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Monie: coming to various county projects

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Fiscal addressed a number of issues during their regular meeting Friday morning.

Among those items were issues dealing in most part with disbursements authorized for projects on Wayland Park, Allen Golf Course and Elk Horn Park.

The fiscal court voted for a disbursement of \$3,000 to Wayland Park when funds become available, which will be from the coal severance tax funds and distributed to the Wayland Historical Society.

Also, the court approved \$8,258 for the purchase of two lawn mowers for use at Allen Golf Course.

A third resolution given a green light by court members was a disbursement of \$7,933.67 for the Elk Horn Park Educational Project when the money becomes available. This money will be used to construct an education building at the site, county officials said.

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Talks resume on horse trail expansion

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - There was some mending between those involved with the project to reopen German Bridge campgrounds as a supplement to a planned expansion of Floyd County's horse trail Friday.

Jimmy Goble, president of the Big

Sandy Trail Riders, appeared before the Floyd County Fiscal Court in a spirit of reconnection between the two coordinating entities. Goble began by addressing public comments he made in late March relating to county officials.

"I want to apologize to the magistrates for the comments I made," Goble said. "It's just that we've had a lot peo-

ple who are ready to use the park and I'm just here to get your take on what to do with it."

Following a disagreement about the purchase of living quarters for a park manager, Goble referred to the members of the fiscal court as acting "like five-year-olds," adding at the time that it seemed to be an "I'll take my marbles and go home" mentality for the county

officials at times during the planning period.

Friday Goble made his quick apology and then went directly into offering ideas and asking for input from the court for further plans.

"There is no other place that can offer what we'll be able to offer at this

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Federal complaint filed against Pike coal co.

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - A federal complaint has been filed against a Pike County coal company that seeks payment stemming from 235 citations issued against three of the company's mines in just under two years.

Rock Fork Energy's No. 1, 2 and 3 mines were the focus of the complaint, filed in Pikeville this week.

According to federal documents, Rock Fork's No. 1 mine was issued 140 citations between Feb. 8, 2006 to Aug. 20, 2007. The civil penalties for those amount of \$193,236.

At the company's No. 2 mine, inspectors found 54 violations between July

25, 2006 and April 11, 2007, totaling \$4,656 in civil penalties.

Between Feb. 18, 2007 and Sept. 27, 2007, Rock Fork's No. 3 mine was issued 41 citations. Fines for these last violations at the company's third mine were \$3,355.

These three mines combined to now have Rock Fork Energy facing \$201,247 in total penalties, a total that grows slightly when administrative costs are factored in bring it to \$201,567.

The complaint, filed against the coal operator on behalf of the U.S. Secretary of Labor, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Mine Safety and Health Administration, asks for all civil penalties to be paid.

St. Vincent mission named Ky. nonprofit of the year

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

DAVID - In celebration of Nonprofit Week in Kentucky, St. Vincent Mission will host an open house at the facility in David on April 21. St. Vincent Mission, Inc. will be honored as Kentucky's Nonprofit Organization of the year on May 8.

"In 2008, we distributed 43,110 meals," said Kathleen Weigand, executive director of St. Vincent Mission. "Also, 143 families received emergency assistance funds, six students received scholarships, 55 young people benefited from Vacation Bible

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MOCK CRISIS ON CAMPUS



Big Sandy Community and Technical College held a "shooter on campus" scenario on Friday to test the college's Crisis Management Team and the response of police and other safety officials.

Shooter on campus scenario tests campus crisis management team

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College erupted in chaos on Friday as a gunman armed with a rifle opened fire on a group of students gathered in the student center. However, when the violence ended, the wounded and the dead got back on their feet and were no worse for wear.

The shooting was part of a drill to test the response of the Crisis Management Team at the college along with police and other public safety

organizations. From outside of the student center, the pop of the gun resounded throughout the empty campus as police officers in full gear established their positions and prepared to enter the building.

The police were notified and a live shooter response was carried out with police, fire, EMTs, and other first responders arriving on scene within minutes. The shooter fired paint balls during the scenario and was taken down by the police who returned fire with paint balls of their own.

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Carol Napier visited Prestonsburg Thursday to ask that regional officials join Pike County in coordinating and carrying out the next RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic that will take place in Pike County this June. The event provides medical, dental and eye health care to those who might not otherwise be able to afford the services.

RAM clinic looks to extend its reach

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - With one Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic under their belts, Pike County officials are now reaching out to surrounding counties to see another set up for those in the region without health insurance or those underinsured.

Carol Napier, commissioner of the Pike County Social Services Department, extended an invitation to other counties to donate their time, labor and money to seeing a second clinic take place, which is currently planned for June 27 and 28 of this year.

The invitation was offered at the monthly meeting of the Big Sandy Area Development District, a forum attended by county officials from the entire region.

Napier and others organized a RAM event at Pike County Central High School in June of last year. During that effort, Napier said some 500 volunteers showed up to

"Being in a position to see the relief in their face is what makes all the effort with it."

- Carol Napier, commissioner of the Pike County Social Services Department

assist hundreds of residents from the region and elsewhere receive medical, dental and eye health care.

"Being in a position to see the relief in their face is what makes all the effort with it," Napier said. "I'm here to ask for your support today. Even though we've had this in Pike County, people come from all over. It is a regional thing."

The city of Pikeville has already donated \$1,000 to the next clinic, Napier said.

The money is used almost exclusively for housing medical volunteers and others.

According to Napier and other organizers, has been dental at past RAM events.

Floyd County dentist Dr. Andy Elliot, who practices in Martin, served as the media contact last year. He said then he viewed the event has being "an excellent example of meeting access and affordability needs."

RAM brings all the equipment and all you have to do is volunteer," Elliot said. "It's one of those things where you get a lot more out of it than you put into it."

General volunteers are also needed, said Napier. Those individuals would be helping to register patients, providing food as needed and serving as what is

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Local Obituaries

Arizona A. Ward

Arizona A. Ward, 47, of Lorain, Ohio, a native of Floyd County, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at Regency West Hospital in Middleburg Height, Ohio.

Born August 28, 1961, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Clinton and Martha Adams Adkins. She was a disabled homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Ward. Survivors include a son, Claude Q. Ward of Lorain, Ohio, a brother, Jimmy Adkins of Lorain, Ohio, and three sisters: Katherine Collins, Teresa Hall, and Jewel Williams, all of Lorain, Ohio.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Jay Adkins, Queenie Adkins, Willie Adkins, Joyce Hall, and Norma Huhn; and two infant siblings.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 20, at 11 a.m. at the Little Rachel Old Regular Baptist Church, in Galveston, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Adkins Cemetery, in Galveston, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Visitation is at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations are to be made to the First Federal Bank, Overland Avenue, Lorain, Ohio, for her special needs son, Claude Ward. (Paid obituary)

Shirley Lynn Vires-Endicott

Shirley Lynn Vires-Endicott, 46, of Ewing, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at her residence.

Born July 29, 1962, in Breathitt County, she was the daughter of Woody Vires and Laura Davidson Vires.

She is survived by her husband, Ezra Endicott. In addition to her husband, other survivors include a son, Ike Vires of Breathitt County; four brothers: Larry Dean Vires of Hazard, Ronnie Vires of Stanton, and Michael and Gary Vires, both of Gauge; and a sister, Eunice Stephens of Florida.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Donnie Patrick officiating. Burial will be in the Vires-Davidson Cemetery, in Gauge. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

William Jason Ray Stone

William Jason Ray Stone, 27, of Tram, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born October 30, 1981, in Pikeville, he was the son of Beulah Gibson Stone and the late James Ray Stone. He was a contract laborer.

In addition to his mother, other survivors include one son, Gavin Ray Stone of Tram; three daughters: Marjia Yates, Mary Raelene Marie Stone, both of Tram; one sister, Barbara Joann Johnson of Tram; and his fiancée, Kimberly Tackett.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Red Alley, and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Tackett Cemetery, in Tram, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Bill Campbell, 81, of Lake Road, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 14, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Betty Sue Bentley Harris, 51, of Lexington, formerly of Martin, died Thursday, April 9, at the St. Joseph Hospice Care Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, April 12, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

George William "Bill" Rorrer, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 13, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Herman Belcher, 70, of Dorton Creek, died Sunday, April 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Spicie Jean Belcher. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Rocky Alex Blankenship, 47, of Hurley, Va., formerly of Pike County, died Monday, April 13, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Va. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Dixie Mae Cline, 85, of Cowpen, died Tuesday, April 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Mont Cline. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Jack D. Cole, 71, of Pikeville, died Monday, April 13, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Danny Cure, 59, of Jeffersonville, Tenn., formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, April 9, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Nancy Dotson, 91, of Phelps, died Monday, April 13, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Trulia Brundy Eanes, 88, of Lawrenceville, Ga., formerly of Williamson, W.Va., a native of Canada, died Monday, April 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the

direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Meda Estep, 91, of Phelps, died Thursday, April 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Virginia Evans, 84, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 14, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel.

Mary Virginia Evans, 84, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 14, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Peggy Jean Wakeland Glavaris, 75, of Lexington, a Pikeville native, died Monday, April 13, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Archie Lee "Bebo" Hall, 59, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, April 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Robert's Funeral Home.

Ruby S. Hill, 82, of West Liberty, a Pike County native, died Sunday, April 5, at the West Liberty Nursing & Rehab Center. She is survived by her husband, Bernard Hill. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Potter Funeral Home.

Eva Honaker, 81, of Burning Fork, died Monday, April 13, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Alfred Hopkins, 46, of Greasy Creek, died Friday, April 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Margie Little, 78, of Henry Clay, died Sunday, April 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

David Eugene Maynard, 40, of Fort Myers, Fla., a native of South Williamson, died Saturday, April 11, in Bluffton, S.C. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Maynard. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Leary May Meade McCorn, 85, of Alexandria, Ohio, a Pike County native,

died Tuesday, April 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Tanessa Mae Mosley, 11, daughter of Bill and Billie Jo Pinon Mosley of Kimper, died Saturday, April 11, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Rev. Ira Clyde Sturgeon, 90, of Freeburn, died Tuesday, April 14, at the Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Sammie F. Tackett, 76, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Yates Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Sylvia Thacker, 85, of Lower Pompey, died Saturday, April 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Sadie Marie Whitl, 85, of Ransom, died Friday, April 10, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Randall "Mud Hole" Williams, 68, of Mouthcard, died Thursday, April 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Williams. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 11, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

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

Ellen Gamble, 86, of Corunna, Indiana, a native of Knott County, died Thursday, April 2, in Kendallville, Indiana. Funeral services were held Monday, April 6, under the direction of Young Family Funeral Home.

