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Knott vote-buying trial begins

by TONYA AMBURGEY
HAZARD HERALD

PIKEVILLE — The trial against Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson and three other county officials began in U.S. District Court in Pikeville on Monday. The four men were indicted last

year and are accused of allegedly misappropriating public funds and vote-buying charges. The indictment accused Thompson, Magistrate Ronnie Adams and Deputy Judge-Executives John Mac Combs and Phillip Champion of conspiring together to build bridges to connect public and private roads and pave private driveways

in exchange for votes for Thompson in the November 2006 election. Thompson was appointed judge-executive by then-Gov. Ernie Fletcher in 2005, after former Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome resigned after a prison term for buying votes. Thompson then ran for election in 2006 and won, beating Democratic

candidate Mike Hall, who faced a hotly contested primary election against Adams and Combs.

In summarizing how the four got together in his opening statement on Monday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor said that Combs and Adams

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GOLF CLINIC FOR KIDS

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briefs

Arson suspected in Louisa fire

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A fire in Lawrence County which occurred in the early morning hours of June 6 has Kentucky State Police arson investigators hunting for a fire bomber.

According to Kentucky State Police, Thomas Osborne, of Louisa, had two incendiary objects, or "firebomb" type devices hurled at the rear of his home at around 5 a.m. the morning of the blaze.

According to KSP officials, Osborne was at home when the house caught fire, and he was able to extinguish the fire before it got out of control. Osborne was not injured.

The Louisa Fire Department responded to the scene to insure that the fire had been extinguished.

KSP investigators are offering a \$1,000 reward for any information which leads to an arrest of the individual or individuals responsible for the incident. The reward money is sponsored through the Target Arson project.

Those with information can contact KSP Det. Rodney Carroll at (877) 416-1208 or (606) 928-6421.

The fire is still under investigation. Osborne could not be reached for comment.

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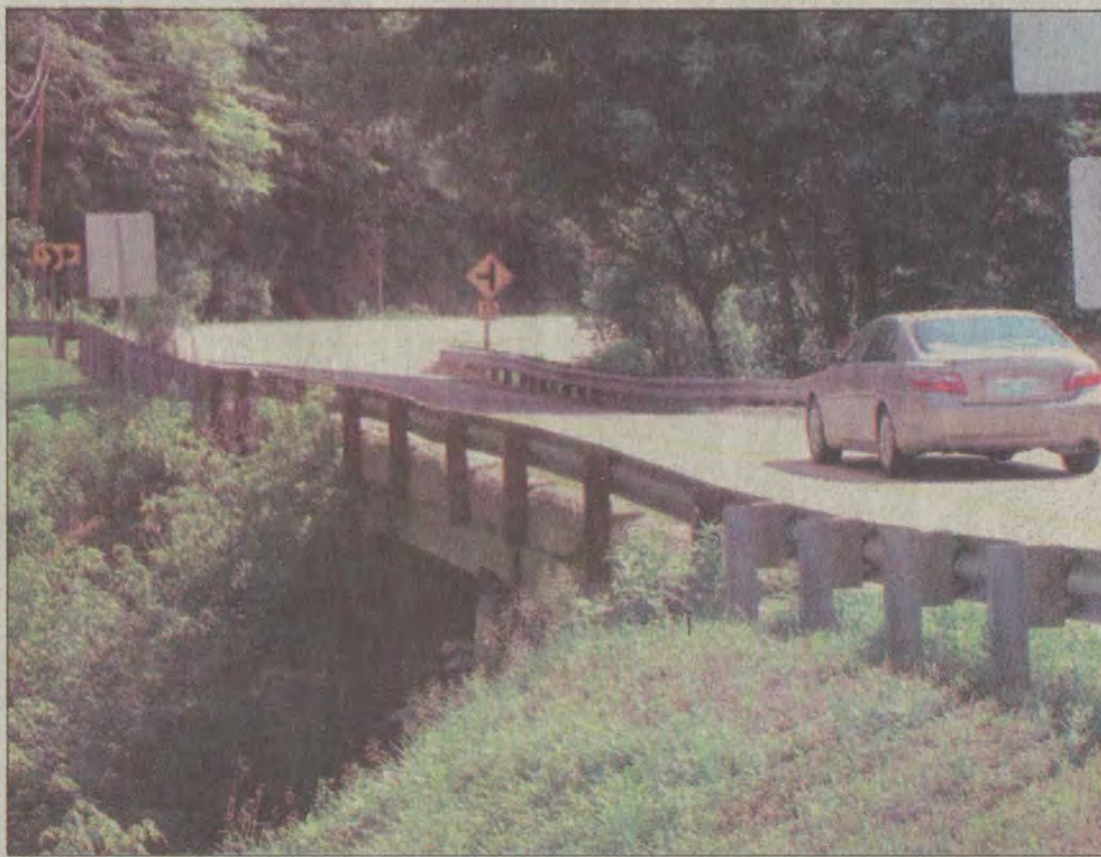


photo by Jack Latta

This bridge on Route 1428 near the junction with Route 194 is one of seven to be replaced under the latest version of the state's six-year road plan.

Eight Floyd projects listed on latest version of state road plan

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Eight Floyd County sites were part of the proposed road projects Kentucky Transportation Secretary Joe Prather issued for the commonwealth through 2014.

The 2008 Kentucky

Highway Plan released this week is a substitute for the original plan enacted by the 2008 General Assembly, but vetoed by Gov. Steve Beshear.

According to Chuck Wolfe, public affairs officer for Transportation Cabinet, Beshear vetoed the first version because of the limitations it would have placed on his ability to "administer transportation funds."

The substitute plan reportedly contains the same projects requested by the administration, as well \$317 million worth of additional projects proposed by the House and Senate.

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Motorcyclist killed in P'burg wreck

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The second fatality on Eastern Kentucky roads involving a motorcycle and an automobile in less than a week took place over the weekend near Prestonsburg.

According to Prestonsburg Police Department officials, Tommy L. Johnson, 20, of Prestons-

burg, was traveling on Route 1428 at Ball Alley Curve on his Honda motorcycle late Sunday night when he reportedly crossed the center line and struck a camper being pulled by an oncoming vehicle.

Johnson was treated at the scene by Prestonsburg Fire Department and Transtar Ambulance service. He was later flown to

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Governor calls special session

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has called the General Assembly into a special legislative session to deal with pension reform for public employees.

Beshear signed an order Tuesday calling lawmakers back to Frankfort on June 23. The governor previously said he would call law-

makers back to the Capitol if leaders agreed on a plan to shore up the state's financially unstable pension system.

Beshear said in the order there is an "immediate need to protect the retirement of current employees and modernize the pension system to ensure a financially sound and sustainable

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Today



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Tomorrow



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Education cuts come to campuses

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — The effects of a tight state budget are beginning to show up on campus.

