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In brief

UK Center opens 'energy extension office'

WEST LIBERTY — The University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) has opened an office modeled on the Cooperative Extension Service to provide information about energy to Eastern Kentuckians. The office is housed in Morehead State University's Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty.

According to CAER Director Rodney Andrews, "This outreach office will assist local governments, schools, and industry in developing energy projects and educate them about CAER, the university, legislative policy, and Governor Beshear's strategy for energy independence."

Heading the effort is Greg Copley, who has nearly 30 years of experience dealing with environmental issues including air pollution, hazardous material spills, asbestos abatement and compliance assistance to small businesses.

"We want people, especially of coal producing counties, to know what the lab and Commonwealth have to offer. The CAER has the capacity to do something simple like analyze coal samples, or to engage in long term research projects with small businesses," Copley said.

Most recently Copley served as director of the nationally recognized

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City looks to create adjustment board

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Prestonsburg City Council have approved a first reading of an ordinance that would see an adjustment board established to further city improvements.

The board would, accord-

ing to the ordinance, help "implant a progressive and established effect for zoning regulations" within the city.

A variety of questions were brought before city leaders last month by longtime zoning and planning commission chair Frank Fitzpatrick about a need for a more efficient approach to these duties for

the city.

The first reading of the ordinance was met with no objection from current city council members, and will be officially adopted after a second reading during the council's next regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 24.

The details of the ordinance would see a seven-

member board established to oversee regulations. Of those seven members, no more than or fewer than two may be individuals already serving on the zoning and planning commission.

City leaders also agreed that the board should have a chair, vice-chair and secretary, as well as other officers as the

board collectively deems fit.

Also noted in the ordinance, and as is typical of most city ordinances, the mayor, Jerry Fannin, will have authority over appointments following the approval of the city council.

Members would be appointed for four years, according to the ordinance.

FREQUENT CRASH SITE



photo by Sheldon Compton
A three-vehicle accident along U.S. 23 Friday afternoon resulted in multiple injuries. There was no exact indication as of press time as to how many people were injured in the accident, which occurred, according to police, when a driver attempted to pull onto U.S. 23 from Town Branch Road.



Hospitals spar over office lease

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A lawsuit filed last week in Floyd Circuit Court will see Highlands Regional Medical Center seeking a favorable decision against Pikeville Medical Center relating to a lease agreement.

The cornerstone of the lawsuit is a \$2,700 per month lease agreement that HRMC representatives contend is "grossly inflated" above market value.

The property in question is a 737-square-foot suite located on the first floor of the Archer Memorial Clinic in Prestonsburg.

The lawsuit was filed by attorney Mark D. Guilfoyle on behalf of HRMC and named Pikeville Medical Center, represented by Pam May, as the defendant.

According to court records, Prestonsburg Clinic Associates entered into the lease agreement with PMC on Aug. 15, 2005. The lease is to expire on Jan. 2, 2010, but HRMC is asking that the agreement be deemed unlawful due to the market value.

The \$2,700 monthly lease currently breaks down to cost \$3.66 per square foot for the office space, the lawsuit claims, adding that the next highest suite pays \$2.07 per square foot.

There is also a section in the lawsuit that includes the overall monthly average per square foot for all the rental units in the building. This breaks down at \$1.35 per square foot for all the units.

Included with the lawsuit

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City highlights green initiatives

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An infusion of recycling grant money totaling \$115,000 this past summer has paid off for the city of Prestonsburg.

With new signs placed in downtown and outlying areas of the city this week, the message is a clearly stated: Prestonsburg is going green.

"We've been doing this for awhile, but we just want people to know it's there for them," said Ronnie Rice, superintendent of public works for the city. "We want to become as involved as possible, within reason, and do everything we can in this regard."

Rice says the city has placed a focus on recycling like never before, and the results are paying off, particularly with the grant acquired in June.

With the \$115,000, Rice said the city purchased a number of items for the recycling center, located along Cliffside Road just outside of downtown. The city is currently using a baler that is roughly a decade old. The new one is expected to arrive in February or March.

Among those purchases were a new baler costing \$65,000 and a new loader with a \$21,000 price tag. In addition, new signs were bought and placed around the city, as well as the

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photo by Sheldon Compton
Prestonsburg Public Works employee Kevin Shepherd watches as a ball of processed paper goods is hosted onto several others. City officials are hoping to increase public awareness and participation in recycling following a \$115,000 grant.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Aleen Goble Burchett, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Billy Roscoe Fannin, of Salt Lake City, Utah, a native of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, October 30, in Salt Lake City. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth (Libby) Horn Fannin. A memorial service was held in Salt Lake City.

■ Bessie Click Gibson, 92, of Wayland, died Thursday, November 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Reba Lewis Goble, 82, of Ivcl, died Saturday, November 8, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ruthie E. Grady, 70, of Hueysville, died Thursday, November 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Susanna Hicks Hall, 101, of Newman, Georgia, a native of Hippo, died Saturday, November 1, in the Avalon Health and Rehabilitation Center, Newman Georgia. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Jeffrey Allen "Butch" Horn, 49, of Lexington, a native of Prestonsburg, died Monday, November 3, at his residence. A memorial service was held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Jessie Irene Robbins Howell, 88, of Marion, Ohio, died Saturday, November 8, at her daughters residence in Harold. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Isaac, 92, of Wheelwright, died Saturday, November 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Gary Keith Mullins, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, November 6, in Langley. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Spradlin Mullins. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jimmi Louise Rainey Odell, 32, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Bevinsville, died Friday, November 7, at St. Mary's Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Aubrey James Odell. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direc-

tion of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Dock Reynolds Jr., 64, of Grethel, died Monday, November 10, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Evans Reynolds. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Clara Adkins Risner, 88, of Martin, died Sunday, November 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Eula Mae Robinson, 64, of Water Gap, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 8, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Paul Robinson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Daniel Stone, 50, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, November 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ William Lee "Wild Bill" Stumbo, 79, of Tavares, Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, November 8, in Tavares. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ James "Jimmy" Ryan Adkins, 27, of Memphis, Tennessee, died Friday, November 7, in Memphis. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Irene Burke, 90, of Monroe, Michigan, a native of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 6, in Monroe. Funeral services were held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Michigan Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Nell Ruth Canada Childers, 76, of Lookout, died Thursday, November 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Florence Billiter Compton, 88, of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Milton Chester Compton. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ Roger L. "Tinman" Dotson, 55, of Stopover, died Tuesday, November 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Clarine Kay Dotson. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

■ Harvey Eugene Grizzle,

80, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, November 4, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Roy Halliwell, 81, of Pikeville, died Sunday, November 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Delores Ann Babb Halliwell. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Arnold Hampton, 78, of Virgie, died Friday, November 7, at the Bristol Regional Medical Center, Bristol, Tennessee. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Jessie Irene Robbins Howell, 88, of Marion, Ohio, a native of Sutton, died Saturday, November 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Todd Johnson, eight-month-old son of Shy-Quon Johnson and Sara Williamson, a Pikeville native, died Friday, November 7, at his home in Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Nora Tackott Jones, 92, of Virgie, died Monday, November 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son, and Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Mexico Chapman Justice, 94, of Clintwood, Virginia, a native of Pike County, died Wednesday, November 5, at the Russell County Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Vivienne Amanda Justice, 82, of Feds Creek, died Thursday, November 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Erse Justice. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Audrey Rutherford Murphy, 90, of Afton, Tennessee, a native of Huddy, died Friday, November 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Sandra Lynn Elizabeth Phillips, two months and nine days old, the daughter of Cora and James "Jamie" Phillips of Island Creek, died Sunday, November 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Alberta Poole, 91, of Ashland, a Pikeville native, died Wednesday, November 12, in Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A graveside service was held Friday, November 14, under the direction of Steen Funeral Home.

