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briefs

Train derails in Auxier

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A minor train derailment at Auxier Sunday afternoon resulted in no injuries, according to members of the Kentucky State Police.

This past Sunday, a CSX train derailed near Auxier when it struck a boulder along the tracks. The impact forced four cars from the tracks, reports said.

As is the routine for derailments of any kind, a hazardous materials team was called to the scene to assess any damages that might be harmful. Team members reported that there was no suspected leakage of any dangerous material following the incident that could prove harmful.

Derailments, even minor ones such as the one occurring Sunday, are somewhat rare, however.

For instance, one block of records indicate that from 1990 to 1995 there were only four derailments in Floyd County.

Two of those four occurred in the summers of 1990 and 1991 and resulted in reports spills of unknown pollutants or hazardous materials. The others occurred in the winter of 1993 and summer of 1995. Both of these resulted in closed status and involved pollutants.

Records did not indicate injuries for any of these derailments.

Parents charged with not treating baby

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The investigation is continuing into a criminal abuse case that alleges the parents of an eight-month-old boy broke the child's leg.

Pike County residents Michael Norman, 28, and Kathy Massie, 32, both with listed addresses of Van Lear in Johnson but said to have been living at Kimper, are currently being held at the Pike County Detention Center on

separate counts of third-degree criminal abuse.

Kentucky State Police officers, who are investigating the case, arrested the couple late last week on warrants handed down by a Pike County grand jury.

Police say Norman told officers during his arrest that he had dropped the baby and had broken its leg, but that examinations by medical personnel at a nearby hospital revealed the child had suffered a spiral fracture to the femur bone.

The couple waited three day before taking the infant to the hospital, police said.

Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble said the child's injury and the delayed response to the injury were a lethal combination.

"This situation was definitely life-threatening," Goble said in a statement over the weekend. "There's no excuse waiting three days to take an infant to the hospital, especially when it has that serious of an injury."

Police further said that the couple initially tried to say their neighbors had hurt their son, but that Norman confessed after being arrested.

Investigators did not detail the exact series of events leading to the couple's arrest, but officials with the Kentucky Department of Protection and Permanency were listed as a second agency involved. The department seeks to ensure the safety and stability children, primarily by encouraging reporting of suspected child abuse.

RED, WHITE & BLUE PARADE



There was a chill in the air during Saturday's Red, White and Blue Festival parade, but that did not dampen enthusiasm. Above, Tiny Miss Patriotic Princess Madison Hamilton seemed a wee bit tired during her ride. At left, Miss Kentucky Emily Cox was among the many dignitaries doling out treats for the kids. For more pictures from the parade, see *Lifestyles*, pages B4, B7 and B8.

photos by
Ralph B. Davis

ARH nurse sues over dismissal

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former head clinic nurse for McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital has filed suit against the hospital, claiming she was fired after voicing complaints two years ago.

Sheree Colley, of Prestonsburg, filed her complaint in Floyd Circuit Court last week, stating she was placed on medical leave in April 2006 and later fired when she issued concerns about one physician's practices. Particularly, Colley cited in her complaint "unlawful activities" involving HIPAA laws, or privacy laws, as well as Medicare and Medicaid laws.

Prior to being placed on leave, Colley also claims she was first subjected to retaliation in the form of a hostile working environ-

ment.

"[Colley] began to report unlawful activities on the part of her employer to individuals in a position to take action regarding certain unlawful activities," the lawsuit, filed on behalf of Colley by Prestonsburg attorney Jerry Patton, states. "[Colley] was retaliated against. Specifically, her employer took measures to make her job more difficult and place more responsibilities upon her."

The lawsuit also claims that Colley was faced with criticism "without factual basis" in an attempt to force her leave her position.

According to a letter from McDowell ARH Chief Executive Officer Russell Barker to Patton dated Sept. 20, 2006, the hospital placed Colley on leave without pay status on April 25, 2006, "because

(See **LAWSUIT**, page twelve)

Plant to close for good next week

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Officials with the Johnson County company American Standard are now saying the 10 remaining workers left at the plant to finish closing the plant are scheduled to be finished with that task by the end of this month.

Tracy Benson Kirker, spokesperson for American

Standard, said by the end of October, the plant, which has been a fixture in Paintsville for four decades, will close its doors entirely.

Kirker confirmed last week that 26 more employees were let go on Oct. 12. In total, some 40 employees, many who have worked at the plant 30 or more years, will have lost their jobs.

(See **CLOSING**, page twelve)

NO TRICK: Dentist places bounty on treats

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

MINNIE — A Floyd County dentist hopes to inspire children to fill their pockets with cash instead of stuffing their mouths with candy this Halloween.

Dr. Michael McKinney is offering children \$1 per pound for the candy they collect in their buckets and bags while trick-or-treating.

"Ditch the candy, that's what we're saying," McKinney said. "Visiting your dentist twice a year and brushing three times daily are great preventive measures, but doing

away with excess sweets altogether would really give your teeth a health boost."

According to McKinney, global sugar consumption for children increases by about 2 percent annually and currently sits at 50 million tons per year. Candy, along with hurting children's teeth, can also lead to hyperactivity and weight gain.

"Kids can still have all the fun of trick-or-treating, and now their piggy banks will benefit as well," McKinney said. "Plus, these glowing toothbrushes we are giving out are really cool. They're like light sabers

(See **DENTIST**, page twelve)



Dr. Michael McKinney, a dentist with an office located in Minnie, is offering \$1 per pound of candy collected by children this Halloween.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

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Obituaries

Gloria Faye Clark

Gloria Faye Clark, age 67, of Honaker, widow of Curtis Clark, died Sunday, October 19, 2008, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 13, 1941, in Harold, a daughter of the late William and Cora Justice Lynch. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by one son, Kevin Curtis Clark; one daughter, Kimberly Clark Hinkle and her husband, Josh, all of Harold; one brother, Kenny Lynch of Betsy Layne; five sisters: Alice Collins of Betsy Layne; Rose Lampkin of Raleigh, North Carolina; Jean Coleman of Louisville; Janet Rose of Winchester; and Linda Billiter of Bridgeport, West Virginia; and two grandchildren: Peyton Curtis Clark and Alexander Clark Hinkle.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a

brother, Dave Vaughn Lynch; and a sister, Garnet Lynch.

Funeral services for Gloria Faye Clark will be conducted Wednesday October 22, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Tommy Reid officiating.

Burial will follow in the K.F. Clark Cemetery, in Honaker, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Letha Mae Burchett Goble

Letha Mae Burchett Goble, age 64 of Prestonsburg, the wife of the late Michael Eugene "Chester" Goble, passed away Friday, October 17, 2008, in Louisa.

She was born June 30, 1944, in Pike County, the daughter of the late Elbert Burchett and Arlena Hunt Burchett. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Lenny Ray Goble of Van Lear; two daughters: Tammie Goble of Lexington; and Phyllis

Renee Tilley of Circleville, Ohio; two brothers: Linwood Burchett and Eddie Ray Burchett, both of Allen; one sister, Ella Sue Newman of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son James Kelly Goble; and two sisters: Betty Jo Burchett and Phyllis L. Maynard.