The University of Louisville's budget cuts more than \$6 million in expenses and contains no faculty pay raises.

U of L President James Ramsey said the \$243 million budget approved Thursday by the university's board was "ugly."

"It doesn't meet our needs going forward," he said.

Board chairman J. Chester Porter said the budget reflects the economy.

"Not only are public universities having to cut

back and make some very difficult decisions, especially in reference to employees, but all of us in the private business arena have to do the same thing," he said.

Some U of L students were disappointed with the situation.

"I know we have a new governor," said Alycia Thompson of Scranton, Pa. "I thought one of his things was to help education, and he decided to cut funding to higher education."

Meanwhile, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents announced that they will

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photo by Jack Latta

Members of the Amateur Radio Communications Services Club of Paintsville — John Hager, Paul Manuel, Don Willis and Bill Dotson — posed with Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall for the signing of a proclamation declaring the week of June 23-29 to be Amateur Radio Awareness Week. According to officials, there are over 9,900 amateur radio operators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo took part in the "Cycle the Gorge" event at Red River Gorge as part of National Get Outdoors Day.

Mongiardo takes part in National Get Outdoors Day

SLADE — Saturday morning, Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo joined hundreds of other outdoor enthusiasts for a celebration of nature, recreation and Kentucky's splendor.

As a participant in the "Cycle the Gorge" event held at Red River Gorge in Stanton, the lieutenant governor biked alongside professional cyclists and families alike in an effort to bring attention to the unique outdoor recreation opportunities here in the Commonwealth.

Cycle the Gorge is one of only 40 official events nationwide to be recognized as a part of National Get Outdoors Day and the only event in Kentucky with this designation. This annual holiday encourages citizens to get up off the couch and tap into the excitement waiting to be discovered in their own backyards.

Celebrated this year on June 14, the holiday coincides with both Kentucky's celebration of Great Outdoors Month and the Adventure Tourism

initiative launched here this Spring.

"Kentucky truly has an outdoor activity for everyone," said Mongiardo. "If you enjoy fishing or boating, we have thousands of miles of shoreline. If you enjoy camping, we have an abundance of state parks. We also are home to one of the largest elk populations in the United States. Kentucky is leading the charge nationwide in encouraging outdoor recreation and today is a perfect example of the energy behind our efforts."

Saturday's celebration concluded with an outdoor bluegrass concert and barbecue dinner that evening. Red River Gorge is a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest and home to Natural Bridge, a sandstone rock formation that is a Kentucky landmark.

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Worth Repeating ...

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— H.L. Mencken

Our View

Russert's death a wake-up call for men

Suddenly and shockingly, Tim Russert died last week, leaving a void that was deeply apparent on the Sunday morning talk shows last weekend.

But while Russert's legacy in the realm of political news coverage is a topic that can and will be discussed for some time, his death can have a far greater impact by serving as a wake-up call for men to take their health seriously.

Russert, 58, died at work of a sudden, massive heart attack. Stories related by his colleagues painted a picture of the typical man at risk for heart disease — working a high-stress job, with too little attention paid to diet and exercise.

This is not an uncommon condition. Each year in the United States, over 300,000 men die of heart disease. It remains the number-one killer of all Americans.

The sad fact is that many of these deaths can be prevented by following the simple formula of cutting down on fatty foods and getting 30 minutes of exercise most days. According to the American Journal of Medicine, even a slight decrease in total cholesterol levels can reduce the risk of developing coronary heart disease by nearly one-third.

We cannot say whether a healthier lifestyle would have bought Russert a few more years of life, but certainly he could have had a healthier heart had he taken just a few simple steps toward improving his nutrition and physical fitness.

The first episode of Russert's "Meet the Press" to air following his death came on Father's Day, adding an additional level of sadness considering that Russert is survived by both his son and father. However, his death is a fitting reminder for all dads to take better care of themselves, to avoid missing precious years with their own families.

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Letter Guidelines

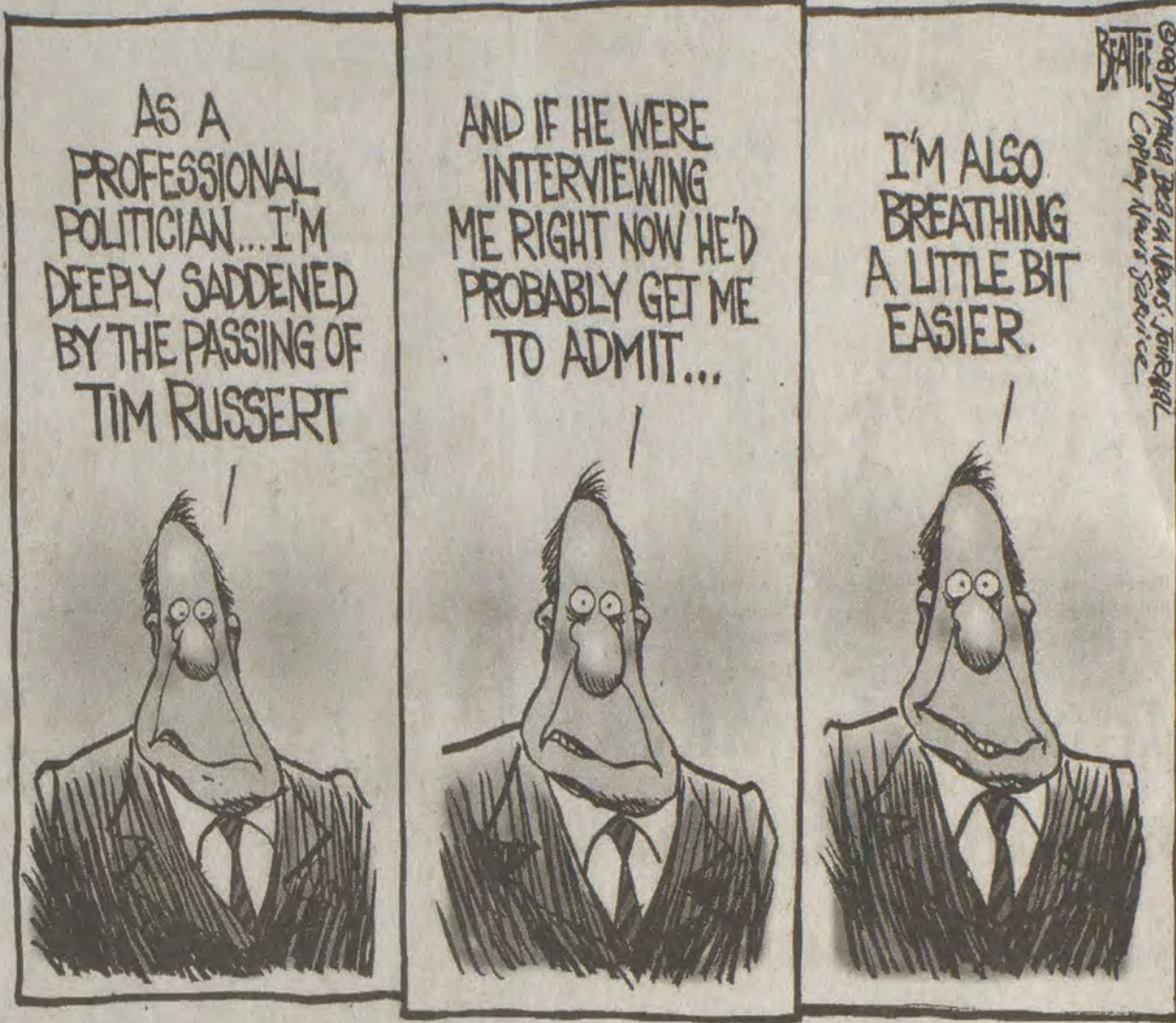
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Guest Column