■ Lina "Cookie" Potter Puckett, 64, of Richmond, a Pike County native, died Monday, November 3, at Rockcastle Hospital, Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Ernestine M. Ray, 69, of Hatfield, died Saturday, November 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Allen Dean Runyon, infant son of Crystal Mac Runyon of Turkey Creek, and Jerome Allen Scott of Charleston, W.Va., was stillborn, Saturday, November 8, at Women and Children's Hospital, Charleston. Funeral services were held Monday,

November 10, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Bertha Ferrell Sanson, 91, of Majestic, died Saturday, November 8, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Foster Thompson, 74, of Zebulon, died Friday, November 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ann Thompson. Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Gustie Wright, 88, of Dorton Creek, died Monday, November 10, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Cecil Asher, 86, died Sunday, October 5. Memorial services were held Saturday, November 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Leslie Barnett, 78, of Portland, Oregon, formerly of Hindman, died Monday, October 27, in Oregon. He is survived by his wife, Mavis Hudson Barnett. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Delta Bloom, of Griffith, Indiana, a native of Kentucky, died Thursday, October 30. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Keith Mullins, 68, of Mallie, died Friday, October 31, at the Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Elsie Sutton Napier, 86, of Brinkley, died Monday, November 3, at the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Roy Short, 67, of Mousie, died Thursday, November 6, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Liza Jane "Jenny" Slone, 78, of Hindman, died Friday, November 3, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Judith Ann Lewis Blevins Blair, 66, of East Point, died Thursday, November 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ James "Jimmie" Ray Blanton, 66, of Greenfield, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, October 29, at Adena Regional Medical Center, in Chillicothe, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Carol Caudill Blanton. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home.

■ Mitchell Blanton, 81, of Staffordsville, died Tuesday, November 11, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Frances Hamilton Blanton. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ George David Hamilton, 85, of Red Bush, died Wednesday, November 5, at the Veterans Administration

Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jean Heuser, 74, of Sitka, died Wednesday, November 5, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Janice Honeycutt, 72, of Auxier, died Monday, November 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Dellmes Honeycutt. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Rev. James R. Music Sr., 81, a native of Meally, died Monday, November 10. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Music. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under the direction of Schoedinger Funeral Home, Columbus.

■ Norma Jean Johnson Smith, 60, of East Point, died Friday, November 7, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, November 10, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Dennis Wells, 78, of Owensville, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, November 6, at Hillcrest Manor in Owensville. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Mildred Fletcher Lemaster, 85, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 10. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Walter Reed, 96, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, November 11. Funeral services were held Friday, November 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Vervin Reed, 55, of Salyersville, died Monday, November 10. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Harry Don Risner, 53, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 7. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Leonard Adams Jr., 67, of Grayson, formerly of Louisa,

died Monday, November 10, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sprouse Adams. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 13, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Minerva Adkins, of Louisa, died Saturday, November 8. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Amanda "Mandy" Frazier, 32, of Louisa, passed away Saturday, Nov. 8, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

■ Wilma K. Gartin, 72, of Louisa, died Sunday, November 9, at her residence. Graveside services were held Thursday, November 13, at Gartin Cemetery in Blaine. Wilson Funeral Home in Louisa, was in charge of arrangements.

■ Robert Joe Prater, 60, of Louisa, died Saturday, November 8. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Jo Dixon Prater. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 12, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Allen Keith Price, 56, of Louisa, died Saturday, November 8, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Richard Logan Collins II, infant son of Richard Collins Jr. and Bethany Adkins Collins, died Monday, November 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Louise McCoy Howard, 53, of Pilgrim, died Tuesday, November 4, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Clinton B. Howard. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Kenneth Dale Preece, 42, of Columbus, Ohio, died Monday, November 3. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Chester Keathley

Chester Keathley, 67, of Harold, died Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born May 21, 1941, in Branham's Creek, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ellis and Roxie Hall Keathley. He was a retired coal miner, and attended Calvary Church of God, in Paintsville.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia Eldridge Keathley.

Other survivors include two sons: Randy Keathley of Lorain, Ohio; and Chester Eugene Kidd of Martin; two daughters: Brenda Keathley of Lorain, Ohio; and Pamela Kay Keathley of Harold; five brothers: Marcus Keathley of Betsy Layne; Herbert Keathley of Lorain, Ohio; Wallace Keathley of Langley; Hershell Keathley of Boise, Idaho; and Paul Keathley of Harold; five sisters: Joyce Brewer of Harold; Velvia Hall of Harold; Donna Barker of Lorain, Ohio; Lois Kidd of

Harold; and Plumer Milburn of Galena, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ted Keathley.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 15, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Terry Conley and Roy Johnson officiating. Nightly services at 7 p.m.

Burial was in the Keathley Family Cemetery, in Branham's Creek, in Galveston.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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The Halloween trade of cash for candy was a success for Dr. Michael McKinney and his staff in McDowell.

"The kids were so excited to receive a dollar for every pound of candy they brought and even more excited knowing that their unwanted candy was going overseas to our troops," said LaDonna McKinney, wife of Dr. Michael McKinney.

Two awards went out for best costume, with Dylan Caudill and Austin Tackett receiving \$25 each. Hayley and Donnie Spriggs also received an award for bringing in over 20 pounds of candy. In all, McKinney and his team collected 217 pounds of candy to be sent to the troops, and plans are underway for next year's Cash for Candy event.

Holiday gifts that make a difference from the Arbor Day Foundation

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb. — Give family members, loved ones and special friends gifts that give back to the Earth this holiday season with the help of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Give-A-Tree Cards are the perfect way to send holiday greetings and plant trees in America's national forests. Give-A-Tree Cards are a unique line of greeting cards that help replant national forests all throughout America which have been devastated by wildfires, insects and disease. Give-A-Tree holiday cards come in 23 varieties, some of which are available in boxed sets of 5 or 10 cards.

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Honor loved ones with Trees in Celebration from the Arbor Day Foundation. Trees in Celebration honor loved ones while caring about the

environment and planting trees in America's forests. Trees in Celebration include a certificate for the recipient, and for each dollar donated a tree is planted in a forest that has been damaged by fire, insects and disease.

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Give special friends a membership to the Arbor Day Foundation, and they will also receive 10 free trees. A membership costs \$10, and includes many great benefits, including 10 free trees that will be shipped at the right time of year for planting.

"This holiday season, give gifts that will have a positive impact on the Earth for generations to come," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

To purchase holiday gifts that give back to the Earth, go to www.arborday.org.

Hall attends 2008 Circuit Court Clerks Fall College

FRANKFORT — Douglas Hall, circuit court clerk for Floyd County, participated in the 2008 Circuit Court Clerks Fall College hosted Oct. 22-24 in Louisville by the Administrative Office of the Courts. Circuit court clerks have offices in all 120 Kentucky counties and are responsible for managing the records of circuit and district courts.

"It is important for circuit

court clerks to stay up to date on technology, security, resources and court procedures," said Jan Rogers, circuit court clerk for Anderson County and president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks. "This college served as a valuable tool in helping us to improve customer service for the citizens of Kentucky."

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. opened the

college with an address to the circuit court clerks. This was the first Circuit Court Clerks College held since Chief Justice Minton took office in June 2008.

Sessions covered how circuit court clerks can use their leadership skills to promote excellent customer service, completing an appeal to the Kentucky Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Kentucky, protecting a circuit court clerk office from theft and processing property bonds. Circuit court clerks also attended sessions to learn new computer skills.

The AOC supports the activities of 4,000 Kentucky Court of Justice employees, including the elected offices of justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC Division of Judicial Branch Education provides regular training colleges for circuit court clerks.

Blood center looking for more donors

Times Staff Report

Although only 37 percent of the public is eligible to be blood donors, only two out of 100 actually do so, according to the Kentucky Blood Center.

The center considers blood donors to be life savers to those undergoing cancer treatments, organ transplants and heart and trauma surgeries, and are encouraging Floyd County residents to visit one or both blood drives that will be set up in the county late this month.

On Nov. 24, the center's Bloodmobile will be at McDowell ARH from noon until 5 p.m. Then, the following day, Nov. 25, another drive will be set up at The David School from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"Donating blood is such a simple thing to do, but it has a life-saving impact for a patient needing a transfusion," said Richard Davis, donor recruitment specialist. "Blood donors really are heroes."

Some 400 donors are needed everyday, center officials say.

Blood donors must be 17 (or 16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

For parents with 16-year-old children who would like to donate, the parental permission slip needed to donate can be found at the center's website kybloodcenter.org.

Those interested can either call to schedule an appointment or to find more information at 1-800-775-2522.

MSU imaging sciences to offer two online courses

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Department of Imaging Sciences is offering two online courses for the 2009 spring semester.

MSU's BSIS-Leadership in Medical Imaging online program is designed for those interested in advancing their degrees or continuing their education. Available online will be IMS 401, Health Care Law and Policy and IMS 421, Program Planning, Evaluation and Assessment.

Those interested in enrolling in the Department of Imaging Sciences online courses may do so during the week of Nov. 10. More information on how to apply to MSU is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

Applications for admission into the BSIS online program for the 2009 spring semester are currently being accepted. Applications will be considered until the program is full.

