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In brief
Housing authority receives money

Pregnant woman stabbed in Pikeville

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A pregnant woman is recovering after being stabbed in Pikeville's Wal-Mart by a woman police say gave no motive.

Cynthia Mullins is charged with stabbing an eight-month pregnant Lora Beth Damron while Damron was shop-

ping at Wal-Mart Thursday.

As of Thursday, police said Damron, 24, was recovering at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center and that both her and the unborn child are expected to be fine following the attack.

At this time, officials with the Pikeville Police Department, have said there appeared to be no motive for the

alleged attack, adding that in interviews Mullins said she did not know Damron.

Witnesses at the scene told police Mullins had allegedly taken a steak knife from a nearby shelf and starting stabbing Damron in the leg while the woman was shopping for groceries with her 4-year-old daughter.

"It appears at this time this was just

a random attack," said Pikeville Police Officer Phillip Reed. "The victim was just a random target."

Officials with the Pike County Detention Center told WYMT news Thursday that Mullins has a history of violence.

Accounts from witnesses say

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Times Staff Report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Floyd County Housing Authority was awarded just under \$60,000 Thursday from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The money, which totals \$59,697, was awarded to support housing projects for the elderly, according to a press release issued from the office of U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers.

Officials say this funding will enable the housing authority to help residents obtain the necessary community support services for independent living.

"The elderly and disabled have unique needs, and this program helps to ensure that residents, especially those who are frail or at risk, have access to the necessary community support networks," Rogers said in a statement. "The Housing Authority of Floyd County works tirelessly to promote affordable housing and economic opportunity with developments at the Creekside Village, Ivy Creek, Beaver Creek and Warco."

EASTER FUN



photo by Jamie VanHoose

Riverview Healthcare held its fourth annual Easter egg hunt and party for 53 Allen Elementary kindergarten students Friday. The children had the opportunity to hunt for over 500 plastic eggs filled with treats and then visit with the Easter Bunny.

Ethanol plant expected to create jobs

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A plan long in the making will now become a reality in Pike County.

According to officials with the Pike County Fiscal Court, a national company, Agresti Bio-Fuels, will build an ethanol plant near the county's landfill, a project that could begin as early as next year.

And placement of the proposed plant near the landfill makes sense, considering the idea is to turn trash into ethanol fuel.

County officials had been in past years discussing opening a new landfill, saying the current landfill was nearing peak capacity. But officials with Agresti proposed simply building the plant near the site and using the garbage to convert to ethanol.

The new plant would also create hundreds of new jobs, according to Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford.

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Police investigate finding of remains

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

RIDGELINE ROAD — Kentucky State Police are investigating the discovery of skeletal human remains found in the Ridgeline Road area of Pike County Thursday.

According to KSP Det. Mike Goble, the remains were found in a wooded area by a nearby resident.

As part of the investigation, Kentucky State Medical Examiner Emily Craig was brought on scene Thursday and the remains have since been taken to Frankfort for further examination.

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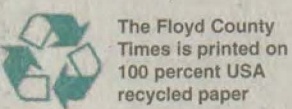
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Wireless internet grows, to get new services

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG * — Just under a year ago, the city of Prestonsburg launched a wireless network which officials say is still going strong.

The network is doing well enough that Brent Graden says new features will soon will be added.

Graden, the city's director of economic development, announced Thursday that a new protective measure would be added to the wireless option.

Users will now find a feature

that blocks adult content.

"That means that anyone who wants to surf the net and look at smut sites, well they can't on our network," Graden said.

Apparently there is a need for such protection as the network has been host to several thousand users since launching 11 months ago.

"As of this week, we passed the 7,500 user mark," Graden said. "That means that 7,500 unique users have used the wireless network to their bene-

(See WIRELESS, page three)



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Well over 100 parents of children in the Floyd County school system "took a break" on Thursday as part of the Give Yourself a Break Day at the Mountain Arts Center. The event, sponsored by the Floyd County Family Resource Youth Service Centers, included multiple guest speakers on a variety of topics, including self-defense and summer vacation.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Sidney P. Bryant, 65, of Troy, Ohio, formerly of Price, died Sunday, April 5, in Troy. Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Sherry Regina Bryant, 61, of West Milton, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, April 5, in West Milton. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Debbie Sue Cole, 42, of Melvin, died Thursday, March 19, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Madeline Carol Goble, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 4, at her residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carolyn Sue Newsome, 62, of Beaver, died Friday, April 3, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Cecil Hall, 79, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, a native of Orkney, died Friday, March 23. He is survived by his wife, Marty Hall. Services were held Wednesday, March 25, at 11 a.m., under the direction of McCombs & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

■ Victor Earl Harper, 63, of Bevinville, died Sunday, March 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Patsy Ann King, 56, of Harold, a native of Pike County, died Saturday, March 28, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Audrey Kay Johnson Prater, 48, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, March 26, at the King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Oakley Robinson, age 77 of Martin, died Sunday, April 5, at St. Joseph Martin Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Mossie Robinson. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of

Hall Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Gene Salisbury, 41, of Harold, died Sunday, April 5, at Toler Creek, Harold. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Deborah Lynn Ferrell Slone, 54, of Bevinville, died Wednesday, April 3, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jacky Slone. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Carma Honeycutt Sturgill, 82, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, formerly of Harold, died Monday night, April 6, 2009, at Broad Mountain Nursing Home, Frackville. James E. Humphrey Funeral Home, Pottsville, is in charge of arrangements.

■ Herbert Ward, 61, of Cynthiana, formerly of Versailles, died Thursday, April 2, in Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Glenna Whitaker "Buck" Wr. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ William J. Shepherd, 74, of Gunlock, died Thursday, April 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Shepherd. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Gladys Johnson Adkins, 83, of Kingsport, Tenn., a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 7, at Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 9, under the direction of Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home of Kingsport.

■ Grace Pugh Ball, 84, of Swanton, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Saturday, April 4, at her winter home in Okeechobee, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Ball. Arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Aretta "Artie" Bevins, 95, of Chillicothe, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, April 1, at the Chillicothe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Ware Funeral Home of Chillicothe.

■ Iva Jean Scott Blackburn, 77, of Brushy, died Tuesday, April 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Bernice Childers, 84, of Virgie, died Monday, April 6, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Dallah Elswick, 99, of Long Fork Road, died Friday, April 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of Hall & Jones

Funeral Home.

■ Ervin Hylton, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, April 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Montie G. Fields Hylton. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Eldora Garvin, 61, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 3, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Donald "Duck" Jones, 94, of Rockhouse, died Saturday, April 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Brian Lee Joyce, 33, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Lynn Joyce. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 9, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Bobbie W. Justice, 81, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Martha D. Keene, 94, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, April 7, in Columbus. R.E. Rogers Funeral Home Chapel, Belfry, is in charge of arrangements.

■ Ruthie Jean Lambert, 47, of Buskirk, died Sunday, April 5, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Charles Lee Lambert. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan.

■ Yvette Michelle Layne, 41, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Oscar Timothy "Tim" McCoy, 44, of Brushy Creek, died Sunday, April 5, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ James Richard Mullins, 45, of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Pike County, died Saturday, April 4, at Lakeland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Joy Newsome, 62, of Georgetown, formerly of Pike County, died Tuesday, April 7, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Steven Howard Robeters, 43, of Marietta, Georgia, died Saturday, April 4, in Marietta. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 7, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Carl Robinett, 58, of Stopover, died Saturday, April 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor "Ruth" Jackson Robinett. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Virgil Tackett, 65, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, April 6. He is survived by his wife, Barb Tackett. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, in the Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home.

■ John Robert Taylor, 46, of Sidney, died Monday, April 6, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Robert Ishmael Adams, 68, of Nippa, died Tuesday, March 31, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sparks Adams. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Charley Duty, 687, of Pierceton, Indiana, a native of Van Lear, died Sunday, April 5, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Gale Duty. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 9, under the direction of the DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home of Columbia City, Indiana.

■ Rober Lee Hale, Sr., 52, of Sitka, died Tuesday, March 24, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Leona Baldrige Haney, 93, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, April 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Daniel Shannon "Shan" Justice, 43, of Lexington, died Friday, March 27. He is survived by his wife, Tina Segneri Justice. A memorial service was held Sunday, April 5, at First Christian Church, Chloe Road, Pikeville.

■ Juanita Yates Stapleton, 87, of Volga, died Sunday, April 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Eva Ward, 85, of Vanlue, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Friday, April 3, at Birchhaven Village in Findlay, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of the Stombaugh-Batton Funeral Home of Carey.

■ Nevard Wells, 87, of Van Lear, died Friday, April 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Genene Wells. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Richard Lee Bevins, 46, of Wellington, died Sunday, March 29, at home. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

■ Sally Jane Collins Bentley, 66, of Jackhorn, died Saturday, March 21, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Hazel Fugate, 87, of Dillsboro, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, March 27, at the Manderly Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Woodrow Gibson, 83, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, March 24, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ Dencil Moore, 60, of Manito, Illinois, a Porter native, died Friday, March 23, at Pekin Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lyons Moore. Cremation was accorded and no services were planned. Courtesy of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Ola "Doll" Stamper, 76, of Mallie, died Thursday, March 26, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Leila Crum, 75, of Inez, died Sunday, April 5, at her home. Memorial services were held Friday, April 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Rhoda Pinson, 87, of Inez, died Wednesday, April 1, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Sadie Jean Mills Horn, 59, of Inez, died Wednesday, April 1, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Susie Stepp, 51, of Beauty, died Monday, March 30, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Larry Stepp. Funeral services were held Friday, April 3, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Wanda Gail Mollett Maynard, 51, of Tomahawk, died Friday, April 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Blatcher Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ William Archie (Junebug) Stacy, 38, of Debord, died Saturday, April 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Josephine Poloski

Josephine Poloski, age 83, of Hazard, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was a daughter of the late Ed and Elizabeth Petrey, and was a retired factory worker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Poloski.