Is Obama the new Regan?

by ROGER E. HERNANDEZ
KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

It's like some sort of flashback, circa 1980.

Gas prices through the roof. Iran thumbing its nose. Americans deeply unhappy about the direction the country has taken. A bumbling president whose foreign-policy blunders diminished the United States' capacity to shape the world in accordance with its national interest.

And a presidential candidate who is the polar opposite of the man in the White House, promising to change everything.

Back then, political cartoonists drew Jimmy Carter as a little boy whose feet didn't touch the ground sitting in a big chair in the Oval Office, smiling insecurely, overwhelmed by the task of being president of a superpower.

There were two superpowers in those days. Pundits fretted that the Soviet Union was growing stronger while the United States became weaker -- a perception reinforced by 444

humiliating days of Iran hostage crisis. Time magazine declared nothing less was in order than a "self-examination in which the U.S. weighs its role as a superpower and balances the inherent heavy burdens against the benefits."

In other words: let us think about drawing back and leave a triumphant Soviet Union as the sole superpower. American confidence, at rock bottom.

On the 444th day, however, Ronald Reagan took office. Minutes later, the hostages were freed. And just about a decade later, the Soviet Union was gone, leaving the United States as the globe's only hyperpower.

Today, the country needs a sea change every bit as transformative -- but not in the same direction.

Take an unbiased look at the geopolitical position of the United States five years after the invasion of Iraq, almost seven years since the 9/11 attacks and just about eight years into the Bush presidency. What you see without ideological blinders is an America every bit as incapable of having its way in the world as the America of Jimmy Carter.

Last month, the Saudis just said "no" to Bush's request to open the oil spigot. The Iranians continue to speed toward nukes, unafraid of an America

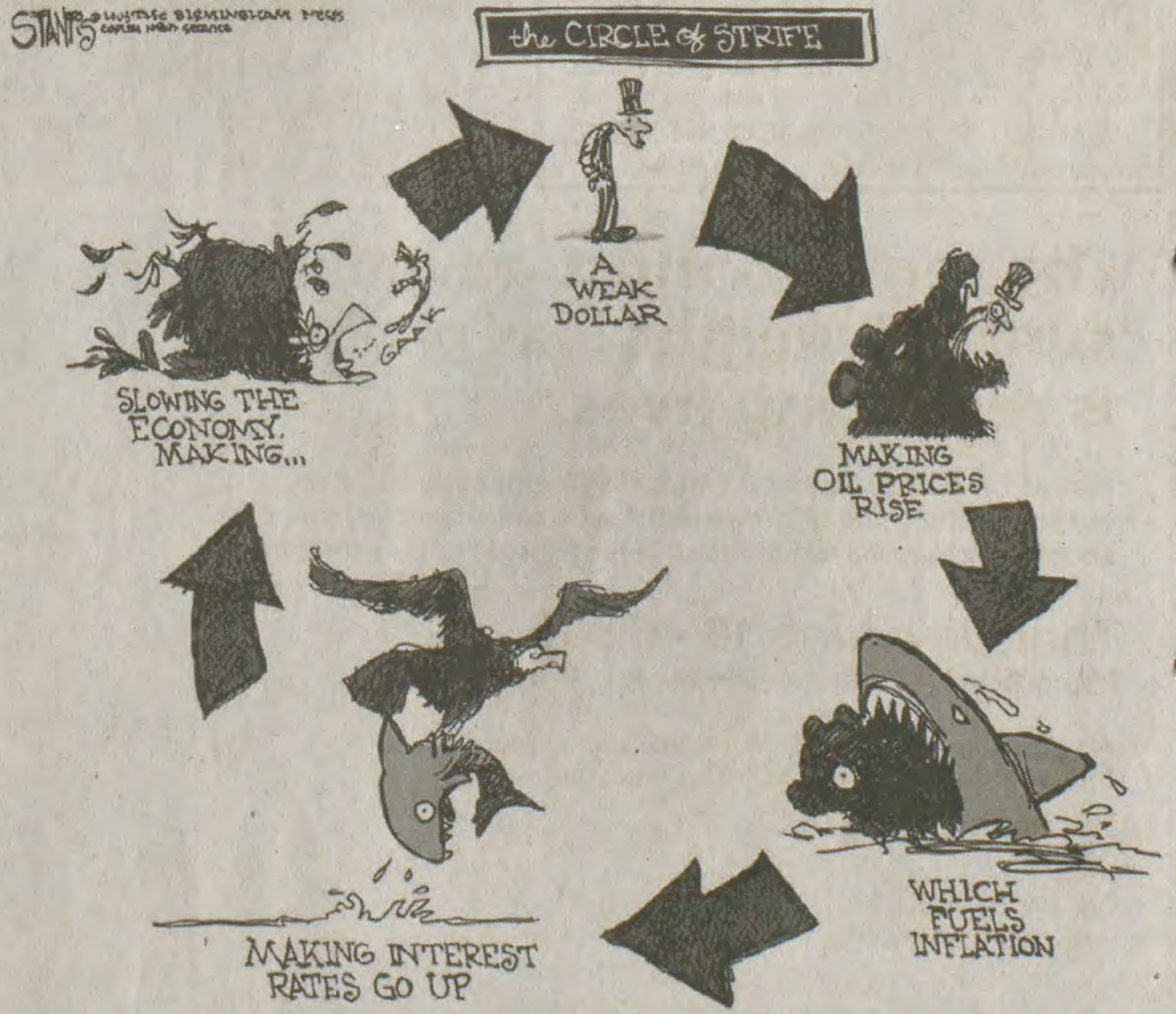
with its hands full in Iraq. Europe, which thinks we're nuts, rebuffed Bush's proposal to bring Ukraine and Georgia into NATO. There is also the absence of a policy to deal with the rising power of China.