Applications for admission into the BSIS online program for the fall semester of the 2009-10 academic year are also being accepted. Deadline for applications for the fall is Monday, March 23.

More information on the programs available in the Department of Information Sciences is available by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/imaging or calling Misty Lilley, regional academic counseling coordinator, at (606) 783-2639, or e-mailing m.lilley@moreheadstate.edu.

Lease

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are three exhibits — a copy of the original lease agreement, a description of the other rental units located in the building, and a per square foot total on the amount each unit pays monthly for office space.

Some of the other businesses in the building include Belton, SV Cardiology and offices for Dr. Sai Gutti and Dr. Lee Balaklaw.

In addition to asking that the lease agreement be considered unlawful, HRMC has asked that they be entitled to "immediate possession of the premises," that the court restrain and prohibit PMC from enforcing the agreement or from further occupying the building.

Energy

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Kentucky Business Environmental Assistance Program. In that capacity he and his staff assisted Kentucky's small businesses in meeting environmental regulations.

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can answer their questions. CAER is a stand-alone research center operated by UK that employs roughly 100 staff members including part-time undergraduate and graduate students. It is located on Iron Works Pike in Lexington.

For more information about the West Liberty Regional Office, contact Greg Copley at Copley@caer.uky.edu or call 877-743-4005, ext. 204.

Green

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recycling center itself.

At the recycling center, employees process around three bales a day, each weighing approximately 13 tons. These bales of recycling materials consist, for the time being, cardboard and paper products.

"Right now we take cardboard and newspapers and other paper products," said Rice, adding that the city also accepts soda cans. "But we

may include plastic in the future."

The idea is to get residents interested in recycling and also make them aware the service is offered.

To this end, Rice said he hopes people take advantage of the clear plastic bags residents can pick up from the city. The bags are for recyclable materials and help workers distinguish the bags as such during weekly rounds.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

The Republican dilemma

Trounced in last week's national election, Republicans are trying to figure out how to respond. Contrary to the media narrative that holds the GOP knows it needs a drastic makeover, there is actually much angst on the question. Given the deep unpopularity of incumbent Republican President George W. Bush and vast economic upheaval that the public tends to blame on GOP policies, some think Republican nominee John McCain did well to get 46 percent of the vote.

This is a plausible position; it's hardly inconceivable that a Republican could return to the White House in 2012 if President Barack Obama falters.

But it is also a deeply risky position for the GOP, one which ignores ominous trends.

The Electoral College perspective is particularly grim. Rocky Mountain states are trending Democrat. The party's stranglehold on the South is gone. Practically the only states that remain GOP locks are those in the poorest parts of the Old South.

The party's share of young voters fell for the third straight election, barely topping 30 percent. Better-educated and wealthier voters - the folks who vote most and contribute most - also are no longer a firm Republican bastion.

Part of the GOP decline with these groups is due to the Bush administration's many problems, particularly its heavy spending and perceived incompetence. But both polling and anecdotal data point to another factor as well: the ascendance of religious and social conservatives, whose stridency discomfits pro-business and anti-government voters who normally lean Republican.

We share this discomfiture. A low point of the recent campaign came when McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, told a Greensboro, N.C., crowd that it was good to be back in a "pro-America" part of the country.

Such red meat may rally the GOP base. But for a growing number of voters, it is indigestible.

— The San Diego Union Tribune



—Chuck Norris

Now that you work for me (a letter to the president-elect)

Dear President-elect Obama:

First, congratulations on your victory. The historical magnitude of your presidential win is nothing short of stupendous and a colossal fulfillment of the American dream (an achievement embedded long ago in the equality clauses of the Declaration of Independence).

It's likely no big surprise that I don't see eye to eye with you politically. Actually, I stand in stark opposition to most of your politics. Still, I realize that we must learn to work together if we are to see our country get back on track. After Election Day, I asked myself, "How can I work for our new president to help better America?" Then a thought occurred to me. The first question that should be answered is: How will you work for me? After all, "We the People" of the United States employ you, correct?

So here are a few ways you might begin to gain the respect of those who oppose you and to show that your campaign pledges to bridge the divides were not empty promises to get you into office. And these requests I make are based upon the inaugural oath you will make Jan. 20, "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully

execute the office of president of the United States and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." No doubt these won't be my only requests through the years, but they serve as a good beginning:

—Use and cite the Constitution. If that constitutional oath ("preserve, protect and defend") is the central duty of your job description, then I assume we will be hearing often from you about exactly how you are doing just that. There is no replacement for strict adherence, application and defense of the

Constitution. And it's high time that presidents quit reciting the presidential oath tritely and then abandoning its tenets when they enter the Oval Office. You should be quoting from the Constitution publicly as often as a preacher quotes the Bible to his congregation — at least weekly. If you take this oath and challenge seriously, you will limit the powers of federal government, reduce taxes (for everyone), encourage the freedom of religion and expression (even in the public square), and stand up for such things as our right to bear arms. The American public and the government have lost their grip on the content and role of the Constitution, but if you daily choose, you can help to re-educate and model its usage for them.

■ Protect American life. Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1809, "The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government." Those are powerful and enlightening words. Of course, such a role was created and secured in the very fabric of our nation — in the Declaration of Independence. The commitment to protect life should serve as the basis for all you do, even as a foundation for your national defense strategy. I'm sure the first of your secret briefings this past week on our global security threats have opened your eyes to the exten-

sive onslaught of our enemies. Don't allow your pride, partisanship, personal bias or political abilities to jeopardize the safety of Americans lives. As commander in chief, you are called to preserve American life. Quite frankly, that is why I'm surprised that a man such as you, who professes to fight for minorities, would not recognize the clear value of a human life in a womb. Federal law should not decree the sacrifice of one human life for the preference of another. Both lives should be protected. Otherwise, what do Jefferson's 1809 words mean? As president, you are called to protect (not destroy) human life; it is the "first and only

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Chuck Norris



beyond the Beltway

Yes, it's worth celebrating

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I was 10 years old when Japan surrendered, ending World War II. We were living in Detroit at the time (the "inner city" although we never thought of it that way) and my parents, in an uncharacteristically spontaneous moment, took me downtown to see the city celebrate "V-J Day."

I shall be forever grateful. It was one of the special moments of my life, one that lives vividly in memory even now, more than 60 years later. There must have been a million or more people downtown, marching, laughing, singing, waving flags, kissing and hugging each other. I'd not seen such mass happiness before and haven't since.

But I wish I'd been in Grant Park in Chicago a week ago Tuesday. It must have been something like that night in Detroit.

The election of Barack Obama to the presidency of the United States is a monumental event in the history of our nation. It ranks with the fall of the Berlin Wall. And that's not because he's going to solve all of our problems (he's not). It's not even because he's going to do all the things he said he was going to do (he's not). In the end, he may not even be judged a successful president; he'll need to be lucky.

But by the very act of being elected, he ratifies a sea change in the attitudes that inform this nation. He leaps the contradictions of the Constitution and gives flesh to the

promise of the Declaration of Independence.

Alone among our immigrant groups, black people first arrived here not by choice but by force. They were taken as prisoners from their homes in Africa and transported here in the fetid bowels of slave ships to be bought and sold like farm animals.

It took 175 years before our Constitution granted them even three-fifths of human status as we formed our nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." That was an upgrade for them. Three-fifths equal. It was another 75 years before the nation abolished chattel slavery and it took a horrendous Civil War to get it done. Nearly a century of racial segregation followed and progress for African-Americans came in drips and dribbles.

American presidents became heroes to African-Americans for the merest symbolic gestures of support — Teddy Roosevelt inviting Booker T. Washington to the White House, Franklin Roosevelt stepping in to offer Marian Anderson a chance to sing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial after she'd been denied Constitution Hall by the DAR, John Kennedy making a call to Martin Luther King Jr. in his jail cell. President Harry S. Truman was celebrated as a civil rights champion when he desegregated the Armed Forces. This at a time when a black man couldn't even be a major league

baseball player or, in many southern states, drink at the same water fountain as a white person.

This election was no symbolic gesture. It represents a giant leap forward.



Donald Kaul

If you are not proud to be an American today, you should check your pulse. You may be dead. November 4th was a great day in the history of this nation.

