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CLEARING THE AIR



photo by Sheldon Compton
Jean Rosenberg and the other members of the Floyd County Breathe Easy Coalition filled the city of Prestonsburg's council room Monday to urge city leaders to consider a complete smoking ban for businesses in city limits. Convinced, the city's attorney will now draft an ordinance for such a law for future consideration.

P'burg mulls smoke ban

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Members of the Floyd County Breathe Easy Coalition are gaining ground and with it support on their way to seeing a comprehensive smoking ban passed in businesses throughout Prestonsburg.

Taking the helm of this cause is Jean Rosenberg, with the Floyd County Health

Department.

Rosenberg and fellow coalition members were out in full force when Highlands Regional Medical Center and St. Joseph-Martin implemented their tobacco-free policies, and applauded the recent move by McDowell ARH Hospital following suit in May.

And Monday evening Rosenberg and company took the game to another level, approaching the Prestonsburg

City Council to place a smoking ban for businesses within city limits.

The request was approved with a unanimous vote from the council, which followed testimonials and discussion from both coalition members and city leaders.

The ban, if passed into law, would be a complete ban on smoking in all businesses and

(See **SMOKING**, page three)

Parent calls for art, music education

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The Floyd County Board of Education tackled one of the most extensive agendas in recent memory without much difficulty on Monday at Betsy Layne High School, with the largest portion of the meeting focusing on a community member's comment regarding band and art programs in the schools.

"We noticed some things that are missing in Floyd County schools," said Jeff Meade, a parent who addressed the board during the community comments section of the meeting. "There was a dream of having music programs in all schools. That dream is now dying. When an art or music teacher retires, it seems like the department is closed. By letting the dream die, we are cheating our students and depriving the world of their talents."

Meade invoked the name of Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Kentucky Opry, as proof of musical success in the county.

"We appreciate you coming and your comments," said Jeff Stumbo, chairman of the board. "We share your concerns."

Also at the meeting, the board voted to approve a mon-

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Slots bill dies in committee

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — House Bill 2, what has come to be known as the slots bill to put video lottery terminals in racetracks throughout the commonwealth, failed to gain Senate Committee approval Monday and may now be on the back burner until legislators resume business in January.

The bill, sponsored by House Speaker Greg Stumbo, proposed to place the machines at racetracks and use revenue from the move to fund, among other things, renovations and construction to public schools in Kentucky.

"This would be an unprecedented opportunity to bring all of our schools up to the same high level," Stumbo said just days before the bill was knocked down in committee. The plan would have allowed \$1 billion to be set aside for such work, and had just been passed by the House Friday by a 52-45 vote, the first time in more than a decade expanded gambling had passed in House session.

Schools in Floyd County that Stumbo had already

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2 DAY FORECAST

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FEMA clearing out of Martin office

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The days are now numbered for the time the full staff of FEMA representatives will be available at the Martin Community Center, along with other disaster recovery centers around the region.

Martin's center will transition to an Small Business Association disaster loan outreach center on June 29, as FEMA makes way and closes full operation two days prior on June 27.

FEMA and the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency opened the recovery centers on June 3, following the flooding that took place during the first week of

May.

To date, FEMA has disbursed \$10,859,769 and approved \$11,187,691 across the region, while registering 4,326 people for assistance.

Workshops held at three Lowe's locations across the region to help residents better prepare for future disasters have had a tremendous turnout, said FEMA representative Clare Eckert.

Eckert gave reports last week that some 900 people had turned out for those workshops. As of Monday, that number was up to 5,896.

"This incredible turnout is proof

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TREATS ON THE STREETS



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Just in time for summer, Nannie's Ice Cream truck made a stop in Prestonsburg Tuesday afternoon. Owner Pauline Walker hopes to soon start a regular route in the city and has already started in neighboring Paintsville.

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Terri Hall

Director of Highlands Birth Place receives lactation certification

PRESTONSBURG — Terri Hall, registered nurse and director of the Highlands Regional Medical Center Birth Place, recently received national certification in lactation counseling from the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice Inc.

The Academy provides a national credentialing program in Breastfeeding and Human Lactation for nurses, physicians, dietitians, WIC personnel, peer counselors, independent lactation counselors and others.

This certification signifies that Hall has demonstrated the necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes to provide breastfeeding counseling and management support to families who are thinking about breastfeeding or who have questions or problems during the course of breastfeeding/lactation.

According to WebMD, medical authorities, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, strongly recommend breastfeeding. Babies who are breastfed exclusively for the first six months, without any formula, have fewer ear infections, respiratory illnesses, and bouts of colic and diarrhea. They also have fewer hospitalizations.

Highlands Regional Medical Center now provides support, information and guidance from a certified lactation professional to help mothers and their babies learn the process of breastfeeding.

If you have questions regarding the Highlands Birth Place or breastfeeding, feel free to call Terri Hall at 886-7480.

Hindman Settlement School partners with Knott County schools to improve reading scores

HINDMAN — Knott County Supt. Kim King knows that helping young children achieve proficiency in reading is key to unlocking their educational potential. Hindman Settlement School has been helping children learn to read since it was established in 1902. For the past 28 years, it has specialized in teaching reading to children who learn differently.

In December, King had an idea: "What if Hindman Settlement School and Knott County public schools were to form a partnership to teach reading to struggling students?" King approached the Settlement's director Mike Mullins and they put together a group to explore the idea further.

This fall, Hindman Settlement School and Knott County schools will launch a pilot reading program in three Knott County elementary schools (Beaver, Carr Creek and Hindman). Hindman Settlement School teachers,



Ola Pigman, Interim Director of the James Still Learning Center, working with young readers.

along with staff from the Knott County school system, will work at each school to estab-

lish a reading lab that provides specialized assistance to students who demonstrate early signs of learning differences.

The reading labs will employ a multi-sensory teaching approach, which has proven highly effective at the Settlement's James Still Learning Center. Multi-sensory learning techniques require the simultaneous use of four learning senses: visual, auditory, tactile (touch) and kinesthetic (muscle movement).

For the child with learning differences, the emphasis on systematic development of reading skills has proven essential to both early success and lasting results. Such techniques concentrate on the process of learning and allow the student to use his/her strengths to achieve success and maintain motivation.

Teachers from the Settlement School and public school staff who are specially trained will work closely with

students until they master reading skills. This instruction will be in addition to the students' regular classroom instruction.

Individual needs and learning styles will determine each student's schedule and placement in a reading lab. Placement and schedule decisions will, in turn, determine the intensity and duration of the program for each student.

"We know that early identification, coupled with comprehensive early reading interventions, can reduce the percentage of children reading below the basic level in fourth grade from the current national average of 38% to less than 6%," says Superintendent King.

Most students who are assigned to the reading lab will receive a full year of instruction. Some students may need prolonged support both in their elementary schools and through after-school and summer tutoring programs offered

by Hindman Settlement School.

"Through Hindman Settlement School's emphasis on structured and systematic development of reading skill, students have experienced both success and lasting results. We are pleased to offer the same opportunity to students in the Knott County School District," King said.

"The Settlement School has operated a full-time school for children who learn differently for the past 19 years. But we've only served about 30 students a year," said Mike Mullins, Executive Director of Hindman Settlement School. "It was a very difficult decision to discontinue our full-time school, but this partnership provides us with an opportunity to do what we do best—teach children to read—and reach between 100-150 students."

In recent years, it has been a challenge getting students to enroll in the full-time school, Mullins noted. "This partnership allows us to go where the students are instead of them coming to us." Knott County schools and Hindman Settlement School are providing funding for the pilot program. Mullins says the goal is to expand to other schools as resources become available.

Hindman Settlement School has provided educational outreach activities to public schools and surrounding communities for more than 100 years. This new initiative is another example of the Settlement School's strategy of providing needed services that aren't offered by any other agency or group.



The Kentucky Board of Nursing recently recognized the many nurses in the state of Kentucky that had been in the nursing field for 50 years or more and that were still in practice. Polly Parker, a registered nurse on second floor at Highlands Regional Medical Center, was among this elite group of nurses.

Minimum wage goes up next Wednesday

FRANKFORT — Workers in Kentucky who are currently paid at a minimum wage of \$6.55 per hour will see an increase in their paychecks after July 1. That is when the state's minimum wage rate increases to \$7.25 an hour. Although the federal minimum wage mandated increase doesn't become effective until July 24, 2009, the Kentucky General Assembly voted to have the wage hike take effect earlier.

The Kentucky Labor

Cabinet, Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Mediation has received a number of inquiries regarding the upcoming change in minimum wage because of the two effective dates. The later date is the federal deadline for all states to comply with the new minimum wage rate.

"This increase is significant for many Kentucky workers who, like others, have been

struggling during these difficult economic times," said Kentucky Labor Secretary J.R. Gray.

The minimum wage rate for tipped employees will remain at \$2.13 per hour.

Questions regarding the minimum wage increase may be directed to the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Mediation at labor.desam@ky.gov or at 502-564-3534.

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Blackcats turn heads at UK 7-on-7 passing tourney

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

LEXINGTON — The Prestonsburg Blackcats have a history of performing well in summer 7-on-7 passing tournaments. A 2002 championship at the University of Louisville is just some proof of that strong history. The 2009 edition of the Prestonsburg High School football team traveled to the University of Kentucky on Saturday for the Kentucky Football Camp passing tournament, competing against 35 teams from Kentucky and sev-

eral other states. After finishing pool play with a perfect 3-0 record, Prestonsburg advanced to the single elimination championship round. Prestonsburg opened play with a 28-25 win over Louisville Eastern. A second game witnessed the Cats knock off Western Hills 27-26. Prestonsburg followed that performance up with a 30-19 win over Lexington Catholic. The playoff round pitted Prestonsburg against Somerset. The Blackcats came away with a 30-20 win over Somerset and moved on to the round of eight. A 19-17 win

over Lexington Catholic vaulted the Blackcats to the final four semifinals round and a matchup versus Louisville Seneca. Senior signal caller Michael Burchett led the Blackcat passing attack on Saturday. The Prestonsburg leader played well throughout the day. Seniors Austin McKinney and Josh Blackburn led the Blackcats in receptions. Blackburn hauled in 10 touchdown passes during the tournament.

The Prestonsburg defensive unit also played well with Josh Craynon, Joseph Jamerson and newcomer Tyler Hall lead-

ing the way. Prestonsburg played throughout the day with only 9-10 players while most teams rotated 15-17 players in and out. The Blackcat junior varsity team came up just short of the championship game in the JV bracket, falling in the semifinal round. Prestonsburg, Saint Xavier, Louisville Seneca and Shelby County made up the final four in the varsity division. Seneca knocked off the tough group of Blackcats 39-28 in the semifinals before going on to win the tournament with a 34-16 victory over Saint Xavier.

The Blackcat JV picked up

a win over Lexington Catholic in the quarterfinals of the JV tournament.

The Kentucky camp also featured the annual big man challenge. Prestonsburg brought home a second-place finish in the obstacle course. Blackcat sophomore Alex Garner finished second in the bench press challenge.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett was more than pleased with his team's performance.