The country's international position is as weak in 1980 -- but for entirely different reasons. The transition from Carter to Reagan was marked by a shift from vacillation to resolve. Now, we are on the verge of losing that preeminence because of an excess of resolve -- a unilateral, damn-what-anybody-thinks resolve born out of jingoistic arrogance, executive incompetence and cultural ignorance about the world beyond our borders.

Somebody has got to put a stop to this, the way that Reagan stopped the slide under Jimmy Carter. John McCain can't do it -- a watershed year like this one requires a comprehensively transformed leadership.

But Barack Obama has yet to succeed in assuring the American public that he can be not just smart, but also strong. Obama needs to show that he is no Jimmy Carter, but a liberal version of Ronald Reagan.

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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.

New date set for Miss Liberty 2008 pageant
This year's 4th of July Pageant is now accepting contestants to compete for the title of Miss Liberty 2008. The pageant date has been changed to June 22, to be held at West Carter Middle School in Olive Hill, at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Paper Dolls Pageant Productions at 606-316-0777 or 606-316-2981. Information is also available at Rowanfair.org.

Operation DVD
Operation DVD, Saturday, June 28th, at the Movie Gallery. Movies for the troops. Donate new and used DVD's now! Movies are the number one source of entertainment for our troops. Our men and women overseas are encouraged to stay indoors where it is safe, and many report when they are not working they have limited sources of entertainment. Movies help to entertain our troops while giving them the feeling of being home.

Attention, Veterans
A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg, on Wednesday, July 2nd, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance

filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll-free 1-877-856-0004 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative. Carol Livingston, Veterans Benefits Field Representative, (606) 435-6196. Fax: (606) 435-6201. Email: Carol.Livingston@ky.gov

Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church
Come join the fun in God's Big Backyard. Where kids have a blast serving Jesus at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church. Located behind Velocity Market at Betsy Layne. 606-874-0885. Melissa Henderson, VBS Director. From June 22nd through June 27, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Featuring: a Live Petting Zoo and Christian Magician.

Betsy Layne High School Class of 1987 cookout
There will be a cookout held for the Betsy Layne High School Class of 1987, on June 21st, at the Woodmen of the World Center Bldg., located next to the old Wickes Lumber building (R.E. Michels) in Dwale, KY. Guests are asked to bring \$20.00 and a covered dish and lawn chairs. This is family event. Members and anyone wishing to attend are asked to contact or send their information to Jerry Robinette at 601-527-4997. Yvette Stephens at 606-874-0563 or Shelia Walker at 606-478-8588.

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.

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."

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.

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.

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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 Harvel 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 889-0303 for more information.

Night Science
Spend a night under the stars without pesky critters around! Grab your sleeping bag and come to the East Kentucky Science Center for the Night Science programs for ages 8 and up. The programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will include planetarium

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Cinema 2—Held Over
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Cinema 3—Held Over
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Cinema 5—Held Over
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Cinema 6—Held Over
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Cinema 7—Starts Friday, June 20
THE LOVE GURU (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.
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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 9—Starts Friday, June 20
GET SMART (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.
Cinema 10—Held Over
THE STRANGER (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.

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

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 community resources available to women seeking free-

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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

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tained. 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.

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

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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 Stone, 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).


East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium

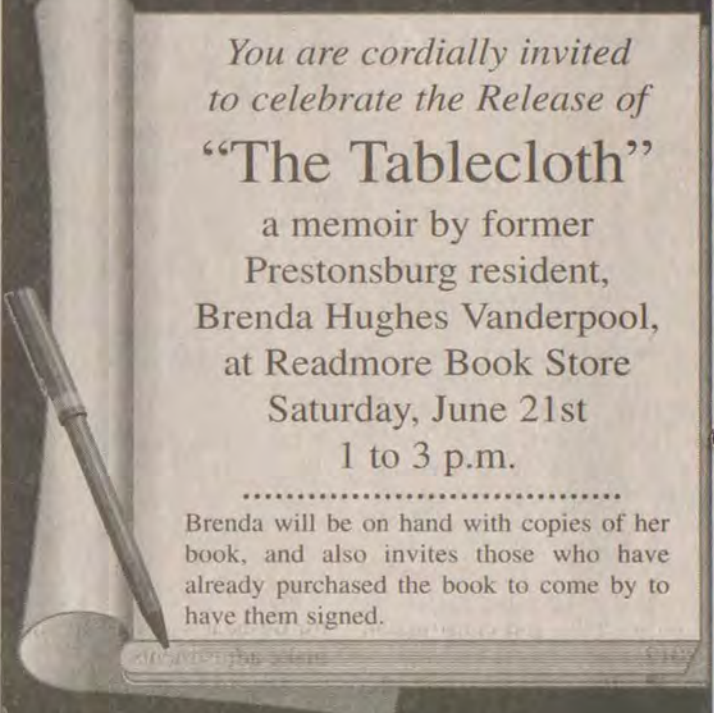
Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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Saturday, June 21st, at 10:00 a.m., at Clintwood Elementary School Cafeteria. Bring food, drinks, and any family info, including pictures, with you.

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Brenda will be on hand with copies of her book, and also invites those who have already purchased the book to come by to have them signed.



Butcher completes banking school

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank announces Pam Butcher, vice president retail banking, graduated on Thursday, June 5, from the BAI Graduate School of Retail Banking on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tennessee.

Butcher graduated with distinction, ranking in the top of her classmates.

The school is a two-year program that requires students to team up with other graduate school participants to run a financial services company, competing at the highest-level with other graduate school teams to test leadership agility and decision making abilities. Topics and sessions covered included Advanced Retail Financial Metrics, Maximizing Team Leadership and Facilitation, Federal Reserve Initiatives in the Payments System, Profiting from Team-Based Improvement, and an Operational Excellence Case Study of the Smyrna Tennessee Nissan plant.

Butcher joined the staff of Citizens National Bank in September 1979.

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Feds hire more than 300 new coal mine inspectors

By ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — The federal agency responsible for mine safety has hired more than 300 inspectors over the past two years to scour the nation's underground coal operations for unsafe working conditions.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration has been beefing up its work force in an effort to increase inspections after a series of mining disasters from West Virginia to Utah.

A report last year by the inspector general found that MSHA had failed to carry out inspections at 107 of the 731 underground coal mines operating in 2006, or 15 percent of the total.