Yet I've recently seen films of the inaugural balls of Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and Richard Nixon in 1972 after their landslide victories — both happy, confident winners, serene in the knowledge that they were on the path to greatness, both blissfully unaware of the disasters that would soon overwhelm each of their presidencies.

Failed presidencies are a modern American tradition. It is a rare president (Eisenhower, Reagan) who escapes office with his reputation intact. All the other recent examples — Jerry Ford, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, both Bushes — left in various stages of disregard.

But this is not the time for dark thoughts. This is a time to stand in the Grant Park of our minds and exult in the ability of this great nation to lay fresh claim to the ideals on which it was founded.

Yes we can.

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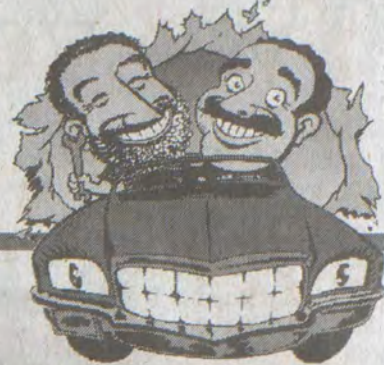
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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

Now, we've gone and done it—destroyed Indian Summer. If we have that lovely time of year, these days, we can't be sure it's that magical time when the hills are clothed in a blue haze, or if it's smog. And if it isn't smog, somebody gets careless with a match, or vents his destructive impulse and sets fire to the woods, so we're never sure again if it's Indian Summer or simply those leaves that were so beautiful, a few days back, now gone up in smoke.

IT'S CHRONIC

Yesterday, we had one eye cocked skyward, hoping for signs of rain. Today, after a few hours of drizzle, we were complaining about a cold, dark, dreary day. Tomorrow...never mind.

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Watt Hale jerked us back today to the stern realities of life. Called to ask if either George Brown or Lennie Moore had a groundhog's hide nailed to the barn door. Said he stands in sore need of a set of shoestrings.

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Despite all the gloom that pervades the news these days—inflation, the unhealthy dollar, taxes, little wars, the threat of big wars, and so on—there is one ray of hope for squares such as I. Word comes that the United States is backing off from the metric system, after finding that the benefits, if any, will not justify the cost. They've decided now that it will cost the Americans taxpayer millions, just to get feet and yards and quarts and gallons, and the like, changed to meters, liters, and so on.

I expect, any day now, for somebody to launch a drive to get us to adopt French as the official language.

THIS DOG DESERVES BETTER

I have done everything but take the pledge about this matter of never having a dog on the place again, but am now under siege.

This little dog which somebody dropped in our neighborhood is hard to resist. It's hungry, but it won't go away. I have scolded it, made threatening gestures, but it comes fawning, twisting, tail and head almost meeting, its ears laid back and smiling if ever a dog could smile—and what can I do?

The dog wants kindness. It refuses to recognize rejection. Before long now it's going to need shelter from the cold. And I have resolved that my old Dalmatian some years ago, ended dog days for me—but...

I hope, somehow, that the per-

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Quilters showed their skills at an open house held at the Floyd County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture on Friday.

photos by Jarrid Deaton

DO-IT-YOURSELF FUN

Crafts highlight Extension Service's annual open house

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture was buzzing with creativity on Friday for an open house featuring handmade crafts, food and recipes, demonstrations, and much more.

The open house is in its fourth year at the extension office, and Theresa Scott, county extension agent, hopes that it continues to have a positive impact on the community that it serves.

"The objective is to welcome the public whom we are here to serve, and to share fellowship, creativity and good eats," Scott said. "Everything that we do is grassroots, and we have 15 volunteers that devoted their time today for this special event."

One of the most popular displays at the open house was a "make it and take it" table where attendees could make their own icicle ornaments. Along with the ornaments, other creative endeavors were highlighted with multiple quilters showing their skills for those in attendance.

"Events like this provide a great opportunity for public relations and hospitality," Scott said. "You really feel a sense of community here, and you can tell that people are really interested in what the homemakers have to offer."

A silent auction featuring baskets filled with holiday items, special fabrics, candles, and more also took place, with the proceeds going toward the Floyd County Extension



A couple of crafters created construction paper gingerbread men during the Floyd County Extension Service's open house event in Prestonsburg on Friday.

Homemakers.

"The Extension Homemakers have been around for 76 years," Scott said. "It was started to give women a place where they could learn updated scientific information involved with cooking and food preservation, and to also serve as a social outlet. In general, the primary

focus of the Floyd County Extension Office is education, and everyone is welcome."

For more information on the Floyd County Extension Homemakers, contact Theresa Scott at the Floyd County Extension Service Office in Prestonsburg by calling (606) 886-2668.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Surviving the Game'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

This umpteenth retelling of Richard Connell's "The Most Dangerous Game" finds a homeless man running for his life from a hunting party composed of the idle rich; who have paid \$50,000 for the privilege to stalk and kill a fellow human being.

There have been many films that tell this sort of story (including John Woo's "Hard Target," which premiered the previous year and also focused on a small business which profited from setting up and guiding the contests). But this one earns points for gathering a great cast, which sells this old tale so well that it doesn't seem as familiar as it should.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Ice T stars as a down-on-his-luck mechanic named Mason, who has lost his family and is now homeless. We meet him at a true low point that finds him losing his dog and best friend in the same week. Just as he's about to end it all by stepping in front of a Mack Truck, he's saved by a food shelter volunteer, Cole.

This actually turns out to be a bad thing, as Cole is actually the front man for a hunting service that provides human prey for parties of overpaid psychos.

Mason takes up Cole on a job offer that sounds too good to be true. Spend a week at a cabin in the woods of the Pacific Northwest and look after the needs of a hunting party. The part that Cole leaves out is that this group has some sick needs, but the dire straits that Mason finds himself in make it plausible they he wouldn't look this gift horse in the mouth.

An excellent scene follows in which Mason meets the group, which includes Cole's partner, Burns, and their clients — a father-and-son pair of Wall Street wolves, a truly disturbed CIA psychiatrist and a depressed businessman who has picked the wrong venue to work out his problems following the murder of his daughter by an unknown assailant. They enjoy a slaughtered hog for supper and take the opportunity to grill Mason before springing it on him that he will be their sport for the weekend.

The rest of the film is a series of escapes and counterattacks, as Mason turns out to be a resourceful mechanic who can hotwire motorcycles to explode, while turning the tables on his pursuers. It all leads to several violent showdowns and only one of these people will walk away from it.

What sets this effort apart from the others is a remarkable cast. Ice T is okay here, but it's the supporting actors that seal the deal and make this one a gripping yarn.

The best acting honors go to Gary Busey, who takes control of the film for five minutes as the psychiatrist

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You have no message

by ZARDRELLE ARNOTT

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: LOVING OUR DOGS"

We were visiting our daughter when we adopted our Boston terrier, Tad. An adorable puppy, just 3 months old, he became the family's center of attention. Each morning, as soon as he heard my daughter Kayla moving around downstairs, he had to be taken down for playtime before she left for work. When she came home from work, we had him waiting for her at the door.

After three weeks, we left for home. On the drive, we let Tad talk to Kayla on the phone each night. Once home, every time we called Kayla or she called us, we always put Tad on. He scratched the phone and listened intently and tried to look into the phone to see her.

One Saturday, Kayla called while we were out. She left a message. Tad was standing beside me when I pressed the button to listen to the message. He listened to her talking and cocked his head, grinning at me. I played it again for him.

A few days later, I was taking my shower when I heard the answering machine come on and Kayla leave a message. I thought it was strange when I heard her message repeat and the machine announce, "End of message." A few seconds later Kayla's message began yet again.

Wondering what was going on, I climbed out of the shower, wrapped a towel around myself and headed into the living room. There stood Tad, listening to the answering machine. I stopped and watched. When the message finished, he stood up with his

feet against the edge of the low table, reached over with one paw and slapped the answering machine. The message came on again.

He dropped back on the floor and listened happily.

I told him "no," and distracted him from the answering machine while I erased the message.

A few days later I was in the kitchen when I heard, "You have no messages." I headed for the living room. Tad started the machine again. I watched as he cocked his head and looked at

the answering machine. Then he stood with his feet on the edge of the table and tapped the button again: "You have no messages." He

walked around to the other side of the table and repeated the process with the same results.

This really irritated him. He returned to his first position, took both paws and began slapping and clawing the answering machine. It repeated: "You have no messages."