Survivors include two nephews, Robert Lee Noble and Randall Noble, both of Fisty.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother and sister: Johnny Petrey and Buelah Noble.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, April 10, at 1 p.m., at the Noble Family Cemetery, Clearcreek, Fisty, with Arthur Holland officiating.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Hindman is in charge of arrangements. (paid obituary)

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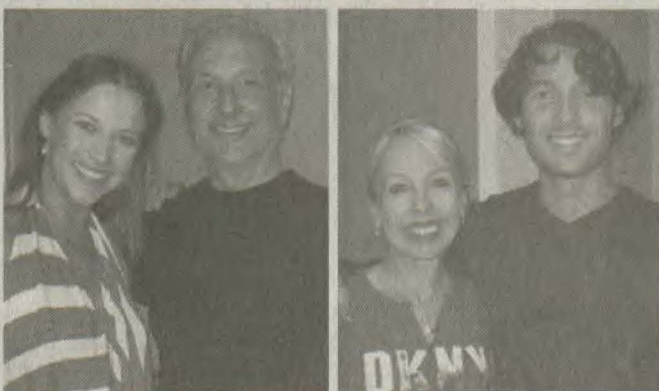
School day extension reminder

Floyd County School Superintendent Henry Webb announces that beginning Monday, April 13; the school day will be extended 30 minutes each day to assist schools with make-up time. The 30 minutes will be added to the end of the day. Schools that currently dismiss at 2:45 will dismiss at 3:15 and schools that currently dismiss at 3:00 will dismiss at 3:30.

Floyd County School District has sent correspondence to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) regarding our request for six (6) days per the appropriate KAR in assisting schools with making up weather related days. Our current closing date is June 16th for students. Providing we are granted the six (6) days--combined with the three (3) days that results from lengthening the school day, then our new closing date would be June 3rd for students. Once confirmation is received from the KDE we will communicate the information to you right away.



BALLROOM DANCING



Mickey and Mary McGuire had the pleasure of taking dance workshops with professional dancers Edyta Sliwiska and Alec Mazo.

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Did this washing job only scratch the surface?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
My dear, beloved 15-year-old son offered to wash my 2008 Toyota Sequoia (silver). Of course, I jumped at this surprising and welcome offer. After about 30 minutes, I went to check on his progress, and the little darling was using a scourer to clean the car! You know, those little kitchen scouring pads that have a sponge on one side and a green scourer on the other. He had used this scourer on the driver's side and the hood. Needless to say, I now have an array of scratches in various patterns. I managed to refrain from ripping his sweet head off of his body, and calmly pointed out the fault. Now, how do I remove these scratches? I have tried Scratch Doctor and Turtle Wax Compound, to no good effect. HELP! — Ian

TOM: You need to visit a body shop, Ian.

RAY: Most cars have two

coats of paint: a colored undercoat, and then a clear coat on top. In the worst-case scenario, your little sweetheart sanded through the clear coat and into the undercoat. In that case, you might want to just get used to the scratches. Because you'll have to dock his allowance though graduate school to ever have a chance of recouping the cost of a paint job from him.

TOM: If he just scratched the clear top coat, then chances are a body shop can buff out the scratches for you. They've got professional buffing equipment that they'll use with an abrasive compound, and they'll probably have better luck than you did with Turtle Wax and your right arm.

RAY: But if it's really bad, they may need to sand the car down and repaint both layers. That'll cost you thousands of dollars.

TOM: You also might want to check with your car insurance and homeowner's insurance providers. It's possible

that this sort of "accident" is covered by one of those policies.

RAY: But if not — and if the scratches don't buff out — I'd just learn to live with them. Look on the bright side: Every time you walk up to the car, you'll be reminded of your wonderful, loving child. Even if the reminder starts with "That rotten little, no-good ..."

Can antifreeze come out in the wash?
Dear Tom and Ray:
I recently had my 2006 Chevy HHR worked on at the dealership where I purchased it new. Long story short, the mechanic put antifreeze in the windshield-washer reservoir. Of course, the dealer believes his mechanic would never make that kind of mistake, and wanted to charge me a large sum of money to remove and flush the whole system. Is there a way that I can clean it out myself? Getting the majority of the fluid out of the reservoir

wouldn't be too hard (it's now half washer fluid and half antifreeze), but how can I get the rest out of the pump and hoses without destroying or replacing everything? It's coming out on my windshield as an oily sort of mix. I have a back window washer that it's not coming out of yet, but it's probably in the hoses already, since I've used it once. I'm on a very tight budget and have to do it myself or just not use the washer fluid. Help! — Catherine

RAY: Not to worry, Catherine. You can do this.

TOM: It IS a complete pain in the butt to remove the reservoir and clean it all out. But I think there's an easier way.

RAY: Yeah, use a siphon or a turkey baster, and remove as much of the combined fluid as you can. Antifreeze is a toxic waste that shouldn't be poured on the ground, so put the stuff you remove into a container, and then seal it and dispose of it properly (by dropping it off at a gas station or repair shop).



bottle of windshield-washer concentrate. That's basically concentrated washer fluid that you mix with water. Put a little bit in the windshield-washer reservoir, and use half as much water as it says to use. Then sit in the car, and use the front and rear windshield washers until you stop seeing the greasy mix. That means the new fluid has worked its way through the rubber washer hoses and cleaned them out.

TOM: Then you're all set. Total cost: \$10 in windshield-washer concentrate (but you'll have enough left over to last you a year), and \$1.69 for paper towels. Go for it, Catherine.

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, "Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk." Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

New video helps citizens avoid fraud

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steven L. Beshear has proclaimed April to be Financial Literacy Month in Kentucky, and the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) and AARP Kentucky are now offering a new, informational DVD about avoiding consumer fraud.

"Buyer Beware" showcases presentations to Kentucky consumers from a statewide series of Senior Scam Jam events. The video's purpose is to educate consumers on spotting and avoiding investment fraud. It includes examples and advice from actual victims. Viewers also learn about mail fraud from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, predatory lending from DFI and identity theft from the

Attorney General's Office.

"With the aging and retirement of Kentucky's Baby Boomers, access to investing and fraud prevention is more important than ever," said DFI Commissioner Charles Vice. "Both DFI and AARP are dedicated to providing resources for consumers to help them understand investment and lending opportunities and avoid fraud."

The video shows the warning signs of financial fraud and offers tips to protect consumers from becoming victims. It delivers state and national contact information for agencies where consumers can report fraud or get help.

"Buyer Beware" is available free on a first-come, first-served basis to groups of 25 or

more. It also includes printable documents for use in a group or workshop setting. Groups or organizations may order a free copy by calling DFI at 800-223-2579 or AARP at 866-295-7275 or by sending an e-mail to aarpky@aarp.org.

Video clips are available online at DFI's YouTube site www.youtube.com/kydfi or www.aarp.org/community/AA_RPKY/video/.

"Buyer Beware" and the Senior Scam Jam events are a result of Kentucky's Campaign for Wise and Safe Investing. According to Bill Harned, an AARP volunteer specializing in consumer issues, "Buyer Beware is a needed tool for consumers in tough economic times when all consumers are watching

every dollar."

Kentucky's Campaign for Wise and Safe Investing, www.kfi.ky.gov/public/cwsi, is a result of partnership between AARP Kentucky staff and volunteers, DFI, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Better Business Bureau, local police

agencies and other government agencies. The Senior Scam Jam events and the DVDs were paid for through a grant from the Investor Protection Trust and the AARP Foundation.

Gov. Steven L. Beshear proclaimed April 2009 to be Financial Literacy Month in Kentucky at the request of the

Kentucky JumpStart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy®, in which DFI is a partner. This DVD is one of many free opportunities to improve your financial literacy this month. For more information on public events and activities in April, visit www.kyjumpstart.org/activities.cfm.

Plant

Roger Ford, the county's energy director, says the plant is a huge step for the future of Pike County.

"This is a big day for the county," Ford said this week. "It will solve a lot of our problems down the road."

Rutherford campaigned for this most recent term as the county's top official in large

part on his energy plan, which included trademarking Pike County as "America's Energy Capital."

The plant, which will exist on 40 acres of land adjacent to the landfill, will cost \$200 million to construct, a cost the company says it will cover, leaving taxpayer money alone. Additionally, Agresti man-

agement has said they will hire 300 construction workers to build the plant and plan to pay some \$90 million in total wages, as well as employing 120 people at the plant once construction is complete.

Supporters say the plant could produce up to 20 million gallons of fuel every year and that it will not pose a risk to the environment.

Wireless

The network is able to handle streaming video and most downloads, Graden said, adding that users have downloaded more than 1,000 megabytes of information according to the city's statistics.

Graden said the wireless network has helped spur economic development in the

areas of distance learning, telemedicine, tourism and business.

"We are seeing the majority of people during the day use it for tourism functions and business," said Graden. "At night, it is mostly residential and distance learning such as test taking at the college level."

The network was set up at a cost of \$8,500 and the results

have been better than city officials expected, Graden said.

There are plans for future additions including a new city website, an expanded coverage area and new downtown interactive features.

To find out more about the wireless network, area coverage or other for other questions, contact Graden at (606) 886-2335.

Remains

Craig worked with detectives and other authorities throughout the day Thursday to recover the remains.

Police had not released any other details as to the condition of the remains or information as to how the remains might have ended up in the

wooded area as of press time.

Investigators are now awaiting positive identification of the remains from the medical examiner's examination.

The case remains under investigation by KSP Post 9 Det. Kevin Newsome.

Stabbing

Damron may have been stabbed up to six times before a man also shopping at the store pulled Mullins from her, holding her until authorities arrived on scene to make an arrest.

Mullins has been charged with assault, and, according to

criminal records, has been charged with stabbing someone in the past. She had just been released from jail the day before Damron was attacked where she was being held on charges of terroristic threatening.

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- Riverview Health Care
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2009 Great Easter Egg Hunt

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

The president's trip

From the speeches to the schoolhouse visits, the images from Europe of President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama have been largely symbolic but impressive. In many quarters, Obama attracted large and friendly crowds, contrasting sharply with the sometimes violent protests on the streets of London during the G-20 summit.

Aside from the warm receptions, what actually was achieved on the eight-day, five-nation trip, which also included a NATO summit and a meeting with European Union leaders in the Czech Republic? The short answer is that it is too soon to tell, but a few things are fairly clear.

Certainly, on two of Obama's stated goals, he did not get what he wanted. First, he wanted European leaders to follow the U.S. lead and support further stimulus packages for their economies. French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel were quite vocal in their opposition to this. But G-20 leaders did agree to provide \$1.1 trillion to boost financing through the International Monetary Fund and to promote global trade. There also were agreements on new rules for executive bonuses, imposing oversight on various areas of the financial markets, including hedge funds and credit-rating agencies and publishing a blacklist of tax havens.