Forty-seven miners were killed on the job in 2006, one of the deadliest for miners in more than a decade. Six miners and three attempting rescues also died in 2007 at the Utah Crandall Canyon mine, while 15 mining fatalities have been reported nationwide since Jan. 1.

MSHA chief Richard Stickler said Monday the agency has 750 inspectors with the 322 new hires. But, because of resignations and retirements, the new hires represent a net increase of 163 inspectors.

Stickler said he also has embarked on a plan to ensure inspectors complete required visits to every coal mine in the nation, aided by \$10 million earmarked for overtime pay this year.

"We're doing everything we can to see that we make all the mandated inspections," he said.

Mine safety advocate Tony Oppegard, a Lexington lawyer, said that without additional inspectors, MSHA had been unable to meet a federal requirement to visit each mine four times annually.

"It was an absolute necessity that they add additional inspectors," he said. "In my view, the best days that coal miners have underground are the days that inspectors are underground."

Stickler said inspectors have been logging about 35,000 hours of overtime each quarter to conduct inspections and ensure compliance with a sweeping federal safety law enacted in 2006.

Designed to better protect the 43,000 workers at underground coal mines, the law mandates larger stockpiles of emergency air packs. It also gives MSHA until June to require wireless communications and tracking equipment underground, among other measures.

Stickler said technology hasn't yet developed to the point of providing reliable wireless communication between underground workplaces and the surface after

cave-ins or explosions.

The agency also is studying a proposal to require coal operators to install airtight emergency refuges underground. The refuges would have to be equipped with enough air, water and survival basics to keep miners alive at least four days while awaiting rescue.

MSHA estimates that the proposal, if implemented, would cost the coal industry between \$84.1 million and \$102.6 million in the first year

and between \$38.7 million and \$43.3 million a year after that.

Regular reports of accidents are raising concerns about safety.

A 40-year-old coal miner was reported dead Monday after a below-ground accident at the Harmony Mine near Mount Carmel, Pa., about 90 miles northwest of Philadelphia. Federal and state inspectors have gone to the mine, owned by UAE Coal Corp. Associates.

Roads

"The plan designed by Secretary Prather and the Transportation Cabinet gives us the flexibility we need for making the countless decisions and meeting the many challenges that are inevitable in managing a statewide transportation system," Beshear said.

The plan lists eight projects in Floyd county to be either in the construction or utilities phase by no later than 2014.

The list of local projects and proposed timelines includes:

■ Replacement of the bridge over the Left Fork of Beaver Creek, to be under construction in 2008.

■ Replacement of the bridge over Cow Creek to be in right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation in 2008, and under construction in 2010.

■ Replacement of the bridge over Right Fork of Beaver Creek to be in design during 2008, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation in 2009, and construction 2012.

■ Replacement of the bridge and approaches on Route 194 over Brushy Creek at the Floyd/Pike county line. Utility work to take place 2008, and under construction in 2009.

■ Replacement of the bridge and approaches on Route 466 over Left Fork of Beaver Creek to be in right-of-

way acquisition and utility relocation in 2008, and under construction in 2010.

■ Replacement of the bridge and approaches on Route 777 over Right Fork of Beaver Creek will be in right-of-way acquisition and utility work in 2009, and under construction in 2010.

■ Meade Branch Road; replace bridge and approaches over Abbott Creek south of Route 1427. Will be in design in 2012, and in right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation in 2014.

■ Curve revision to include improved sight distance and a left turn lane on Route 122 at the Route 680 intersection in McDowell, to be in right-of-way acquisition and utility work during 2010 and under construction in 2012.

The 2008 General Assembly chose to cement a highway plan in a separate statute, rather than the normal legislature's budget, which would have made it impossible for Beshear's administration to make adjustments.

According to officials with the Transportation Cabinet, the legislature's plan omitted a number of projects, two of which are reportedly critical to the expansion of Fort Knox.

The initial plan brought by the legislature also reportedly omitted funding for the completion of the Cole Road widening project at Fort

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Campbell in Christian County, reconstruction of Mall Road in Boone County, an access road to St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, as well as additional pavement repairs to U.S. 23 in Lawrence County.

The substitute highway plan can be viewed at <http://transportation.ky.gov/pr ogmgmt/08highwayplan.html>.

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cut 240 jobs after having to cut more than \$13.5 million in state funding.

"We're going to continue to address everything we can. But we cannot be all things to all people anymore," system President Mike McCall said. "It's going to be interesting to see what the total impact will be this fall because we're receiving a large number of applications."

McCall said the cuts will be made by not filling open positions.

The University of Kentucky trustees are scheduled to vote on a budget proposal Tuesday. It has no funding for faculty or staff raises and accommodates a \$20 million cut in state money.

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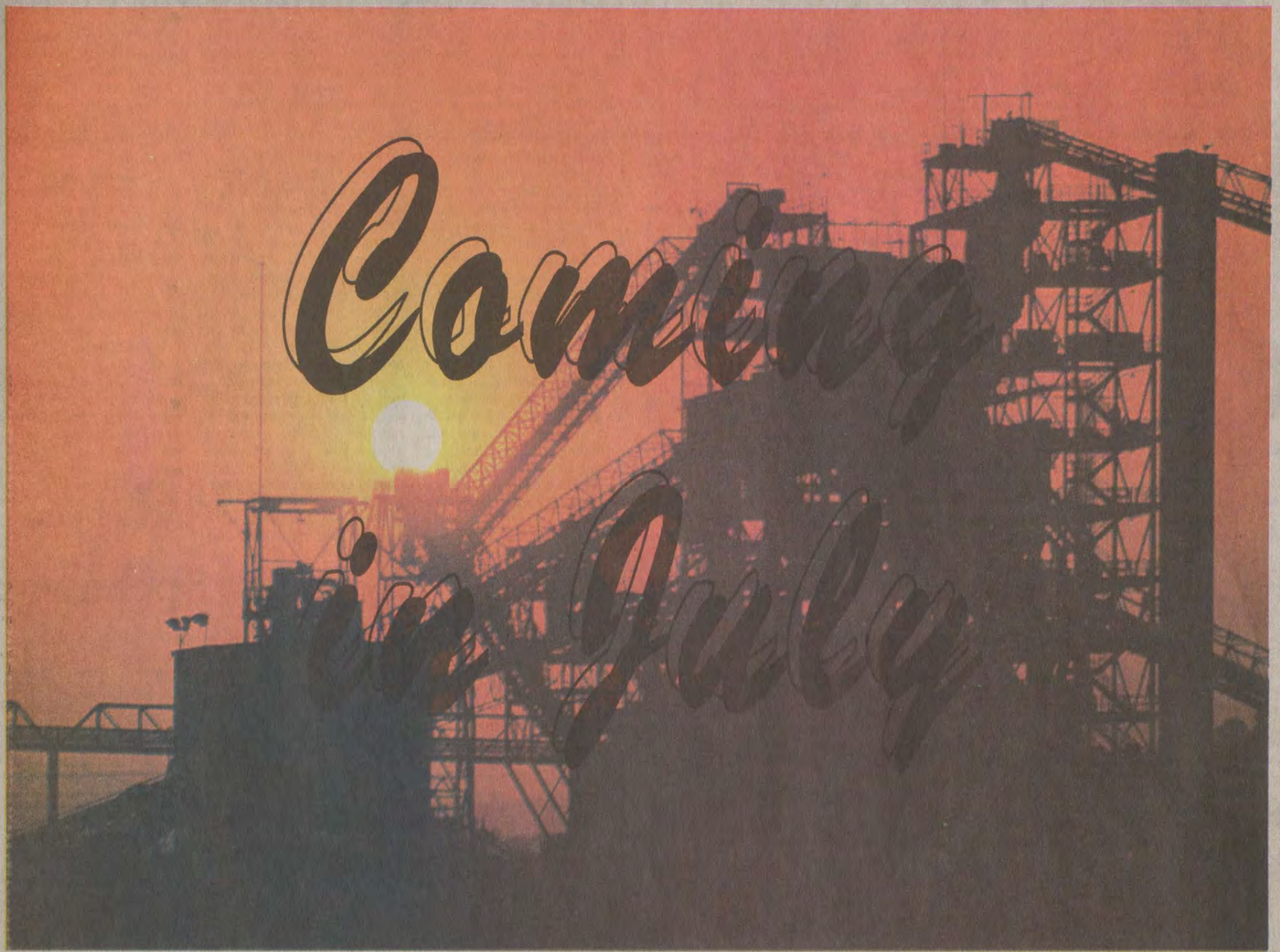
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Dad's benevolence was well-known

