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## In brief

### Record number of registered voters in Ky.

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — So many people are registering to vote in Kentucky that county clerks are using additional staff or working longer hours to accommodate the increase as the deadline nears.

A statement from Secretary of State Trey Grayson on Friday said the state set a record for voter registrations on Sept. 15 and would set another high mark after registration closes out Oct. 6 for the Nov. 4 general election.

Grayson said some county election officials have gone to 12-hour days or hired temporary workers to keep up with the influx of voter registrations.

The state Board of Elections is receiving hundreds of voter registration cards daily.

At the mid-September reporting date, there were 2,894,299 registered voters in Kentucky. Of those, 1,656,242 were Democrats and 1,049,459 were Republican.

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## Project to tackle water problems at David

SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

DAVID — Since 1982, The Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands has been working to lend attention to drinking water or water for public consumption or use that has been polluted by drainage from shut down mines.

Now the time line for that effort has stopped, at least temporarily, along the Left Fork of Middle Creek in the town of David.

According to Clark Allison, a coordinator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service, a sizable project is about to get underway in David.

According to Clark, the comprehensive survey conducted along the Left Fork and contiguous areas, is the first of its kind in the state that centers on the problems of polluted water from

abandoned mine drainage.

Another unique aspect of this most recent survey will be extensive input from area citizens as authorities go about the task of reducing the polluted waters.

As of Wednesday, Allison said there were already a number of locals providing help in locating trouble spots. Among them were Frank Fitzpatrick, head of the Middle Creek National Battlefield group, and Kathy Curtis, with Big Sandy Resource Conservation and Development.

There will also be a VISTA volunteer, Elizabeth Fees, who will begin working with the watershed group the Big Sandy Watershed Watch, beginning in December, Allison said.

Fees, who will be mentored and supervised to a certain extent by Fitzpatrick and Curtis, will

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From left to right, Jared Edwards, Russ Mehnert, Don Fuller, Kathleen Weigand, Frank Fitzpatrick, Kathy Curtis and Rekha Nanduri discuss the abandoned mine drainage problem along the Left Fork of Middle Creek in David. The goal is to get drainage sites identified and treated.

## FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN



photo by Sheldon Compton

By the first afternoon of Paintsville's Kentucky Apple Festival Friday, the streets of downtown were lined with visitors. Locals enjoyed many attractions that have now become staple draws such as arts and crafts booths, funnel cakes and, of course, a wide variety of amusement rides.

## Chop shop operator pleads guilty

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

LONDON — A contract employee for a local car dealership pleaded guilty Thursday to owning and operating a chop shop that spanned both Floyd and Pike counties.

Marty Keith Hamilton, 50, admitted in federal court in London to starting the operations as far back as February 2001, adding that

the shop continued for more than six years, ending in August 2007.

In addition, Hamilton also pleaded guilty to having in his possession vehicles with altered vehicle identification number plates. Hamilton admitted to his intent to either sell or dispose of these vehicles, according to Kyle Edelen with the Office of the U.S.

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## Use of forged MRIs a growing problem

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A unique attempt by two men to allegedly improperly obtain prescription medication led to their indictment on criminal possession of a forged instrument charges by a Floyd County grand jury on Wednesday.

Claude D. Stanley, Jr., 48, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and David G. Tackett, 39, of East Point, allegedly

used forged MRI reports to try to obtain controlled substances from local doctors.

According to Alljson Martin, with the Kentucky Department of Criminal Investigations, the crime has cropped up before.

"Previous investigations have shown people purchasing fake MRI reports on the black market," Martin said.

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## Equitable Resources presents \$25K grant to science center

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A new energy exhibit planned for the East Kentucky Science Center received a big boost on Wednesday in the form of a \$25,000 grant from Equitable Resources.

"I'm really impressed with the facility," said Maurice Royster, with Equitable Resources. "We are extremely proud to be part of the institution that you have here."

The presentation of the check took

place in the center's planetarium.

Kevin West, vice president of Equitable Resources, also spoke at the event.

"Two of the major issues facing our country are energy and education," West said. "It's a real pleasure to combine those things for an exhibit in Eastern Kentucky."

Many local and state politicians were on hand for the presentation of the check, including State Reps. Greg

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

The East Kentucky Science Center received an energy exhibit grant for \$25,000 from Equitable Resources on Wednesday.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Emma Gertrude Hyden Branham, 90, of Allen, died Monday, September 22, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Richard Carroll, 58, of David, died Monday, September 29, at St. Joseph, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Sammons Carroll. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Rosa Lee Childers, 77, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, September 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Cora Lee Click, 95, of Martin, died Monday, September 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Juanita Cox, 90, of Garrett, died Wednesday,

September 17, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Katie Noel Hamilton, 4, daughter of Rodney Hamilton of Betsy Layne, and Rhonda Hall Hamilton of Prestonsburg, died Friday, September 26, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Edna Campbell Harris, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, September 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Elford Holbrook, 85, of Bevinville, died Tuesday, September 30, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kermit Howell, 64, of Beaver, died Sunday,

September 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marylou Eplin Howell. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Violet Louise Turner Moore, 81, of Drift, died Friday, September 26, in the McDowell Appalachian Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Joe C. Moore. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James Litten Smith, 88, of Raleigh, North Carolina, formerly of McDowell, died Thursday, September 25, in North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ George Smith of Tram, died Thursday, September 25. He is survived by his wife, Helen Smith. Services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Anita Tackett, 45, of Beaver, died Wednesday,

September 30, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Larry Turner, 57, of Garrett, died Saturday, September 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, September 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ David Ross Tuttle, 40, of McDowell, died Sunday, September 28, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Karin Stumbo Tuttle. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Chace Adkins, 19, of Cadiz, formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, September 28, in Trigg County, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Betty Jo Bevins, 76, of Ashland, formerly of South Williamson, died Sunday, September 28, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Eloise Bevins, 61, of Phyllis, died Tuesday, September 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Clinard Ermel Bevins. Arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Michael Neal Casey, 38, of Belcher, died Wednesday, September 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Casey. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Helen Jean Damron, 56, of Shelbiana, died Tuesday, September 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bill C. Damron. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sid Dotson, 81, of Phelps, died Thursday,

October 2, 2008, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Jessie Mildred "Millo" England Gibson, 83, of Hellier, died Wednesday, October 1, at her home. Funeral services were held at noon Saturday, October 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Martin Johnson, 73, of Three Mile Creek, died Thursday, September 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alta Mae Johnson. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 28, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Mella Daniel Litteral, 92, of Pikeville, died Friday, September 26, at Signature Healthcare Center, Pikeville. Services, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Delaney Mapes, 28, of Phelps, died Thursday, September 25, at Holston Valley Hospital, Kingsport, Tennessee. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 28, in the Church of God in Jesus Name, Thacker, West Virginia.

■ Richard Cory "Convict" Runyon, 39 of Phelps, died

Thursday, September 25, at Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn. he is survived by his wife, Tina Stevens Hayes-Runyon. Arrangements, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services, Inc.

■ Isaac Dean Sanders, 19, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, September 24, at the Baptist Regional Hospital in Corbin. Funeral services were held Sunday, September 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Wanda Tackett, 55, of Rutledge, Tennessee, formerly of Pike County, died Monday, September 29, at the Bristol Regional Hospital, Bristol, Tenn. Arrangements, were under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Eric Christopher West, 37, of Hodgenville, a native of South Williamson, died Monday, September 29. Graveside services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Stephen Kelly Collins, 37, of Dwarf, died Wednesday, September 17, at the Hazard

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# Obituaries

## Cora L. Stephens Meadows

Cora L. Stephens Meadows, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

Born December 21, 1917, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Bill and Miriam Eddington Coburn. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Mud Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Meadows.

Survivors include four sons: William Andrew Stephens, and Leonard A. Stephens, both of Prestonsburg; Clarence D. Stephens of Sidney, Indiana; and Charles Ed Stephens of Endicott; three daughters: Buleah Leckrone, Allie Josephine Goble, and Lorraine Hamilton, all of Prestonsburg; 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Paul T. Stephens; a sister, Mary Collins; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Robert Collins, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Vernon Reynolds

Vernon Reynolds, 65, of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, October 2, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born August 4, 1943, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Oscar and Oma Branham Reynolds. He was a retired boiler operator for McCloud Steel, and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Betsy Layne.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Click Reynolds.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Ronald Dean and Renee Reynolds of Riverview,

Michigan; and Jeffery Vernon and Karen Reynolds of Brownstown, Michigan; three brothers: Minis Newsom of Betsy Layne; Myles Reynolds of Wyandotte, Michigan; and Kenneth Reynolds of Brownstown, Michigan; four sisters: Dollie Ralph of Carleton, Michigan; Thelma Clark of Harold; Geneva Wright of Belleville, Michigan; and Wanda Patricio of Newport News, Virginia; and four grandchildren: Hailey and Dylan Reynolds, and John and Joe Jasinski.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: James Reynolds and Omer Reynolds.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, October 5, at 1 p.m., at Calvary Baptist Church, in Betsy Layne, with Doug Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the Ferguson Family Cemetery, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Sandra Gail (Maynard) Transue

Sandra Gail (Maynard) Transue, 47, passed away at Mt. Carmel East Hospital, on Sunday, September 28, 2008, after being diagnosed with cancerous brain tumors on August 22, 2008.

She was born in Paintsville, on January 2, 1961.

Her marriage and the birth of her two daughters were the highlights of her life. Sandra enjoyed watching her girls compete in sports, and was an avid reader. She worked for Nationwide Insurance for 28 years.

She was preceded in death

by her father, Paul Maynard. She is survived by her husband, Terry Transue.

Other survivors include her daughters: Ashley Ariann and Lauren Nicole Transue; her mother, Louann Miller; a brother, Keith Maynard; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and numerous friends.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, October 3, at Schoedinger East Chapel, 5360 E. Livingston Ave.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Interment was in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital, and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, 300 West Tenth Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

To share memories or condolences, please visit: [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com)

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- Barack Obama (102 Votes, 55%)
- Neither (25 Votes, 13%)

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- No, I still need to see more
- Yes, I'm voting for McCain-Palin
- I've decided not to vote for either

# FCT ONLINE POLL

## Water

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help with efforts to educate citizens. The hope is that this proactive approach to further involve citizens will help in implementing an agreed plan of action.