Funeral services for Letha Mae Burchett Goble were conducted Tuesday, October 21, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bill Collins and Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Burial was in the Burchett Cemetery, in Endicott, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: David Maynard, Rick Maynard, Ricky Allen Scalf, Jeff Hunt Jr. Sammons, Red Wine Samons, Robin Whitaker, Shane Tilley, Tim Lowe and Jonathan Burchett.

Honorary: Eddie Burchett, Linwood Burchett, and Clyde Newman. (Paid obituary)

Aaron Levi "Fat Baby-Bud" Ousley

Aaron Levi "Fat Baby-Bud" Ousley, 20, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, October 17, 2008, at his residence.

Born June 27, 1988, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of David Ousley of Salyersville, and Cynthia

Lafferty Keller of Prestonsburg. He was a 2007 graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, include one brother and three sisters: David Neil Ousley, Mary Elizabeth Ousley, and Shelby Breann Ousley, all of Salyersville; and Desiray Ousley of Georgetown; his grandfather, Earl Guisinger of Ohio; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Bonnie Lafferty, and Levi and Rhoda Ousley; and his stepgrandfather, Dennis Lafferty.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 21, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Stephens officiating.

Burial was in the Ousley Family Cemetery, Spurlock Creek, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: John Fairchild, Dennis Lafferty, Nathan Terry, David Neil Ousley, brother, Nick Barnett, Shawn Baldrige, Mike Fairchild, John Lowe, Mike Perkins, Robert Stephens, and John Baldrige. (Paid obituary)

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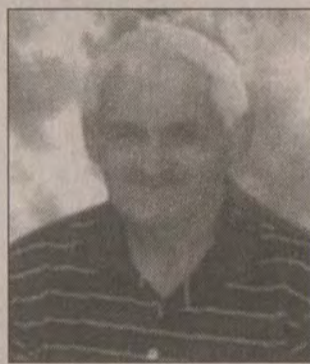
Card of Thanks

The family of Glen Preston "P-Conn" Conn would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank James Harmon, Clyde Taylor and Richard Kelley for their words of comfort, Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church and Lancer Church of Christ for all their love and support that was shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF GLEN PRESTON "P-CONN" CONN

Morgan Mckinney

Morgan Mckinney passed away on August 24, 2008, due to a heart attack. He left behind his loving wife, Nadine, and a grandson, Brett, whom they were raising. A special expense account has been set up at First Guaranty Bank in Martin to help Nadine and Brett.



For more information, please call 606-285-3294, or stop by First Guaranty Bank in Martin. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

FAMILY OF MORGAN MCKINNEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Aaron Tuttle would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and encouragement during our recent loss. A special thanks to the ministers, singers, Masonic Lodge No. 869; and the Sheriff's Department escort. We are grateful to the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their superb professional services.



THE FAMILY OF AARON TUTTLE

Card of Thanks

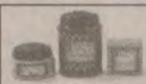
The family of Mark Leslie Leon Kidd would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. To those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. To those who visited us at the Church, and to Clergymen Mike Howard, Shane Powers, James Allen Akers and Clayton Case for their comforting words, Sammy Clark Freewill Baptist Church for all their kindness and love that was expressed to our family; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you and God bless.



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— John Kenneth Galbraith

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Our View

Change you can bet on

With barely 20 days left until the election, the big-money players have been placing their campaign contribution bets on change, according to data from the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics.

For the 2006 election cycle, pharmaceutical companies and their executives and employees, for example, directed two-thirds of their \$19 million in campaign contributions to Republicans, their traditional allies.

This time around, things have changed. The Republican share of the drug pie has fallen from 67 percent to 51 percent, while Democrats' share has risen from 31 percent to 49 percent.

Democrats who are engaged in tough election fights with Republican opponents may welcome that trend, but it's bad news for fans of good government. That's particularly true for people pushing for genuine reforms of our broken health care system.

It isn't only pharmaceutical companies that have been switching their bets:

- During the 2006 cycle, defense contractors who make electronics directed 59 percent of their donations to Republicans and 41 percent to Democrats. This cycle, Democrats are up to 55 percent of the take, Republicans down to 45 percent.

- Finance and credit companies gave 57 percent of their donations to Republicans and 42 percent to Democrats for the 2006 elections. This time, the numbers are virtually reversed with Republicans down to 45 percent and Democrats up to 55.

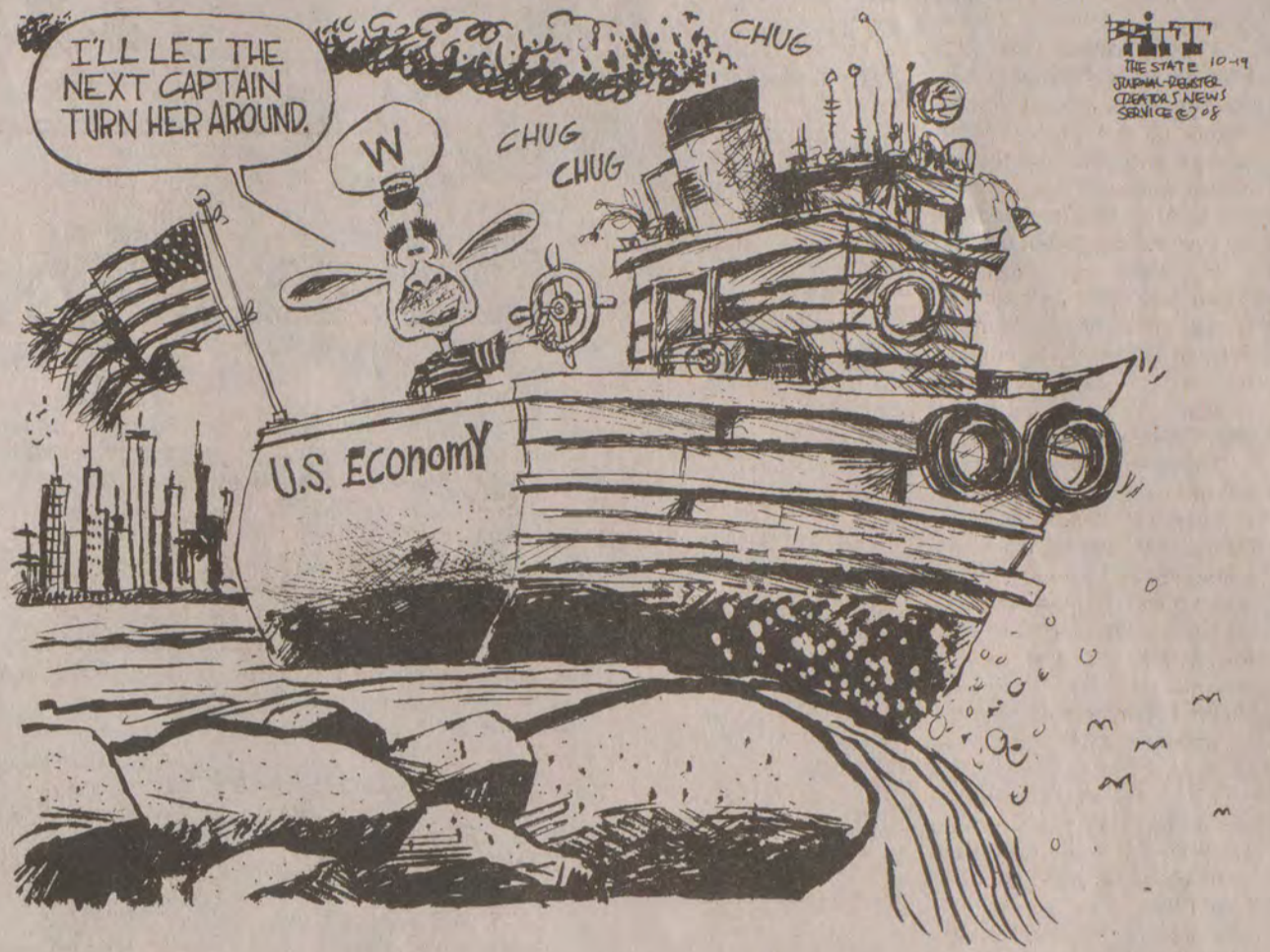
- Health maintenance organizations? Sixty percent to Republicans for the 2006 cycle, 38 percent to Democrats. For the 2008 cycle so far: 57 percent to Democrats, 43 percent to Republicans.

