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### briefs

## Clinton to campaign Sunday in Hazard

Times Staff Report

U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton will return to Kentucky on Sunday to campaign on behalf of Democratic U.S. Senate nominee Bruce

Lunsford, who is locked in a neck-and-neck race against 24-year incumbent Mitch McConnell. Clinton, who appeared on Lunsford's behalf last month at events in Pikeville and Lexington, will lead rallies in Hazard and Louisville. Times and exact locations have not yet been released.

# Cops shoot, kill attacking man

SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Martin man was shot and killed after an altercation with police officers in the early morning hours yesterday.

James Anthony Roderick, 38, was pronounced dead at St. Joseph's

Hospital in Martin after being shot by a state trooper and a city police officer at approximately 2:30 a.m. Thursday morning.

According to state police reports, Martin Police Sgt. Brian Ratliff requested assistance after being called to Petry Apartments in regards to a disturbance. KSP Trooper Isaac Whitaker

responded and paired with Ratliff to investigate the report.

When they arrived, Roderick immediately attacked Ratliff with a knife, police said.

"As soon as they approached the house, Roderick was at the front door and attacked," said KSP public affairs officer Trooper Scott Hopkins.

Ratliff suffered stab wounds to the neck, after which point both he and Whitaker opened fire on Roderick.

Ratliff was also taken to nearby St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was treated for stab wounds. He was initially listed as being in good condition, but

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## HALLOWEEN CREATIONS



photo by Sheldon Compton

Carved and decorated pumpkins of all types covered a display Thursday at Archer Park in Prestonsburg. The pumpkins were crafted and provided for the display by people from all over the county.

# Prosecutors fight law reducing sentences

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Concerns about the windfall of freed prisoners resulting from an early release program initiated by the Kentucky Department of Corrections this past summer have finally touched home.

One Floyd County inmate released under the retroactive terms of the program, Chad W. Manual, has now been indicted again on counts of second- and third-degree burglary and one count of persistent felony offender.

Manual was released on June 16 and saw the charges brought against him this past September and earlier this month.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said this trend of early release under new statutes and recidivism will not be the last.

"I'm sure this is the first of many more that will be coming," Turner said. "This is what everyone who knows anything about this expected would happen."

In August, the DOC released 1,004 prisoners from state correctional facilities and discharged another 1,237 from parole. The decision was made due to the retroactive application of House Bill 406, which includes what is known as a "street credit" provision.

Street credit is a term used to describe credit for time spent on parole toward a prisoner's maximum sentence.

For example, if a person were to be sentenced to ten years in prison and then released on parole after two years, time spent on parole without reoffending would be counted as jail time if the person's parole were revoked and they were sent back to prison.

Under the old laws, the person would be required to serve out the remainder of their original sentence.

"With this change, two or three or four years later, if they reoffend, instead of having the full sentence hanging over their head, they have less," Turner said.

Supporters say the idea behind the street time pro-

(See SENTENCES, page six)

# Fiscal court gives utility sale one more month

SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County officials have extended a deadline to see that a sale of East Kentucky Utilities goes through as planned.

In early June, the Floyd County Fiscal Court accepted a bid from Kentucky Frontier for the purchase of East Kentucky Utilities, the company that supports the county's gas system. The deal was nearly three years in the making and lacks only approval from the Public Service

Commission.

But the deadline for the commission to give the deal a greenlight by Nov. 1 loomed heavily Wednesday, prompting quick action.

"The court has prepared a resolution to extend the deadline to Dec. 1," said Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, following a closed meeting of the court Wednesday. "This will give them a little more time to get approval."

The resolution passed unanimously, perhaps partly due to the fact that the alternative could

have been to start the long bidding process again from scratch.

"It's better to do this and give another month than to start all over again," Bartley said.

And the county is certainly a long way into the process with Kentucky Frontier.

One stipulation included in Wednesday's resolution was that the company be required to deposit \$700,000 toward the purchase of the gas system within 30 days of signing the resolution. County officials say the company

(See UTILITY, page six)

# Board holds hearing for new harassment policy

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — Lawrence and Sheila Patton came to the library of May Valley Elementary on Wednesday to learn about the changes to the harassment and discrimination policy of the Floyd County Board of Education, but it wasn't what they were expecting.

The Pattons, the parents of Stephen Patton, an eighth-grade student at Allen Central Middle School who allegedly killed himself last November because he was being bullied at school, were under the impression that the policy to be discussed would deal with bullying. However, the updated policy that was

available to be picked up on Wednesday dealt with discrimination, and not bullying.

Instead of leaving when they found out that the forum wasn't what they thought it was, both Lawrence and Sheila Patton stayed for almost an hour, speaking with Mike Hughes, a representative of Floyd County Schools and appointed harassment and discrimination investigator.

Hughes apologized to Sheila Patton, who said she called the Floyd County Board of Education to ask about the public forum on the policy and was told that it would deal with bullying.

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Lawrence and Sheila Patton speak with Mike Hughes, with Floyd County Schools, during a public forum dealing with the Floyd County Board of Education's harassment and discrimination policy.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

### 3 DAY FORECAST

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#### Tomorrow



High: 69 • Low: 41

#### Sunday



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# Obituaries

## Cecelia Hamilton

Cecelia Hamilton, of Prestonsburg, passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She was eighty-nine years old.

She was born October 8, 1919, at McDowell, the daughter of Harrison and Virginia (Jenny) Bentley Hamilton.

Her brothers and sisters preceded her in death. They were: Oscar Hamilton, Charlie Hamilton, Robie Hamilton, Maudie H. Flack, Fannie Hamilton, and Renee Tackett.

She married Butler Hamilton on April 3, 1935; he passed away November 25, 1982.

To this union were born six children, that included two sets of twins (identical and fraternal): James Butler, their only son, who passed away December 2, 1967. Pluma H. (Paul) Branham of Prestonsburg; Eulene H. (Roy) Ratliff of Martin; and her identical twin, Lorraine, who passed away at nine years of age July 4, 1949; Lois H. Wells of Fort Myers, Florida, and her fraternal twin, Brenda H. Sims of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

She leaves 18 grandchildren: Sherry Lorraine Ratliff, Greg Ratliff, Robin Hall, Cecelia Hazel Hamilton, Jimmie Eulene Slone, Tony Branham, Jimmy Hamilton, Greg Hamilton, Jerry Hamilton, Terri Curry, James M. Hamilton, Blake Ratliff Jr., Valeria O'Gorman, Melinda White, Paul Wells II, Orlie (Jody) Sims, John Hamilton, and Brenda Patton. She had 39 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Little Rosa Church at McDowell. She worked at Beaver Valley Hospital, and owned the Purple Flash Cafe in Martin. She retired from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan, along with Butler. She was very active in her union, serving as a steward. She completed training in that field on November 25, 1968. She was made a Kentucky Colonel March 27, 1974. She also gave to her church, St. Jude's Hospital, and the Disabled American Veterans.

Funeral services will be Saturday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be at Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, with Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as Pallbearers are her grandsons and great-grandsons: Greg Ratliff, Tony Branham, Jimmy D. Hamilton, Greg Hamilton, Jerry Hamilton, James M. Hamilton, Orlie (Jody) Sims, John Sims, Blake Ratliff Jr., Paul Wells II, Jeremy Roy Turner, Jason Turner, Steven Slone, and Mark A. Branham.

Honorary Pallbearers are: Paul Branham, Zenith Hall, Steve Slone, Marty Hamilton, Darrell Hamilton, Eddie Meade, Charles "Chuck" Meade, Jim Hammond, Jimmy Hall, Billy Hamilton, Bill

Tackett, Clinton Moore, Trent Prater, Jeremiah Swiger, Pete Grigsby Jr., Dr. Alan Joe Hyden, John C. Hall Jr., and Tommy Hall. (Paid obituary)

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## Lorena Elizabeth Badgett Horne

Lorena Elizabeth Badgett Horne, 91, of Little Paint Road, East Point, died Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at her residence.

Born January 18, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Americus McCollough Badgett and Lorena Agnes Harmon Badgett. She was a former sales associate for A.W. Cox Department Store, and an awesome homemaker. She was a member of the First Church of God of Little Paint.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steward Horne, on August 23, 1968.

Survivors include a son, Steward Ray Horne (Vickie) of East Point; three grandchildren: Stacy Butcher and Kindra Cochran, both of East Point; and Brent Horne of Prestonsburg; and four great-grandchildren: Caitlyn Horne, Zachery Butcher, Drew Butcher, and Christian Horne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Mary Music and Josephine Auxier; and a brother, John Badgett.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 31, at 11 a.m., at the First Church of God, in Little Paint, with Rev. Wayne Burch and Brother Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Interment will be in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Granville Sherrow, Ken Carey, Larry Auxier, Tom Auxier, John Nelson, Ed Clayton Boggs, Robert Bowling, and Mark Bowling.

Honorary pallbearers: Russell Rice, F.R. Leake, Fred Harris, Garner Campbell, and Tom O. McGuire.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, or to the Gideon Memorial Bible program.

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

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## Elder Green Howell

Elder Green Howell, 68, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, October 29, 2008, at his residence.

Born August 30, 1940, in Island Creek, Pike County, he was the son of the late Ambrose and Irene Howell. He was a disabled coal miner, and an elder and member of Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was twice married, first to Virginia Howell, who preceded him in death; and later, to Sylvia Ray Howell, who survives.

Other survivors include a son: Roy Lee Howell of Galveston; four daughters: Teresa Lynn Evans of Prestonsburg; Diana Adkins of

Galveston; Polly Bentley of Beaver; and Patricia Gail Adkins of Cynthiana; two stepsons: Timmy Cook of Teaberry; and Wendy Jordan Cook of Hi Hat; a stepdaughter, Roberta Stiltner of Teaberry; four brothers: Edward Howell of Michigan; Merlon Howell of Pikeville; and David Howell and Clifford Howell, both of Craynor; six sisters: Molly Howell, Susie Howell, and Alice Adams, all of Galveston; Nannie Lentz of Wisconsin; Linda Lou Kidd of Teaberry; and Lona Parsons of Craynor; 14 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by three sons: Billy Ray Howell, Tandy (Bo) Howell, and James Arthur Howell; and two sisters: Sally Smith and Mary Bell Howell.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 1, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Ambrose Howell Cemetery, Island Creek, Pike County, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation, Thursday, October 30, at 6 p.m., at the church, with additional services each night at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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## Raymond Lowe

Raymond Lowe, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at his residence.

Born March 23, 1939, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Columbus and Mary Stacy Lowe. He was a former construction worker for a coal mine, and he attended the Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Garrett Lowe.

Other survivors include two sons: Tracy Lowe of Prestonsburg; and Kenneth Lowe of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters: Tonya Lafferty of Martin; and Tina Daniels of Florida; a brother, Avery Lowe of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Ida Burchell of Prestonsburg; and Grathel Marie Damron of Waverly, Ohio; six grandchildren: Nicole Barker, Amber Martin, Jennifer Lowe, Tyler

Lowe, Savannah Lafferty, and Noah Adam Lafferty; and a stepgrandson, Brad Mendon Hall.

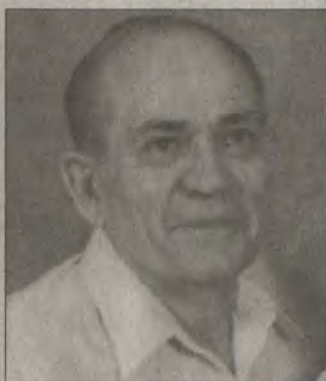
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters: Henry Lowe, Harvey Lowe, Ethel Bankenship, and Eathel Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 31, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett and Gordon Fitch officiating.

Burial will be in the Garrett and Stepp Cemetery, Calf Creek, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Billy Thomas Yates

Billy Thomas Yates, 70, of Pierceton, Indiana, went to be with the Lord, Monday, October 27, 2008, at 10 p.m., in his home, surrounded by his family, after a brief battle with cancer.

Born March 5, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Thomas Yates and Katie (Spencer) Yates. He was a former production worker of Jomac Products, retiring after 33 years.

He attended the Freewill Baptist Church, in Silver Lake, Indiana; loved his family, friends, vacations, and family get-togethers; a great and loving husband, father and grandfather. He was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.

