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In brief

Another case of swine flu probable

Health officials and Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry announced Friday that the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) will report Kentucky's second probable case of H1N1 (swine flu), involving a Fayette County man, to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"Although we have not identified many probable or confirmed cases to date, we remain concerned about how widespread H1N1 might become," said William Hacker, M.D., commissioner of DPH. "At this time, we continue to recommend that individuals stay aware of new developments related to swine flu and focus on practicing good health habits."

Lexington-Fayette County Health Department Commissioner of Health Melinda Rowe, M.D. reports that the new probable case in Fayette County involves a man with a history of recent travel to another state by car. The man has not been hospitalized. Health officials from the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department are investigating the case, and will evaluate close contacts for illness and possible preventive treatment.

Thursday, DPH reported Kentucky's first cases of swine flu, a confirmed case involving a Warren County woman who is hospitalized in Georgia and a probable case involving an infant in the Barren River Health District.

Pike deputy charged with rape

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

META — A Pike County sheriff's deputy was arrested Thursday and charged with sexually assaulting a female motorist during a traffic stop at Meta.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Hatfield, 52,

of Buskirk, was charged with first-degree rape following an investigation into the complaint by officers with Kentucky State Police.

The female alleges that a uniformed Hatfield conducted a traffic stop late Thursday night at Meta just off U.S. 119 and then sexually assaulted her during the stop.

The alleged assault was reported to the state police, which led to the investigation and Hatfield's arrest.

Hatfield was lodged at the Pike County Detention Center and the investigation is continuing by Post 9 Det. Ben Cramer.

KSP spokesperson Mike Goble said details relating to the alleged

traffic stop such as if Hatfield had written a citation, called in the stop to dispatch and how long the traffic stop might have lasted, would be on record with the sheriff's dispatch department, but repeated calls placed Friday to Pike County Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee were not returned.

MUSICAL HERITAGE



photos by Jarrid Deaton

Don Rigsby answered questions from students after performing songs at Duff Elementary on Thursday.

Duff students get lessons in bluegrass, Appalachia

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

EASTERN — Students at Duff Elementary got a taste of bluegrass music and Appalachian history on Thursday during a special performance by Don Rigsby, widely praised musician and singer, Ron Dobler, a retired English professor, and Harvey Pennington, a retired attorney.

All of the performers are members of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, a group that travels to schools to both perform and educate students about bluegrass music.

Rigsby, who was showing an \$8,000 fiddle to the fourth-grade students, told them that it had five strings.

"How many strings does a regular fiddle

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Bluegrass musician Don Rigsby performed for students at Duff Elementary on Thursday.

Lancer railroad crossing to close for repair

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WATERGAP — A section of Route 302 at Watergap will be closed during most of the day beginning Monday and continuing until work on a new railroad crossing is complete, officials with the Kentucky Department of Highways District 12 said.

The project to lay new tracks will take about a week and involve removing the old rail, laying the new rail and then repacking the crossing with rock.

During that time, CSX officials will close approximately a mile of Route 302 that includes the railroad crossing near the Paul Ward Thompson Bridge at Watergap. The section will be closed from 7 a.m.

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County clears way for new equipment

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With about a month left before a looming deadline would have cut off the chance for funding, Floyd County officials approved money for equipment spanning all four districts Friday afternoon.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted to approve reimbursement funds from the Department of Local Government during a special-called meeting Friday morning that will now see much needed pieces of equipment purchased for various projects across the county.

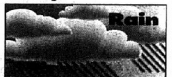
Included in those purchases were a grader for District 1, an excavator for District 2 and a backhoe each for District 3 and 4.

Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens has been outspoken in support of the efforts of the Big Sandy Area

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Sewer expansion one step closer

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Another step was taken Friday to see work started on what is being called the Pride on the River Project that will see a sewer plant constructed at Harold.

Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted to authorize a final agreement with Prestonsburg City Utilities. The city will provide the sewer service to residents along the Mud Creek watershed after the construction of the plant.

"This is a starting point," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who has been largely credited with bringing the county and city together on the many aspects of the agreement in past months.

The project itself, which was first proposed nearly a decade ago, will see a truckline run along U.S. 23 to the Pike and Floyd county line and then later call for the expansion of lines from the main trunk to areas such as Mud Creek and Little Mud along the

(See SEWER, page five)



Floyd officials moved forward on the Pride on the River Project Monday by authorizing agreements related to Phase 1 work. The project will see construction of a main sewer line along U.S. 23 to the county line and a sewer plant at Harold.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Ernest Eugene DeCoursey, 93, of Wayland, died Friday, April 24, in the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, in Hazard. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Samuel David Ferrell, 83, of Prestonsburg, a Pike County native, died Friday, April 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Don O. Frasure, 72, of Hueysville, died Tuesday, April 28, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Patria S. Gibson, 68, of Brunswick, Ohio, a native of Lackey, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, April 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Ben Hall, 103, of Somerset, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, April 25, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home.

Amber Nashea Hall, 24, of Lackey, died Saturday, April 25, at Garrett. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Hall, 69, of Weksbury, died Sunday, April 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Wilma Boyd Hall. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Janvise Hall, 61, of Wheelwright, a Knott County native, died Friday, April 24, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Janvise Hall, 61, of Wheelwright, a Knott County native, died Friday, April 24, at her residence. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ann Hall. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Hindman.

Berlin Howard, 86, of Eastern, died Saturday, April 25, in the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Martin Howard. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Edna Lorena Bates Hunt, 87, died Wednesday, April 29. She is survived by her husband, Mallard C. Hunt. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Helen P. Ison, 87, of Martin, died Friday, April 24, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Leah Marie McKinney Johnson, 48, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 29, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Henry Franklin McGlone, 71, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 24, in Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Lou Burchett McGlone. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joe C. Moore, 86, of McDowell, died Saturday, April 25, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Jacob Grant Parsons, 9, the son of Ellis Keith Parsons and Regina Renae McKinney Parsons, of Allen, died Monday, April 27, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Justine Faith Williamson Ball, 86, of Williamson, W.Va., a Pikeville native, died Friday, April 24, at The Hospice House in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Patty Dameron Cable, 74, of Hopkins, died Friday, April 24, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, David Cable. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Elza "Smokey" Case, 69, of Hopkins Fork, died Wednesday, April 29, at his home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Ray Chapman, 86, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Tackett Chapman. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Anna Lou Coleman, 66, of Ransom, died Thursday, April 30, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 3, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Amaryllis Gould, 31, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 29, in St. Joseph Hospital in Mount Sterling. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at Thacker Funeral Home in Pikeville.

Harvey "Carbide" Harvel, 65, of Mouthcard, died Thursday, April 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Everette Hatfield, 79, of Ransom, died Sunday, April 26, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Genevieve Hensley, 90, of Phelps, died Monday, April 27, at South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home of Matewan, W.Va.

James Edward "Eddie" Jackson, 68, of Pikeville, died Friday, April 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Patty" McNeil Jackson. Arrangements are under direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Corbet James Sr., 66, of Pinsonfork, died Saturday, April 25, in the emergency room of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Sue Carter James. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Virginia Enrice Keene, 81, of Richmond, formerly of Pikeville, a Betsy Layne native, died Sunday, April 26. She is survived by her husband, Maurice Keene. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Cledis Kinney, 81, of Shelbiana, died Monday, April 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Pearl D. Martin, 82, of Virgie, died Monday, April 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, April 29, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Ledna Mae Rathel, 77, of Regina, died Sunday, April 19, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Amos Ray, 88, of Varney, died Friday, April 24, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Hinkle Ray. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 26,

under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Stirl Smith Jr., 71, of Pikeville, died Saturday, April 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Helen Dempsey Smith. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Glenn Snodgrass Jr., 69, of Pikeville, died Thursday, April 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Marquita Cole Snodgrass. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Willie Ester Stillner, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Kelver Stillner. Funeral services were held Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Carl "Dab" Stumbo, 75, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Fern Pinson Stumbo. A service celebrating his life will be held at his home on his birthday, July 3. Arrangements are under direction of Baker Funeral Home, Pound, Va.