Charles Granby Hays, 74, of Hindman, died Wednesday, April 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Freda Hall Hays. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 5, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Jason M. Mullins, 32, of Pinetop, died Wednesday, April 1, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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

R.D. Stone, 69, of Pippa Passes, died Saturday, April 4, at the Hazard A.H. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

JOHNSON COUNTY
Mae "Maverick" Jewell Salyers Cantrell, 66, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 14, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Numa Daniels, 96, of Nippa, died Monday, April 13, in Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Nellowene Blair Fairchild, 61, of Staffordsville, died Wednesday, April 8, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Ivan Fairchild. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Michael S. Hook, 34, died Wednesday, April 8, at his residence. Services were held Friday, April 17, at the Blankenship Cemetery at Thelma, under the direction of the Edwards Funeral Home, Columbus, Ohio.

Margaret Jane Walters Penix, 68, of Paintsville, died Wednesday, April 15, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Pat Picklesimer, 63, of Sitka, died Friday, April 10, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Landon Tackett, 86, of Lexington, formerly of Johnson County, died Friday, April 10, at the V.A. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Esta Mac Martin Tackett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral

Home. Kermit C. Ward, 82, of Bristolville, Ohio, a native of East Point, died Wednesday, April 8, at St. Joseph Hospital Care Center in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Mounts) Ward. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 14, under the direction of Roberts-Clark Chapel, Warren, Ohio.

Deloris S. Witten, 63, of Van Lear, died Tuesday, April 14, in Russell. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY
Earnie Patrick, 51, of Salsersville, died Sunday, April 12. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Jolly Rowe, 57, of Salsersville, died Thursday, April 9. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAURENCE COUNTY
Troy Hall, 73, of Louisa, died Tuesday, April 14, in Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Belcher Hall. Funeral services were held Friday, April 17, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Helen Louisa Isaac, 86, of Louisa, died Friday, April 10, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Monday, April 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Minnie Pearl Levering, 66, of Louisa, died Tuesday, April 14, in Wolf Creek, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 16, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY
Leila Crum, 75, of Inez, died Sunday, April 5, at her home. A memorial service was held Friday, April 10, under the direction of Richmond Callahan Funeral Home.

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

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

Our Yesterdays
The Floyd County Times reported in its February 10, 1938, issue that Senator Joe P. Tackett, of Floyd County, introduced a resolution to the Kentucky Senate, last week, protesting the alleged encroachment of the federal government on state's rights, and asking the two Kentucky Senators, Barkley and Logan, to oppose the anti-lynching bill, now before the national Senate.
FLOYD COUNTY TIMES
Estimate 5,000 Are Vaccinated on Beaver Typhoid Threat 'Is Stemmed By Red Cross Aid'
Front Page of The First Issue of The Floyd County Times. Printed June 19th, 1927

You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.

Crisis on campus

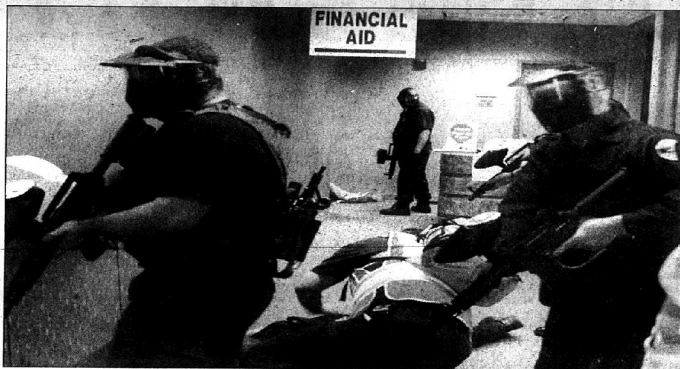
Along with the realism of actually firing shots, the mock victims of the shooting wore prosthetics that gave a striking visual effect to their imaginary injuries. One student trailed foam intestines from her stomach as she lay dying on the floor.

The shooter's motive behind the mock massacre was the denial of his financial aid. At the end of the drill, four casualties, including the shooter, were tallied along with six injured students.

The college's Crisis Management Team issued a SNAP alert, which is part of a new crisis alert system for students and staff on campus. SNAP sends text messages to mobile phones regarding campus emergencies. After issuing the SNAP, the campus went into a "shelter in place" alert and the Crisis Management Team established a communication link with the police and the media.

"The purpose of the mock disaster was to test the crisis communications response at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the first response systems of Floyd County," said Linda Lyon, director of public relations for the college. "The response team at the college as well as the police, fire and ambulance use practices like this to hone their skills to be better prepared to save lives in the event of a real disaster. We are very happy with the way this practice event went today. We learned a few things that we need to work on and that's good to know before we are faced with a real event. Better yet, we found out that we are better prepared than we thought we were. We also feel much more confident with our local police and fire response teams close by."

Prestonsburg Director of



Submitted photos

Above, officers checked on the wounded and secured the area during a mock school shooting on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Friday.

At right, the injured were removed from the scene in order to receive medical treatment during the mock school shooting held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Friday.



Public Safety Mike Omerod said that the police department participates in several events like the "shooter on campus" scenario each year. "We always see things that we could do different and improve on during these drills," Omerod said. "It's important for all of our officers to use their training."

Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George Edwards was also pleased with the reaction of the team and the police. "I am proud of the way my staff handled the crisis scenario today," Edwards said. "If this had been a real crisis situation I am confident that we would have been ready to meet the needs of our students and employees."

"We learned some things today and we will improve our crisis plan accordingly. That is the purpose of a practice such as this," Edwards added. "Thanks to our friends from the city police and fire departments, as well as the ambulances and other first responders for their assistance in this drill. It was a success for the college and for them."

Nonprofit

School and art classes, 342 individuals received Christmas gifts, three students earned their GEDs, and 35 homes were repaired through the efforts of staff, volunteers and donors of St. Vincent Mission.

St. Vincent Mission works in cooperation with a number of groups and organizations in eastern Kentucky including Christian Appalachian Project, Floyd County Ministerial Association, Christian Service Ministry, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Maytown Lifetime Learning Center, LINKS, Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Dept., St. Joseph's Hospital of Martin, Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board, Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, the Baptist Center, the David School, David Volunteer Fire Dept., Floyd County Bar Association, St. Martha's Catholic Church and others.

Kentucky Nonprofit Week is designated to raise the awareness of the services provided by Kentucky's charitable nonprofit sector. Over 22,384 nonprofit organizations currently operate in the state, contributing more than \$313 billion per year to Kentucky's economy.

The open house is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. For more information about St. Vincent Mission, visit <http://www.stvincentmission.org>.

Medical

"Sitters function to save spots for patients who are moving from station to station to receive attention," Napier said. "And this is important as often visitors seeking treatment are addressed as quickly as possible before having to be turned away as the two-day events come to a close."

At a RAM event in Knoxville, some 400 people had to be turned away as the gates closed. For more information, contact Napier at (606) 432-6246 or (606) 213-5199. Those interested can also find out more by visiting the program Web site at www.ramusa.org.

Chamber of Commerce to celebrate 45th anniversary

In observation of the Floyd County Chamber Of Commerce 45th anniversary, The Chamber would like for each member to help us celebrate on Monday, April 27, from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

The Chamber encourages each Chamber Member to bring a non-member guest to become more familiar with our growing organization.

Please stop by our location at 113 South Central Avenue in Prestonsburg, and join us anytime between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. for cake and refreshments during our 45th Anniversary Celebration.



Horse

park." Goble said, "It's something that could be beneficial to all of Floyd County and we just need to get this taken care of."

One puzzle piece that has been anticipated in the past several weeks has been the finalization of a contract with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife to see work continue in developing the horse trail expansion.

Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said a call received late Thursday evening notified county officials that the contract has been signed and should arrive by the first of next week.

"This is a diamond in the rough," Marshall, referring to the proposed expansion of the trail and the incorporation of fishing, hunting, hiking and camping at one venue. "They could make it a shining star for the county."

The court then individually addressed Goble by saying he and the trail riding club, as well as others involved in the project, had the full support of the fiscal court, with District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers offering the final word on Goble's prior comments.

"We can get some kids up here to play with marbles," Akers said, then added: "If you've got a problem with me, then you come and talk to me."

There are four scheduled trail rides, according to Goble, who says he expects between 400 and 500 people to attend.

The court next plans to designate at least two people from the incoming summer workers the county and rest of the region expects to put to work for help in cleaning the park.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security benefits everyone

by JENNIFER HOPKINS
SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
SOCIAL SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION

Did you know that Social Security reaches almost every family, and at some point touches the lives of nearly all Americans? It has an impact on the very fabric of the American economy.

Social Security helps not only older Americans, but also workers who become disabled and families in which a spouse or parent dies. Today, about 162 million people work and pay Social Security taxes and more than 51 million people receive monthly Social Security benefits. In 2008 alone, those benefits came to about \$614 billion.

In one way or another, Social Security benefits everyone. The payments made to

beneficiaries help individuals and families to stay afloat. But Social Security goes beyond that. In many areas across the nation, Social Security is essential to keeping the economy going. Take, for example, Siskiyou County in Northern California. Nearly 20 percent of the entire economy comes from Social Security. About 30 percent of the population receives Social Security or SSI benefits.

In Siskiyou County and other counties around the nation, the benefits paid don't stop at helping the beneficiaries who depend on them. These people spend their benefit payments at the local grocery store, the local clothing store, department stores, and mom-and-pop shops. Benefits are used to pay for goods and services that sustain the local economy.

It's no coincidence that Social Security finds its origins in another financial crisis: the Great Depression. The program played a part in that recovery. There's no denying that it's playing a part in helping the current economy as well.

It's clear that in one way or another, Social Security benefits everyone.