He had been a resident of the Warsaw and Pierceton areas for 46 years, coming from Paintsville.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Irene Tackett Yates, whom he married in Paintsville, July 11, 1960.

Other survivors include a son, Darrell (and companion, Claudia) Yates of Claypool, Indiana; three daughters: Deborah (Darrell) James of

Silver Lake, Indiana; Danita (Preston) Honca of Leesburg, Indiana; and Dawn (Craig) Miller of Warsaw, Indiana; three sisters: Dorothy (Wayne) Singer of North Manchester, Indiana; Martha (Charlie) Floyd of Akron, Indiana; and Dora McConnel of Prestonsburg; four brothers: Dewey (Josephine) Yates of Warsaw, Indiana; Elmer Yates of Greensprings, Ohio; Denvil (Mary) Yates of Meally; and Benny (Linda) Yates of Prestonsburg; 14 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert Yates and

Harold Yates; and a sister, Margy Goble.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 31, at 11 a.m., at the First Freewill Baptist Church, in Silver Lake, Indiana, with Pastor Loren Bradley officiating.

Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, in Warsaw, Indiana, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Visitation is at the church, Thursday, October 30, at 2 p.m., until time of service.

Memorials may be made to: Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, Indiana 46581-1196, or Center of Hope Cancer Care, 1520 Provident Court, Warsaw, Indiana 46580. (Paid obituary)

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of our family and friends for the beautiful flowers, the food and kind words and prayers. All the words were a great comfort to his family. A very special thanks to the members of the Little Rock Church. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and the Sheriff's Department.

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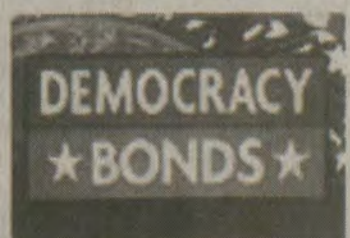
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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Karen Lynn Stapleton, 40, of Prestonsburg, to James Castle, 37, of Prestonsburg.  
Cassandra M. Crum, 25, of Paintsville, to Clyde L. Woods, II, 39, of Allen.  
Connie Amanda Kidd, 27, of Dana, to Michael Shannon Frasure, 29, of Grethel.

### Civil Suits Filed

Kentucky National Bank of Pikeville vs. Jerry M. Kidd; complaint.  
KEC Land Assets, Inc. vs. Lee Hart; complaint.  
Aurora Loan Services LLC vs. Carolyn tackett Layne; complaint.  
Convergence Receivables LLC vs. Vernon Case; complaint.  
KEC Land Assets, Inc. vs. John M. McKenzie; complaint.  
KEC Land Assets, Inc. vs. Donald Hatfield; complaint.  
Bank of New York vs. Brian Wallace; complaint.  
James Kidd vs. The Raven Company, Inc.; complaint.  
Darlene Hamilton vs. Richard Hamilton; petition for health care insurance.  
Sandy Valley Financial Services, Inc. vs. David Hackworth; complaint.  
Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC vs. Sandy J. Garrett; complaint.  
Mineral Labs, Inc. vs. Premier Foods, Inc.; complaint.

### Small Claims Filings

Eric C. Conn vs. April Blanton; debt collection.  
Eric Conn vs. Billy R. Horne; debt collection.  
Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Pamela M. Mullins; debt collection.  
Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Kelly Dickerson; debt collection.  
Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Nancy Hall; debt collection.  
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Advance vs. Crystal Carver; debt collection.

Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Michelle Hall.  
Speedy Cash Check Advance vs. Ricky Short.

### Charges Filed

Michael Poe, 32, Blue River; criminal mischief.  
Deborah L. Bryant, 35, Salyersville; theft by unlawful taking.  
Burnett Little Jr., 21, flagrant nonsupport.  
Adas Dcan Burchett, 40, Prestonsburg; second-degree burglary.  
Levi Silas Damron, 41, Pikeville; second-degree burglary.  
Teresa G. Stone, 37, Garner; theft by unlawful taking.  
James Timothy Akers, 40, Pikeville; second-degree burglary.  
Billy J. Chatt, 25, Drift; alcohol intoxication.  
Terry D. Blackburn, 48, Drift; alcohol intoxication.  
Michael Lee Taylor, 30, Wayland; fourth-degree assault.  
Ronald W. Blackburn, 51, Drift; alcohol intoxication.  
Darrell L. Newsome, 18, Melvin; criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking.  
Michael Newsome, 44, Melvin; terroristic threatening.  
Kathy Mahan, 47, Martin; propagation and holding of protected wildlife.  
Darrell Newsome, 18, Wecksbury; terroristic threatening.  
Robert Smith, 52, Betsy Layne; criminal trespassing.  
Kenneth G. Burks, 32, Prestonsburg; illegal taking or purchase of wildlife.  
Jeffery Bryson, 35, Hager Hill; receiving stolen property, recovery of stolen property.  
Wendy L. Reed, 28, Pikeville; alcohol intoxication, leaving the scene of an accident, giving officer false name or address.  
Penn Johnson, 42, Virgie; alcohol intoxication, leaving the scene of an accident or failure to render aid or assistance.  
Cindy Lou Bryant, 25, Dana; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, two counts illegal possession of a legend drug, three counts prescription in improper container, five counts use or possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts deliver or possession to deliver or manufacture to deliver drug paraphernalia.

### Inspections

Seasons Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, floors not in good repair, floors not clean, lighting not provided as required, Score: 86.

Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: no violations noted. Score: 100.

Christ United Methodist Church, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained. Score: 97.

Wee Care Early, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 96.

Dairy Queen, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, non food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, improper dispensing of single service articles, improper storage of single service articles, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, floors not clean, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 90.

Hobart's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, lack of effective hair restraints, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, non food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, lighting not provided as required. Score: 86.

Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: no violations noted. Score: 100.

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or handwashing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not clean, floors not in good repair, walls ceiling, equipment not in good repair, unnecessary articles in or around establishment. Score: 92.

Maddy's Pizza Place, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units stor-

ing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during preparation, food not protected during storage, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, improper storage of clean equipment and utensils, toilet room doors not self closing, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 91.

### Property Transfers

Lawrence Baldrige to Stacy Goble and Vanessa Goble, property not listed.  
Martha Baldrige to Stacy Goble and Vanessa Goble, property not listed.  
Joyce Ann Bentley to Corbit Hall and Marcia Marie Hall, property located at Left Toler Creek.  
Randy Bentley to Corbit Hall and Marcia Marie Hall, property located at Left Toler Creek.  
James R. Cobb to Patricia A. Cobb, property located at Turkey Creek.  
James R. Cobb to Tammy R. Tahour, property located at Turkey Creek.  
John C. Cobb to Patricia

A. Cobb, property located at Turkey Creek.

Patricia A. Cobb to Tammy R. Tahour, property located at Turkey Creek.

Roberta L. Cobb to Patricia A. Cobb, property located at Turkey Creek.

Dawn M. Doner to Frances L. Pyles, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

Tim Doner to Frances L. Pyles, property located at Left Beaver Creek.

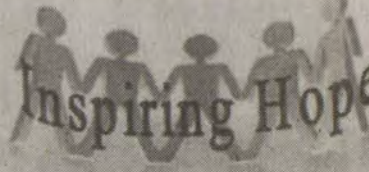
Flossie George to Betty L. Wilson and Thomas R. Wilson, property located at Hager Branch Road.

Anthony James Gillespie to Ambrose Gillespie and Bethelene Gillespie, property located at Deal Branch of Branham Creek.

Lititia Gillespie to Ambrose Gillespie and Bethelene Gillespie, property located at Deal Branch of Branham Creek.

Thomas Greene to Brenda Greene Ratliff and Harvey David Ratliff, property not listed.

Virginia Greene to Brenda Greene Ratliff and Harvey David Ratliff, property not listed.



## Community Wide Meeting

A panel of experts and guest speakers to discuss ways to improve our community including the following:

- Drugs and alcohol prevention
- Support for our schools
- Resources for parents and family

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**Cinema 1—Held Over**  
SEX DRIVE (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

**Cinema 2—Starts Friday, Oct. 31**  
HAUNTING OF MOLLY HARTLY (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

**Cinema 3—Held Over**  
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.

**Cinema 4—Held Over**  
MAX PAYNE (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

**Cinema 5—Held Over**  
PRIDE AND GLORY (R). Mon.-Sun. 6:40-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:40-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:40-4:20) 6:40-9:20.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Sir Winston Churchill

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## Guest View

# Withdrawal creep

When it has come to Iraq and the presidential campaign, the debate has swirled mostly around withdrawal.

But a funny thing has happened as the current economic tempest has pushed Iraq off front pages. Withdrawal seems to be creeping up on us. And it's being talked about both by Iraqis and the U.S. commanders calling the shots there.

You'd think this would get more play in the presidential election, if only for political gain — more credence to the Democratic nominee's withdrawal plan or proof that the surge has worked. And this last assertion would be OK with us if it means declaring "victory" gets the United States out sooner. Please, someone go ahead and declare it.

The U.S. withdrawal is contained in the status of forces agreement, which the Iraqis have just requested be reopened for negotiations. The document has been long in the making, and the Iraqis don't appear to be happy with it. But one thing is clear. In it at the moment is a U.S. withdrawal by the end of 2011 — unless both sides agree that the U.S. should stay or if the situation on the ground doesn't allow a withdrawal.

Not as ironclad as we'd like, but still clearly indicating an Iraqi desire for U.S. withdrawal. It's a longer period than Democratic nominee Barack Obama has proposed but, given that he includes the word "flexible" in his proposal, not out of the ballpark. GOP nominee John McCain has dismissed announced withdrawals as something tantamount to giving succor to the enemy.

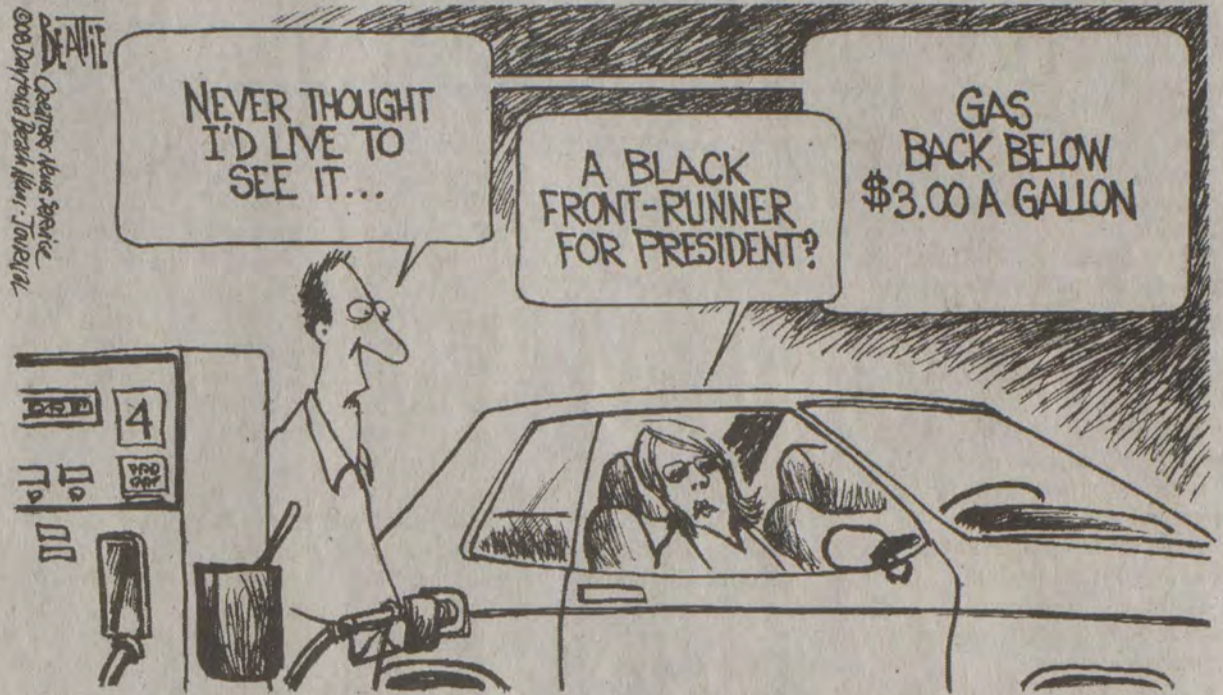
Iraqis, it appears, are unswayed by who's saying what in this particular part of the world. But another development has the U.S. military imposing withdrawal as tantamount to an ultimatum.