William Tackett, 74, of Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, April 25, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tanie Gillispie Tackett. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Betty Ann Rich Tackett, 69, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Landon Tackett, 86, of Lexington, a Pike County native, formerly of Johnson County, died Tuesday, April 14, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Mae Martin Tackett. Funeral services were under direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home of Lexington.

Kirk Louis Taylor, 64, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, April 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Helen Hester Taylor. Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Kenneth James Toaster, 59, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, April 23, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 25, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Josephine B. "Jo" Thacker, 71, of Raccoon, died Saturday, April 25, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Eugene Cornett, 89, of Louisa, died Monday, April 27. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Cornett. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 2, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Louisa.

Virginia Katherine Lyman, 87, of Louisa, died Wednesday, April 29, in L.H. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Margaret Maxine Parsons, 74, of Louisa, died Thursday, April 30, in Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Leon Richard VanHoose, 56, of Fort Gay, a Louisa native, died Thursday, April 23, in Fort Gay. A graveside service was held Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Robert Neil Bailey, 43, of Salyersville, died Monday, April 27. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Myrtle Jenkins Howard, 98, of Salyersville, died Friday, April 24. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Leslia Adams, 76, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, April 22, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Guy Hershel Baldwin, 93, of Oil Springs, died Saturday, April 25, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Merla Blanton Baldwin. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Elmer "Sonny" Castle, 85, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, a native of Nippa, died Monday, April 27, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sally Dean Hayes Castle. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Addie Conley, 77, of Stambaugh, died Sunday, April 26, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. She is survived by her husband, Roy Willis Conley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Phyllis Cook, 87, of Wittensville, died Tuesday, April 14, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Raymond Fairchild, 64, of Staffordsville, died Thursday, April 23. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Walters Fairchild. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Joann Haney, 70, of Huntington, a Paintsville native, died Sunday, April 18, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Archie Haney. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 30, under the direction of McElhenny-Hart Funeral Home, Huntington.

Vernon Edward Paek, 62, of Hager Hill, died Sunday, April 26, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Sue Conn Paek. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Landon Tackett, 86, of Lexington, formerly of Johnson County, died Tuesday, April 14, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Esta Mae Martin Tackett. Funeral services were under direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home of Lexington.

MARTIN COUNTY

George Block, 85, of Kermit, died Thursday, April 23. He is survived by his wife, Edna Sammons Block. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.

Robert W. Evans, 77, of Columbus, Ohio, a Martin County native, died Thursday, April 23, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital in Columbia, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Jean Blair Evans. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, April 26, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Thomas J. "Tom" Haney, 79, a Martin County native, died Monday, April 20, at Doctor's West Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Schoedinger-Norris Chapel, Grove City, Ohio.

Elmer Ray Mills, 56, of Inez, died Saturday, April 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Susan Amburgey Mills. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Ira Nichols, 79, of Warfield, died Sunday, April 26, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 29, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Kathleen Sheppard, 83, of Winco Block, W.Va., a Martin County native, died Monday, April 27, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 30, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Jack Earl Vernon, 51, of Pilgrim, died Wednesday, April 22. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Hillard Anderson, 72, of Kite, died Sunday, April 19, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Levon Baker, 61, of Kite, died Saturday, April 18, at home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Avanell Johnson Gibson, 78, of Raven, died Friday, April 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Denver Hall Sr., 49, of Martin, a native of Topmost, died April 18, at home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Noble, 73, of Nicholasville, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, April 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lucille "Dottie" Noble. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 30, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Dorothy Rednour, 72, died Monday, April 20, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Richard "Sonny" Short, 75, of Hindman, died Tuesday, April 21, at his home. Graveside services were held Friday, April 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Charles "Charlie" Wendell Simpson, 59, of Dayton, a native of Hindman, died Wednesday, April 15, at Hospice of Dayton. He is survived by his wife, Maria A. (Castillo) Simpson. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, under the direction of Swart Funeral Home.

