted last night to close five county schools, much to the disappointment of a crowd of several hundred parents. In an unanimous decision, the board voted to close Harold, Prater, Auxier, Melvin and Martin Middle Schools at the end of the 1997-98 school year.

The Civil Air Patrol's local chapter, the Bert T. Combs Squadron, hosted a training session, Saturday, for five other squadrons from across the state. Squad members were briefed on a mock situation, and prepared to begin a search for the source of an ELT's signal transmission.

Eight of 10 Prestonsburg High School students charged in connection with vandalism at the school, apparently attended graduation Friday, after a Pike County judge issued a restraining order. Local school officials had barred the 10 students from attending Friday's ceremony, after they entered the school on June 7, and glued locks on approximately 20 of the school doors. In a separate incident the same night, three juveniles were charged in connection with flooding the school.

Craig Triplett, 37, of Bevinsville, was arrested, Monday, after he allegedly brutally attacked and raped an area resident. He was taken into custody shortly before 9 p.m., Monday, and lodged in the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

Regana Lafferty, 45, a former employee of a

Prestonsburg insurance agency, was arrested last week for allegedly converting premium fees to personal cash.

Allen Central's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets have continued to march to the same beat, by bringing top honors from summer camps for the third straight year.

There died: Delcie Ray Bentley, 90, formerly of Lower Johns Creek, June 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Edna Hackworth Tackett, 72, of East Point, Monday, June 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Herman Stone, 55, of Kite, Tuesday, June 9, at his residence; Clova Calhoun, 59, of Kite, dead on arrival at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Tuesday, June 9; Pauline Castle Case, 73, of Martin, Tuesday, June 9, at her residence; Rita Faye Anderson Shell, 37, of Raccoon, Monday, June 8, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Blanche Mullins, 67, of Weeksbury, Wednesday, June 10, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ada B. Calhoun, 77, of Amburgey, Sunday, June 7, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital; Opal Jean Caudill, 53, of Sassafras, Wednesday, June 10, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital; Pearl Cook, 71, of Topmost, June 11, at his home; Dolla M. Hyden, 76, of Wabash, Indiana, June 15, at her residence; Otis Doyle Mullins, 73, of Wheelwright, Thursday, June 11, at his residence; David Ralph Chaffins, 56, of Garrett, Friday, June 12, at his residence; Shiloh Combs Jr., 77, of Leburn, Saturday, June 13, at his home; Jack Wright, 89, of Lawndale, California, formerly of Little Robinson Creek, June 11, in Lawndale; Lucian Lafferty, 49, of Lexington, Sunday, June 14, at the VA Medical Center; Leonard Mulkey, 79, of Ivel, Sunday, June 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Twenty Years Ago

(June 15, 1988)

The school board's decision to close the Bonanza Grade School was met with parental opposition at the board's meeting Thursday.

The state EPA issued a water consumption advisory when a water line break at Clark Elementary caused a hydrochloric acid spill.

\$8.1 million was approved for the four-laning of U.S. 23, between Paintsville and Prestonsburg.

An attempted break-out of the Floyd County Jail was thwarted, when several items were found, which would have been used in the

escape, were confiscated, Thursday night.

July 15 will see the allowance Prestonsburg and other fourth class cities will be issued liquor licenses to proprietors within their cities.

Rep. Greg Stumbo proposed to construct a 200-mph elevated train system to link eastern Kentucky with metropolitan areas.

There died: William Epling, 92, of Banner, Monday, in Ohio; Stella Prater, 58, of Hueysville, Thursday, at HRMC; Elmer Newsome, 56, of Martin, Sunday, at his home; John Goble, 93, of Allen, Sunday, at HRMC; Johnny Johnson, 49, of Melvin, at his residence; Lillie Salisbury, 74, of Risner, Sunday, at her residence; and Alvis Frasure, 43, of Martin, Tuesday, at his residence.

Thirty Years Ago

(June 14, 1978)

Although the employment of teachers and other personnel, was the major work of the Floyd County Board of Education, at its meeting, last Thursday, the matter of getting into classwork and back out again, with the possibility of another horrendous winter considered, also engaged its attention.

The Floyd County Board of Education's announced belt-tightening policy to cut expenses, and work toward a balanced budget, has resulted in the elimination of about 25 payroll salaries, it said, following last week's board meeting.