According to a report Sunday by McClatchy newspapers, the U.S. military is threatening to shut down military operations and other services by Jan. 1 if the Iraqis don't agree to the status of forces agreement. And this doesn't seem to have any flexibility at all. Some in the Iraqi government, in fact, view it as blackmail.

So whatever happened to the notion that withdrawal shouldn't be used as a tool to hurry the Iraqis along? It's plain: Withdrawal will occur, though perhaps not as soon as this Editorial Board would like, and it will likely occur no matter what either presidential candidate is saying about the issue at the moment.

We take a pause from this loooooong campaign to cheer the prospect, though wishing it would occur sooner rather than later.

— the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



## Guest column

### Keeping an eye on the election

by JACK CONWAY  
KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL

As many of you prepare to cast your votes on Nov. 4, I want Kentucky citizens to know that my office stands ready to investigate and prosecute any violations of election laws. In fact, we have been working closely with Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Kentucky State Police and federal investigators as part of a task force to prevent and investigate allegations of voter fraud during the Nov. 4 general election.

We need Kentucky voters to be our eyes and ears at the polls to ensure that this historic election is a fair election. A record number of Kentuckians, nearly three million, have registered to vote and we expect a record number of people at the polls on Election Day. I encourage all citizens to report any irregularities, large or small, to our Election Fraud Hotline (800) 328-VOTE (800-328-8683). On Election Day, calls will be received from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

During the primary, the Office of the Attorney General's Election Fraud

Hotline received 59 calls from 28 counties. There were no complaints of vote buying. I believe folks have gotten the message that we won't tolerate vote buying here in the Commonwealth. I will be diligent in watching to make sure that does not occur.

In addition to our hotline, we will have about a dozen investigators patrolling the precincts throughout the Commonwealth. After the election, my office will randomly select six Kentucky counties to undergo independent inquiries for any potential irregularities that may have occurred during the general election.

My office has also notified all county clerks, local law enforcement and prosecutors that voters who come to the polls on Election Day wearing political pins or buttons should be allowed to vote. Any person who unlawfully prevents or attempts to prevent a voter from casting a ballot may be charged with a Class D felony under KRS 119.155.

My best advice is to leave any political t-shirts, buttons or pins at home to avoid any confusion.

### Early Release of Felons

On Oct. 1, I filed suit in Franklin Circuit Court to stop the Department of Corrections from continuing the

early release of prisoners and parolees, some of whom are dangerous felons. Because of the illegal retroactive application of language that lawmakers added into the state budget at the eleventh hour, the state has released more than 3,500 felons from prison and parole supervision in an effort to save \$30 million. There is no provision in the budget bill that states that the probation and parole credit can be applied retroactively. The application of this provision also undermines Kentucky's Truth-in-Sentencing Law.

I certainly understand the budget constraints and the fact that we're incarcerating people at record rates; however, to implement this program without distinguishing between violent and non-violent offenders is irresponsible and puts the public at risk. According to reports, at least 14 percent freed under this program have already been charged with crimes again.

The government's first obligation to the public is to provide for the public safety of its citizens. An integral part of that is keeping dangerous felons in prison for the duration of the time the court of justice has deemed. That is why I am seeking a statewide injunction against Corrections to prevent it from continuing its early release policy.

## Letters

### Fraud found out

I am a member of the family of Randall (PeeWee) Tackett, from Melvin. It was brought to my attention that a person or persons were going around to businesses in an around the community to obtain money on our behalf. We now know of at least one person who did this and the money was not brought to any family member.

We had plenty of food and pop during our time of grieving. The members of the Little Rock Church and Randall's family made sure of this. So if you are approached and asked to donate, I would make sure it is a legitimate donation being asked for.

We know who you are and hope this letter will keep you from getting any more money from anyone.

Betty Cook  
Melvin

### Find out the truth for yourself

I am writing in response to all of the emails I have been bombarded with during this presidential election. First of all, I respect people's decisions to cast their votes for whichever candidate they may choose in the voting booth on Nov. 4. However, I would like to address some of the false accusations being circulated via email about my choice for president, Barack Obama.

For example, I have received the following email multiple times, concerning his support for the Muslim population. Below is a false quote flooding the email highways: From "The Audacity of Hope": "I will stand with the Muslims should the political winds shift in an ugly direc-

tion."

Actual quote from "The Audacity of Hope," page 261: "Of course, not all my conversations in immigrant communities follow this easy pattern. In the wake of 9/11, my meetings with Arab and Pakistani Americans, for example, have a more urgent quality, for the stories of detentions and FBI questioning and hard stares from neighbors have shaken their sense of security and belonging. They have been reminded that the history of immigration in this country has a dark underbelly; they need specific assurances that their citizenship really means something, that America has learned the right lessons from the Japanese internments during World War II, and that I will stand with them should the political winds shift in an ugly direction."

Another email that is totally fabricated states that Mr. Obama would raise taxes across the board. He has repeatedly said taxes would only increase for those families earning more than \$250,000 per year, or singles who earn more than \$200,000 a year.

I have received multiple emails stating that Christians cannot vote for any candidate who supports abortion. I have compared some facts regarding abortion:

■ Abortion became legal in January 1973, during Nixon's administration.

■ Abortion was made legal because of the privacy issue. It's unconstitutional to tell someone what they can or cannot do with their own bodies.

■ Since abortion was made legal, the United States has elected five Republican presidents who have served a total of 28 years, and two Democratic presidents who have served a total of 12 years.

■ Currently we have seven Supreme Court justices who were appointed by Republican presidents,

and only two Supreme Court justices who were appointed by Democrats. And guess what, abortion is still legal.

■ Republicans keep using the same old tactics to get elected, however, the truth is they cannot rewrite the United States Constitution and the issue of abortion is a moot point, because no matter who is elected, abortion will still be legal.

So, regardless of what your feelings may be in reference to abortion, it's never going to be illegal in the United States. For those people who oppose abortion, I wonder what their view are regarding the death penalty, because if they favor the death penalty, how can they justify that reasoning with respects to the Holy Bible.

In closing, I would like to say that, in all of the emails I have received against Obama, I have never once received an email stating the fact that Sen. John McCain was still married to his first wife, Carol, when he began dating his current wife, Cindy. Where I come from, is that or isn't that adultery? I guess it's OK to commit adultery, as long as you're a Republican.

I urge all voters to look at the issues facing our nation and base your decision on facts and not rumors or hearsay. I urge all voters to go to Barack Obama's website, www.barackobama.com, and read what his plans actually entail. I urge all of those voters who supported Hillary Clinton in the primary to coast your vote for Barack on Nov. 4.

Please vote on Nov. 4 and let your voices be heard. And while you're in the voting booth, ask yourself this question: "Do you want four more years of George W. Bush's failed policies?" I personally believe America deserves better.

Melissa Boyd  
Harold

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# Morehead State takes over Innovation Center

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville Area Innovation Center, located in the Highlands Entrepreneur Center (KHEC) is now under new direction.

The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development Department of Commercialization and Innovation recently awarded a contract to Morehead State University's College of Business to operate the Innovation Center.

The KHEC is a mixed-use small business incubator owned by the City of Paintsville and which opened in 2004. The facility was built with a combination of state, federal and local funding and offering a comprehensive program of value added services to help entrepreneurs create, attract, expand and retain regional job opportunities. With a multi-county vision, the Area Innovation Center and the KHEC serves Johnson, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, Martin,

Magoffin, Perry and Pike counties and will continue its focus on helping Kentucky entrepreneurs, scientists, and engineers perfect their business strategies and build successful high-performance businesses.

Paintsville Mayor Bob Porter, a KHEC advisory board member, worked with other City Council members, advisory board members and MSU officials to transition the Innovation Center to MSU's College of Business following the Big Sandy Community and Technical College's (BSCTC) decision to realign its economic development resources.

"Faced with significant budget cuts last year and this year, we decided to focus more on workforce development and training," said Bobby McCool, BSCTC's chief institutional officer. "The College will continue to provide the telecommunications and technology support to the Center and we are pleased that the operational partnership now

includes Morehead State University."

"We are extremely grateful to the leadership and financial resources that President Edwards, his staff and the BSCTC has provided the Innovation Center and KHEC since the beginning. Without their leadership we would not have had the success we have had in bringing new opportunities to our community," Porter said.

KHEC Advisory Board Chairperson Mark McKenzie praised the college's past and continuing support.

"I can't say enough good things about the college and the leadership they have provided and are most appreciative of their continued involvement in the new partnership."

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews applauded the community's early vision and leadership in building the entrepreneur center and bringing the state supported innovation and commercialization program to the community.

"We are excited about

MSU's new opportunity to serve Johnson and surrounding counties. Regional outreach has always been at the heart of MSU's mission and economic and community growth is more important than ever in our new global society. We look forward to a successful continuation of the Innovation Center program at the Entrepreneur Center and the partnership with the City and BSCTC," said Dr. Andrews.

The Paintsville Area Innovation Center (IC) becomes the second IC operated by the MSU College of Business. The MSU Regional Enterprise Center in West Liberty has been the host to the West Liberty Area IC since 2004.

Johnathan Gay is its director and has been meeting with Paintsville area clients at the KHEC until the new IC director can be hired. MSU expects to have the new director by Jan. 1.

If you have a technology or innovation based business or

even an idea for one, or if you have an interest in locating your new or expanded business in the Paintsville KHEC business incubator, call (606) 788-6000 for an appointment. You also may qualify for grant funds from Kentucky's Rural

Innovation Fund in regard to a new business. The MSU Small Business Development Center and Mountain Association for Community and Economic Development also are located at the KHEC.

# Food City Fuel and Pharmacy Bucks back by popular demand

ABINGDON, Va. — Food City officials recently announced the return of their highly successful Fuel Bucks saving program to locations throughout their market area.

Beginning Nov. 2 and continuing through Jan. 3, Food City ValuCard shoppers will have two ways to earn Fuel/Pharmacy Bucks. For every \$10 in Food City exclusive brand purchases (which include the Food City, Food Club, Full Circle, Paws, ValuTime, Top Care, Academix, Domestic, Electrix, Easy Clix, World Classics and Dining-In family of products, as well as Kay's Ice Cream, Terry's Snacks, Lay's Meats and Kern's bread and

cakes products) in a single shopping trip, shoppers will receive a \$1 Fuel/Pharmacy buck.

On top of that, shoppers will also receive a bonus Fuel and Pharmacy Buck each time they purchase the advertised bonus items. See the weekly circular or in store signage for bonus items.

Fuel and Pharmacy bucks will automatically dispense at the checkout at the conclusion of each shopping trip, and customers can redeem Fuel/Pharmacy Bucks at any Food City Gas 'N Go or Food City Pharmacy location before Jan. 17.

To redeem the vouchers, customers should present their

Fuel/Pharmacy Bucks to the Gas 'N Go or Pharmacy cashier along with their ValuCard when making fuel or pharmacy purchases and their order total will be reduced accordingly.

Some pharmacy restrictions apply and customers should see their pharmacist for details. The campaign does not include the purchase of videos, gift cards, cigarettes or alcohol and select Food City Fresh meat, produce and deli items are also excluded. And each Fuel/Pharmacy Buck can only be used at either the fuel center or the pharmacy.

"As rising fuel prices continue to present a challenge for the family budget and place

additional strains on food expenditures, we felt compelled to provide some much-needed relief for our shoppers" said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. "Customer service is the top priority at Food City. We live, work and educate our children in the communities where we operate, and we are very aware of the effect climbing fuel costs are having on the families we serve."

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# Pikeville Medical Center, UnitedHealthcare sign agreement

PIKEVILLE — UnitedHealthcare, a UnitedHealth Group company, and Pikeville Medical Center signed a new agreement that enables commercial health plan customers who reside in the Pikeville-area to have greater access to quality health care options.

Included in the agreement are the services of many of the hospital's physicians who practice in various specialties. This agreement adds to UnitedHealthcare's extensive health care provider network of more than 6,400 physicians and 100 hospitals throughout Kentucky.