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Two years on the lot — buy it or not?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I'm interested in purchasing a new, 2006 Dodge Sprinter with a 2.7-liter diesel engine. It has 75 miles on it, and has been on a dealer lot, unsold, for two years. The dealer offers a full three-year/36,000-mile warranty, and it is fully loaded with everything I need. I use an electric wheelchair and need an "accessible" vehicle. I have always used Ford Econoline vans. However, the Sprinter will cost less, give me double the mileage and is just a cool vehicle. Oh, it also can use biodiesel, according to the dealer. Should I buy a vehicle that's been sitting on a dealer's lot for two years? I love it; I just need an objective opinion. — Katie



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TOM: We'll give you two objective opinions, Katie. I say, go for it.
RAY: Me, too.
TOM: I wonder why it's been sit-

ting there for two years. Is it Day-Glo orange or something? In any case, you should be able to get a great price on it, and the only parts that really degrade while sitting on the lot are those made of rubber.

RAY: Right. Ozone in the air breaks down rubber over time. So, things like the weatherstripping around the doors may last, say, eight years instead of 10. The only rubber parts that are worth worrying about now are the tires and belts.

TOM: Other than that, and some faded paint (which might be a blessing if it's Day-Glo orange), this van should be as good as new.

RAY: It's a nice vehicle. It has several advantages over standard Ford and Chevy vans. It has a five-cylinder turbo-diesel engine (the newer ones now have six cylinders), which gets very good mileage, and with its raised roof, there's room to stand up inside it — which is probably great for anyone helping you with

your wheelchair.

TOM: So, ask for a new set of tires and a change of belts. The dealer probably will be happy to throw those in, just to get this eyesore off his lot after two years. And you'll have a great vehicle. Enjoy it, Katie.

Gunk in the trunk needs a detail

Dear Tom and Ray:

My husband is completely opposed to ever washing our car. I'm not sure why. It's a 1996 Camry, and it's been washed about three times in its life. I wouldn't care so much about the shame of riding around in the filthiest car on the planet, except that we have no garage and have to park outside, where the trees shed debris all over the car. At this point, we have about four years' worth of organic matter caught in the grooves around the doors, trunk and hood. One day, we opened the trunk and there were actually plants sprouting in the rubber piece that I guess seals the trunk and keeps water from getting in. So, now we're driving our own ecosystem. There's a ton of old, moldy tree debris in the space between the windshield and the hood. Can this stuff get into the engine and cause damage? Please say yes. I really, really want him to wash the car. I'd wash it

myself, but I don't drive, so I can't take it to the carwash. — Gretchen

TOM: Well, if you're not going to be able to persuade him to wash it, Gretchen, at least grow something useful. Plant some tomatoes. Or some Merlot grapes.

RAY: There actually are two potential problems with all of the organic matter. The first is that the area in front of the windshield (we call it the cowl) is where air is drawn in for your ventilation system. So, you could be at risk of breathing mold spores, mouse droppings or any other bacterial byproduct of the compost pile you've got fermenting there.

TOM: Second, the cowl has drain holes at the bottom of it so that when rain comes in, it can escape. If so much organic debris gets in there that it plugs up the drain holes, you could get water inside the passenger compartment. And if the car doesn't smell already, that would create a smell you'd be hard-pressed to ever get rid of.

RAY: But I don't think you're going to be able to persuade this guy, Gretchen. I think he's on a mission to see how dirty he can make the car. He wants to be on the TV show "America's Got Compost." Or maybe he was traumatized by a childhood

water-rationing program. Either way, I think you're going to have to take this into your own hands.

TOM: Have a girlfriend drive you to an automotive detailer. It'll cost you \$100, plus a generous tip, in your case. And bring smelling salts. But detailers do everything. They wash, wipe, wax, scrub, soak and polish. The good ones even get into small spaces with a toothbrush and make everything shine.

RAY: Then, when your husband gets home and asks what happened to his rolling dungheap, tell him that some neighborhood kids were trying to raise money for the high-school badminton team, and you gave 'em five bucks to wash the car. And give him advanced warning that they do a fund drive every six months, before each spring and fall badminton season.

TOM: Good luck, Gretchen. We can tell you're well on your way to sainthood!

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Social Security News: Representative payees can report online

by JENNIFER HOPKINS
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
SOCIAL SECURITY
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Did you know that people who serve as representative

payees for individuals who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits now have more options for their annual reporting of how the funds are used? Representatives, who in the

past had to complete a paper Representative Payee Reporting Form each year, can now report online using our secure website.

A representative payee is someone who receives Social

Security or SSI payments on behalf of a person who is not capable of managing the funds on their own. Representative payees must use the funds for the benefit of the person entitled to benefits. For example, a payee must use the funds to provide the beneficiary with food, clothing, and shelter.

If you receive a representative payee accounting form to complete, you can take your form to your computer instead of into our office. Just log onto www.socialsecurity.gov/payee.

If it's your first time using this service, you'll need to take a few minutes to register. Once you do, please keep your identification and password in a secure place. You can use it to submit reports in future years.

When you're ready to complete the report online, you'll need to key in the unique code that appears on the paper form we mailed you. Then you'll be able to key in the information. Online features make completing the report easier than doing it on paper.

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may want to check out some of the other popular features on our website, www.socialsecurity.gov, such as frequently asked questions, the new online retirement estimator and other online services. You can even watch a brief video about the things you can do on our website.

For more information about online services just call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg. Representatives are available to answer questions.

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.

Norris

legitimate object of good government."

Lead more from the center. It's been pointed out by countless pundits, and your track record is clear: You have one of the most liberal records in the Senate. You've had the liberty of voting and fighting for an agenda "from the left" as you've tried to persuade state and federal lawmakers to do the same. But if you continue to lead our country down a more liberal road, you will follow the peril of Bill Clinton, who stepped into office and initially tried to lift the ban on gays in the military and extend abortion rights, only to prompt the creation of a more bal-

anced and strong Republican Congress in the 1990s. Don't underestimate the resurrecting power of the conservative voice. You observed in last week's election how three states across this union voted to protect marriage in their constitutions (the 28th, 29th and 30th states to do so — California, Arizona and Florida).

will be watching who you choose to be in your Cabinet. We will discern how you lead Pelosi and Reid. We will be observing those you select as candidates for Supreme Court justices. The election is over. No more promises. No more words. You

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might work well in a team, but this time, you don't have congressional members to hide behind. You're on your own — leading the pack — and the whole country is watching. I, especially, am watching. So make sure you lead more from the center.

One of your 300 million bosses,
Chuck Norris

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Allen

son who left that dog to starve, freeze, suffer, die—whatever—can borrow a conscience long enough for it to hurt him.

TIT FOR TAT

This Ohioan succeeded in ruffling some feathers by reporting that Kentucky had an atomic explosion which did only \$15 damages, and that to a bicycle left here by an Ohio boy.

I get even (hoist him on his own petard, so to speak, since

I reverse his own story) by telling the story of the three prisoners who had a date to keep with the electric chair on the same night. One was from Kentucky, another from West Virginia and the third from Ohio.

When the West Virginian approached the "hot seat," he was informed by the warden: "If the chair doesn't work, you get to go home, a free man." And it didn't. The executioner threw the switch, and nothing happened.

The Kentuckian was next in line. He was also given a little hope by the warden's explanation that if the current failed to do its intended work he would go free. And again it failed.

Then came the Ohioan, head up, erect, smiling. "If," he was told, the chair doesn't work, you go home, a free man."

The Ohioan looked around and then asked: "Don't you think you should plug this thing in?"

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Lagoon

who hates his patients.

Bussey gets to deliver a whopper of a monologue when he bends Mason's ear about how he got a nasty scar on his cheek. It's a nasty tale that involves a sadistic dad, a frightened boy and a family pet driven to attack its owner. Great stuff and Bussey nails it.

Cheers should also go to veteran actor Jeff Corey, who appears briefly as Mason's only friend. Corey is fine here but his own story is, so much better. He stayed with acting despite a 10-year spot on the

black list because he refused to name names to HUAC (U.S. Sen. Joe McCarthy's witch hunt that followed World War II). He deserved better treatment and was a true patriot who served in the Navy during World War II, where he won an award for filming a kamikaze attack on the carrier U.S.S. Yorktown. He spent those 10 years in exile getting the best revenge by training actors who would go on to win accolades with names like James Dean, Jack Nicholson and Anthony Perkins. He's in

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fine form here and continued to act until his death in 2004.