I've written about this subject many times over the years, but it seems to come to mind often, as summer approaches and all the farmer's markets across the country begin to peddle their wares.

In the late 1940s, despite the fact that he worked full-time in the Northeast Coal Company's Number 3 Mine, my dad always tended a big garden.



Clyde Pack

Consequently, when that garden began to produce in abundance, being pretty much useless for any other garden-related chore, I'd get volunteered to start packing pokes full of vegetables to the widows and elderly neighbors who lived, in or around, Society Row.

Pictures of Dad's gardens could have served as covers for the dozens of seed catalogs that lay among old copies of the United Mine Workers Journal, and the latest copy of Grit that Mom kept in a neat little pile at the end of our couch. No weed in its right mind would dare grow between Dad's corn rows, and the bounty of that little half-acre plot that he and older brother, Ernest, had fenced in with barbed wire, more than matched the garden's neatness.

Anyway, not only did Dad grow enough tomatoes, corn, potatoes, and green beans to feed us, he spread, mostly via me, his benevolence from one end of the neighborhood to the other. He obviously had a green thumb when it came to growing stuff, and even after Mom would can dozens of jars of everything she could can, there seemed to be plenty left over.

He would have been insulted if a neighbor had offered to pay him for anything he'd grown; but when one of them would slip me a quarter, now and then, that was just fine with me.

After all, a man had to do what a man had to do to raise enough for show fare at the Sipp and Royal Theaters in Paintsville. Not that I suffered in that department, what with Gene Miller paying 15 cents a case for pop bottles at the company store.

Although Dad's generosity was well-known throughout the camp, it did have its limits. For example, the head of one large family that included three unemployed young sons, whose ages ranged from about 17 to 21, was always hinting around to Dad for a good mess of his beans, or a couple of his big tomatoes. But not once did Dad ever instruct me to deliver anything to them.

"Those boys won't strike a lick at a snake," he'd say, obviously referring to 2 Thessalonians 3:10: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat." Yet surprisingly, I did hear him tell the boys' father that he could have all the beans he wanted out of his garden, but those boys would have to pick them. As far as I know, though, they never did. I think Dad knew they wouldn't.

'Cell Phone for Soldiers' donation to continue

PRESTONSBURG — In March, the Prestonsburg Office for Employment and Training began serving as a drop-off center for people to donate their unused cell phones to "Cell Phones for Soldiers", a nonprofit organization based in Norwell, Mass. Donated phones are sent to Re-Cellular, which pays the organization so they

can provide prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving abroad.

This project has been very successful. In just a little over two months, close to 100 phones have been donated. The Tom Moore Freewill Baptist Youth Group at Cliff made a donation of 35 phones that were collected as part of a teen project. Also, Home Health and Hospice

donated 17 phones that had been taken out of service. Many others have also become part of this project by donating their unused phones.

The staff at the office would like to thank those individuals and groups for their donations and encourage others to become part of this worthwhile project by donating their unused phones.

Local office manager Billy Breeding said the office is volunteering this service to honor the local Kentucky Army National Guard Unit that was deployed to Afghanistan. Collections will continue indefinitely, with the goal to provide a card to each member of the recently deployed National Guard Unit.



Pictured are the Big Sandy Singers with Gold City (front row, from left): Singers' Director Laura Ford Hall, Recca Conn, Candace Preece, Susan Scott, Steve Ladd (Gold City, Tenor), Brandon Maynard (back row) Joshua Lawson, Aaron McCune (Gold City, Bass), William King, Bruce Taliaferro (Gold City, Lead), and Singers' Assistant Director Clayton Case.

Big Sandy Singers open for Gold City Gospel Quartet

INEZ — The Big Sandy Singers recently opened for Gold City Gospel Quartet at a gospel music concert in Inez.

"We were extremely excited to get to open for Gold City," said Singers' Director Laura Ford Hall. "They are an awesome group and it was an honor to sing on the same stage with them."

Over the past quarter of a century, Gold City has won every significant Southern Gospel music award—many more than once. Among their more

than 60 accolades are numerous awards for Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Group of the Year, and Individual of the Year. Awards include Dove Awards and Grammys among others.

Gold City's unmatched sales and critical success have come from an endless string of powerful, memorable anthems of the faith, coupled with traditional Southern Gospel vocals.

Possessing some of the tightest four-part harmonies in the genre, Gold City's uniquely identi-

fiable sound has led to an endless string of number-one radio songs. "Midnight Cry," "It's Still The Cross," "He Said," "I'm Not Giving Up," "Calvary Conquers It All," "I'm Not What I Was," and "There Rose a Lamb" are Southern Gospel classics.

The group's earnest commitment to the promise of the Gospel and its reality in each member's life has endeared so many fans to their musical ministry.