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

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

History's long pendulum swings back to left

In the second volume of Edmund Morris' magnificent (and still in progress) biography of Theodore Roosevelt, we find Elihu Root, Roosevelt's great friend and one-time secretary of state, reminiscing about TR's war with the railroad industry in 1906. "The central fact for Theodore was that the last decades of the 19th century had been a period of risk for capital — risk demanding great courage from entrepreneurs, and rightly rewarding them with enormous wealth if their new modes of production paid off. When those modes became established modes, however, and risk declined in consequence, there would have to be a surrender by capital ... of its high percentage of profit ..."

"He also believed something else with complete sincerity, too: that unless capital consented to some redistribution of profits, piling up beyond reason now that times were stable and competition was often turning to complexity, 'the radical elements' of society would resort to violence."

Some on Wall Street thought Roosevelt was a traitor to his capitalist roots, promoting class warfare and flirting with socialism. How dare he condemn "malefactors of great wealth" and the "wealthy criminal class"? Why regulate industry and create a progressive tax system?

Five score and three years later, history's long pendulum has brought the United States to a similar place. The last three decades, too, have seen a flowering in entrepreneurship. Risk was minimized by political and mathematical finagling. Great fortunes were made and huge rewards flowed to capital and away from labor.

America became a "plutonomy," a word coined in 2005 by Ajay Kapur, then a global strategist at Citigroup, to describe a nation defined by massive income and wealth inequality. Six factors, he said, helped make it so: business-friendly government and tax policies; increasingly complex financial systems; control of the rule of law; globalization; technology changes and patent protection.

Globalization has undercut the power of organized labor. Cheap foreign-made consumer goods allowed the middle class to buy themselves the tokens of prosperity (let them eat iPods!) even as wages stagnated. The real estate bubble — inflated by trade in complex financial derivatives — created new wealth in home equities.

Now it's all come apart at the seams. In attempting to address it, President Barack Obama — though no child of privilege, finds himself, like Theodore Roosevelt, being accused of being a socialist intent on promoting class warfare.

The class warfare argument — beloved of the talking heads at CNBC and Fox News and poor Rush Limbaugh, who promises to move his studio from New York City if a "millionaire's tax" goes through — ignores the reality that undeclared class war has been going on for three decades or more. Only recently did the poor and middle class realize they've been under attack.

Theodore Roosevelt, who'd assumed office when an anarchist assassinated William McKinley, was alarmed that social unrest in the United States could lead to all-out anarchy. Three decades later, his fifth cousin, Franklin Roosevelt, would share the same fears.

Both Roosevelts acted to save capitalism from its own excesses. Now it's Obama's turn: Propping up banks, but not nationalizing them; running the auto industry, replacing the president of General Motors, underwriting warranties; bailing out the financial class, demanding greater regulation and a greater share of capital go to labor.

To suggest that Barack Obama is a socialist displays a profound misunderstanding of both capitalism and socialism. To suggest that society's "achievers" (Limbaugh's favorite term) would suffer privation if their marginal tax rate were returned to where it was during the Reagan administration is a slander not just on everyone who works for a living, but on achievement itself.

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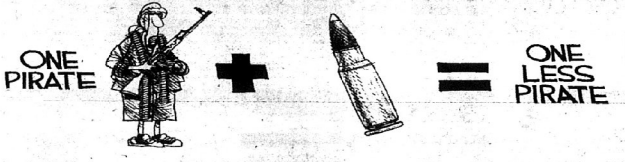
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Chuck Norris

Time for TEA and a fair tax

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS SYNDICATE

Teatime, anyone? I hope you've joined one of the thousands of TEA (Taxed Enough Already) parties or FairTax rallies, which are happening across the country April 15 to protest outrageous government spending, the deepening of our national debt, and the subsequent taxes. This is a nonpartisan time to rally around like-minded citizens and declare that we're tired of the same old political rhetoric and that we want a better way.

I personally encourage all people to voice to their representatives that we need to return to a taxation system similar to the one established by our Founding Fathers. They did not penalize productivity through taxes the way we do today. They had no Internal Revenue Service. They believed in minimal taxation. They did not pay income taxes, which were prohibited by the Constitution. They did not pay export taxes, which also were prohibited by the Constitution. But they did tax imports. The Founders believed in free trade within our own borders and a system of tariffs on imported goods.

That's a system that makes sense to me. It is a system designed to pro-

serve individual liberty and encourage productivity (through no income taxes and no discouragement of domestic production through export taxes) while choosing to keep taxes as painless as possible (through taxes on foreign imports). And it doesn't require an IRS to run it.

The Founders would have been horrified at the bloated federal bureaucracy we have now and the maze of taxes we have to navigate: income taxes, employment taxes, capital gains taxes, estate taxes, corporate taxes, property taxes, Social Security taxes, gas taxes, etc. It was excessive taxation like this that drove the Founders to rebel in the first place.

All of the Founders were opposed to domestic taxes. They regarded high taxes and aggressive tax collectors as tyrannical and always to be guarded against. Patrick Henry warned: "Excise men may come in multitudes, for the limitation of their numbers no man knows. They may, unless the general government be restrained by a bill of rights or some similar restriction, go into your cellars and rooms and search, ransack and measure everything you eat, drink and wear." (A prophetic statement?)

The IRS wasn't started until

nearly 100 years after the Revolutionary War, in 1862 as the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Its creation coincided with the creation of the income tax, which it was designed to collect. Both were the work of President Abraham Lincoln and Congress, who saw them as necessary to pay for Civil War expenses.

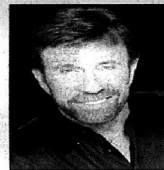
It is interesting to note, however, that the income tax law expired 10 years later, was revived in 1894, and then was ruled by the Supreme Court as unconstitutional in 1895. Yet in 1913, it became law through the 16th Amendment.

Ever since then, the income tax has deprived families of their rightful earnings, restricted our liberties, and deprived our economy of money that could have been invested in productive enterprises.

Today the IRS is the No. 1 enemy of your pocketbook. Who doesn't fear an IRS audit? It's the only federal agency that considers you guilty until proven innocent. It can't be overhauled or even reformed (Congress' attempts have failed).

The best answer is to abolish the IRS, sweep away the present tax code, and implement FairTax's plan, which lives up to its name. As Mike Huckabee says, "Wouldn't it be nice

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Chuck Norris

beyond the Beltway

Collecting your bonanza from the internet

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I get a lot of mail, much of it of the "why don't you stick your head-in-the-toilet-and flush-it?" variety. But every once in a while you get one that touches your heart. I got one the other day. It said:

"Hello Dear, My name is Margaret Sutton; I am a dying woman who has decided to donate what I have to an individual/church. I am 80 years old and I was diagnosed for cancer about two years ago immediately after the death of my husband who has left me everything he worked for, and because the doctors told me I will not live longer than some weeks because of my health I decided to WILL donate the sum of \$7,500,000 (seven million five hundred thousand dollars) to you for the good work of humanity and also to help the motherless and less privileged and also for the assistance of the widows ... please use the funds well and always extend the good word to others."

The name of a lawyer to be contacted — in Spain, as it happened — followed. Then: "I know I don't know you but I have been directed to do this. Thanks and God bless."

Mrs. Sutton also requested "utmost confidentiality" in the matter and I will honor that request, of course. So this is just between you and me. But wow. That's all I can think to say. I am speechless. I don't

know who directed her or how she found me but she got the right guy. Not only do I happen to be an individual/religion, just the other day I was saying to my wife:

"You know what we could really use right now? Seven-and-a-half million dollars."

It is, of course, every columnist's dream. (Maybe not George Will's, but everybody else.) We dream of being adopted, so to speak, by an elderly, unknown admirer who says: "I just love your column. I don't have any sons or daughters or nieces or nephews, nor sisters or brothers, and my husband, mother, father and grandparents are dead. You are all I have in life so I'm leaving you all of my money, which is a lot." (signed) devoted fan - "P.S. — I'm very sick and expect to die soon."

And now it's happened, almost word for word except for the loving my work part. The e-mail was addressed to "undisclosed recipients," the Internet equivalent of "occupant." So what? You can't have everything.

I was sorry about her being sick, that goes without saying, but I took comfort in the fact she was eighty. That's a good run, I hope the end, when it comes, is painless and quick — particularly quick.

Not that I'm greedy or anything but I am getting on in years and if I have to wait much longer for the brass ring I won't remember what it's for.

My wife, ever the wet blanket, was skeptical.

"Oh please," she said when I told her. "You're not falling for that old trick again are you?"

"What old trick?"

"The Internet scam where somebody you don't know and never heard of discovers that you are the perfect person to give a fortune to. Last time it was a fugitive colonel from Nigeria who had \$30 million dollars in a Dutch bank, but he couldn't access it without your help, for which he would give you a third."

"This is different."

"So you wrote him and he wrote back and you wrote back and he wrote back and it turned out it was going to cost you \$5,000 to get your \$10 million. And you probably would have given him the five except I threatened to have my brother break your nose."

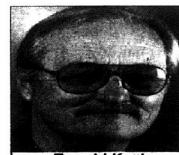
"This is an 80-year-old woman and she doesn't want any money from me; she just wants me to help widows and orphans."

"Yeah? Well, you answer her e-mail and there's going to be one more widow in the world."

"You don't have any imagination, you know that?"

"Thank God one of us doesn't."

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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.

I have had a speaking acquaintance of a sort, for some years now with Thoreau's WALDEN'S POND, but not till this week, did I sit down to read the entire book...

THE MOON AND THE WEATHER

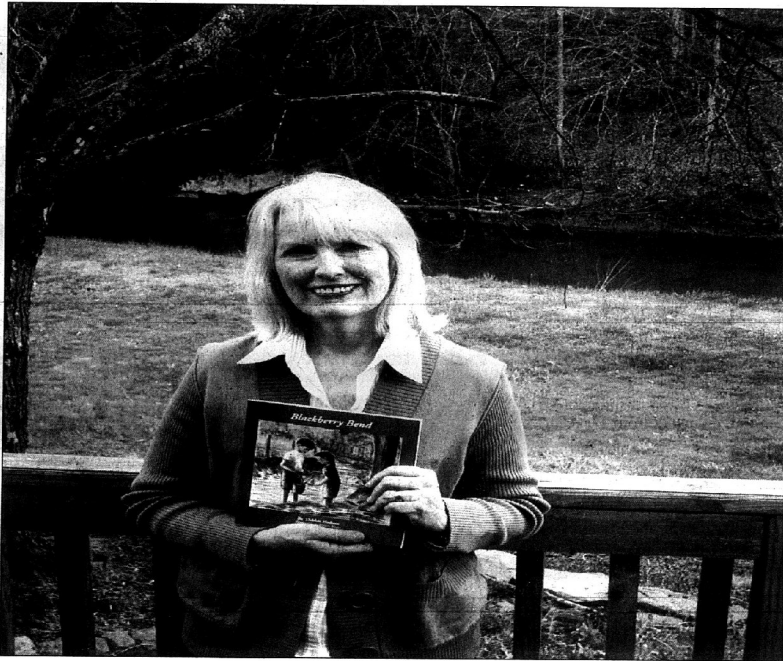
With the weather more capricious than a filly, I have heard from two or three sources within the last 10 days that all the United States has achieved by those moon landings is to throw the moon out of kilter and mess up the weather here below.