One of the key ways citizens can help in the process, according to Allison, is to assist those compiling data for the study to help get sites mapped and plans for reclamation drawn.

The project, at its core, began with an application for assistance, from

local government. The AML division gives the local government funding to study the groundwater for initial findings. If, in the case of the David project, mining has caused problem, the AML pays a portion of the cost based on the mining impacts found in the study.

Following studies and mapping there are generally two options for treatment — active and passive approaches.

In an active approach, the more

traditional solution undertaken by AML officials, mechanical systems add alkaline chemical to drainage to get metals to drop out quickly and neutralize the acidity. This method, however, can become expensive to maintain and can often present hurdles in the disposal of metal-laden sludges.

Another treatment that came into more frequent use in the early 1990s is referred to as passive treatment. This treatment only required periodic

maintenance and greatly reduces long-term costs. This approach does, however, use far more land than an active approach. But the treatment can be useful given the land is available for use and that landowners show cooperation.

With most discharges, two things generally need to be done — acidity needs to be neutralized and metals need to precipitate. Passive systems typically have separate components for each function.

Stantec Consulting, a California-based firm, has been contracted to do the surveying and engineering for the survey, but have asked for as much input from citizens and landowners as possible to map and reclaim the drainage sites.

Citizens who would want to report sites are invited to call the local office of the Floyd County Conservation District at 606-889-9800 or by email at [conserve@bellsouth.net](mailto:conserve@bellsouth.net).

## Guilty

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Attorney Eastern District of Kentucky.

During the six-year period Hamilton says he ran the chop shop, he pleaded guilty to stealing approximately 60 vehicles.

The general method used,

according to his plea Thursday, was to keep duplicate keys from the cars brought to his garage to be detailed. He formed duplicates with a key-cutting machine and kept them for himself.

To further add to the opera-

tion, Hamilton has admitted that he would place a sticker on the back of the detailed cars brandishing the dealership's logo. This, he said, made the task of spotting the cars at local businesses in Floyd and Pike counties easier, at which

time he would use the duplicate key to steal them.

Hamilton also mentioned an accomplice during his plea, but the U.S. Attorney's Office did not release that individual's name.

According to Hamilton, he and the unnamed accomplice would purchase donor vehicles from local dealerships and salvage yards, taking the legitimate VIN numbers from these vehicles to be placed on the stolen ones.

Once this step was taken, Edelen said the stolen vehicles were sold to "unsuspecting" third parties across several states, including Kentucky,

Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia.

The accomplice was said to have also purchased vehicles from Hamilton with the knowledge they were stolen.

Also in federal court Thursday, Hamilton, who was indicted in July of this year, pleaded guilty to a criminal forfeiture of \$200,000. This figure represents the amount of money he was said to have made from the chop shop activities.

A federal court ruling during his arraignment has also stipulated that Hamilton pay restitution to the victims, as well. The amount will be

determined by the court at his sentencing.

Hamilton's sentencing has not yet been set, but, if convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison and fined \$250,000.

Though Hamilton's accomplice, who was also indicted in July, has not yet been named by federal authorities, he or she has been scheduled for trial on Dec. 1.

## Grant

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Stumbo and Hubert Collins, and former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

Some of the officials toured the facility and chatted with each other as they checked out the exhibit on the human brain that is currently on display at the center.

Big Sandy Community and

Technical College President George Edwards closed the event after the presentation of the check, acknowledging board members and thanking Equitable Resources.

"We would like to thank Equitable Resources for supporting the East Kentucky Science Center by funding the

new energy exhibit," Edwards said.

The East Kentucky Science Center became part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on July 1.

Equitable Resources is an energy company that focuses on Appalachian natural gas operations.

## MRIs

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Attorney Brent Turner said he isn't allowed to talk about the cases at the moment, he did offer information on previous cases where fake MRI reports have been used.

"The general thing that has been occurring is people getting reports that show a herni-

ated disc or something that would justify pain medication," Turner said. "They've done anything from whitening out the name on the reports to using computers for more sophisticated changes."

According to Turner, some doctors may notice something

on the report that doesn't look correct and run a prescription history on the person which may show previous attempts to obtain prescriptions.

"This kind of thing has really become a rampant problem," Turner said.

## Obituaries

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ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Michelle Eastman Collins. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Melvin Conley, 85, of Mousie, died Tuesday, September 16, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Willard "Willie" Carl Hughes, 57, of Springfield, Ohio, a native of Mallie, died Thursday, September 18, at home. Funeral services were held Monday, September 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Clara Napier, 84, of Bulan, died Friday, September 19, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Frankie Catherine Slone, 57, of Mallie, died Tuesday, September 30, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Friday, October 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Frona Creech Stewart, of Beattyville, formerly of Pippa Passes, died Saturday,

September 20. She is survived by her husband, Ronald L. Stewart. Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 24, under the direction of Newman Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Slone Thomas,

74, of Garner, died Wednesday, September 17, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## Organ donation quilt on display locally Wednesday

MARTIN — The public is invited to view the Donor Family Memorial Quilt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at St. Joseph - Martin (formerly Our Lady of the Way Hospital) in Martin.

This quilt honors those people in Kentucky who offered the "gift of life" to others through organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

Today in the United States alone, nearly 100,000 people are on the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant. Of those people, about 750 are residents of Kentucky and some may live in local areas.

Also on Wednesday, a staff member from Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates will offer

information on organ and tissue donation and an opportunity to sign up on the new Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. This new registry enables a person to place his or her name on the registry, stating that he or she wishes to be a potential organ donor.

If you have signed your driver's license in the past, it is now necessary to take this next step and sign the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry. So far, more than 400,000 Kentucky residents have signed up.

If you have questions, please call Joy Adkins at 304-638-4244. Also, please call if you are interested in having a free presentation about organ donation at your next civic organization meeting.

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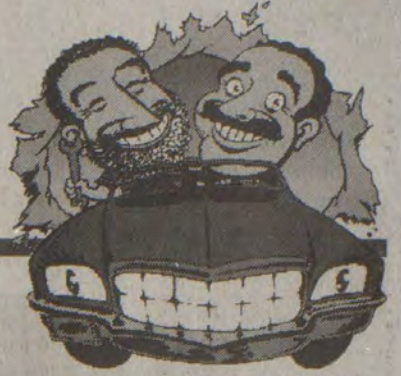
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## This Town, That World

**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.

Television turns to reruns during the summer months. If I get any duller, I may use reruns from this column all winter.

### OUCH

Monday morning, I missed Stinky, who always is good for at least one sharp jab of the needle to start the week off. But Lenna Moore came along later, to pinch hit for him.

He had just made a mistake, he said, had seen a man walking away from him, thought the man was I, and called to him. When the man turned, according to this report, he turned out to be a total stranger.

"Sorry," Lenna apologized. "I thought you was Norman Allen."

The other coolly looked Lenna over and remarked:

"It is human to err, I understand. But, you didn't have to make a mistake like that."

### STILL CLIPPING

A Mr. Tussey, of Springfield, Ohio, called the other day to express appreciation of the photographs of Dewey Lake and other scenes, which my son has been shooting and we've been reproducing in the paper. He spoke of the nostalgia the pictures arouse for him, and of his desire to come home. We rambled on for some time (at his expense via long-distance) while I was assuring him of my appreciation of a reader calling rather to praise than prate. Then the caller asked about Watt Hale.

"I just wondered if he's still running that clip-joint over at West Prestonsburg," he said.

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I learned belatedly that last week was National Dog Week. "Bud" Perry in his "Coffee Break" column of the Paintsville Herald, broke the news in this fashion:

But you didn't know that this was National Dog Week. We didn't either, until a dog-lover happened to call it to our attention. Kind of catchy slogan... "deserve to be your dog's best friend."

Anyway, this is your dog's week. Be nice to him or her, as the case may be. Give him a bone...after carefully removing most of the meat, of course...a pat on head, let him know this is his week. If you don't have a dog, be nice to your husband. He may not bark, tree possums, or chase a fox, but he's better than nothing.

### CAMPING PROSPECTS GOOD

This youngster went to the top brass for answers. He wanted them, and he got 'em.

"My buddy and I," he said, were chased from our campsite at your lake. They said it was against federal regulations to x)mp there."



Students at Stumbo Elementary are taking advantage of "Picturing America," a program designed to introduce students to their artistic heritage.

# PICTURING AMERICA

## Stumbo students learn about artistic heritage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The students and staff at Stumbo Elementary School recently launched "Picturing America," an exciting program that seeks to introduce students to their artistic heritage and inspire them as they become more informed citizens.

Recently, Stumbo Elementary was selected to receive the grant award to fund the program from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Melissa Little, fifth-grade social studies teacher at Stumbo Elementary, applied for the grant on behalf of the school and students. The grant provided the school with 40 large, high-quality reproduction masterpieces, an in-depth resource

book providing educators with a wide range of ideas and background information for using the works of art in core subjects, and a dynamic online resource that provides access to images, lesson plans, and more detailed information on the masterpieces and artists.

Little, along with fellow teacher Karen Henry, will be team teaching fifth-grade students who will be involved in using the program.

"It is our hope to not only broaden student understanding of the art, math and social studies content, but to also broaden them culturally to art that they may otherwise not see due to the lack of opportunities to interact with art in our area," Little said.

Dianna Kidd, a fifth-grade student at Stumbo, commented on the

program.

"It is better to learn about the elements of art by seeing the poster," Kidd said.

Student Chase Newman is also impressed with "Picturing America."

"I like the way teachers take time to come out of their class and teach and share," Newman said.

Stumbo Elementary Principal Deresa Ray believes that the program will boost art education at the school.

"This grant has given the teachers and students here at Stumbo a greater opportunity to improve their knowledge of the arts," Ray said. "The resources provided are wonderful. We are very appreciative of this opportunity."