Adams Middle School Top 10

The top 10 graduating students at Adams Middle School are 1. Zach Rowe, 2. Wesley Robinson, 3. Chase Baldrige, 4. Michael Ellis, 5. Laken Keathley, 6. Victoria Hampton, 7. Kelsey Boyd, 8. John Thompson, 9. Mick Roberts, and 10. Kimmie Jarrell.

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Woman's birthday wish comes true

Wishes do come true! Closing your eyes and making a birthday wish before

blowing out candles, you hope that your wish comes true. Jewell Tussey didn't blow out

her candles, but when asked what she wanted a couple months before her 85th birth-

day, she replied, "Let me think about it."

After a few days, she knew what she wanted for her birthday: She wanted her family to attend church with her.

Her wish came true on April 13, when her children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews filled nine pews at the Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

After church services were over, a party was held in the church's kitchen, where old photos were displayed, dinner was served and Tussey enjoyed visiting with her family.

Those present included:

■ Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tussey, Cheryl Tussey Shepherd, Mrs. Marie Patrick, Mrs. Carlene Burchett, Pamela Ratliff, Brenda Gray, Julie Tussey,

Joanne Ousley Goble, Jill Goble, Maria Goble, Dr. Rudolph Ousley, Jack Ousley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzpatrick, Mrs. And Mrs. Willie McGuire, Chad Ousley, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Garrett, Jason Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Dixon, Adam Dixon, Nick Ratliff, Andrea and Dalton Webb, Nellie Farler, Linda Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dixon, all of Prestonsburg.

■ Steve Tussey, of Cincinnati.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Sean Shepherd, of Morehead.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Wes McGuire, of Richmond.

■ Samantha Tussey, of Lexington.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Buford Allen and Mary Branham, of Adrian, Mich.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Carl

Branham, of Ypsilanti, Mich.

■ Mrs. Amanda Carcione and Mr. and Mrs. John Burchett, of Nashville, Tenn.

■ Mr. Brian Conley, of New Albany, Ind.

■ Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer, of Benton, Ill.

■ Mike and Ryan Dixon, of Columbus, Ohio.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Tony Burchett, of Winchester.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiley, Carl Wiley, Travis Wiley and Isabella Wiley, of Danville.

■ Mr. Paul Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Lafferty, Mrs. Amy Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Faltner, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ratliff, Jackson and Megan Ratliff, Brad Austin and Ruth Conley, of Paintsville.

■ Emily Campbell, of Stanville.



Slone-Looney

Eugene and Ann Slone, of Abbott Creek Road in Prestonsburg, announce the marriage of their daughter, Amanda Leeann, to Kevin Looney, son of Kenny and Connie Looney, of John's Creek.

The bride-to-be is a 2007 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is currently a student of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, seeking a degree in accounting. The groom-to-be is a 2004 graduate of Pike Central High School and is employed by McCoy Elkhorn Mining in Pikeville.

The wedding will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church, approximately 4.75 miles up Abbott Creek Road. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The couple will reside in Pikeville.

Robinson releases sequel

Appalachian author Terri Robinson's fourth historical novel, "Fire Keeper's Basket," is now available through her website, www.silverbearbooks.com, and at selected locations in eastern Tennessee and Kentucky.

"Fire Keeper's Basket" is the sequel to "A Kentucky Tapestry's Legacy" and brings to conclusion the ancestral storyline that began with her mother's lineage, first published in "Kentucky Tapestry, Threads of My Ancestors Pathway."

Although Robinson's Miller, McVey, Hall and Hale roots, among others, run deep in Kentucky soil, her Wallen ancestry was first in northeastern Tennessee. Childhood experiences on the homeplace of her mother's birth gave

Robinson the insight of both the Appalachian culture as well as the culture beyond the holler. Expanding real ancestors into fictional characters in historic context, Robinson draws on actual events from early 1800 to present.

"Fire Keeper's Basket" revolves around a family genealogist who continues to study her ancestry in eastern Kentucky and Tennessee. The Floyd County location revolves around the Big Branch of Abbott area.



Terri Robinson



Pictured from left, Paul Wiley, Marie Wiley Patrick, Jewell Wiley Tussey, Carlene Wiley Burchett, Nell Ruth Wiley Conley, Roberta Wiley Dixon and Robert Wiley.

POETRY

A Final Perspective

by MARY JUNE ALLEN
WRITTEN AUGUST 13, 2007

Hidden between the mountains
And parallel to the creek,
Lies a small town called
Martin
That has quietly been put to
sleep.

It breaks my heart, when I recall
Of how it used to be
When I knew everyone in
town
And everyone knew me,

Now, the streets are empty
The merchants, all closed
and gone
No more downtown Martin
No place to call my own.

Too many floods - we were
told
By the Corps of Engineers
We'll strip your town - and
raise the ground
To help ease your anxieties
and fears.

But, "ah," to our Purple
Flash
We'll always remain True
With fond memories of the
past
When we celebrate our
Red, White and Blue.

To lose one's Town is sad
indeed
To lose one's Home is more
To lose one's Friends, is
such a loss
That no one can restore.

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American University of the Caribbean, St. Maarten, N.A., 1989
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Providence Hospital (University of Michigan affiliated), Southfield, Mich., 1990
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University of Nebraska-Creighton University, Omaha, Neb., 1993
- FELLOWSHIPS
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1994 - EEG/Evoked Potentials and Clinical Neurodiagnostics; EMG and Neuromuscular Diseases

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

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home at Garrett; Mrs. Maudie Hunter, 79, of Honaker, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Mary Allen, 85, of Allen, Monday at Milton, W.Va.; George Hall, 82, of Melvin, June 11, at Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Angie Lafferty, 83, Monday, at her home at Water Gap; Ray Spears, 61, of Paintsville, last Wednesday, at Louisville; Dennis Little, 77, of Price, last Thursday, at Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Lucille Mayo Herndon, 72, of Prestonsburg, June 6, en route to Lexington; Harry Martin, 59, formerly of Wayland, Friday, at Tiro, O.; John Ratliff, 86, Floyd County native, June 7, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fifty Years Ago
(June 19, 1958)

Purchase by Floyd County of various water and gas systems for \$230,000 in 1953, from private owners, was a "giant hoax and fraud upon the public generally, the taxpayers and consumers of gas and water," a suit filed in circuit court here, Monday, claims.

The third Floyd County homicide, within a period of five days, occurred last Thursday afternoon, when Roland Cline, 41, truck mine operator, was shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire at the mouth of Cline Branch of Johns Creek.

A total of \$98,100 insurance has been paid to survivors of passengers on the school bus, which wrecked near Lancer, Feb. 28, with the loss of 27 lives.

Reports were heard, this week, of a rich deposit of silicate in the vicinity of Elkhorn City.