All in all, this is a solid rendition of a familiar story that benefits from a grim storyline that pulls no punches and is a constant reminder that anyone can fall at any time, due to outside events, but it takes something from within to rise again.

Best line: "When you are eating the flesh of the pig, look into his beady little eyes and consume his soul."
1994, rated R.

Soup

I said, "Tad, leave the answering machine alone." He looked at me and then turned back to the answering machine, digging at it furiously. When it repeated the same message, he ran to me and then ran back to the answering machine, waiting for me to do

something. I realized he wanted to hear Kayla talking, but I had erased the message.

I called Kayla that night and asked her to call Tad and leave him a message. I explained that Tad had listened to her message, but I had erased it. When he tried to lis-

ten to it again and didn't hear her message, he had been unhappy.

Kayla called Tad and left a special message for him that he can play and listen to whenever he wants to hear Kayla's voice. We call it puppy love, 21st-century style!

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Pikeville College license plate remains available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Since its introduction in 2002, a specialized Pikeville College license plate has been showing up on vehicles across Kentucky. A new plate was released in January, giving students, alumni and friends unique opportunity to show their school spirit.

All 20 of Kentucky's non-profit, independent four-year colleges and universities have entirely new, campus-designed plates available for purchase from Kentucky county clerk's offices. The project was first introduced by the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU) as a way to increase awareness of independent higher education options in Kentucky and to raise funds for student scholarships. Ten dollars from the sale of each plate goes directly back to the campus to support student scholarships.

The plates have proven popular among supporters of Kentucky's independent colleges and universities, raising more than \$129,000 through 2006. There is a friendly competition among the institutions — nicknamed the "battle of the bumpers" — to see which campus can sell the most plates annually. AIKCU anticipates that the new designs will increase interest in the plates and the competition, ultimately raising more money to support students.

"We are thrilled that our campuses have gotten a chance to make these plates their own," said Gary S. Cox, AIKCU president. "We're looking forward to increasing sales and further raising the visibility of our institutions by putting more of these on the road, and most importantly, raising more money for student scholarships."

AIKCU worked with the General Assembly to establish the "Independent Higher Education" Kentucky license plate series during the 2000 General Assembly. However, under the statutes and regulations that existed at the time all AIKCU member colleges and universities had to share a common plate background and color scheme, with individual campuses differentiated by their logo stickers and individual taglines. The common design has surpassed its state-mandated five-year life cycle. Combine that with advances in license plate printing technology and cooperation between AIKCU and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and Kentucky's independent colleges and universities finally got the long-desired opportunity to make their plates distinctive.

The new plates for all 20 colleges and universities and the association went on sale through all Kentucky county clerk's offices in January for January birth month renewals and new issues. Plates cost \$44 upon initial issue, including the \$10 for student scholarships. Since the new plates replace the previous version, all independent higher education plates will be \$44 during the first year. Renewal is \$31 in subsequent years.

Current plate holders interested in renewing early should check with their local county clerk about renewal policies. Plates must be purchased through the county clerk's office. To find contact information for your County Clerk, visit the Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing System Web site: <http://mvl.ky.gov>.

District

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touchdowns, six of which went to Stumbo. Prater had more interceptions (5) than he had thrown (2).

Both Logan and Hunter Crowder are over the 1,000 yard rushing mark with a combined 23 ground scores. Hunter Crowder recorded 103 tackles in nine games while Logan Crowder checked in with 82 stops, six interceptions, and two fumble recoveries. These two, along with Stumbo, will return next season for their senior years as Allen Central looks to better its third place finish come 2009.

Maldonado, a sophomore, racked up 976 yards from scrimmage and scored five times while helping his Betsy Layne squad reach the playoffs for the first time in Bobcat football history. Senior lineman R. Corey Jarrell, with 82 total tackles, and senior

fullback/linebacker Jordan Hall also represented Betsy Layne on the honorary team.

Howell, the district's second leading rusher, was at 1,327 yards and 16 touchdowns at the time of the selections. He had also racked up 150 yards and two more touchdowns receiving. Phelps, finishing fifth in the six-team district, was represented all-district wise by junior lineman Matt Lester. Those receiving honorable mention were Randy Maynard (Pikeville), JR Robinson (Pikeville), Cody Reynolds (Paintsville), Brandon Hensley (Paintsville), Marty Dye (Allen Central), Justin Jackson (Allen Central), Zach Hall (Betsy Layne), Nathan Martin (Betsy Layne), Gary Day (South Floyd), Greg Mitchell (South Floyd) and Jeremy Hensley (Phelps) and Seth Bowlin (Phelps).

Kentucky JV to host Fork Union Military

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky will play a junior-varsity football game against Fork Union Military College Monday at noon in Commonwealth Stadium.

Admission is free and fans should enter through gates 3 and 9. Free parking is available in the southwest portion of the blue lot outside gates 9 and 10. Fans should not park in the blue lot adjoining the Nutter Field House.

The UK junior varsity is comprised of scholarship players and walk-ons who have not played in every regular-season game this year. The JV game counts toward the 12 regular-season games in which a player may participate; therefore, players who have played in every regular-season game will not participate. Players who are going through redshirt seasons may not participate; the JV game counts as a game played, which would preclude a player from having a redshirt year.

Tip-off Classic to feature UK signee Jon Hood

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — Excitement is building in Martin County and throughout Eastern Kentucky for the Fast Lane Tip-Off Classic Saturday, Nov. 29. This year's Fast Lane Tip-off Classic will include Madisonville-North Hopkins. University of Kentucky signee Jon Hood

leads the Maroons. Hood, a senior at Madisonville-North Hopkins, is a 6-6 shooting guard. A native of Madisonville, Hood averaged 21.4 points, 8.5 rebounds, four assists, and two blocks per game as a junior. He shot 52 percent from the field and 41 percent from behind the three-point line. He also tallied three triple doubles last season on his way to first team All-State honors.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: Hunters should harvest does in high-density acres

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — As the first week of modern gun deer season winds down, many hunters have already taken their antlered deer for the year. If you are hunting in a high-density area like Zone 1, you shouldn't stop there. Harvesting plenty of female deer in high-density areas is essential to maintaining a quality deer herd — and a quality hunting experience.

"Female deer are the drivers of herd growth," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "When you have too many deer, you want to stop growth. Even if you don't have too many, you want to control growth. The way you do that is through does."

One female deer can quickly increase a deer population, since a doe gives birth to an average of two fawns a year. That's why harvesting bucks doesn't help thin the deer herd, while taking enough female deer can keep a deer popula-

tion in balance with available habitat.

"If you've got fewer deer, they'll be in better condition," said David Yancy, a biologist in Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's big game program.

Yancy said ideal deer densities are less than 30 deer a square mile.

"If you think of habitat like a pie, then cutting the pie into 25 pieces instead of 45 means everyone gets more," he said. "At 25 per square mile, deer have fewer ticks, less intestinal parasites, higher weight and better fat reserves to get through the winter."

While mountainous habitat in the eastern part of Kentucky can't support 25 deer a square mile, that is the department's target deer density for other regions of the state. Counties with ideal deer populations are classified as Zone 2 for deer hunting, and make up 34 percent of Kentucky.

"Our big buck producers — Ohio, Butler, Muhlenberg, Hopkins, Grayson, Breckinridge — are all 25 deer per square mile counties," said Yancy. "These areas have good habitat, but implicit in this is good deer numbers."

However, 33 percent of Kentucky counties have too many deer, and fall under Zone 1 hunting regulations. Hunters may harvest unlimited antlerless deer with the proper permits in these counties. Brunjes said it's important for Zone 1 hunters to take female deer, not only for herd health but for a quality hunt.

"By quality, I'm not just talking about big antlers," she said. "I'm talking about improving the quality of your hunting experience. When your buck-to-doe ratio improves, you see more rutting behavior. You see deer doing what they do, not just standing in a food plot."

Brunjes said that ideally, there should be fewer than three does for each buck in a deer herd. In areas with too many female deer, breeding season may not be as intense.

"You hear these things like 'They're not rutting, they're not breeding where I am,'" said Yancy. "First of all, they are. But what that could be is there are so many females there's no competition among bucks. If you want a good two-week period with fighting, lots of rubs, lots of scrapes, you

need fewer does and more competition."

After you bag an antlered deer this year, take a doe if you're hunting in an area with too many deer. You can help improve the herd with your hunt.

Modern gun deer season is open statewide and continues through Nov. 17 in Zones 3-4 and Nov. 23 in Zones 1-2. For complete deer hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Author Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She is an avid hunter and shotgun shooter.

