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In brief

Mongiat speaks colon ca

On Thursday, Dr. Daniel Mongiat helped lead the charge towards greater standing for one of Kentucky's most and least discussed cancer: colon ca.

At the Veterans Hospital in Louisville this morning, the Lieutenant Governor filmed a public service video about his experience with colon cancer to be used to increase awareness statewide. In the video, the Lieutenant Governor discussed the importance of early detection, risk assessment testing and the need for widespread attentiveness to this often overlooked disease.

The Lieutenant Governor's interview is part of a collaborative effort on the part of both public and non-profit entities to educate Kentuckians about the prevalence of colon cancer. The Commonwealth recently adopted legislation requiring insurers to cover screening tests for Kentuckians at risk for colorectal cancer. As of January 1, 2009, Senate Bill 96 requires that all health benefit plans cover colorectal cancer screening examinations for individuals in accordance with the American Cancer Society guidelines. All individuals who are 50 years old or older are covered, as well as younger individuals who are at a higher risk for colorectal cancer due to family history or a preexisting condition.

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## County still waiting for coal tax money

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — According to statistics relating to Floyd County's coal severance tax projects, there are still several projects throughout the county which are at a standstill because the proper information has yet to be submitted.

Denise Thomas, project developer with the Big Sandy Area Development District, provided members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court with charts Friday outlining a total of 11 projects for which no "scope of work or bud-

gets" had been offered and another two for which they had not been contacted about at all.

"They've all been contacted and we have requested scope of work and budgets' details but haven't received anything," Thomas said.

These items must be submitted in the form of disbursement requests in order for the coal severance money to be allotted for the individual projects.

The projects include ball park improvements for the city of Allen, funding for the Left Beaver Rescue Squad, a vehicle for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, equipment and

improvements for the Disabled American Veterans Post 5833's development for a veteran's memorial and a World War II and Korean memorial.

In addition, Thomas is awaiting word back on details for improvements to Drift Park, repair, upkeep and maintenance for Mountain Top Recreational, new development for Mud Creek Park and funding for Right Beaver Area Park, as well as improvements and funding for little league operations and renovations and repairs for Wheelwright Swimming Pool.

Also, the Floyd County Library have not contacted Big Sandy ADD

members about two coal severance earmarks — a bookmobile purchase and funding for Minnie Branch Library.

These 13 projects total more than \$1.5 million, according to the figures provided by Thomas Friday.

"It's crazy," said Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley. "If you told me there was money out there for badly needed projects, I'd be doing everything I could to get it."

County officials said Friday they would begin the process of helping to inform the various entities who had yet to provide the development district with the information needed.

## CHARTING A COURSE

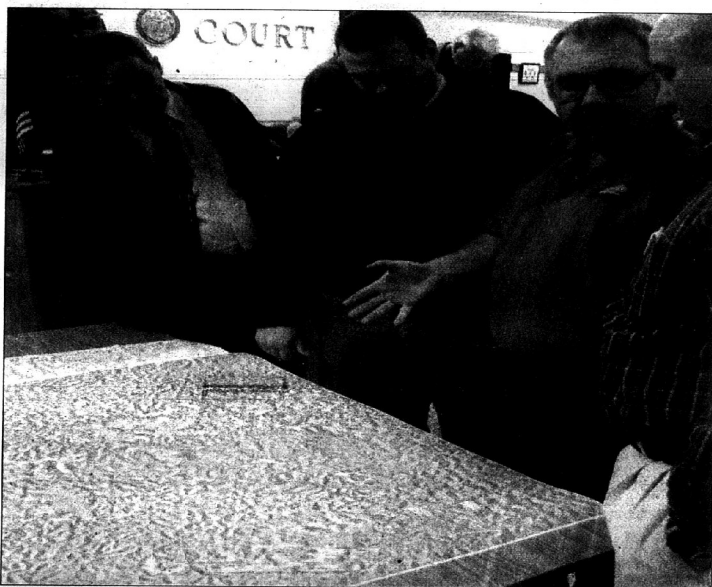


photo by Sheldon Compton  
Jimmy Goble, far right, discusses a map displaying horse trails within Floyd County with Magistrate Donnie Daniels, second from left, as Keith Bartley, far left, looks on. The county is working to expand horse trails around Dewey Lake in the near future to boost the local economy.

## County sees money in horse trail system

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — County officials passed several resolutions Friday morning aimed at kick-starting work for a trails project they say could be an economic windfall.

Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and fiscal court magistrates signed off to pay Summit Engineering for having developed a master plan. The company did so for the Dewey Lake Trail Development Project.

The county will pay Summit a total of \$19,800 for the master plan, officials said Friday. A large portion of that amount — \$15,840 — could be covered by an LGEDF (Local Government

Economic Development Fund) grant the county applied for Friday.

The county voted to apply for the grant on Oct. 29, 2007, for the purpose of developing the horse trail.

Several horse riding enthusiasts, including Denzil Allen and Jimmy Goble, spoke with Marshall and others Friday, expressing their belief that a trail system expanded from the current trail could bring thousands of people and even more potential dollars.

The general plan is to form a looping 56-mile-long trail around Jenny Wiley State Resort Park carrying over to German Bridge, with connecting access to the Equine Center and the the-

atre and other spots. This would be accomplished by opening up access to some existing trails through agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and also by creating new trails, said Melanie Stevens, project developer with the Big Sandy Area Development District, which is helping the county apply for grants to fund the project.

When all the work is complete, the ride would encompass two days of hard riding, according to officials, which is to say the ride could easily be stretched to three days.

As often happens when talks of trails begin in the area, con-

(See TRAILS, page three)

## Cruelty charge filed after dog shot

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

BANNER — A Banner woman has been charged with second-degree cruelty to animals after her neighbor filed a complaint this week.

Juanita Bevins, of Banner, filed a complaint with the county attorney's office Jan. 18 saying her neighbor, 24-year-old Charlee Mullins, shot her dog the day before.

According to the charges against Mullins, filed Friday in Floyd District Court, Bevins says the Orchard Branch resident shot her dog with a shotgun while it was beside the road.

"She (Mullins) said my son's dog had bit her daughter," Bevins said. "But there were no marks on her or anything. When the dog was shot, it wasn't even in her yard."

Bevins reported that shotgun pellets were embedded in the dog's legs.

"In the time it took her to load that gun and then shoot my son's dog, why didn't she come talk to us about it before she done this?" said Bevins.

Bevins said after she discovered the dog, she contacted state police officers who advised her to file a criminal complaint.

Photographs taken of the dog on the day Bevins said it was shot show a visible wound on the back of the animal's legs. Additional photographs taken within days after the incident show the deterioration of the muscles and what appears to be a portion of the leg bone protruding from the torn muscles.

"The vet said the dog is probably going to have to have it's leg amputated," continued Bevins. "I just don't understand why anybody would do this. I want to find a way to keep this from happening."

A criminal summons was served on Mullins Friday on one count of second-degree cruelty to animals. Mullins will now be required to appear in court on Feb. 25 to answer to the charge.



This photograph provided by Juanita Bevins shows the condition of her dog's leg shortly after she said a neighbor, Charlee Mullins, shot it after claiming the animal had bitten one of her children.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Virginia Mae Case, 86, of Gretna, died Monday, January 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Diana Lynn Duncan, 44, of Hudson, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, January 14, while at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Duncan Jr. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 18, under the direction of Valdesse Family Care, Valdesse, North Carolina.

Elder Troy Hall, of Somerset, formerly of Allen, died Saturday, January 17, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, in Somerset. He is survived by his wife, Stella Branhiam Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Elzie Winston Harless, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 17, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Doris J. Hopper, 79, of Hanging Rock, a Wayland native, died Wednesday, January 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Vic Hopper Sr. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home.

Willie "Red" Howell, 79, of Wayland, died Friday, January 16, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Laura Margaret Gray Howell. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Wanda Sue Jones, 66, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Blanche R. Martin, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday,

January 6, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Donna Mae McKinney, 34, of Harold, died Thursday, January 15, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, January 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Sherman Mullins, 59, of Wecksbury, died Tuesday, January 7, at McDowell A.R.H. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 11, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

Joyce (Hatfield) Petty, of Hillsdale, Michigan, a McDowell native, died Saturday, January 17, at home. A private celebration of her life was held at The El Bethel Church of Hillsdale, Michigan.

Melissa Ann Shepherd, 42, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 16, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, January 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Opal Salisbury Spurlock, 83, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, January 15, at the Winchester Center for Health & Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Chris Winfree Tufts, 82, of Wayland, died Friday, January 9, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Tufts. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## PIKE COUNTY

Darrell Thomas "Baby Red" Adkins, 52, of McCarr, died Sunday, January 18, 2009, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Lockard Adkins. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 22, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Marcel "Granny" Blackburn, 81, of Swokeys Creek, died Wednesday, January 21, at Rockcastle Hospital, Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Elna Mae Chaney Blankenship, 59, of Kimper, died Wednesday, January 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Shirley Blankenship, 53, of Phelps, died Wednesday, January 22, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 25, at 1 p.m., under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Deloris Burgess, 58, of Lexington, died Tuesday, January 13, at St. Joseph East Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Glenn Burgess. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Alfred Chaney, 78, of Hellier, died Sunday, January 18, at Mountain View Nursing Home, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, under the direction of Huber Funeral Home.

Morrell Compton, 89, of Bonnyman, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 17, at Northside Nursing Home, Louisville. Funeral services were held Monday, January 19, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Edna Goff, 83, of Pisgah Forest, N.C., a Pike County

native, died Wednesday, January 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, January 16, under the direction of Moody-Connelly Funeral Home, Brevard, N.C.

Michael Hall, 48, of Virgie, died Monday, January 19, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 22, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Thomas E. Hylton, 65, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, January 21, at Fayette Memorial Hospital, Washington Courthouse, Ohio. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 25, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Dakota Dwight William James, 5, the son of Julius James and Janice Renee Bowling of Bowling, Fork, Elkhorn City, died Saturday, January 17, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

McKinley "Buddy" McCoy, 71, of Brushy, died Thursday, January 15, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Rozetta Young McCoy. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 18, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Jimmy Dale Potter, 65, of Dorton, died Saturday, January 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Frances Hall Potter. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Bernice K. Smith, 80, of Onitesse, a native of Ontario, Tennessee, died Friday, January 15, at her home. A memorial service was planned for a later date. Arrangements, under the direction of West-Marley Funeral Home.

Maketa Newton Tackett, 84, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, January 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Troy Lee Tackett, 69, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Elsie Marie Honeycutt Bales, 73, of Van Lear, died Sunday, January 18, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Charles Banks. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Carrie M. Davis, 82, of Lima, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, January 18, at Lima Memorial Health System. She is survived by her husband, Willard Davis. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 22, under the direction of Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home.

Parnell Ferguson, 80, of Omaha, a native of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, January 20. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ferguson. Funeral services were held Friday, January 23, under the direction of the John A. Gentlemen Mortuaries in Omaha.

Katherine Fitch Hitchcock, 66, of Paintsville, died Monday, January 19, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Arrangements, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Kathleen Herman Kerns, 67, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, December 19, 2008. A private service was held under the direction of

Schoedinger Chapel East of Columbus, Ohio.