"It was nice to make the final four in a very competitive field," said DeRossett. "Before the game, Coach

(Rich) Brooks and his staff commended our kids for their effort. Most of the day we were playing 5A and 6A schools with only 8-10 players. I can't say enough about the effort our players gave today."

DeRossett was quick to give credit to his coaching staff.

"Coach James, Coach Allen, Coach Chirico, Coach Hackworth and Coach Johnson deserve a lot of credit — they are outstanding coaches," DeRossett stated.

The Blackcats are headed

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Hicks claims another 201 Late Model win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Terry Hicks knows his way around 201 Speedway. Hicks took another 201 Speedway Late Model win Saturday night, outlasting veteran driver Paul Harris to the finish line in a Late Model feature race that included numerous capable challengers. D.J. Wells, Rod Evans, Shannon Thornsberry, Jamie Ferguson, Michael Paul Howard, Daniel Williams, Shon Flanary and Steve Stollings rounded out the top 10 in the 201 Speedway Late Model feature.

Hicks set the fast time and won one of three heat races before winning the feature event.

Corey McKenzie qualified the fastest but couldn't return to victory lane in the Open Wheel Modified class. Kevin Hall captured the Open Wheel Modified win.

Scott Lemaster (Bomber) and Alan Osborne (Four Cylinder) also won feature races.

Here's a closer look at Saturday's racing.

Late Model Qualifying:
9-Terry Hicks, 14.17;
99-David Powers, 14.23;
8-Anthony Adams, 14.27; 3
Jamie Ferguson 14.32;
98-Shon Flanary, 14.39.

First Late Model Heat:
9-Terry Hicks; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 11-D.J. Wells;
13-Jamie Ferguson;
17-Shannon Thornsberry;
25-Cowan Kinney;
00-Michael Butcher.

Second Late Model Heat:
10-Paul Harris; 99-David Powers; 17-Steve Stollings;
98-Shon Flanary; 16-Greg Anderson; 25-Albert Butcher;
11-James Butcher.

Third Late Model Heat:
8-Anthony Adams; R1-Rod Evans; 81-Brandon Fouts;
12D-Daniel Williams;
42-Beadie Blackburn;
57-Brittany McKinney.

Late Model Feature:
9-Terry Hicks; 10-Paul Harris; 11-D.J. Wells; R1-Rod Evans;
17-Shannon Thornsberry; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 24H-Michael P. Howard; 12D-Daniel Williams; 98-Shon Flanary; 17-Steve Stollings; 92-Bo Howard; 25-Albert Butcher; J11-James Butcher; 57-Brittany McKinney;

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The afternoon session of the Blackcat Basketball Camp featured the older group of players pictured above. The camp was under the direction of Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack.

Blackcat Basketball Camp concludes with awards banquet

OVER 40 ATTEND

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Over 40 area youth basketball players turned out for Coach Jack Pack's Blackcat Basketball Camp last week at Prestonsburg High School. The weeklong camp featured instruction on the fundamentals of basketball. Daily competitions were held and all involved seemed to enjoy the camp. Competition winners included the following: 1st-4th Grades — Hot Shot winner: Phil Cornette; Free Throw winner: Jake Hyden; One-on-One winner: Phil Cornette; Three-on-Three winners: Grant Justice, Luke Hyden and Brett Foley; Camper of the Week: Colby Fugate.

Competition winners from 5th-7th grades were as follows: Hot Shot winner: Nick Rowe; Free Throw winner: Tanner Hicks; One-on-One winner: Scott Stapleton; Three-on-Three winners: Nick Rowe, DJ Slone and Bryce Tucker; Camper of the Week: Jacob Ison.

Competition winners for the 8th grade division were Hot Shot: Gary Arnett; Free Throw: Gary Arnett; One-on-One winner: Bryson Williams; Three-on-Three winners: Trey Stapleton, Derek Newsome and Bryson Williams; Camper of the Week: Jonathan Ball.

The camp concluded on Friday with awards and comments from Pack.



Young campers listened to Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack during last week's Blackcat Basketball Camp.



Volley Rebels prepare during preseason

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The Allen Central High School volleyball team has enjoyed a productive preseason. Allen Central recently returned from the Asbury Summer Slam where it posted convincing wins over Anderson County and Green County. Lafayette got past the Rebels 2-0, winning 25-21 and 25-19 during the Asbury event. The Allen Central Second Team defeated Pulaski County, Marion County and Lafayette Three to claim the top spot in its division. At press time on Tuesday, Allen Central was on the road in Rowan County for matches against Bluegrass Bible, Johnson Central, Estill County, Ashland, Russell and Greenup County along with the host school. Allen Central will compete in the Rowan County preseason event again today. The Rebels will get a well-deserved break beginning Thursday when the KHSAA Dead Period kicks in.

"We will have an interesting team but an experienced one — although we have only two seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and two freshmen that will comprise the varsity team," Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard confided. "I believe everyone will hear a lot about Kelsey Jones, Leigh Williams, Katie Dingus and Courtney Hodge. Also, Samantha Rice, Jaimie Mullins, Tiffany Burdzilaskas, and Rebekah Potter, and even Mandy Howard and Julie Halbert will make some noise — plus a bunch of others."

Allen Central is a perennial contender for the 15th Region championship.

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July 11 — LifeLock.com 400,
Joliet, Ill.

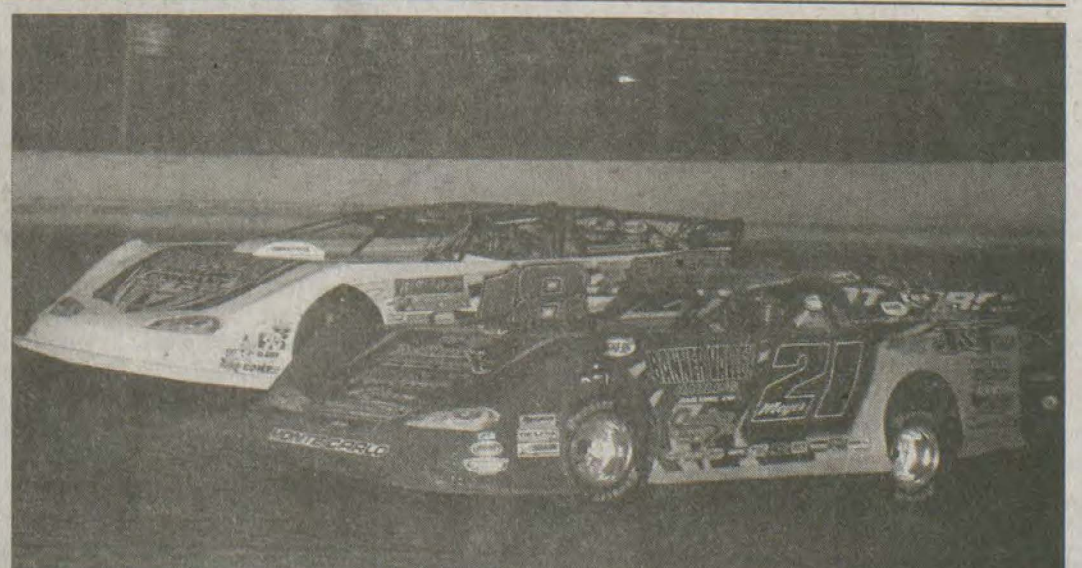
July 26 — Allstate 400,
Indianapolis.



HAP LITTLE LEAGUE: The Cubs were HAP (Harold-Allen-Prater) Little League tournament champions and the regular-season conference runner-up.

Coming Friday:

Little League
All-Star
Tournament
brackets.



BRANDON KINZER is scheduled to return to the track Friday for the \$30,000-to-win World of Outlaws feature race at Lernerville (Pa.) Speedway. Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports raceteam had the weekend of June 19-20 off.

MSU to open 2009-10 season at Rupp Arena versus UK

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – The defending Ohio Valley Conference Tournament champion Morehead State University men's basketball program will open the 2009-10 season at Rupp Arena against the University of Kentucky on Nov. 13 and host 15 regular season home games in Johnson Arena this season. The schedule, announced this week by MSU head coach Donnie Tyndall, also includes several high profile programs visiting the Eagles in Morehead.

After the opener against Kentucky and newly hired head coach John Calipari, the Eagles will host Louisiana-Monroe, Kent State and East Tennessee along with all nine OVC schools and SIU Edwardsville. An exhibition home game against Asbury is scheduled for Nov. 9.

"I feel like this will be a challenging schedule for our team," said Tyndall. "However, for the first time in my tenure here, we have a very favorable home schedule with many great Division I programs coming to Morehead. We are also really appreciative

of Coach Calipari for allowing us to open our schedule with them at Rupp Arena this year. We understand this will be huge challenge for us, but I think it will be an experience our kids and our fans will thoroughly enjoy."

Kentucky leads the all-time series with MSU 8-0 but the two in-state schools have not met since the 2004-05 season.

After the season opener, the Eagles return for their home opener on Nov. 16 against Brescia. Louisiana-Monroe visits on Nov. 21, and the Eagles host Kent State on Nov. 29. The Golden Flashes hosted MSU last season in the ESPNU Bracket Buster event. The home schedule continues on Dec. 15 with St. Catharine's and then East Tennessee State on Dec. 18.

The Eagles will also be participating in a multi-team event tournament at Utah State Dec. 21-23. MSU will face the host Aggies, Weber State and Cal-State Fullerton. The pre-Christmas portion of the ledger also will include two OVC road games. MSU opens the conference slate this season on Dec. 3 at defending regular season champion UT Martin and battles Murray

State on Dec. 5. On Dec. 28, MSU will travel north to face the University of South Dakota.

The Eagles' home opener will be a rematch of last year's OVC Tournament championship game as Austin Peay visits on Jan. 2 followed by Tennessee State on Jan. 4. The Eagles will have a three-game home stand beginning on Jan. 14 with Southeast Missouri, Eastern Illinois and SIU Edwardsville. Jacksonville State and Tennessee Tech provide the opposition on Feb. 4 and Feb. 6 at Johnson Arena, and the always electrifying matchup with Eastern Kentucky is scheduled at home for Jan. 17. The Eagles conclude the regular season at home as well with the second games against Murray State and UT Martin on Feb. 25 and 27.

MSU will once again be participating in the ESPNU Bracket Buster Saturday event, and this year's games fall on Feb. 20. MSU will be on the road for the vent and then receive a return game next year from this year's opponent.

For ticket information, call 606-783-2386.



photo by Jamie Howell

CAMPERS OF ALL AGES: Players in the younger division of the Blackcat Basketball Camp posed for a group photo on the final day of the camp.



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack is pictured with 8th Grade Division 3-on-3 winners Bryson Williams, Derek Newsome and Trey Stapleton.