"Pikeville Medical Center is happy to announce our new partnership with UnitedHealthcare," said Walter E. May, Pikeville Medical Center president and CEO. "It's exciting to say that we now offer UnitedHealthcare members in

our surrounding communities the opportunity to receive in-network provider benefits locally at Pikeville Medical Center."

"This new partnership with Pikeville Medical Center expands our network for our customers who reside in Pikeville and surrounding

areas," said Jack Tillman, vice president, UnitedHealthcare of Kentucky. "We believe this agreement will enable us to offer long-term stability for our customers who look to Pikeville Medical Center to deliver quality care through state-of-the-art technology."

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# State officials announce task force to investigate and prevent vote fraud

FRANKFORT — The Commonwealth's chief law-enforcement official and chief elections officer came together last week in the State Capitol to announce that they will once again be working together with agencies across Kentucky as part of a task force to prevent and investigate allegations of voter fraud during the Nov. 4 general election.

Attorney General Jack Conway and Secretary of State Trey Grayson discussed the importance of this year's elections and how each office is working to protect the election from potential fraud.

The Office of the Attorney General has jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute violations of the Kentucky election laws. By law, the Attorney General administers programs to observe the conduct of elections, maintains a toll-free hotline to receive reports of election law violations, investigates any such violations, takes appropriate enforcement action and conducts post-election audits based on random selection in counties throughout Kentucky. The Election Fraud Hotline is 1-(800) 328-VOTE (800-328-8683). The hotline is available throughout the year during normal business hours. On Nov. 4, calls will be received from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

"We need Kentucky voters to be our eyes and ears on election day," General Conway said. "We will have about a dozen investigators from my office patrolling precincts throughout the Commonwealth, but we need citizens to join with us to ensure we have a fair election."

Secretary Grayson, who serves as the Chairman of the State Board of Elections, noted that the cooperation between the agencies had been "tremendous," but that many of these efforts require the help of citizens.

"The success of any election includes the vigilance of Kentucky



Secretary of State Trey Grayson, left, and Attorney General Jack Conway announced the creation of a task force to investigate voting irregularities in next month's election. Kentucky residents can report suspicious activity by calling the state's Election Fraud Hotline at (800) 320-VOTE.

citizens, and their reporting anything that they may find unusual concerning the election. I encourage all citizens to report any irregularities, both large and small, so that our agencies may work together to address these issues as quickly as possible. Together, we will work to ensure that every citizen can participate in a fair and honest election," said Secretary Grayson.

The State Board of Elections will also be fielding calls about the elec-

tion from now through Election Day. Citizens are encouraged to contact their local county clerk or the State Board of Elections with general election concerns or for election information.

Officials from each agency have been meeting in recent weeks to prepare for the election, discussing any potential issues and problem areas.

Because federal races will be on the ballot, the offices of the U.S. Attorney's for both the Western and

Eastern Districts in Kentucky will be conducting their traditional Voting Integrity Initiatives.

United States Attorney David L. Huber of Kentucky's Western District stated, "The detection of election fraud depends in large part on the watchfulness and cooperation of the Kentucky electorate. Election fraud and voting rights abuses dilute the worth of votes honestly cast. They also corrupt the essence of our representative form of government. As

crimes against both the individual and the government, they will be dealt with promptly and aggressively. Regardless of the election involved, federal agents stand vigilant to the enforcement of federal laws regulating the election process and will investigate valid complaints of election impropriety that implicate federal criminal laws."

"Voting is a direct function of this country's democratic principles," said Assistant United States Attorney Ken Taylor, representing Kentucky's Eastern District. "This is an opportunity to let the citizens of this great state know that our office continues to make efforts to ensure that the election process will be handled with purity."

During the primary, the Office of the Attorney General's Election Fraud Hotline received 59 calls on election day from 28 counties. There were no complaints of vote-buying. The majority of calls dealt with informational questions or complaints about electioneering within 300 feet of polls and exit-polling violations.

The last Presidential election in 2004 resulted in 52 pre-election complaints, 123 Election Day complaints and 26 post-election complaints. Seventeen of those complaints were referred for review or investigation. There were no charges filed.

Attorney General Conway also sent an alert today to county clerks, local law enforcement officers and prosecutors notifying them of Kentucky law as it pertains to voters wearing t-shirts, buttons or other attire in polling places. General Conway notified officials that voters should not be turned away for wearing such apparel and that any person who unlawfully prevents or attempts to prevent a voter from casting a ballot may be charged with a Class D felony under KRS119.155.

## Sentences

vision included in House Bill 406 is to alleviate overcrowding in jails in order to save money, but Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway is not among those supporters.

Conway filed suit in Franklin Circuit Court against the DOC in early October saying the retroactive release program is a "misapplication" of the street time provision and has asked for a temporary injunction.

"Murderers, rapists and sex offenders have been released early and will continue to be released pursuant to Corrections' illegal retroactive application of House Bill 406," Conway said. "This is not only a public safety issue,

it is unconstitutional."

One key to Conway's argument is that it undermines the truth-in-sentencing law.

"When juries recommend sentences for these criminals, they had no idea the sentence imposed would be reduced years later," Conway said.

Conway has also filed a pleading, which Turner said he received a copy of Tuesday. This is a case-by-case breakdown of some 1,400 people who have been found guilty or have criminal cases pending against them since being released across the state.

And prosecutors such as Turner are obviously at odds with the merits of such a program.

"One issue I have with the whole plan is that wasn't based on a correct premise," said Turner. "It's actually really hard to get revoked on probation. I understand wanting to save money, but you have to consider public safety."

There have been further discussions in the state legislature for additional ideas to reduce concerns with budgetary issues. Some of those ideas include possibly raising the \$300 threshold that establishes whether certain crimes are misdemeanors or felonies, decriminalizing child support cases and doing away with persistent felony offender charges.

Among the cases Conway

has pointed to in his lawsuit as examples of new crimes committed after release or reduc-

tion of sentence there are those charged with or found guilty of bank robbery, first-degree

sexual abuse and wanton endangerment, among others.

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## Utility

has already deposited the appropriate amount.

The June bid was actually rebidding and saw only Kentucky Frontier and Martin Gas Company offering proposals.

Kentucky Frontier's first attempt to purchase the gas company ran into problems that were not directly related to the gas company deal itself. At

that time, Bartley said the bid was tied to the purchase of several companies and that another company had a federal lien against it, a development that stalled the process.

Martin Gas Company's bid was rejected, according to Treasurer David Layne, because the deal would not have satisfied the indebtedness owed by the Floyd County gas

system.

During those court proceedings this past summer Bartley said the county had given Kentucky Frontier a long time to situate the fine points of their proposal on the last bid and that officials hoped to keep things in closer check to see the deal completed.

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## Policy

"Bullying policies are mandated by the state," Hughes said. "The policy on harassment and discrimination is a federal policy. Federal law requires us to have a policy and we are required to have a public hearing."

According to the harassment and discrimination policy, "Students who feel they have been discriminated against or denied an opportunity because

of their race, color, national origin, age, religion, marital status, sex or disability in an educational program and/or activities in Floyd County Schools, have the right to file an informal and/or formal grievance."

One of the changes to the policy was the appointment of five fully trained harassment and discrimination investigators, including Hughes, Phil Paige, Roy Johnson, Joyce Watson and

Matt Wireman.

As she got in her car to leave, Sheila Patton expressed her disappointment due to the fact that the forum didn't deal with the subject of bullying and that no new changes were made to the bullying policy.

"We just want those changes to be made to keep something like this from happening again," Patton said. "No child should have to suffer like our child did."

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## Shooting

has since been transported to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center.

"He (Ratliff) was recently moved to UK," Hopkins. "He's having some complications."

Further details about Ratliff's condition were not readily available.

State police have reported that Roderick's father, James Roderick, is a retired Kentucky State Police trooper who currently works for

Kentucky's Administrative Office of the Courts.

Whitaker, who has been with the Kentucky State Police out of Post 9 in Pikeville for only one year, has been placed on administrative duty pending the outcome of an investigation, a routine step after a fatal shooting involving a trooper.

Hopkins said the investigation was already underway and would, of course, be compre-

hensive.

"We'll have a team put together that will include three lieutenants from three different posts," said Hopkins. "They'll obviously obtain evidence from the scene and process that evidence, as well as conduct interviews with any and all witnesses."

The details of the initial disturbance complaint which led to the shooting have not yet been made clear.

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# Nation's students pick Obama in Weekly Reader presidential election poll

PLEASANTVILLE, N.Y. — Just days before Americans choose our next president, voting has concluded in the Weekly Reader Student Presidential Election Poll. And the nation's students resoundingly say that Barack Obama will be the country's next leader.

In the 14th Weekly Reader election survey, with more than 125,000 votes cast from kindergarten through 12th grade, the result was Obama 54.7 percent and John McCain 42.9 percent (with "other" candidates receiving 2.5 percent of the student vote).

The Obama victory in the classroom electoral vote was even more resounding. The Democrat won 33 states and the District of Columbia, garnering 420 electoral votes, while McCain took 17 states and 118 electoral votes.

For the past 52 years, the results of the Weekly Reader poll have been consistently on target, with the student vote correctly predicting the next president in 12 out of 13 elections. (The only time the kids were wrong was 1992, when they chose George H.W. Bush over Bill Clinton.)

This year, as in 2000 and 2004, the

student election was conducted in conjunction with polling organization Zogby International.

Below are more thought-provoking, and perhaps prescient, results from the Weekly Reader Student Presidential Election Poll:

■ While the election results may appear one-sided, they actually were extraordinarily close in many places. In three states, less than a tenth of a percentage point separated the winning ticket from the losing one. Iowa and Missouri were the states where Obama barely squeaked by, while in North Dakota, McCain won by the same slim margin.

■ Most, but not all, swing states went to Obama. The Democrat took Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. McCain won Minnesota and New Hampshire, each by a surprisingly wide 8 points, as well as North Carolina in a 4.6 percent victory over Obama.

■ McCain took Republican strongholds Alabama, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Wyoming. Obama romped in the deep

blue states of California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, and the District of Columbia.

■ The Democratic candidate had a few startling triumphs — such as sweeping the vote in the Republican state's two home states of Alaska and Arizona, registering a big win in Georgia, receiving 82 percent of the student vote in Nevada, gaining a 34-point win in Mississippi, and logging a 10 percent victory over McCain in George W. Bush's home state of Texas.

■ Obama was the victor in every grade-except grade 10, which chose McCain. The results were the tightest in the 11th grade, where Obama slid by with a 1.5 percent victory, followed by second grade, where Obama won by a margin of 1.8 percent. The widest spread appeared in the ninth grade, where Obama's gigantic 85.6 percent beat McCain's 12.4 percent — a whopping 73.2 percent margin!

"Historically, our poll has been an amazing indicator of the presidential race's outcome, so we're all waiting with great anticipation to see what

happens on Election Day," said Neal Goff, president of Weekly Reader. "Throughout the past few months, we've delivered cutting-edge multimedia election materials directly to schools so that students could cast an informed vote. We're excited to have given kids this important forum to express their opinions about who should be the next president."

In addition to reporting the results of their in-class elections, teachers passed along enthusiastic comments from their students about the impact of participating in the Weekly Reader Student Presidential Election:

■ "This is history being made!"

■ "I will always remember this. It's nice to have my vote counted!"

■ "Even though I am not 18, my voice is being heard."

■ "I like McCain because he loves pets like I do."

■ "I want to be president. I am going to be president. If Obama can run for president, so can I." (Comment from a Hispanic second-grade boy.)

Teachers also contributed to the thousands of comments. One reported that, "Before we voted and as we

were discussing the candidates, each 'side' spontaneously started chanting the name of the candidate they wanted to win." Another teacher proudly noted this benefit to the Weekly Reader election: "We talked about the importance of voting and the duty that we have as American citizens. What a great experience!"

The student election survey is one of many ways in which Weekly Reader informs and involves the next generation of citizens. The award-winning Weekly Reader website features a continuously updated Election 2008 area, [www.weeklyreader.com/election](http://www.weeklyreader.com/election), which provides topical, targeted coverage of the election, specifics about the candidates and issues, fascinating election anecdotes, and instructive interactive games for students in elementary, middle, and high schools.

Teachers can download exclusive lesson plans outlining the political process. Post-election coverage will continue online and in Weekly Reader's acclaimed classroom magazines through the inauguration and the new president's first 100 days in office.