Kenton Randall Gage LeMaster, newborn son of Randall "Randy" Lemaster and Brittany Hicks Hurt of Hager Hill, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sandra Powers, 57, of Thelma, died Saturday, January 17, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Charles E. "Buddy" Powers. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Chris Wade Rowe, 74, of Flat Gap, died Sunday, January 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Joan M. LaBarge Rowe. Arrangements, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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## LAWRENCE COUNTY

Della Kathryn "Mamaw" Arrington, 90, of Blaine, died Sunday, January 18, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 21, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

George A. Wellman, 94, of Prichard, a Louisa native, died Wednesday, January 21, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. A graveside service was held Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Eileen McLean Blair, 60, of Red Fox, died December 18, 2008, at Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Hindman.

Ballard Boggs, 67, of Emmalena, died Tuesday, January 12, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alma Casebolt, 95, of Larkslane, died Sunday, January 18, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 21, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Morton Combs, 96, of Carr Creek, died Thursday, January 8, in his home. He is survived by his wife, Dale Smith Combs. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jewel Fields, 78, of Hamilton, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, January 6, at Hospice of Hamilton. Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, under the direction of Webb-Nonnan Funeral Home.

Verna Mae Stone, 94, of Hindman, died Monday, January 5, at Hindman. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rachel Stacy, 80, of Ary, died Thursday, January 8, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

## MARTIN COUNTY

JAMES Michael (Mike) Bailey, 55, of Lovely, formerly of Louisville, died Thursday, January 15, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 18, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lillian Bowman, 55, of Inez, died Friday, January 16, at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband, Stephen Bowman. Funeral services were held Monday, January 19, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Grant W. Chaffin, 87, of Crown City, Ohio, a native of Hode, died Monday, January 12, at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Cyrus Chaffin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Proctorville, Ohio.

Lydia (Perry) Preece, 93, of Oceana, West Virginia, formerly of Martin County, died Saturday, January 17, at the Assisted Living Facility in London, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Luther E. Preece. Funeral services were held Friday, January 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Herbert Ward Triplett, 70, of Citra, Florida, died Wednesday, January 14, in Ocala, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Hilogene Triplett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 20, under the direction of Knauff Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Samantha Bays, 49, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 21. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Penny Preston Ritchie, 61, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 21. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## Obituaries

### Audrey Gayheart

Audrey Gayheart, 61, of Beaver, died Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 15, 1947, in Beaver, he was the son of the late Earl and Ida Reynolds Gayheart. He was a general laborer.

Survivors include three sons: Timothy A. Gayheart and Audrey Scott Gayheart, both of Martin; and Kenny Joe Gayheart of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Crystal Gayle Ward of Martin; a brother, Glennis Gayheart of Beaver; a sister, Wanda Gearheart of Beaver; and three grandchildren: Jakob, Landon and Kagan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Cecil Gayheart; and a sister, Bitty Little.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 25, at 1 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teabery, with William Jarrell and ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Gearheart Cemetery, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation, after 6 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home; and 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

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# Governor, AG announce results of price-gouging investigation

Attorney General Jack Conway and Gov. Steve Beshear announced Thursday the results of the gas price-gouging investigation that occurred in the wake of Hurricane Ike and the subsequent windstorm in Kentucky. The investigation resulted in settlements totaling \$107,500 with eight retail stations in seven different Kentucky communities.

"Many of us were shocked and outraged by the scope of the price increases, and on Sept. 12 we decided they merited a closer look," said Governor Beshear.

On September 12, even before Hurricane Ike made landfall, the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Governor received dozens of calls from consumers across the Commonwealth reporting that gas prices had spiked up to \$4.59 at some retail stations. We later saw prices increase as high as \$4.99 in some locations. There were also widespread news reports that stations in the southeastern

United States could possibly run out of gasoline if Hurricane Ike damaged refineries along the Gulf Coast. At one point, the Office of the Attorney General received so many consumer calls that phone service was temporarily disrupted.

"Working with Gov. Beshear, we were able to act quickly to protect consumers," General Conway said. "Because of our proactive efforts, retailers were put on notice that price gouging would not be tolerated and would be investigated. In most cases, we saw gas prices stabilize within 24 to 48 hours."

Gov. Beshear, at the request of General Conway, declared a state of emergency on Sept. 12 and triggered the provision under Kentucky statute that gives the attorney general the authority to investigate claims of price gouging. A gas price complaint hotline and email address were set up to quickly and efficiently process consumer complaints. In the week following the disaster declaration, the Office of the Attorney General received nearly 2,000

phone calls and emails from consumers.

"I encouraged consumers to be our eyes and ears throughout the Commonwealth to help us crack down on any retailers who might be trying to take advantage of Kentucky consumers," General Conway said. "They responded by providing us with valuable evidence that included digital photos and receipts."

Investigators reviewed all of the complaints and sent subpoenas to retailers who had multiple complaints. Those subpoenas included requests for wholesale and retail price data. Based on the information obtained from the subpoenas, investigators determined that some retailers had a profit margin during the one-week period after the disaster declaration of up to \$1.00 per gallon.

"I fully support the success of Kentucky businesses, but some retailers had a profit margin particularly when it comes to indispensable products like fuel for our cars," said Gov. Beshear.

Five of the retail stations

were owned by Pilot Travel Centers, LLC. The stores are located in Corbin, Williamsburg, Middlesboro, Franklin and Oak Grove. Pilot has agreed to pay \$100,000 as part of the settlement. Krnal, LLC, which owns the T Mart in Franklin in Simpson County has agreed to pay \$5,000 and

Mike and David #2, Inc., which owns the T-Mart in Wingo, will pay \$2,500. The fines are not an admission of wrongdoing or guilt. All of the stations have denied any wrongdoing.

The Office of the Attorney General will reimburse itself for investigative costs; howev-

er, the majority of the settlement money will be deposited into the General Fund with the hope that the General Assembly will appropriate the restitution for a transportation related purpose to benefit the drivers in the affected communities.

## Cancer

"The later colon cancer is detected, the lower the survival rate," said Lieutenant Governor Daniel Mongiardo. "Across the Commonwealth, we must not only begin to educate the public, but provide a simpler route to frequent and accessible screenings."

The Lieutenant Governor's knowledge of colon cancer not only stems from decades of experience as a medical pro-

fessional, but from personal experience. His mother, Katherine, lost her life to colon cancer at the age of 47.

Colorectal cancer — cancer of the colon and rectum — kills nearly 900 Kentuckians every year and is the second most common cause for cancer death in Kentucky. The number of Kentuckians who will die of colon cancer each year equals or exceeds the number

who die from breast cancer, cervical cancer, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis combined. However, when diagnosed early, the survival rate for colon cancer is around 90%.

For more information about how to get involved with colon cancer awareness efforts and to watch the video of the Lieutenant Governor, visit <http://www.coloncancerpreventionproject.org/>.

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## School board to have first meeting with new members

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education will hold its first meeting of the new year at May Valley Elementary on Monday, Jan. 26.

Along with being the first meeting of the board in 2009, two new board members will be participating in voting on agenda items for the first time since their election in November.

Rhonda Meade and Douglas A. Hopkins will sit in front of their respective microphones in the chairs once occupied by Carol Stumbo and Sherry Robinson. Both Stumbo and Robinson did not seek reelection for their positions on the board.

## Trails

versations turned Friday to neighboring Knott County and the success they've had with their trail system.

"They've done very good there," said Jimmy Goble. "But they definitely don't have a place to ride like we do."

There are currently two trail rides a year in Floyd County, each bringing in about 200 to 300 riders, but the rides could accommodate up to 2,000 people, Goble said. Currently there is a \$10 charge for riders.

"This could be a tremendous economic boom for Floyd County," Marshall said Friday.

However, plans for moving ahead to expand on horse trails for the county have one significant hurdle, Denzil Allen says. Allen and others have been fooballing requests and promises back and forth with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife for the past several years in attempts to get approval for the opening of additional trails without success.

"We want to designate trails so we can have a map to give to people when they come here," Allen said. "But the stumbling block has been Fish and Wildlife. They've only allowed us to designate three trails, and we've met with officials and they have said they would approve anything submitted, but they've delivered nothing they've promised."

Currently the three trails that Allen said has been approved combine for a total of just over 30 miles of trail riding.

Linking the horse trail to others around the region is also something that involved would like to see happen, but Sandy Runyon, director of the Big Sandy Area Development District says further developing the trail system in Floyd County could prove to have far more benefits than one might

Also at the meeting, the board will consider the election of chair and vice chair, and affirm the secretary and the treasurer. Jeff Stumbo, who was victorious in his bid for reelection to the board, currently serves as chair.

Before electing the chair and vice chair, the board is scheduled to enter executive session to discuss litigation, property, personnel and expulsions.

As is the case at all of the board meetings, representatives from the hosting school will be on hand to report on student work and what is taking place at the school. The board will also receive a utility report for May Valley Elementary School.

The items that the board will be dealing with on

Monday include a draft of the working budget, consideration of a shortened school day for students with special needs, consideration of a contract between the schools and the Partnership Institute for Math and Science Education Reform, consideration of the board meeting calendar for the new year, and bids for surplus furniture at the old Prestonsburg Elementary School. The board will also discuss the disposal of furniture and old textbooks where no bids were received.

The last meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education was held on Dec. 15.

Monday's meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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"The Equestrian Games are set for 2010, and this project could be completed by that time," Runyon said. "The state is looking for an area they can recommend for hosting these games. It could function as the perfect marketing tool for the trails."

Runyon also pointed out that members of the Recreation Trails Authority

were "currently looking for something they could endorse," adding that they were "willing to spend money."

In order to gain public input about the trail development, a public meeting has been scheduled. The meeting will be held on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County fiscal courthouse.

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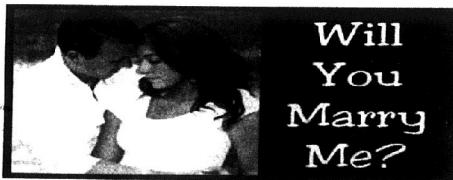
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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest View

### The journey begins

The first clue of Barack Obama's intentions came when the television cameras captured him walking down the long halls of the Capitol toward the platform where he would be inaugurated Tuesday as the nation's 44th president.

He looked like a fighter waiting for the bell, lips pressed and jaw set firmly, eyes focused straight ahead. Outside on the Capitol grounds and on the Mall stretching to the Lincoln Memorial, as many as 2 million people had gathered in celebration and billions more around the world waited for the party to begin. But Mr. Obama appeared to have turned the page already.

And so it was, after a quartet offered John Williams' riff on the Quaker hymn "Simple Gifts," ("Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be") and after a nervous Chief Justice John Roberts Jr. fumbled the inaugural oath, President Obama turned to the business at hand, delivering the most anxiously awaited inaugural address since Franklin D. Roosevelt said in 1933, "These dark days will be worth all they cost us if they teach us that our true destiny is not to be ministered unto but to minister to ourselves and to our fellow men."

Obama clearly had studied Roosevelt's First Inaugural, delivered into the teeth of the Great Depression in March 1933. This was not the inspirational rhetoric of Obama's 2004 convention speech or the inspirational rhetoric of election night, or even the measured passion of his Philadelphia speech on race.

Like Roosevelt, Obama delivered a tone poem on the subject of hard times and recovery, shocking at first in its bluntness:

"That we are in the midst of crisis is now well understood. Our nation is at war, against a far-reaching network of violence and hatred. Our economy is badly weakened, a consequence of greed and irresponsibility on the part of some, but also our collective failure to make hard choices and prepare the nation for a new age. Homes have been lost; jobs shed; businesses shuttered. Our health care is too costly; our schools fail too many; and each day brings further evidence that the ways we use energy strengthen our adversaries and threaten our planet.