## BSCTC to host reptile show

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

For those people who like their entertainment a little on the cold-blooded side, the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College is the place to be next week.

The Community Biology Club at the college will be holding the annual live reptile show, which will include an iguana, a rattlesnake, an

alligator, a giant boa constrictor, and other reptiles on Friday, Oct. 10.

The show is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Gearhart Auditorium located in the Pike Building. Admission to the show is free, and people are urged to arrive early to secure a seat.

Herpetologist Jim Harrison, director of the Kentucky Reptile Zoo in Slade, will be providing the reptiles and talking about their

characteristics, including how they benefit nature. Harrison will also answer questions from the audience immediately after the conclusion of the hour-long show.

Harrison has been featured on the National Geographic Channel's program "Snake Wranglers," capturing venomous snakes. Harrison also extracts venom from snakes at the reptile zoo to be used for med-

(See REPTILES, page six)

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'The Arrival'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

"The Picture of Dorian Gray" gets spliced with "The Hidden" in this dark thriller that came out five years before the title was slapped onto a lame Charlie Sheen flick about alien contact.

This one is actually pretty good and was made for less than Sheen donated to Heidi Fleiss when she was still laboring in the world's oldest profession.

It all starts at a birthday party for Max Page, who has just turned 73. The party gets crashed (big time) when a meteorite lands in Max's yard. The next day finds Max barred from his own back yard as government agents rope off the site and study the debris.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

This doesn't deter Max, who pulls up a lawn chair to watch the show. Turns out to be a bad idea as an unseen force tunnels up from the crash area and heads for Max like a deranged gopher. In a flash he's off his rocker, literally, and an ambulance whisks him to the hospital.

His family arrives in time to find that Max didn't survive the incident, which no one witnessed, and his passing is attributed to age. Max stuns the scientific community by being the first dead guy to get better. Unfortunately he almost kills his son, who is taking a quiet moment with the deceased when he suddenly springs back to life.

After a few days of observation (which Max spends flirting with a cutesy nurse named Connie when he's not raiding the ward's blood supply), he is released, though trouble soon begins. He begins suffering from nightmares (in which his daughter-in-law tries to seduce him and he retaliates by drinking her blood) that Freud would envy.

Things take a turn for the worse when he develops odd powers which include:

- a strong sense of smell which is attuned to estrogen levels in women,
- super strength
- and a thirst for human blood.

The upside, however, is that Max begins to get younger, though his anti-aging method (drinking the blood of women) is not socially acceptable. Page decides to hit the road and begins preying on the poor souls who give him a ride.

Meanwhile, an FBI agent gets on his trail and soon hooks up with the government goons who trashed Max's yard. Oddly they work well together and no one questions the fact this is some weird stuff.

Eventually Max lands in San Diego and puts the moves on Connie (who has relocated there). It all leads to a showdown between the cops and our possessed hero which ends in copious bloodshed and a tad of melodrama as Connie rushes into Max's arms to hold him one last time - bad idea.

(See LAGOON, page six)

# A walk in my shoes

by CHERYL M. KREMER

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:  
CELEBRATING PEOPLE WHO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE"

My father has suffered from Parkinson's disease since his late 30s. For the most part, he could do everything it took to work his full-time job, raise five kids and keep my very busy, stay-at-home mom happy. But when he hit his early 60s, he woke up one morning unable to move his legs.

Within three months, he lost his job and spent all of his time going to

doctors to find the right combination of medicine that would allow him to lead the life he had before that dreadful morning. But it seemed no matter how the doctors increased or decreased his medicine dose, life as he knew it had permanently changed. Slowly but surely, medical equipment began to fill his home, including a wheelchair.

Life has not been easy for him. But every so often something happens that reminds him that the world is still good. While at a hotel in Delaware, Mom was pushing Dad in

his wheelchair. He needed to use the restroom, but with Mom weighing only half of what he did, it was very hard for her to lift him out of his chair. They needed help and searched the lobby for someone who looked as if they had a big enough physique, and heart, to come to their rescue.

Before long, a gentleman approached them and asked if they needed assistance. My mother explained that Dad needed to use the restroom but she didn't think she could get him out of the chair. Although he wasn't a large man, he

swooped my dad out of the chair and got him in a stall. He called Mom into the bathroom and guarded the door while my parents were in there. When Mom needed help to get him back in the chair, the good Samaritan reappeared and, with very little effort, hoisted his arms under my dad's and sat him back in his seat.

After receiving very appreciative thanks from my parents, he turned and walked away. It was only then that Dad noticed the most remarkable thing about his man. He was a double-amputee with two prosthetic legs.



**Allen**

"Right."  
"But why?"  
The man gave with a benign smile, then explained. "You see, son, it's the environment. Know what that means? It means boy, we gotta keep things cleaned up."  
"Sure, but—"  
"Right! Gotta keep that shoreline clean. These beer cans—in a dry county, yet!—and paper cartons, everything scattered everywhere. And pollution getting into the lake. Can't have it, son."  
"But—but, sir," stammered the unfortunate youngster, "why jump us campers,

and leave other polluters alone?"  
"Polluters—what polluters?"  
"Big shovels and stuff like that, sir. What about that strip-mining, and all the coal and dirt and stuff pourin' into the lake?"  
"Har-rumph!" As we have repeatedly stated, my dear young one, we're keeping an eye on the situation."  
The young camper was ready to leave the field of battle with plumes dragging. That answer was the clincher. Yet he paused for one final question:  
"Do you suppose we'll ever be permitted to camp over there again?"

The man beamed expansively. "Sure," my boy. Just wait a few years and you can camp all the way across the lake."  
"Thank you, colonel," the lad said, moving toward the door.  
"But," added the man, "there's one thing more, son. You gotta promise to keep the grass cut."

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P.S.

I did not vacate the premises, as planned, last week. So any fishing questions you may ask will not be embarrassing.

**Reptiles**



photo courtesy of the Kentucky Reptile Zoo  
Jim Harrison, director of the Kentucky Reptile Zoo, extracts venom from snakes on a daily basis to be used for medical research.

ical research.  
According to the zoo's website, "The main purpose of Kentucky Reptile Zoo is the production of venom towards pharmaceutical research and the production of antiserum, the antidote for venomous snakebite."  
Harrison frequently speaks at schools and other events to educate the public on snakes and the Kentucky Reptile Zoo.  
"Jim is an excellent speaker," said Dr. John Shiber, coordinator of the Community Biology Club. "He knows just about everything there is to know about reptiles. His snake stories are fascinating and help us to understand how, and how not, to behave during a chance encounter with these legless creatures."  
The Kentucky Reptile Zoo is located at 200 L&E Railroad Road, in Slade. They are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday through Sunday, during the spring and fall, and daily during the summer. The zoo is open in November on the weekends as weather allows.  
For more information on the reptile show and the Community Biology Club, contact Dr. John Shiber at (606) 886-3863.

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**SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS**

**Discover new services online**

by JENNIFER HOPKINS  
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE  
SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that you can discover a wealth of information and services at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)?  
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fits based on different scenarios. And you can apply for disability benefits online. You even can apply for help to pay the costs of the Medicare prescription drug program at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).  
Information on retirement, survivors, disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Medicare are easily accessible on Social Security's homepage. But the website offers much more. The site allows you to discover the wider Social Security program.  
First, you'll want to familiarize yourself with our publications. They explain all of Social Security's programs. One of our newest publica-

tions is a fact sheet that explains the new retirement estimator - you can get to it from our Forms and Publications link at the left side of the home page. There, you'll find publications on all the relevant subjects including information about your Social Security card and number and how Social Security affects women. Moreover, dozens of publications are available in 15 languages. We even have a Spanish language website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/espanol).  
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quently asked questions and answers.  
So spend some time at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). You'll be pleasantly surprised at all you can discover there.  
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.  
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**Norris**

ing show business industry — men such as Charlton Heston, John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart and Ronald Reagan. And I'm grateful for others today who also have stood for conservative values — incredible actors such as Jim Caviezel, Mel Gibson, Jon Voight and others. These are the type of men who will go against the grain of the Hollywood status quo. These are the type of men who get the fact that entertainment isn't about playing party politics. These are the type of men who demonstrate what my hero and stalwart conservative, John Wayne, once said: "Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway."  
Despite Tinseltown's liberal leanings,

there is a lot of good that conservatives are doing in the film industry — not only for American entertainment but also for activism. That is why I recommend movies such as Sherwood Pictures' "Fireproof," David Zucker's "An American Carol" and the millennial social cry to expose and stop the global and even American slave trade, "Call + Response."  
Underground or aboveground, we're all "created equal" endowed by (our) Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." On Main Street or Wall Street, in the movie business or the political arena, maybe there's much more overlap in life than we think; maybe

we've got a lot more in common than we really know. We're Americans.  
(Note From Chuck: My wife, Gena, and I send our heartfelt condolences to the family and close friends of Paul Newman. Newman was absolutely one of Hollywood's finest, not only as an actor but also as a gentleman and humanitarian. Another legendary actor, who inspired us all, has ridden off into the sunset, but he never will be forgotten.)  
To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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**Lagoon**

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The last shot is a killer and it promises a sequel that we never got, which is too bad because director David Schmoeller has made a ton of sequels to his other films (like "Puppet Master") and usually serves up an entertaining flick.  
This one is helped by good lensing and an air of mystery as they never even try to explain exactly what has possessed Max. The actors are okay and include a load of genre vets such as Stuart Gordon ("Re-Animator"), John Saxon ("Enter the Dragon") and Michale J. Pollard ("House of 1,000 Corpses"), who is hilarious as a muskrat grilling dope whose pet parrot knows more cuss words than the late, and great, George Carlin.  
Best line: "He was sucking on my neck and then he began to gag."  
1991, rated R.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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## Madness tickets sold out

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Once again, University of Kentucky men's basketball fans have demonstrated an insatiable appetite for basketball. All 23,000 tickets to the 2008 Big Blue Madness were snapped up in the first 40 minutes of availability Saturday morning.