- Air transport companies cut Republican campaign contributions from 67 percent for 2006 to 56 percent for the current cycle. Meanwhile, donations to Democrats have climbed from 33 percent in 2006 to 44 percent now.

Given that changes in policy would mean enormous shifts of money, it's hardly surprising that companies and industries are doing what they believe they need to do to protect their financial interests. Their instincts and data tell them that power is shifting, and they want to preserve the access to power and the influence that their contributions have ensured them in the past.

Both Democrats and Republicans are promising to change the way things work in Washington. But the big-money donors are betting that the more things change, the more they will stay the same. If that happens, the American people are likely to be the losers.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Letters

Disappointed with RWB pageants

This is for all of us who attended the annual Red, White and Blue pageants held on Oct. 1, 2 and 3 at the Martin Community Center in Martin. The pageant started on Oct. 1 with kindergarten-first grade and second-third grades, Oct. 2 was for the fourth-fifth and sixth-seventh grades, and Oct. 3 was eighth grade and high schools.

I'll begin by saying I have attended the Red, White and Blue pageants for several years, and this year was the most unorganized pageant of all time. For those of you reading this, believe me when I say the "worst" by far, and I am not the only one who feels this way.

The pageants were completely out of order, sloppy, showed disorganization and laziness. The kids were not put first.

Let's begin with the mayor of Martin introducing Shonna Moore as the Red, White and Blue pageant director and a three judges for all three nights were chosen by Mrs. Moore. Hmmm... makes us wonder why Mrs. Moore was allowed to enter her daughter's picture in the photogenic competition Thursday night for the fourth-fifth and sixth-seventh grades, when Mrs. Moore was introduced as the pageant director and she was the one who chose the judges.

Wednesday night was the most disturbing of all three nights of the pageant. The so-called pageant director didn't even get up to help any of

the children. The little kindergartners and first-graders were left out on their own to figure out what to do. The floor didn't even have any Xs taped down so the little ones would know where to go. Most of the children were struggling to get the microphone off the stand by themselves. Even when it was time for the awards, the director didn't even help line the children up.

Let's move on to the Thursday night pageant. Still no guidance for the kids. Again, this night it was never told where the judges were from. The only thing that was said was that they were from out of county. Hmmm. On Thursday, in the sixth-seventh competition, one child didn't place. She received a participation trophy. This year, a third-place was added to the awards. On Friday night, eighth-grade and high school, all girls placed. No one received a participation trophy. Why not place all of them, too? What would have been the difference?

Now Friday night, another big shock. Friday night made us all question the pageant director's and judges' honesty and fairness, with rumors soaring and questions left unanswered. Makes us all curious in how next year's Red, White and Blue pageants will be.

On to the awards. One word for the awards — "pitiful." The awards this year compared to the awards in previous years were a disgrace. The trophies were so small, and for the Personality Award, the winner only received a tiny pin. Pitiful! The banners didn't have any titles on them. Only the word "queen." Like I stated before, a third-place was added this year, which is good if you place every child and not leave just one child out

from placing, only if there will be more than one child receiving a participation trophy.

The mayor of Martin stated to all of us there that night, "Do not walk on the gym floor." All of us that were there have only one thing to say to that: "We all paid our \$5 admission to get in. If you don't want people to walk on the gym's floor, then you better stop charging admission fees."

The Martin Red, White and Blue Committee took a great thing, the Red White and Blue pageant, and absolutely destroyed it with their ignorance and inconsiderate ways. I and many, many others firmly believe that if the city of Martin can't let Imogene Robinson do the Red, White and Blue pageant, then they do not need to have the pageant at all. It's obvious to all the people that the 2008 Red, White and Blue pageants were poorly directed this year. Now the question remains, is the mayor of Martin going to allow the Red, White and Blue pageant next year to be another disappointment?

All the people who attended the pageants, including myself, want to recognize Mrs. Imogene Robinson, former Red, White and Blue pageant director, for doing a magnificent job with the pageants in past years. After the pageants this year, Mrs. Imogene Robinson, you honestly deserve to be recognized and to stand up and take a bow for your dedication, hard work and loyalty for the pageants you directed. Mrs. Robinson, you are truly the best pageant director that any child could ever have in a pageant.

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Rule advances to ease mining waste dumping

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WASHINGTON — The Interior Department has advanced a proposal that would ease restrictions on dumping mountaintop mining waste near rivers and streams, modifying protections that have been in place — though often circumvented by mining companies — for a quarter-century.

The department's Office of Surface Mining issued a final environmental impact analysis Friday on the proposed rule change, which has been under consideration for four years. It has been a top priority of the surface mining industry.

It sets the stage for a final regulation, one of the last major environmental initiatives of the Bush administration, after 30 days of additional public comment and interagency review.

The proposed rule would rewrite a regulation enacted in 1983 by the Reagan administration that bars mining companies from dumping huge waste piles — known as "valley fills" — from surface mining within 100 feet of any intermittent or perennial stream if the disposal adversely impacts water quality or quantity.

The revisions would require mining companies to minimize the debris they dump as much as possible, but also would let them skirt the 100-foot protective buffer requirement if compliance is determined to be impossible.

"The new rule will allow coal companies to dump massive waste piles directly into streams, permanently burying them," warned Joan Mulhern of Earthjustice, among the

environmental groups that have fought the practice known as mountaintop removal mining widely used in Appalachia, especially in West Virginia, Kentucky and parts of Virginia and Tennessee.

Mining companies remove vast mountaintop areas to expose the coal. While they are required to restore much of the land, the removal includes many tons of rocks, debris and other waste that are trucked away and then dumped into valley areas, including stream beds.

Despite the 100-foot buffer requirement, environmentalists estimate hundreds of miles of streams have been impacted, some of them obliterated, because of lax enforcement of the 1983 restrictions or different interpretations of the federal rule.