"These are the indicators of crisis, subject to data and statistics. Less measurable but no less profound is a sapping of confidence across our land — a nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights."

Roosevelt spoke of "unscrupulous money changers, indicted in the courts of public opinion, rejected by the hearts and minds of men."

Obama, the conciliator, spoke in less personal terms of "petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and false dogmas, that for too long have strangled our politics," and of a cynicism that suggests America can't solve its problems:

"What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them — that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works — whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified."

Within that statement is a set of assumptions — that the country is ready to sacrifice individual gain in the pursuit of common goals — that remains to be tested. He spoke of an America "bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences or birth or wealth or faction."

Perhaps, but narrow interests and partisan politics, fueled by campaign money, have been the rule for decades. Obama argues that "restoring America" can't be achieved without changing those assumptions. He may try to go over the heads of Congress to achieve it; there's little doubt that he's prepared to do that. His White House website — and this now is a White House that understands new technology — was launched before the oath was administered.

"Our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions — that time has surely passed," he said. "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

This was an address devoted primarily to domestic concerns, but there were echoes of John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural in Obama's peroration to other nations: "And so to all other peoples and governments who are watching today, from the grandest capitals to the small village where my father was born: Know that America is a friend of each nation and every man, woman and child who seeks a future of peace and dignity, and that we are ready to lead once more."

And finally there was a call to personal responsibility that would not have been out of place in either of Ronald Reagan's inaugural addresses: "Hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and civility, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true. They

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## —Chuck Norris

### Lincoln's view of Obama's inauguration

by CHUCK NORRIS  
CREATORS SYNDICATE

With the 20-foot statue of Abraham Lincoln gazing from the Lincoln Memorial across the National Mall, I wondered, what would the Civil War president think about Barack Obama being sworn in as America's 44th president? Lincoln is obviously Obama's favorite president. But would America's 16th president return the same sentiment?

There's no doubt these two presidents from Illinois share some similarities. As Australia's Herald Sun noted, "Both were derided as too young and inexperienced to be President; both wrote best-selling books before running for the White House; both were lawyers and extraordinarily gifted orators; both came to power during a national crisis; and both were tall, lanky, self-made men determined to maintain contact with the citizens they served."

But some retort by saying every president since the 16th president has felt some sense of his legacy. Lincoln scholar and historian Harold Holzer, who has written 31 books on the Great Emancipator, said: "They all feel it. Everyone finds something in him." And, I would add, everyone

finds their contrasts, too. "I think it is time to claim Lincoln as one of our own," Franklin Roosevelt said in the spring of 1929. "I'm a Ford, not a Lincoln," Gerald Ford once said. Obama even recently confessed, "There's a genius to Lincoln that is not going to be matched."

Obama and Lincoln, however, do share one gigantic thing in common above all others: a rare and historic symmetry. One served as a catalyst to end slavery, and the other demonstrates just how far that freedom has advanced in almost 150 years. There cannot be enough said about the historical magnitude of this presidential moment — a true fulfillment of the American experiment, spirit and dream (an achievement embedded long ago in the equality clauses of the Declaration of Independence).

In the end, our 16th and 44th presidents have not only some positives but also some negatives in common. The latter includes:

■ They both believe imposing more taxes is the way to economic recovery. (Lincoln was dependent upon Southern taxes and initiated the first income taxes, which eventually would become law, in 1913, through our 16th Amendment.)

■ They both believe in regarding the Constitution as a living document (allowing them more flexibility and

power for preferred political decisions and presidential autonomy).

■ They both believe in big government solutions. Lincoln once said, "The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done but cannot do at all or cannot so well do for themselves, in their separate and individual capacities."

So where do these similarities and contrasts leave us in considering what Lincoln's view of Obama's inauguration might have been? About this we can be absolutely certain: Lincoln and his contemporaries couldn't even have imagined a day when America would elect a black man as president. Such an elevated position was simply out of sight from the social paradigm of their time.

Case in point: On the one hand, in August 1858, Abraham Lincoln affirmed the equality in humanity of blacks: "I have never said anything to the contrary, but I hold that notwithstanding all this, there is no reason in the world why the Negro is not entitled to all the natural rights enumerated in the Declaration of Independence, the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I hold that he is as much entitled to these as the white man. I agree with Judge Douglas; he is not my equal in many

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Chuck Norris

## beyond the beltway

### Let's all help out the new president

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

These are curious times. Barack Obama has given so many press conferences, made so many addresses to the nation, issued so dense a blizzard of proposals that it seems he should be running for re-election by now.

Rush Limbaugh, that madcap right-wing loony, has gone so far as to label our current economic crisis "the Obama Recession." Obama has said over and over that we have only one president at a time, but he's obviously wrong. We had one and a half presidents and George Bush was the half.

The problem up to now has been that the guy with the ideas had no power and the guy with the power had no ideas. Obama could give all the press conferences and speeches he wanted but nothing was going to get done until he got to Washington and began his wrestling match with Congress. Like now.

But there's another problem: We hired him to steer us through difficult rapids — which before our very eyes turned into Niagara Falls.

How in the world can anyone hope to stop this recession in its tracks, put people back to work, save the auto industry, fight global warming, rescue Social Security, make health care cheaper and better, get out of Iraq, win in Afghanistan, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, protect the environment, improve our failing

schools, rebuild our crumbling roads and bridges, restore integrity to our financial system and give up smoking — all at the same time?

Batman couldn't do it.

Not alone, anyway. Which is why I think we should all gather around President Obama and give him the support he needs. And advice. And don't forget that. He needs our advice.

In that spirit I would like to offer some suggestions that he and his brilliant Harvard-drenched staff might not have thought of:

1. Slap a \$2-a-gallon tax on gasoline right away. I know, there will be some who object to this (no more than 98 percent of the population) but the price of gasoline has fallen from \$4 a gallon to less than \$2 a gallon and what have people done? Started using more gas. Goodbye to car-pooling, mass transit, hybrid cars and ethanol. Hello to giving our money to tyrants in Russia, Venezuela and Iran. A \$2-a-gallon tax would stop that. The loss to taxpayers could be offset by directing the extra money into a comprehensive health care system, rather than the pockets of suspicious-looking foreigners.

2. Stop pretending we're neutral in the Israel-Palestine conflict. We're not and no one in the Middle East thinks we are. We are on Israel's side and we should be. By virtue of ethnic ties and a shared political philosophy it is the only country in the region for

which we have an affinity. The Arab world is just going to have to get used to that. As a matter of fact, I'd favor making Israel the 51st state. This would immediately raise this nation's average IQ, give us experienced

troops on the ground in the Middle East and access to a crack intelligence apparatus. Israel would get the security that comes with knowing that anyone who attacked it would be attacking the most powerful nation on earth. They have some issues with the separation of church and state we'd have to resolve but I think it could work.

3. Give up on the idea of a playoff system for college football. It's not going to happen, and it's a lousy idea anyway. It would extend an already too-long season for young men who are ostensibly students, increase the already grave risk of injury and it would seldom see the best team win. It would merely be (gag) Super Bowl Lite. Better than that is to go back to the old system of bowl games where half the teams ended the season with a win and several of them could claim to be the best.

That's a start for you, Mr. President. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask. Call collect.

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## This Town, That World

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

In his budget-cutting endeavor, President Carter will wind up as popular as the fellow who was accused of shooting Santa Claus. Almost all of us want to see less inflation, less money wasted, fewer taxes to pay. But a lot of pet projects are going to feel the axe, and that's when the yelling begins.

### HARBINGERS OF WHAT?

I have always been a great admirer of the robin, but reports from David Tufts, of Wayland, and Sherrell Frazier, of Martin, that they've showed up on their premises in considerable numbers, expecting a worm to stick its head up through the snow, shakes my confidence in their judgment. These fellows have no use whatsoever for bird feeders. They're the original do-it-yourself guys, and I suspect they'll find it pretty slim pickings in these parts, for several weeks yet.

### SUCH UNCERTAINTY

I don't know. Things don't want to settle down long enough for a body to decide with any degree of certainty that this is the way it is.

There was a time when milk and eggs and such elemental foods were recommended. Now, they tell you to have a care.

They even tell us to watch that peanut butter. Danger of cancer if it gets moldy or rancid, or something. That comes along several years late for most of us.

Then there was that assurance, by a research firm a few years back, that there was only one chance in five million of anything going wrong with a nuclear power plant. Last week they decided maybe it wasn't that safe. They laughed at flying saucers, and now the snickering has stopped.

Medicines and edibles that, a few years ago were hailed as the greatest, as hoaxes, no less, to humanity are now on the restricted list.

Worst, of all, some killjoy has found that the coloring is some of these lollipops given children by doctors, because they were good, and didn't wreck the premises at the sight of a needle, may have a cancer-producing ingredient.

Strange—isn't it—that nobody has made the discovery that would earn them the undying gratitude of children over the world—namely, that castor oil and quinine are for adults only.

### NOT GUILTY

I spent some time not long ago tracing the civilizing of yours truly from the stage when armed with a .22-caliber rifle, I was the Destroyer.

Come springtime, and let a quail dare to mount a stump to

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# APPALACHIAN WOMEN

## Profile of Elizabeth Shepherd

by SANDRA L. PRATER, Ph.D.

Recently I visited my family in Eastern Kentucky, and I was privileged to talk in-depth with three women who have lived all or most of their lives near Middle Creek in Floyd County. I was struck by the humility of these women who have all lived through hard times, but do not complain. Their ages range from 79 to 90.

Although there are common threads running through each of their lives, each woman's story has unique aspects. It is my wish to capture the goodness and gentility of all three women.

### Elizabeth Shepherd

Lizzie, as she is called by family and friends, was born January 21, 1918 at Pyramid, Kentucky. She is the daughter of Abe and Sally Stephens Shepherd, one of 12 children, and is fifth in the birth order.

She attended school at Pitts Fork which was originally a one-room school house, then later expanded to two rooms. The girls sat on one side of the room, and the boys on the other side. When it was time for Lizzie's grade to do their lessons, all the students in that grade were called to the front of the room where they received instruction from the teacher. She named every teacher she had at Pitts Fork, all men except for one woman, Addie Hagins, who was her teacher in 4th and 5th grades. Lizzie completed 8th grade, and when she was not able to go to high school, she attended Pitts Fork for an additional year after her graduation because she liked school so much.

She was not able to go to high school because she would have had to board in Prestonsburg, and her parents did not permit her to do that.

Lizzie told me about the first time she and her family heard an airplane when she was in second grade. The family was sitting at their table enjoying the noon dinner. They heard a noise overhead, and her father did not know what it was. Lizzie said it scared her. They all rushed outside and saw the plane flying among the hills. It was several years before they sighted another plane.

Lizzie also remembers the first time she saw an automobile. She and her sister were walking when she heard something coming along the road. It was Jack, Allen behind the wheel of an automobile. His wife, Sally, was in the car with him. (Coincidentally, Sally Hicks Allen was my grandmother's sister.) Another time soon after that, Lizzie and her sister were walking on the road near Beech Branch, and Jack and Sally came along again. Jack picked them up and drove them to their house at Pitts Fork. This was quite an adventure for two girls on Middle Creek in the 1920's. Lizzie smiles when she tells this story. I think she enjoyed her notoriety on that day.