Hundreds of fans were present at UK's Memorial Coliseum ticket office Saturday at 7 a.m. when the distribution of free tickets began. Others obtained their tickets via the school's Website,

ukathletics.com and ticketmaster.com.

Big Blue Madness, the first open practice opportunity for Kentucky's 2008-09 men's and women's basketball teams, is Friday, Oct. 10, at 10:30 p.m. Fans will be allowed to enter Rupp Arena beginning at 9 p.m. the night of Big Blue Madness.

This will be the fourth time Madness has been held at Rupp Arena, where over 23,000 fans have attended each of the last three years.

Per the NCAA, programs can begin pre-season practice Oct. 17 this year. Coaches, however,

can work with their teams for two hours each week from Sept. 15 to Oct. 17. Kentucky is taking advantage of the two hours per week rule with its early Madness session.

Illinois will also stage its Madness on Oct. 10.

The Kentucky men's basketball program has changed the date of the UK Basketball 2.0: The Newest Version" of the women's clinic, to Thursday Oct. 9.

The time and location of the clinic remains the same, running from 6-9 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum/Joe Craft Center.



photo by Ralph B. Davis  
**GOLD MEDAL DUO:** Connelly and Lou McCray of Prestonsburg are shown wearing their medals from the recent Kentucky Senior Games held in Ashland. The duo won a gold medal in mixed doubles bowling. Connelly won gold in singles bowling, 100 and 200 meter dashes, long jump, triple jump and high jump. He won silver in the javelin event.

## Lady Rebs roll past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Host Allen Central pulled away from South Floyd Tuesday evening in an A-Team girls' basketball game. The Lady Rebels carried a 16-6 lead into halftime and pulled away in the second half. Allen Central rolled, defeating South Floyd 54-15.

Amber Shepherd paced the Lady Rebels (15-2) with a game-high 21 points. Caitlin Kidd followed with 14 points for the Allen Central A-Team.

Nine different Lady Rebels provided scoring. Hannah Macelrose pushed in five points for Allen Central. DeShea Elliott added four points in the Allen Central triumph.

Lady Rebels Krista Parsons, Sara Rife, Katerina Poston, Jayla Spurlock and Elizabeth Prater netted two points each.

Joslyn Issac led South Floyd with a team-high seven points. Miranda Johnson followed with four points for the South Floyd A-Team. Kaitlin Bates and Janel Brown rounded out the Lady Raider scoring with two points apiece.

Allen Central also defeated South Floyd in B- and C-team games. More on those victories follows.

B-Team: Allen Central 47, South Floyd 10: Rife scored a game-high 15 points while Parsons and Jeni Dingus dumped in eight points apiece as Allen Central defeated South Floyd in the B-Team game.

Spurlock added six points for the Lady Rebels (9-1).

Isaac led South Floyd with six points.

C-TEAM: Allen Central 32, South Floyd 9 – Dingus scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Lady Rebels (8-2) past South Floyd in the C-Team game.

Sierra Hall had a team-best six points for the Lady Raiders.

## Johnson Central routs Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson Central clobbered host Paintsville Thursday night in the 35th Annual Apple Bowl. The Golden Eagles scored 42 points in the first half and never looked back en route to a 55-7 victory over the rival Tigers.

Johnson Central was never challenged in the latest edition of the annual rivalry game.

Chase Richardson, Dennis Dillon and Ian Welch all had rushing touchdowns in the first quarter for the dominant Johnson Central team. Welch added two lengthy scoring runs in the second quarter as the Golden Eagles (6-0) stretched their advantage out to a 42-0 lead.

Johnson Central sophomore JK Hall added rushing touchdowns of 61 and 10 yards in the second half.

The Golden Eagles defensive unit dominated. Johnson held Paintsville (4-2) scoreless until the fourth quarter when junior Nehemiah Doderer scored on a touchdown run



photo courtesy of Bob Watkins  
 King Kelly Coleman, Howie Crittenden, Fred Maggard and Corky Withrow (pictured from left to right) have their place in Kentucky high school boys' basketball history.

## Gathering in Wayland – One Shining Moment for Basketball in Kentucky

by BOB WATKINS  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Basketball players in Kentucky who own one name recognition that spans more than half century, are as rare as a comet fly by. Made precious because time, anecdotal history and written words smooth a path for the likes of Kelly Coleman, Fred Maggard, Howie Crittenden and Corky Withrow.

On a September afternoon recently these 70-something men gathered in the shady climes of Wayland in Floyd County to commiserate over basketball's golden age, the 1950s, and reflect on their roles in making basketball Kentucky's dream game.

Those who have seen 60 winters, would say the Wayland gathering was Hollywood's equivalent of a sit-down with Eastwood, DeNiro, Pacino and Newman.

On court as on big screen, all have reputations as maverick, marquee entertainer, free-spirited risk-taker who, by wit and wile, one time or another, thumbed his nose at convention and marched to cadence of his drum. Sometimes within socially accepted boundaries, sometimes not.

Today, Coleman, Maggard, Crittenden and Withrow smile easy, laugh often and bring to mind a line from Morgan Freeman, "It's been one helluva ride."

They scored a mountain of points, gathered a Great Lake of rebounds, swished game winners, helped win large trophies, and did it all with such flare and panache they still attract autograph seekers.

This foursome won affection and respect that elevated each to pedestals from which their names show up between covers of hardback books and calls for interviews still come.

Beyond the Bunyan-like

numbers, Maggard and the rest who had a shining moment or two, are symbols of why a little boy first picks up a rubber ball and shoots at an oatmeal box. A dream is born to chase across the heavens of high school hoops. Few things compare.

A season, a tournament, or one game, we all want a lime-light moment to cherish, to revel in. Crittenden, Withrow, Maggard and Coleman got theirs.

The Gathering in Wayland was a natural to those who 'get it' about sports. Good memories. This scene came to us at the perfect time, in the perfect place with personalities who have, in the afternoon of their days, become semi-perfect perhaps and mellow. Sort of. Credentials.

– In 1952 Howard Crittenden led Cuba to its Hoosiers-like State title. One for the little guys. If there had been Mr. Basketball, Howie was It.

– In 1956 Coleman was Mr. Basketball. A prodigious scorer-rebounder, celebrity and title (King) found him too early. Free-spirited Coleman went solo, and became the embodiment of Frank Sinatra's 'My Way.'

But also in the spring of '56 flatlanders would argue for co-Mr. Basketball, Corky Withrow at Central City.

– Maggard could have been tournament MVP in '56 in part because of two game winning shots. Instead, a vote in the Kentucky Legislature got his name onto the all-tournament team.

Today, COLEMAN. Passage of time and groaning knees may have robbed his skills to play the game, but the 70-year-old with striking blue eyes and reputation as best there ever was, is gracious and glad to see adversaries appear from half a lifetime ago. The King basked in the usual praise,

but was more inclined to pay tribute to Withrow, and Maggard's heroics in the State Tournament and admire Crittenden's journey to fame and good fortune.

The man who set almost two dozen Sweet 16 records including a 68-point game, Coleman looked at Maggard and said "Ya know, Freddie, those two shots you made in the tournament was the most impressive thing of all to me."

MAGGARD. If humility and hero were one word it would belong to this heart attack survivor. In '56 the Carr Creek kid, who was once censured for popping chewing gum in English class, saved his team's title run twice. Today, he is adamant that the real heroes were his teammates. "I just happened to have the ball at the right time."

WITHROW. He remembers three trips to the Sweet 16 and no title. But gregarious Corky, who went on to play baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals, fills the room with good cheer, boisterous laughter and antics. With a million-dollar smile, he made clear (with a wink) he didn't want to hear about Maggard's shot that sent the Golden Tide home.

CRITTENDEN. At 74, Howie the country boy has more a patrician bearing these days. Trim and tanned, life is good. His place in basketball's pantheon assured, Crittenden was gracious, shared stories with wit, gesture and a clucky laugh. As banter flew hot through the afternoon, Howie deferred to his brethren as they sparred and traded opinions.

– Withrow has not forgotten the Wayland at Central City game on Christmas Eve, 1955 won by the home team. He and Coleman scored 40 apiece. Back home Coleman allegedly told a reporter "... it took seven of 'em to beat us,"

meaning the officials.

Corky has not forgotten. They laugh about the remark today. Sort of.

– Maggard (tongue in cheek) apologized for his dramatic shots that sent Withrow, then Coleman, home from the State Tournament.

But, he isn't that sorry.

– Crittenden imitations of Western coach Ed Diddle were dead on, showcased by Uncle Ed's reaction when he discovered Howie had signed with Murray State. A moment that became a two-hour lecture during which the irrepressible Diddle gave Howie a nickname that stuck. Trittenden.

On a September afternoon in Wayland, Crittenden from Graves County and Withrow from Muhlenberg in the west. Coleman from Floyd County and Maggard from Knott in the east, amounted to one shining moment shared by four of best there ever was.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Coleman has a home in Wayland, but intends to move to Ohio soon to live near family.

Withrow resides in Owensboro where he dotes over grandchildren, one of whom he believes "... could become a good player."

Crittenden lives in Bowling Green where he mixes good humor and exaggeration stories over breakfast with Western grads.

Maggard lives in Corbin near his daughter and grandchildren and watches them play sports and upon occasion reminds son Freddie who has a state title on his resume' and who doesn't.

The Gathering in Wayland was arranged by Charles Thurman of Sonora in Hardin County. Host for the event was Jerry Fultz, director of the Historical Center in Wayland.

And so it goes.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

## Basketball Blastoff slated for Tuesday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College will unveil its 2008-09 basketball teams at its annual showcase known as Basketball Blastoff on Tuesday night.

The event, traditionally held the Tuesday of Founders Week, will begin at 8 p.m. and is free of charge.

The teams will have shooting contests and a dunk contest and will intermingle with contests as well. The band and cheerleading squad will also be on hand for the night of excitement.

Both Coach Kelly Wells and Coach Bill Watson are excited about the prospects of their teams.