Ollie Marie Smith, 90, of Amburgey, died Tuesday, April 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

J.C. Young, 86, of Fisty, died Friday, April 24, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 27, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

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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.

Lenna Moore has been away for a week or more now, and I'm tired of defending him. There have been certain uncouth fellows who persist in explaining that they have called him to Washington to explain his whereabouts when the Watergate raid was staged.

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NO TRANSLATION NEEDED

In Denmark, it is reported, the progress party, which is only a year old, is No. 2 in the public opinion polls. What does it stand for? It would levy no income tax on those earning more than \$8,500 a year. And no Danish army, just a Defense Ministry answering service, which only says two words: "We Surrender"...in Russian.

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NO COMPLAINT

The remodeled, streamlined, much-discussed, and sometimes cursed, Postal Service has a strong supporter in Texas. James Morell sends me a clipping from the San Angelo Standard Times which reports that the Postal Service had taken such heed of complaints about slow service that it plumb reverse the trend. The newspaper reported that it received an air mail letter from a Houston firm on a Monday, the day before its Tuesday postmark."

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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Every week when I see "The Waltons," on TV, I resolve to mention this fine program in the next week's paper, then promptly forget to do so. "The Waltons," the simple story of plain, home-loving, family-loving human beings, living and loving and working together, is like a breath of fresh air. Especially after you've been holding your nose while beholding some of the other stuff TV dishes up under the guise of entertainment. We would urge everybody to watch "The Waltons," but if it becomes too popular, they'll, sure as shootin', kill it off.

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I'M COMING AROUND

You've heard of the shock treatment—well, I've had it. First, there was the shock of a fire. Then the shock of high prices of replacement of equipment. And now comes the shock of what another building will cost. One more jolt, and I'll be back to my senses (if any).



Holly Thompson gave it her all while recording songs at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday. Thompson was the 2008 winner of Prestonsburg Idol.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

LAYING TRACKS

Idol winner records at Mountain Arts Center

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As she stood in front of a microphone in the recording studio at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday, Holly Thompson wasn't shy about her ambitions.

"I want to become a country music singer," Thompson said. "I'm really excited about this recording."

Thompson, 15, was the winner of the 2008 Prestonsburg Idol contest. As part of the prize, she recorded some songs with a house band at the Mountain Arts Center.

Thompson started singing in karaoke contests at the age of 12, and she is currently a member of the

honor choir at Knott County Central High School.

The talent for singing appears to run in the Thompson family, as Gracie Thompson, 8, sister of Holly Thompson, was also selected as one of the finalists for last year's Prestonsburg Idol contest.

Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg, also organizes the Prestonsburg Idol contest.

"I think this recording will be a nice step to a great singing career," Graden said. "Holly's sound showed a very marked improvement in the two years that she competed in Prestonsburg Idol. I think her little sister has a successful future in singing ahead of her as well. Also, this recording studio is

really a hidden treasure. It's great."

Eric Madden, another Prestonsburg Idol champion, was also at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday to record several songs.

Madden, a student at Pikeville High School, has previous experience in recording studios, but he hopes that this collection of songs will lead to something bigger.

Madden is also featured on a CD and DVD of the Big Sandy Idol contest and released this year.

"I'm trying to get a band started," Madden said. "There's a manager that's interested in listening to the recording that I do today."

The Prestonsburg Idol contest usually begins with tryouts in September.