Lizzie and her family attended Brush Creek Baptist Church. Ashland Shepherd (no relation) saw her there and wrote a letter to her, asking if he could sit with her in church the following Sunday. Her father received the letter and kept it in his pocket for three days. Finally he said to her, "I guess this is what you are waiting for," and handed it to her. This was a gentlemen's way of asking a young woman for a date in the 1930's. Two months later on November 19, 1935, Ashland and Lizzie were married at her parents' home by a minister, James Owens. Her mother made her a blue dress to wear for the occasion, and the groom wore a suit. They stayed with her parents until January when they moved into their own house close by her parents' home.

Ashland and Lizzie were blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters. They lost their eldest son while he was stationed in Germany in the service in 1965. He died on June 11 of a heart attack at the age of 27. She made a point of saying that they did not get him home until June 22. I asked her if these events seemed odd to her, and she indicated that they did, but she did not elaborate. I remarked that it was unusual for such a young man to die of a heart attack, and she agreed.

Lizzie lost her mother at an early age (Lizzie was only 23) and her husband in 1987 after he suffered from kidney problems. Ashland had to undergo dialysis, and Lizzie was framed at the hospital to give him treatments and injections daily. She is proud of how well she learned her job as nurse and the fact that he lived for 8 years under her care in their home.

Lizzie's son, Russell, attended

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## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Jungleground'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Direct-to-video action movies don't get much better than this "Escape from New York"-type tale of an honest cop tangling with a colorfully dressed street gang.

"Rowdy" Roddy Piper stars here as detective Jake Cornell. Despite the character's generic tough guy name, Piper plays him as a thoughtful dude who takes no pleasure in beating copious amounts of snot out of whoever stands in his way.

Cornell's product of the streets, having been orphaned in the titular ghetto, and he's called in to help an FBI agent who wants to smash a drug ring. Cornell reluctantly agrees to accompany his team as they pose as drug dealers to entrap the top gang in Jungleground, the Ragnarockers.

The gang is right out of Walter Hill's "The Warriors" with each member sporting a cool handle (Thor, Dragon, Odin, etc.) and rocking enough leather to make cows an endangered species. Turns out that these tough guys are actually gang members and don't want their community poisoned, which puts the kibosh on the sting operation.

The deal gets spiced further when the agent turns out to have an itchy trigger finger, which results in a bullet festival that sees all of the cops dead except for Cornell. He briefly escapes but can't get far in gang territory and is soon trussed up and brought to the gang's leader, Odin, for sentencing.

Cornell receives an old school punishment which amounts to being tarred and feathered (here it's slimed and then adorned with tin cans) and then he's allowed to try to head for home whilst being tracked by seven members of the gang.

What follows are several high-octane chases, gunfights and narrow escapes as Cornell must high tail back to his part of the city before two gang goons kill his girlfriend come dawn. It turns out to be a long night for everyone involved, and Cornell's street smarts come in handy, but his best asset turns out to be a young hooker who can help him out in the fiercest he towards a better life.

It all works thanks to excellent night time photography and a strong sense that Cornell is a decent dude who has the strength of will to see any challenge through. The urban landscape is also well rendered and you can't ask for better villains than a gang of toughs who are trying to emulate Norse gods.

The film's biggest asset is Piper, who proves that he has some acting chops on top of his athletic ability, which was honed during a career of professional wrestling. Didard Piper fans will, no doubt, miss his acid tongue, but this character isn't the



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

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## Just an old golden retriever

by AUDREY THOMASSON  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: LIVING OUR DOGS"

She was just an old golden retriever. Her name was Brandy, and for 11 years she was the sole companion of an elderly woman who lived in a bungalow colony in the country. Neighbors often saw the two of them together in the garden. The woman would be hunched over picking flowers and there was that old dog, close at her heels or lying in the middle of the grass watching her pull weeds.

When the woman died, some relatives came and collected anything they thought was valuable and put a "For Sale" sign on the front lawn. Then they locked the dog out and drove away.

Some of the neighbors left food out for Brandy, but mostly the dog stayed near the house that she knew and waited for her owner to come back. A young mother who lived next door noticed the old retriever, but she had never seen around animals before, and while she thought the dog was friendly enough, she didn't feel it

was any of her concern.

However, when the dog wandered into her yard and began playing with 18-month-old Adam, she wanted to shoo the dirty thing away. Adam was her only child and the light of her life. But he was having so much fun feeding Brandy cookies she decided to let her stay. After that, whenever Adam had cookies, Brandy came by to visit.

One afternoon, the boy's mother left Adam in the soft grassy yard to play while she answered the phone. When she returned he was gone. Just gone. The mother was frantic.

Neighbors came over to help in the search. Police arrived and looked for three hours before calling in the state police and helicopters to do an extensive aerial search. But no one could find the child, and as the sun set over the horizon, whispers of abduction, injury or even death crept into conversations.

The search had been going on for six hours when a neighbor, who'd just returned home, wondered where Brandy was. Adam's mother, hysterical with

worry, didn't understand why anyone was asking about the old dog at a time like this.

When someone suggested that she might be with Adam, a trooper recalled hearing a dog barking deep in the woods when they were doing a foot search. Suddenly, everybody started calling for Brandy. They heard faint barking and followed the sound until they found the toddler, standing up fast asleep, pressed

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# Social Security News: Getting ready for tax season

by JENNIFER HOPKINS  
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SOCIAL SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION

The holidays have passed us by, the new year has begun, and tax season is right around the

corner. The earlier you prepare for the looming April 15 tax deadline, the easier it will be to file your taxes. Here are some helpful hints as you begin getting ready for tax season.

■ Make sure your information matches ours. Soon you

will be receiving your W-2s from your employer(s) and tax information from the IRS. Carefully check your name, Social Security number and all of the data on your W-2s and on your Social Security Statement or card to make sure

they match up. If you can't find your card or Statement but know your Social Security number, make sure the number and information is correct on your W-2s. A mismatch could delay your tax refund and cause problems with your Social Security benefits in the future. Such errors are easy to fix now.

■ A name change is the main change. If you've legally changed your name due to marriage, divorce, court order or for any other reason, make sure you change your name with Social Security by applying for a new Social Security card. Make sure you change your name with your employer as well. If you change with one source but not the other, it could cause your earnings to be improperly recorded. A minor detail could cause a major mix-up. You can learn

more about Social Security numbers and cards at [www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnu](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnu).

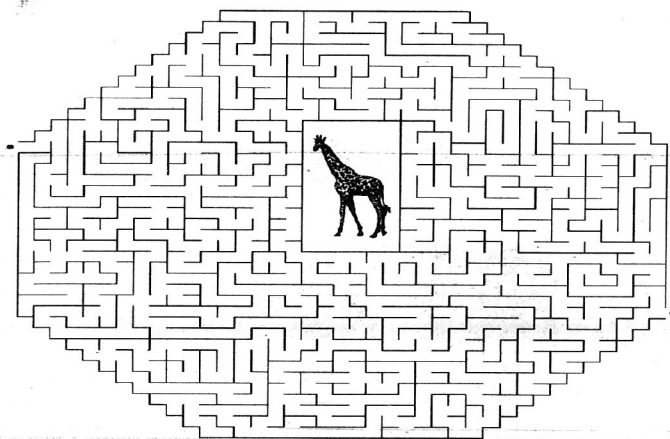
■ Don't forget the kids. If you are the parent of a newborn, you want to be sure that the newest family member has a Social Security number too. Most people apply for their baby's Social Security card while they're still in the hospital at the same time they apply for the birth certificate. But if you didn't, you'll need to apply for your child's Social Security number in order to claim the child as a dependent on your tax return. You'll also need it if you ever apply for government benefits on behalf of the child or your family.

■ Go online if you can't find your 1099. Social Security Benefit Statements (Form SSA-1099) for tax year 2008 are automatically mailed

to beneficiaries and should be received by January 31, 2009. If you receive Social Security and haven't received your 1099 in the mail by the end of January, but need it to file a tax return, just go online. Beginning in February, you can request a replacement 1099 online at <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/i1099/main.html>.

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

And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information.



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mean spirited type that Piper played to perfection in the wrestling world.

Here's hoping that Roddy gets back on the sick and pops up in more action fare before too long.

Best line: "I'm sure they'll be a force to reckon with when they hit puberty."  
1995, rated R.

## Soup

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against the trunk of a tree. That old dog was holding him there with one shoulder as one of her own legs dangled over a 35-foot drop to a stream below.

Brandy had followed Adam when he wandered off. When she saw danger, she'd pushed him out of harm's way and held him safe for all those hours, even as the child struggled to get free.

As soon as the rescue team picked up Adam, the old dog collapsed. A trooper carried Adam back home, while his mother, sobbing with relief, carried Brandy. She was so grateful to the old golden retriever that Brandy spent the rest of her days with them. Brandy lived to, the ripe old age of 17.

## Editorial

have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history.

"What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task."

Much was expected from Obama's inaugural address. On first hearing, because of its sober and restrained tone and almost dispassionate

delivery, it seemed to disappoint. But to re-read it, or better still, to watch a replay of the speech while reading the text, is to realize that it is a masterpiece of American rhetoric.

It sets forth a vision of an America true to its founding ideal of "E pluribus, unum" — from many, one, an America intent on meeting its challenges with a renewed spirit of individual and civic responsibility. An America ready to work, ready to listen, ready to lead, ready to move.

The journey will be arduous, but it is well started.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

## Norris

respects — certainly not in color, perhaps not in moral or intellectual endowment. But in the right to eat the bread, without leave of anybody else, which his own hand earns, he is my equal and the equal of Judge Douglas and the equal of every living man."

On the other hand, just one month later, Lincoln questioned blacks' social and political equality: "I will say that I am not nor ever have been in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races — that I am not nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes nor of qualifying them to hold office nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races, which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together, there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race. I say upon this occasion I do not perceive that because the white man is to have the superior position the Negro should be denied everything."

Of course, as some propose, Lincoln could have had a change of heart over the next seven years, after experiencing the Civil War and his presiden-

cy. Others say, however, that the Emancipation Proclamation was merely a wartime measure and political document with no personal reflection.

No matter what the final verdict of Lincoln's degree of prejudicial blood, blacks were freed. And 144 years later, Obama is president. And those bookends in social history happened despite the fact that Abraham Lincoln, like many of us, retained some biases and still had room to grow.

What's most important now is not how Obama's and Lincoln's lives connect but how all of ours do. Any way you look at it, triumph or tragedy, Obama's presidency is a colossal and culminating event according to any historical criteria. And all Americans would do well to momentarily drop our partisan politics and rigor and follow the advice given by Lincoln in his second inaugural address, which also is etched on his memorial:

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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## Shepherd

Prestonsburg High School when I did (1960's), and Russell married my first cousin, Caren Frater. After Russell received his college degree, he taught math at the school for many years and was the baseball coach. Russell passed away last year, and although she did not say it, I could tell that Lizzie missed him a lot. Lizzie lives only a few steps away from Russell and Caren's house, and Lizzie described how her son would come to her house every evening to make sure she locked her doors. She baked cornbread every day, and she and Russell would sit at her dining room table. Russell would pinch off bites of cornbread and eat it while they talked together. When he was ready to leave, she would wrap up the cornbread, and he would take it home to crumble in a glass of milk.