Shift to online-only applications to solve elk-hunter notification

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — A shift to online-only applications for Kentucky elk

quota hunts will solve problems with notifying people drawn for a hunt.

The new system takes effect Dec. 1, when the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources begins its application sales for the 2009-10 elk hunt.

Other licenses and permits will not be affected by the change.

Under the old system, the department faced difficulties obtaining the names and addresses of youth hunters and those without a Kentucky driver's license. This delayed notifications to all hunters and mailings of elk hunt information to all those drawn for the hunt. Under the new system, hunters will provide their names and addresses when they register online at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website, fw.ky.gov. The new system speeds up the notification process and increases its efficiency.

"A majority of people were already using the Internet to verify if they were drawn for the elk hunt," said Kentucky

Fish and Wildlife

Commissioner Jon Gassett. "This is the next logical step to promote the elk project and maintain a database to improve future elk drawings."

Previously, hunters could purchase an application for a quota elk hunt through a license vendor such as Wal-Mart, K-Mart or county court clerk offices, or by calling the department's license sales phone number. However, applicants did not have to supply their names or addresses at the time of purchase, making it difficult for department personnel to track down this information and contact hunters who were drawn. Department officials were able to obtain most names and addresses by cross-referencing Kentucky driver's license records.

However, there remained a number of hunters the department had

difficulty contacting. "Each year, we have a percentage of folks whose name and address information is not captured via phone or point-of-sale vendors," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Brunjes said these "unknown" applicants can make up as much as 10

percent of those drawn for an elk permit. Department personnel must then try to find the drawn hunters by making phone calls, sending out press releases and posting information on the department's website. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission awarded 400 permits for the current season and will increase substantially the number of permits for the 2009-10 hunting season, making it even more difficult to locate unknown hunters.

"We put a lot of hours into tracking those people down," Brunjes said. "With the number of permits issued increasing each year, we could be looking at far more unknowns in future years. The best way to remedy this is via online sales only."

Hunters drawn for the 2009-10 elk hunt will also be able to pay for their elk permit online rather than sending a check to the department.

Elk permits for those drawn to hunt cost \$30 for Kentucky residents and \$365 for nonresidents.

Elk lottery applications for the 2009-10 hunting season go on sale Dec. 1, 2008. Applicants can purchase their \$10 quota hunt application through the department's secure license sales webpage by going to

fw.ky.gov and clicking on "Purchase Licenses Here."

Angler opinion sought at three Kentucky lakes

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Anglers can express their opinions regarding size

limits on muskellunge at three of Kentucky's lakes by participating in a special online survey for the next few weeks.

Members of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission want public input before considering any changes to the existing size limits at Cave Run Lake, Green River Lake and Buckhorn Lake. Results of the online survey will be tabulated Dec. 4 and presented to commission members for consideration at their Dec. 5 meeting in Frankfort.

Anglers can complete a questionnaire on muskie size limits by logging onto fw.ky.gov, the website of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

MSU women's golf program announces signee for '09

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Marisa Kamelgarn, a highly ranked junior player from Mahopac, N.Y., has signed a national letter of intent to join the Morehead State women's golf team for the 2009-10 season. She is the first signee for head coach Stephanie Barker for the Fall signing period.

She is on track to graduate from Mahopac High School this spring.

Kamelgarn is currently ranked 19th in her class and 46th in the country by the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Polo Golf Rankings. She ranked 47th in her class by Golfweek and 94th in the country by the publication. Earlier this season, she became only the second girl ever in her region of New York to win the Section 1 boys golf championship, and out of six events with the AJGA this year she placed second four times with the majority of her scores ranging from 69 to 74.

Kamelgarn won the 2008 United States Golf Association Junior Girls Qualifier in Winchester, Mass., with a score of 72.



BLACK BELT TESTING: Members of the Family Academy of Martial Arts tested for promotions to the rank of 2nd and 3rd Degree Black Belt Sunday, Nov. 2. Kenni Gambill, Kendra Gambill, John Vaughn, and Elizabeth Vaughn were promoted to the rank of 2nd Degree Black Belt. Jonna Craft was promoted to the rank of 3rd Degree Black Belt. Grand Master Len Kirschbaum President of the Original Taekwon-Do Federation and Master Michael Gambill Senior Vice-President of the Original Taekwon-Do Federation and Head Instructor of the Family Academy of Martial Arts in Prestonsburg tested and presented the students with their certificates of promotion.

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Hilltoppers ink three at start of early signing period

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University head men's basketball coach Ken McDonald has announced the signing of three incoming freshman to National Letters of Intent (NLIs) on Thursday. Caden Dickerson, William Green, and Jordan Swing will enter WKU in the fall and will have four years of eligibility.

"This is an incredible start for our program, and our new coaching staff," said McDonald. "A great job by the assistant coaches as we really wanted this class to have a work ethic, a knowledge of basketball, and obviously talent. I think we covered all three bases and I couldn't be more excited about the group coming in."

Dickerson is a 6-4, 185-pound point guard from Argyle, Texas. As a junior in 2007-08, he led Argyle High School to a 34-3 record and an appearance in the Texas Class

AAA, Region 1 semifinals. Dickerson averaged 14.5 points per game while dishing out 4.2 assists and swiping 2.7 steals. An accurate shooter, Dickerson connected on 48.0 percent of his three-point attempts and shot 90.0 percent from the charity stripe.

"Caden is a big point guard who can also play the two; he can shoot the ball, and he's tough, really tough kid who is a good floor leader. For a player his age, he is very vocal, and that doesn't come around a whole lot," said McDonald.

Green is a 6-6, 180-pound forward from Orlando, Fla. Listed as a top 50 prospect in the state of Florida by FloridaProspects.com, Green averaged 11.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game last season in helping Olympia High School to a 24-3 record. As one of a host of talented players on the Titans' team for 2008-09, the senior is a big reason Olympia is favored to capture the Florida Class 6A

title and is ranked 29th in the nation on the ESPN RISE FAB 50. Green was rated as a three-star recruit by Rivals.com.

"William Green is really talented, and he doesn't even know how good he can be someday. He's a little bit in the Jeremy Evans mold in athleticism. He has a lot of upside. He can really handle the ball, shoot the ball, and do some things at a high level and as he gets stronger and matures with his body, he has a chance to be a big time player," said McDonald.

Swing is a 6-6, 200-pound forward from Vestavia Hills, Ala. In playing for head coach George Hatchett at Vestavia Hills High School, near Birmingham, Ala., Swing averaged 19.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, and 3.0 assists per game. He is rated as a two-star recruit on Rivals.com.

"Jordan has a combination of everything. He can really shoot the ball, has great size

for a wing player, and has a saavy and calmness about him. He really knows how to play. His dad was a great player who played in the NBA," said McDonald.

"This whole group, I'm just excited about the character. They are all good students. They're all serious about basketball and about their education."

MSU signs Indiana standout Corey Clemens

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Corey Clemens, a 6-2, 175-pound guard from New Castle Chrysler High School in New Castle, Ind., has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball at Morehead State University.

"Corey is a very versatile

guard who can play multiple positions as well as defend three different positions on the perimeter," said Morehead State Coach Donnie Tyndall. "I believe with his size and strength he will be able to contribute early in his career at MSU."

"We are very excited to add such a fine young man to our program. Corey plays for one of the best coaches in the state of Indiana in Steve Bennett, and he will make a quick transition to Division I basketball."

Clemens averaged 12 points per game as a junior at New Castle. He hit 49.2 percent overall from the field and 47.4 percent of his three point attempts. He averaged 2.88 three-pointers per game. New Castle Chrysler finished the season at 18-7 and advance to the "Elite 8" of the Indiana AAAA basketball tournament.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to play for Coach Tyndall," Clemens said. "He is

a determined coach who has the Morehead State program on the rise. Having played at New Castle for Coach Bennett, who is a former college coach, will make it easier to adjust to the college level."

Morehead State opened its 2008-09 regular season at Louisiana-Monroe on Friday (Nov. 14) evening. The Eagles now have consecutive road games at Vanderbilt, Drake and Louisville in front of them.