Wells has a mix of experience and youth that he hopes can help his team take the next step. "We thought we were close to making it to the national tournament last year, and of course, that's always the goal," he said. "We believe the changes we've made will not only take us a step closer to that, but will have us knocking down the door."

Returning seniors Ewan Linton, Haakim Johnson and Robbie Spears will be looked to for leadership on a team that will feature eight new players. Sharpshooting guard Justin Hicks, a sophomore from Hazard, also returns.

After scrimmaging at Lincoln Memorial and Kentucky Wesleyan, the Bears will begin their regular season on Friday, Nov. 7 in the BB&T Classic against Free Will Baptist College at the Pikeville College Gym.

The Lady Bears will hope to get back to their winning ways this season thanks to some veteran leadership and talented newcomers. "I believe the correct term is 'cautiously optimistic,'" Watson said. "We like the current mix and see where we've made a lot of strides. With some devotion and hard work I think we can be in the middle of it in the Mid-South this season."

Seniors Alice Daniel, Kristal Daniels and Whitney Hogg are back this season, as are sophomore L a k i a B a i l e y a n d Whitney Compton.

Add to that three new freshman and sophomore Natiera Hinton, a transfer from Marshall University and Watson has the foundation for success.

The Lady Bears will be at home for their season opener against Virginia Intermont College at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4 before heading to Williamsburg that weekend to play in the Cumberland Classic.

Basketball Blastoff and all Founders Week activities will lead up to the Saturday, Oct. 11 football game, when the Bears host Bethel College.

Kickoff for the Pikeville-Bethel game is set for 1:30. The crowning of the Pikeville College Homecoming Queen will follow at halftime.



KRISTAL DANIELS

## Duke, UCLA highlight 2K Sports Classic Field

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRINCETON, N.J. — Duke, UCLA, Michigan and Southern Illinois will serve as the regional hosts for the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer.

The winners of the four four-team tournaments advance to the semifinals and finals at New York's Madison Square Garden on Nov. 20-21.

The pairings for the regional rounds, which will be held Nov. 10-13, were announced Thursday.

At the Durham, N.C. regional on Nov. 10, Georgia Southern will play Houston and Presbyterian faces Duke. The winners will meet the next day.

The Carbondale, Ill. regional will begin Nov. 11 with Arkansas-Monticello playing Massachusetts and California, Pa. meeting Southern Illinois. The winners meet Nov. 12.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., IUPUI plays Northeastern and Michigan Tech faces Michigan on Nov. 11 with the winners playing the next day.

The Los Angeles regional starts Nov. 12 with Weber State meeting Miami, Ohio and Prairie View A&M playing UCLA, which has reached the NCAA tournament's Final Four the last three years. The winners play on Nov. 13.

Four Division II teams — Presbyterian, Arkansas-Monticello, California, Pa. and Michigan Tech — are in the field.

A total of 10 games in the tournament will be televised on the ESPN family of networks, including the four in New York.

Last year, Memphis beat Connecticut 81-70 in the championship game with the Tigers going on to reach the NCAA tournament title game.

Coaches vs. Cancer is a collaboration between the American Cancer Society and National Association of Basketball Coaches. Since 1996, the tournament has raised more than \$4 million for the benefit of Coaches vs. Cancer.

## Pitt extends Dixon's contract through 2015-16

by ALAN ROBINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh basketball coach Jamie Dixon's contract was extended three seasons through the 2015-16 season Thursday, a deal that came two years following his last extension.

Dixon will receive a raise from his \$1.3 million salary of last season, when he was the university's highest-paid employee.

Pitt may have felt an urgency to extend Dixon's contract so soon after giving him an extension through the 2012-13 season in March 2006 because other Big East coaches were beginning to sign more lucrative contracts.

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins' contract, for example, guarantees him at least \$20 million over 10 years, including \$1.5 million this year.

Dixon has had his salary more than doubled the last three years. Pitt substantially upgraded his salary after Arizona State and Missouri made overtures about hiring him following the 2005-06 season.

Before that, Dixon — who had no major college head coaching experience before being hired by Pitt in 2003 — was making about \$600,000 per season.

Since being rehired by Pitt last year, Pederson has extended the contracts of both Dixon and football coach Dave Wannstedt.



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**SOUTH FLOYD'S TOMMY JOE HALL** looked to pass over the Betsy Layne defense during a district game earlier in the season.



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**SENIOR KYLE HOWELL** has been a bright spot for the South Floyd football team. The Raiders fell to Phelps Thursday night in a key district matchup.



## Henry rejoins Bengals, could play in Dallas

by JOE KAY  
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CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry rejoined the Cincinnati Bengals in practice Wednesday, an uncomfortable reminder that the owner and the head coach are not on the same page on major decisions.

Both were watching.

Owner Mike Brown crossed a downtown street to the team's practice field — part of his daily routine — for Henry's first workout since he served a four-game suspension for misconduct. Brown released Henry after his fifth arrest last April, then made a stunning about-face and brought him back over the objections of coach Marvin Lewis.

They're all together again, trying to get an 0-4 team its first win.

Henry had to sit out the first four games because of his latest violation of the NFL's conduct policy. The Bengals have a one-week roster waiver allowing Henry to practice without being added to the active roster. He worked out with the scout team on Wednesday, playing the part of Dallas receiver Terrell Owens against the Bengals' starting defense.

"Everyone seems like they're real happy to see me back and ready for me to be

back out there, making plays like I do," Henry said. "It feels good to be out there working with my team and trying to get my stuff together. I felt real good out there. I'm just trying to show the coaches that I'm ready to go as soon as they give me a call."

Lewis said the team will decide later in the week whether Henry plays Sunday in Dallas, a move that would reunite him with another troubled player from West Virginia. Henry and cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones were drafted in 2005 and got into so much trouble individually that they were a catalyst behind commissioner Roger Goodell's crackdown.

The former Mountaineers teammates have talked about their potential reunion.

"Just a little competition thing, you know," Henry said. "That's all."

Henry has been arrested five times since the Bengals drafted them, though the latest charges were dropped over the summer when his assault trial ended in a hung jury. Jones, acquired by Dallas in April, has been arrested six times and involved in a dozen incidents requiring police intervention since Tennessee drafted him in the first round in 2005.

Jones was suspended for all of last season. Henry was sus-

pending for the first eight games last season, then the first four this season.

"I've talked to Chris several times," Jones said. "I know he's happy to be back on the field. I know he was kind of down. I told him to keep his head up. Me and Chris have been talking since."

"When I was suspended my whole year, I talked to him a lot. Me and Chris are best of friends. He made some bad decisions, he had to deal with the consequences, same that I did."

Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski was impressed with how Henry looked in practice Wednesday. The receiver wasn't allowed to work out with the team for the past four weeks, but stayed in shape by catching passes from former University of Cincinnati quarterback Gino Guidugli.

"Chris looked like he was in excellent shape and he's been working extremely hard," Bratkowski said. "You can always tell with Chris where he's at when you watch him, because it usually takes him awhile. You can tell he's been working very hard because he looked very good today."

Both Bratkowski and Lewis said it's likely that running back Cedric Benson will play in a reserve role against

the Cowboys. The Bengals signed Benson to a one-year contract on Tuesday because they didn't have a fully healthy running back.

Starter Chris Perry was limited in practice Wednesday because of a sore hamstring, which the team hadn't previously revealed. Reserve Kenny Watson sat out practice with an injured hamstring. DeDe Dorsey went on the injured reserve list Tuesday with a hamstring injury.

Benson was released by the Bears following two offseason arrests in Texas involving alcohol, but the cases were dropped when grand juries chose not to indict last week.

"It probably helped a lot," Benson said. "I don't know if it was the deciding factor. I think when push really came to shove, some team would make a move. I'm sure it cased a lot of teams' minds."

The Bengals were getting him ready to play at least part of the game on Sunday.

"You can't get him ready to do everything, but you can give him set things and say, 'OK, if something happens to Chris, here's what we're going to do with you,'" Bratkowski said.

AP Sports Writer Jaime Aron in Irving, Texas, contributed to this report.

## Ward: Steelers won't air it out

by ALAN ROBINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — No Willie Parker, no Rashard Mendenhall — and, even if they were healthy, no fullback to block for them.

Wide receiver Hines Ward knows what everybody suspects the beaten-up Pittsburgh Steelers will do Sunday night in Jacksonville without their top two running backs. Namely, ask Ben Roethlisberger to beat the Jaguars with his arm.

After all, what better situation for a \$102 million quarterback to prove his value?

Ward doesn't think it will happen, and not only because Roethlisberger missed practice for the second day in a row Thursday with a sore right shoulder.

The Steelers, Ward said, will find a way to run the ball, even though third-down back Melville Moore becomes the starter by default this week. And he won't be lined up only for blocking purposes, despite the likely absence of fullback Carey Davis (sprained ankle).

"We're not going to abandon ship and say we're going to give up on the run because of some injuries," Ward said. "We're not going to do it. We never have."

Ward remembers how a brief flirtation with a pass-heavy offense, when Tommy Maddox was the quarterback, led to a 6-10 record in 2003 — and a rapid return the following season to a run-first philosophy.

"I've been here when we were a passing team, moving the ball and putting up points, and everybody said we needed to get back to running the ball," Ward said. "We're not going to go away from our identity."

Even if the backfield starts Sunday night for the third Steelers-Jaguars game since

mid-December may be the only players standing.

Roethlisberger, who sustained a slightly separated shoulder three weeks ago against the Browns, has not practiced this week due to a tender shoulder. The Steelers (3-1) have a short turnaround after beating Baltimore 23-20 in overtime Monday night, and having one fewer day to heal

the work of Byron Leftwich if that should happen as well," Tomlin said.

Leftwich, the former Jaguars starter, became Roethlisberger's backup seven weeks ago after Charlie Batch was lost for the season with a broken collarbone.

Given the Steelers' injury situation and their inability to slow the pass rush —

possible," said Leftwich, who played four seasons with Jacksonville before being released last year. "He likes his guys to make plays. They like to bring the front four and play coverage and allow the guys up front to get pressure that way. But they've never been a heavy blitz team."