While I am away from the local scene, let me voice my sentiments about rebuilding North Vietnam. If those people need food or medicine or clothing, I say, send it to them.

There are several pronunciations heard in these parts of the word "egg." The story is told of a teacher in an eastern Kentucky school, assembling a class in Agriculture, and at the first session, he conducted a get-acquainted session.

Back toward the rear sat an old boy who had risen early to get to school, and who was in a half doze when the question was popped. He bestirred himself, shot up his hand and replied.

Watch your daily newspaper for that Daylight Savings Time announcement. We still remember our last attempt to announce this important time change, and will forego any further rash statements.



Knott County author Debbie Hodson recently published her newest book titled "Blackberry Road" through IvyStone Press. The new title is Hodson's second published book.

BLACKBERRY ROAD

Children's book the second for Knott County author

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

HINDMAN - Debbie Hodson, a native of Knott County, celebrates the history of culture of the mountains in her work, and her new children's book, "Blackberry Road," focuses on these familiar themes.

"Many of us from this area had special relationships with our grandparents and learned so much from them," Hudson said. "Everything from how to plant peas or make biscuits, to how to recognize the trees and plants up in the mountains. It is important for young people today to continue to hear and learn the mountain wisdom, the family stories and history that bind us together as southeastern

Knott County people." The book features illustrations by Miriam Meyer, also a resident of Knott County. Meyer's drawings highlight the opening of each chapter in Blackberry Road.

Hodson's first book, "A Mountain Rainbow," was published four years ago and is now in its second printing. Along with the book, Hodson also created a study guide to be used in classrooms throughout eastern Kentucky. Hodson brought "A Mountain Rainbow" to Clark Elementary School and also served as the featured author in 2007 and 2008 at the Young Author's Event and Jenny Wiley State Park.

"Someone recently asked where Blackberry Bend is," Hodson said. "I suppose it could be almost anywhere in southeastern Kentucky. The story isn't really a memoir and I didn't have a particular place in mind. It came about as stories often

do, from snatches of life a person absorbs over time. Some of those no doubt did spring from childhood years. I spent in Letcher County or the 35 years of marriage we've spent in Harlan and Knott Counties. So maybe it's somewhere on Cowan in Letcher County or up around the Breaks in Pike County. Or way down on Laurel in Harlan County. I'm not sure. But I do know it's a good place and a place like most of us from this region experienced at one time or other in our lives."

Copies of both books may be obtained in Prestonsburg at Spread the Word Christian Bookstore and Reulmore Bookstore. A signed copy of either book may also be purchased by mail with \$12.95 for "Blackberry Bend" and \$10.95 for "A Mountain Rainbow," plus \$3 shipping and handling per copy, by contacting IvyStone Press, P.O. Box 50, Emmalena, KY 41740.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Assault! Jack the Ripper'

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

A nerdyish pastry chef and a saucy waitress team up for a brutal killing spree in this Japanese effort which has finally landed on our shores thanks to the good folks at "Mondo Macabro."

This gory effort is required viewing for trend watchers who want to see where horror cinema is headed. Ten years ago Hideo Ogiwara began churning out remakes of Japanese horror films ("Ring," "Pulse" and "The Grudge") and then proceeded to mine the 1970s for remakes of classics ("Halloween," "Friday the 13th" and even "Prom Night") so it's clear, to the Lagoon anyway, that the next cycle of remakes will be 1970s Japanese horror films. If that's the case then they'll probably remake this film first (and both it completely).

The story begins at a fancy restaurant where a new waitress finds that she may not have the temperament for the job, as it's not customary in Japan to dump hot coffee on old guys who come on to the help. She catches the eye of the shop's pastry specialist and he agrees to give her a ride home when it begins storming outside.

Along the way they pick up a hitchhiker who seems to be off her meds. The first clue to her mental state should have been the hospital gown she's rocking, but they miss their ride on the clue express until the young lady begins drooling and smearing her body with wedding cake. They opt to drop her off on the street but she decides to hang on to the vehicle long enough to be dragged to a gruesome death.

The couple panic and hide the body in an auto graveyard but discover that the experience has ignited their libidos. Rather than split, they stay around for a tryst, which continues at her apartment.

The next day sees the chef avoiding her at work and this doesn't sit well with our hostess, who decides to make him jealous by going parking with the customer she rebuffed on her first day of work. The plan works and the two become an item, but that's a bad thing for everyone else.

They embark on a spree that begins with convenient victims but soon gets personal and finds them hunting down the wife of the lecherous customer who reignited their passion. In between killings, they enjoy the odd picnic and a spaghetti dinner, but trouble beckons when the chef decides to hunt alone.

It all leads to a decidedly grim finale in which the chef attacks a

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The button

by VANESSA ANN CAIN 'CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WORKING MOM'S SOUL'

If either of my sons has the ambition or calling to become president of the United States, the American people can rest assured that they will not have to worry about him pushing the "button." In fact, I fear that my sons' future wives will be in for a hard time getting them to push any button, unless, of course, it is located on a television remote or a video-game

controller. The other day, my husband, Larry, looked at me rather strangely when I asked the boys to check the wash and became rather specific in my instructions.

"Brent, did you start the laundry?" "Yes, ma'am. The whites are done."

"Good. Have you switched the loads?" He nodded. "Did you tell your brother to push the button?"

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

That is when I noticed Larry raise his eyebrow.

Brent disappeared with the wonderful chore of telling his younger brother what to do, and the extreme pleasure of being able to add: "Do it now," Mom said.

A few months ago, whenever the boys cleaned their rooms, I found four loads of laundry and "dirty clothes" that were still attached to hangers deposited on the bathroom floor. Larry and I decided that the kids would be in charge of the laundry. Brent would be in charge of sorting and washing, Brad would dry and fold.

I had a brief moment when the

clouds actually parted and a sparkling beam of heavenly light and angelic voices surrounded me. I thought in anticipation about coming home to the hum of the washer and dryer, clean clothes, towels and blankets folded neatly and waiting to be used.

Ahhh, heaven. Every mother knows that laundry never stops, and the thought of not having to think about that particular chore was a wonderful

fantasy. Fantasy. That was the right word. I should have remembered that just because we had put the children in charge of something doesn't necessarily mean we can't forget about it.

I smiled at my husband even as we heard Brad's voice rise in the hallway. "OK, Brent, I'm doing it!"

Quit telling me to push the

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It's hard to tell if antifreeze accident was harmful

by TOM AND RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a soldier who mistakenly poured a gallon of antifreeze in his crankcase. He then started and ran the car for several minutes before he realized what he had done. He is being told that he needs a new engine by one mechanic, and that he doesn't by another. I think he is probably "up the creek" and will have to get a new engine. What is your guidance? By the way, I'm not too proud to say I had to replace someone's brake system because of a similar mistake I made years ago. Antifreeze, no light and unfamiliarity with a vehicle can be a BAD combination. — Peter

RAY: Well, Sarge, I can tell by your relaxed, understanding attitude that it wasn't YOUR car he poured the antifreeze into!

TOM: The car might be fine. While antifreeze isn't as good a lubricant as oil, it does have lubricating properties. After all, one of its jobs is to lubricate the water pump as it passes through.

RAY: So it's nowhere near as bad as putting, say, water in the crankcase. Or Cream of Wheat.

TOM: And if he really ran the engine only for several minutes — and a lot depends on his definition of the word "several" — he might not have cooked the bearings, which is the worst-case scenario.

RAY: There are a couple of

clues he can look for. One is that he's burning oil. If he notices a cloud of blue smoke following him around everywhere he goes, that's a sign that the rings were damaged, and suggests that the bearings may have been harmed, too.

TOM: But the definitive test is an oil-pressure test. Have him borrow an oil-pressure gauge from the motor pool. You unscrew the oil-pressure switch and screw in the gauge in its place.

RAY: Then find out what the spec is supposed to be for this car. It'll be listed as a certain pressure, in psi, at a given rpm. So, maybe it's supposed to be between 45 and 60 psi at 2,500, for example. We don't know what the spec is for his car. But we're pretty sure it's not zero!

TOM: If the oil pressure is up to spec, he's fine, and he can forget all about this little incident. If it's on the low end of the spec, he can try using a thicker oil while he attempts to unload the car on someone of lower rank.

RAY: But if it's below spec, he's cooked. In that case, since it's probably burning oil and blowing blue smoke to beat the band, he may be able to sell the car to the Army for use in cam-

ouflage duty putting out a smokescreen to protect your guys from being spotted by the enemy.

It's a buyer's market for SUVs

Dear Tom and Ray:
With the economy reeling, gas prices recently higher than ever, numerous dealerships in the area going under, talks of big mergers or bailouts or bankruptcies in Detroit, and the quick death of America's love affair with SUVs, I was wondering what your thoughts are as to how these issues might actually end up benefiting someone with excellent credit who will be in the market for a somewhat-used SUV in the next few months. Are there likely to be better and better deals out there for mid-to large-size used SUVs? Do you think the market may become more flooded with lease buybacks and repossessed SUVs from people who leveraged their homes for the purchase of these vehicles a few years ago? Thanks for your help. — Joshua

TOM: Joshua, you're going to be more popular than a Preparation H salesman at a hemorrhoid sufferers' convention. If you're shopping for a



late-model used SUV, there are going to be thousands of dealers who are dying to meet you. RAY: This is a classic case of what Father Guido Sarducci called "supply- and demand-." Selling an SUV these days is getting harder than persuading lactose intolerants to sign up for the Brie of the Month Club.