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## FAMILY MEDICINE

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### WELLNESS Q&A

## How to tell if crutches fit

by ERNEST BREWER

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**Question:** Last week I hurt my foot, and now I have to use crutches. I didn't know how hard this could be. I'm not sure if the crutches fit me right. How can I make sure?

**Answer:** Until a person experiences what you have experienced, there is no way to understand just how rough being dependent on crutches or even a walker can be. Crutches require strength, coordination and endurance. Beyond that, they are hard on the hands and wrists, and they make doing just the most minor functional tasks a real bear. The frustration level can be multiplied one hundred times if the crutches are not properly fitted. So, let me see if I can help.

The first thing to keep in mind is that you will want to put nearly 100% of your weight through your hands and not through your arm pits. So, the crutches need to be set up so that this is easier to accomplish. There should be 1 to 2 inches of space between the top of the crutch and your arm pit. I measure

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# BACK FOR A VISIT

## IIIrd Tyme Out to perform at MAC Nov. 8

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

IIIrd Tyme Out, a popular bluegrass band based in Atlanta, will be returning to Prestonsburg for a concert at the Mountain Arts Center on Nov. 8.

Russell Moore, founder of the band, loves playing music in Prestonsburg.

"We've been going over to the MAC for several years," Moore said. "The audience is great. That area is filled with real music lovers, and we have a great following from there. Also, the people at the MAC really take care of us. You can't ask of nicer people to work with. We are now actually close friends with many of them."

Moore, a native of Pasadena, Texas, began playing music at the age of 11, and joined a regional band at age 15. In 1985, Moore started working

with Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, a bluegrass band from North Carolina. In 1991, Moore left the group to found IIIrd Tyme Out, starting on the path to success and multiple awards and recognition for both the band and Moore as a vocalist.

"We're pretty deeply rooted in the traditional sounds of bluegrass," Moore said. "We do incorporate a little bit of traditional country stylings into our shows, including quartet singing. We really have a little bit of everything."

One of the band's most recent releases, "Round III at the MAC," is a live DVD recorded at the Mountain Arts Center.

"We recorded that show a couple of years ago, and the crowd was just great," Moore said. "It really shows why we love coming to Prestonsburg. We're going to be playing some new songs and all the old favorites at the show, so the fans should be

happy." According to Moore, the band will return to the studio to record a new album this winter, with hopes of having it ready to release next spring.

While the band has played at the Mountain Arts Center multiple times, this will be the first time that the current incarnation of IIIrd Tyme Out takes the stage in Prestonsburg.

"This is the first time that this lineup will be playing at the MAC," Moore said. "The crowd will get to see the newest version of IIIrd Tyme Out, and I think it's one of our best."

The concert, with The Anita Fisher Band opening, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. Tickers are \$20 with a \$1 ticket fee.

For more information on IIIrd Tyme Out, visit the band's website at <http://www.iirdtymecout.com>.

### DINNER DIVA

## Partake of the pomegranate

Consider this: heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, claiming more women's lives each year than the next FIVE leading causes of death among women. Half a million women will die this year from heart disease! And while October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, breast cancer, after lung cancer is third in the line up.



**Leanne Ely**

We all know the causes of atherosclerosis—high cholesterol; low HDL, high LDL and triglycerides, right? This is the reason the arterial walls thicken. What if I told you there is a way to reverse the wall thickness and it doesn't mean surgery? I promise you, I'm not crazy!

Some fascinating studies have been done showing the wonder and miracle of something as simple as pomegranate. In a 2004 study by Clinical Nutrition, I found that those who drank 8 ounces of pomegranate juice per day decreased arterial wall thickness by 30% as opposed to a 9% increase in arterial wall thickness by the group who did not drink the juice. Another 2006 study showed that it may halt the development of heart disease in diabetics!

The nutrients in pomegranate juice seems to reduce oxidant stress and free-radical damage as well as protect and enhance the biological benefit of nitric oxide on blood vessels. Nitric oxide naturally decreases as we get older, but its importance in keeping

(See DIVA, page eight)

### FLY LADY

## Look for the silver lining

In 2005 as I was anticipating turning the big 5! 0! I decided that it was time to buy me a car that would be fun to drive. I wanted sporty, for it get good gas mileage and have with the ability to hold stuff when I traveled. Robert and I decided on a budget of under \$20,000. We don't like to buy new cars and have never. We like to call them "new to me" cars. We went shopping.

Robert found one on a used car lot with a ridiculously low price and it was only three years old and within our budget. The only thing I didn't like about it was the color and it seemed a little sluggish changing gears. We got it anyway! I could live with the color. The sluggishness was because it was on winter shifting mode. Yippee for me!

Two months ago when I was on a trip to Utah, my poor little car was wrecked while it was parked at the airport. A little lady turned a corner and her foot hit the accelerator instead of the brake. She hit a truck and three other cars. I am so happy that no one was hurt in the accident. The big truck parked nose to nose with my car, took it out. Robert called me with the bad news. It had a lot of damage!

The appraiser came out and inspected the car. It had to have a whole new front end and it would have to be repainted. I was so excited and the appraiser was in shock that I was happy. I told him I had always wanted a purple car and now I could have it. I asked Robert to pick out a purple color for me. He chose Prowler Purple. It is a metallic dark purple.

Today I got my little two door car back from Myers Body Shop! It is gorgeous. They were so afraid to

paint it purple. I told them that purple was my color and that I would love it. They were very surprised at how good it looked. The gray interior looks great with it too. The beauty of this is that I took a sad situation and turned it into something that would bless me and make me happy.

I didn't throw my little car into the junk heap because it was wrecked or buy a new one. I didn't pout about it or be upset! I would have never spent the money to have it repainted had it not been wrecked and had to be repainted anyway. The little lady did me a favor. My little car gives me good service and gets about thirty miles to the gallon of gas. I am so happy to be back in my efficient car! I like driving my purple FlyLady Mobile! I will be driving it for many

more years! You too can take a bad situation and find a silver lining! All it takes is a change in attitude. We have to quit feeling sorry for ourselves and look for the good that can come from the bad things that happen in our lives.



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Look for the silver lining and find your wings to FLY!

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# Flu shots prevent misery and the spread of infection to others



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Many of my co-workers got flu shots last year, but I didn't because the place where I work ran out of the vaccine before I got one. I wasn't sure if I needed one anyway. Could you refresh my memory about who should get a flu shot? Several of my co-workers get one every year? Should I?

I will be happy to take this opportunity to tell you again who should get a flu shot, when you should get it, how long it will last and why it's important to be vaccinated against the flu.

The short answer to who should get

a shot is: Everyone over six months of age when there is no shortage of the vaccine. Groups of people who should always receive flu shots are those who are in high risk groups for complications from the flu. These high risk groups include people over 65, those with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women (yes, flu shots are safe for pregnant women), and young children. Children who have never had a flu shot before need to get two doses of vaccine, at least four weeks apart.

All health care workers, including nursing and medical students, should get flu shots to avoid spreading infec-

tion. For the same reason, primary caregivers, day-care workers, and anyone else who is in regular, close contact with people in any of the high risk groups should be vaccinated.

Anyone in doubt about whether or not they need a flu shot should check with his or her own primary care physician or local health department.

That addresses who should get a flu shot. Now, I'll address when you should get your shot. When the vaccine becomes available in the fall is the best time to get your shot since the flu season usually begins just a little later. It takes about two weeks after the flu shot is given for you to develop immunity. And yes, if you're in a high risk group—or even if you aren't, but there is enough vaccine available—you should get one every year. New studies are showing that the immunity from the vaccine is lasting about a year.

If, on the other hand, you don't get

your shot in the fall, it is still not too late to get a flu shot. Influenza cases peak in February, but they can go on into April. So if for some reason you were unable to get a flu shot in the fall, you can get the vaccine in January or beyond. As I mentioned, the limiting factor is the availability of the flu vaccine, and for this year's flu season, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) feels there will be adequate vaccine supplies. Flu vaccine can be given in a shot form or in nasal spray for certain groups of people.

You can still get influenza if you have had a flu shot, but it is usually a milder case. The symptoms of influenza are a sudden onset of high fever, headache, fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny nose and body aches. If you have these symptoms, you should see your doctor, especially if you are at high risk for flu complications. Even in this era of medical research and expanding knowledge, hundreds of

thousands of people annually are hospitalized because of flu complications, many of them children. And there are still around 36,000 deaths each year from influenza.

There is antiviral medication available to treat the flu, but it needs to be started early.

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## Diva

blood flowing cannot be emphasized enough—we need that protection for our entire vascular system, especially our hearts.

Add to those already impressive benefits, pomegranate contains powerful antioxidants at even higher levels than red wine or tea.

So to celebrate the wonder of pomegranate and in the name of being heart healthy, I've got a few recipes here to help you get pomegranate into your life!

Leanne's Super Smoothie

Serves 2  
Makes 2 super food smoothies

1 very ripe banana, frozen  
1/2 cup frozen (organic if you can) blueberries

2 scoops protein powder (I use a vanilla whey protein powder)

8 ounces pomegranate juice  
4 ounces plain low fat kefir  
1 squirt of honey (if it's not sweet enough for you)

That's it. Pretty simple, isn't it? Throw it all into a blender and let 'er rip! That's how easy breakfast can be in

the morning.

How about an afternoon dose of pomegranate, too? Here's another fabulous way to get pomegranate into your daily routine:

Red Tea

Serves as many as you need  
Equal parts brewed tea (you can use green tea or black tea) and pomegranate juice

Serve warm or over ice. This is quite tart, but you could add a little honey. I would add the honey into the hot tea first, then add the juice, if you're having it on ice. And

remember, to let the tea cool before putting it over ice or the glass will break!

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For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website [www.SavingDinner.com](http://www.SavingDinner.com) or her Saving Dinner Book series (Ballantine) and her New York

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## Wellness

this using the width of 3 fingers. The hand pads should be about even with your hips. The best way to measure them is by having them level with the creases of your wrists when standing with your arms down at your sides. If the crutches fit right, your elbows should have a slight bend in them when the crutches are directly at your sides.

The same principles apply if you are adjusting a cane or walker for someone. With both of these, you can find the right height by having the hand grip of the device level with the crease of the wrist. This allows the user to apply the most weight through the arms with the least amount of fatigue.

Regardless of how well you follow these directions and how well the crutches fit, using crutches for walking even relatively short distances can be very grueling to even the fittest individual. On the flip-side, they can be down right dangerous to someone who does not have good upper body strength and an absolute disaster for someone who has poor coordination. So, if either of these applies to you, you may want to have a physical therapist train you on the prop-

er use, or even consider the use of a walker or wheelchair instead.

Here are some other random safety tips regarding the use of crutches:

■ Watch out for and remove loose items on the floor such as rugs, electrical cords, toys or anything else that you could trip over.

■ Carry a backpack so you have a place to tote things with you as you walk.

■ When going up steps, use a handrail in one hand and a crutch in the other. Also, when going up, the good leg goes up first and when going down, the crutch goes down first.

■ Make sure to take the crutches out from underneath your armpit before sitting down.

■ Keep most of your weight on your hands rather than on your armpit. (I know I already stated this one, but it was worth repeating.)

What you experiencing right now is absolutely no fun, but be of good cheer because this experience will likely make you a better person. You will have a better appreciation for the ability to walk, and you will have a deeper level of sympathy for others who are

injured. If nothing else, you may ultimately begin to agree with your wife's opinion that you're too old to be doing some of the things that you do. (Sorry, she told me to write that.)