The Jaguars appear to be blitzing even less with Gregg Williams as their defensive coordinator. Last season, they had five sacks in a regular season game in Pittsburgh but none during a playoff game there less a month later.

"(There's) not quite as much blitzing, but potentially they are capable of doing that. ... There are some things that are new and different from a quarterback standpoint in terms of preparing for Jacksonville," Tomlin said.

The Steelers have lost their last four to Jacksonville, but three of the losses were in Pittsburgh. They have won two of their last three in Jacksonville.

Notes: Davis remained on crutches. If he can't go, TE Sean McHugh may be used as a fullback-type blocker. ... DE Nick Eason (groin) also may not play. ... Tomlin on newly resigned RB Najeh Davenport: "He is in pretty good condition, but we all know there is a difference between physical condition and football condition." ... Darnell Stapleton, primarily the backup C, is running ahead of Trai Essex at RG with Kendall Simmons (ruptured Achilles) out for the season. Stapleton filled in after Simmons was hurt Monday. ... LB Andre Frazier (spine), carried off the field on a stretcher following the opening kickoff Monday, has practiced both days this week.

### NFL SCHEDULE

#### TODAY'S GAMES

- Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
- San Diego at Miami, 1 p.m.
- Atlanta at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
- Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
- Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
- Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
- Kansas City at Carolina, 1 p.m.
- Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
- Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
- Cincinnati at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
- Buffalo at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
- New England at San Fran., 4:15 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:15 p.m.
- Open: N.Y. Jets, Oakland, St. Louis, Cleveland

#### Monday's Game

- Minnesota at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

isn't helping their numerous injured players.

"The short week is always tough, and we just went 12 rounds in a heavyweight fight," said Roethlisberger, who had eight games of 200 yards or more in passing last season but has yet to have one this season.

Steelers coach Mike Tomlin remains optimistic Roethlisberger will play.

"Like in recent weeks, I think he's going to be fine, but we have all the confidence in

Roethlisberger has been sacked 11 times in the last two games — the Jaguars might be expected to blitz more often than usual.

However, the Jaguars (2-2) prefer to bring pressure with their front four rather than with their linebackers, as the Steelers do, and they have been limited to five sacks in four games. Only five teams have fewer sacks.

"I don't see (coach) Jack Del Rio blitzing that much. But it is

## Panel wondering how to fund Kentucky racing commission

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Nick Nicholson, like the rest of the members of the Governor's Task Force on the Future of Horse Racing, has plenty of ideas on how to keep Kentucky at the forefront of the horse racing industry.

Paying for it, however, is another matter.

"We need an appropriate level of funding," said Nicholson, the president and CEO of the Keeneland Association. "We have not been adequately funded."

If the state is to implement any of the recommendations the task force plans to send to Gov. Steve Beshear by Dec. 1,

Kentucky likely will have to loosen the purse strings.

From finding ways to increase purse structure to building a state-of-the-art drug-testing and research lab to expanding the staff at the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, the task force sees plenty of potential for the state to remain what is sometimes referred to as the horse capital of the world.

"If you want to be a leader, you've got step up and be the best in every part of the game, including integrity," said Ron Geary, owner of Ellis Park. "That includes testing and laboratories."

Ideas like testing, however, will cost money. Some members of the task force hope

legislators will revisit how the KHRC is funded to help find a way to pay for the changes the state needs to make to remain competitive.

The commission's funding comes out of the General Fund of the pari-mutuel excise tax. The tax generated \$13.3 million for the state during the 2007-08 fiscal year, about \$8 million of which went to industry-related costs. The remaining \$5.3 million went into the General Fund, with the KHRC receiving \$504,200. That number is projected to drop to \$423,770 over the next two years.

Though the KHRC generates revenue through track assessments, licensing fees and fines, it would not be

enough to cover the cost of adding staff positions like an auditor, a director of enforcement and a racing veterinarian. Getting a larger share from the General Fund would help offset many of the costs.

The KHRC projected it would face a \$1 million shortfall at the end of the current fiscal year if it hired additional staff under the current budget format.

"When the task force is done and loses its limited life, it will see that the commission is taken care of," KHRC chairman Bob Beck said.

Follow horse racing throughout the year in *The Floyd County Times*.



# Plate racing enters 3rd decade as NASCAR fixture

## Allison crash recalled still

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Bobby Allison had a horrifying crash at Alabama International Motor Speedway in May 1987, no one could have imagined that it would usher in an era of restrictor plate racing that would still be going 21 years later.

Allison got sideways and then airborne at close to 210 mph, sailing into the protective fence that separates the track from the grandstands during a race at what is now Talladega Superspeedway. The car tore down about 100 yards of fencing, scattering parts and pieces of both the fence and the car into the stands and injuring several spectators.

The accident struck fear in NASCAR officials and prompted the sanctioning organization to make sure that speeds stay below 200 mph at Talladega and Daytona — its two biggest and

fastest tracks — by mandating horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates.

That has made for a very different style of racing on the big tracks. With all of the cars close in speed, they tend to race in huge packs, usually two- or three-wide, inches apart at close to 200 mph.

And there is the constant danger of someone making a mistake and setting off "the big one" — a huge multicar crash — at any moment.

And that's exactly what the Sprint Cup drivers will face Sunday in the AMP Energy 500 at the big Alabama track.

"I like racing at Talladega, but I hate wrecking there," Kasey Kahne said. "It's so easy to get caught up in somebody else's mess, but that's part of racing at Talladega."

"If you're not in one of the wrecks, it's fun running that close together for 500 miles. It's a hectic but exciting day. Anytime we go to Talladega I know it's going to be a wild race. There are some things that are out of my control, but I have to make sure that I take care of what I can and get the Budweiser Dodge to the finish, hopefully with a chance to win."

Rookie Patrick Carpentier,

making his second start at Talladega, says knowing what to expect makes a difference.

"This will be my third restrictor plate race in the Cup Series and I'm glad I know what to expect running in those big packs," the former open-wheel star said. "I wouldn't say it's something that you can ever get comfortable doing — running 200 miles an hour inches away from each other — but you can get used to it. That's something I have going for me now that I didn't have going into Talladega in the spring."

Series points leader and two-time reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson said he isn't sure if his strategy should be to hang back and try to stay out of trouble, or try to lead every lap.

"I really don't know what to do," he said. "The last couple of Talladegas have been pretty calm. Everybody has been relatively respectful to what's going on. ... It's one of those things where you just kind of judge the situation at the time and just take it from there. It's really tough to map out strategy."

Tony Stewart, another two-time champion, says drivers practice as much as they can at Talladega to try to see what the car will do in every traffic situa-

tion.

"It's trial and error, but at the same time, it's like pulling a pin on a grenade," Stewart said. "You know through that process that if one guy makes a mistake, the car's torn up for the race. It's just a delicate balance of how hard you go, how many things you try, and how much time you spend doing it."

**HITTING HARD:** Bump drafting is the art of hitting the rear bumper of the car ahead of you to get both cars going faster and to give the car doing the bumping some momentum for a possible pass.

Bump drafting got out of hand at times early in 2007, prompting a new term — slam drafting. NASCAR warned the drivers that it would police the practice more closely, and it has. But former series champion Kurt Busch says the new, bigger, blockier Car of Tomorrow, in its first full season of competition, has made bump drafting easier and more prevalent.

"With these new cars, it's easier to bump draft and you can do it so much harder than before," Busch said. "I don't think NASCAR realized that fact entirely when the car was on the drawing board."

"With the old car, it became a situation that policed itself. If you bump-drafted too hard, you bent stuff and made your car overheat. That's not the case with these cars. You can go at it as hard as you want without that worry."

Busch said the bump drafting is also different at Talladega than it is at Daytona.

"It's really made Talladega easier and Daytona harder," he said. "You can bump draft at Talladega all you want and not pay a penalty (in your car's performance) because the track is so wide and it's all about speed. At Daytona, it's made it even more of a handling track. You can't do the bump drafting there so much like at Talladega because there is such a big premium on the handling of your car."

**STRONG STARTER:** Jimmie Johnson came into this year's Chase for the championship with two straight victories, just as he did on the way to his second title a year ago. Only this year, his first three races in the post-season were even better than in 2007.

A year ago, coming off those two straight victories,

Johnson began the Chase with finishes of sixth, 14th and third. Since winning at California and Richmond this season, Johnson has run off finishes of second, fifth and first.

But little has changed in the standings with his considerably faster start to the Chase.

A year ago, Johnson led Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon by six points and Clint Bowyer by 14. Heading into Talladega, Johnson leads Carl Edwards by 10 and Greg Biffle by 35.

**STAT OF THE WEEK:** Fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. hasn't won at Talladega since the fall of 2004, but he still has one of the best records at the track with five wins, seven top-fives and 10 top-10s in 17 Cup starts. Junior has led 616 laps and has an average finish of 14.1 after finishing 10th there in April.

His five wins are the most for Earnhardt at any track and rank him third all-time at Talladega, trailing only the 10 wins by his late father, Dale Earnhardt, and six by Jeff Gordon.

# A glance at the 12 drivers in the Sprint Cup Chase

by WILL GRAVES  
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A glance at the 12 drivers competing in NASCAR's Chase for the Sprint Cup championship heading into this weekend's race at Talladega Superspeedway (in order of points):

**DRIVER:** Jimmie Johnson; **CHASE POINTS:** first, 5,575; **CAR:** No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports; **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 13; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 1st (Fall 2006). **LAST WEEK:** The two-time defending champion proved he's still the man to beat, leaping into first-place with a victory at Kansas, his fifth of the season.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "I wish we could say we were holding out and waiting for this part of the season, but we've been so far behind that we've just been playing catch-up and things have come together at the right times," Johnson said.

**DRIVER:** Carl Edwards; **CHASE POINTS:** second, -10; **CAR:** No. 99 Office Depot Ford; **TEAM:** Roush Fenway Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** Minus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 13; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 5th.

**LAST WEEK:** Went for broke during the final lap of last week's race in Kansas, trying to pass Jimmie Johnson on the apron only to slide up the track and into the wall. Recovered quickly to finish second.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "It was very frustrating finishing second," Edwards said. "We just did the best we could. Wins here feel so good just because of how many people come here that I know and grew up with."