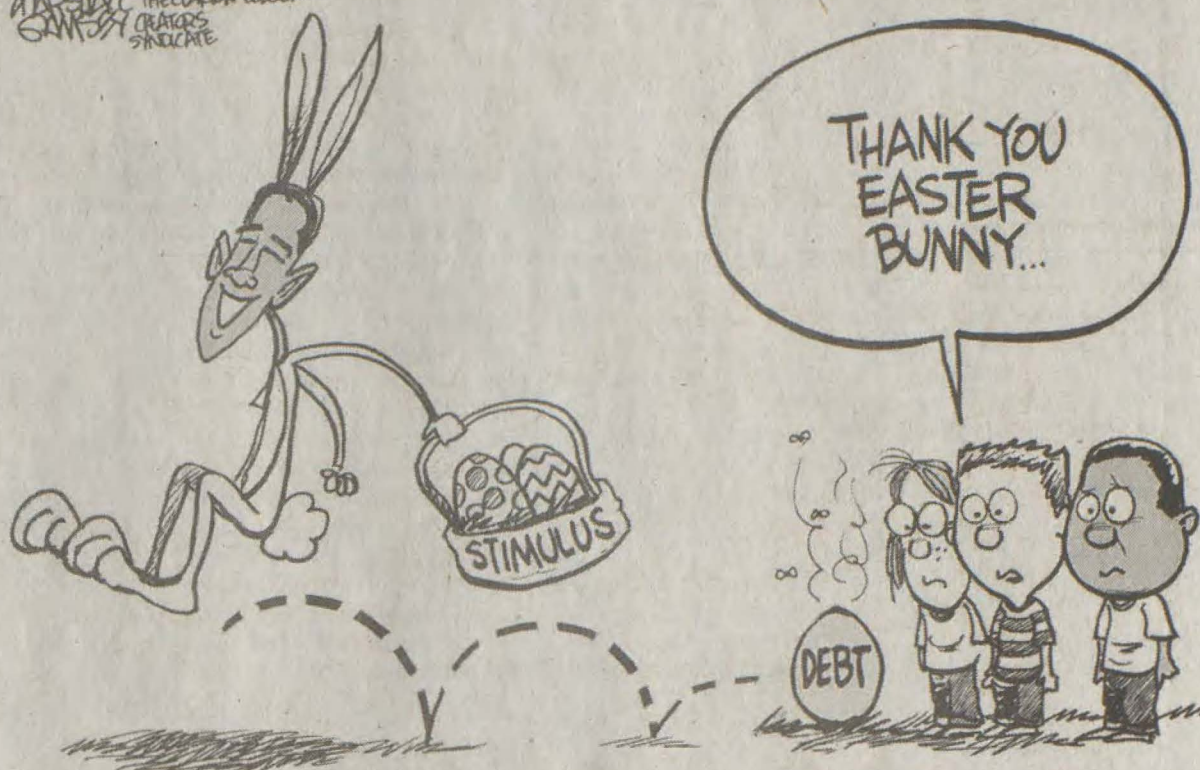
Interestingly, on the tax havens issue, President Obama scored a victory in personal diplomacy when he mediated a dispute between Sarkozy and Chinese President Hu Jintao. Bloomberg News reported that Sarkozy wanted to publish a list of tax havens from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The Chinese were against this. Under Obama's deal, the G-20 "would promise action against tax havens, note the OECD list and go no further."

The other disappointing — though hardly surprising — area was Afghanistan. Obama already has announced that an additional 17,000 U.S. military personnel will be sent there to counter a resurgent al-Qaeda and its Taliban allies, and said he wanted NATO allies to do the same. But the Afghan war lacks public support in most Western European nations, and Obama only secured pledges to send 3,000 more troops to boost security for Afghanistan's Aug. 20 elections, and 2,000 more personnel to train Afghan security forces. NATO allies also promised to send 300 paramilitary police trainers and provide \$600 million to finance the Afghan army and civilian assistance.

Those, however, are short-term issues. A great part of Obama's mission was to begin restoring America's standing with its closest allies, and indications are that he accomplished some of what he hoped to achieve. Even back home in the United States a CNN Opinion Research Poll showed that 79 percent of Americans thought people abroad have begun to view this nation more positively. For the United States, that is no small matter.

— San Diego Union-Tribune

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Is Obama afraid of the J-word?

According to a new national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, 11 percent of Americans still believe President Barack Obama is a Muslim. Seven percent of Democrats believe it. And nearly 20 percent of evangelicals do.

What I find fascinating is that the same study shows only 55 percent of Democrats know or believe Obama is a Christian, even after Obama spent nearly two years on the presidential campaign trail spouting his views and beliefs on everything under the sun.

Moreover, about 1 in 3 people don't have any idea what his religious convictions are. Should the percentages be that high? Religion might be a private choice, but should it be a secret one, too, even for leaders?

While those stats say something about Obama's neutrality and respect for representing our nation's religious melting pot, they also say something about the politically correct climate across our land, in which people are afraid to stand up for their convictions so as not to be branded as intolerant or bigots. We have become a nation that fears opinion. Even Holy Week, once celebrated in the corridors of the Capitol, is now a clandestine commemoration full of holy hesitations.

America's Founders built this nation upon religious freedom. They valued denominational pluralism.

They were unified in their diversity. They all believed in a Creator. And they were almost all vocal about their Christian beliefs. They certainly weren't ashamed. And neither should we be, especially during this week.

I believe in God, just as our Founders did. As Benjamin Franklin noted in his 1787 pamphlet for those in Europe thinking of relocating to America: "To this may be truly added, that serious religion, under its various denominations, is not only tolerated but respected and practiced. Atheism is unknown there."

I also believe in the First Amendment, which reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The American Civil Liberties Union and like-minded groups are not preserving, First Amendment rights; they are perverting the meaning of the Establishment Clause (which was to prevent the creation of a national church, such as the Church of England) to deny the Free Exercise Clause (which preserves our right to worship as we want, privately and publicly). Both clauses were intended to safeguard religious liberty, not to circumscribe its practice. The Framers were seeking to guarantee a freedom (SET ITAL) of (END ITAL) religion, not a freedom (SET

ITAL) from (END ITAL) religion.

I agree with John Jay — the first chief justice of the United States, appointed by George Washington — who wrote to Jedidiah Morse Feb. 28, 1797 (the same year the Treaty of Tripoli was ratified): "Providence has

given to our people the choice of their rulers. And it is the duty as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." I believe that we should not fear religious diversity, but we never should forget we were born a Christian nation.

Under Article VI, Section 3 of the new Constitution, denominational tests for public office were prohibited, but the idea that Judeo-Christian ideas and practices must be kept separate from government would have struck our Founders as ridiculous because the very basis for the Founders' ideas were rights that were endowed upon all of us by our Creator.

Many may not realize there was an active clergyman (Presbyterian minister John Witherspoon) among the signers of the Declaration of Independence. And two others had been ministers previously. Others were sons of clergymen. Virtually all were Protestants.

Even signers of the Constitution

(See NORRIS, page six)



Chuck Norris

beyond the beltway

You can't believe anything anymore

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It's getting harder and harder to be sure of anything.

For example, we've long been told that Afghanistan cannot be conquered. The Soviet Union couldn't do it in the 20th Century, the British couldn't do it in the 19th Century, nor could Alexander the Great in the 4th Century, B.C.

At least that's what we've been told and that's what we believed. Those Afghans are some kind of tough.

Now comes Peter Bergen, a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, to tell us differently.

It seems that Afghanistan was subdued in the 13th Century by Genghis Khan and his Mongol hordes (sounds like a heavy metal rock band, doesn't it?). In the 16th Century, Barbur, founder of the Mughal Empire in India, knocked over Kabul like it was a candy store, and, so long as we're talking about it, the Brits came back from their defeat to conquer Afghanistan in a rematch.

Even Alexander wasn't really defeated by the Afghans. His troops just got tired of fighting and, like a bad date, insisted on going home. Far from being an invincible foe, these Afghans are bums on roller skates. Probably.

So maybe the president's new scheme to surge thousands of troops into Afghanistan and teach those

Palookas a lesson isn't as alarming as it seems on the surface to us peaceniks. Maybe.

And then there's global warming. I was pretty much convinced that just about everybody but kooks and crackpots were on board with Al Gore on this. The world is warming at an alarming rate and if we don't do something soon we will have water lapping the outside of our bathtubs as well as the inside. The debate was over, it was agreed.

Now I find that the debate rages on. Skeptics are pointing out that 2008 was the coolest year of the past decade and was followed by a punishing winter that featured snow in Georgia and New Orleans, as well as a cold spell in Europe that had them feeding hot tea to the chimpanzees in Rome. Seriously.

Global warming is over, these people — some of them highly respected, like Freeman Dyson, the eminent physicist from Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study — say. And they have statistics to back them. Unfortunately, so do the Gore-niks and they bear no relationship to statistics the other guys are using. I tend to stick with the Global Warmers, particularly when I look at the cheerleaders for the other camp — Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter and the rest of the Fox News coven — but there's one thing that bothers me.

That poor polar bear stranded on an ice floe whose picture they keep showing to demonstrate the case for warming. Very cute bear. Very alarming picture. But when you think about

it, it doesn't make sense. Polar bears can swim. I read someplace they can swim 50 or 60 miles at a time. That bear isn't stranded on that ice floe, he's surfing.

If the case for global warming is so overwhelming why are the Gore-niks resorting to cheesy sentimentality to convince us? Couldn't they come up with better examples?

To me the thing that argues most persuasively for global warming is this: Why wouldn't there be man-made warming? Do you really think that we earthlings can release vast clouds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere year after year without having an effect on that atmosphere? And if not warming, what? That's what I think but I'm less sure than I used to be, I'll tell you that.

And finally, there's President Barack Obama's plan to bail out the banks. I was disturbed at the thought of rescuing institutions that had plundered the investments and savings of millions of Americans, but I was willing to go along. What am I, a Nobel Prize-winning economist?

Then Paul Krugman, who is a Nobel Prize-winning economist, said that the plan filled him with "a sense of despair." And he's a lefty.

I don't know what to believe anymore. Hot tea to chimpanzees?

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This Town, That World

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

They're beautiful in a sad sort of way, these azaleas sprinkled with snow.