Jack Music, detective with the Paintsville Police Department, said this week, there is not a "solid" lead to the identity of the person or persons who kidnapped, and later killed James Leonard Wells, 27, night clerk at the Heart O' Highlands Motel, Paintsville. And the investigation of the murder of Burton Conn, 47, watchman at the Triple Elkhorn Mining Company mine, between Allen and Martin, April 30, is in the same unsettled stage.

Circuit Judge Hollie Conley said, Monday, that he expects to enter an order directing that the trial of Ralph Anderson, charged with murder in the slaying of Mack Lewis at Ivel, last January, be shifted from his court to another county.

There died: Jobie Click, 68, of Martin, Sunday, DOA at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; June Irene Fick, 17, of Wheelwright, June 6, at UK Medical Center; William (Bill) Trimble, 56, of Rt. 1, Pike County, Friday, at his home; John Allen, 72, of Ashland, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, in Veterans Hospital in

Huntington, W.Va.; Malcolm Johnson, 49, of Blue River, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sherman Stumbo, 67, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Walter A. Reynolds, 69, formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday, in Louisa; Charles W. Rorer, 71, of Lancer, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Margaret Conry, 82, formerly of Floyd County, May 27, at St. John's Mercy Hospital, St. Louis; Mrs. Pearlie Shepherd, 60, of Gunlock, at home; William (Bill) Bowling, 69, of Cowpen Creek, near Pikeville, Wednesday, May 31, at home; Mrs. Gladys R. Pahon, 67, of Lackey, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

(June 13, 1968)

June 1 marked the seventh anniversary of Floyd County's food stamp program for low-income families.

The Upper Cow Creek one-room school was closed, permanently, with the last day of school last week, victim of the current trend toward consolidation.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mullins on old KY 114, near here, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin, early Sunday morning.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Burchett Jr., of St. Albans, W.Va., a son, Richard Sturgill Burchett, May 29; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne C. Griffith of David, a daughter, May 30; to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ison of Martin, a son, June 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton G. Damron of Orkney, a daughter, June 2; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hall of Topmost, a son, June 2; to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. North of Lackey, a son, June 2.

There died: Hobart Lafferty, 44, of Ashland, formerly of Langley, drowned recently in the Little Fork of the Little Sandy River in Elliott County; Harges Wallen, 72, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Mary Meadows, 57, of Lancer, last Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Everett Kendrick, 78, of Lancer, last Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Kenneth H. Brewer, 48, formerly of Floyd County, last Tuesday, at Ypsilanti, Mich.; Sam Bayes, 80, last Thursday, at his home on Abbott Creek; Andy J. Mitchell, 76, of Grethel, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; N. O. (Tavis) Allen, 94, of

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Students served do not have to attend AMS. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

•The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

•Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

• Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in

which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

•Parent/guardians may call Duff FRC to schedule physical exam for children. Call 358-9878.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and

school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

•June 17-27 - Summer Camp (PES students must register by calling 886-7088.) "Explore Learning with Lewis & Clark."

•July 16 - Back to School Health Fair, Duff/Allen Central Middle School. For all Floyd County students.

•The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

•Call the PES Center at 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

•June 16-20 - Summer Line Dancing Camp, 1-2:30 p.m., in school gym.

•June 17-19 - Kindergarten Camp, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

•Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. Center is located on the right of the school, near the gymnasium. Services available to all families, regardless of income. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

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

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the

center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

•WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Adult Education and GED Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; BSCTC

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Drug Court

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC; David Craft Center

8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments

9-11 a.m. - Hope House

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; BSCTC

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Highlands Regional Medical Center

9-11 a.m. - Hope House

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

6-9 p.m. - Betsy Layne Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

New Arrival

Stephen, Amy and Haley Armstrong, of Lexington, are proud to announce the newest addition to their family, Tyler Reece Armstrong. Tyler entered the world on Monday, May 5, 2008, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington, at 8:54 a.m., weighing in at 6 lbs., 14 oz. He is the grandson of Charles and Margie Wilson, of Wheelwright.





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Highlands Foundation has accepted the challenge to raise \$1.75 million toward construction of a new Emergency Department at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Please join us as we make a dream come true. Help bring "Hope for Life" to the communities we serve.

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Designated Giving Opportunities

Legacies and memorials are meaningful symbols of enduring communities. Highlands Foundation recognizes the importance of leaving such signs of lasting significance for future generations and invites your participation in Designated Giving.

A designated campaign gift allows the donor to dedicate a room or an area for commemoration. Some donors choose to name a room or an area in honor of their grandparents, parents, or a child who has passed on; others choose to honor a person who has influenced their lives; others may choose to honor and recognize a business or industry of significance to the community.