TOM: So you're absolutely sitting in the driver's seat. There are plenty of these things sitting on car lots losing value, because everybody assumes that gas prices will be going back up again as soon as the economy rebounds. And very few drivers want to get stuck with a vehicle that gets 10 or 15 mpg the next time gas goes

up to \$4 or \$5 a gallon.

RAY: So if you're one of the increasingly smaller group of people who happen to want or need an SUV, you're going to have your choice of makes, models, colors, options and prices.

TOM: And if, for instance, you happen to commute five miles a day each way, maybe gas mileage isn't your top priority. I mean, if you drive a gas hog that gets 10 mpg in town, at \$2.50 a gallon, your daily commute costs you \$2.50. And if gas goes up to \$5 a gallon, you'd spend an extra \$2.50 a day, or an extra \$600 a year. But if you saved \$5,000 when you bought the truck, you might be OK with that.

RAY: Of course, one trip to Grandma's a few states over could croak you!

TOM: But if you're a person who wants or needs an SUV, it's a buyer's market right now, Joshua.

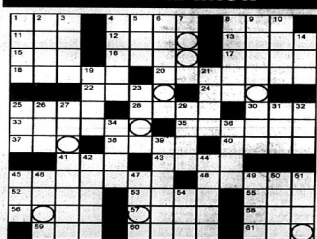
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by Linda Thistle

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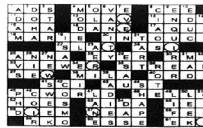
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TUMBLE-THEMe-a! answer: ENTERTAINMENT

Soup

button. I'm pushing it!" Larry's raised eyebrow invited an explanation. "Apparently," I began, still smiling, "it is Brent's job to transfer the wet clothes from the washer to the dryer, but not to push the button. Brad is supposed to push the button and then set the timer. If Brent forgets to tell Brad he has switched out the loads, or if Brad forgets to push the button 'in a minute,' I come home from work to wet

clothes in both the washer and dryer and no dry towels for morning."

I sighed. "I am the coordinator. Apparently, it is my job to make sure they communicate and that the button gets pushed."

Larry smiled at me and called the boys into the room. "Brent, from now on, you are in charge of all the laundry. Brad, your job is now the dishes."

Brad's eyes became as big

Norris

if April 15 were just another sunny spring day?" (Mike himself will be hosting a FairTax rally in Columbia, S.C.)

FairTax's plan would do away with all taxes and would put in their place a single, consumption (fair) tax, which right now is the closest practical proposal to the taxation system favored by the Founders.

With the fair tax, the harder you worked and the more money you made the better off you and our economy would be. You would pay taxes only when you bought something, which means that you could control how much you'd be taxed and that you never would be penalized for working hard.

It's time we had a system through which people didn't have to figure out ways to cheat in order to save their money.

Again, as Huckabee says: "The fair tax is a completely transparent tax system. It doesn't increase taxes. It's revenue-neutral. But here's what it will do: It will bring business back to the United States that is leaving our shores because our tax laws make it impossible for an American-based business to compete. O The fair tax was designed by economists from Harvard and Stanford and some of the leading think

tanks across the country."

There are also trillions of dollars hiding in offshore accounts. With the fair tax, the people with their money offshore could bring it back to invest here, which would give a huge boost to our economy. It's the biggest stimulation package there is. As the FairTax Web site says, "Think of it as the World's Biggest Economic Jumper Cables."

If you haven't found the nearest location for a TEA party or FairTax rally, go to <http://www.TeaPartyDay.com> or <http://www.FairTax.org>. Invite your friends, too. And don't forget to bring copies of

the party rolling!

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Lagoon

dormitory full of nurses. The waitress shows up but will she stop him or become his next victim?"

This is a well-constructed terror yarn but it's not for the squeamish. The killings are violently rendered and there is an overabundance of nihilism that keeps the film honest but will alienate any viewer hoping for a denouement that sees justice served.

That said, there is a lot to recommend here, as the film pulls no punches. A minor complaint is that the sound-

track consist of 70's "LaLa" music that might make you consider doing harm to someone if you have to hear it for too long but the film's saving grace is a lean 74 minute running time that sees no frame wasted. Check it out for an honest take on thrill killing that was inspired by two American crime cases (the Lonely Hearts Killers and Richard Speck).

Best line: "Killing is easier the second time. Let's try again on our tax off."

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1976, unrated.

FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Spurlock no-hits Valley

Lady Rebs advance to All 'A' title game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Allen Central advanced to the 15th Region All 'A' Classic championship game following a 10-0 win over Paintsville Thursday evening. Shea Spurlock pitched a no-hitter for Allen Central as the Lady Rebels won for the third

time in four outings. Spurlock recorded 10 strikeouts. She issued one walk, narrowly missing a perfect game.

"It was a tremendous win for us," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "Shea Spurlock pitched great as usual."

Allen Central thrived defensively and offensively.

AC center fielder Megan Jones caught a hard hit ball from Paintsville center fielder Amanda Jarrell in the third inning by diving, catching, rolling and not dropping the ball.

"It was awesome," Burke commented. "She came up big again in the fourth by catching a

blooper at full sprint. She kept our defense fired up all night."

Three Allen Central players had doubles. Sarah Kinney, who hit a homerun last week against Pikeville, hit a double off of the center field fence. Spurlock and Ericka Moore also had one double each for the Lady Rebels. Kinney, Spurlock and Moore were responsible for five RBIs. Kinney went 3-for-4 for the Lady Rebels.

"Sarah Kinney is really starting to hit her stride this year with hitting," Burke added. "It's exciting everytime she is up to bat."

Allen Central improved to 4-3 after posting the win.

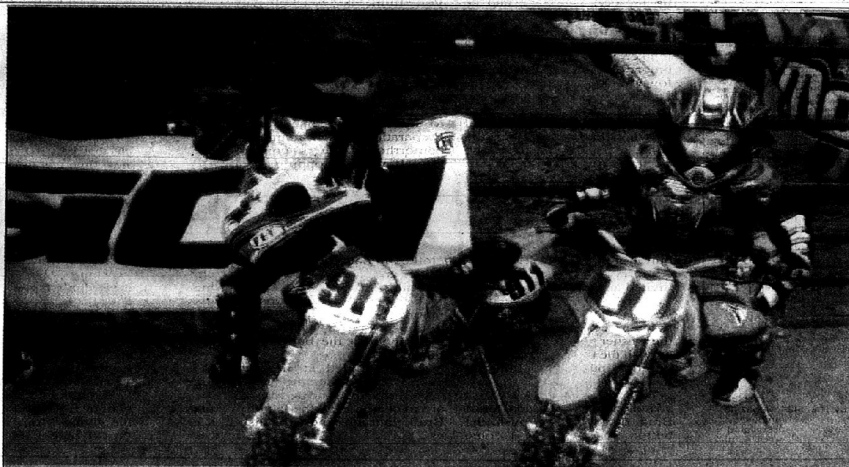


photo by Jamie Howell
YOUNG PITCHER
SHEA SPURLOCK continues to lead the Allen Central softball team from inside the circle.

Look for more on the Allen Central softball team in upcoming editions.

H.S. SOFTBALL KSCA Poll

1. Lou. Ballard
 2. Christian Co.
 3. North Laurel
 4. Owensboro Cath.
 5. Manual
 6. AC-Scottsville
 7. Mercy
 8. Reidland
 9. Western Hills
 10. Scott County
 11. Greenwood
 12. Clark County
 12. Meade County
 14. Anderson County
 15. Warren East
 16. Louisville Butler
 17. Male
 18. Lafayette
 19. Dunbar
 20. North Hardin
 21. Heath
 22. Butler County
 22. Franklin County
 24. Woodford County
 25. Lexington Catholic
- Area teams receiving votes: Lawrence Co. 12, Ashland 8.



CAMERON CRIDER HONORED

Dwale motocross athlete Mason "Cameron" Crider was honored as the Beaver Junction Motocross Rider of the Month for the month of March. Crider competes aboard No. 11.

H.S. BASEBALL KHBCA POLL

1. Apollo
 2. Pleasure Ridge Park
 3. Lexington Catholic
 4. Eastern
 5. Tates Creek
 6. Male
 7. Western Hills
 8. St. Xavier
 9. Trinity
 10. Bullitt East
 11. Covington Catholic
 12. Franklin County
 13. Lexington Christian
 14. West Jessamine
 15. Lawrence County
 16. Marshall County
 17. Harrison County
 18. Ballard
 - Paul Dunbar (tie)
 20. DuPont Manual
 21. Daviess County
 22. Elizabethtown
 - Henry Clay (tie)
 24. Central Hardin
- Greenup County (tie)
Henderson County (tie)

MSU earns full certification status

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Committee on Athletics Certification announced today (April 16) that Morehead State University, along with 35 other institutions, has earned full certification status after having undergone the Association's second cycle of athletics certification.

A designation of certified means that an institution operates its athletics program in substantial conformity with operating principles adopted by the Division I membership.

"Morehead State University's intercollegiate athletics program has long been a great source of pride for the campus community, alumni and Eagle fans," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "This certification confirms that the program meets the highest standards of quality in compliance, equity, academic integrity

and commitment to the well-being of all our student-athletes."

"A great deal of hard work by faculty, administrators and athletics staff went into the self-study that led to this successful certification and I appreciate that very much."

The purpose of athletics certification is to ensure integrity in the institution's athletics program and to assist institutions in improving their athletics departments. NCAA legislation mandating athletics certification was adopted in 1993.

The certification process, which involves a self-study directed by an institution's president or chancellor, includes a review of these primary components: governance and commitment to rules compliance; academic integrity; and equity and student-athlete well-being.

The second round of athletics certifications is being completed on a 10-year cycle rather than the five-year cycle used during the initial

certification process. All 326 active Division I members participate in the certification process.

"There were many people who worked long hours to ensure that MSU remains a solid member of the NCAA. I want to thank them publicly for their efforts. Once again, the hard work of student-athletes, coaches, staff and University officials make me proud to be an Eagle," Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson said.

"I have always known MSU Athletics is a special place and this review and certification has given us the opportunity to share that with the broader campus community."

The Division I Committee on Athletics Certification preliminarily reviews an institution's certification materials and provides a list of issues identified during the evaluation. The university then hosts a visit by peer reviewers who file a report regarding the institution's

resolution of those issues before a final certification decision is rendered.