Miller earns spot on U19 team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Following three days of trials featuring 17 of the nation's top 19-and-under competing at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., 12 players were announced today by USA Basketball as members of the 2009 USA Men's U19 World Championship Team. The 12 players will remain in Colorado Springs through June 25 to continue training for the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship, which will be held July 2-12 in Auckland, New Zealand. The player selections were made by the USA Basketball Men's Junior National Team Committee, chaired by Syracuse University head coach Jim Boeheim.

Selected to represent the United States at the FIBA U19 World Championship were: DeAngelo Casto (Washington State/Spokane, Wash.), Seth Curry (Duke/Charlotte, N.C.), Ashton Gibbs (Pittsburgh/Scotch Plains, N.J.), Gordon Hayward (Butler/Brownsburg, Ind.), Shelvin Mack (Butler/Lexington), Darius Miller (Kentucky/Maysville), Arnett Moultrie (UTEP/Memphis, Tenn.), John Shurna (Northwestern/Glen Ellyn, Ill.), Tyshawn Taylor (Kansas/Jersey City, N.J.), Howard Thompkins (Georgia/Lithonia, Ga.), Klay Thompson (Washington State/Ladera Ranch, Calif.) and Terrico White (Mississippi/Memphis, Tenn.).

"I think this is a well-balanced team. They'll have to get the job done as a team. They may not have a star-caliber player, but they have a lot of very good players. At this stage the U19 team looks like they will work very well together. All of the U19 trials participants played very hard throughout the trials. There has been no lack of effort, and that's a good sign," said Boeheim.

"We're a pretty good shooting team from the perimeter and we have some big guys who can shoot the ball, so I think that's going to be a strength," said USA U19 National Team and University of Pittsburgh head coach Jamie Dixon. "I'm concerned that we

don't really have experienced point guards, but I think we've got some wings that can make some plays.

"Now at this point we've got our team and we've got to just mold it. We didn't do a lot of team stuff during these three days (of trials), but what we're now going to do is focus on defending as a team and then running our offense, and just trying to play unselfish, playing hard and playing smart at the same time."

Dixon is being assisted by collegiate head coaches Chris Lowery of Southern Illinois University and Matt Painter of Purdue University.

All 12 selected athletes recently completed their freshman year at a NCAA Division I school. Washington State University, with Casto and Thompson, and Butler University, with Hayward and Mack, are the only colleges with multiple players making the 12-man roster. Nine athletes listed among their NCAA conference all-freshman squads following the 2008-09 season, including three who were named their conference's freshman of the year. Curry was named Big South Conference Freshman of the Year; Hayward was named Horizon League Conference Newcomer of the Year; and White was named Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year. Also named to their respective all-freshman teams were: Casto (Pacific-10); Mack (Horizon League); Moultrie (Conference USA); Taylor (Big 12); Thompkins (SEC); and Thompson (Pacific-10).

Additionally, Hayward was named to the CBSSportsline.com Freshman All-America second team and to the FoxSports.com National All-Freshmen team; and White was named to the CBSSportsline.com Freshman All-America second team.

The 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship features 16 national teams comprised of athletes 19-years-old or younger (born on or after Jan. 1, 1990) that qualified through their FIBA zone tournaments.

Sixteen nations will battle for the 2009 FIBA U19 World Championship for Men title July 2-12 in New Zealand. The United States has been placed

in Group B, along with Egypt, France and Iran. The 12 remaining 19-and-under national teams were distributed as such: Group A includes Angola, Greece, Lithuania and Puerto Rico; Group C consists of Australia, Canada, Spain and Syria; and Group D is comprised of Argentina, Croatia, Kazakhstan and host New Zealand.

The U.S. squad's preliminary round slate opens with a July 2 contest against Iran, followed by France on July 3, and the USA squad will celebrate the Fourth of July by taking on Egypt. The top three teams from each preliminary group will qualify for the preliminary second round, while the fourth place teams will qualify for the classification round to determine 13th to 16th places.

The twelve teams qualified for the second round, which will be played July 6-8, will be divided into groups E and F, with six teams in each group. The top three preliminary round teams from groups A and B will advance to Group E, and the top three from C and D will advance to Group F. Each team will play the three new teams in its new group, with the final scores of all games played in the preliminary round carrying over to determine the second round standings.

Teams finishing in first through fourth places in the two second round groups will qualify for the quarterfinals, with the opportunity to advance to the semifinals and finals. Teams finishing in fifth and sixth places in Groups E and F will play for ninth through 12th places. The quarterfinals will be held on July 10, semifinals are slated for July 11 and the gold medal game will be contested on July 12.

In addition to Boeheim, the USA Basketball Junior National Team Committee includes NCAA appointees Lorenzo Romar (head coach, University of Washington), Bruce Weber (head coach, University of Illinois) and Roy Williams (head coach, University of North Carolina); and athlete representative Jay Williams, a member of the 2002 USA World Championship Team.

offered Fugate scholarships. Stanford, Boise State and Cincinnati were among the other schools courting Fugate. Kentucky had not offered the Breathitt County running back a scholarship.

Lane Kiffin is headed into his first season as Tennessee head coach after replacing longtime Vols mentor Phillip Fulmer.

Breathitt County finished the 2008 season runner-up in Class 3A.



ON DECK: Prestonsburg Little League softball and baseball teams are gearing up for All-Star tournament play.



Family Academy of Martial Arts Master Michael Gambill tested students from the Prestonsburg School Friday (June 19). Gambill (far left) is pictured with students Jerry Ratliff, John Gullett and Jarred Tackett. Tackett received his 8th Gup Yellow Belt. Ratliff received his 6th Gup Green Belt. John Gullett received his 4th Gup Blue Belt.

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Blackcats

into the KHSAA Dead Period, which runs from June 25-July 9. The Blackcats will resume practice for the upcoming season on Monday July 13 at 5 p.m.

13-15 at PHS. The camp will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. daily.

Prestonsburg senior quarterback Michael Burchett attended the Wake Forest Camp as well as quarterback schools at Duke and Purdue this past spring.

Hicks

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81-Brandon Fouts; 00-Michael Butcher; 16-Greg Anderson; 99-David Powers; 42-Beadie Blackburn. Open Wheel Modified Qualifying: 33-Corey McKenzie, 15.70; 43K-Kevin Hall, 15.92; 23-Courtney Conley, 15.94.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 33-Corey McKenzie; 23-Courtney Conley; 18-Gary Fitzpatrick; 21-Jim Barnett; J16-Leslie Johnson; 6F-John Fitzpatrick; A17-Alan Salisbury.

Second Open Wheel Modified Heat: 46-Dennis Debaord; 43K-Kevin Hall; 62-Joel Jensen; 30-William Hensley; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 7A-Warnie Allen Jr.; 01-Chris Maynard.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 43K Kevin Hall;

21-Jim Barnett; 46-Dennis Debaord; 18-Gary Fitzpatrick; 62K-Joel Jensen; 23-Courtney Conley; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 7A-Warnie Allen Jr.; J16-Leslie Johnson; 30-William Hensley; 33-Corey McKenzie; A17-Alan Salisbury.

First Bomber Heat: 27S-David Chaffin; P12-Dean Pennington; 73-Charlie Mullett; 3-Shannon Richmond; 77-Harley Hall; 29-Zach Howell; 4J-James Stack.

Second Bomber Heat: 3-Scott Lemaster; P20-Ervin Vance; R17-Don Risner; 24-Jimmy Johnson; J11-Justin Tackett; 85-Derrick Blackburn; 45-Tim Mason.

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Four Cylinder Heat: 37-Alan Osborne; 18G-DI Henson; 18S-Shawn Ousley; 7K-Kinsey Patton; 31-Ricky Combs; 7B-Bryson Patton; 17 (Driver name unavailable); 63 (Driver name unavailable).

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Fugate commits to Vols

UK hadn't offered Breathitt back scholarship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON – Mr. Football candidate Channing Fugate has committed to the University of Tennessee. The Breathitt County High School

standout committed to the Vols after being offered a scholarship following a workout in front of members of the UT coaching staff. Fugate – one of the top running backs in Kentucky high school history – rushed for 3,052 yards and 36 touchdowns during his junior season. The 6-2, 230-pound Fugate runs the 40-yard dash in 4.5 seconds.

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Officers join campaign to stop boating under the influence

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Conservation officers with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will join a nationwide campaign to stop boating under the influence June 26-28. Operation Dry Water, a campaign coordinated by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, will increase law enforcement presence on the water to prevent alcohol-related boating incidents and fatalities. At least 47 states are slated to participate. Officers will be out in full force throughout the weekend on Kentucky's lakes and rivers.

"Kentucky ranks 28th in the

country for the number of registered boats, but our alcohol-related fatality rate is higher than a lot of the biggest boating states," said Sgt. John Anderson, boating education coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "So we have a lot of room for improvement."

Drinking alcohol on Kentucky waters is illegal, both for boat operators and their passengers. Alcohol can impair judgment, vision, balance and reaction time. It can increase the effects of "boater's fatigue," a condition caused by sun, wind, noise and the boat's vibration.

Kentucky's boating incident statistics are sobering. While 21 percent of boating fatalities nationwide

were a result of alcohol use in 2007, Kentucky's alcohol-related boating fatalities totaled about 50 percent that year.

"This is a national concern. It's not just Kentucky," Anderson said. "Our goal is no fatalities on the water, and one of the ways to reach that goal is strong alcohol enforcement."

Kentucky boaters can expect special law enforcement details at many of the state's lakes and rivers. Boaters whose blood alcohol content levels exceed the national limit of .08 percent can expect a citation and possible jail time.

"We will have every available officer on the water June 26-28,"

said Col. Robert Milligan, director of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's law enforcement division. "Officers will have zero tolerance for impaired boaters."

As the boating season approaches its busiest time, many boaters visit Kentucky waters from out of state.

"We invite boaters from outside Kentucky," said Anderson. "Our position is that taking a strong stance on alcohol makes Kentucky a safer place to boat. We're encouraging tourism."

Officers will also make routine checks of required boating safety equipment such as life jackets and fire extinguishers. Boaters should

check the 2009 Kentucky Fishing & Boating Guide to be sure they meet all safety requirements. The guide is available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever fishing licenses are sold.

"I fully support our officers' involvement in Operation Dry Water," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gasset. "Boating under the influence is a serious threat to everyone's safety and enjoyment on the water. Increased law enforcement presence will save lives and ease the minds of responsible, safe boaters throughout the Commonwealth."

Postspawn bass fishing proves to be a challenge

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Mid to late June is a confusing time to fish for largemouth bass. Common sense dictates bass would inhale anything resembling food after the rigors of spawning in late May and early June. It seems a Carolina-rigged lizard or spinner bait tossed into places where the fishing was good earlier in the year would be crunched by a hungry, ornery largemouth at this time of year.

However, many anglers may fish long hours just to catch a few 12-inch bass to show for it.

"I have trouble with post-spawn fishing because it's transitional," said Jeff Ross, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The spawn takes a lot out of them. Shallow water fishing declines after the spawn. You may still catch little ones, but the big females are transitioning to their summer habitat."