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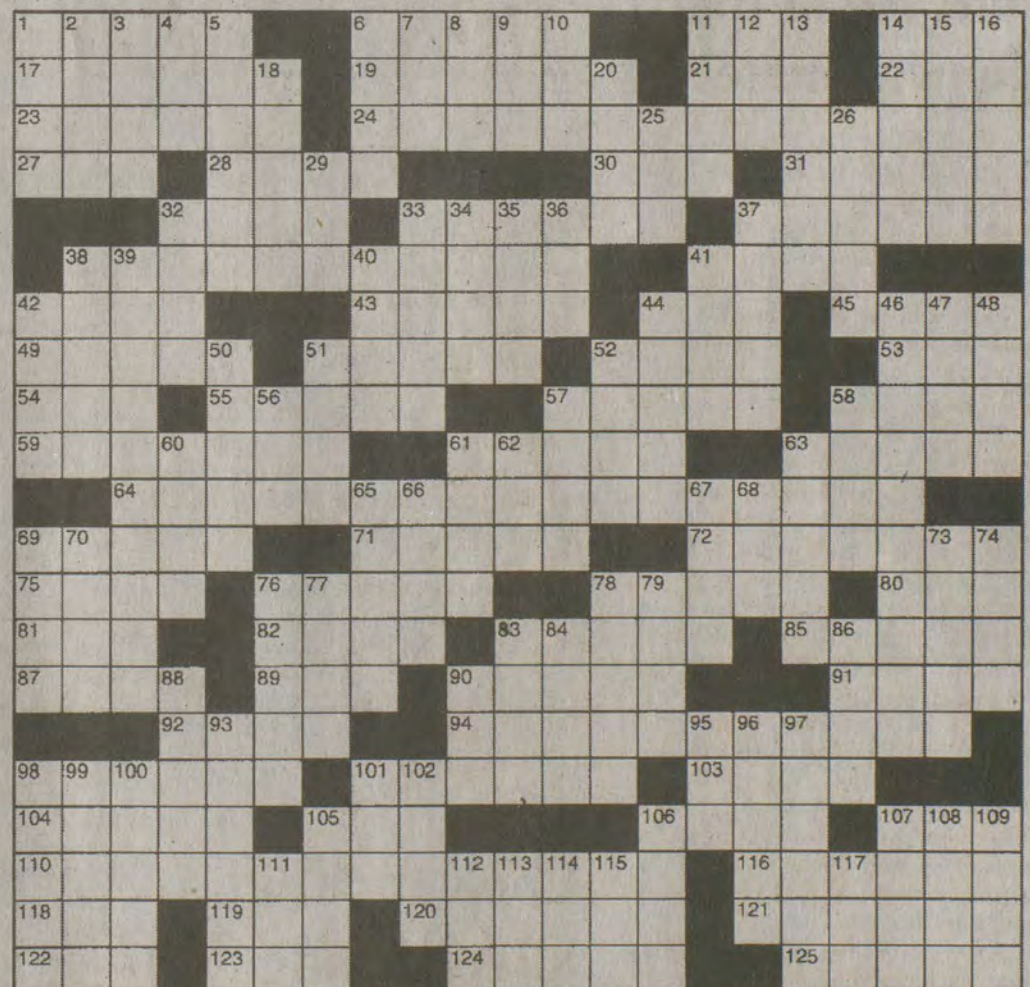
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## Super Crossword

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

October had an excellent finish with a quartet of releases which delivered on your home entertainment dollar.

■ "Journey to the Center of the Earth" — A classic sci-fi tale got the special effects upgrade with this refresh that pits Brendan Fraser ("The Mummy") against plenty of perils at the earth's core. I fully recommend watching the 3-D version, which clearly shows that there is still life left in the format. The special effects are top notch and it's all in good fun, though high brow enthusiasts will probably want to stick to their "Masterpiece Theater" melodramas.

■ "Hell Ride" — Quentin Tarantino executive produced this throwback to the biker flicks of the 1970s, and it shows in the cast, which includes Michale Madsen,

Dennis Hopper and Vinnie Jones. This one features all of the action and gratuitous hijinks one would expect in a biker flick and doesn't make any apologies for it. The dialogue is a bit sketchy at times, but you'll hardly notice that the characters are even speaking with all of the action on display.

■ "Red" — Jack Ketchum's grim revenge novel about a senior citizen going postal gets the big screen treatment here and totally delivers the goods. This is a "Death Wish" for the 21st century that focuses on a senior citizen who refuses to lie down and take it when three adolescent punks kill his dog. What follows is a harsh lesson in responsibility as our hero confronts the parents of the boys, only to discover that they have fostered nihilistic attitudes in their youngsters. He responds by setting out to teach them a lesson in old-fashioned mores by punishing the lot of

them, and it's all rendered with lean dialogue, great performances and plenty of violence. Brian Cox stars and is well abetted by Tom Sizemore as an Alec Baldwin type parent who may not live long enough to learn the error of his ways.

■ "Kit Kittredge: An American Girl" — Who would have thought that a thoughtful family drama could be woven from a line dolls? This film defies those odds by showcasing the talent of Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") as a young girl growing up during the first depression. It's a well-intended drama that captures a time when families had to make real sacrifices due to a turbulent economy and its timeliness is unquestionable.

Next week, look for the remake of "Get Smart" and all of you western fans can rejoice as the Budd Boetticher boxed set brings five of the director's best westerns to DVD.

## WEDDING



Jolene Morgan and the late Jerry Morgan, of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal LeAnn Morgan, to Chris Isaac, son of Gary and Pat Isaac, of Wheelwright.

Morgan is a 2000 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2008 graduate of Capella University with a Master's in Human Services. She is currently employed at Pikeville Treatment Center. She is the granddaughter of Velvia Prater and the late Alex Prater, and Gladys Morgan and the late Grayden Morgan.

Isaac is a 1997 graduate of South Floyd High School and a 1999 graduate of Mayo Technical College with a degree in Graphic Communications. He is currently employed at ABCO Security Systems. He is the grandson of Elva and Jean Smith, and Carrie Isaac and the late Lee Isaac.

The wedding will take place on Nov. 1, at 2:30 p.m. at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Watergap.



Students with the HCTC and SKCTC Radiography program are getting the benefit of training on a new state-of-the art Thermal Digital printer, valued at \$13,000. In addition, the students utilize another \$125,000 in quality equipment used by facilities in the region. Shown here are: Astor Halcomb, radiography faculty; Floyd County students Bobbie Jean Willis of Prestonsburg and Sabrina Lafferty of Hippo; and Tim Whittaker, radiography faculty. Homer Terry, Radiography Program Coordinator, noted that even more radiography graduates will be needed in the future. He said that is because of the ARH Medical Mall in Hazard, the new Sonography Program approved for Hazard Community & Technical College which will accept students in the Fall 2009 semester, and because of the number of radiographers who are going back to school. Anyone interested in the Radiography Program can call 800-246-7521, ext. 73062.

## BIRTHDAY



Donnie Tyler Stephens celebrated his second birthday on October 19, with his friends and family. He is the son of Donnie and Jamie Stephens, of Blue River.

## Hospice Mountain Rivers accepting Floyd, Pike and Magoffin patients

Hospice Mountain Rivers opened its doors on September 15, and is accepting patients and families in Floyd, Magoffin, and Pike Counties.

Hospice Mountain Rivers is a private, non-profit organization with skilled staff from our local communities providing expert end of life care to patients and their families who have a terminal illness.

Hospice Mountain Rivers is affiliated with Hospice of the Bluegrass, who recently received a state Certificate of Need approval to expand services to Floyd, Magoffin, and Pike Counties in Kentucky.

"Our staff members are all local people who believe in quality care for our friends, family, and neighbors," said Sheila Joseph, director of Hospice Mountain Rivers and lifelong resident of Magoffin County. "The mission is to increase access to hospice care in the communities we are proud to serve."

Hospice of Mountain Rivers provides quality end of life care, including medical, emotional, spiritual and personal care for terminally ill patients and their families. Care is provided in patient homes, nursing homes and if needed at inpatient facilities. Hospice services receive funding from Medicare Part A benefits, Medicaid, private insurance and donations. At Hospice Mountain Rivers, no one is turned away for the inability to pay.

Support and bereavement services extend to family members, caregivers, and anyone in the community experiencing grief. Hospice Mountain Rivers offers a comprehensive pediatric hospice and palliative care program, Daniel's Care, which was founded through support from the Daniel Pitino Foundation. Daniel Pitino, son of Former University of Kentucky and current University of Louisville men's



Hospice Mountain Rivers opened September 15.

head basketball coach Rick Pitino, died at the age of six months from a congenital heart disorder.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for November 10, 2008 at noon at the Hospice Mountain Rivers office located at 101 Hibbard Street, Suite 100, in Pikeville. This event will kick

off an entire week of Open House activities in honor of National Hospice / Palliative Care Month. The community is welcome to attend all the activities. For more information on hospice services, please contact the Hospice Mountain Rivers Office at (606) 437-3700 or toll free (877) 807-3054.

## NEW ARRIVAL



@cutline: Brian and Amanda Brooke Lafferty, of Hippo, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Brooke Lafferty, who was born August 18, 2008 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, weighing 7 lbs. 11 Oz. She is the granddaughter of Kathy Lafferty, of Hippo, and the late Carlos Huck Lafferty, Mildred Combs Thacker of Eastern, and Jack L. Salyers of Hueysville.

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# Faith and Family



## PC celebrates Religious Emphasis Week

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College invites you to "Worship on the Hill" during Religious Emphasis Week Nov. 3-6.

The celebration begins on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 11 a.m. with the weekly chapel service featuring guest speaker Morgan Chapman. The chapel is located in the Record Memorial Building, sixth floor.

Chapman, a Pikeville College alumnus, has dedicated his life to serving others. His love of learning led him to the classroom as both a teacher and an administrator for the Pikeville Independent School system until his retirement in 2003. A pastor of Caney Creek Free Will Baptist Church for many years, Chapman later pursued a full-time evangelistic preaching and singing ministry in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia and Florida. He currently spends his time volunteering at local nursing homes and serving as the

chaplain for the Cedar Creek Assisted Living Center in Pikeville.

Religious Emphasis Week continues on Thursday, Nov. 6, with a special praise and worship service at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium. The service will feature the Pikeville College Concert Choir and the campus student group Blessed Unity of God (BUG) who will perform a dramatic interpretation and a skit.

"Religious Emphasis Week provides opportunities to build on the spiritual awareness in our campus community," said Sandy Mitchell, the college's campus minister. "Our hope is that the activities will help students, faculty and staff focus on the spiritual side of their lives. We also hope the community will join us for this special celebration of 'Worship on the Hill.'"

For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs at 218-5270.



### KIM'S KORNER

## Taming the tongue

As previously shared with you, our Wednesday night class at church just recently finished "The Battlefield of the Mind" classes. Now we are taking a course titled "Taming the Tongue" and man oh man is it something else.

For instance, I had no idea there were 30 different tongues. And I'm not referring to the multitudes of languages out there. No this study covers:

The Lying Tongue, The

Flattering Tongue, The Manipulating Tongue, The Hasty Tongue, The Divisive Tongue, The Argumentative Tongue, The Boasting Tongue, The Self-Deprecating Tongue, The Slandering Tongue, The Gossiping Tongue, The Meddling Tongue, The Betraying Tongue, The Belittling Tongue, The Cynical Tongue, then there is The Know-it-all Tongue, The Harsh Tongue, The Tactless Tongue, and oh The Intimidating Tongue, The Rude Tongue, there's The Judgmental Tongue, The Self-Absorbed Tongue, The Cursing Tongue, The Complaining Tongue, The Retaliating Tongue, The Accusing Tongue, The Discouraging Tongue, The Doubting Tongue, The Loquacious Tongue — or bet-

ter known in Eastern Kentucky lingo as "motor mouth" — The Indiscreet Tongue, and last but not least, The Silent Tongue.

Just finishing five of these 30 classes, I am here to tell you they have been real eye-openers for those of us participating. Just when you think one of these tongues is definitely not you "Bam" an example will be used and it's, oh no, the proverbial shoe fits, and you have to wear it and most importantly repent.

Take the Hasty Tongue for example. We just completed the chapter on that one this past Wednesday night. Hasty, umm, some of us thought, "No, don't think this one will apply." Guess what, it did.

You see words said in haste can ruin relationships at every level of human interaction —

professionally, socially and personally. When we give little or no real thought to our assertions, promises, or proclamations, we set ourselves up for failure, heartache and even regret.

Words are something that can never be recovered. And once they are out there, no matter how hard we can sometimes try to retrieve them, apologize for them, the damage is done.

Yes, we as Christians must forgive and, yes, we must forget as well. Fact remains, however, that words can pack a punch to our guts or knock our knees right out from under us. At times they can be so cruel, especially when words are spoken in haste, without the slightest thought to how they're going to affect another. Joyce Marie Taylor shared

a poem at the end of our lesson titled "Hasty Words" that went like so:

How do I take back those words,  
Those words I said in haste,  
That spewed so quickly from my lips,  
Were said in such poor taste?