You may choose an area (or areas) with a designated value equal to or less than the amount of your gift. Not all rooms have been designated with a gift value but special arrangements can be made should you wish to name an undesignated area. The assigned value for each designated giving opportunity does not match either the cost of construction or the equipping of any given area. All available designated gift opportunities are advertised and circulated among prospective donors during the campaign.

While some recognition plaques may be included in the specific commemoration area, most contributors are included on a donor recognition wall, in a central and well-trafficked area within the Medical Center. Donor wishes are followed with regard to the unveiling of memorials and designated commemorative gifts. Substantial gifts are subject to consideration and approval by the Board of Directors.

Designated commemorative opportunities are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Prospective donors wishing to discuss a specific opportunity are invited to call Kathy Rubado at 606-889-6271.

To Name Emergency Department	\$500,000	119 Trauma Room #1	\$50,000
100 Entrance Vestibule	\$75,000	120 Trauma Room #2	\$50,000
101 Information Desk	\$25,000	121 Ambulance Drivers Waiting Area	\$15,000
102 Lobby and Waiting Area	\$150,000	122 Isolation Treatment Room #5	\$20,000
103 Registration Office	\$30,000	123 Treatment Room #6	RESERVED
104 Registration Cubicle #1	\$10,000	124 ED Nurses Station	\$18,000
105 Registration Cubicle #2	\$10,000	125 ED Manager's Office	\$15,000
106 Registration Cubicle #3	\$10,000	126 Treatment Room #7	RESERVED
107 Triage Room	\$50,000	127 Treatment Room #8	\$15,000
108 Express Care Corridor	\$25,000	128 Staff Lounge	\$25,000
109 Express Care Exam Room #1	\$20,000	129 Treatment Room #9	\$15,000
110 Express Care Exam Room #2	\$20,000	130 STAT Laboratory	\$30,000
111 Express Care Exam Room #3	\$20,000	131 Treatment Room #10	\$15,000
112 Express Care Exam Room #4	\$20,000	132 Treatment Room #11	\$15,000
113 Express Care Exam Room #5	\$20,000	133 Treatment Room #12	\$15,000
114 Express Care Nurses Station	\$18,000	134 Treatment Room #13	\$15,000
115 Treatment Room #1	\$15,000	135 Doctor's Lounge/Sleep Room	\$25,000
116 Treatment Room #2	\$15,000	136 ED Director's Office	\$25,000
117 Treatment Room #3	\$15,000	137 Bereavement Room	\$50,000
118 Treatment Room #4	\$15,000		

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We encourage you to join us in this important community project. If you would like to become part of our volunteer campaign team, please call Kathy Rubado at 606-889-6271.

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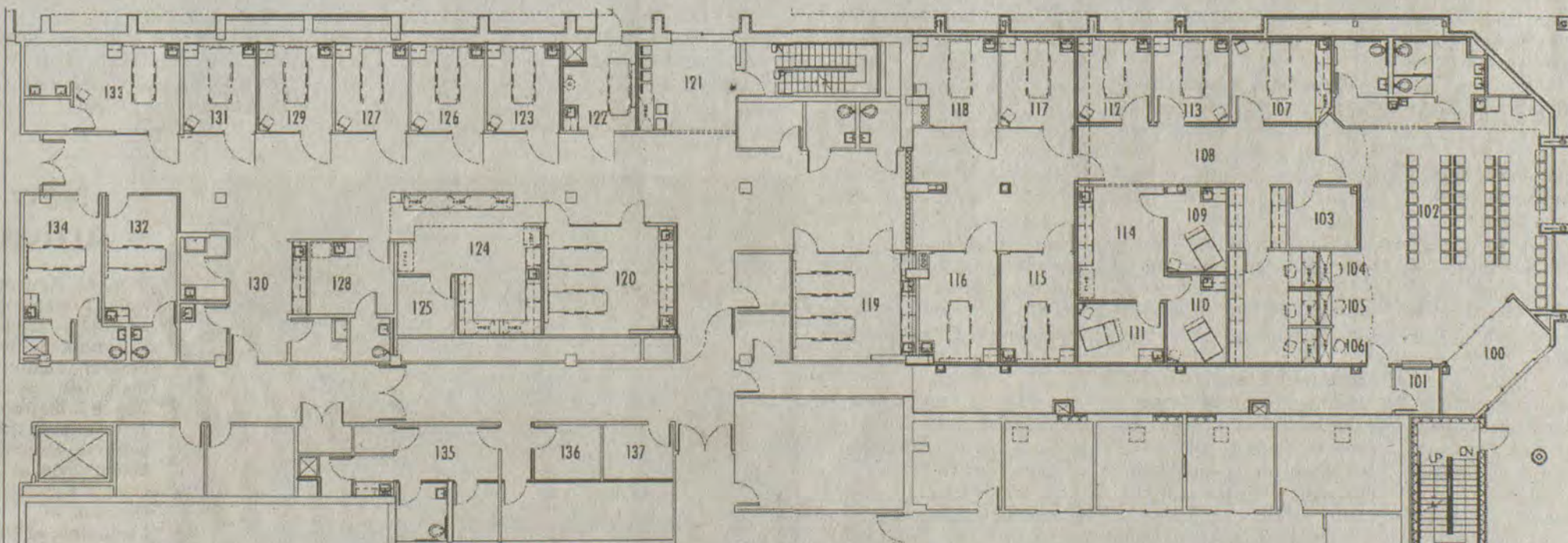
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Spring days enjoyed by PHCC residents