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In my time, man and boy, I've heard just about every salty comment on the weather and the cantankerousness of black bass, that disappointed fisherfolk could conceive. But the one that sticks in my memory is what an old fellow said, returning from the lake empty-handed and pretty well iced up. Said he: "Wish I had that gal that run between me and the bank last summer and cut my line. Like to put a bekinee on 'er and make her water-ski, clear to the dam in this weather."

PURELY FOR FUN

Up in Ohio, some distance removed from what is still home, E.R. Crisp amuses himself and his nieces and nephews with little poems. He has sent me one of these which, he is careful to explain, is not intended to poke fun, but which is purely for fun. "After reading of your concern for the cat that slept in the coal bank till it might have black lung. I thought you might get a grin out of this," he writes.

This is what he wrote for the youngsters:

Dear Younguns,
When we wuz little younguns,
Tony's dog et out of a rusty can and cut his mouth and died. They said he had the black tongue. I reckon he died, 'cause they buried him...he better of died...If he wuz still alive he would be 39 years old, and would probably be the world's oldest living buried dog. I never heard tell of a dog that old before. Anyway, when they buried him, he was probably dead...like that dog named Rover, and when he died he died all over.

Well, I heard so much of black lung, this here poem kept a jumpin' around in my head until finally it jumped out, and here 'tis...

I may look real tall and stately
But I been feelin' poorly lately;
Guess I druther be shot or hung,
But I believe I've got black tongue.

I've been takin' fits and howlin',
Chasin' cars from here to Allen,
Chewed the ladder, rung by rung—
You guess I've got black tongue?

Feller on Beaver got his due,
Widder women got hers, too...
Some that's getting it ort to be hung—
You reckon I'll get my black tongue!

Eat from a can and drink in the creek,
Run a car and go like a streak,
Whupped the dog the neighbors brung.

(See ALLEN, page six)



photo by Jarrod Deaton
The unique wildlife art of Vicki Thompson is currently on display at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

HEART AND SOUL

Ability and passion inspire Thompson's work

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The intense eyes of the wolf stare out from the painting, a lone animal searching for a way to survive in the dark wilderness. This is one of the trademark images of Vicki Thompson, the creator of Lone Wolf Art of Appalachia, an exhibit currently on display at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

According to the description of Thompson's work available at the gallery, "Vicki's artwork reflects her natural ability and her passions for the Appalachian region and its culture. It does not matter if she is painting about the wildlife in the mountains on a piece of wood or on a saw blade, her work is both fresh

and nostalgic."

Thompson, originally from southern Ohio, currently lives in Salyersville and is a member of the Creative Art Club. She served as the vice president for four years at the Pike Art Guild in Ohio and a painting instructor for one year. She has been featured in numerous art shows and received four People's Choice Awards for her work.

"My heart and soul are in these mountains," Thompson said. "I spend as much time as possible roaming the woods I love for ideas for my art. I try to use natural native material when I can to portray the beauty of eastern Kentucky. I'm at one with nature."

Thompson heads to the hills in order to track animals, gather medicinal roots, and take photo-

graphs for ideas to use for her artwork which she paints on various material including coal, canvas, feathers, leaves, machetes and saws.

Along with being the featured artist in the Mountain Arts Center gallery for the month of April, Thompson also has artwork on display at David Appalachian Crafts, Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce, Prestonsburg Tourism office and the Appalachian Artisan Center in Hindman.

The Mountain Arts Center's Art Gallery exhibits works of local, regional and statewide artists as well as exhibitions featuring students who participate in the Arts Education Department's art classes. Last year the gallery was visited by almost 100,000 people.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Losers'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A biker gang raises all kinds of heck in Vietnam in this action oddity that plays like a cross between "Easy Rider" and "Apocalypse Now."

This one starts with a bang as we witness an attack on a convoy that demonstrates how warfare changed with the Vietnam conflict. It's a brutal sequence that sees women and children used to lower the guard of American troops who are subsequently slaughtered.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Most of the convoy escapes injury and it turns out that they are delivering five bikers to a secret base where they are briefed on their mission. The job is very high risk and involves breaking into a compound, in a neutral zone, where a CIA agent is being held. Just the sort of job you'd trust to dungaree sporting tough guys with names like Link, Limpy and Dirty Denny.

The first leg of the mission demands that the gang (the Devil's Advocates) follow behind a convoy of military vehicles, but things get botched right away as the speedsters opt to test out their Yamahas by forging ahead and rampaging through the first town.

It's actually a pretty mild rampage, which amounts to the guys snatching fruit from an open market as they raise enough dust to choke the locals. The military catches up eventually and their leader wisely checks out the local cathouse first, where he finds most of the gang.

The town becomes their base of operations, as the group needs to retrofit their cycles with armor plating and enough hardware to bring down a herd of rhinos.

While ensconced in the town we learn that two of the group have served there already. One member of the gang used to own a brothel, while the other was there as a soldier and means to use the mission to get reacquainted with a young lady that he means to bring back home.

The gang's leader, the aforementioned Link, must dig deeply into his bag of "people handling" skills to get them all on track for their mission. He accomplishes this tough task by beating the snot out of the laziest guy, which brings the others around.

Finally they get down to business and raid the enemy compound. It's a great sequence and worth waiting for, but things go about as well as you'd expect given their lack of military training.

The gang is soon down to three guys, who are then jailed in a quonset hut with their CIA target, Chet Davis. Mr. Davis turns out to be an oily character who complains a lot and was up to some dirty dealings before his rescuers arrived.

The incarceration is short-lived as the gang quickly hashes out an escape

(See LAGOON, page six)

No words

by STACEY FLOOD
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"

T.J. struggles with the pencil in his left hand, pushing it carefully up and down on the notepad that sits in his lap. My middle sister, Kellie, has asked him to write the word "mommy" on the paper, to show my younger sister and me what he has recently learned in school. The pencil stops moving, and T.J. yells "Mommy!" and turns the notepad

around to show us the scribbled letters "M-O-M" on the paper. We all clap and cheer at his accomplishment, and we watch as the proud smile spreads across his face. This might seem like an insignificant feat, but for T.J., it is a milestone. He has just learned how to spell "Mom," and he is 10 years old.

My little brother, T.J., was born on my first day of high school. My parents were in their early 40s at the time, and it was a surprising situation for all of us to have a new baby in the house. My dad, Tom, was the most excited of all, since he finally had a boy to balance out his house full of women.

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

When he was 3, my family discovered that T.J. was not developing language skills at a normal rate. The doctors did not have any of the answers as to what could be causing the delay.

T.J.'s disorder put a strain on my family, and our household could be a tense place to live during some of the years that followed. As my brother got older, it became more apparent that his disabilities reached beyond simple language skills.

My mom spent a lot of her time trying to find a solution. My dad reacted in a very different way. He embraced his chance to be a father to his son. They would go for haircuts,

hang out at the mall or just drive around listening to sports radio in the car. T.J. loves these outings with our dad, and the minute he returns from work my brother pulls on his shoes and waits by the door. They have developed a bond that goes beyond my brother's "problem," and have become buddies who struggle every day to maintain a semblance of normalcy.

There was one day in particular when I realized that my father had fully accepted T.J. for who he is, and it was this same moment where I saw the true depths of my father's love for my brother. We were sitting on a bench by the lake — the three of us

— and my dad was making funny faces to make my brother laugh. In the midst of the laughter, T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father's face. My dad looked down at him and said almost so softly that I couldn't hear, "Well, kiddo, it looks like it's you and me for the rest of my life." There wasn't a sense of sadness or burden in my father's voice, only acceptance and unconditional love for the little boy who sat beside him. It seemed that T.J. understood this too, in his own way, and he smiled and touched his face again.

T.J.'s condition has yet to be fully

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Lady Rebels upend Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK - Allen Central edged longtime rival Pikeville 5-4 Thursday evening in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic softball tournament. Shea Spurlock pitched Allen Central past the Lady Panthers, fanning nine batters in the process.

The Lady Rebels will face Paintsville Thursday in the next round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

"Good win for us," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "We have had problems with Pikeville

in the past so it was really gratifying to win. Our girls had some errors in the first inning but settled down and performed good. We are looking forward to playing Paintsville next Thursday in the next round of the All A."

Sarah Kinney led Allen Central at the plate, collecting a team-high two hits and driving in three runs. Jaimie Mullins, Caitlyn Kidd and Bridget Slone each had one hit for the Lady Rebels. Kidd drove in two runs and Megan Jones had one RBI for Allen Central.

The Lady Rebels improved to 3-2 after posting the win.

In other 15th Region All "A"

Classic games Thursday evening, Betsy Layne defeated Sheldon Clark 11-6 and Shelby Valley silenced Prestonsburg 19-2. In a tournament game Wednesday, Paintsville slipped past South Floyd 8-7.



Jaimie Mullins

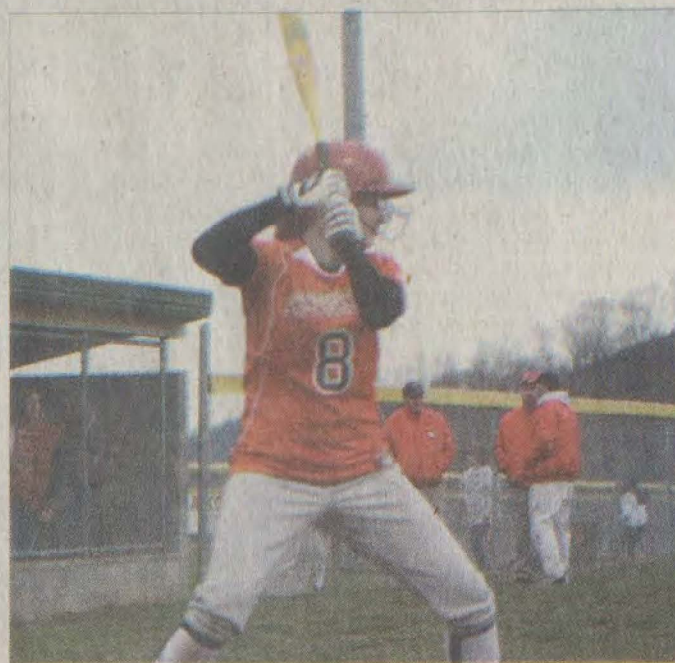


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PRESTONSBURG hosted Johnson Central for a junior varsity softball doubleheader this past week.

Mika Hackworth is pictured at the plate for the Lady Blackcats.