This proposed rule "legitimizes mountaintop removal and its most damaging effect which is putting valley fill and sludge into streams," Mulhern said.

Jason Bostic, vice president of the West Virginia Coal Association, said the group was disappointed about the proposal to require companies to minimize waste. But he said of the 100-foot stream buffer revision: "We're relieved that the rule clearly enunciates congressional intent that valley fill construction and coal refuse construction can take place in intermittent and perennial streams."

The Office of Surface Mining maintains that the

1983 rule "has never been applied as an absolute prohibition of mining activities near a stream," according to a fact sheet included in the rulemaking. It acknowledged there has been confusion about the rule among federal and state regulators.

The revisions are an attempt to clarify the situation, the fact sheet says.

The mining agency, in a statement issued Friday, said the proposed changes reflect a "slightly positive" improvement in environmental protection because it would require

coal companies to minimize impacts of the dumping by reducing the amount of wastes and the disposal areas.

Mulhern called that "a sham" and said the agency "did not even study, among available alternatives" the option of strictly enforcing the

stream buffer rule that has been on the books since 1983.

"Instead they pretended that the existing stream buffer law does not apply. ... They claim their rule is better for the environment when the exact opposite is true," she said.

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GED classes are also available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings

being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

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

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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In Loving Memory of
Elder Freddy Kidd

It is with a heavy heart that I sit down to write the obituary of my grandfather, Manified Kidd.

To his friends, he was known as Freddy, but to us he was known as Papa. This is not, however, the end of Papa's story, but it's a continuation through the love in our family.

Papa was born on February 22, 1945, to George and Della Kidd in Honaker, Ky. Family was always important to him and a big part of his life. Growing up, Papa had eleven brothers and sisters: Denzil Kidd, F.B. Kidd, R.J. Kidd, Simon Kidd, Russell Kidd, Tenny Parsons, Julivene Case, Joann Innis, Alvagail Harvey, George Ann Case, ImaSue Collins, and Alvanell Rose.

On December 23, 1960, my grandfather made the first important decision in his life and started a family of his own, when he married my grandmother, Barbara Sue Hunter. From there they began the most beautiful love story I have ever known, and was blessed to be a part of. Though they were extremely young, their love kept them together and Papa provided for them doing odd jobs throughout the holler. They had six children of their own: Janice Ward, Ronald Fred Kidd, Towana Adams, Valerie Moore, Jerry Kidd, and Jenny Millay. And together they shared the next forty-seven years.

Life became better for Papa with the birth of each new grandchild. After eighteen of us, the joy continued with nine great-grandbabies. One of which is with Papa, singing with the angels. Papa always had a passion for singing, and I can remember the power and warmth his voice gave when we would sit in the living room at the house Papa built, or the pews at church.

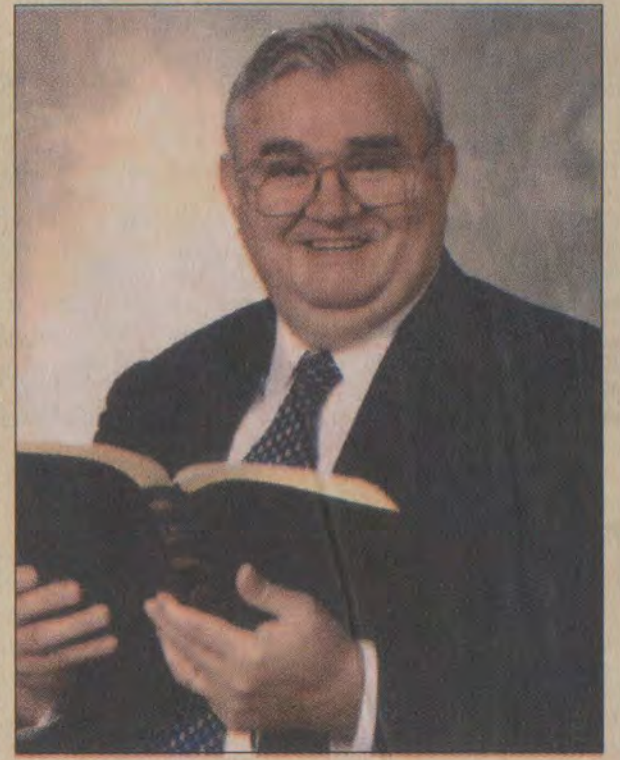
In 1967, my grandfather joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Rosa in McDowell, Ky. He felt the call to the ministry, and in 1971, he was ordained as a minister at the Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church in Ohio. For over forty years, Papa has sung and preached in hundreds of homes and Old Regular Baptist Churches throughout the United States.

Church and family were always the most important things to Papa, and it was easy to see that he was always happiest when we were together with him at church.

Papa continued through life as a Floyd County businessman for over 30 years, and worked long hours to provide for his family.

He never forgot that God had blessed him with a wonderful life. Papa was called Home on October 4, 2008.

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Long planned highway dedicated in Pike

The Associated Press

BELFRY — A new highway connecting a portion of Appalachia in Kentucky to West Virginia was more than four decades in the making. U.S. 119 is expected to

open up numerous economic development opportunities for Pike County and eastern Kentucky.

The four-lane highway from the West Virginia state line to the Letcher County line was completed after numerous

delays, the last section opened in January of this year and motorists were allowed to begin driving on the new section in March.

Part of the Appalachian Regional Commission's Appalachian Project Development corridor system, the road took more than \$450 million to design and build.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear and former Gov. Paul Patton attended a dedication of the new four-lane stretch earlier this month.

"The Pike County of today is not the Pike County of 40 years ago," Patton said. "Families were isolated, but they weren't trying to get out, they wanted visitors to find them. Like everyone else, they wanted health care, jobs, educators, specialists, and factories here."

Patton said first public

meeting was held in 1966 at the old Belfry High School to discuss the project.

The celebration event was held in the auditorium at Belfry High School. The school was built on excess land created by construction of the highway.

Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford said the highway would enhance the quality of life and promote economic growth.

"Roads will help solve the fuel and transportation problems of America," Rutherford said in remarks reported by the Appalachian News-Express in Pikeville. "This roadway will improve Appalachia for future generations."

Rick Peltz, an official with the Appalachian Regional Commission, read a statement from West Virginia Sen.

Robert C. Byrd, who fought for the highway completion. Byrd noted the highway was important for the economic development of Kentucky and West Virginia.

"Corridor G is done," Byrd

wrote, "it is among five of 31 corridors that need to be completed."

The highway was dedicated as the Judi and Paul Patton Highway. Judi Patton is the former first lady.

THROUGH THE LENS

The joy of discovery

by ERIC THOMAS

For someone who has never written a column before, it can be a daunting task. What to write about, how much to write, will people want to read it — all of those questions have gone through my head as I prepared to start putting ink to paper. Of those, what to write probably weighed on me the most.



Eric Thomas

My idea for this column is the personal connection everyone can have with discovery and the subsequent appreciation of the world around us that it brings. As the director of the East Kentucky Science Center, I get to witness those moments quite often as school groups visit the Science Center, but more often than not I get so busy with my job I forget what it is like to experience those moments myself.