**DRIVER:** Greg Biffle; **CHASE POINTS:** third, -30; **CAR:** No. 16 3M Ford; **TEAM:** Roush Fenway Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** None; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 11; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 13th.

**LAST WEEK:** Proved he's in it to win it, finishing a strong third behind Johnson and Edwards at Kansas. Heads to a track, however, where he's struggled during his Sprint Cup career.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "At the end there, it felt like Dover all over again, me and Jeff Gordon fighting for third and fourth place," Biffle said. "It was a pretty hard-fought battle, but I ended up getting by him on the last lap going to the stripe."

**DRIVER:** Jeff Burton; **CHASE POINTS:** fourth, -121; **CAR:** No. 31 Cingular Wireless Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing;

**POSITION CHANGE:** None; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 29; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 3rd.

**LAST WEEK:** Another top-10, his 15th of the season, but has steadily lost ground to the top three during the first three weeks of the Chase. Needs to find some magic at a track where he has yet to win during his long career.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "We just have to find a way to make some speed," Burton said. "Mile-and-a-half tracks have been our weak point. When they drop the green (flag) with 40 laps to go, it just kills us."

**DRIVER:** Kevin Harvick; **CHASE POINTS:** fifth, -136; **CAR:** No. 29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** None; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 15; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 2nd.

**LAST WEEK:** Notched his ninth straight top-10 with a sixth-place finish at Kansas and remains one of the Chase's most pleasant surprises. Will need to get it going quickly, however, if he wants to make any kind of charge at the top.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "We just need to find one more small thing and I think we could grab a win," Harvick said. "We are running solid week-in and week-out and we still have the front-runners in our sights."

**DRIVER:** Jeff Gordon; **CHASE POINTS:** sixth, -143; **CAR:** No. 24 DuPont Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports; **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 2;

**CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 31; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 1st (six times).

**LAST WEEK:** Remained winless in 2008 after fourth-place finish at Kansas, but crept up another two spots in the Chase race despite battling a serious head cold all weekend.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "We didn't have enough for those leaders, but we had a really solid and strong effort," Gordon said. "We were racing all the guys we're racing in the Chase anyway, so it's just all about solid performances and trying to get that win."

**DRIVER:** Clint Bowyer; **CHASE POINTS:** seventh, -164; **CAR:** No. 07 Jack Daniels Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Richard Childress Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** Minus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 5; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 9th.

**LAST WEEK:** Slipped a spot after 12th-place finish at Kansas, thanks in part to a costly speeding violation on pit road that dropped him back to 16th on a restart with less than 50 laps remaining.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "I just kept making mistakes all day

long; guess I sped off of pit road there at the end and pretty much ruined our chances at a good finish," Bowyer said. "The Jack Daniel's Chevrolet was fast. We tried hard and dug deep but the driver kept making mistakes."

**DRIVER:** Dale Earnhardt Jr.; **CHASE POINTS:** eighth, -190; **CAR:** No. 88 AMP Energy-National Guard Chevrolet; **TEAM:** Hendrick Motorsports; **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 17; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 1st (five times).

**LAST WEEK:** Earnhardt Jr. picked up a spot in the Chase race, but still finished behind nine other Chase drivers on his way to 13th at Kansas.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "I think an average driver would have finished about 35th," Earnhardt Jr. said, jokingly. "I told my guys that. I don't know, we had fun regardless. The car wasn't that good. We just made the best of it."

**DRIVER:** Matt Kenseth; **CHASE POINTS:** ninth, -192; **CAR:** No. 17 DeWalt Tools Ford; **TEAM:** Roush Fenway Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 17; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 3rd.

**LAST WEEK:** The guy who said he wondered if he could even be competitive in the Chase has his answer. His second straight top-5 shows the Roush Fenway formula is working.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "With 10 races to go in the Chase and being so far behind from New Hampshire, you just can't afford to have any mistakes," Kenseth said. "We'll just move on from here and dig hard next week, and try to get 'em again."

**DRIVER:** Denny Hamlin; **CHASE POINTS:** 10th, -243; **CAR:** No. 11 FedEx Toyota; **TEAM:** Joe Gibbs Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** Plus 1; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 5; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 3rd.

**LAST WEEK:** Got back on track a little bit with an 11th-place finish at Kansas, working his way through the field after qualifying 30th.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "We fought handling all day, but made gains and to finish 11th makes for an OK day," Hamlin said. "It's not what we needed to fight for a championship but for the day we'll take it, hopefully put it behind us and look ahead to Talladega."

**DRIVER:** Tony Stewart; **CHASE POINTS:** 11th, -255; **CAR:** No. 20 Home Depot Toyota; **TEAM:** Joe Gibbs Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** Minus 4;

**CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 19; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 2nd (six

times).

**LAST WEEK:** Pretty much removed himself from the Chase race with a 40th-place finish at Kansas. Got tangled up with Brian Vickers on lap 191 and damaged the splitter, losing valuable laps while it was fixed.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "We've just not had any luck all year," Stewart said. "It seems like the races that we do get ourselves in good position, then toward the end something bad happens and we get out of that position."

**DRIVER:** Kyle Busch; **CHASE POINTS:** 12th, -311; **CAR:** No. 18 M&Ms Toyota; **TEAM:** Joe Gibbs Racing; **POSITION CHANGE:** None; **CAREER TALLADEGA STARTS:** 7; **BEST TALLADEGA FINISH:** 1st (spring, 2008).

**LAST WEEK:** His Chase woes continued, with a 28th-place finish at Kansas, as fuel pressure and handling problems made the going rough. The once seemingly invincible Busch is now just playing out the string.

**CHASE CHATTER:** "It was just really inconsistent," Busch said. "Sometimes it was loose, sometimes it was tight. I couldn't get it to turn in the center of the corner and it just turned into a long day."

## NASCAR SPRINT CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Jimmie Johnson, 5,575
2. Carl Edwards, 5,565
3. Greg Biffle, 5,545
4. Jeff Burton, 5,454
5. Kevin Harvick, 5,439
6. Jeff Gordon, 5,432
7. Clint Bowyer, 5,411
8. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 5,385
9. Matt Kenseth, 5,383
10. Denny Hamlin, 5,332
11. Tony Stewart, 5,320
12. Kyle Busch, 5,264
13. David Ragan, 3,369
14. Kasey Kahne, 3,362
15. Ryan Newman, 3,147
16. Martin Truex Jr., 3,106
17. Brian Vickers, 3,105
18. Kurt Busch, 2,906
19. Jamie McMurray, 2,877
20. Bobby Labonte, 2,833

## NASCAR SPRINT CUP REMAINING RACES

- Oct. 5 — AMP Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.  
Oct. 11 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.  
Oct. 19 — TUMS QuikPak 500, Martinsville, Va.  
Oct. 26 — Pep Boys Auto 500, Hampton, Ga.

# Note to Talladega fans: Gas up early

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Here's some advice for the thousands of NASCAR fans driving to rural Alabama this weekend in a swarm of gas-guzzling trucks and RVs: Don't wait until the last minute to fill up.

Fuel shortages haven't been as bad in Alabama as some Southeastern states, but supplies are still spotty and there's only a handful of gas stations near the Talladega Superspeedway, site of this weekend's races.

A spokesman for AAA Alabama, Clay Ingram, said there shouldn't be any "major problems" finding gas around the track, which is located on Interstate 20 about 40 miles east of Birmingham and 95 miles west of Atlanta.

"But at the same time, it wouldn't be a bad idea for people to gas up before they get into the area," he said. "When you get 200,000 to 250,000 people coming into a small area like that, you don't know what's going to happen."

The track will play host to the ARCA RE/MAX 250 on Friday, the Mountain Dew 250 truck race on Saturday and the AMP Energy 500 on Sunday.

Many NASCAR fans drive hundreds of miles to get to the races, and superspeedway spokeswoman Kristi King said track officials are confident that fans will be able to find enough gas.

Suppliers have assured track executives that shortages caused by hurricanes Gustav and Ike are improving daily. Race fans don't all show up at once, she said, and that lessens the strain on the local gas supply.

"There is gas out there," King said. "It may not be at the first place you stop to find it."

Oil distributors selling gas around Talladega say an area petroleum terminal that supplies fuel to gas stations at Wal-Mart stores may be part of the reason that some pumps at competing stations are dry.

Paul Wells, the vice president for retail operations at Arkansas-based Murphy Oil Corp., which owns the terminal, said the company provides fuel to Murphy USA gas stations outside Wal-Mart stores before it sells gasoline to other, competing service stations.

"We're making sure our other Murphy USA stations have product and that's just logical," Wells said. "It's nice to be able to help out a competitor when you can, but at the end of the day we have to make sure our own sites have gasoline first."

Gary Harris, vice president and general manager of Green Oil Co. in Oxford, said trucks hauling to Murphy stations are coming to the Alabama terminal from as far as Savannah, Ga., and South Carolina to pick up fuel.

"The way I feel, the gas should have stayed in our radius," Harris said. "That's the reason the terminal was put here."



ALLEN CENTRAL captured this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. The Lady Rebels are preparing for the upcoming district tournament.