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Amusement' and 'Midnight Movie'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Horror fans that are tired of going to the multiplex and paying for overpriced popcorn just to sit through the latest 1970s remake or toothless "Saw" installment will get more than their money's worth for this pair of rentals which hit the racks in early 2009.

The first feature offers three seemingly unconnected stories that dovetail into an exceptional yarn. What you get are three tales of young women being menaced by a psychopath who dons various disguises to entrap his victims.

The first story focuses on a young couple who join a convoy to get around a crowded interstate but regret the decision when they spy a terrified woman in the cab of the truck they are following. She eventually escapes the truck and comes crashing through the windshield of the next car, but that is only the start of the terror.

The second story pits a babysitter against a creepy clown doll and it earns points for a brilliant moment in which the heroine complains (over the phone) to her employer about the life-sized Bozo doll, only to hear concern from the parent, who replies that they don't have such a doll in their collection.

The third encounter finds a young woman entering a creepy hotel to find her girlfriend (who went to the location with a bar pick-up), only to discover that the friend was merely bait to lure her.

It is at this point that we finally are given details as to what conceals the three women and it all goes back to a grammar school project that saw the class nerd demonstrate (at an early age) that he is totally insane. What follows is a tense 15 minutes as the women reunite in a torture dungeon and combine their strengths against their crazed captor. Good stuff that moves along at a breakneck pace and manages to salute some slasher classics (like "When a Stranger Calls") but never feels overly derivative.

"Midnight Movie" also comes off as an homage to classic horror movies, as it follows the plight of several horror fans who attend a late-night screening of a 1970s film only to find that the screen killer can leap out of the picture at will and continue his exploits in the real world.

This one boasts a well-costumed killer who sports a butcher's apron and death mask ensemble. He also rocks a nasty weapon, which appears to be a giant drill bit that he can corkscrew through a torso with mini-

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Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Pikeville Medical lab director retires after 43 years

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center hosted a retirement celebration for lab director Don Williamson on Thursday, April 23. Among those present were Williamson's family, PMC employees and laboratory/pathology employees and former colleagues. The celebration marked a page in PMC's history as

Walter E. May unveiled the new name for Pikeville Medical Center's lab as the "Donald H. Williamson Laboratory." Williamson has worked at PMC for 43 years. Beginning his career in 1966, there has never been an employee at PMC to work more years than Williamson. With the hospital opening its doors in 1922, Don has been a

hospital employee for half of the hospital's existence. Throughout his years at PMC Williamson saw many changes, from moving the hospital on the hill to its current location, to working with a growing staff from seven lab employees in the beginning to 62 currently. Several people looked to Williamson not only for his

work, but also as the example of what it truly means to be a Pikeville Medical Center employee. Passionate about his work, Williamson was loyal to the hospital and its mission. His life exemplifies the Christian standards and focus that PMC exudes. When speaking of her husband's decision to retire from the hospital, Wanda

Williamson said, "This was a very hard decision for Don to make. He loves this place and the people in it!" Williamson reflected on the day's celebration by giving credit to the laboratory staff and the hospital. "Don't give me the glory... the lab is what it is today because of the people who work here. We operate as a

family, one's hurt, joys or fears is felt by all. There's not a greater lab crew in the whole world to work with. I have been so blessed to have been given the opportunity to work in a Christian environment like this one, in a hospital that is so professional and is dedicated to providing the highest quality of care to its patients."

expression

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

Guest view

A little perspective on swine flu

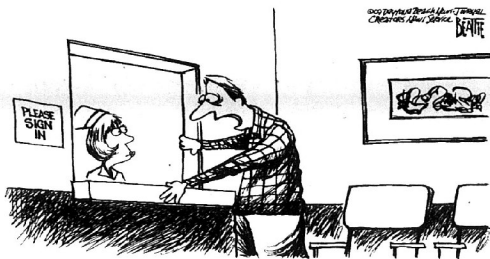
"In the long run, we're all dead."
— John Maynard Keynes

The World Health Organization warned Wednesday that a swine flu pandemic is likely imminent. "It's really all of humanity that's under threat," said Dr. Margaret Chan, the organization's director general.