Lizzie was very still when she talked about the two sons she lost, and Russell's passing seems especially painful for her. It is recent, and she had daily contact with him. Lizzie's faith has seen her through these difficult times. She and Ashland were "converted," that is, they joined the church, on the same night. A minister came to Middle Creek from California in 1945 and held a revival. Lizzie's daughter, Grace, also joined the church that night.

Ashland and Lizzie took their conversion seriously. She explained to me that when you become a Christian, you have a responsibility to help those less fortunate. Ashland felt a call to preach, and after a year or two, he became ordained at the Brush Creek United Baptist Church. He and Lizzie went everywhere together, all over Floyd County, to Knott County, even to West Virginia so he

could preach in churches and revivals. Wherever Ashland was called, he went, and Lizzie always accompanied him. Ashland and Lizzie received no compensation for their work in the church; in fact, they spent their own money to take food, household items, and clothes to needy families. Lizzie remembers a family with five small daughters. She made 52 dresses for them one year. She bought the materials she needed, and she did all the sewing.

What is remarkable to me is that Lizzie does not think she and Ashland did anything out of the ordinary. She is modest and unassuming about their accomplishments, and she expresses no regrets about how they lived their lives together in service to the church and to their community.

Lizzie continues to live

alone and cook for herself and family members. She raises a garden every summer and makes beautiful quilts in the winter. She has a room she calls her "store" which is full of fabrics and thread, quilts in progress, and finished quilts. She reads her Bible daily and generally enjoys good health. She is a slight woman with a tanned face that reflects her active life outdoors, and her smile is bright and genuine.

Elizabeth Shepherd personifies the spirit of eastern Kentuckians: the resourcefulness, the concern for not only family members but also neighbors, the independence, and the creativity which is shown in her beautiful quilts. Although she is humble about her life's work and her service, she is not an ordinary woman. She is, in fact, quite the opposite.

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## Allen

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whistle at a girl friend, and pop! — scratch her ear. Or let a cardinal in all his beauty begin pouring forth his music, and without a quail, the sorry procedure would be repeated.

Then I informed my patient listener that what has changed, that he looked upon a reformed man, one who was still ashamed, of this boyhood disregard for some of the most beautiful things in life. Hadn't he killed a squirrel or rabbit in 30 years. Couldn't he be forced to shoot a bird, not even an evening grosbeak. Wouldn't he bag a deer for any amount of money.

I suppose I was getting pretty tiresome with all my noble palaver about my reverence for the wild things. That perhaps prompted him rather blandly to remark, "Then I suppose you've given up fishing."

That wasn't too convincing. But then I had an inspiration. "Who says I ever caught a bass, anyhow?" I inquired. And the poor fellow could not, as they say, make answer.

## ThemeCross by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### ACROSS

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- lodge
- light
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- Head coverings
- Continental currency
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- Catfish freezing point
- French pronoun
- Tip to "hey" (condense)
- Storm and (Uphavaal)
- Suffix with "percent"
- "Get ready to go skating, instead of skiing"
- Silky volcano
- Lyricist
- Genre, and others
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- Short incoze
- Tip to "gon" (Flying lizard)
- Autocrats of yore
- Second store purchases, commonly
- Six, in Tuscan
- Winter coat?
- One of The Musketeers
- Compete in a slalom
- Protest cause
- Swiss peas
- Where Hercules slew
- Like
- Midwest ruler (var. sp.)
- Like a toboggan
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- Book legend
- Like a toboggan
- Like draft beer
- Attentive
- particle
- Goggles, gloves, hat, etcetera
- Mountain retreat
- Alpine sport
- Warning
- Skiier's one of two
- "Cat (Ski hill vehicle)
- Charming, in a ski lodge kind of way
- Some digital
- Skier's way
- Short
- 22 Swiss river
- variety
- Skier's way
- 27 Acres
- Dawn Chong
- 29 Commotions
- 30 Attentive
- getter
- Trees, beautiful mountains, wildlife, etcetera
- Mountain nurse for
- Skier's one of two
- "Cat (Ski hill vehicle)
- 41 Eskimo boat
- 42 "for All seasons" (1966)
- 43 Charles Lamb's nom de plume
- 44 Boleyn
- Mr. Gray
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- (Bronz city)
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- 50 Hallowegen

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**SKI LODGE**

**TUMBLE-THEME-a!**

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

## Paintsville levels Lady Rebels

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PAINTSVILLE** — Allen Central faced Paintsville for the second time in three outings Thursday night. The Lady Rebels, playing on the road against a Paintsville team with one of the 15th Region's best records, fell behind early on and could never fully recover. Allen Central was held to single digits in each of the first three quarters. Paintsville never trailed en route to a 60-30 win.

The Lady Tigers estab-

lished an early lead, outscoring Allen Central 17-1 in the opening quarter. Paintsville held a commanding scoring advantage in each of the first three periods. The Lady Tigers rolled into halftime ahead 33-7. Paintsville continued to control the game in the second half, outscoring Allen Central 15-9 in the third quarter.

Senior Britanni Chaffins led Paintsville with a game-high 19 points. Freshman guard/forward Leaha Vanhoose joined Chaffins in double figures for Paintsville,

scoring 11 points.

Seniors Katie Adams and Laura Carroll each had eight points for the Lady Tigers. Andria Hansford and Krissy Halm aided the Paintsville offensive effort with four points apiece.

After posting the win, Paintsville improved to 12-1, tying Johnson Central for the 15th Region's best record.

Allen Central played its best late in the game, outscoring Paintsville 14-12 in the final quarter.

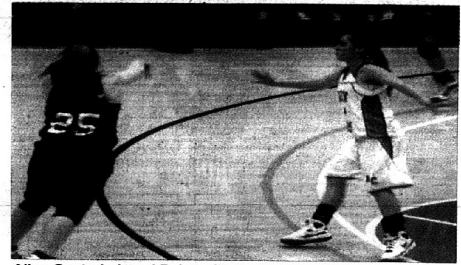
The slow start hindered the Lady Rebels' chances of get-

ting back into the win column.

Allen Central didn't feature any players in double figures in the scoring category.

Amber Shepherd — an eighth grade guard/forward — led Allen Central with eight points. Eighth grade guard Caitlin Kidd contributed seven points for the Lady Rebels. Junior guard/forward Ericka Moore netted five points and versatile junior Logan Cline chipped in four as Allen Central suffered the road loss.

Following the loss, Allen Central dropped to 4-7.



Allen Central played Paintsville for the second time in less than one week Thursday. The two teams met last weekend in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

## Lady Eagles upend Asbury

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**WILMORE** — The Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles used a 26-4 run in the second half to cruise to a 77-53 conference win over the home-standing Asbury College Lady Eagles Tuesday night.

In the first half, ALC struggled to get its offense going as Asbury carried a 32-25 lead into halftime.

In the first five minutes of the second half on the strength of guard Courtney Albin, Asbury opened on a 9-5 run and increased its margin to 11 (41-30).

The home team — following the 9-5 run — appeared to be in total command of the game.

Alice Lloyd's Nicole Lutes, however, had other plans. Lutes took matters into her own hands.

The 5-9 sophomore went on a torrid shooting streak over the next five minutes to get ALC back in the game. During that stretch, Lutes scored 13 points while draining four three-point field goals. Her hot-shooting propelled ALC back into the lead. The momentum totally changed, and over a 10-minute span, Alice Lloyd would turn the 41-30 deficit into a 66-45 cushion. Asbury could never recover from the barrage.

Lutes (Breathitt County) finished the contest with a game-high 22 points. She connected on 6-of-12 from the field, including 5-of-9 from long distance. She also added six rebounds on the night.

She received excellent assistance from her teammates in making the comeback.

Junior Sierra Wynn (Cawood) scored 15 points and pulled down six rebounds. Senior Kaylan Richardson (Owen County) finished the game with 14 points and hauled in a team-high seven rebounds. Also in double figures for Alice Lloyd was freshman Gemma Gray, who added 11 points while connecting on 3-of-6 shots from downtown.

Senior Camille Cook (Whitesburg) contributed six points. Whitney Frazier (Lawrence County) added four points and dished out a game-high seven assists. Chelsea Jerrell (Paintsville) chipped in three points and Lyndsey Mahon (Belfry) completed the scoring with one point.

Asbury (6-13) was paced by Albin, who netted 21 points. Ellen Gray and Anna Stephenson each added 10.

## Lady Crusaders outlast Owsley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**PIPPA PASSES** — Four players reached double figures in the scoring column Thursday night as June Buchanan defeated Owsley County 57-54 in overtime in a Girls' 14th Region All "A" Classic second round matchup.

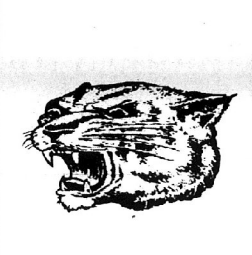
Kayla Short paced June Buchanan with a game-high 15 points. Maris Hovee had 12 points for the Lady Crusaders.

The two teams swapped leads throughout the tournament. Regulation ended with June Buchanan and Owsley County deadlocked 47-47.

June Buchanan evened its record to 7-7 while Owsley County dropped to 10-8.



photos by Jamie Howell  
Former champion Prestonsburg competed in the 2009 15th Region KAPOs competition held Wednesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.



## Panthers beat rival Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**BELFRY** — Pikeville bounced back nicely from a blowout loss to Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Panthers rolled past Belfry Thursday night on the road, defeating the Pirates 74-38.

Pikeville claimed its sixth victory in seven outings. The Panthers improved to 12-7 after posting the win.

Pikeville, which owned the 15th Region's third-best

record heading into the weekend, didn't waste any time jumping out ahead of Belfry. The Panthers outscored Belfry 20-9 in the opening quarter. Pikeville dominated throughout, outscoring longtime nemesis Belfry in each period.

Senior guard Matt Clevenger paced Pikeville with a game-high 19 points. Clevenger was one of four Pikeville players to reach double figures in the scor-

ing column. Gatlin Clark followed with 15 points for the Panthers. Tyler Baker scored 13 points and Rowe added 11 for visiting Pikeville.

The Panthers led Belfry 36-20 at the break. Pikeville put the game out of Belfry's reach in the third quarter, outscoring the host team 25-12 in an eight-minute stretch.

Belfry, struggling to recover from the dismal first half, continued to fall

further behind in the final two quarters.

Each team featured eight different scorers.

Junior forward Jeremy Maynard led Belfry with 11 points. Maynard was the lone Belfry player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Senior forward Corey Coleman contributed eight points, and senior guard/forward Andrew Elkins added seven for the Pirates, which dropped to 5-9.

## Johnson Central defeats Lawrence

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**PAINTSVILLE** —

Johnson Central remained out in front in the 57th District boys' basketball race Thursday night following a home game versus Lawrence County at the Golden Eagle Fieldhouse. Last season's 15th Region runner-up, Johnson Central won after trailing at the end of each of the first three quarters. The Golden Eagles prevailed 75-70 in come-from-behind

fashion, outscoring Lawrence County 28-21 in the fourth quarter.

Senior Ian Welch led Johnson Central. Welch, a leading performer on the gridiron for the Johnson Central football team, paced the Golden Eagles with a game-high 29 points. Sophomore Cody Parker followed with 15 points for the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central shot 47.9 percent (23-for-48) from the field en route to the

win. Lawrence County, a contender for the 57th District championship, slipped out of the opening quarter ahead 15-13. The Bulldogs held a slim two-point scoring advantage over Johnson Central in each of the first two quarters. Lawrence County carried a 34-30 lead into halftime.