That decline in shallow water fishing is the reason Ross isn't the only bass angler who struggles to catch fish after the spawn. Anglers fishing for bass from Kentucky Lake in the Purchase Region to Fishtrap Lake in Pike County find tough fishing in late June. The likely reason is they still fish the same areas in the same way they did in April.

Anglers need to intercept largemouth bass during this transition. "It all depends on the kind of lake," Ross explained. "At a shallow water lake like Lake Barkley, the post-spawn transition will be different than at a lake like Laurel River."

Creek channels, points, weedlines and other features such as roadbeds or rows of stumps along what was once a fencerow serve as arteries for fish migration. They move from the shallow spawning beds to deeper summer bass habitats such as deep points, channel drops and off-shore humps in June.

"They aren't going to randomly swim around in open water and then

dive down to their summer habitat," Ross said. "They are going to follow something. On a really shallow lake, they may use a weedbed as a guide, but on most lakes, it is usually a channel. At a deep lake like Laurel or Cumberland, they may just move down the point closest to their spawning grounds."

On shallow to mid-depth lakes with defined channels — such as Kentucky Lake, Lake Barkley, Barren River Lake or Green River Lake — a soft plastic jerkbait, or a Carolina-rigged 7- to 10-inch plastic worm or lizard, is a tremendous choice to fish channels in June. Carolina rigs consist of a heavy egg-shaped sinker and a swivel. Tie the hook 1-2 feet from the swivel, with the egg sinker placed above the swivel to keep the sinker from contacting the hook. This gets the rig down, but allows the bait to float above the bottom.

Sling the Carolina rig onto the flats adjacent to a channel, then work the bait over the channel lip

and down into the channel. Channels with brush or stumps along their lips are the best places to try. Once you catch a fish, mentally note the location and depth and try and replicate those conditions along other channels in the lake. This may lead to a glory day you'll brag about to your buddies for many years.

"Flats are good post-spawn areas," Ross said, "especially if they lie near channels, stump fields or weedlines."

Carolina rigs are also good for probing weedlines. The heavy weight of the rig plows the way for the soft plastic offering to hover just above bottom. Soft plastic jerkbaits and spinner baits are two other lures to try along a weedline during the post-spawn period.

In deep lakes like Herrington, Laurel River Lake, Lake Cumberland — or most lakes east of Interstate 75 — a 4- to 6-inch finesse worm rigged on a Shakey head and slowly worked down the point should intercept any transitioning

bass. A Shakey head is a specialty jig designed to make a soft plastic bait stand up from the bottom. By gently twitching the tip of your fishing rod, you can impart a tantalizing action to the bait.

A 3/16 -ounce jig-and-pig combination swum just over the bottom along the contour of the point also fools post-spawn bass.

For soft plastic lures on the Carolina rig, Shakey rig or jig-and-pig combination, earth tones are the way to go in June. Combinations of green, brown, black, red or orange perform well on bass. For soft plastic jerkbaits and spinner baits, the reliable white and chartreuse combination is still tough to beat.

The June post-spawn transition period isn't that hard to figure out if you intercept bass as they move from their breeding grounds to their summer haunts. Don't fish for them in same areas as you did earlier this spring. They've left town for the summer.

Luck of the draw: Somerset man wins bull elk raffle

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Chris Godby of Somerset won a raffle for the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation's bull elk tag at the Salato Wildlife Education Center Bourbon Sampler on June 13. Godby was one of 1,138 people who purchased tickets for the raffle.

"The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife

Foundation would like to thank all of the participants in the drawing and we wish Chris Godby good luck in his hunt," said Chad Miles, development coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "He will be guided by 'Kentucky Afield' television host Tim Farmer, and the hunt will be broadcast on the show."

Farmer's wife, Nicki, drew Godby's

name in front of about 450 people gathered at the sampler. The net proceeds from the raffle garnered about \$80,000.

"One-hundred percent of the net proceeds will go to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Conservation Camps," Miles said. "This money will provide scholarships for kids to attend camp and to help pay for upgrades to the camp facilities."

Knott County Sportsplex Upcoming Events Schedule

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Taylor inks three for PC baseball team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College baseball coach Rob Taylor has hit the ground running, signing three quality players to the Bears' roster in recent days.

He has landed Adam Overbay from Middlesboro, Zac Coe from Starke, Fla., and Brandon Black from Kingsport.

Overbay is an outfielder who led his team in hitting and stolen bases while hitting leadoff. He was an all-district and all-region selection his junior and senior years. He was selected by the Kentucky Baseball Coaches Association for the East/West All-Star Series for 2008 and 2009.

"Adam meets our needs as a speedy left handed hitter who is a hard-nosed player and a young man of high character," Taylor said. "We're pleased that Adam will continue his athletic and academic career at Pikeville College and envision a bright future for him on the baseball diamond."

"I'm very excited to continue my career of playing baseball at Pikeville College," said Overbay. "New coach, new team, new year, but it's the same old sport of baseball and I'm ready to play. Not only do I have the chance to play baseball, but also to extend my education. I'm very

lucky to have a Christian coach who knows the Lord."

Black graduated from Sullivan North High School where he hit .333 with four homers and 22 RBIs as a senior.

"To begin rebuilding the Pikeville College baseball tradition we must have quality players who demonstrate high character, baseball ability, and an exceptional work ethic," said Taylor. "We have found that in Brandon Black. Brandon is a hard-nosed player who will fit in well in our system and we are thankful to God to get a fine young man."

"Brandon has been the face of North baseball the last four years," said Steve Dixon, head coach at Sullivan North. "I've written his name on the lineup card 123 straight times. He played all 123 of those games with a passion, a love of the game, and a love of competing — without an exception — and that's rare. More importantly Brandon is the face you want representing your program off the field great personality, great kid, good student, and big hearted."

"The reason I chose Pikeville College was really I just felt at home there," Black said. "Coach Taylor came out and told me that God comes first in his life. I really respect that. I feel the location is perfect for me. I'm not too far from home, but I

am far enough where I can concentrate on my schoolwork and baseball."

Coe is a 6-1, 190 pound first basemen from Florida's Bradford High School. His coach is Lamar Waters and he is also trained by former big leaguer Denny Doyle, a graduate of Morehead State. In 2009 he hit .308 with four homers and 17 runs batted in. He was second in runs scored and slugged .554. He was also a varsity scholar-athlete.

"As we begin a new era in Pikeville College baseball and begin to rebuild this once-proud tradition, it becomes extremely important to build it with players who exemplify character as well as ability," Taylor said. "We have found that in Zac Coe. He is a strong player who meets our needs on both the athletic level and spiritual level."

"We are thankful to God for sending us Zac and look forward to coaching and watching his performance on the baseball diamond."

"I am so thankful that God has given me the ability to play baseball," Coe said. "I look forward to see what He has in store for the Bears this season."

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BLACK BELT SPOTLIGHT: Elizabeth Vaughn has achieved the rank of 2nd Dan Black Belt. Vaughn attends the Family Academy of Martial Arts' Prestonsburg class. She is the assistant instructor for the Family Academy of Martial Arts' Maytown class.

Brown named MSU assistant coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Tomeka Brown, a former WNBA player and most recently the Director of Women's Basketball Operations at the University of Cincinnati, has joined the staff of Morehead State women's basketball head coach Mike Bradbury. Brown was an all-conference performer as a student-athlete at Ohio State.

"I am extremely excited about Tomeka joining our staff at this time," said Bradbury. "She brings tremendous talent and enthusiasm to our staff." "Her basketball I.Q. and her communication skills will allow her to be a great asset on the floor as well as a great recruiter."

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Brown finished her four-year career at Ohio State University in 2002, ranking 11th in career steals and 20th in career assists. Twice, she earned Honorable Mention All-Big Ten status and was featured on ESPN's SportsCenter's "Play of the Day" in 2001 when she drilled a game-winning shot in the first round of the WNIT tournament. She also earned an OSU Scholar-Athlete Award. Brown was a AAU First-Team All-American in 1998.

She graduated from OSU in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in African American Studies. After her career, she was selected in the fourth round of the 2002 WNBA draft by the Orlando Miracle.

Brown began her coaching career in 2003-04 at Marion Franklin High School in Ohio where she served as an assistant. She was the head girls coach at World Harvest Prep High School in 2004-06, and served as an assistant at Columbus Africentric Early College School in 2006-07. While serving at Africentric, she helped mentor current Eagle junior all-conference player Chynna Bozeman. She was also a long-term intervention specialist in the area of social studies at Africentric.

In 2007, she was hired as the Director of Operations at UC and served in that capacity for two seasons.



Lady Bears host bowling clinic for Christ Central students: Sarah Germano, right, a member of the Pikeville College Lady Bears bowling team, shows Christ Central student Amanda Arts how to select the appropriate bowling ball during a recent bowling clinic. Germano, along with other members of the bowling team, recently conducted a bowling clinic for students from Christ Central at Classic Lanes. Students learned how to approach and release the ball along with other basic bowling techniques. The Lady Bears are coached by Ron Damron, vice president for student services, and finished their last season with an appearance in the national bowling tournament.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CASE NO. 08-CI-01547

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. ASSIGNEES OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR CHOICE CAPITAL FUNDING, INC. ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS PLAINTIFF VS. LARRY B. CASE; IMA JO CASE DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 10th day of April, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$165,774.91, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at North West side intersection of Store Hollow Road and Pike Road (steel road marker located 18 in. from pavement of said intersection); thence running North West 285 for a distance of 120 ft. to a tree stump by the mail box paralleling Pike Road; thence running North East 60 a distance of 46 ft. and 90 in. To the concrete basement inner wall corner; thence across bottom in a straight line along the Madonna Wallen Property line to the corner of the Eddie Hamilton line and private road; thence in a North East direction to the intersection of the private road and Store Hollow Road; thence in a North West direction along Store Hollow Road back to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Larry B. Case and Ima Jo Case, husband and wife, by deed dated December 13, 1993, of record in Deed Book 373, Page 150, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County. Property Address: 49 Store Hollow Road Betsy Layne, KY 41605

credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CASE NO. 08-CI-01443

HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. ASSIGNEES OF MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR CALUSA INVESTMENTS, LLC ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS PLAINTIFF VS. JASON BLACKBURN, SHERA BLACKBURN, CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 10th day of April, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$94,153.08, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particular-

ly described as follows:

PLEASE SEE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

Being the same property conveyed to Jason Blackburn (aka Ricky J. Blackburn) and Shera Blackburn, husband and wife, by deed dated May 9, 2002, and being of record in Deed Book 472, Page 578, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Property Address: 36 South Harkins Avenue Prestonsburg, Kentucky

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a

credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CASE NO. 08-CI-1058

BRANCH BANKING & TRUST COMPANY, SUCCESSOR BY ARTICLES OF MERGER WITH MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF VS. MILLARD STEVENS, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MILLARD STEVENS, TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS, 1, LLC, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., COUNTY OF FLOYD, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 27th day of February, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,941.54, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mark Bates, 4329 Calais Ct., Lexington, Ky. 40515, has filed an application with the Energy & Environment Cabinet to fill in a bottom. The property is located at the intersection of 122 & 680, in McDowell, upstream 1/4 mile on left, from center of creek, upstream, second culvert across 122 joining current fill area of Left Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permits Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (606) 564-3418.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Gwen Justice, of 20 Sally Stephens Branch Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Retail Beer license(s). The business to be licensed will be located at Rt. 404, Blue River, Ky., 41607, doing business as Stop & Shop. The Owner, Principal Officers and Directors, Limited Partners or Members are as follows:

Owner, Gwen Justice of 20 Sally Stephens Branch Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.