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In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc.; 525 George Road; Betsy Layne, KY 41605 intends to transfer permit number 836-5266 to Richardson Fuel, Inc.; 525 George Road; Betsy Layne, KY 41605. The operation is located 1.0 miles North of Banner in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 miles north-east of Old Daniels Creek Road junction with US 23/460 and located 300 feet North of Daniels Creek. The operation is located on the Harold and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

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site is approximately 0.1 mile south-west of the intersection of Kentucky Route 80 and Kentucky Route 122, near Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky. No encroachment upon the floodway channel of Beaver Creek will occur. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that John Perry, P.O. Box 522, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a commercial building in the floodplain. The

has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to make renovations/additions to an existing building. The site is approximately 0.03 mile south of the intersection of Kentucky Route 114 and North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky. The permit area is approximately 0.80 mile south of the junction of CR 1426 and the Justice Branch Road, and is approximately 0.03 mile south of Justice Branch. Total bond now in effect is \$13,400.00. Approval of this application will release 100% of the original bond amount.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Paul Reffitt, P.O. Box 305, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240,

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation, and was completed, March 2006. Written com-

ments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601 by Dec. 1st, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Dec. 2nd, 2008, or soon thereafter as may be heard at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Dec. 1st, 2008.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Lisa Stumbo, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Unknown Spouse of Carolyn Mahan of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit, filed on or about September 25, 2008, in which Unknown Spouse of Carolyn Mahan was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number II of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action No. 08-CI-1194. The basis of the suit is a Complaint for Foreclosure.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Unknown Spouse of Carolyn Mahan shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court. Anyone having information concerning Unknown Spouse of Carolyn Mahan, please contact Hon. Lisa Stumbo at (606) 886-1020. Lisa Stumbo Attorney at Law C.V. Reynolds Law Offices, P.S.C. 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Phone: (502) 564-3410.

**Notice of Bond Release**  
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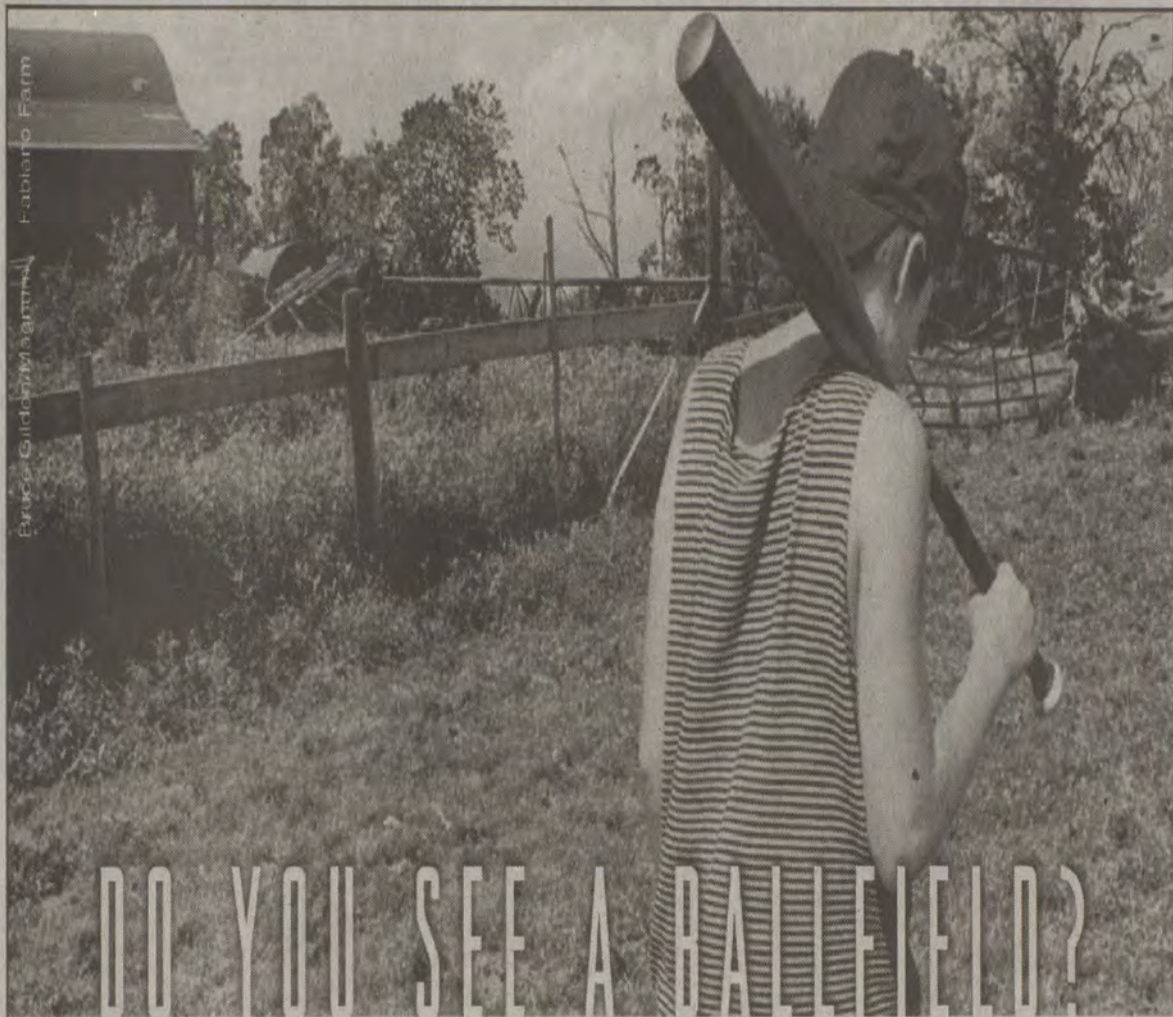
**AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE**  
Draft Title V Permit V-08-015 R1  
Equitable Gathering, LLC  
Source I.D. 21-071-00138

Equitable Gathering, LLC of 748 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied to the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for a permit to construct/operate additional units at the natural gas compression station facility at 126 Monument Drive, Dwayne, KY 41621. The plant is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of non-hazardous regulated air pollutants. An electronic copy of the Division's draft permit should shortly become available at <http://www.air.ky.gov/permitting/>. Official copies of the Division's draft permit and relevant supporting information are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the following locations: Division for Air Quality, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 1st Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 564-3999; Division for Air Quality, Hazard Regional Office, 233 Birch Street, Suite 2, Hazard, KY 41701, (606) 435-6022; and the Floyd County Clerk's Office, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, (606) 886-3816.

The Division is soliciting comments on the draft permit and affording the opportunity for a public hearing. To be considered, any written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received within 30 days following the date of this notice. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be sent to Mr. James Morse at 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 1st Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Any person who requests a public hearing must state the issues to be raised at the hearing. If the Division finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting the draft permit, a hearing will be announced. All relevant comments will be considered in issuing the proposed permit. U.S. EPA has up to 45 days following issuance of the proposed permit to submit comments. The status regarding EPA's 45-day review of this project and the deadline for submitting a citizen petition will be posted at the following website address: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/air/permits/Kentucky.htm> shortly after the end of this 30 day comment period. Further information can be obtained by calling Brian Ballard at (502) 564-3999.

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# No need to get a minivan; convertible is safe in lightning

by TOM and RAY  
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I LOVE my 2000 VW Cabrio. It feels solid on the road, and the functioning roll bar completes the safe feeling (no, I haven't had to use it). But I'm wondering about how safe it is when there's lightning all around. I've heard that a car is safe in a thunderstorm not because of the rubber tires, but because it's completely encased. So, does that make a convertible with a cloth top vulnerable? Am I risking my children's lives? Do I need to get something with just a sun-roof for safety and peace of mind? Do I need to succumb to my husband's insistence that I get an (ack!) minivan? — Margaret

TOM: Tell your husband to go jump in a lake, Margaret. Just not during a lightning storm.

RAY: You don't need a minivan. Your Cabrio is fine in a thunderstorm. From the little we understand about lightning, when it hits a car, it stays on the exterior, metal surface, and goes to the ground through the tires.

TOM: We've heard of all four tires exploding. And we've heard of electrical systems being fried after a bad lightning strike. But we've never heard of injuries to people inside the car.

RAY: Airplanes presumably get hit by lightning far more often than cars do, and people inside them are safe for the same reason. The electricity stays on the outside of the fuselage, even though the guy in 9B might wish that enough of it had leaked in to blow up the seat in front of him and give him some more leg room on the way to Newark.

TOM: But what about your canvas top? Well, it has metal supports throughout it, doesn't it? Plus, you have the metal roll bar. And that roll bar is attached to the metal frame of the car. So I don't think you have anything to worry about, Margaret.

RAY: But just to be safe, always put the top down in a rainstorm so the roll bar stays completely exposed.

### Dealership's recommendation sounds very fishy

Dear Tom and Ray:  
We have a 2001 Honda Civic that was just serviced at the dealership for its routine 90,000-mile service. During the checkup, they strenuously suggested that we replace the front-end lower ball joints, as they were worn out and had too much play in them. They showed us that if you stuck a long crowbar below the ball joint and tried to move it up and down, it moved and inch or so (too much, in their opinion). They said they could replace the ball joint, knuckle and bearings for \$1,130. I decided to get a second opinion, so I went to a local Firestone dealer. They inspected the entire front end and said that there was nothing wrong. Two different repair places, two very different answers. So, who are we to believe? Then the answer hit me: Write to America's most beloved car analysts, Click and Clack! What do you think about this situation? Should we fix the car, and is the car safe to drive? — Mike

RAY: Geez, I hate to reach a conclusion without seeing the car, but I suspect those dealership guys are crooks, Mike.

TOM: An inch is an enor-

mous amount of play for a ball joint. Imagine if your knee had an inch of play in it. You wouldn't be able to walk! The same is true for a ball joint. If it had an inch of play in it, it would already be toast. It wouldn't function.

RAY: My guess is that what they did was take the crowbar and pry up the control arm. That would compress the coil spring. And THAT could easily move an inch. In fact, they could have made it move four inches if they'd wanted to.

TOM: And then, not satis-

fied to simply take you for a ride on a new ball joint, they wanted to sell you a steering knuckle and the bearings, too.

RAY: And the fact that another shop couldn't duplicate such a drastic problem makes it all very suspicious.

TOM: Since it's potentially very dangerous, though, we're going to suggest that you get one more opinion before drawing a conclusion. But do it the right way. Find an independent shop that specializes in Hondas. You can find one by going to The Mechanics

Files on our Web site, cartalk.com. It's a free listing of mechanics who are personally recommended by other readers and radio listeners of ours.

RAY: If the independent mechanic confirms that nothing's wrong, then never go back to that dealership, tell all your friends about it and drop a note to your attorney general's office.

TOM: And if it turns out that the dealer was right, and your ball joint is about to break off, then fix it right away,

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