Pretty spring days and pleasant temperatures have been enjoyed by residents of Prestonsburg Health Care Center who have spent several days being escorted around town where they have enjoyed the sights, sounds, and tastes of downtown. Among the various activities that have been enjoyed are having lunch at Billy Ray's and stopping by the water fountain to enjoy the beautiful mural and say hello to passersby



Camryn Slone

Slone is state champ

Camryn Slone competed and received 1st place at the USTA Tumbling and Trampoline State Championship Meet, held in Lexington, on April 26. Camryn received first place in both the beginner double-mini and the novice trampoline divisions. She also received second place in novice power tumbling.

In addition to her state championship in double-mini, she received a "high point" trophy for having the overall highest scores for all ages competing in the beginner double-mini division.

Camryn is now qualified to compete at the USTA National competition, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on June 21. Camryn is the eight-year-old daughter of Chris and Kristy Slone, of Prestonsburg. She attends Prestonsburg Elementary.



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Dr. Petrella comes to KDMC from Sarasota, Fla., where she has practiced since the mid-1990s. She has a special interest in treating memory problems, gait and balance disorders, and Parkinson's disease.

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Yesterdays

Martin, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Charley Layne, 79, June 1, at his home in Honaker; Floyd Stephens, 87, of Allen, May 31, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Nancy Collins, 74, of Garrett, May 31, at the McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Mrs. Eva Roberts, 60, formerly of Floyd County, May 28, in Greenfield, Ind.; Eugene Price, 51, formerly of Floyd County, May 31, in Athens, Ohio.

Fifty Years Ago
(June 12, 1958)

The House Appropriations Committee called, Monday, for the earmarking of \$140,000 to start advanced engineering on the Fishtrap reservoir, bringing to two, the number of impoundments in process of planning to prevent Big Sandy floods.

Nineteen persons have been convicted in quarterly court since June 3, records of the court disclose.

The so-called Pocahontas railway lines—the C.&O. N.&W, and the Virginian and Clinchfield—have filed notice of plans to reduce their freight rates on fine coal into the Carolinas by 35 cents a ton.

A statistical study of the records of the Agricultural Stabilization Committee show that 403 Floyd County farmers earned a total of \$38,480.02 last year, in carrying out accepted practices, according to Elder Goble, office manager.

The fourth recipient of the Reatherford-Salyers Award, which is given annually to the outstanding Prestonsburg High School senior athlete, is Paul Philip Hughes.

Married: Miss Dorothy Herald, and Billy Ray Thompson, June 6, at the Methodist Church, here.

There died: Bascom May, 90, Friday, at his home, here; Bood Poe, 75, last Thursday, at his home in West Prestonsburg; Malcolm Vanderpool, 52, Tuesday, at his home in Hueysville; Mrs. L. L. Meade, 82, June 6, at her home in Sitka; Sam Carver, 46, of Martin, last Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Wiley Wadkins, 75, of Blue River, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Doris Jean Hall Blevins, 28, of Betsy Layne, Monday, at Ashland.

Sixty Years Ago
(June 17, 1948)

The store of Raymond Turner at Drift, was looted, early last Friday morning, of merchandise, the value of which may run as high as \$5,000.

The Dewey reservoir project was allotted \$2,071,000 total appropriation for Kentucky flood control and navigation work, given final

Congressional approval, Monday.