Wade Skaggs led Lawrence County, scoring a team-high 19 points for the Bulldogs.

Chandler Thompson tossed in 17 points and Michael Adkins added 12 for visiting Lawrence County.

The Bulldogs led 49-47 when the third quarter drew to an end.

Lawrence County dropped to 10-6 after sustaining the setback.

Jo Whitaker and JK Hall had nine points apiece for the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central improved to 12-5 with the win.

## No. 3 Georgetown rolls over Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**GEORGETOWN** — Third-ranked Georgetown College jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, rolling past Pikeville College 84-58 Thursday night. The win improved the Tigers to 19-1 on the season and 3-0 in the league. The win streak is now at 16 for Georgetown, who lead the nation with 19 wins. Pikeville fell to 12-7 overall and 1-2 in the league, having dropped two in a row. Georgetown blistered the nets, hitting 52.5 percent from the field, having connected on 56.7 percent in the first half. The Tigers hit 31.6 percent from the arc and were 16-of-21 (76.2 percent) from the line. It was a different story for the Bears, who shot 37.9 percent overall.

A team relying heavily on the three, the Bears were 5-of-17 (29.4 percent) from the arc. They hit 69.2 percent, or 9-of-13, from the line. Georgetown's balanced attack was led by sophomore Vincent Crutcher, who had 15 off the bench. He also handed out four assists in the win. Freshmen Vic Moses and Maurice Pearson followed 12 markers each; Pearson led the Tigers with eight rebounds as the home team won the rebounding battle 33-28. Senior Jerry Turner tossed in 11 to go with five rebounds and three steals. Pikeville was led by junior Josh Samarcos, 20 points. Sophomore Justin Hicks tossed in 13. Senior Ewan Linton, who had six points and a pair of blocked shots, led the Bears with nine rebounds.

Pikeville was hosting St. Catherine on Saturday in a game that ended too late to make this edition.

## Wildcats lead SEC standings

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LEXINGTON** — The Wildcats stand alone. With first place in the Southeastern Conference on the line, the Kentucky Wildcats defeated Auburn 73-64 Wednesday night in front of 22,760 fans at Rupp Arena. With Florida and Mississippi State falling earlier in the night, UK (15-4, 4-0 SEC) took sole possession of first place in the conference.

The two losses helped the Wildcats take sole possession atop the leader board, but it was a pair of double-doubles and another huge scoring night from Jodie Meeks that got UK there.

Sophomore Patrick Patterson scored 21 points and pulled down a career-high 18 rebounds and junior Perry Stevenson chipped in with 13 points and 12 rebounds. It was Patterson's SEC-leading 10th double-double of the season and Stevenson's fifth career double-double.

Junior Jodie Meeks paced the Wildcats in scoring with a game-high 31 points.

UK won despite turning the ball over 22 times. The Wildcats crushed the Tigers (11-7, 1-3 SEC) on the glass. UK outrebounded Auburn 42-22.

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# Asbury edges Alice Lloyd men

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**WILMORE** — Host Asbury held on to edge visiting Alice Lloyd 89-88 Tuesday night in a KJAC men's basketball game. The conference game was close throughout with both teams shooting extremely well.

Neither team had more than a four-point lead in the first half as Asbury took a 51-50 lead on forward Brian Johnson's buzzer-beater.

The good shooting continued in the second half. Alice Lloyd clung to a five-point lead with just under five minutes remaining. Asbury, however, went on an 8-0 run and led 87-84 with 1:50 left in the contest.

Alice Lloyd senior Rodney Mitchell then scored on a tip-in. After forcing a bad shot, ALC guard Will Dillard then scored on a difficult drive to give Alice Lloyd an 88-87 lead with 56 seconds remaining.

Brescia put the ball in the hands of guard Michael Spann. Dillard played excellent defense on Spann, but ALC guard Daniel Combs was whistled for a foul when he came to help out. Spann sank both free throws with 36.2 seconds remaining to put Asbury up 89-88.

Dillard then looked to drive on the last play. He beat his man and was bumped on the shot, but no call was made. The ball squirted out of bounds and went back to Alice Lloyd with 3.2 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, the Eagles had trouble on the inbounds play and were unable to get off an attempt before the shot clock expired. Asbury then ran off the last 1.2 seconds.

ALC (8-13) was led by Dillard (Beckley, W.Va.). The senior guard led all scorers with 27 points while connecting on 11-of-16 from the field. He also added a game-high six assists.

Mitchell (Clay County) added 20 points on 10-19 shooting. Also in double figures was senior Corey Hairston (Beckley, W.Va.) who chipped in 14 points on 7-of-13 shooting. He also pulled down a game-high seven rebounds.

Asbury (13-6) was led by former South Laurel star Jordan Hammonds with 24 points. Spann added 16 points. Guard Phillip Morrison, Johnson contributed 11 for the winning team.

Alice Lloyd was back in action Saturday on the road at Cincinnati Christian University. The game was originally scheduled to be played at Alice Lloyd, but had to be switched due to a conflict with CCU. Cincinnati Christian will venture to ALC on January 31 for the second contest. Saturday's game ended too late to make this edition.

# NCAA Division I Council votes to change prospect age

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The Division I Legislative Council at its Wednesday meeting approved as emergency legislation a proposal for men's basketball that defines a prospect as anyone who has entered the seventh grade.

Proposal 2008-76, supported by both the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Division I Men's Basketball Issues Committee, had been tabled in October to permit conference representatives to seek additional input but is now effective immediately.

It is intended to prevent Division I men's basketball coaches from being employed in non-scholastic elite camps conducted for seventh- and eighth-graders and to prevent institutions from conducting camps for that age group.

NABC Executive Director Jim Haney had written to the Council about seventh- and eighth-graders being recruited, a practice Haney said the NABC has actively discouraged.

"We feel it is detrimental both to the well-being of the youth participating in basketball as well as the collegiate institutions — it certainly does not promote the proper role of basketball in the educational process," Haney wrote. "Proposal 2008-76 does offer a viable alternative for the creation of a healthier environment for the recruitment of men's basketball prospects."

While the Legislative Council took action on that proposal, it decided to seek additional membership input

on a number of others in the 2008-09 cycle, including Proposal 2008-32-B, which would allow student-athletes to count nontraditional courses for up to 50 percent of their full-time enrollment requirements.

That was after the group defeated Proposal 2008-32-A, which would have allowed student-athletes to use an unlimited number of nontraditional courses taken at their own campus for full-time enrollment requirements. Members also voted down Proposals 2008-35-A and 2008-35-B, which would have allowed student-athletes to use nontraditional courses taken at campuses other than their own for progress-toward-degree requirements.

Council members were worried about the potential for abuse and the perception of student-athletes taking nontraditional courses solely for eligibility purposes. They also thought it would be difficult to monitor the courses, particularly those taken at other institutions. However, the group agreed that further discussion on Proposal 2008-32-B was merited.

The Legislative Council approved another NABC-supported proposal, 2008-30-B, which prohibits coaches and individuals associated with prospects in men's basketball from being hired as speakers or presenters at any athletic-related events or activities.

In other action, the group defeated Proposal 2008-40, which would have added a scholarship for women's volleyball. Council members cited current economic conditions and a preference to wait

on the Division I Financial Aid Cabinet's upcoming study of financial aid rules as reasons for the defeat.

The Council also defeated Proposal 2008-13-A, which would have allowed student-athletes in individual sports to accept prize money based on performance in events during all vacation periods. However, it sent Proposal 2008-13-B, which limits the competition to summer vacation, to the membership for comment.

NCAA to launch sportsmanship initiative: The NCAA will launch a new sportsmanship initiative, titled "RESPECT," during the 2009 NCAA Convention in Washington D.C. this week.

Spearheaded by the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct, the campaign will focus on addressing negative fan behavior and encouraging student-athletes and coaches to take the lead in creating a culture of sportsmanship and respect.

The campaign launch will be included in an association-wide convention session Wednesday (Jan. 14) on sportsmanship featuring presidential voices from each NCAA division. Additionally, the NCAA will host an information booth during convention focused on sportsmanship.

The initiative is based on results and feedback from extensive public and membership surveys, which revealed the following findings regarding sportsmanship:

The conduct is the most serious and pressing issue. Coaches and student-athletes believe they should be

responsible for establishing expectations of appropriate behavior.

Athletics administrators should enforce guidelines for appropriate behavior, addressing negative incidents when they occur.

In terms of defining sportsmanship, respect and integrity are two words that consistently resonate with NCAA colleges and universities.

Initial implementation steps for the initiative include the introduction of an improved sportsmanship web site and the production of support materials (including print ads, banners, and public service announcements) for conferences and institutions to access.

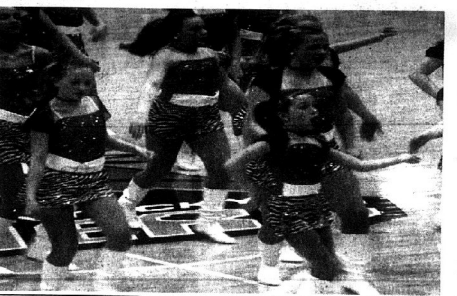
"We are institutions of higher learning and we are about educating," said John Blundin, senior associate athletics director at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and the chair of the sportsmanship committee.

"We have in our fan base an awful lot of young people. They are learning and we need to create an environment so they know what respect looks like in the athletics arena."

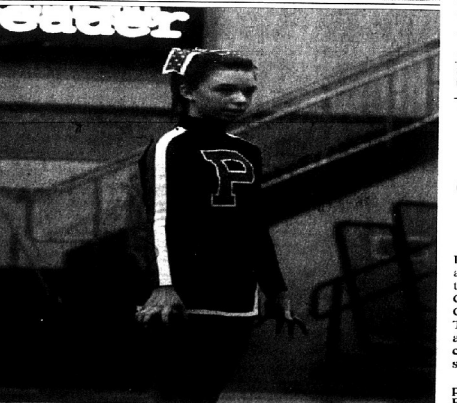
Recent efforts to restore and strengthen the commitment to sportsmanship have been visible throughout the NCAA membership. Just this month, all 276 presidents and chancellors from active Division II member institutions signed a game-environment pledge form, which commits to staging athletics events that "reflect the values of higher education and the mission of each institution."



THE 2009 15TH REGION KAPOS COMPETITION featured various groups that were both competing and performing in exhibitions.



Senior Ashley Bell and junior Jayme Gilbert both reached the milestone to get the Tigers off the schidne in the league.



PRESTONSBURGER vied for a title in the 15th Region KAPOS competition earlier in the week.

# Damron joins EKU football staff

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**RICHMOND** — Eastern Kentucky University football head coach Dean Hood recently announced the addition of Dane Damron to the Colonel coaching staff.

Damron will serve as the special teams and tight ends coach in 2009 while Carson Jeffers will take over the offensive line coaching duties.

Damron most recently served as Kentucky Christian's head football

coach. He spent three years building the program at Kentucky Christian which culminated with the school's first-ever varsity football season in 2008.

"When you are a head coach at the collegiate or high school level, you have to know how to coach a little bit of everything," Hood said. "Dane has an extensive football background and we're excited to have him as a part of our staff."