Deadline approaching for quota elk hunt lottery

One thousand applicants to be drawn for hunt

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Hunters who dream of harvesting an elk in Kentucky have just a few short weeks left to buy a chance at that opportunity.

Kentucky's elk quota hunt application deadline is midnight, April 30. One thousand lucky applicants will be drawn to hunt elk this year.

Elk lottery applications are available for \$10 online at fw.ky.gov, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website. Applications are not sold in stores or through the department's phone license sales vendor.

Applying for the elk quota hunt lottery takes just a few minutes. Applicants will need to have their Visa, MasterCard or Discover card ready. From the department's website, click on the blue "Apply for Elk Lottery" icon on the right side of the homepage. This secure license sales system walks applicants through each step of the process. Hunters must provide identification information, including their Social Security number.

Hunters who don't have access to the internet can call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. A department employee will take their credit card information over the phone using the same online system. Those without a credit card may purchase a Visa, MasterCard or Discover gift card, and use that gift card to apply through the internet or by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. These gift cards are easily purchased at large chain stores such as Walmart and Kmart, as well as some grocery stores and gas stations.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conducts a random electronic drawing in early May of all those who have purchased an elk lottery application by the April 30 deadline. Applicants can check to see if they were drawn beginning May 4. They can enter their license confirmation numbers online at fw.ky.gov or call the department at 1-800-858-1549. Drawn applicants are also notified and given further instructions by mail. General firearm elk quota hunts occur in southeastern Kentucky in



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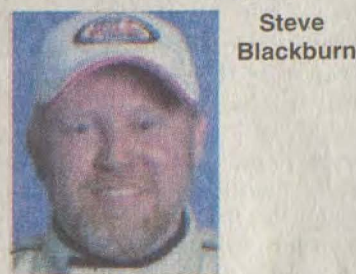
PRESTONSBURG opened Floyd County Conference/58th District play 1-0 on Wednesday with a 5-1 win over long-time rival Betsy Layne.

Above: Prestonsburg Blackcat Tyler Hall led off of base during the Floyd County Conference/58th District game.

Right: Prestonsburg pitcher Cory Carter got set to let go of a pitch during the conference/district matchup. Carter claimed the pitching win.



Blackburn tests at Talladega



Steve Blackburn

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TALLADEGA, Ala. - Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn was among 19 ARCA RE/MAX Series drivers who tested Wednesday and Thursday at Talladega Superspeedway. Georgia native Mark Thompson, in a Venturini Motorsports-prepared Toyota, led the speed charts during two days of open testing at the Alabama track where drivers recorded times and speeds in preparation for the ARCA RE/MAX 250 at Talladega Friday, April 24.

Blackburn was eighth-fastest among the 19 drivers. He turned in a time of 51.854 (184.672 mph).

Thompson posted a quick time of 51.030 seconds/187.654 mph around the 2.66-mile speedplant during the morning portion of Wednesday's test in a single car run, and opted not to participate in the afternoon session.

The series' most recent winner Patrick Sheltra, who won last Sunday at Salem Speedway, was second fastest overall in a Dodge at 185.686 mph, more than a half-second behind Thompson's run.

Series rookie Bradley Riethmeyer, in a Toyota, was third quickest overall at 185.065 mph. 2009 Daytona winner James Buescher was fourth followed by Fairhope, Alabama's Grant Enfinger in fifth.

Wednesday's test also served as a media day at the track and several local print and broadcast affiliates spent the one hour lunch break interviewing drivers and team owners.

There were no on-track incidents either day.

The ARCA RE/MAX 250 at Talladega Superspeedway will air LIVE on SPEED at 5 p.m., Friday, April 24. The event will also feature LIVE streaming audio broadcasts at ARCARacing.com.

The ARCA RE/MAX Series overall test speeds at Talladega Superspeedway were as follows: Mark Thompson, Toyota, 51.030 (187.654 mph); Patrick Sheltra, Dodge, 51.571 (185.686 mph); Bradley Riethmeyer, Toyota, 51.744 (185.065 mph); James Buescher, Dodge, 51.767 (184.983 mph); Grant Enfinger, Ford, 51.777 (184.947 mph); Bobby Gerhart, Chevrolet, 51.799 (184.868 mph); Butch Jarvis, Dodge, 51.807 (184.840 mph); Steve Blackburn, Dodge, 51.854 (184.672 mph); Tim George, Jr., Toyota, 51.893 (184.534 mph); Justin Lofton, Toyota, 51.917 (184.448 mph); Bill Baird, Dodge, 51.932 (184.395 mph); Craig Goess, Toyota, 51.966 (184.274 mph); Ed Kennedy, Chevrolet, 52.055 (183.959 mph); Randy Renfro, Chevrolet, 52.242 (183.301 mph); JR Heffner, Chevrolet, 52.370 (182.853 mph); James Hylton, Dodge, 52.495 (182.417 mph); Steve Arpin, Toyota, 52.831 (181.257 mph); Brad Smith, Ford, 53.005 (180.662 mph); Chad Hackenbrach, Chevrolet, 54.430 (175.932 mph).

Lonesome Pine Raceway hosts Food City Night of Racing

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

COEBURN, Va. - Late Model driver Brian Blevins led the list of winners as Lonesome Pine Raceway opened the 2009 season on Saturday, April 4. Food City Night of Racing featured action in the Late Model, Street Stock, Charger, Open Wheel Modified, Mod 4 and Pure 4 divisions. The Southwestern Virginia track is scheduled to host its next race on Saturday, April 18. A breakdown of the results from the Food City-sponsored racenight held Saturday, April 4 follows.

Racing Results - Saturday, April 4.

Late Model: 1. 40 - Brian Blevins (Pole Winner); 2. 44 - Nate Monteith; 3. 83 - Dylan Presnell; 4. 94 - Jeff Woodward; 5. 29 - Josh Hale; 6. 38 - Royce Peters; 7. 22 - Keith Stiltner; 8. 25 - Jeremy Pike (Hard Charger Plus-10 positions); 9. 88 - David Hopkins; 10. 75 - Steve Wright; 11. 3 - Mike Porter; 12. 07 - Duke Brooks; 13. 19 - Wayne Hale; 14. 21 - John King, Jr.; 15. 55 - Mardy Roberts; 16. 7 - Caleb Roark; 17. 17 - Andy Applegate; 18. 63 - Nicholas Cole.

Street Stock: 1. 25 - Rob Austin (Pole Winner); 2. 11

- Jeff Counts; 3. 22 - Roger Neece; 4. 71 - Chuck Crigger; 5. 18 - Doug Austin; 6. 2 - Russell Duty; 7. 65 - Jamie Mills; 8. 4 - Darrell Hurley; 9. 7 - Scott Anderson.

Charger: 1. 17 - Kevin Wolfe; 2. 48 - Paul Shull (Pole Winner); 3. 66 - Austin Peters; 4. 88 - Dalton Hopkins; 5. 47 - Jenna Wagner; 6. 18 - Derrick Woodward.

Open-Wheel Modified: 1. 51 - Willie Gibson (Pole Winner); 2. 18 - Freddie Taylor, Sr.

Mod 4: 1. 16 - Freddie Taylor, Jr.; 2. 88 - Kirby Gobble (Pole Winner); 3. 3 - Rocky Yates; 4. 7 - Colin

Eades; 5. 17 - Brad Ball; 6. 6 - Jackie Mullins; 7. 9 - Hershel Robinette.

Pure 4: 1. 37 - Kenny Nix; 2. 39 - Bobby Gobble (Pole Winner); 3. 3 - Stacy Head; 4. 4 - Tony Casteel; 5. 65 - Jamie Mills; 6. 9 - Jeff Bobo; 7. 17 - Steve Skeens; 8. 5 - Tracy Head; 9. 14 - Forrester Gilley; 10. 76 - Kelly King

11. 94 - Tom Hodges (Hard Charger Plus-7 positions); 12. 06 - Bill Livesay; 13. 8 - Ricky Yates; 14. 22 - B.C. Penley; 15. 99 - Cortney Roark; 16. 2 - Eddie Blair; 17. 07 - Shawn Peters; 18. 71 - Gene Estep.

Ex-Wildcat Casey dies

TIMES STAFF REPORT

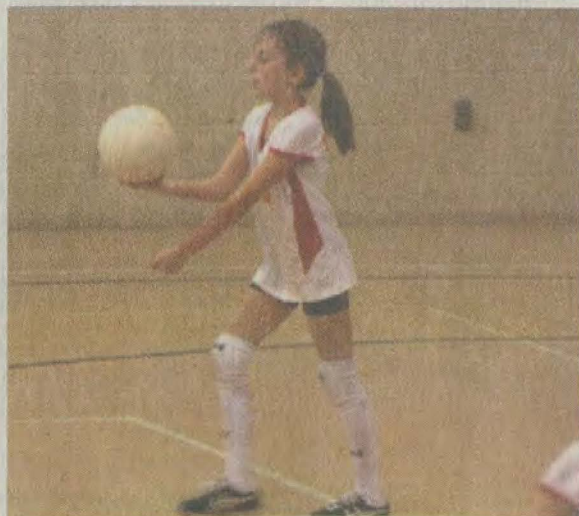
LEXINGTON - Former University of Kentucky basketball player Mike Casey died Thursday at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. He was 60.

Casey was the leading scorer at UK as a sophomore in the 1967-68 season. He sat out the 1969-70 season after breaking a leg but ended his college career on a strong note. The Shelby

County native returned the next year to finish his UK career with 1,535 points. The effort made him UK's 13th all-time leading scorer.

Casey is one of the top high school boys' basketball players in Kentucky history. He was named the 1966 Kentucky Mr. Basketball following an exceptional senior season and career at Shelby County High School.

Funeral arrangements were pending Friday evening.



MCA (Mountain Christian Academy) will vie for a Floyd County volleyball championship later in the school year.

McCoughtry, Bingham selected in 2009 WNBA Draft

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Seniors Angel McCoughtry and Candyce Bingham were selected in the 2009 WNBA Draft. McCoughtry was selected as the number one pick by the Atlanta Dream. While Bingham selected as 39th pick by the San Antonio Silver Stars.