Top priority among Floyd roads has been given the Prestonsburg-Salyersville highway, and the route from a point near David, via Brush Creek, to Northern on Route 80.

The machinery of trial courts in judicial districts over this section ground to a full stop, Wednesday, as uncertainty prevailed over the legality of old and new statutes as to boundary lines and court terms.

Negotiations toward a new coal contract broke down, Tuesday, with the walk-out of coal mine operators, who complained that the parley was accomplishing nothing.

Milray Damron, 24-year-old Harold war veteran, died last Saturday, 30 minutes after he was struck by an automobile, when the bicycle he was riding suddenly swerved onto the highway.

The Black Cats of Prestonsburg High School won the baseball championship of Kentucky.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Webb, a son, Richard Sparr Webb, IV, June 12, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Married: Requa Kincer, of Floyd County, and Charles C. Spears, of Pikeville, June 15, at the Methodist Church, here; Miss Estelene Webb, of East Point, and James Eugene Martin, of Wayland, June 14; Miss Margaret Douglas Spurlock and Adrian Blackburn, both of Prestonsburg, June 11.

There died: Carl Crisp, 25, of Martin, at his father's home near Martin, June 15; Mrs. Molly Spradlin Burgess, 70, of Cliff, Sunday, at her home.

Seventy Years Ago
(June 16, 1938)

A verdict of murder and suicide was written by a coroner's jury in a Cow Creek home at midnight, Monday, where a 47-year-old woman was shot to death by her 50-year-old husband who then fired a bullet into his own brain.

Two Floyd County men were jailed, at Inez, Saturday, and Mark Maynard, a 65-year-old Martin County farmer, was near death as a result of one of the two accused men firing his pistol from a speeding automobile "just for fun" Meeting here, last Thursday, the Floyd

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Fiscal Court ordered the rental of road construction machinery, with options to buy, for use on the proposed Johns Creek road.

Governor A. B. Chandler is scheduled for a speech, June 18, before an expected 5,000 persons as one of the highlights of the American Legion's 10th district convention here, Saturday and Sunday.

John Warrix, salesman for the Howard Motor Company, local Ford dealer, won first prize for June Ford sales in the Cincinnati area.

Superstitions, firmly believed by many Floyd farmers, are among the greatest hindrances to progressive agriculture found in seven years of work in this section, County

Agent S. L. Isbell said this week.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Stephens, a daughter, Lyda Morgan, at a Paintsville Hospital.

Married: Maxine Fraley Walters and Belford Reitz, both of Drift, at Paintsville, Saturday.

There died: Mrs. Anna Hatfield, 29, of Estill, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Saturday; Minnie Terry, 13, of Wayland, in the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Sunday; James Payne, 10, of Hueysville, Monday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital; Ebb Waddles, 77, at his home on Middle Creek, Tuesday; Daniel Prater, 64, Sunday, at the home of his daughter at Maytown.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pingpong tactic
- 4 Vacationing
- 7 Whirled
- 11 Help a hoodlum
- 13 Apiece
- 14 Skin opening
- 15 Ark-itect
- 16 Earl Grey, for one
- 17 Egress
- 18 Rise
- 20 Burr-Hamilton event
- 22 Present
- 24 River mouths
- 28 Convertible alternative
- 32 Type of cotton thread
- 33 Lotion additive
- 34 Japanese pond carp
- 36 Nothing (Sp.)
- 37 Beatles drummer
- 39 Telecast
- 41 Girl who isn't "girly"
- 43 Recede
- 44 Conception
- 46 Old photo tint
- 50 Sow's mate
- 53 Upper limb
- 55 Consumes
- 56 Desertlike
- 57 Old

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- 10 Profit
- 12 USAF air show group
- 19 Cauldron
- 21 Moray or conger
- 23 Stir-fry pan
- 25 Despot
- 26 "Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself" author
- 27 Line of fashion?
- 28 Possesses, old-style
- 29 Vocal range
- 31 Burst
- 35 Rage
- 38 Scepter
- 40 Out of use, in the dict.
- 42 Century divisions
- 45 Vicinity
- 47 Top of the head
- 48 Particular
- 49 Venomous vipers
- 50 Satchel
- 51 Raw rock
- 52 Intention
- 54 Swabbie's tool

DOWN

- 1 "Auld - Syne"
- 2 Reed instrument
- 3 Throb
- 4 Choose
- 5 Nourish
- 6 Charlatan
- 7 Events for Akeelah
- 8 Plague
- 9 Swiss center
- 20 Wander



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