I do, however, vividly remember a cold winter night in 1996, when my friend Ben Malphrus and I set up a telescope to do some stargazing. I was living in Morehead at the time, working on my master's degree and working as Ben's graduate assistant at Morehead State. The temperature that night was bitterly cold, but it made the sky extremely clear and the lack of rising heat made the stars shine as unflickering, bright pinpoints of light.

Ben and I had spent a little while looking at objects we were familiar with: the Orion Nebula, Mizar and Alcor in the handle of the Big Dipper, and other objects. But I was moving the telescope through a part of the sky I was not as familiar with and came upon a cluster of stars I did not recognize. I pulled out a star map and, noting where the telescope was pointing, began to orient myself.

The cluster of stars at which I was gazing appeared to be in the constellation Auriga. As I began to move the telescope around the constellation, a second cluster came into view, just as brilliant as the first. After looking at it for a few minutes I resumed my scan-

ning. A third cluster of stars came into view. This was very exciting to me, seeing three star clusters very close together in a part of the sky that was not familiar to me.

When we went into the house later to warm up, I consulted a star atlas to determine which clusters we were viewing. The clusters turned out to be M36, M37, and M38. Three open star clusters in Auriga catalogued by the French astronomer Charles Messier in the late 1700s. Did the fact that Messier had seen them first lessen my excitement or the joy in seeing those star clusters for the first time? Not in the least, and whenever I look at those star clusters now, the bitter cold of that night, the crystal clear sky and the thrill of my personal discovery comes back each time.

The title of this column "Through the Lens" says a lot about where I want to go and what I hope you will want to read. With "Through the Lens," I intend to take a look at the world around us through the scientific lens. Why is the sky blue? Why is grass green? How do seatbelts really work? Why does UK bother to play football? (Well maybe science cannot explain that one.) The possibilities for topics in a column like this are almost infinite in number. I will do my best to write about not just what I find interesting, but what you will find interesting also. Along the way I hope you will join me on an exploration of our universe, our planet and ourselves, and be encouraged to make some discoveries of your own.

Eric Thomas is the Director of the East Kentucky Science Center, which is located on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

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Keeping The Promise
 (A Matter of Trust)

TO THE VOTERS OF EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT 3:

Eight years ago you placed your trust in me and elected me as your School Board member. You trusted me to address the educational needs of our children and provide for them a safe/modern learning environment. That trust was not forgotten. As a full-time board member, I visited the schools on a regular basis, seeking out their needs. While striving to meet the needs of each individual school, I also began to work on larger projects that I had promised during my campaign. Listed below are the promises I made, and the fulfillment of each:

- ★ To remove state management from our school district. FULFILLED.
- ★ To remodel John M. Stumbo Elementary and include a new gymnasium. FULFILLED. (est. cost, \$8,000,000.00)
- ★ To replace the old W.P.A. building at Betsy Layne Elem. with a new addition. To connect all three structures together under one roof. FULFILLED. (est. cost, \$3,000,000.00)
- ★ To bring air conditioning to the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse, or what we called the Dome. FULFILLED. (est. cost, \$207,000.00)
- ★ To construct a new access road from Betsy Layne Elem. to U.S. 23, thus making it safer for our school and community as a whole. Plus, preventing the old state proposed road from affecting our citizens in the Velocity/Betsy Layne bottom. FULFILLED. (est. cost \$578,000.00)
- ★ To install new bleachers at Betsy Layne High School gymnasium. FULFILLED. (est. cost \$50,000.00)
- ★ To renovate Betsy Layne High School. Phase 1 completed/FULFILLED. (est. cost \$3,000,000.00)
- ★ Other minor projects too numerous to mention.
- ★ To strive for academic excellence. Eight years ago our school district ranked 150 out of 170 in the state (not so good). Today we rank 64th and are within reaching-distance of being in the top 50 in the state.

It's an honor to serve the children of Floyd County and to provide for their educational needs. This is something an elected representative should never take lightly, however, my oponent, Wes Gilliam, may not see it that way. In 2004 my opponent was elected as a parent representative on the Site Base Council at Betsy Layne Elem. His term was for one year. The parents trusted that he would fulfill his promises and obligation to the children as a Site Base Council member. As we review his record, it's obvious why he has not mentioned his educational experience as a council member. His failing to attend meetings and his abrupt resignation could be the reasons why. Listed below is a copy of his site base attendance and resignation:

July 5th, 2004.....PRESENT	Nov. 1st, 2004.....ABSENT	Feb. 7th, 2005.....ABSENT
Aug. 2nd, 2004.....PRESENT	Nov. 8th, 2004.....ABSENT	Feb. 24th, 2005.....ABSENT
Aug. 5th, 2004.....ABSENT	Nov. 19th, 2004.....ABSENT	March 7th, 2005.....ABSENT
Sept. 13th, 2004.....PRESENT	Dec. 6th, 2004.....ABSENT	March 18th, 2005.....ABSENT
Sept. 29th, 2004.....ABSENT	Jan. 3rd, 2005.....ABSENT	March 22nd, 2005...PRESENT
Oct. 11th, 2004.....PRESENT	Jan. 26th, 2005.....ABSENT	April 5th, 2005.....ABSENT

Wesley Gilliam Resigns from Site-base at Betsy Layne Elem. School effective immediately on this date 4-25-05 due to personal reasons.

*Wesley Gilliam
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McConnell starts statewide campaign bus tour

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBURG — Kentucky voters should return GOP Senate leader Mitch McConnell to Washington to restrain the Democrats' "worst inclinations" on taxes and the appointment of judges, a top-ranking state Republican said Monday.

State Senate President David Williams said Kentucky's Senate race has become crucial nationally because of McConnell's ability to act as a check against Democrats. Williams questioned how Democrats would handle taxes and federal judicial appointments.

"Mitch McConnell will keep and protect the Democrats from their own worst inclinations," Williams told several dozen McConnell supporters gathered in the heart of town.

McConnell, a four-term incumbent, is locked in his toughest re-election campaign against Democrat Bruce Lunsford. McConnell spent Monday campaigning along a swath of heavily Republican counties in south-central Kentucky on the first day of a statewide bus tour that's scheduled to make more than 60

stops between now and Election Day.

Lunsford, meanwhile, campaigned Monday in far western Kentucky.

Lunsford is counting on a boost Friday from former President Clinton, who is scheduled to make stops in Paducah and Bowling Green.

Clinton won Kentucky in the 1992 and 1996 elections. His wife, Sen. Hilary Rodham Clinton, easily carried the state in this year's Democratic presidential primary.

Hillary Rodham Clinton campaigned for Lunsford last month in Lexington and Pikeville.

McConnell and Lunsford will meet in their final Senate debate later in the week.

On the campaign trail, Williams said that McConnell would defend conservative values, including gun-ownership rights. Williams also cited Democrat Barack Obama's comment earlier in the campaign that rural voters cling to guns and religion.

Lunsford campaign spokesman Cary Stemle said Williams was trying to divert attention from the nation's economic problems under a Republican president strongly backed by McConnell.

"Like Mitch McConnell, David Williams can't bear to talk about the real issue on everyone's minds — the economy — so he falls back to his preferred tactics of trying to scare people," Stemle said. "But what's scary is the economy."