How do I erase the look  
Of hurt upon your face,  
And wipe away the tears  
That down your cheek begin to race?

I did not think before I spoke,  
I did not scrutinize,  
Those words that causes

you pain and hurt,  
I did not realize.

How do I convince you now

I did not mean those words,  
When scars upon your heart I left  
With words as sharp as swords?

How can I expect you  
To forgive my heartless act,  
Of speaking without thinking,  
And not using any

How do I apologize,  
Regain your lost respect?  
How do I come up with words?  
This hurt I must correct!



Kim Little Frasure

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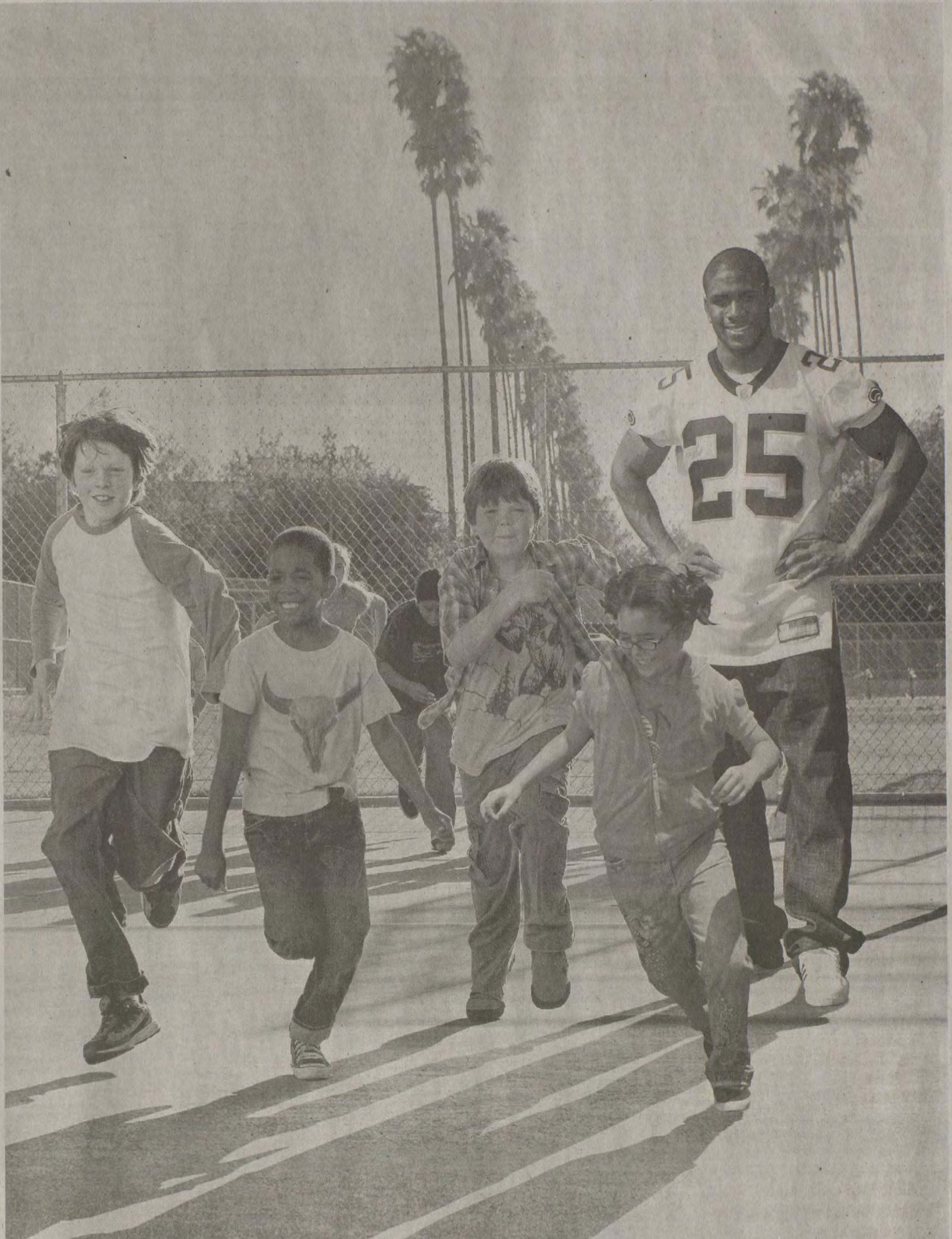












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ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



### Perfect Attendance

ACHS congratulates the winners of their perfect attendance drawing for the month of September. Students with perfect attendance each month are put into a drawing for a prize. This contribution comes from the faculty and staff at ACHS. Each student received \$25 and will be available for a larger prize at the end of the year. Senior Representative was Lindsay Webb, Junior-Zac Hall, Sophomore-Tyler Bentley, and Freshmen-Tanner Walters.



### Gift of Life

On Oct. 7, Allen Central High School JROTC hosted the first of their biannual blood drives with the Central Kentucky Blood Center. Students, faculty and staff got in on the life saving efforts as they had over thirty donors.



### Flag Detail

Each morning, pending on weather, the ACHS JROTC raises the flags in honor of country, state, and school.



### Proficient Students

Row 1 Seated: Jessica Toole, Brittany Clark, Brittany Halbert, Kayla Hancock, Katie Allen, April Ashley, Tasha Watkins  
 Row 2: Brittany Smith, Chasity Prater, Brittany Hodge, Lauren Moore Shelby Nichols, Ashley Howell, Brittany Brown  
 Row 3: Jonathan Hudspeth, Josh Bolen, Brittany Owens, April Conley, Samantha Pack, Jordan Duff  
 Row 4: Zach Goble, Chris Bentley, Zach Montgomery, Zack Layne, Brad Fields  
 Row 5: Jordan Davis, Christian Francis, Mark Case, Steven Conley, Silas Crum, Shawn Patton, Travis Thornsbury  
 Row 6: Jordan Martin, Brandon Meade, Daniel Conley, Corey Qualls, Josh Martin  
 Not Pictured: Chris Blevins, Brandi Brown, Tiffany Corder, Kyle Green, Michael Howard, Steven Hughes, Cassie Hyden, Andy Moore, Amanda Morrison, Chad Nelson, Josh O'Quinn, Shawna Prater, Blake Salisbury, Justin Adkins, Kimbo Blevins, Matraca Collins, Lydia Daniels, Josh Davis, Breanna Duff, Angelica Frasure, Natalie Glime, Kayla Hicks, Tyler Holthouse, Kacie Horn, Alex Howell, Ashley Howell, Brittany Johnson, Thomas Jones, Sasha Jones, Jonathan Martin, Rita Martin, Madison Prater, Alex Reed, Josh Slone, Thomas Tackett



### Distinguished Students

Row 1: Timmy Tackett, Logan Wright, Ethan Halbert, Cory Conn, Keith Williams, Zac Hall  
 Row 2: Travis Thornsbury, Lindsay Webb, Ashley Allen, Tianna Patton, Haley Kidd, Whitney Ousley, Tiffany Clark, Kelsey Jones, Clyde Hamilton  
 Row 3: Samantha Hackworth, Cheyenne Bailey, Andrea Tackett, Reta Adams, Chelsie Cordial, Brittany Cooley, Erica Crager, Carla Lemaster, Taran Parsons, Whitley Waddles, Taylor Allen, Suzanne Whicker  
 Row 4: Seth Jones, Bridget Slone, Nevan Slone, Elizabeth Hughes, Evan Lawson, Sha Hall, Andrew Grinrod, Cynthia Meade, Samantha Wilson  
 -Not Pictured: Jordan Crabtree, Jacob Hicks, Jordan Meade, Wanda Riley, Byron Vanderpool, Hannah Howard, Dora Riley

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ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Earth science

Students in Mr. Todd's Earth Space Science class at ACHS are testing soil for pH, nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus. They are testing the quality of soil for optimum growing.



Front Row: Tyler Stephens, Benji Carrol, Josh Davis, Ethan Halbert  
Back Row: Keisha Reid, Katie Vanderpool, Candra Hicks, Danielle Begley, Brittany Collins, Kaitlyn Vanderpool

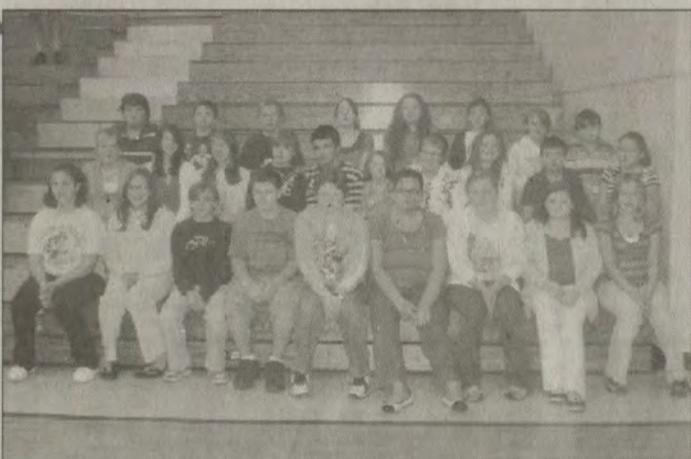
Big Sandy Idol

On Friday, October 10, 2008 the Big Sandy Idol competition blew into Eastern, Kentucky. Allen Central High School brightest talents came to the floor for a tough competition. At the end of the day Josh Davis, senior was crowned the winner. Benji Carrol, also a senior was runner up. Danielle Begley and Kaitlyn Vanderpool, both juniors, received honorable mention. Last year's Big Sandy Idol Regional Winner from ACHS Jerica Blair provided additional entertainment to the excited crowd. ACHS is looking forward to the regional competition and have high hopes for their winners.

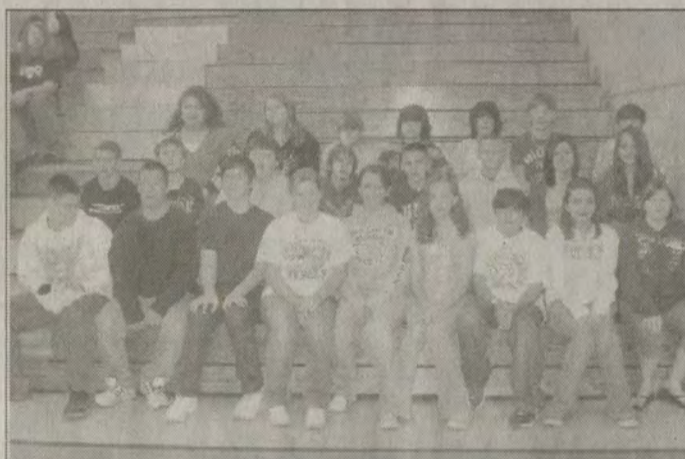


Josh Davis and Benji Carrol—winner and runner up

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sixth grade



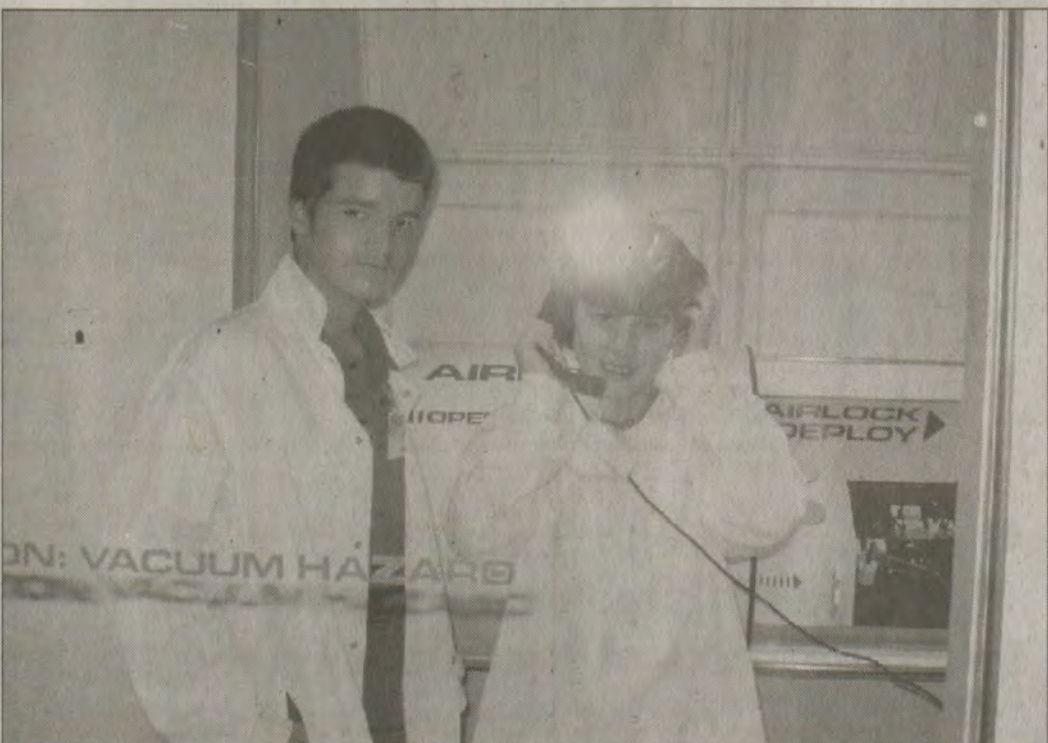
Seventh grade



Eighth grade

Perfect Attendance

Allen Central Middle School recognized 78 students with perfect attendance for the first nine weeks of the 2008-09 school year. Big Sandy R.E.C.C. donated two \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Cards that were presented to lucky students Ethan Layne and Timothy Douglas Slone.