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LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
05-27-09	09-P-00076	Willa Mae Frasure	Tom Town Frasure	Anita Johnson
05-26-09	09-P-00190	Raymond Reynolds	Esta Reynolds	
05-26-09	09-P-00191	Hargis Hall	Jeffrey K. Hall & Douglas M. Hall	Shane Hall
05-27-09	09-P-00192	Mildred Gibson	Thomas D. Gibson	
05-27-09	09-P-00193	James Curtis Boggs	James Alex Holbrook	Anthony Craig Davis
05-28-09	09-P-00194	Anne H. Dickerson	James Kenton Dickerson	Martin L. Osborne
05-29-09	09-P-00195	Eizie Bentley, Jr.	April Meadows	
06-01-09	09-P-00196	Joe David Dillon	Patricia Nelson Dillon	
06-01-09	09-P-00197	Mildred Martin	Patricia Ann Conley	Thomas Moak
06-01-09	09-P-00198	John D. Martin	Verdie Martin	
06-04-09	09-P-00200	Ola K. Collins	Joie Lawson	
06-05-09	09-P-00202	Charles Page	Shirley G. Harmon	
06-08-09	09-P-00203	Dempil Irene Goble		
		James D. Goble		
06-08-09	09-P-00205	Louis A. Kapfer	Lorraine A. Kapfer	Robert J. Patton
06-09-09	09-P-00207	Kitty A. Dingus	Nancy Sue Dingus	
06-09-09	09-P-00208	Willie Gene Rogers	Molly Mae Rogers	
06-10-09	09-P-00209	Carrie Hicks	Pauline Allen	
		Aster Odell Hicks		
06-10-09	09-P-00210	Loraine Shepherd	Donald Shepherd	
06-15-09	09-P-213	Joseph David Ratliff	Dollie Ratliff	
06-15-09	09-P-214	Jesse L. Pulliam	Alma Sue Pulliam	
06-15-09	09-P-215	Forrest Deroyce Stewardson	Dorothy Stewardson	

NOTICE (Of Final Settlement)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD....SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before July 27, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	07-P-00153	Wiley Sparkman	Rita Sparkman	05-20-09
Final	08-P-00464	Eula M. Robinson	Paul E. Robinson	05-20-09
Final	07-P-00432	Lucinda Justice	Oga Mae Combs	05-26-09
Final	08-P-00178	Delphia Hall	Cleadus Hall	05-26-09
Final	08-P-00443	Ralph J. Watkins	Ernestine Watkins	05-27-09
Final	07-P-00142	Palmer Humphrey	Jimmy Humphrey	05-28-09
Final	08-P-00141	Chrissie Ethel Hagans	Jerry Donald Hagans	06-07-09
Final	08-P-00142	Ralph Hagans	Jerry D. Hagans	06-02-09
Final	08-P-00249	Johnnie H. Patton	Jimmy & William Patton	06-02-09
Final	08-P-00470	Ida M. Pritchard	Larry Slone	06-02-09
Final	07-P-00158	Dave Marsillett Jr.	Doris J. Marsillett	06-08-09
Final	08-P-00433	Bessie Gibson	Ernest Ray Gibson	06-08-09
Final	07-P-142	Albert Benjamin Robinson	Charlotte Crum	06-19-09
Final	07-P-200	Sandra Lynn Shepherd	Mallory Ousley	06-11-09

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Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of the Big Sandy River and being the same land conveyed to Millard Stevens, single, from Raymond Stevens and Judy Stevens, his wife, by deed dated February 23, 1999, and is recorded in Deed Book 431, Page 137, Floyd County Court Clerks Office.

And being all that certain tract or land deeded by Pike-Floyd Coal Company to Robert E. Adams, by deed bearing date November 15, 1983, and being recorded in Deed Book 110, Page 435, Floyd County Court Clerks Office, which deed is hereby referred to for a definite and complete description of said land.

and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. NO. 08-CI-1515

WALTER MORTGAGE COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. EUGENIA L. CRIDER, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EUGENIA L. CRIDER, TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS #1, LLC and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONERS SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 23rd day of March, 2009 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of

\$69,008.10, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 9th day of July, 2009 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point a corner to Willa Dean Goings (Will Book L, Page 69) and Willa Dean Goings (Deed Book 323, Page 435) at the end of the county road; thence with the Goings line and the end of the county road South 84 00'51" West, a distance of 30.00 feet; thence leaving the county road and running through the Goings property North 05 59' 09" West, a distance of 111.27 feet; thence North 29 25' 16" East, a distance of 51.78 feet to a point in the line of property to be conveyed to Eugenia L. Crider; thence with that line South 05 59' 09" East, a distance 121.57 feet to an iron pin set a corner to Willa Dean Goings; thence with the Goings line South 05 59' 09" East, a distance of 31.90 feet to the point of beginning.

Being a part of the same property conveyed to Eugenia Crider by Easement dated August 20, 2002, from Willa Dean Goings to be recorded in the Floyd County Records Office, in the State of Kentucky in Book 477, Page 285.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60)

days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number

836-5533, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Goose Creek Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 226, Eastern, Kentucky 41622, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 1.50 miles northeast of Garrett in Floyd County. The amendment will add 14.22 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie 0.00 additional underground acres, making a total area of 482.08 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 1.00 miles southeast from KY Route 80's junction with Goose Creek Road and located along Goose Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

LEGAL NOTICE
I have been appointed by the Circuit Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, in Civil Action No. 08-CI-01133, now pending in Floyd Circuit Court, Division No. II, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, styled: Citizens National

Bank, Plaintiff vs. Estate of Mary Collins; Unknown Executor/Administrator of Mary Collins Estate; Unknown Heirs of Mary Collins; Tax Easement Lien Investment No. 1, LLC; Medical Imaging Group; Community Trust Bank; and Floyd County, Kentucky, Defendants

The nature of this action is one to attempt to collect a debt regarding a promissory note. The promissory note is regarding property located at Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and was formerly owned by James Marvin Collins and Mary Lois Collins.

If you are the Executor/Administrator or are an heir or devise of the Estate of Mary Collins, you are hereby warned and notified that you have thirty days from and after June 12, 2009, in which to file an answer to the complaint.

GERALD DEROSSETT WARNING ORDER ATTORNEY-IN-NEY 124 WEST COURT STREET PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 (606) 886-6090 Facsimile (606) 886-6148

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8064 Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility, surface mining operation,

and underground mining. The operation disturbs 286.05 surface acres, and 838.75 acres of underground/auger operations (of which 389.64 acres underlie permitted surface) for a total of 675.69 acres.

The operation is located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°31'25" and longitude 82°43'30". The surface area is owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC., Appalachian Land et al., Jeff Gayheart, and Roberts Heirs c/o Joe Roberts. The operation will underlie land owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC., Appalachian Land et al., Jeff Gayheart, Roberts Heirs c/o Joe Roberts, The Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC., Cindy Kidd.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date. This is the final advertise-

ment of this application: All comments, objections or request for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 days of the day of this notice.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 836-5238 Increment Number 1 PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5238

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for Phase I & Phase II Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5238 Increment Number 1, which was last issued on 02/22/06. This application covers an area approximately 10.33 surface acres.

The permit area is located approximately 0.9 miles northeast of Handshoe on Lick Fork of Sattlick Creek; approximately 0.2 miles West of junction of KY Hwy. 2029 and County Road 1280. The operation is located on the Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7.5 quadrangle map at a latitude 37° 28' 47" and a longitude 82° 53' 38" in Knott and Floyd counties.

The bonds now in effect for this increment are surety bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00 of which 85% of the total is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed through June 2009, includes: Backfilling, grading, topspilling, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching for

the establishment of a satisfactory vegetative cover. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 26, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on August 27, 2009, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 26, 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kent Rose, of Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a building and mobile home located in the floodplain near the intersection of Route 1427 and U.S. Route 23, at latitude 37 40' 56.61"N and longitude 82 47' 29.99" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane Fourth Floor, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

Workforce opportunity survey project will guide workforce training in Eastern Kentucky

The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program Inc. is launching a six-month survey of Eastern Kentucky employers that will identify the skills that the region's workers will need to succeed in the future. The Workforce Opportunity Project survey results will guide the kinds of training EKCEP will fund to help the region's employers and workers.

Jeff Whitehead, executive director of EKCEP, said, "We are asking employers to tell us what only they can: what training do they need the most from the workforce training system in Eastern Kentucky? This project is about East Kentucky business leaders helping each other. This is not an outside study. This is an opportunity for business leaders in our own region to define the training services that will help us all prosper."

The groundbreaking survey will include 100 face-to-face interviews with company decision-makers who will be responsible for hiring future employees throughout the 23-county area that EKCEP serves. The training needs for positions ranging from entry-level to executive will be evaluated.

"This project will have a huge impact on how we train, where we train, and when we train Eastern Kentucky's workforce. This vital information will let us spend our training dollars where employers say they will do the most good," Whitehead said.

Companies of various sizes will be contacted by Career Span Inc., a career resource firm that is conducting the survey under contract with EKCEP. Carla Hunter, president of Career Span, will be the survey's project manager.

Rocky Adkins, chairman of the EKCEP Workforce Investment Board, said the study will play a large part in helping create a competitive advantage for Eastern Kentucky's workforce.

"I cannot underscore enough the importance of this project to Eastern Kentucky businesses and our future economic vitality," Adkins said. "These 100 businesses and their employees will help us understand the needs of the region and what kinds of training and educational tools we must plan for to be competitive in the years to come."

Results of the survey will be published by March 2010. A reception will be held for

participating employers at the 2010 spring EKCEP Inc. board meeting.

A website, currently in development, will provide comprehensive information relating to the project and may be found at www.workforceopportunityproject.com.

Workforce Opportunity Project status updates will be posted to the project's blog site which may be found at <http://workforcesurvey.blogspot.com/> or through a link on the main web site.

EKCEP is a local nonprofit workforce agency. This project

is funded through Kentucky's Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, with Workforce Investment Act funds. EKCEP operates the JobSight network of workforce centers, which provide access to more than a dozen state and federal programs that

offer employment and training assistance for job seekers and employers. EKCEP is an equal-opportunity employer with equal-opportunity programs. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For additional information on EKCEP visit www.ekcep.org.