McConnell, who was accompanied by his wife, U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine Chao, stuck to his recent campaign script stressing his Senate seniority. He told supporters that replacing him with a freshman Democrat nearly as old as he is would be a bad trade for Kentucky. Lunsford is 60 and McConnell is 66.

"He's got no chance of being there long enough to make any difference whatsoever, much less rise to be the leader of his party in the Senate," McConnell said of his challenger.

McConnell did not refer to the nation's economic turmoil during his speech.

When asked later in a brief interview why he didn't mention the economy, the senator said, "The race is going to be about the issues that I just talked about awhile ago, and that's what we're going to talk about."

The senator pointed to the

tobacco buyout passed by Congress in 2004 as a prime example of his ability to deliver for Kentucky, the nation's top burley producer.

His push for a buyout came as tobacco production quotas created decades ago by the government were eroding in value as cigarette consumption declined, he said.

"So we needed a tobacco buyout not paid for by the taxpayers but paid for by the users of the product," McConnell said. "I wrote it, I put it in the bill."

As a result, tobacco growers were compensated for their quotas that vanished with the end of the federal tobacco program, which had set production and price controls for decades.

The buyout will inject \$30 million into Green County over the next 10 years, McConnell said.

McConnell said he delivered \$500 million in federal funding to Kentucky last year alone.

Lunsford's campaign contends McConnell is overstating his appropriating prowess, and said Kentuckians are carrying a big burden to pay for the Iraq war and financial industry rescue — both of which McConnell supported — and interest on the national debt.

Green County treasurer Billy Joe Lowe, a Republican, said in an interview that economic problems and recent government rescue of the financial sector are on the

minds of voters.

"It isn't going to help him any, that's for sure," Lowe said of McConnell.

Lowe said McConnell is doing a good job and he is willing to give the senator the benefit of the doubt on the massive rescue plan, despite his own reservations about the package.

Another McConnell supporter, Lanny Vincent of nearby LaRue County, said McConnell's vote on the rescue plan was "courageous."

"I had some misgivings about that bill, but still, I feel that he did what was best for the United States," said Vincent, a retired auto worker and manager who now raises beef cattle.

Video your vote for YouTube? Not in Kentucky

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — It sounds like a great idea, but first-time voters who want to record and share their experiences in the polling place via YouTube can't do it in Kentucky.

"Video Your Vote," a national YouTube project with PBS, encourages voters to video themselves in action Nov. 4, including as they cast ballots.

But Kentucky law forbids people from bringing cameras and recording devices into polling places, Secretary of State Trey Grayson said. Those caught recording could be slapped with a misdemeanor.

"I think it's a great use of technology to record that for posterity," Grayson told the Lexington Herald-Leader on Friday. "I like that part of the program. But it's like they came up with the idea of recording your vote without thinking of the consequences."

Kentucky's Legislature outlawed video recording, cell phones and cameras in 2005 to avoid intimidating voters. Georgia and Florida also bar recording in polling places.

Grayson said voters should be encouraged to record a video diary about the experience at the polls after they're away from their voting precinct — at least 300 feet away.

He has cut his own YouTube-based public service announcement to be posted on the popular video sharing Web site on Monday.

"On the YouTube Web site are the words, 'Share your election experience with the world.' Let me be the first to encourage you to do so."

Grayson says in his video clip. "However you should wait until you leave the voting area."

YouTube announced the project, a joint venture with PBS, on Wednesday.

YouTube did not immediately respond to an e-mail request for comment by The Associated Press.

Kay Stimson, spokeswoman for the National Association of Secretaries of State, said the group hasn't taken a position on the "Video Your Vote" project. "We talked to YouTube and PBS; they provided us some information on the project when it launched Wednesday and we

sent that to our members," Stimson said.

Grayson said that once his office realized the project's instructions conflicted with state law, it started taking steps to reach younger voters and those tech-savvy Kentuckians who might be most likely to participate. Grayson's video message will be sent to college campuses, and his office may advertise on social networking Web sites, such as Facebook.

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 11:00 am., at the property site, at 648 Dodson Branch, Prestonsburg, KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$72,005.08 principal, plus interest credit subsidy in the amount of \$1,788.27, plus interest in the amount of \$3,762.38 as of February 8, 2008 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.5318 per day from February 8, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.25% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:08-CV-56 on the Pikeville. Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on July 14, 2008, in the case of the United States of America vs John Jenkins, et al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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Forum on cancer in Appalachian Kentucky held at Renfro Valley

Local meeting to be held Nov. 5

A setting for country and mountain music since it was founded in 1939, historic Renfro Valley Entertainment Center near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky hosted a gathering of a different sort on Sept. 17, when leaders from six area development districts gathered for the Kentucky Appalachian Forum on Cancer.

The forum was hosted by the Kentucky Cancer Program (KCP) through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Civic, health and community leaders from Cumberland Valley, Lake Cumberland, Kentucky River, FIVCO, Big Sandy and Gateway Area Development Districts met to discuss the cancer incidence and mortality in the central Appalachian area and what Kentucky communities can do to lessen their burden of cancer.

Rep. Danny Ford, from the 80th District, welcomed the attendees. Warren Brunner, respected photographer and journalist, and his wife from Berea, discussed their highly acclaimed portrait and photo-documentary work in the mountains. Described as "the Norman Rockwell of Appalachia", Warren's photographs characterize the strong Appalachian values which so influence health and social issues in the mountains—particularly the region's strong sense of community, emphasis on faith, and family ties.

Data presented by epidemiologist Jaclyn Nee with the Kentucky Cancer Registry put five of the six districts consistently in the top five districts in the state for all indexes of cancer risk — the top four cancer sites being lung, colorectal, breast and cervix cancer. Katie Bathje, program coordinator for the Kentucky Cancer Consortium, discussed Kentucky's Cancer Action Plan and the need to adapt it to include strategies very specific

to the Appalachian region.

Four best practice programs were presented to the group:

- A project by Gateway District Health Department promoting Gardasil vaccinations to girls, through the schools, to prevent cervical cancer.

- Faith Moves Mountains — a faith-based initiative promoting breast and cervical cancer screening and other advocacy.

- Kentucky Homeplace — an award-winning lay health adviser program.

- The Lung Health Program of King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, providing preventative follow up on patients with lung health issues.

Forum participants divided into discussion groups to decide what these four best programs had in common that makes them so successful in East Kentucky and how that knowledge can be put to use to implement local lung, colorectal, breast and cervix cancer interventions.

Regional District Cancer Council Roundtables will convene in October and November to share the conclusions of the forum participants and discuss specific projects which will utilize the knowledge gleaned from the forum. The forum in the Big Sandy district will be held Nov. 5, at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center in Paintsville from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information the District Cancer Council Roundtable in Big Sandy Area Development District, or about cancer resources in the district, contact Becky Simpson at 606-789-3270 or by email at rrsimp2@uky.edu.

Additional information is also available on the Kentucky Cancer Program web site: www.kcp.uky.edu.