The three options of certification status are: (a) certified; (b) certified with conditions; and (c) not certified. While universities/colleges will have an opportunity to correct deficient areas, those universities/colleges that do not take corrective actions may be ruled ineligible for NCAA championships.

The NCAA is a membership organization of colleges and universities that participate in intercollegiate athletics. The primary purpose of the Association is to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as an integral part of the student body. Activities of the NCAA membership include formulating rules of play for NCAA sports, conducting national championships, adopting and enforcing standards of eligibility, and studying all phases of intercollegiate athletics.

Rebels rout South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DRIFT — Allen Central, under the guidance of first-year head coach Josh Todd, claimed its third straight Floyd County Conference/58th District victory Thursday evening. The Rebels defeated host South Floyd convincingly, winning 16-2.

Allen Central made the most of big hits en route to the conference/district win. Hunter Crowder and Logan Crowder each belted a two-run home run for the Rebels. Josh Stone, Zac Hall, Justin Jackson, Chad Nelson and Josh Prater provided two hits apiece for the winning team.

Stumbo was the winning pitcher for Allen Central, tossing three strong innings. Prater also pitched three innings for the Rebels.

"We started off very slow but picked it up in the later innings to pull out the win," said Todd. "Hopefully we can continue to carry some momentum into the rest of the season."

Allen Central improved to 4-7 with the win. South Floyd dropped to 1-7 following the loss.

Bostic pitches Prestonsburg past Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Prestonsburg senior pitcher Chris Bostic was strong Thursday evening when the Blackcats visited Betsy Layne for a Floyd County Conference/58th District game. Bostic claimed the win in strong fashion, holding Betsy Layne scoreless as the Blackcats prevailed 7-0.

Betsy Layne couldn't post its second straight win. The Bobcats were unable to make the most of their offensive opportunities.

Sophomore pitcher Nathan Martin went seven innings for Betsy Layne. Martin allowed seven runs — four of which were earned.

Prestonsburg's defensive efforts limited what the Bobcats were able to get accomplished offensively.

Betsy Layne's best chance to score came in the bottom half of the fourth inning. Junior designated hitter Brandon Mulkey stepped up to the plate in the bottom half of the fourth inning with one out for the Bobcats. Mulkey hit the first pitch thrown by Bostic to the top of the fence in left-center. Instead of bouncing over, the ball bounced back into centerfield, limiting Mulkey to a stand-up double. Betsy Layne had the bases loaded but failed to capitalize.

Prestonsburg led 4-0 until the sixth inning when it added three more runs for good measure.

"We stung the ball really well, but we only had 4 hits to show for it," said Betsy Layne Coach Ricky Thacker. "Prestonsburg played well defensively. Tyler Hall, their shortstop, and Chris Schloerbach, their third baseman, made some outstanding plays. We are trying to get our pitching rotation set and put the best defensive lineup on the field. We have to rely on our young guys and I know we will make some noise this year!"

Eagles drop doubleheader to UVa.-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Uva-Wise got back in the win column on Thursday as it swept a doubleheader against visiting Alice Lloyd. Uva-Wise took the first game 13-1 and blanked Alice Lloyd 12-0 in game two. Both games lasted only five innings due to the 10-run rule.

In game one, Uva-Wise used a fast start by scoring

four runs in the top half of the first inning. The Cavs continued swinging the bats well, scoring in every inning. Cody Bentley and Dusty Haigler both hit two run home runs; Bentley's coming in the second with Haigler's coming in the fourth. Haigler and Bentley each doubled in the contest as well. Louis Roa's double provided the final extra base hit for Uva-Wise.

On the mound, Brad

Robbins picked up his third win of the season, improving his record to 3-1. It marked the second consecutive start that Robbins has not allowed a run, pushing his scoreless inning streak to eight. Seth Frisby, Stephen Kanode, and Brandon Marshall came on in relief to close out the game.

Alice Lloyd freshman pitcher Lance Newman took the loss.

Uva-Wise (18-18) contin-

ued its strong hitting in game two again pushing four runs across in the first inning. Three Uva-Wise players were perfect at the plate in game two. Edwin Narvaez went 3-for-3, Dusty Haigler 2-for-2, and Mike Lang 2-for-2 at the plate.

Josh Joseph picked up the win in game two. Manny Romero, Pete Smith, and Chris Smith came in relief all to combine for a 3 hit shutout. It marked the fourth shutout of

the season for the Cavs' and the first since they held Emory and Henry scoreless in back to back games in an April 1 doubleheader.

Alice Lloyd freshman hurler Will Ray absorbed the loss in the second game.

INSIDE:

ALC freshman first baseman Will Leonard named KMAC Player of the Week

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Cousins boosts UK recruiting class

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky men's basketball program has an opportunity to rack up late in the signing period, which runs from April 15 through May 20. The Wildcats could be home to the nation's No. 1 recruiting class. Kentucky received a National Letter of Intent from DeMarcus Cousins, Coach John Calipari announced on Wednesday.

Cousins, a senior at eFlore High School in Mobile, Ala., is rated as the top power forward in the country according to Rivals.com.

The 6-9 Cousins averaged 26 points and 12 rebounds as a senior, earning Parade All-American honors as he led the eFlore Rattlers (29-3) to a berth in the Class 5A state semifinals. He played in the McDonald's All-American Game in Miami earlier this month, as well as the Nike Hoops Summit in Portland last week as a member of the 2009 USA Junior National Select Team.

Cousins joins Kentucky Mr. Basketball Jon Hood (Madisonville) and Daniel Orton (Oklahoma City, Okla.) as members of UK's 2009 signing class.

Guards John Wall and Xavier Henry, ranked first and third, respectively, in the Rivals 150 Basketball Rankings, are still considering Kentucky.

The late signing period runs from April 15 through May 20.

Calipari adds former Cats Padgett, Delk to staff

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — New University of Kentucky men's basketball coach John Calipari on Thursday said he would hire former Wildcat players Tony Delk and Scott Padgett, both of whom played in the NBA following brilliant collegiate careers.

"I've done this many times," said Calipari. "What happens is with guys like that, they're in positions of assistant strength coach or assistant equipment manager," Calipari said.

A former Kentucky All-American, Delk was a first round NBA draft pick of the Charlotte Hornets in 1996. He was instrumental in helping the Wildcats to an NCAA championship in 1996.

Padgett was selected in the first round of the NBA draft by the Utah Jazz in 1999 after leading the Tubby Smith-coached Wildcat to the 1998-99 title.

"This is not a money thing," Calipari said. "If you want to get started in this profession, I will help you."

Former NBA player Rod Strickland, a member of Calipari's staff at Memphis and now at Kentucky, made \$12,000 in his first season.

CATSPY Awards approaching

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The seventh-annual CATSPY Awards, celebrating the 2008-09 athletics year at the University of Kentucky, will be held on Wednesday, April 29 in Memorial Coliseum.

The awards ceremony begins at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7:30 p.m., and the public is invited. Tickets cost \$5 each and may be purchased in advance at the UK Athletics Ticket Office (Joe Craft Center) or by calling 800-928-2287. All persons must have a ticket to enter, regardless of age.

Public parking will be available in the E lots located on the east side (Rose Street) or west side (Lexington Avenue) of the Joe Craft Center. Additional parking will be available in parking structure No. 3 located near Kennedy's Book Store.

This year's ceremony will feature Christi Thomas of WKYT and Jay Crawford of ESPN. A spin-off of the popular ESPY Awards held each year by ESPN, the CATSPYS feature 25 individual and team honors, chosen from UK's 22 varsity sports. This event is dedicated to celebrating excellence in the court, in the classroom and in the community with UK's 504 student-athletes.

Videos of the nominees in each category are shown. UK student-athletes and head coaches serve as presenters.

The list of awards includes Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; Academic Team of the Year; McDonald's Community Service Award; Blue Heart Award; Character Award; Bill Keightley "Assist" Award; Lifetime Achievement Award; Male and Female Scratch Award; Supporting Role Award; Mike Lyden "One Shining Moment" Award; Men's Team Coach of the Year; Women's Team Coach of the Year; Mr. and Miss Wildcat; Male and Female Play of the Year; Male and Female Rookie of the Year; Male and Female Performance of the Year; K-Association Male and Female Athlete of the Year; Male and Female Team of the Year.

Brooks, Lorenzen to participate in Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge Bowl

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GREENSBORO, Ga. — Kentucky head coach Rich Brooks and former record-setting quarterback Jared Lorenzen will represent the Wildcats and compete for a share of the \$350,000 scholarship purse in the annual Chick-fil-A Bowl Challenge golf tournament.

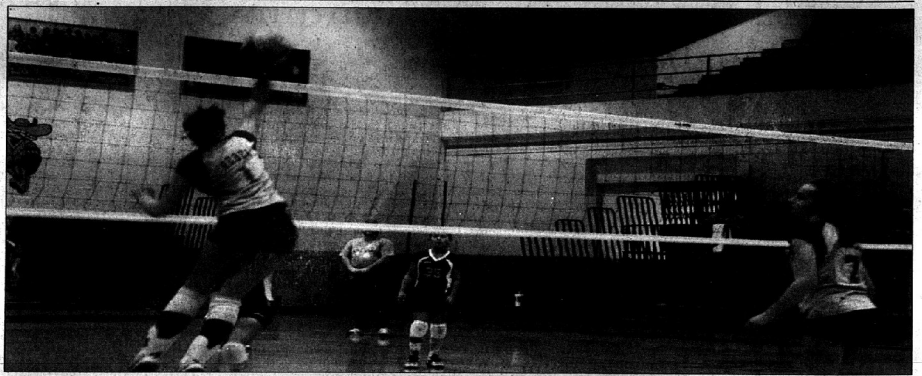
The nation's premier head coach and celebrity golf event will be held at the beautiful Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee outside Atlanta April 28.

The field will include defending champions Steve Spurrier and Sterling Sharpe from the University of South Carolina along with an impressive list of top NCAA head coaches and celebrities. In all, 11

teams are scheduled to hit the links, all vying for the \$120,000 first place scholarship prize.

"Don't expect this to be a nice way for the coaches to unwind after spring practice," said Gary Stokan, Chick-fil-A Bowl president and CEO. "These guys are very competitive and we fully expect that spirit to carry over to the golf course. We're looking for a great event with some low scores and a lot of money heading back to these schools for scholarship."