McCoughtry finished her career at the University of Louisville as the all-time leader in many categories, including all-time leading scorer and rebounder with 2,779 points and 1,261 rebounds. She finished her four year career averaging 20 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. In her final season with the Cardinals, McCoughtry averaged 23.1 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. She was named BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year and a first team All-BIG EAST selection for the third consecutive season. McCoughtry also was named a WBCA/State Farm All-American for the third straight year, becoming Louisville's first three time All-American. She was named a first team All-American by the Associated Press, USBWA, ESPN.com, and CBSSportsline.com. She led the BIG EAST Conference in scoring, rebounding and steals for the three straight years. She led the nation in steals this season with 4.3 per game.

"The thing I really like the most about Angel is that she plays both ends of the court and is already defensive-minded," said Dream General Manager and Head Coach Marynell Meadors. "It speaks volumes that she led a conference as tough as the Big East in scoring, rebounding and steals for the last three years. She rebounds, she scores and I think her upside is huge. She's going to be a great addition to our team."

Bingham has been a crucial part of the Cardinals success the past two seasons. She was second on the team in scoring and rebounding the last two years averaging 13.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in her career. She earned first team All-BIG EAST honors her senior year and was a member of the BIG EAST All-Tournament team. She averaged 12.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per game her senior year. She was also second on the team in steals with 63 on the year. She was also named to the Raleigh Regional All-Tournament team, helping the Cardinals advance to their first ever Final Four Appearance. Bingham finished her two year career with 985 points and 562 rebounds.

"Candyce Bingham was on our short list of players from the very beginning and we were so pleased to be able to finish the draft by selecting her," said Silver Stars Coach Dan Hughes. "She really helped Louisville this season with her interior play, her hustle and leadership. We are excited to have her in training camp."

Williams receives C-USA Spirit of Service Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University men's basketball player Adam Williams was one of 12 athletes announced as a recipient of the Winter Conference USA Spirit of Service Award by the league office on Wednesday.

Williams, a senior, transferred to Marshall after his freshman year at the University of Kentucky. The 6-4 guard stepped foot in Huntington and immediately went to work in the community and on campus.

Williams spent time with children at local hospitals and at the Boys and Girls Club. He also participated in the local Ronald McDonald house and the Salvation Army holiday event last season where he went to a local Wal-Mart and shopped for Christmas gifts for low income families and children.

The St. Albans, W.Va., native will graduate this May with a degree from Marshall where he has decided to forego his final season of eligibility to start on his coaching career. Williams will serve as a graduate assistant on the men's basketball team next season.

Cards work outside for practice No. 12

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team took advantage of the great weather by moving back outside on the grass for the 12th practice of the spring on Thursday.

It was the last practice before the Cardinals take a short break for the Easter holiday. The Cardinals will practice on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week before Friday night's Annual Red-White game.

The Cardinals practiced for about two hours (22 periods) doing individual and a lot of team work.

The Cardinals instituted a couple of significant position changes on Thursday for the first time this spring. Junior Rock Keys, who played tight end last year and all of the spring, was moved to defensive tackle. According to defensive line coach Ken Delgado, "Rock can help us over there."

Redshirt freshman Daniel Brown moved from safety to

linebacker today as well.

During the team portion of the scrimmage on Thursday, safety Daniel Covington recorded an interception on the sideline. Defensive end William Savoy, who played a little last season, was pretty impressive from his defensive end position.

Quarterback Zack Stoudt threw a short touchdown pass to Josh Chichester, who rebounded from a huge hit earlier from linebacker Chris Campa. Justin Burke also threw a short touchdown pass to Joe Tronzo.

Running back Victor Anderson returned to contact on Thursday and ran hard in team drills. Blayne Donnell continues to work hard and made a nice pick up on a blitz to prevent a sack.

"I thought we had good tempo today in practice," said head coach Steve Kragthorpe. "We got a lot done today and I like the way we are progressing. The attitude is good and the players are working very hard."

P'burg flag football signups slated for Monday

The Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League will host signups and divide teams on Monday, April 13 at StoneCrest Golf Course, beginning at 5 p.m. For more

information on the Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League, call James DeRossett or John DeRossett at 886-2252.



SERVING UP

The Adams Middle School volleyball team continues regular-season play.



American Legion team announces golf scramble

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville Post 117 American Legion Baseball Team will hold its first golf scramble on Sunday, April 26 at the Paintsville Golf Course. Participants are encouraged to bring their own teams. Two

teams will play together on the same hole. A shotgun start is set for 11 a.m. A team can register at the golf course anytime before 10 a.m. on the morning of the tournament. The calcutta will begin bidding at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost is \$200 per team — \$50 per player with hole sponsorships

being available for \$100 each. All hole sponsorships will go directly to the Paintsville American Legion baseball team, along with 20 percent of the calcutta. All other money will be placed back into the pot after the course is paid. The top three finishers of the scramble will be in the money

while the top two will share the calcutta with a 60-40 split. Individual participants will be placed on a team. The Paintsville American League baseball program started last year and played half a season. Paintsville Post 117 has a full schedule put together for the 2009 season.

photos by Jamie Howell

BOBCAT BASEBALL

The Betsy Layne High School baseball team dropped a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup to Prestonsburg this past week.

Above: Andrew Roberts stood in at the plate for the Bobcats.

Below: Pitcher Brandon Mulkey eyed a Prestonsburg batter during the conference/district contest.



15th Region Baseball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Johnson Central	8-4
Paintsville	7-2
Lawrence Co.	7-2
Magoffin Co.	5-2
Phelps	4-2
Prestonsburg	4-5
Belfry	3-2
Pike Co. Central	3-3
East Ridge	2-2
Sheldon Clark	2-4
Shelby Valley	2-5
Allen Central	1-5
Pikeville	1-5
South Floyd	0-4
Betsy Layne	0-4

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AutoZone Liberty Bowl lands prime Saturday date

Kentucky is bowl's defending champ

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MEMPHIS — For the second consecutive year, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl has secured a prestigious January game date. The 51st AutoZone Liberty Bowl will be played Saturday, January 2, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. CST. The game will feature teams from the SEC and Conference USA and will be televised nationally and internationally on ESPN and broadcast by ESPN Radio.

"The January 2nd date adds to the national promi-

nence of the AutoZone Liberty Bowl," said Steve Ehrhart, AutoZone Liberty Bowl Executive Director. "We're thrilled to be able to showcase two great teams, the city of Memphis and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital January 2. The Saturday date will make it convenient for fans to make the trip to Memphis for an exciting New Year's weekend and a great bowl experience."

This will be the second time in the last three seasons the AutoZone Liberty Bowl has been played on Saturday. The last Saturday date was in 2007 when an all-time record crowd of 63,816 watched Mississippi State take on

Central Florida. Kentucky is the defending Liberty Bowl champion.

Over each of the past five years, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl has been one of the most compelling games of the bowl season, with the outcome coming down to the final possession. Due to those thrilling finishes, the AutoZone Liberty Bowl has been one of ESPN's top rated bowls.

Tickets to the 51st AutoZone Liberty Bowl are on sale now. For game and event ticket information, call the AutoZone Liberty Bowl at (901) 795-7700 or visit www.AutoZoneLibertyBowl.org.

Rockingham awaits Schrader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROCKINGHAM, NC — Try and try again. That's Ken Schrader's motto when it comes to Rockingham Speedway. And for years, the Fenton, Missouri racer has been trying to carve his name in "The Rock" as a winner at the historic one-mile, high-banked oval. Looks like he'll try again in next Sunday's, April 19 ARCA REMAX Carolina 200 at Rockingham Speedway.

"I always did like it [racing at Rockingham] just because of the way the track would work on the tires and to do well you really had to use your foot there a lot," said Schrader. "Be sorta nice to win there once too."

In last year's inaugural Carolina 500, Schrader led with only five laps left in the race only to get passed by Joey Logano who was the most dominant car of the day and also happened to have fresher

tires. Schrader ended up second, again. Close, but no cigar.

During the 1991 running of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Rockingham, Schrader was leading until a caution came out with 10-laps to go in the race. At the time, NASCAR was trying some different pit road rules to make pit road safer, but it meant Schrader could not pit with the first group of cars and came out of the pits behind eventual winner, Kyle Petty.

"I was leading and the yellow came out and it was when they had you come in at different times and they divided the field up by which yellow you could come in. We lost the race on that late yellow and we ran second but I just always really liked the place."

This year's Carolina 200 will have extra meaning to Schrader as he, not only tries to get his elusive win at the track, but every lap he makes he will be driving by the turn-four grandstand which has

been renamed the Ken Schrader Grandstand.

"I am honored but a little bit surprised. It just means you are getting old, I guess."

The highly-anticipated Carolina 200 race weekend will kick off on Friday, April 17 with Thunderfest in downtown Rockingham from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. There will be a hauler parade through downtown Rockingham at noon on Friday for the day-long celebration as well as driver autograph sessions at 6 p.m. In addition, Arcaracing.com, via the ARCA Racing Network, will be broadcasting live throughout Thunderfest.

On track activities will begin Friday as well with UARA practice and qualifying. Saturday, April 18 will feature the UARA race and practice and qualifying for the ARCA REMAX Series cars. The Carolina 200 is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 19. The race will air live on SPEED.

Opener looms for Kentucky-based regional Late Model series

BoB series to visit 201 Speedway for June 6 feature

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model division will roar into action and begin its eighth season of competition as the dirt warriors will flex their muscles in 18 events at seven different racing facilities in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee during the 2009 campaign.

America's most competitive regional Dirt Late Model tour will begin the 2009 season with its 151st series event at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown on Saturday, April 25 for the 12th Annual Spring Sizzler, paying \$3,000 to the winner.

The month of May will get underway as a doubleheader of Super Late Model events get the green flag in Central Kentucky. Ponderosa Speedway, located in Junction City, will host the 10th Annual Hugh "Junebug" Rowland Memorial event on Friday May 1. Richmond Raceway will host the series on Saturday, May 2. Both races will pay \$3,000 to the first-place finisher. The final night of action in the month of May will take place on Saturday, May 23 at the ultra-fast Tazewell Speedway with \$4,000 up for grabs to the winner of the event.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model division will begin the month of June

with a visit to 201 Speedway for a \$3,000 to win event on Saturday, June 6. Another Central Kentucky double-dip will take place during the next weekend as the tour's second stop at Ponderosa Speedway features the 14th Annual Pete Abell Memorial on Friday June 12, paying \$3,000 to win. Bluegrass Speedway will host its second tour event of the 2009 campaign on Saturday June 14 with the 8th Annual June Jam, paying \$3,000 to win. Lake Cumberland Speedway in Burnside has returned to the schedule for the first time since May of 2007 with a \$3,000-to-win event scheduled for Saturday, June 20.