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POISON OAK

Entrepreneurs all

When I was 10 or 12 years old, if some boy about my age, weight and height (or smaller) had walked up and called me an entrepreneur right to my face, he'd likely have had to immediately defend himself. Name calling was one thing that any bonified, genuine coal-camp kid absolutely did not tolerate. And since I would have had no earthly idea what he'd just called me, I'd have just naturally assumed it was some sort of cuss

word he had picked up down behind the machine shop where the older boys played poker.

But even though I didn't know what the word meant, there's little doubt now,



Clyde Pack

some 50-plus years later, that every kid in the camp was, to one degree or another, an entrepreneur.

Beginning first thing on Monday mornings, even though it was never written down, and was unspoken, I knew that within six short days, I'd have to figure a way to raise at least 25 cents, the total cost of admission to both the Sipp and Royal theatres in Paintsville—nine cents each, with seven cents left over for a big root beer.

Something else I didn't know at the time, but would later learn in high school social studies class, was that we were all descendants of "hunters and gatherers." Hunting and gathering is exactly what I did. Just as our long-ago ancestors would seek food and shelter, I sought every loose pop bottle I could find. A case of bottles would net me 15 cents at the company store. If I could manage two whole cases in one week, I'd really be set.

Now, I may not have been the smartest entrepreneur in the world, but I knew I shouldn't put all my eggs in one basket. So, I soon learned not to concentrate solely on pop bottles. I also kept a keen eye out for scrap iron. Although much more difficult to come by, a good healthy pile of burned-out fireplace grates or bicycle rims would garner me a quick 50 cents, about once a month, when the scrap iron man from town would come around.

It was about this time every year, too, that the walnut hunter in me would sometimes manage to gather half a bushel or so, that some of the women in the neighborhood would buy for 35 or 40 cents, to put in their homemade candy.

So, out of sheer necessity, coal-camp kids were entrepreneurs all. To my knowledge, however, as soon as we were old enough to understand that Lash LaRue and Rocky Lane and Roy Rogers could handle all the crooks that roamed the west, whether or not we were sitting in the audience, we soon lost interest in those Saturday matinees, and pretty much gave up our entrepreneurial activities. Although we've all reverted back to the ordinary, everyday work force, I can't keep from wondering if Bill Gates or Donald Trump, or Ted Turner, ever had to hunt and gather for their show fare when they were kids.



Allen Central High School JROTC.



Allen Central Middle School dance team.



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Red, White & Blue Festival Brrrrrr-ade

A chill in the air didn't keep the crowds away from the parade in Martin Saturday, and those in attendance were treated to a long line of local heroes, beauty queens, music and, of course, lots of candy.

photos by Ralph B. Davis
For more photos, see pages 6 and 7



Miss Teen Red, White and Blue Johna Lasha Pack.



World War II veteran Eddie Akers was grand marshal, and rode in the parade with Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson.



Allen Central Middle School A-team football.



Tiny Miss Red, White and Blue Riley Jo Compton.

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New Arrivals



Abigail Brooke Conn was recently crowned the 2008 Red, White and Blue Little Miss Patriotic Princess. She also won best personality. The pageant was held on Oct. 4, at the Martin Community Center. Abigail is the 4-year-old daughter of Brian and Jennifer Conn, of Auxier. Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Myra Gillispie, of Auxier. Her paternal grandparents are the late Albert and Irene Conn, of Martin.

BIRTHDAY



Tyler Hesdon Ray Boyd recently celebrated his first birthday. He is the son of Travis and Tiffany Boyd, and the grandson of Ray and Sue Tackett, of Harold, and Glen and the late Virginia Boyd, of Hunts Fork.

ANNIVERSARY



David and Brenda Blackburn, of Van Lear, celebrated their 28th anniversary Sept. 27. David Blackburn, an ordained Baptist preach for over 26 years, was recently named chaplain at Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Yesterdays

Seventy Years Ago

(Oct. 27, 1938)

Only two persons have filed for the mayor's race, Mrs. Edythe Carter, present mayor, and Cal Clarke

A group insurance plan may be adopted by sheep growers of this county to protect them against losses from marauding dogs, County Agent S. L. Isbell said this week

The Happy Holler Hot-Shots, popular local musicians, include Mrs. Fanny Jarrell, Thomas Perry, James Perry, Marie Perry, William Perry, Minerva Friend, and Pershing Perry

Of 15 NYA youths occupying a truck which plunged over an embankment, five were

injured. Those hurt were Woodrow Adams, Elbert Bayes, George Adams, Cecil Wright and Junior Hackworth

Works Progress Administration employees who spend their wages for liquor and gambling will be subject to dismissal

Nineteen Floyd Rural school teachers have painted the inside of their schools, or have made arrangements to do so, following a "proposition" by the Floyd County Board of Education

There died: A.J. Davidson, 93, who helped organize the Bank Josephine, here, at the home of his nephew, Jo M. Davidson; James Hale, at Goodloe. He had been prominent in politics the last 20 years; Jake Walkers, 54, veteran coal miner, A.D. Roberts, 65, retired U.S. army officer, Saturday, at Paintsville.

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Sept. 22: A son, Korbin Wyatt Baron Johnson, to Melanie and Ronnie Johnson of Bypro; a daughter, Kylee Grace Jones, to Stephanie Patton of Martin.

Sept. 23: A daughter, Katelyn Rena Hall, to Rodney and Melissa Hall of Martin.

Sept. 24: A son, Ryan Lee Fugitt to John and Kayla Fugitt of Isonville; a daughter, Alivia Hamilton, to Sarah Arlene Hamilton of Craynor; a son, Virgil Lee Goble, to Kimberly Ann Blair of River; a daughter, Chelsi Lynn Taulbee, to Sally Campbell of Hazard; a daughter, Emmalee Raelynn Mollette, to Denice Marie and Jimothy Dea Mollette of Paintsville.

Sept. 25: A daughter, Chasity Lee Jewell Turner, to Kristy Lee Turner of Hazard.

Sept. 26: A son, Daniel Evan Gregoory Miller, to Carolyn Ann Miller of Combs; a daughter, Savannah Lashay Taylor, to Tina Marie and Steven Curtis Taylor of Printer; a daughter, Jerica Dawn Stephens, to Treia Elisha and Jeffery Darrell Stephens of Paintsville.

Sept. 27: A son, Brayton Skyler Stidham, to Devan Earlene Stidham of Jackson.

Sept. 28: A son, Lucas Allen Coats, to Ashley Crawford of Hazard; a son, Caden Bryce Fraley, to Emily Nelson of Prestonsburg.

Sept. 29: A son, Braxton Michael Johnson, to Emily Briana Ousley of Martin.

Sept. 30: A son, Jacob Harmon Todd, to Shawn and Crystal Todd of Hager Hill; a daughter, to Baleigh Reese Blackburn, to Brian and Bethany Blackburn of Louisa.

Oct. 1: A daughter, Martina Beth Conley, to Tabitha and Adam Conley of Sitka.