College coaches Nick Saban, Houston Nutt, Tubby Smith, Frank Beamer and Steve Spurrier are among the other college coaches who have committed to participate in the charity golf event.

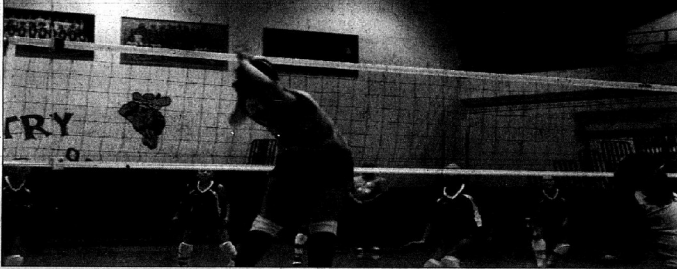


ACMS VOLLEYBALL

The Allen Central Middle School volleyball team captures this year's Volleyfest championship. Some members of the team are pictured in action.

Above: Courtney Hodge hit the ball as Rachel Moore (7) looked on.

Left: Katie Dingsu went up for an attack with Courtney Hodge covering the hit.



Commentary: The Father of Finesse Fishing

by LEE McLELLAN
KENTUCKY AFFLIAD

FRANKFORT — My dad came home from a boat shop in Louisville back in the late 1970s with a small plastic tackle box, a 5-foot top-of-the-line light power graphite rod and a new Shakespeare spinning reel spooled with 6-pound line. Excitement radiated from him as he couldn't wait to try his new gear in the distillery lakes close to our home near Bardstown, Kentucky — an area that produces a generous share of the world's bourbon.

Similar in size to those used for cigars, the small tackle box came with five compartments: one filled with funny-looking leadheads and the other four filled with small, 4-inch straight-tailed worms. Black worms filled one compartment; grape worms lay in another, while brown with an orange tail and motor oil filled the other two.

He bought the new gear from a man at the boat shop who told him all about this new system that caught bass in the toughest conditions. The man said this new technique would excel in the weedy, shallow and clear distillery lakes near our home if he just stuck to it long enough to learn it.

My dad caught many bass with his new gear, but soon he could not find the small tackle box and rod because I had them on the shore of one of those distillery lakes. I learned to consistently catch bass year round using light line and 4-inch worms and profited from it enormously. The knowledge

gained provided the foundation for my later writings about bass fishing.

The man at the boat shop was Charlie Brewer and he died 9 years ago this week. In the mythology of bass fishing, finesse techniques of using light line, subtle lures and spinning tackle to tempt spooky clear-water bass belongs to the deep, crystalline lakes of California. In reality, these techniques belong to Charlie Brewer.

He developed the Slider system to fool black bass in what he called the "tough, mean" reservoirs of east Tennessee — southeast Kentucky and the Highland Rim of middle Tennessee. Brewer's Slider Worm launched the finesse revolution 20 years before most heard the term.

Brewer returned from World War II to Lawrenceburg, Tennessee and opened a radio and TV repair shop with knowledge gained in the South Pacific. A natural-born tinkerer, Brewer grew weary of the long, fishless hours throwing a baitcaster spooled with black nylon line and a crankbait such as the Heddon River Runt. He figured there had to be a better way to catch bass more consistently when they aren't active and chasing lures.

Brewer developed a unique leadhead designed to plane in the water, not fall to the bottom like a smooth rock. He also poured his own slender 4-inch ringed worms with an egg sack that tapered to a paddle tail. He cast these worms on short graphite or graphite composite rods with a Tennessee

handle for increased sensitivity. He removed the ball from the reels to increase casting distance for his 1/16- to 1/4-ounce leadheads and diminutive worms. He founded the Crazy Head Lure Company in 1970, now known as the Charlie Brewer Slider Company.

The key to Brewer's system is presentation. The Slider method is designed to find bass suspended in the water column or hanging just above the bottom. Bass in clear-water lakes such as Lake Cumberland, Laurel River Lake and Dale Hollow Lake suspend most of the time during the day, especially in summer and winter. Suspended bass represent one of the toughest bass fishing situations.

The original Crazy Head was a flat-bottomed leadhead that came through the water in a straight line on the retrieve. Brewer later developed other styles of flat-sided heads and bullet-shaped ones, but the basic concept remains. The heart of his Slider system is manipulating the speed of the retrieve and the weight of the leadhead until you hit the combination of depth and speed bass want that particular day.

This may require cutting some weight off the Slider head till it weighs just 1/32-ounce or flattening it to slow the rate of fall. Find a likely fish-holding structure, such as a channel point laden with boulders or stumps. Cast parallel to the structure and count to ten. Reel the Slider worm with a rhythmic, but slow cadence and watch your

line intently. Keep counting down and reeling slowly until you get a rapid peck or nip from a bluegill, baby bass or crappie. This is the activity zone. Count down a little more on the next cast and you'll be in bass.

Once you find the depth and speed they want, you can fish similar areas all over the lake and catch fish all day. The Slider worm resembles a minnow more than anything and fish can't help themselves. It is simple and ingenious. Plus, light to medium-light spinning rods and 6-pound line make 2-pounders feel like trophies. It is simply a fun and relaxing way to catch bass after bass, plus the occasional trophy bluegill, crappie, walleye and even freshwater drum.

Brewer also believed bass anglers do way too much running and gunning instead of fishing. He felt folks should pattern their fish close-by and focus more on technique than covering water. Brewer relates in his touchstone book "Charlie Brewer on Slider Fishing" that some of his best fishing days stemmed from engine trouble that forced him to scour the fishy-looking areas near the ramp. This also saves gas and wear and tear on the big motor.

All you need is a small box or a paper bag with a few colors of Slider worms, some Slider heads, a pair of side-cutter and needleless pliers and knowledge. Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass gobble them up with the same abandon now as they did when Sliders first hit the market 30 years ago.

Woods, Fyffe honored for academics

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University honored its most dedicated student-athletes Tuesday morning at the annual Student-Athlete Academic Honors Breakfast held in the Keen Johnson Ballroom.

Among the student-athletes honored were football lineman Wes Woods (Prestonsburg) and baseball pitcher Matt Fyffe (Johnson Central). Woods is currently participating in spring drills. Fyffe is pitching for the EKV baseball team.

EKVU President Dr. Doug Whitlock, Director of Athletics Mark Sandy and Director of Student-Athlete Academic Services Dr. Randy Kennedy recognized nine OVC Medal of Honor recipients, given to those student-athletes who

earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the 2007-08 academic year, and 136 Colonel Scholars, student-athletes who earned a 3.0 GPA or better in either or both of the past two semesters.

Also during the presentation, Sandy announced that senior softball player Kaylin Fox was the recipient of the Director of Athletics Leadership Award, bestowed upon a student-athlete who excels in all areas, but particularly in leadership, academics and athletics. For the second consecutive year, head women's soccer coach Lindsay Basyaga was honored with the Coaches' Academic Achievement Award, given to a head coach who personifies Eastern Kentucky University's commitment to academics.



WES WOODS



MATT FYFFE

15th Region Baseball Standings

| Team | Overall Record |
|------------------|----------------|
| Paintsville | 10-2 |
| Johnson Central | 9-4 |
| Betty | 7-3 |
| Lawrence County | 7-5 |
| Magoffin County | 6-2 |
| Prestonsburg | 6-7 |
| Phelps | 4-2 |
| Pike Co. Central | 4-4 |
| Allen Central | 4-7 |
| East Ridge | 3-2 |
| Pikeville | 3-7 |
| Sheldon Clark | 2-6 |
| Shelby Valley | 2-6 |
| Betsy Layne | 1-6 |
| South Floyd | 1-7 |

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Kimmel Racing rides momentum to Rockingham Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ROCKINGHAM NC — With a solid seventh place finish at Salem Speedway in his pocket — his first top 10 for new sponsor, Ansell — Menards — Frank Kimmel turns his attention to today's ARCA RE/MAX Carolina 200 at Rockingham Speedway. The driver of the No. 44 Ansell-Menards Ford Fusion looks forward to the series' return to the historical track outside Charlotte, North Carolina.

"There's so much rich history at Rockingham Speedway, so when ARCA decided to go back there last year I was really looking forward to it," explained Kimmel. "The track has a ton of character and it's a different type of track than the other's we go to which makes it fun for the competitors."

Up until last year, ARCA hadn't held an event at Rockingham Speedway since 1973, so Kimmel's overall opinion of the tricky, one-mile speedway has been shaped by just one start at the track where he started 29th and finished 10th.

"It's an exciting track but it doesn't have a lot of grip," said Kimmel. "Exiting turn one, the track really tightens up and it feels like the wall jumps out at you. Going into turn three the preferred line is down low even though that's a little rougher spot on the track. But you have to make that work so you can carry as much

speed through four and down the backstretch."

Kimmel Racing Crew Chief Bill Kimmel has prepared a car the team calls No. 37 for this weekend's 200-lap event.

"We're actually taking the same car we had there last year but with a complete overhaul," said Bill Kimmel. "We put new sides on it and did some body work along those lines. At the track, we're planning to try a few more aggressive set ups in practice so we really hope that pays off in the race."

The team's extra effort into preparing for this weekend's event leads Bill Kimmel and company to have higher expectations for the team's performance.

"Mostly due to timing, but I'd say overall we put a lot more effort into getting ready for Rockingham this year than we did last year," said Bill Kimmel. "Of course we hope to race against our competition and we race against ourselves and our past performance — so I'd like to see us run in the top-five this weekend."

Off track, the driver of the No. 44 car will be busy with autograph sessions, the hauler parade and several media commitments. Unlike other drivers who arrive at the track with a complete focus on racing, Kimmel's schedule stays busy as the driver/team owner works to balance his various commitments.

"Even before I was a team

owner, I've always been a big part of what's going on at the track whether it's team management, media commitments or working on my own cars," said Kimmel. "The difference now is that I have to deal with a lot of the technical issues and still keep a focus on the finances of the whole operation but it's like any other balancing act and I think I've got it down pretty well."

The Carolina ARCA RE/MAX 200 will begin at 1 p.m. today. The race will air live on SPEED Channel. The race will feature live timing and scoring at ARCARacing.com and ARCANation.com accompanied by live streaming audio of all on-track activity.