For additional information on the Workforce Opportunity Project survey contact Carla Ockerman-Hunter at Career Span, Inc. at 859.233.7726 or via e-mail at carla@careerspanusa.com.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Spicing up your weight loss program

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

One of my favorite catalogues is one that sells—spices.

If you're a regular reader of this column, you know that I love, love, love to cook, and I'm not talking about boxed mac-and-cheese here. I'm always taking off in a new culinary direction, trying out a new recipe for some exotic food. I doubt that my husband would be surprised if he saw "eye of newt" jotted down on the grocery shopping list!

One of the easiest ways to "spice up" any dish, of course, is with ... well, spices. That's why I love my spice catalogue; I've spent many happy hours reading about ways to use every spice imaginable, from ajwain seed to zatar.

So I really pricked up my ears when I heard recently about how turmeric—or at least a compound in that particular spice—could turn out to be a secret ingredient in weight loss. Turmeric contains curcumin, a bioactive component that's also found in curry. Curcumin has been eaten daily in Asian countries for centuries without any reported toxic effects.

Now scientists funded by the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are saying that curcumin could stall the spread of fat tissue by inhibiting new blood vessel growth, which is necessary to build fat tissue.

In the ARS-funded study, the scientists assigned 18 lab mice to three groups of six mice each. For 12 weeks, the mice were fed special diets. The diet for one group of mice contained 4 percent fat; a second group's diet contained 22 percent fat (the "high-fat" diet), while the third group of mice also ate the "high-fat" diet, but supplemented with curcumin.

In case you're wondering whether this was one of those studies where the little critters were fed 10 times their weight in whatever it was that was being studied, that wasn't the case. A mouse typically eats about 3,000 to 3,500 milligrams a day; that's the weight of about six or seven paperclips. In this study, the curcumin-supplemented mice consumed about 1.5 to 1.75 milligrams of curcumin a day, which is a relatively small amount.

The researchers recorded the body weight and food consumption of the mice twice a week throughout the study. At the end of the 12-week period, the mice's total body weight and fat distribution were measured.

Now for the moment of truth: The study found that supplementing the mice's high-fat diet with curcumin reduced their body weight gains and total body fat, even though their food intake wasn't affected, when compared to the mice that ate the high-fat diet without the supplemental curcumin.

The curcumin-treated mice also had less blood vessel growth in fat tissue. And their blood glucose, triglyceride, fatty acid, cholesterol and liver fat levels were lower!

So that brings us to the big question: How much curcumin would it take to pull off this neat trick in humans?

The truth is, the scientists don't know yet whether the amount of curcumin that's normally present in foods prepared with turmeric is sufficient to inhibit the complex fat-tissue secretions that are involved in stimulating new blood vessel growth. That's the next step for the scientists—determining the effectiveness of dietary intake of curcumin in reducing weight in humans.

But it's certainly an exciting beginning, don't you think?

In other interesting dietary news, the scientists at ARS are busy these days analyzing the vitamin D levels in everyday foods. That's important because vitamin D is essential for maintaining strong bones, so the more opportunities we have to steer our diet in the direction of vitamin D-rich foods, the better for our bones.

(See **SCIENCE**, page four)



GOOD NEIGHBORS

Neighborhood Network focuses on students

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Cliffside Neighborhood Network Center provides a place for students to do their homework after school during the school year, but the center does much more than that, scheduling events throughout the summer that focus on education and health.

Some of the programs provided at the center include the Floyd County Homemakers and Family Nutrition Program, GED, 4-H programs, and various health department initiatives.

"The center provides technology with internet service and a place for the students to get the needed school supplies at the beginning of the school year and throughout the year," said Carole Rice, a retired teacher who provides instruction at the center. "If an emergency arises, we can give the parents support and care for their child. The center is a safe and supervised facility for the children to feel at home."

Rice, along with Renee Seagraves, team to help the students from Monday through Thursday.

Along with the programs, children also receive awards for academic performance and attendance through the school year.

"One of the most rewarding experiences for the students living at Cliffside is the award party for good grades and attendance each nine weeks," said Rice. "The students receive a nice monetary reward for good grades and attendance each grading period, along with pizza for students and family. We had three students with perfect attendance this school year."

The students who received the perfect atten-



dance awards were Ethan Spears, Ashleigh Hall, and Ashley Blackburn. All three received \$100 each.

"We feel that many of the students try harder to have good grades and good attendance with these incentives," Rice said. "We display their individual pictures for each area of accomplish-

ment in the center for all family and residents to view. The students need a lot of encouragement from the parents, school and community in order to succeed in this society."

The Cliffside Neighborhood Network Center is funded by donations, fundraisers and residual funds from the Church Housing Association.

Saint Joseph - Martin is top fundraiser for ACS

MARTIN — The hard work and dedication of Saint Joseph - Martin employees has placed them as the top fundraiser in Floyd County for the 2009 American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

St. Joe employees earned \$12,543.93 for the cause. The total raised by all Floyd County teams was \$45,139.36.

"It is unbelievable the commitment our hospital has for this worthy cause," said Robin Bartrum, Floyd County Relay for Life co-chair and an executive assistant with Saint Joseph - Martin. "We have all been touched by some type of cancer through our own family or our family here at Saint Joseph - Martin."

Nothing was too small or too large for Saint Joseph - Martin employees to try. Each department chose a fundraiser and then worked



Saint Joseph - Martin employees raised over \$12,500 in this year's Relay for Life.

diligently to ensure its success.

"To be part of a team that has embraced Relay for Life as Saint

Joseph - Martin has, is the most awesome thing," said Mary Martin, Floyd County Relay for Life co-

chair and director of infection control for Saint Joseph - Martin. "I have been involved with Relay for Life for many years, but since my dad died from leukemia in 2007, it is something that I am very passionate about and it makes me want to work even harder for the cause."

"We would like to thank all teams who participated in this year's event," said Bartrum. "This is something that is bigger than any of us, but together we can make a difference."

Relay for Life is an annual event of the American Cancer Society. This year marked the 11th year that Floyd County has been involved.

If you would like to become involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, please contact Bridgette Brashear, Community Representative at 606-432-5058.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Hall Family Reunion is set for Saturday, July 5 at Carr Fork Lake Dam

The descendants of Anthony and Ruth Butler Hall will be having a reunion July 5, at Carr Fork Lake Dam, Sycamore Shelter, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be around 2 p.m. Please bring a covered dish or soft drinks. For more information, call Grytle Cook at 606-632-0396 or Mary Sue Triplett, at 606-452-2774.

Patrick Porter Reunion to be held Saturday, July 18

The annual Patrick Porter reunion, Saturday, July 18, at the Senior Citizens Center and Park in Nicklesville, Va. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the reunion lasting from 11-3 p.m. Pot luck lunch, so bring your favorite dish. A tour of Pioneer Patriot Patrick Porter's gravesite near Dungannon is planned, along with visiting Samuel Porter Cemetery in the Stinking Creek community. More information: Carol Lafferty @ 606-776-2126 or Bill Porter @ 276-395-6288.

Food City Store No. 471 Annual Relay For Life Car Show 2009

Food City, Store No. 471 Annual Relay for Life Car

Show 2009, University Drive, Prestonsburg. Trophies will be given away for Best of Show; Best Chevy; Best Ford; Best GM; Best Mopar; Best Truck; Best Classic; Best Paint; Best Motor; Best Interior; and Top 20 Trophies awarded according to the highest score.

Date: Saturday, June 27
Rain date: Sunday, June 28 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Judging time: 1:30 p.m.
Registration fee: \$20
For questions, please contact Food City No. 471, Pharmacy Dept., (606) 889-9572, ext. 0.
There will be concessions, foods/drinks, and door prizes.

Volunteering for Hospice Informational Session

There will be a Volunteering for Hospice Informational Session on Tuesday, June 30, from 6-7 p.m., at the Floyd County Library. Anyone interested in volunteering for Hospice of the Bluegrass is invited to attend. The session is free and refreshments will be served. To register for the informational session or for more information, please call Paula Spradlin at (606) 437-3700 or (877) 807-3054; or by email at: pspradlin@hospice-bg.org

Vacation Bible School to be held June 22-26

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church. Phone: 478-2532.

2009 PHS Varsity 9th Annual Football Cheer Clinic

Saturday, August 15 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cheer Fundamentals w/ a "Game Plan" emphasis, refreshments, t-shirt, cheer pre-game at the first home game on Friday, August 21. Prestonsburg Blackcats vs. Belfry Pirates
Fee: \$25 All Summer Camp attendees receive a \$5 discount.

Wayland High School Class of 1959 Reunion

The Wayland High School Class of 1959 will celebrate its 50th Class Reunion on July 25, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. The reunion will be held in Mtg. Room No. 4, at 1 p.m.; dinner will be from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. in a reserved dining room (downstairs from the main lobby). Make a special effort to attend this 50th class reunion with former classmates!!

13th Annual Railroad Reunion is set for Saturday, June 27

The 13th Annual Railroad reunion located at Grace Baptist Church in Shelbiana, will be held Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. Please bring a covered dish!

Pratt Family Reunion Saturday, June 27

The Descendants of Celia and Henry Pratt will hold a reunion on Saturday, June 27, at the old Maytown School lunchroom. If traveling west on Route 80, turn right at the Maytown-Langley Exit, onto Route 777, cross bridge and turn left at second street. Look for signs. If traveling east on Route 80, turn left at the Maytown-Langley Exit, onto Route 777, cross bridge and turn left at second street. Look for signs. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Meats, bread, drinks, and dinnerware will be provided. Lunch-room is reserved all day. Bring a side dish, dessert or specialty. Come early—stay late. We have access to playground, horseshoes and volleyball. Also, we can use the gym from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact: Larue Pratt Laferty, 606-785-3045; Loretta Pratt Hackworth, 606-886-3928; Ellazene Pratt Ritchie, 606-378-8871; Shilda Pratt Lawson, 734-721-7608; Elbert Darrell Pratt, 606-358-2315; Jimmy Harold Pratt, 606-358-4083; Julia Pratt Jones, 606-285-3179 femjo@bellsouth.net; Patsy Pratt Anderson, 859-

271-4743.

Mathias Hughes & Lydia Margaret Baldridge Family Reunion

The family and their descendants of Linda E. Hughes (m) Jake Marsillett; Mary Darcus Hughes (m) John Wright; Sarah (Sally) Hughes (m) James Marsillett; John Malcolm Hughes (m) Sally Johnson; James (Jim) Henery Hughes (m) Ida Marsillett, will be held September 6, starting at 10 a.m., at the home of Delmer and Dearl Faye Holbrook, 143 Holbrook Hollow Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, phone 606-886-8481.

Summer Camps For Kids at The Auxier Center

The Auxier Center located at 21 South Street, Auxier, have the following camps:

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June 15-19: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
July 6-10: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

QUILTING CAMP
July 27-31: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Shelby Valley High School Class of 1999 reunion

Shelby Valley High School Class of 1999 is still looking for missing classmates. Reunion is scheduled for June 27 at Landmark Inn with a picnic on June 28. RSVP by May 31st to: drkristincompton@gmail.com on facebook under groups, or call Diana Compton at the high school at 606-639-0033.