There died: Grover C. Sammons, 69, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin; Canarah J. Tallent, 72, of Estill, last Wednesday; Wiley Warrix, 79, Monday, at his home at the Goble-Roberts Addition, Ruben M. Kidd, 74, June 7, at his home on Little Mud Creek.

Sixty Years Ago
(June 20, 1948)

A quarrel over a dice game was climaxed, early Saturday evening, with the slaying, at a Wheelwright clubhouse, of John Johnson, 24, of Wheelwright.

The fiscal court has named Deputy Sheriff Harold Conn, special collector of delinquent poll taxes in an effort to make the poll tax more of a reality than the dog tax in this county.

U.S. District Attorney Claude P. Stephens filed suit in the Floyd Circuit Court, Monday, asking that the City Board of Education of Prestonsburg be enjoined from

condemning a portion of his lot, here, to be a part of the playground.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. plans to raise telephone rates this week to \$5-\$5.50 for individual business lines and \$2.75-\$3.00 for individual residences.

Bodies of four Floyd County soldiers have within the week, been returned from overseas graves for burial in home cemeteries. The soldiers dead are: Sgt. Bill Stephens, who was killed, April 5, 1945, at the age of 24 on Luzon; Pfc. Chester Johnson, 24, who was killed, July 2, 1944, in the Pacific; Pvt. Lee Baker, who at 26, was killed July 2, 1943, in New Guinea; and Pvt. Watt Keathley, 22, who was killed on Bougainville, Sept. 30, 1944.

The Prestonsburg High School Black Cats, Kentucky baseball champions, bowed out of the Southeastern Invitation High School Baseball Tournament at Lakeland, Fla., Wednesday night, when they lost to Avon Park, Fla., 9 to 3.

Married: Miss Josephine Davidson, Prestonsburg, and Mr. Thomas Fields, of Cumberland, June 16, at Covington, Ky.; Miss Pauline Nunemaker, and Mr. John Salisbury, both of Martin, June 7, at Pikeville.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. John Dziedzic, of Prestonsburg, a son, John Hildreth, June 10, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

There died: Robert E. Lee Adams, 58, at his home at Risner, June 18; William H. Adams, 50, June 20, at his home near Martin; Mrs. Amanda Hays Smith, 88, June 18, at the home of her daughter near Maytown.

Seventy Years Ago
(June 30, 1938)

Construction of a dam at Dewey, this county, costing a total of \$3,940,000 has been authorized by Congress in a nationwide flood control and soil erosion program, Congressman A. J. May told The



Solution time: 25 mins.

Times this week.

One moonshine still, a portion of another, and a half-gallon of moonshine liquor were in the sheriff's office, and seven men were in the Floyd County jail last weekend, as a result of two raids on moonshiners, led by Sheriff Dial Salisbury.

A flip of a coin between Representative Mel Petry and Jim Hale, it was reported, prior to the Floyd Democratic convention here, last Saturday, decided the election of the county's democratic chairman, Petry losing the toss, then nominating Hale in the convention.

Beginning legal practice in Floyd

County, Leroy Combs, son of attorney and Mrs. B. F. Combs, this week, filed his first petition in Floyd Circuit Court.

Jerry Miller, 30, motor brakeman for the Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Wayland, was fatally injured, Wednesday, as he attempted to swing aboard a moving car, falling beneath the wheels.

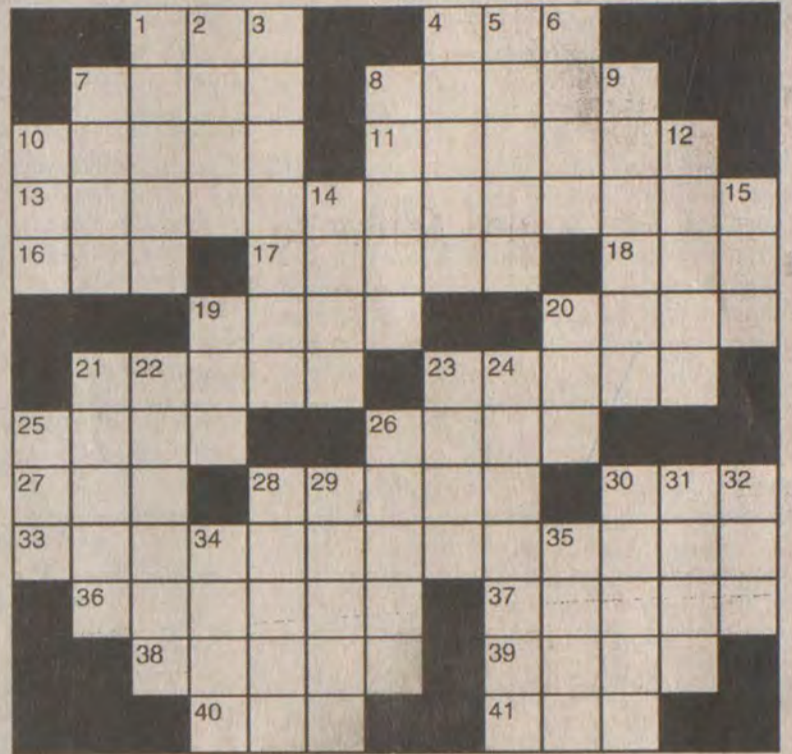
Bill and Dave Patton, contractors, have begun construction of a six-room colonial-style residence for Glen C. Spradlin, assistant cashier of The First National Bank.

There died: Mrs. Margaret Porter Cline, 72, formerly of Prestonsburg, June 27, in Ashland.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Height of fashion?
- 4 Wield a needle
- 7 Antitoxins
- 8 Melodies
- 10 Slip-on garment
- 11 "Sleepy Hollow" storyteller
- 13 Definitely
- 16 - out a living
- 17 Resembling
- 18 Stipend
- 19 Unable to hold any more
- 20 Undressed
- 21 Fisherman's basket
- 23 Hosiery shade
- 25 Lotion additive
- 26 "Dagnet" star
- 27 "Terrifl"
- 28 Garlic mayonnaise
- 30 Comic Leno
- 33 Bit of folklore
- 36 Caught
- 37 Land of the Rising Sun
- 38 Covered in dirt
- 39 Tarzan's clique



- 40 "Of course" motion
- 41 Homer Simpson's neighbor
- 9 Grab suddenly
- 10 Pirouette pivot
- 12 Open area in a forest
- 14 Invalid
- 15 Caustic solution
- 19 Retainer
- 20 Gist
- 21 Talons
- 22 Getting dressed (in)
- 23 He got the point across
- 24 Côte d'Ivoire city
- 25 Fore and -
- 26 "Toy Story" cowboy
- 28 Lofty home
- 29 Express-lane tally
- 30 Made fun of
- 31 "Sad to say, ..."
- 32 Longing
- 34 Grant or Elwes
- 35 Recording

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