In addition to his ARCA schedule, which will include two stops at Rockingham in 2009, Frank Kimmel's Street Stock Series also plans to make its second visit to the track later this year.

"As Andy Hillenburg got ownership of the track, he approached me about running the street stocks there," explained Kimmel. "It was completely his idea, but if he hadn't asked me first, I planned to approach him about it. It's a great place for our series. The track is the right size and our cars can run three, four, five wide at times which is exciting for the fans."

Frank Kimmel's Street Stock Series will race at Rockingham Speedway this summer on the Fourth of July.

Volunteer Speedway to race on Friday nights

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Volunteer Speedway is moving its weekly racing programs from Saturday nights to Friday night for the 2009 racing season. The first Friday night racing program is scheduled for May 8.

Some of the special events slated this season at "The Gap" will showcase the Fastrak Racing Series Pro Late Models (April 25), Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series Super Late Models

(May 2), AMA Pro Grand National Flat Track Series (June 20) motorcycles, Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series (July 4) for a \$10,000-to-win Fourth of July holiday spectacular, Ray Cook "O'Reilly Southern Nationals (July 24), the track's signature event on the schedule — the sixth annual Scorching 100 (Aug. 1) and week (August 19-20) during Bristol NASCAR race-week, along with the second leg of the three-race Fastrak Racing Series Pro Late

Model "Grand Nationals" scheduled in October.

During the 2009 season, Volunteer Speedway will host racing in the following divisions: Super Late Model, Pro Late Model, Hobby Stock and Pure Stock.

The Pro Late Model division (for crate engine cars) will once again be sanctioned by the Fastrak Racing Series in 2009. Drivers who compete weekly at Volunteer Speedway will be eligible for the huge national point fund offered by Fastrak.

Kentucky elk quota hunt lottery deadline nears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

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

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

Applying for the elk quota hunt lottery takes just a few minutes. Applicants will need to have their Visa, MasterCard

or Discover card ready. From the department's website, click on the blue "Apply for Elk Lottery" icon on the right side of the homepage. This secure license sales system walks applicants through each step of the process. Hunters must provide identification information, including their Social Security number.

Hunters who don't have access to the internet can call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549. A department employee will take their credit card information over the phone using the same online system. Those without a credit card may purchase a Visa, MasterCard or Discover gift card, and use that gift card to apply through the internet or by calling Kentucky Fish

and Wildlife. These gift cards are easily purchased at large chain stores such as Walmart and Kmart, as well as some grocery stores and gas stations.

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

ALC first baseman Will Leonard named KIAC Player of the Week

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College standout Will Leonard was named Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Baseball Player of the Week for April 6-12. Leonard is a 6-foot first baseman from Blountville, Tennessee. He drove home eight runs and scored nine times after going 10-for-16 on the week. Leonard batted 3-for-3 in the first game against Cincinnati Christian with three runs and three RBIs.

Joey Barnette was named KIAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week for April 6-12. Barnette is a 6-

0 senior from Columbus, Ohio. He held NCAA Division III Spalding University to one run and five strikeouts over seven innings. The 3-1 win was good enough to lead Barnette's record to 6-3 on the season.

The KIAC Tournament is scheduled to get underway April 23.

SOFTBALL: Asbury too much for Alice Lloyd: In KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference) softball action Thursday evening, Asbury scored 28 runs in a two-game sweep of Alice Lloyd. Asbury improved to 13-10 and 5-4 in the KIAC following the win. The Eagles put up 10 runs in the

first inning of game one en route to a 17-0 victory. Asbury won game two 11-2. Both games lasted only five innings.

Asbury slugger Emily Ethington blasted her third home run in game one, finishing with three hits and four RBI. Stephanie Wade, Carrie Wilderman and April Lancaster each had three hits for the winning team. Kendall Ratcliff had two doubles as Asbury prevailed.

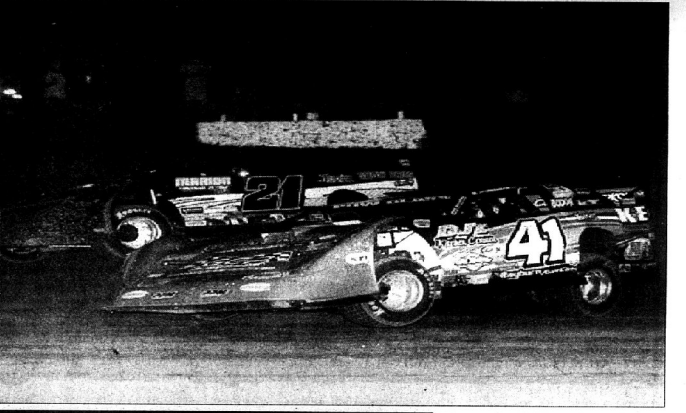
Asbury pounded out 19 hits in game one. Wilderman gave up only two hits, zero walks and struck out four Alice Lloyd batters in the complete game shutout, earning her seventh win of the year.

2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results

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

x-Non-points race

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



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GRAYSON DRIVER JOSH MCGUIRE continues to make a steady climb up the ranks in the Late Model division. McGuire is one of Eastern Kentucky's top Late Model drivers.

Search continues for Alice Lloyd women's coach

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College continues its search to find a new women's basketball coach. David Adams announced that he will step down as basketball coach of the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles earlier in the morning.

Wade also picked up her sixth win of the season. She gave up only five hits, two runs, one earned and recorded four strikeouts.

Ratcliff had three hits in game two, including another double.

Miranda Drury, Emily Shetler and Wade each had two hits in the second game.

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12 mark and was the KIAC season champion and tournament runner-up. The 2009 ALC women's team finished the season with a 17-13 record and was the KIAC tournament runner-up.

Alice Lloyd College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and has received national recognition for its strong academic program.

Resumes for the ALC women's basketball head coach position may be sent to the following address:

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surface acres and 249.00 acer/high wall mining acres for a total of 391.62 acres located 1.25 miles southwest of Hartley in Pike & Floyd Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1469 junction with KY State Route 610. The proposed operation is located on Abel Tackett Fork of Long Fork of Shelby Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The operation will use the surface contour and auger / h/w wall methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed under this operation is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Morehead grad student seeks letters to the dead

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University graduate and Barboursville resident Kimberly Back is composing a book and needs some unusual help. What she wants is for people to send her letters to those who have passed away.

The book project, titled "I Never Got to Say," was spurred by the sudden death of her mom in May 2008, only five days before the birth of her daughter. She said she felt many things were left unsaid.

Realizing she was not the only person feeling this way, she

decided to compile a book of messages to people who have passed away, including her own message to her mother. "The book is meant to be a healing process for her, as well as anyone else who has lost someone."

"Both [writing a message and reading through other's submissions] have been a cathartic experience," said Back. "I love to get that off my chest and reading other people's words about their child, their spouse, their friend — both have helped a lot."

Since she started the project

about two months ago, she has received somewhere between 50 and 100 messages, all of which she is going through herself.

Back said she is continually being surprised by how creative people are taking the task.

"Some submissions were written to relatives they never had the chance to meet," she said. "One girl wrote to someone who had abused her as a child. A guy wrote to a sports star, telling how it had affected him."

As far as format, Back said

she welcomes creativity. So far, she has received letters, poems, illustrations and short messages and hopes to eventually incorporate photographs, but is unsure at this point of the logistics and legalities.

According to Back, there are no length requirements. Messages can vary from a few sentences to a few paragraphs. If submission is too long, she may use excerpts of message with the most impact.

There are no deadlines for submissions.

"My hope is that I am bombarded with messages — e-mail and post mail — so that there are sequels to this, hopefully," she added.

Back asks for very little from people submitting these messages. Though she acknowledges that there is no way to enforce it, she asks submissions be truthful and to someone who has passed. She wants this to be used as closure and a means of expression. The submissions may be anonymous or signed.

"It's a communal spirit," said

the 2007 MSU grad. "Everyone is going through it and you don't have to go through it alone."

Back sees this book taking on a scrapbook or journal look and feel and has been in contact with a literary agent. A Web site is currently in the works, she said.

Submissions may be sent to kimberlyback@ymail.com, mailed to Back at P.O. Box 1916, Barboursville, KY 40906, or leave messages via MySpace or Facebook, or post a blog at HubPages.com for kimback08.



C.S. Johnson

HCTC Writers Conference hosts horror writer C.S. Johnson to host three workshops

HAZARD — Hazard Community and Technical College hosts its 13th annual Spring Writers Conference on Friday, May 1. This series of workshops is offered to anyone interested in writing.

Author C.S. Johnson will offer three sessions on horror writing, a first for the conference.

"Writing conferences are a great way for people to share information, and hopefully those who attend can walk away with new, useful information. I'm excited because this is the first writer's conference I've seen that offers horror workshops," noted Ms. Johnson.

"A lot of times conferences like this don't make room for genre writing. We wanted to change that. We wanted to give an opportunity to those folks who like to read horror fiction and those who like to write it," explained Donna Sparkman, faculty advisor for the student literary magazine Kudzu at HCTC.

Author Carisa Star (C.S.) Johnson grew up in the hills of East Tennessee and said she was raised on campfires, ghost stories, and folk tales. Her work has appeared at DemonMinds.com, in Writer's Post Journal, Neo-Opis Science Fiction Magazine, and she will appear in the anthology Sleeping with the Undead. Her first novel, The Watching, was published in 2007.

Johnson discussed what people could expect from her sessions on May 1. "I'd like to try and pinpoint what makes a good 'horror' story, giving examples of ways to take an old theme and renew it. I also want to give general writing tips, ones that I spent a lot of time finding on my own, wishing someone would have told me sooner."

The workshops will be held three times throughout the day simultaneously at 10:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. & 2-3 p.m. The Conference is sponsored by HCTC and funded in part by the Mountain Writing Project, The Hampton Inn of Hazard, and Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park. For more information, contact Professor Scott Lucero at 800-246-7521, ext. 73200 or 606-487-3200. Or, email him at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu. Or, visit their MySpace pages at <http://www.myspace.com/venningwithpoets>, and at www.myspace.com/kudzumagazine.

Offering advice to beginning writers, Johnson said, "The most important thing is don't give up. In the face of rejections, criticisms, lack of time, trials of life, whatever may come, don't give up!"

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