Damron began his collegiate coaching career in 1995

at Eastern Kentucky. He served two years as a graduate assistant and wide receivers coach under Roy Kidd. Damron earned his master's degree in sports administration from EKU in 1996.

Following a one-year coaching stint at Morehead State, Damron moved to the high school ranks where he coached for nine years. From 2002-05, he was the head coach of Boyd County where he helped the Lions advance to the second round of the KHSAA playoffs three

straight years.

Damron played collegiate football at Georgetown College from 1990-94. The quarterback was a two-time NAIA All-American and led the Tigers to the 1991 NAIA national championship.

The EKU football team concluded the 2008 season 8-4 overall while earning the program's 20th Ohio Valley Conference title and 31st consecutive winning season.

Kentucky Christian has not named a new head coach to replace Damron.

# Softball Eagles picked to finish third in OVC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**MOREHEAD** — The Ohio Valley Conference has released the preseason predictions for the 2009 softball season, and the Morehead State University Eagles are tabbed for a third place finish.

Georgetown led 47-31 and never looked back. Georgetown (12-9, 1-2) put five players in double figures, paced by senior Katie Filiatreau's 27. The Springfield product hit 7-of-11 from the

league. The Tigers are the defending MSC tournament champions. Pikeville (13-7, 0-3 in the MSC) led 19-12 at one point in the first half before the hosts took off.

By intermission Georgetown led 47-31 and never looked back. Georgetown (12-9, 1-2) put five players in double figures, paced by senior Katie Filiatreau's 27. The Springfield product hit 7-of-11 from the

Kentucky, Eastern Illinois, UT Martin, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State and Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech was selected second.

Morehead State was picked to finish by in the league last season — the same place where it wound up the

previous two seasons, but the Eagles surprised everyone, finishing second and setting a school record with 34 wins and 16 OVC wins. MSU returns five starters and two pitchers in 2009. Alex Gjevrev was the 2008 OVC Pitcher of the Year.

# MSC Women: Georgetown runs past Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**GEORGETOWN** — Two Tigers joined the 1000-point club Thursday night as Georgetown College picked up its first Mid-South Conference win of the season with a 91-56 win over Pikeville College.

Senior Ashley Bell and junior Jayme Gilbert both reached the milestone to get the Tigers off the schidne in

the game and pulled down five rebounds. Bell followed with 13 on the night she joined the 1000-point club.

Junior Ausha Weathers tossed in 11 and pulled down a team-high seven rebounds off the bench. Gilbert and freshman Gina Beining followed with 10 points apiece. Pikeville had only one player in double figures as sophomore Natieria Hinton tossed in 12. She had a team-best eight

rebounds for the Lady Bears, who were outrebounded 40-28.

Sophomore Whitney Compton followed with eight points and freshman Megan Mosley added seven. Pikeville was back in action at home Saturday, entertaining St. Catherine. The Pikeville-St. Catherine women's basketball game ended too late to make this edition.

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# Reds and Bats extend player development contract through 2012

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**LOUISVILLE** — The Louisville Bats have announced an extension of their Player Development Contract (PDC) with the Cincinnati Reds through 2012. This extends the previous agreement which was set to expire after the 2010 baseball season.

"The Reds are extremely pleased to be extending our Player Development Contract with the Louisville Bats," said Reds Director of Player

Development Terry Reynolds. "We feel the Bats and the Reds are a great team. The help and cooperation we receive from Gary Ulmer and his staff provide us with everything we need to successfully develop our prospects into productive Cincinnati Reds players."

From 1982-1997, the Louisville franchise spent the first 16 years of its existence as the Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Louisville began a two-year Triple-A affiliation with the Milwaukee

Brewers in 1998 and became the Reds top farm club in 2000, the first year of play at Louisville Slugger Field. During their affiliation with Cincinnati, Louisville won their first ever Governors' Cup in 2001 and has reached the post-season three times (2001, 2003, 2008).

"We have a great relationship with the Cincinnati Reds," added Bats President Gary Ulmer. "The Louisville Bats are proud to be their Triple-A affiliate and are very

pleased to announce that our relationship will continue for many years to come." The Louisville Bats begin their 10th anniversary season at Louisville Slugger Field at home on Thursday, April 9 versus the Columbus Clippers, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, at 7:05 p.m.

Full and partial season tickets are available by calling the Bats front office at 502/212-2287 or going online to batsbaseball.com.

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# Eldora Speedway releases preliminary schedule

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**ROSSBURG, Ohio** — Diversity has long been an important ingredient to Eldora Speedway's stature and its 2009 preliminary slate of events strengthens that commitment with visits to the historic one-half mile clay oval by eight sanctioning bodies, representing 16 different types of racing. Negotiations continue that could see those numbers swell.

Looking into the alphabet of sanctioning bodies, Eldora currently has agreements with WoO (World of Outlaws), USAC (United States Auto Club), All Star Circuit of Champions, UMP DirtCar (United Midwestern Promoters), NRA (National Racing Alliance), FASTRAK, ALMS (American Late Model Series) and OSTPA (Ohio

State Tractor Pullers Association). Billed as a "special events facility", Eldora's traditional events continue to highlight the menu.

In order of longevity, the famed No. 109 for UMP DirtCar Late Models enters its 39th running over its traditional time slot of September 11-12 (the weekend following Labor Day). Up for grabs will be \$42,000 for the winner, but more importantly, the legendary globed trophy that has become the goal of dirt Late Model drivers nationwide.

Under the WoO auspices, the 26th annual Kings Royal weekend for winged Sprint Cars takes center stage July 17 & 18 with two complete programs, Friday's Knight Before Christmas Royal and Saturday's annual run for \$50,000 and a seat atop the

renowned throne in Eldora's hallowed victory lane.

Now 15 years old, the Dirt Late Model Dream will again feature the speed plant's highest payout for UMP DirtCar Late Models with a \$100,000 paycheck on the line over the weekend of June 5-6.

While considered an infant in comparison to Eldora's other time honored events, the Prelude to the Dream, at five years old, will again pack the most punch. Tony Stewart, Eldora Speedway's track owner, and two-time NASCAR Cup Champion, will again invite many of his NASCAR cohorts to a "duel in the dirt" on Wednesday, June 3, making for a very busy early June week in tiny Rossburg, Ohio.

The Prelude to the Dream has sold out each year to audiences of nearly 23,000 race

fans packed into Eldora and countless others worldwide via HBO pay-per-view. Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Gang Camp has been the recipient of the proceeds from this charity event.

In addition to the July 18-19 Kings Royal weekend, WoO Sprint dates include May 8-9 and September 25.

USAC will again field three divisions with the non-winged Sprints kicking off the 2009 slate with a weekend doubleheader April 10-11. The "traditional" Sprints return on September 26 in a tripleheader with their Midget and Silver Crown counterparts in the Chevy American Revolution weekend.

Winged Sprint action, All Star style, invades May 30 and June 20, while the ALMS Late Models will see action April 18, May 24 and September 6.

Along with the Dirt Late Model Dream and World 100, UMP DirtCar Late Models take center stage the weekend of October 9-10 when they join the Modified division for their year-end finale and crowning of cumulative point champions.

NRA Sprints are on tap May 24, July 18-19 and October 3 in a twinbill with the 305 Sprints from Attica Raceway Park and Fremont Speedway.

FASTRAK Late Models make their annual appearance August 1, while the UMP DirtCar Modifieds and Eldora's Stock Cars will make multiple appearances.

A new twist has been added to the schedule with the OSTPA sanctioned tractor pull on Saturday, June 27, with four classes of tractors and trucks slated to pull on a spe-

cially designed course on Eldora's front stretch.

Eldora's completed schedule will be released soon. As updates are prepared, they will be listed on the track's website — www.eldoraspeedway.com, where fans can currently buy tickets for the Dirt Late Model Dream, Kings Royal and World 100. Tickets for the Prelude to the Dream will go on sale Sunday, March 1.

**COMING SOON:**

A feature on 201 Speedway — Eastern Kentucky's top dirt track.

# Richard Petty Motorsports emerges from GEM merger

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**CONCORD, N.C.** — Richard Petty's name will remain active in NASCAR under a rebranding of the new team created by the merger of his organization with Gillet Evernham Motorsports. The new team will include Richard Petty Motorsports (RPM), capitalizing on the seven-time champion's marketability.

"To continue Richard Petty's legacy without question the most important factor in this relationship," team co-owner George Gillet said. "Our goal is to win not one championship as Richard Petty Motorsports, but to win multiple championships."

The two race teams agreed to merge earlier this month in

a partnership that keeps the sponsor-strapped Pettrys in racing. Reed Sorenson will drive the famed No. 43 Dodge for RPM this coming season.

"This begins the next great chapter for the Petty name in NASCAR," Petty said. "It was very important to us, not only to see the Petty name out on the race track, but also to be competitive and get all of our cars back into Victory Lane and competing for Sprint Cup Series championships on a regular basis."

Richard Petty Motorsports will field four cars in 2009. Casey Kahne in the No. 9 and Elliott Sadler in the No. 19 will join Sorenson in the 43 for full seasons. A.J. Allmendinger will drive the No. 44 Dodge in a limited schedule.

"To bring the No. 43 and 44 together under the Richard Petty Motorsports banner means a lot to both me and my family," Petty said. "And then to pair with the No. 9 and 19 and their history really shows the spirit of this partnership. We are bringing two winning organizations together to take a competitive step forward for many years to come."

Petty is eager to give Sorenson, who succeeds Bobby Labonte in the No. 43, any help or advice he's asked to provide. "Right now, he's 22 years old, so he's pretty open-minded," Petty said of Sorenson. "So he's never set in his ways about how things are supposed to be done. I think he's a quick learner—we'll find

out." Allmendinger, who will compete in the first five races of the season and selected races thereafter, impressed the brass at GEM last year when he posted an average finish of 16.4 in a fill-in role for the final five races of the season.

"I don't think you can say enough about A.J., both as a talent and as a professional," said Mark McARDLE, vice president and managing director of competition for RPM. "He's a phenomenal competitor, he's a wonderful teammate, and he's certainly going to be a sparkplug in our organization."

In late December, GEM tried to negotiate a buyout of Sadler's contract with an eye toward putting Allmendinger

in the No. 19.

Sadler, however, filed notice of intent to sue for breach of contract, naming GEM. Ray Evernham Enterprises, owner George Gillet and Allmendinger in the action. The sides scuttled, and Sadler kept his seat.

Allmendinger, who met with the principals in the deal for three hours Monday morning to hammer out details of his No. 44 ride, says the two can move past their plaintiff-defendant relationship and coexist as teammates.

"I have no problem with Elliott," Allmendinger said. "I just want teammates that are fast, that I can go out there and learn from."

Kahne and Sorenson attended Monday's announcement, but Sadler, who was

married during the offseason, was still on his honeymoon.

Richard Petty Motorsports will operate out of the GEM race shops in Statesville, N.C., and engine shop in Concord, N.C. Petty said Boston Ventures, which entered a partnership with Petty Enterprises last summer, would play a minor role in the new organization.

Gillet said he had no qualms about what amounts to taking his name off the door.

"It was the right decision," Gillet said. "I don't think anyone ever contemplated anything else. The name made a lot of sense, and it was something we were very proud to do — and we look forward to trying to live up to the great expectations."

# BK signs on to sponsor Stewart's No. 14

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**MIAMI** — Burger King Corp. announced Wednesday that the company has signed a multi-year sponsorship agreement with Tony Stewart and Stewart-Haas Racing.