Oct. 2: A daughter, Destiny Victoria Marie Collins, to Nichole and Jason Robert Collins of Wooton; a daughter,

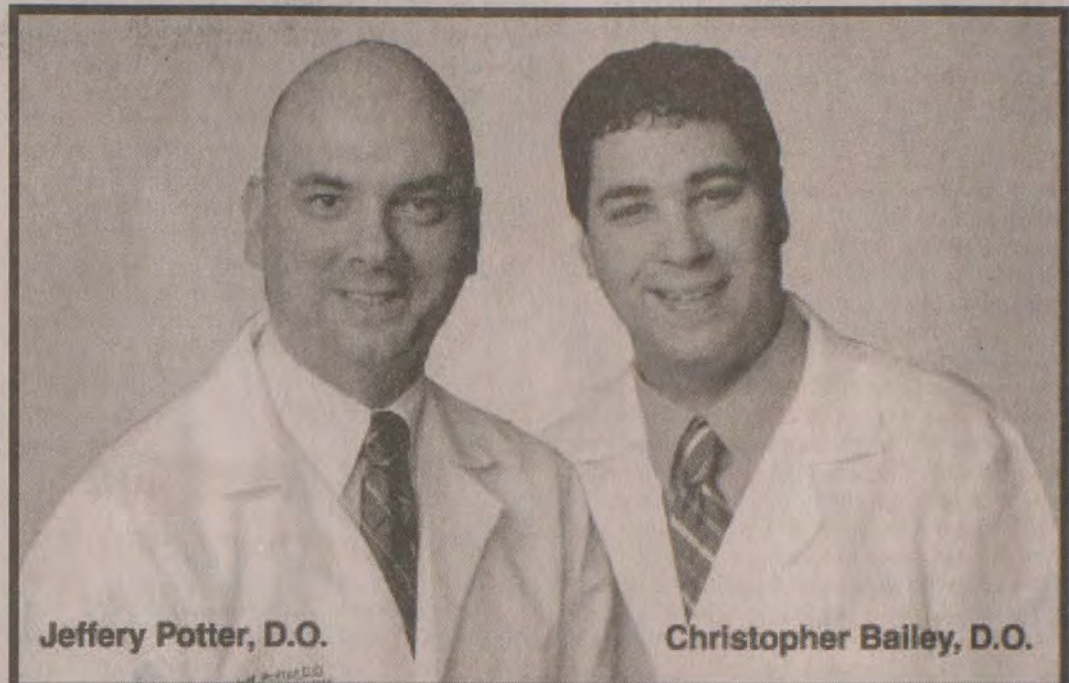
Breanna LaRay Dawn Jordan, to Crystal and Paul Jordan of Blaine; a son, Chad Hunter Webb, to Kimberly Dawn and James Ryan Webb of Paintsville.

Oct. 4: A son, Matthew Julius Bowling, to Jennifer and Christopher Bowling of Hager Hill.

Oct. 6: A daughter, Lily Grace Ferguson, to Emilee Arrowood of Paintsville; a

daughter, Braylee Clova Sha'neal Cheek, to Brittney and Neal Cheek of Salyersville; a son, Mason Bryce McGinnis, to Crystal Gail and Billy William McGinnis of Tomahawk; a son, Landon Darrell Caudill, to Cortney and Robert Caudill of Mousie.

Oct. 7: A son, Jessie James Heseman, Jr., to Jessie and Kennita Heseman of Hazard.



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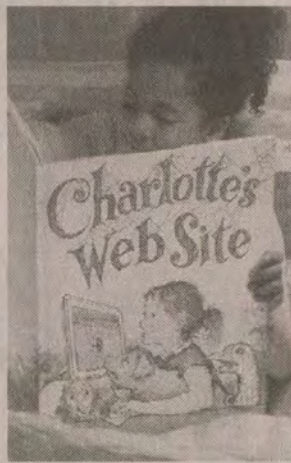
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Red, White & Blue Festival Parade



Baby Mr. Patriotic King Braydon Alan Conn.



Betsy Layne Cub Scout Pack 808.



Miss Red, White and Blue Haley Sword was joined by friends for her ride through the parade.



The Allen Central High School Marching Band entertained the crowd with a selection of patriotic songs.



Tiny Miss Red, White and Blue, McDowell Elementary representative Emily Blevins.



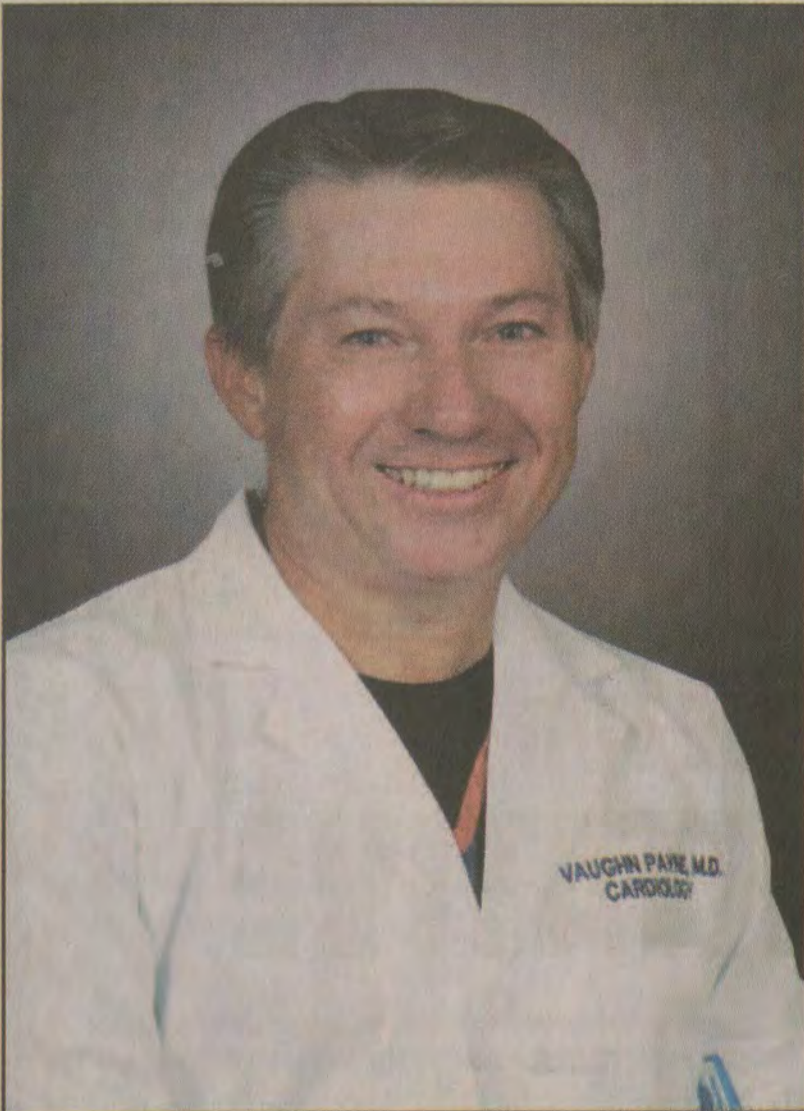
Allen Central Middle School homecoming queen Reagan Osborne.



Jailer Roger Webb



Little Miss Red, White and Blue photogenic winner Call Sode.



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Little Miss Red, White and Blue McDowell Elementary representative Emily Caudill.



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