Challenger Center

Allen Central Middle School sixth-grade students visited the Challenger Learning Center in Hazard. The students experienced hands on science and a simulated space trip.



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**Battle of Middle Creek**

The eighth-grade students of Allen Central Middle School were presented a living history re-enactment about the Battle of Middle Creek. The students learned the ways of living during those times, the influential families, weapons used, the importance of Middle Creek, who won and why the Battle of Middle Creek was fought.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY



**Learning to Lead by Serving Others**

Mrs. Stamper's Kindergarten Class at Betsy Layne Elementary recently held their first 4-H Club meeting of the month. They met with the 4-H agent, Heather Nelson and her assistant, Lora Williams, who shared what they could look forward to this year during their club meetings. The students then created scarecrows together. The class is now looking forward to having fun as well as strengthening their character by doing projects for others, such as the "Letters to Our Troops" campaign



Mrs. Jaime Brown's fourth grade science class at Betsy Layne Elementary School constructed mobiles of the "Butterfly Life Cycle" as part of their Life Science unit. These mobiles hang brightly in the fourth grade wing. Mrs. Brown's class is also watching this cycle up close and personal with their very own "Painted Lady" butterfly larva.

**Orientation and Open House**

Several parents, students and faculty of Allen Central Middle School gathered August 13, 2008 for sixth-grade orientation and open house for seventh and eighth grade to get ready to begin the 2008-09 school year. The Youth Service Center registered parents and students handing out calendars, pamphlets and goodie bags.



**Seasons Greetings from Betsy Layne Elementary School**

Students at Betsy Layne Elementary take time to create Christmas cards for our troops in the battle fields. Students photographed here are, from left to right, Macie Hatfield, Christen Ousley and Jordan Adkins.



"I hope our cards help the troops have a wonderful Christmas." This was the statement made by many of our fourth grade students at Betsy Layne Elementary as they worked on their Christmas Cards to our troops in the Middle East. Pictured here are two BLES students, Elizabeth Sammons and Dakota Tackett, diligently making on their special cards for our troops.



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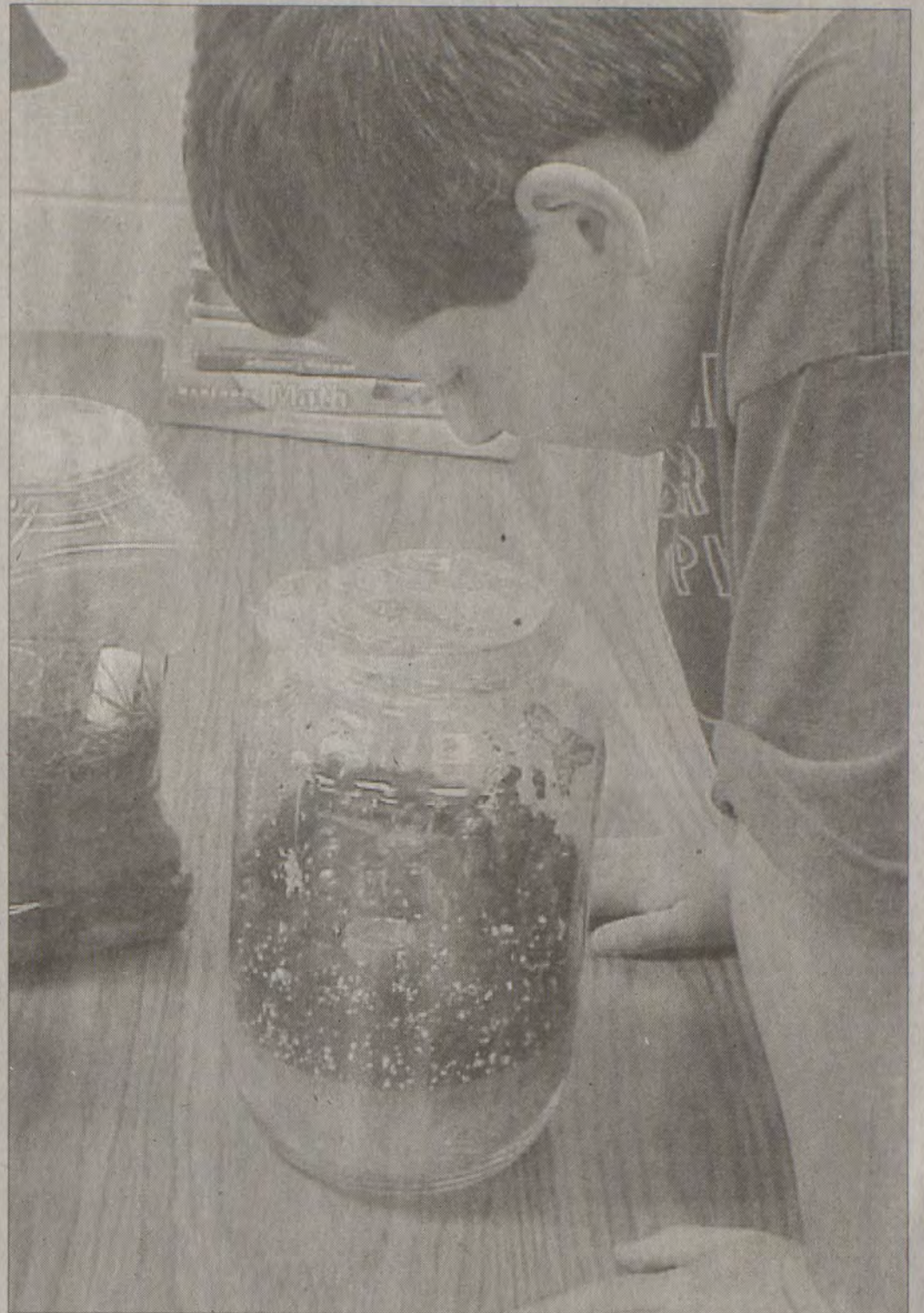
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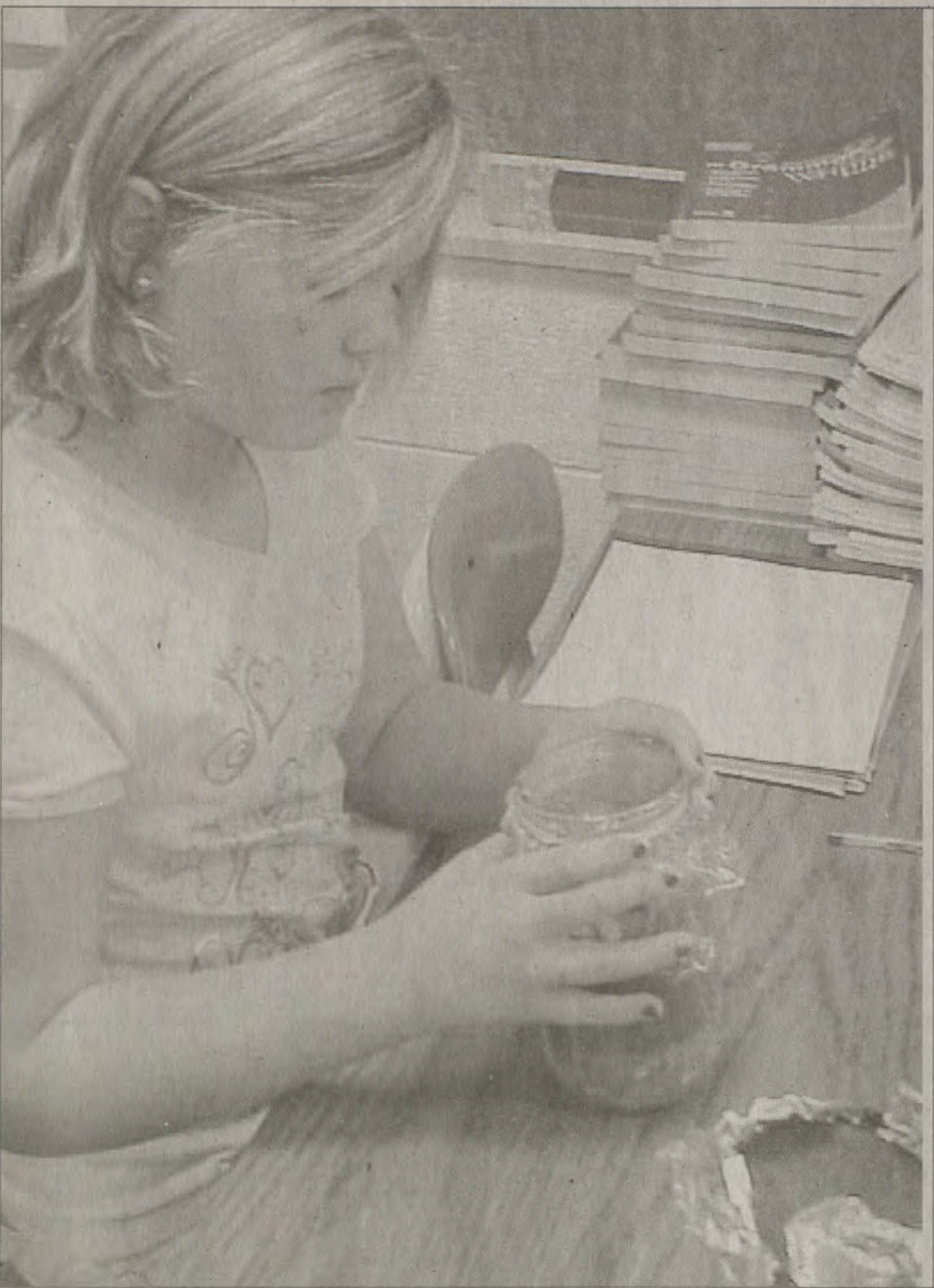
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MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY



Water Cycle

The third-grade students at May Valley Elementary made water cycle jars. Students layered rock, sand, and soil to represent the bedrock. Jars contained plants to represent transpiration. A small cup of water was placed inside the jar so students could observe evaporation, condensation and precipitation. Students also created posters to illustrate the water cycle process.



Earth Science

Mrs. Madden's science class is studying life science. Students enjoy hands on activities. Students are working in groups to observe and classify plants and animals.



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STUMBO ELEMENTARY



# Kentucky Highland Folk Festival

The fourth and fifth graders at JMS went to the MAC Sept. 19 for the Highlands Folk Festival. Students enjoyed participating in the many activities available. Fifth-grader Justin Dilley and others were excited to get to play a dulcimer at a booth set up by Mr. Meredith Stone, retired teacher and local dulcimer maker. Students observed several older customs like basket weaving and cotton spinning. They participated in several older and still popular activities of children such as hula-hoop, horseshoes and sack races. There were many entertaining acts held under the tent such as story-telling, clogging, singing and others. There were several craft booths set up featuring local talented artisans where students could set quality artwork and crafts.



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