As part of the sponsorship agreement, BKC has two primary paint schemes on the No. 14 Sprint Cup car which will be featured at the July 4th Cup Series race at Daytona and the September 27 race at Dover. The company also has a personal services agreement with Stewart that includes appearances in commercials, restaurant promotions and at BKC sponsored events.

"I'm extremely happy to welcome Burger King Corp. to the team and really proud to be associated with such a great brand," Stewart said. "This demonstrates another important step in getting

Stewart-Haas Racing ready for the season. I am a huge fan of Burger King restaurants, especially of the Whopper Sandwich, and even received my own customized BK Crown Card!"

BKC will leverage the sponsorship both on and off the track, through comprehensive marketing programs and promotions.

"This sponsorship with Tony provides the perfect scenario to get back into NASCAR. His passion, both on and off the track, resonates very well with our core Burger King customers," said Russ Klein, president, global marketing, strategy and innovation. "We've long understood the power of NASCAR, and its millions of fans, and are looking forward to an exciting season."

Additionally, BKC will be the exclusive quick service

restaurant sponsor of Eldora Speedway in 2009, giving the company the chance to speak to fans on a grassroots level. Activation surrounding this sponsorship will include Burger King signage at the track, hospitality and other on-site activities.

Farm Bureau Insurance teams with JGR for six Cup races. Tony Gibbs Racing announced Tuesday that the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies will serve as the primary sponsor for six Cup Series races during the 2009 season.

Farm Bureau Insurance will be carried on the No. 11 Toyota driven by Denny Hamlin twice during the upcoming season including the May 9 race at Darlington and the Sept. 6 race at Atlanta. In addition Farm Bureau Insurance will be on the No. 20 Toyota driven by Joey

Logano at the Oct. 25 race at Martinsville. Both FedEx and The Home Depot will still be represented on their respective cars at each of those races.

Farh Bureau Insurance will also sponsor a fourth JGR entry at three races in 2009 on the No. 02 Toyota at the Oct. 17 Charlotte race, the Nov. 8 Texas race and the November 22 series finale at Homestead. The driver for those three races will be announced later.

"Farm Bureau Insurance has been an outstanding partner with us and we're thrilled to have them on these six Cup races this year," Joe Gibbs Racing president J.D. Gibbs said. "We were able to generate a lot of excitement for them last year and we'll work hard this year to provide their agents, members and customers a program to be proud of now in our Cup program."

# Riggs to drive No. 36 for TBR

**SPECIAL TO THE TIMES**

**MOORESVILLE, N.C.** — Tommy Baldwin Racing announced Monday that Scott Riggs will drive the No. 36 Toyota for the 2009 NASCAR season. Riggs, formerly with Haas CNC Racing will start his sixth season in Cup Series competition.

Riggs climbed his way up the ranks in NASCAR competition after starting in the Truck Series in 2000. In 2002, Riggs was even in the Nationwide Series rookie of the year honors after winning two events and earning eight top-five finishes, 16 top-10s and five poles in 24 starts. Since making his Cup debut in 2004, Riggs has earned four top-five finishes, 16 top-10s and three poles in 167 starts.

The '09 season finds the 38-year-old native of Bahama, N.C., eager to embark on a new chapter of his racing career, driving for the newly formed TBR. Tommy Baldwin, who will hold the title of both owner and crew chief, announced the formation of his new race team earlier this month (read more). "I look forward to working

with Tommy," Riggs said. "I think we can work together to build something really strong. I feel fortunate to work with someone like Tommy, who has so much experience."

Riggs, with multiple years of experience at the Cup level and time behind the wheel in NASCAR's new car, believes in the industry and marketability to the new team. TBR plans on competing in the Daytona 500 in February and plans to run a full schedule in the Cup Series.

"Having Scott Riggs on board is a huge stepping stone for Tommy Baldwin Racing," Baldwin said. "He's a top-caliber driver and I look forward to seeing the success we can have together."

As of Friday, no sponsor has been named for the No. 36 Toyota.

Elliott to drive Woods' No. 21 car in Daytona. The Wood Bros. will field their famed No. 21 car in the 2009 Daytona 500 and two-time Daytona 500 champion Bill Elliott will be behind the wheel. Motorcraft, a Ford Motor

Company brand of automotive parts ranging from filters and spark plugs to engines and transmissions, will be the primary sponsor on the Wood Brothers No. 21 Ford for nine races, including February's

## BACK BEHIND THE WHEEL

**Veteran driver Bill Elliott will drive for Wood Brothers at Daytona.**

Daytona 500 and the season-ending Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Elliott, the 1988 Cup Series champion, is scheduled to be the driver for all of Motorcraft's races. Elliott, Motorcraft and the Wood Brothers first joined forces in 2007.

"We are very proud to continue our long-standing relationship with Wood Brothers Racing and Bill Elliott," said Darryl Hazel, Ford customer service division vice president. "The Woods are synonymous with Ford, and we are thrilled to be associated with such a tremendous group of

people." "We are very pleased to have Motorcraft back with us for the 2009 season," said Wood Brothers Racing co-owner Eddie Wood. "Motorcraft first sponsored us in 2001 and we value their involvement in the sport for the past nine years. They have been loyal to us, we have always been loyal to them and Ford. It makes you feel good. It makes you feel like family."

Without Ford Motor Company, the outlook for this season would probably be different.

The Wood Brothers are acknowledged pioneers in the sport of stock-car racing, and have earned 96 wins in more than 50 years of NASCAR competition — second most in Ford Racing history.

Ford's appreciation for our loyalty throughout the years is what kept us going, and, in turn, we keep on going for them, too," said Wood Brothers Racing co-owner Len Wood.



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**EASTERN KENTUCKY Late Model driver Josh McGuire is gearing up to race in Florida. Several area drivers will venture to Florida to race during the month of February.**

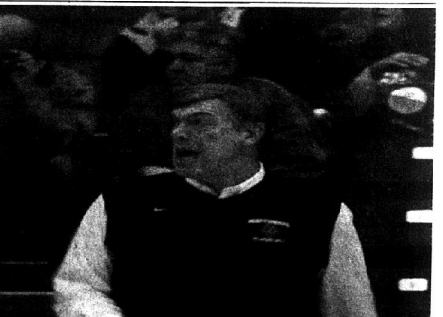
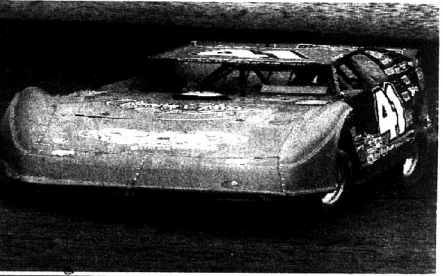


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# For everyone's safety, fainting means no more driving

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
My significant other has collapsed several times in restaurants. My children are concerned about his driving me around. What does one do in an emergency like that? I was told not to turn off the engine. He drives an SUV Ford Explorer automatic. — Liz

**TOM:** Well, whatever you do, Liz, don't serve him dinner while he's driving.

**RAY:** Actually, YOU need to take over the driving, Liz. Assuming that your significant other's fainting spells have not been successfully diagnosed and treated, it's simply too dangerous to let him drive.

**TOM:** Not only for YOUR safety, but for the safety of everyone else on the road. What if he's driving and he passes out, runs a red light and totals a minivan with a family of six in it? Or he passes out and drives up onto the sidewalk and takes out a group of pedestrians? It's just not fair to the rest of the community to let him drive unless and until this medical problem is completely resolved.

**RAY:** It's a difficult conversation to have, and if you and your children are unable to persuade him to give up the keys, you should call his doctor. In most states, doctors can contact the department of motor vehicles and notify it when a patient is medically unfit to drive.

**TOM:** Now, to address your original question: What happens if someone else reading today finds him—or her—riding with a driver who suddenly becomes incapacitated?

**RAY:** There is no absolute, one-size-fits-all answer. For instance, what you do on a straight, empty road when you're going 30 mph would differ from what you might do in city traffic, or on a highway or a mountain pass. But here are some general things to think about (our lawyer forbids us from actually recommending anything, but here are some ideas).

**TOM:** First, some things you might try NOT to do: Don't panic. Yeah, I know, that's easier said than done, when your spouse is having a medical emergency and you're barreling, out of control, toward an intersection. But it doesn't help. And don't try to help the driver. You have to get the car stopped so you don't both end up sharing a hospital room. Or worse.

**RAY:** Don't turn off the engine. You'll lose the power steering and power brakes, and you'll probably need both of them. You also might lock the steering wheel, which won't be helpful and will severely limit your options.

**TOM:** Don't remove your seat belt, at least until you have the car well under control. If the car does crash, you want to be belted in.

**RAY:** What you CAN do: Take the steering wheel in your left hand. You should be able to reach it and steer without leaving your seat. If the driver's foot is still pressing on the gas pedal, lift his or her right leg up off the pedal to allow the car to slow down by itself.

**TOM:** After that, it's going to depend on the situation. If there's a parking brake between the seats, pull it up. If you've got some open road, move the shifter into the lowest possible gear. Whether the shifter is on the console between the seats or on a column next to the steering wheel, you should be able to reach it. Shifting it to the lowest gear will eventually slow the car down to 10 mph or so.

**RAY:** Then you have to stop the car entirely. If there's a big console between the seats, is the car sufficiently out of immediate danger so that you can safely release your seat belt, climb over the console and apply the brake? Are you agile enough, or are the doctors going to have to do a gearshift-ectomy on you when it's all over?

**TOM:** Once the car is going slow enough, you may need to just slam the transmission into park and let it skid to a halt. If you don't have time for that, you may have to make an instantaneous decision to steer into a parker's lot than take a chance of hitting a car with people in it. Or you may have to hit a car with people in it rather than hit pedestrians. Or you may be able to steer the car

up a hill so the car will stop, and you can then put it in park.

**RAY:** There are a lot of variables, obviously, so you have to use your wits.

**TOM:** Or in my brother's case, more than the half he usually uses. But in your case, Liz, you need to get the fainter out of the driver's seat. That's job one.

## Making sense of oil designations

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
When purchasing oil, the oil has a quality level (API

Service). There are many different categories/types, such as SG/CD, SF, SM, SA, SB, SC, SE, to list a few. Today when I purchased oil, all the available viscosities and brands were SM. I have a 1993 Ford van with a 4.9-liter 6-cylinder engine. The owner's manual recommends 10w-30 SG/CD, which I could not find. What do all these types mean? Do I need to be concerned? — Dave

**RAY:** No, you don't need to be concerned, Dave. The letter combinations are performance

ratings from the American Petroleum Institute, or API. When your van was manufactured, the top-of-the-line motor oil was rated SG, so that's what Ford called for.

**TOM:** Well, since then, oils have continued to improve. They now last longer, lubricate better and hold more contaminants in suspension. And as oils have gotten better, they've been given higher designations. SH replaced SG in the top spot. Then came SI, SJ, SK and SL.

**RAY:** And now the best-per-

forming oil is SM. Not to be confused with tying people up and whipping them, which I'm quite sure API no longer endorses.

**TOM:** So, since your vehicle calls for SG or better, your engine can run on anything from SG through SM.

**RAY:** By the way, oil designations that start with the letter S are for gasoline engines, and those that start with C are for diesel engines. Those that start with EVOO are for salads and pasta.



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