With America celebrating its 233rd birthday on July 4, the tour will reach its halfway point with a return trip to 201 Speedway on Saturday July 4, paying \$5,000-to-win. The following weekend will see Bluegrass Speedway host its third event of the year with the running of the 11th Annual Kentuckiana Klash race on Saturday July 11, with \$5,000 going to the winner. One of the most prestigious regional Super Late Model events will take place the following weekend on Saturday, July 18 as Richmond Raceway has its second and final event of the year with the running of the 22nd Annual Paul "Butterball" Wooldridge Memorial race, paying \$5,000 to the winner. The month will continue on Saturday, July 25 with the tour's third-ever visit and the only Ohio venue in 2009 at Portsmouth Raceway Park in Portsmouth. The Portsmouth feature will pay \$3,000-to-win. The 7th Annual John

Bradshaw Memorial event is scheduled for Friday, July 31 as the tour makes its third visit to Ponderosa Speedway in 2009. The memorial race will pay \$5,000 to win and the evening will be shared with the Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series and taped by the television cameras of the Outdoor Channel.

The month of August will begin in a big way as the television cameras of the Outdoor Channel will visit Bluegrass Speedway for its fourth and final series event of 2009 on Saturday, Aug. 1, paying \$5,000-to-win in the 11th Annual Bluegrass 50. After a week off, the BoB Late Model Series tour will visit Lake Cumberland Speedway for the final time in 2009 with a Saturday, August 15 event that will pay \$3,000 to win. The final race in August will be the tour's last visit to Ponderosa Speedway in '09 with the inaugural running of the Pepsi-Cola 40 on Friday August 21, paying \$4,000 to win.

The month of September will conclude the 2009 series campaign with a Labor Day holiday weekend doubleheader, Saturday, Sept. 5 at 201 Speedway for \$3,000-to-win feature and a series finale on Sunday, Sept. 6 at Tazewell Speedway with the winner walking away with \$5,000.

The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series sanctions Super Late Model dirt track racing in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. For more information concerning any events with the O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series, call the series office at 502-931-5068.

BoB Modified Series to open season in May

Ten feature races planned as part of upcoming campaign

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series is set to begin its sixth season of competition with the 63rd event in series history. The Modified slate will feature a 10-race schedule that will take the drivers to six different venues in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

The series will begin its 2009 season in the month of May as the 2009 opener will take place at Bluegrass Speedway in Bardstown on Saturday, May 16 with the running of the 9th Annual Mod Squad Bash, paying \$1,500-to-win. The only other event in May will take place the following Friday

evening on May 22. The May Mayhem event at Ponderosa Speedway in Junction City — paying \$1,500-to-win — will serve as the second event of the season for the series.

There are three events that dot the calendar in the month of June, including a visit to the Volunteer State as the open-wheelers invade the high-banks of Tazewell Speedway in Tazewell, Tenn., for a feature race paying \$2,000-to-win. The following Saturday evening, June 13, Battle of the Bluegrass drivers will visit Eastern Kentucky for a stop at 201 Speedway in Sitka. The BoB drivers will compete at 201 Speedway in a feature event paying \$1,500-to-win. The final event of June will take place at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Saturday June 20, paying \$2,000 to win.

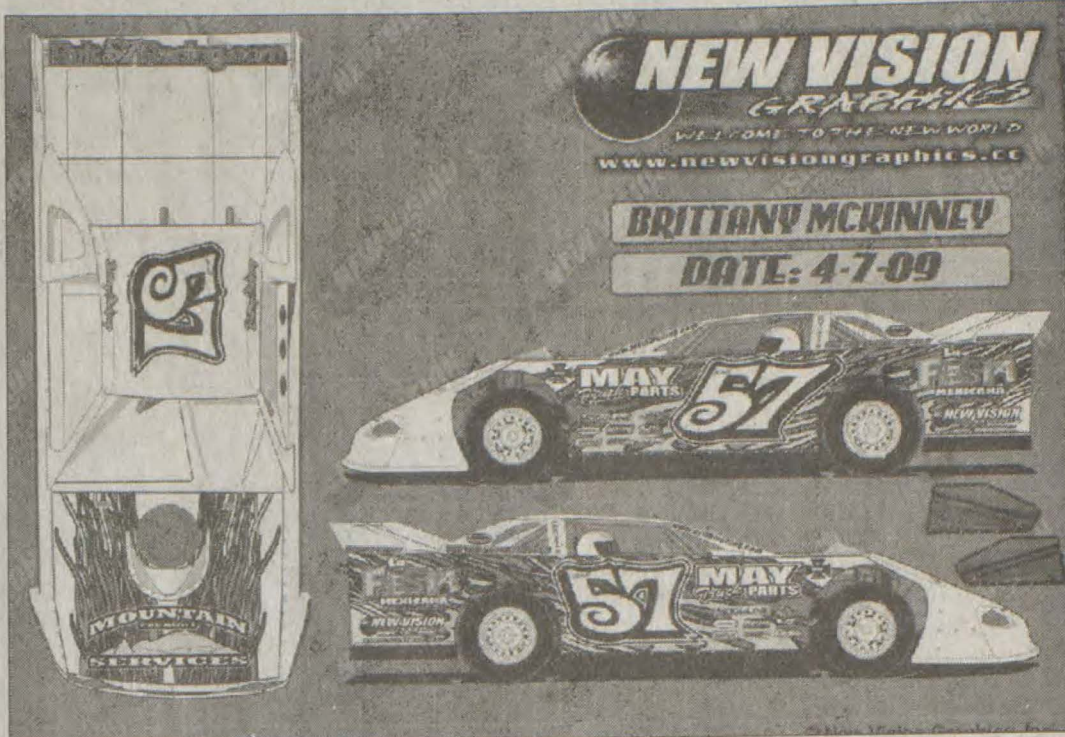
The month of July will also feature a trio of events on the calendar with a return trip to Moler Raceway Park in Williamsburg, Ohio, Friday July 17 for a \$1,500-to-win event. The series will then return to Bluegrass Speedway on the following Saturday evening — July 25 —

for the 9th Annual Bluegrass Rumble, paying \$1,500-to-win. The month will conclude on Friday, July 31 with the 5th Annual Summer Shootout at Ponderosa Speedway. The Ponderosa Speedway-hosted event will also feature the Battle of the Bluegrass Super Late Model Series. Television cameras from the Outdoor Channel will be in attendance to film the Modified A-Main feature.

A pair of events are on the schedule for August with a second visit to 201 Speedway set for Saturday Aug. 8 in a \$1,500 to win affair. The 2009 series finale will take place the following weekend on Saturday, Aug. 15 with a second visit to Tazewell Speedway with \$2,000 up for grabs for the winner the A-Main.

The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series sanctions Open Wheel Modified dirt track races in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

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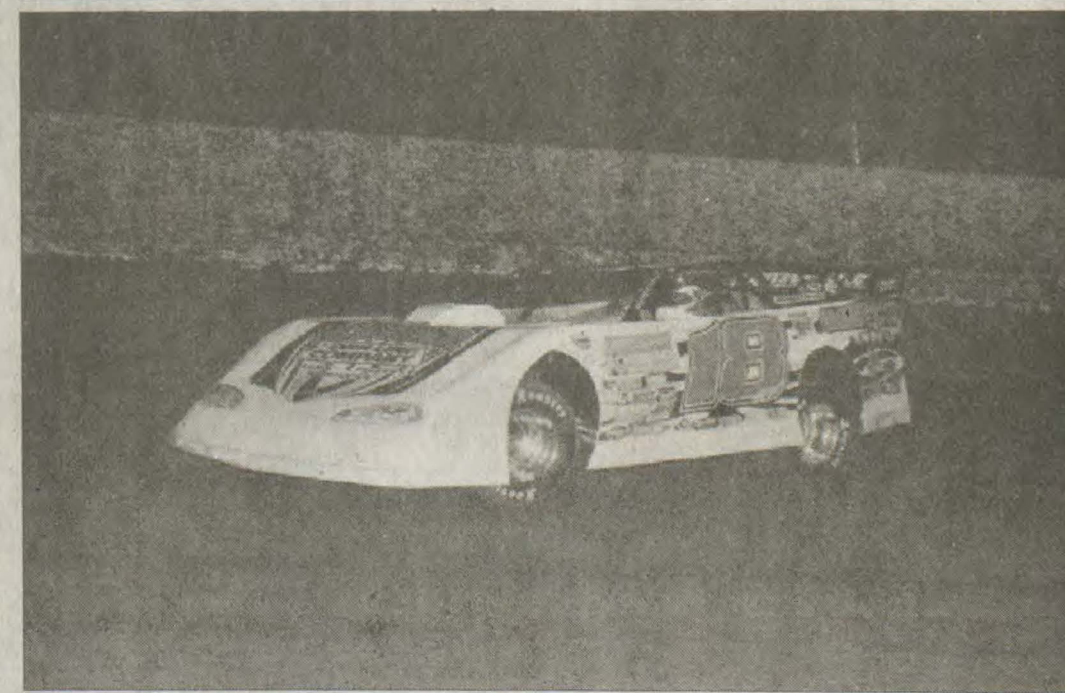


SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD LATE MODEL DRIVER BRITTANY MCKINNEY has a new look racecar for the 2009 season. The Brit 57 Racing team is based in Grethel.