Pike County RAM expedition

Pike County RAM Expedition (Free medical, dental and vision services to the uninsured, underinsured, or those who cannot afford services). June 27 and 28 at Pike County Central High School (1901 US Hwy. 119 N 41501). Doors open at 6 a.m.,

first come, first served. Call (606) 432-6246.

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1969 will hold a class reunion on September 5, at Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge. Dinner will be from 6 p.m., till 8 p.m., in the dining room in lower level. The reunion will be upstairs behind check-in desk at lobby, from 5 till 11:30 p.m. Hope everyone will be able to attend.

P.S. If reservations are needed, the number for May Lodge is 1-800-325-0142.

Betsy Layne High School class reunions, Sat., June 20

Betsy Layne High School Reunion classes of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s will be Saturday, June 20th. Call for additional information, Joe

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Ten Years Ago

June 18 and 23, 1999

A patient's refusal to take a bath may cost the Floyd County Health Department its home health services. The Department of Health and Human Service's Division of Medicaid announced, this week, it is terminating its medicare provider contract with the health department's home health agency, effective July 3.

After a long executive session, Monday night, the Prestonsburg City Council announced that it was terminating the contract of Mountain Arts Center program director, Greg Crum, who has been with the Kentucky Opry since the early 1990s, and with the MAC since its opening two-and-a-half years ago. However, on Tuesday, the MAC management commission decided to retain Crum, and voted to hire Keith Caudill as interim director.

The Beaver Elkhorn Water District voted to request merger with the Mud Creek Water District during its Wednesday afternoon meeting. In recent meetings, various groups have recommended this action.

In the wake of an audit report critical of Prestonsburg Community College management, and the college president's announcement that she is leaving, survey of employees has been released, purporting to assess the campus climate.

Antoine Stone (whose birth name is Tony Edward Stacy) of Michigan, formerly of this area, pleaded guilty in April to being behind in payments by more than \$40,000 in support of his four children who live in Martin. He was sentenced to a one-year prison term by Judge Danny Caudill in Floyd County Circuit Court last week.

Author Billy C. Clark will receive the Appalachian Treasure Award during Morehead State University's 23rd annual Appalachian Celebration next week. Clark, a Catlettsburg native, and one of the state's most distinguished writers, will receive the award at the event's opening reception, Sunday.

The Floyd County Public Health Department is sponsoring Men's Health Day today, (Friday, June 18).

A stack of water pipes was a welcome sight to the residents of Bill Hall Branch in McDowell. Beaver Elkhorn Water District will soon begin installing the pipes and furnishing water to this area of McDowell.

A Floyd County grand jury, Monday, indicted Larry Michael Shepherd, 24, of Hunter on criminal counts, ranging from stalking to assault. He is charged with stalking Heather Case, in violation of a protective order, and for assaulting her by knocking her down, choking her, and striking her with a gun.

By virtue of a newly-created position, Floyd County has a third circuit judge. Governor Paul Patton has appointed attorney Julie M. Paxton of Prestonsburg, to the new position of judge for Family District Court. Summer started on Monday and the Kentucky Opry's new summer season starts Friday. Touting a start to the completion of Governor Bert Combs' vision of 40 years ago, Governor Paul Patton was in Prestonsburg Monday, with other state and local officials, to break ground for the widening of KY 114.

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Janet R. Stumbo, with deep Floyd County roots, was inducted into the University of Kentucky College of Law Hall of Fame last week.

In a rather routine meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court last Friday, water was the topic on Joyce Reffett's mind. Reffett who lives on Pitts Fork at Pyramid, wanted to know why water lines being laid in that area did not extend to the end of the road.

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn spent part of his Father's Day confiscating marijuana plants from the residence of Leslie Conn on Mud Creek at Grethel.

Highlands Regional Medical Center and the Health Care and Social Service Union (SEIU) are trying to reach a collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that will expire next month.

There died: Lenore Crisp Welch, 58, of Johnson City, Illinois, formerly of Floyd County, May 31, at home; Lois Hughes Turner, 78, of Spring City, Tennessee, formerly of Wayland, Tuesday, June 15, at Parkcrest Hospital, Knoxville; Charles T. Turner, 82, of Wayland, Wednesday, June 16, at the ARH Regional Medical Center at Hazard; Florence Newsome, 73, of Ligon, Monday, June 21, at her residence; Audrey Faye Garrett, 77, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, June 19, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; James V. Allen, 75, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Wayland, Friday, June 11, at his home; Cloye Green Mollette, 58, of Crestline, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, Saturday, June 19, at her residence; Linda Tucker, 51, of Hi Hat, Thursday, June 17, at the

McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Melvina Scott, 76, of Langley, Saturday, June 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg; Otis Goble, 94, of Corn Fork, Prestonsburg, Thursday, June 17, at his residence; Berlin Johnson Jr., 64, of Wayland, Thursday, June 17, at Parkway Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Pikeville; Frank Smith Jr., 39, of Lambric, a native of McDowell, Thursday, June 17, at his residence; Curtis Billy Hohenecker, 57, of Ivel, Wednesday, June 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Trimble Ratliff, 93, of Pikeville, June 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Marie Paul, 72, of Belleview, Ohio, a Floyd County native, Monday, June 21, at Belleview Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

June 21, 1989

An all-male jury convicted B.H. Vanover, 50, of bigamy, and recommended a one-year jail term for the Melvin man.

Heavy rains caused damage to highways and bridges throughout Floyd County last week.

The Big Sandy Regional Airport, touted as a model of cooperation and progress, has been on idle since its completion about three years ago, but the facility may get in gear if plans fly for an access road.

The Floyd Chamber of Commerce is taking a regional focus as development plans continue.

There died: Robert Click, 80, of Manton, June 14, at his residence; Stella Collins, 68, of Minnie, June 15, at McDowell ARH; Faye Combs, 69, of Fruitland Park, Florida, June 9, at her residence; Otto Horn, 67, of East Point, June 15, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Capt. Gerald Edwin Gibson, 30, of Ft. Meade, Maryland, June 16, at his residence; Allen Kidd, 79, of Dana, June 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Alvin Dewey Martin, 91, of Allen, June 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Geneva Salisbury, 62, of Hunter, June 15, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Wilma "Jean" Saunders, 54, of Lorain, Ohio, June 17, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ohio; Former sports editor of the Floyd County Times, Henry Charles "Chuck" Spradlin, 77, June 13, at Clearwater Community Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(June 20, 1979)

The stream channelization project at Martin, which has been funded for nine years by Congress, is viewed as a critical need by the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection. It was recommended that the Floyd County Fiscal Court apply for further funding through the flooding abatement program.

The review of the Floyd County school system's \$660,000 deficit, at the beginning of the current school year, was heard in an informal meeting in Frankfort, last Tuesday.

The trial of Richard Scott, one of two Pike County men charged with the holdup of the Alpike Motel near Allen, is scheduled to begin in Circuit Court, here, today.

The Big Sandy Health Council voted, last Thursday, to pass on to its parent body, without recommendation, applications for additional hospital facilities submitted by HRMC and Paintsville.

Kentucky Housing Corporation announced that the state agency would negotiate with Mountain Investment to buy the large part of Wheelwright that it owns.

There died: Genevieve Newman, 39, of Hi Hat, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert Martin Goble, 55, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Lona Thomsberry Fields, 55, at her home at Kite, Knott County; Lem Gayheart, 79, of East Point, Sunday, at McDowell Hospital; Rana Frasure Case, 81, of McArthur, Ohio, formerly of Langley; Emma Lou Pigman, 48, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Eastern; Bill Perry, 82, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Riverview Manor Home; Lizzie Coburn, 77, of Garrett, Tuesday, at her home; Juanita O. Elson, 71, of Miami, Fla., formerly of Floyd County.

Forty Years Ago

(June 19, 1969)

Troy L. Webb, 70, well-known Garrett man, died at his home there Saturday afternoon.

The farm pond of Earl and Gordon Moore at

(See YESTERDAYS, page five)

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From left: Cherry Salsa With Star Crisps, A Star of a Salad, Mixed Green Salad With Northwest Cherries, Almonds & Goat Cheese

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FAMILY FEATURES

A Star of a Salad

Makes about 12 servings

- 1 box (16 ounces) orzo
- 3 cups diced cooked chicken breast or turkey breast
- 1 1/2 cups diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 cups pitted Northwest Red or Rainier cherries, quartered

Line Star Pan with plastic wrap. Prepare orzo following package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water.

In large bowl, combine orzo, chicken, bell pepper and shallots. In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, honey, mustard, salt, thyme and black pepper. Pour over orzo mixture; mix well. Gently stir in cherries. Pack into prepared pan. Chill at least 1 hour. To serve, place serving platter over star pan. Carefully turn over to release salad; remove plastic wrap.

Cherry Salsa With Star Crisps

Makes about 4 cups salsa

- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 cups pitted Northwest cherries, quartered
- 1/3 cup finely diced sweet red bell pepper
- 1/3 cup finely diced purple onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro

In medium bowl, place crushed red pepper. Stir in boiling water; let stand at least 10 minutes. Stir in lime juice, vinegar, sugar, salt and cinnamon. Add cherries, bell pepper and onion; gently stir. Let stand 30 minutes. Stir in cilantro and serve. Serve with Star Crisps.

Star Crisps

Makes 10 to 15 crisps

- 2 packages pocket pita breads (6 inch or larger)
- Olive or vegetable oil
- Coarsely ground salt and pepper (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Using 2.4-inch or 3.23-inch star cutter, press and cut shapes from pita; pull apart into two pieces. Arrange on ungreased cookie sheet. Brush with oil. If desired, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake 5 to 10 minutes or until lightly browned and crisp.

Mixed Green Salad With Northwest Cherries, Almonds & Goat Cheese

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1/4 cup pitted Bing cherries
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 pound (about 8 cups) mixed salad greens, washed, dried, and chilled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup Bing or other dark Northwest cherries, split in half and pitted
- 1 log (4 ounces) fresh white goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 cup glazed sliced almonds*

In blender or food processor fitted with steel blade, purée 1/4 cup cherries, vinegar and oil until smooth; set dressing aside.

In large bowl, gently toss greens with dressing. Add salt and pepper. Sprinkle with 1 cup cherries, goat cheese and almonds; toss gently. Serve immediately.

*Found pre-packaged in the produce section of most supermarkets.

Celebrate the Fourth!

Dine outdoors and serve a fabulous make-ahead menu.

Star-Studded Starter

Start with a sassy salsa of in-season sweet, plump Northwest cherries paired with peppers, onion and cilantro! Serve cracker-like crisps — cut from pita breads using star-shaped cookie cutters — for dipping.

Salads Make the Meal

Toss orzo, chicken and sweet cherries with red wine vinaigrette and pack into a star-shaped pan. Chill and then turn out onto a platter for serving. Add a simple mixed green salad topped with glazed almonds, creamy goat cheese and fresh, antioxidant-rich cherries.