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EK Miners season tickets remain on sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners fans still have an opportunity to secure their tickets for the 2008-09 campaign. Miners season tickets remain on sale. Tickets for the 2008-09 season went on sale Saturday, Oct. 18. East Kentucky will play 16 home games inside the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center as part of a 32-game schedule during the 2008-09 season. There's a season ticket package suitable for all fans. Four different seating levels — Courtside (\$384

Season Ticket), Sections 103-106, 118-121 (\$256 Season Ticket), Sections 101-102, 122-123, 111-113, (\$192 Season Ticket); and All Upper Arena Seats (\$105 Season Ticket) — are available. East Kentucky Miners season tickets are available through the team's office, the East Kentucky Expo Center and TicketMaster.

Fans who visited the East Kentucky Expo Center for a Miners game during the 2007-08 season were treated to an exciting brand of basketball second to none in the Bluegrass State. The Miners led the CBA in scoring with a 111 points per game scoring average.

The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) recently announced the schedule for its

63rd season. The CBA's 63rd season is scheduled to tip off on Friday, Dec. 12. Four games are scheduled for the season's opening weekend.

The Miners will face CBA foes Albany, Lawton-Fort Sill, Minot and Pittsburgh during the upcoming season in the five-team league. The 14-week CBA season is scheduled to conclude Sunday, March 15. The CBA Playoffs are slated to start Wednesday, March 18. East Kentucky will host Minot in its home opener Sunday, Dec. 14. The Miners will travel to rival Pittsburgh for a season opener Friday, Dec. 12.

Much excitement surrounds the 2008-09 version of the East Kentucky Miners. East Kentucky recently signed University of Kentucky legend Wayne Turner. One of the top UK players of all-time, Turner holds the NCAA record for most games played. The former Wildcat played in the NBA for the Boston Celtics — the league's most storied franchise.

East Kentucky veterans Jason McLeish and Mike Crain and former NBA D-League player Jermaine Blackburn have also signed with the Miners. East Kentucky ended the 2007-08 regular season 26-22. The Miners reached the playoffs in their debut season. For more information on Miners season tickets, call 606-437-9715.

Ronnie Fields to return to Minot SkyRockets

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MINOT, ND — The Minot Skyrockets professional basketball franchise has announced the return of Ronnie Fields. A 6-4, 225 pound guard who has played for the Skyrockets the past two seasons, Fields is an accomplished professional player. He joined the Skyrockets on January 17, 2007 and has been a fan favorite ever since. Last season, Fields averaged 21.4 points and four rebounds per game, leading the Skyrockets to the CBA championship series. In the playoffs, Fields averaged 20.9 points and four assists per game, leading the American Conference Champion Skyrockets. Fields will join the team December 3 for veteran's camp. Two weeks later, on Dec. 17, Minot will Albany in its season-opener.

East Kentucky Miners fans will be able to catch Fields in action Dec. 14 when Minot visits the East Kentucky Expo

Center. While playing for the Skyrockets last season, Fields broke the 6,000-point mark, becoming the sixth all-time leader scorer in CBA history. Fields, along with fellow Skyrockets Kevin Rice and Sidney Holmes, made his fourth CBA All-Star team. The former Farragut Academy standout was also named All-CBA First Team member for the third time in his career along with being named to the CBA All-Defensive Team.

"We're committed to taking the Skyrockets to the next level and bringing family-friendly affordable entertainment to the city," Skyrockets Vice President Peder Rice said. "Bringing back Ronnie Fields is a step in that direction. Ronnie's a walking highlight reel and one of the best, most unique players to ever play in the CBA. We think in bringing back Ronnie, we're well on our way to bringing a CBA championship home to Minot."



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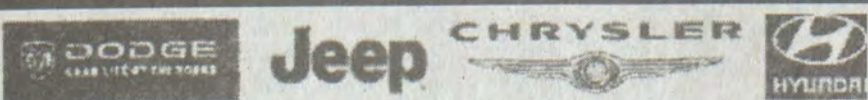
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State receives an 'F' on March of Dimes premature birth report card

FRANKFORT — The United States is failing hundreds of thousands of its youngest citizens on the day they are born, according to the March of Dimes. Kentucky faces a crisis level of premature births that is driving up health care costs and special education budgets; preventive action is needed starting now.

In the first of what will be an annual Premature Birth Report Card, the nation received a "D" and not a single state earned an "A," when the March of Dimes compared actual preterm birth rates to the national Healthy People 2010 objective. The grade of "F" indicates how far Kentucky, with a preterm birth rate of 15.2 percent, is from the Healthy People 2010 objective of 7.6 percent of all live births. Latest available data (2005) shows that the national preterm birth rate is 12.7 percent.

A new legislative caucus is being formed to focus the efforts of the Kentucky General Assembly on the Commonwealth's preterm birth crisis. At a news conference Wednesday in the Rotunda of the Kentucky State Capitol, a group of Kentucky lawmakers, joined by the leaders of several top Kentucky health care organizations, will announce the formation of the new Healthy Babies Caucus and the implications of the Premature Birth Report Card for Kentucky's families.

Kentucky is the only state in the nation that is participating in an innovative new initiative aimed at lowering its prematurity rate in selected areas by 15 percent. "Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait," a partnership of the March of Dimes, Johnson & Johnson Pediatric Institute, and the Kentucky Department for Public Health, is currently underway at three sites: King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland; Trover Health System's Regional Medical Center of Hopkins County; and The University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital in Lexington.

"Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait" brings together the most up-to-date approaches for preventing preterm birth, as no single intervention is adequate to address the complex causes of this serious problem. Kentucky was chosen for the pilot after a nationwide review of communities with high rates of preventable preterm birth. "If 'Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait' is successful, the interventions and lessons learned could make a difference if applied to other states in the country with high rates of preterm birth," according to Diane Ashton, M.D., MPH, FACOG, Deputy Medical Director of the March of Dimes.

"It is unacceptable that our nation is failing so many preterm babies," said Jennifer L. Howse, PhD, president of the March of Dimes. "We are determined to find and implement solutions to prevent preterm birth, based on research, best clinical practices, and improved education for moms."

Kentucky will also be host of the Prematurity Summit on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Galt House Hotel and Suites in downtown Louisville. The event is being hosted by the Greater Kentucky Chapter of the March of Dimes, and is jointly sponsored by "Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait" and Kosair Children's Hospital, a part of Norton Healthcare.

In addition to providing state rankings, the March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card analyzes contributing factors and prevention opportunities, including rates of late preterm birth, smoking, and uninsured women of child-bearing age. In Kentucky, the rate of late preterm births is 11 percent; the rate of women smoking is 34.2 percent, and the rate of uninsured women is 19.4 percent.

"The Report Card illustrates the importance of ensuring every pregnant woman in Kentucky has access to health coverage by expanding KCHIP, and it further stresses the value of smoking prevention and cessation," said Lisa Herzberg Echsner, State Director for the Greater Kentucky Chapter. "Particularly in regards to smoking, the March of Dimes

will bring before the legislature a proposal to increase the cigarette tax."

The Report Card also calls for:

- Expanded federal support for prematurity-related research to uncover the causes of premature birth and lead not only to strategies for prevention, but also improved care and outcomes for preterm infants.

- Hospital leaders to voluntarily review all Cesarean-section births and inductions of labor that occur before 39 weeks gestation, in an effort to

reverse America's rising preterm birth rate. The review should ensure that all c-sections and inductions meet established professional guidelines.

- Policymakers to improve access to health coverage for women of childbearing age and to support smoking cessation programs as part of maternity care.

- Businesses to create workplaces that support maternal and infant health, such as providing private areas to pump breast milk, access to flextime, and information

about how to have a healthy pregnancy and childbirth.

In this election year, the March of Dimes invites all Americans to help send a message to our new President and to federal and state lawmakers by signing the 2008 Petition for Preemies at marchofdimes.com/petition.

The purpose of the Petition and the Report Card is to raise public awareness of the growing crisis of preterm birth so elected and appointed officials will commit more resources to address this problem and policymakers will support develop-

ment of strategies that benefit mothers and babies.

The Report Card also is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of Women's Health Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the National Business Group on Health, the American Benefits Council and dozens of other businesses and maternal and infant health organizations.

Premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death in the United States and a major cause of lifelong disability. The preterm birth rate has increased more than 20 percent since

1990 and costs the nation more than \$26 billion a year, according to the Institute of Medicine report issued in July 2006.

Babies who survive a premature birth face the risk of serious life-long health problems including learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, blindness, hearing loss, and other chronic conditions including asthma. Even infants born just a few weeks too soon have a greater risk of breathing problems, feeding difficulties, temperature instability (hypothermia), jaundice and delayed brain development.

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