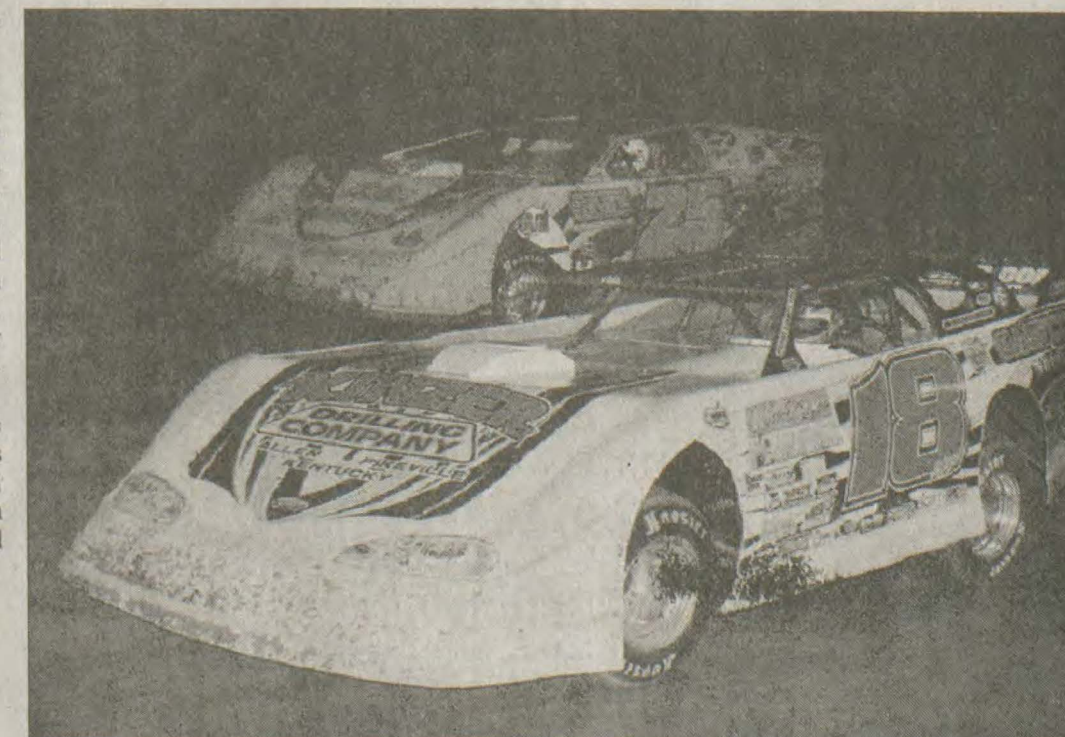
2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results

- Feb. 7 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
 - Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Matt Kenseth)
 - Feb. 22 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
 - March 1 — Shelby 427, Las Vegas. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 8 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kurt Busch)
 - March 22 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 29 — Goody's Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
 - April 5 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Gordon)
 - April 18 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - April 26 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala.
 - May 2 — Crown Royal Presents the Russell Friedman 400, Richmond, Va.
 - May 9 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
 - May 16 — x-NASCAR All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
 - May 24 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
 - May 31 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - June 7 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - June 14 — LifeLock 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - June 21 — Toyota/Savemart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 - June 28 — LENOX Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 - July 4 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 - July 11 — LifeLock.com 400, Joliet, Ill.
 - July 26 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis.
 - Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - Aug. 9 — Centurion Boats at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 - Aug. 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - Aug. 22 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
 - Sept. 6 — Pep Boys Auto 500, Hampton, Ga.
 - Sept. 12 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
 - Sept. 20 — SYLVANIA 300, Loudon, N.H.
 - Sept. 27 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - Oct. 4 — Price Chopper 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 - Oct. 11 — Pepsi 500, Fontana, Calif.
 - Oct. 17 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 - Oct. 25 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
 - Nov. 1 — Amp Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.
 - Nov. 8 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
 - Nov. 15 — Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - Nov. 22 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race

- NASCAR Sprint Cup Driver Standings: 1. Jeff Gordon, 1,154; 2. Jimmie Johnson, 992; 3. Kurt Busch, 974; 4. Clint Bowyer, 967; 5. Tony Stewart, 963; 6. Denny Hamlin, 938; 7. Kyle Busch, 914; 8. Carl Edwards, 889; 9. Matt Kenseth, 864; 10. Kasey Kahne, 851; 11. David Reutimann, 845; 12. Jeff Burton, 835; 13. Juan Pablo Montoya, 819; 14. Kevin Harvick, 796; 15. Greg Biffle, 775; 16. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 768; 17. Ryan Newman, 743; 18. Mark Martin, 742; 19. Brian Vickers, 737; 20. AJ Allmendinger, 731.



KINZER MOTORSPORTS AND DRIVER BRANDON KINZER took the weekend off for the Easter holiday. The Allen-based raceteam has a full schedule planned for the 2009 season.



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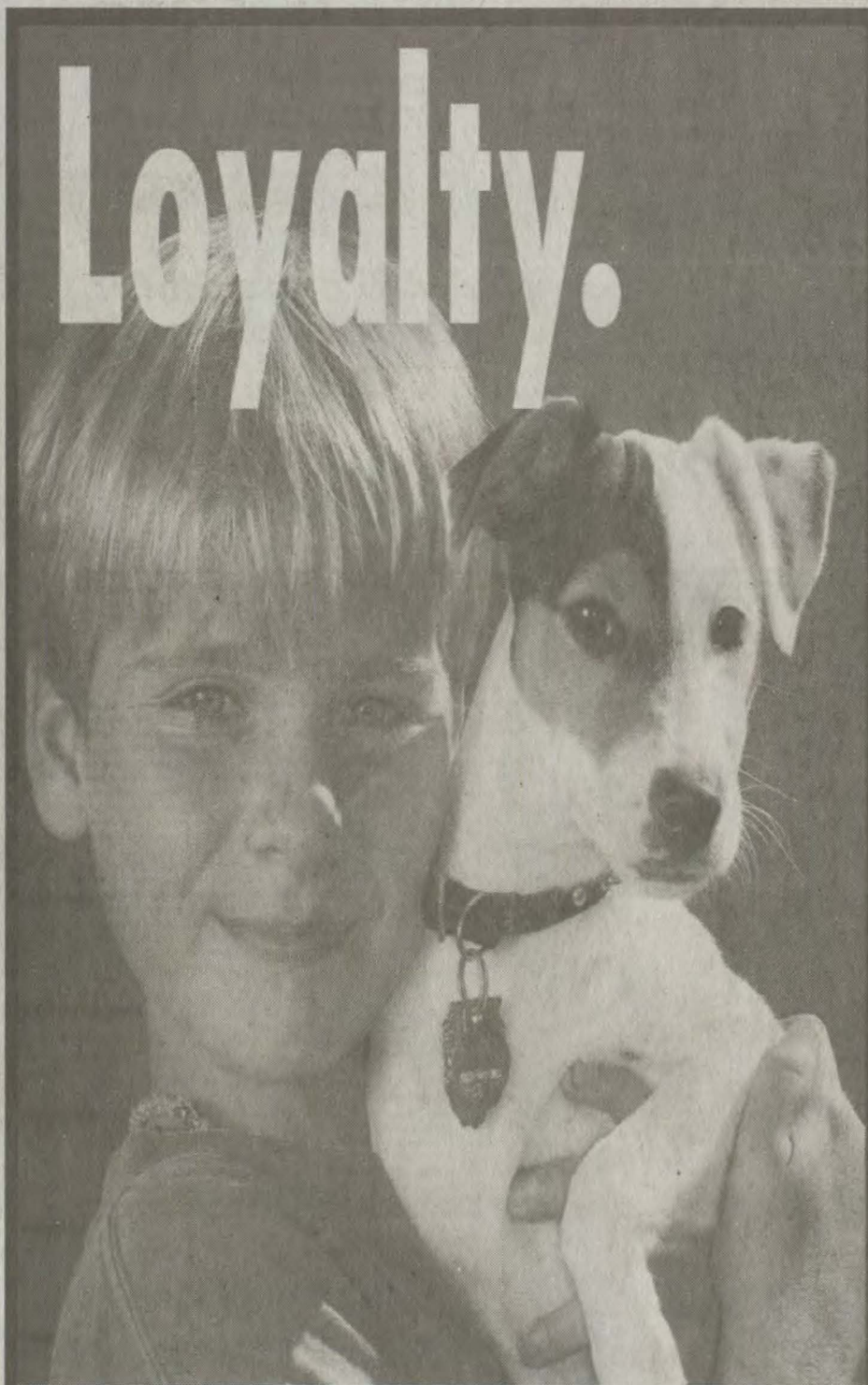


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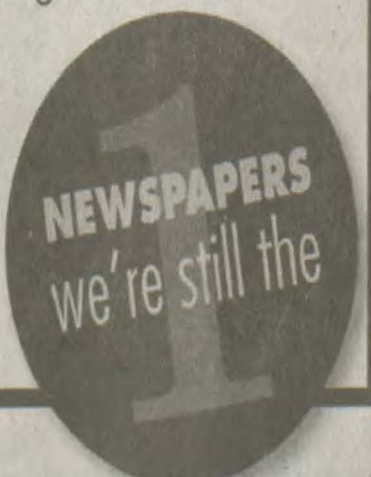
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Social Security News: Some Social Security tax tips

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Did you know that Social Security can offer some helpful tax tips? Shakespeare wrote "Beware the Ides of March," but that was before tax day found a resting place on April 15 of each year. Let us help you "be aware" of some Social Security tax tips by answering some of the most common questions we receive about taxes and Social Security.

Are Social Security benefits taxable? Sometimes. About one third of beneficiaries pay taxes on their Social Security. If your total income, including Social Security and all of your other tax-

able income, is \$25,000 or more, you'll need to pay federal taxes on your benefits. That amount is \$32,000 for married couples filing a joint return.

Will I get a tax form for my Social Security benefits? Yes, and you should have already received it. Social Security Benefit Statements (Form SSA-1099) for tax year 2008 were mailed to beneficiaries and should have been received by January 31, 2009. If you receive Social Security and haven't received your 1099, you can request one online at <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/f1099/main.html>.

We had a baby in 2008. Do we need a Social Security number for our taxes? Yes. Most parents apply for their baby's Social Security number while still in the

hospital at the same time they apply for the birth certificate. But if you didn't, you'll need to apply for your child's Social Security number in order to claim the child as a dependent on your tax return. You'll also need it if you ever apply for government benefits on behalf of the child or your family.

I changed my name when I got married last year. Do I need to report it to Social Security? Yes. If you've legally changed your name due to marriage, divorce, court order or for any other reason, make sure you change your name with Social Security. Make sure you change your name with your employer as well. If you change with one source but not the other, it could cause your earnings to be improperly recorded.

You can learn more about Social Security numbers and how to change your name in Social Security's records at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber.

Does Social Security have any advice to make tax filing and future benefit applications go smoothly? We strongly encourage you to carefully check your name, Social Security number and all of the data on your W-2s and on your Social Security Statement is correct. A mismatch could delay your tax refund and might cause problems with your Social Security benefits in the future. Such errors are easy to fix now. If you do notice an error, you should contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or if the incorrect information is on the W-2s,

contact the personnel department of your employer.

Be aware of these Social Security tax tips, and you won't be caught off-guard. For more information about Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

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

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