Dazzling Dessert Trio

Swirls of red, white and blue candy bark, a giant cupcake adorned with stars and stripes, and luscious frozen cherry cream atop a brownie shell create a perfect patriotic finish to enjoy with the fireworks finale.

Visit www.nwcherries.com for cherry recipes and information about storage, purchasing, nutrition and health.

Check www.wilton.com for more celebration ideas and recipes, plus bakeware, books and decorating supplies.

Red, White and Blue Bark

Each piece serves 1

- 1 package (14 ounces) White Candy Melts
- 1 package (14 ounces) Red Candy Melts
- 1 package (14 ounces) Blue Candy Melts
- Cinnamon drop sprinkles or crushed peppermint pinwheel candies

Line cookie pan with parchment paper.

Melt each package of Candy Melts following package instructions. Spoon candy into prepared pan distributing colors randomly. Tap pan on counter to remove air bubbles; with spoon or butter knife, marble candy in pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon drops or crushed peppermint candies. Chill until firm, about 10 minutes.

Remove parchment from pan; break candy into smaller serving pieces.

America's Star Cupcake

Makes 12 servings

- 6 cups of your favorite pound cake batter
- 3 cups buttercream icing
- Red-Red and Royal Blue icing color
- Patriotic nonpareils
- 2 packages Patriotic Stars icing decorations

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Giant Cupcake Pan cavities with vegetable pan spray with flour.

Pour 3 1/2 cups batter into base/bottom half of pan and 2 1/2 cups batter into top part of pan. Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool in pan 20 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely.

Stack cake layers on serving plate with icing between layers. Decorate sides of cupcake with lines of red and blue Decorating Tip #18 stars. Cover cupcake top with white icing using Decorating Tip #1M stars. Sprinkle with nonpareils; attach icing decorations.

Black Forest Brownie With Frozen Cherry Cream

Makes about 6 servings

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 pound (about 4 cups) individually quick-frozen cherries
- 1 1/2 quarts vanilla ice cream, softened
- 2 packages (about 15 ounces each) brownie mix (8 x 8-inch size)
- Eggs, water and oil to prepare mix
- Vanilla Whipped Icing or whipped topping
- Whole Bing cherries, for garnish

In medium bowl, combine sugar, water, lemon juice and extract; stir until sugar is dissolved. Place in freezer until slushy, about 1 1/2 hours.

In food processor fitted with grater attachment, grate frozen cherries. Immediately whisk into slushy sugar syrup. Cover with plastic wrap or place in airtight container. Freeze 2 to 3 hours or until mixture is a soft serve consistency. Fold in ice cream; freeze 8 hours or overnight.

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Dessert Shell Pan with vegetable pan spray. In large bowl, prepare brownie mix following package instructions; spoon 1/2 the batter into cavities of prepared pan.

Bake 35 to 38 minutes or until brownies test done. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove from pan and cool completely. Repeat with remaining batter.

Place cooled brownie dessert shell on plate; add scoop of cherry ice cream mixture; add whipped icing and cherry to garnish.



From left: Red, White and Blue Bark, America's Star Cupcake, Black Forest Brownie With Frozen Cherry Cream

BSCTC employees hold annual retreat at OSCAR Center

OIL SPRINGS -- Big Sandy Community & Technical College held their annual Staff Retreat at the OSCAR Center in Johnson County.

The Oscar Center is housed in the old Oil Springs School and is a community based arts and heritage center that is managed by the Johnson County Extension Office and the community. The center's mission is to provide education to the public about arts and crafts as well as promote the history of Oil Springs and Johnson County.

Forty-six employees turned out for the retreat with a good mix from each of Big Sandy Community and Technical College campuses. The theme of the retreat was "Preserving Our Heritage- A Day at the Oscar". Six of the OSCAR Centers' artists were on hand to demonstrate how to do such things as pottery, quilling, mural painting and making stained glass.

"It was great to host the Big Sandy Community and Technical College's 2009 Retreat at the OSCAR! It was hard to pack all the fun activities in between the artists, the history, the food, games, drama and classes, but they somehow made it all happen in one day" said Brenda Cockerham, Johnson County extension agent for family and consumer sciences.



Quilling, an art form, old yet new to many in our area, was a highlight at the retreat.

Several of the staff were able to participate in the pottery making and quilling. Two UK Extension Office employees from Johnson County, Brenda Cockerham and Brian Jeffers, presented very interesting workshops on vegetable gardening and canning. David Pelphrey also gave an enlightening presentation on how our ancestors used the phases of the moon and signs to plan their gardening

and harvesting. After lunch Rusty Justice, a member of the Big Sandy Board, gave the keynote presentation about the history of our area and the way that eastern Kentucky was settled.

The afternoon was spent playing some old fashion country games. Casey Music ran away with the sack race. Casey also won the basketball knock-out game that was held in the old gymnasium. The

cornhole contest was won by Debbie King with some stiff competition from Angie Burton. The water balloon toss was very entertaining and wet for several people, especially Dianna Mollette leaving Bryen Goble and Dale Charles to win the hotly contested balloon toss. The three legged race was won by Melissa Ramsey and Kayla Hensley. We had five entries in the apple pie baking contest and Teresa McCoart won the blue ribbon for her pie making abilities.

The Staff Council was able to procure enough door prizes so that everyone attending won something even an indoor/outdoor George Foreman Grill. The Staff Council plans and coordinates the staff retreat but we could not do it without the help of several people and of course Dr Edwards who has always been a big supporter of the retreat.



Mr. James Mercer and Ms. Sandra Mercer, of Pikeville, are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter, Courtney LeAnne, to James Alex DeRossett, son of Mr. Gerald DeRossett and the late Mrs. Katie DeRossett, of Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is a graduate of Phelps High School, Pikeville College, and Morehead State University. She is employed by the Pike County Board of Education. The future groom is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, Eastern Kentucky University, and Union College. He is employed by the Floyd County Board of Education. The wedding celebration will be held at 4:30 p.m. on June 27, at the Pikeville First Baptist Church in Pikeville. The custom of open church will be observed. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will reside in Prestonsburg.

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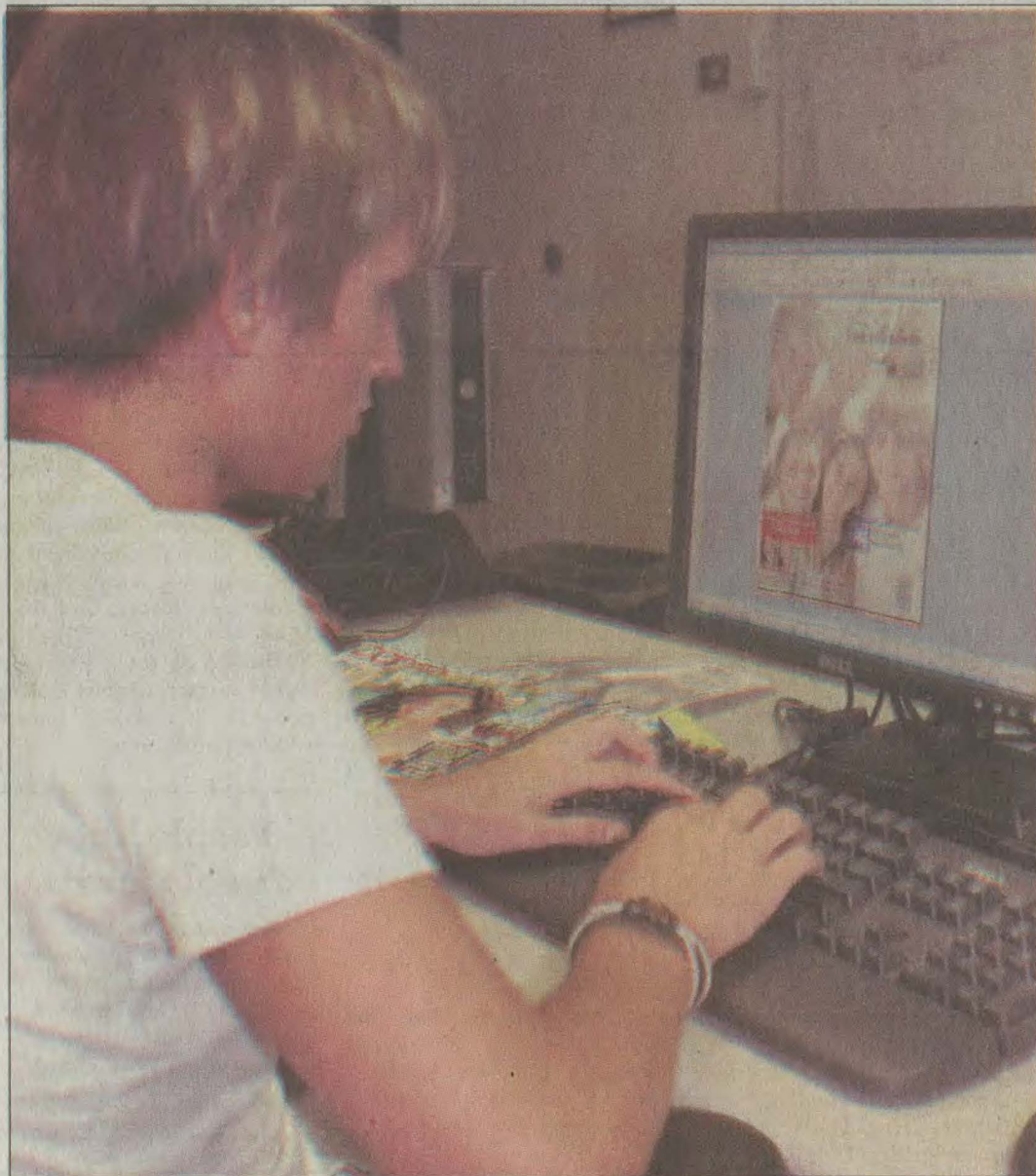
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Brandon Jarrett, a student at Sheldon Clark High School, works on his "My Magazine" project in a desktop publishing class. Jarrett and more than a hundred other students from Pike, Floyd and Martin counties are on the campus of Pikeville College for the annual Upward Bound summer program. Students are attending classes designed to encourage a hands-on approach to learning, including Mad Money, Appalachian issues, marketing, sociology and Japanese. The Upward Bound summer program is designed to expose students to not only the college atmosphere, but also to enrich their life with cultural experiences. The program also helps participants reach their educational goals throughout the academic year during our monthly seminars. "Over the past 30 years Pikeville College Upward Bound has motivated over 75 percent of its graduating seniors to pursue higher education and I'm convinced the families and the region are stronger as a result," said Russ McIntosh, director of Pike County Upward Bound. Upward Bound is a federally funded TRIO program that provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for postsecondary education. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete high school and enroll in and graduate from an institution of postsecondary education such as a college, university, technical school, or the military. Also on campus are students from Mingo County's Upward Bound program.



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