Frightening though the risk may be, it's also important to keep the numbers in perspective. Consider these risks and numbers:

- Total number of laboratory-confirmed swine flu cases, as of noon Wednesday Central daylight time:
 - United States: 91.
 - Mexico: 26.
 - All other countries: 31.
- Total laboratory-confirmed swine flu deaths: 8.
- Annual seasonal flu deaths, U.S.: 36,000.
- Shark attacks in U.S. waters, 2008: 59.
- Annual deaths from food-borne illness, U.S.: 5,000.
- Hospitalizations for food-borne illness: 325,000.
- Accidental poisoning deaths in 2004, U.S.: 23,618.
- Deaths from falls: 19,665.
- Estimated deaths from being uninsured, 2006: 22,000 to 27,000.
- Annual pneumonia deaths: 58,564.
- Motor vehicle accident deaths, 2004: 43,667.
- Diabetes deaths, 2004: 73,138.
- Estimated annual deaths from medical errors: 42,000 to 98,000.
- Heart disease deaths, 2004: 652,486.
- Annual tobacco-related deaths, U.S.: 438,000.
- Alcohol-related deaths, 2004: 21,634.
- U.S. lightning strike fatalities, 2006: 47.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



"I'm not here to be treated for swine flu... I want something for the hysteria I'm feeling because of it."



— Chuck Norris

The decline and fall of private education

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS SYNDICATE

There's something the U.S. government doesn't want you to know. And it's come out again in the new Heritage Foundation report on education. It conveys that the general public is increasingly dissatisfied with public schools, with a rising number opting for private education.

The report explains that during the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions, 44 states introduced school-choice legislation. And in 2008, choices for private school were enacted into law or expanded in Arizona, Utah, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and Pennsylvania. Today 14 states and the District of Columbia offer voucher or education tax-credit programs that aid parents with sending their children to private schools. But that may be short-lived.

Despite the growing public preference for private education, Congress recently canceled the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, which was created in 2004 to offer students from low-income families in the nation's capital an opportunity to join the voucher educational community. The law provided \$14 million in scholarships to help pay for tuition at

private schools of their choosing. But no longer.

Why did Congress nix the program, especially when recent studies showed that students receiving vouchers since the program's inception were academically 18.9 months

ahead of their peers? (I read the other day that 100 percent of Thurgood Marshall Academy's charter graduates are accepted to colleges.) And why would Congress phase out a program that costs \$7,500 per student annually, compared with the \$15,000 it costs in Washington's public schools to educate a child?

So its cancellation is not a result of costing too much, because it's half the price of public schooling. And it's not because of inferior quality, because the kids enrolled in the program were scoring higher than students in regular schools. There's only one reason Congress canceled it, and it comes down to this: federal control and educational indoctrination.

Of course, government officials won't admit to a blatant usurpation of our rights, but they will say their educational reform is seeking to help your children. They will say it is necessary to establish common educational standards. They will say that we need to leave education to the experts and not to parents. And I fear

that too many of us simply will give in to the whims of the nanny state.

As I wrote in my new best-selling book, "Black Belt Patriotism: How to Reawaken America": "The reason that government is cracking down on private instruction has more to do

with suppressing alternative education than assuring educational standards. The rationale is quite simple, though rarely if ever stated: control future generations and you control the future. So rather than letting parents be the primary educators of their children — either directly or by educating their children in the private schools of their choice — (government) want(s) to deny parental rights, establish an educational monopoly run by the state, and limit private education options. It is so simple any socialist can understand it. As Joseph Stalin once stated, 'Education is a weapon whose effects depend on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed.'" (Get a free chapter of my book at <http://www.ChuckNorrisNewBook.com>.)

What's amazing, too, is how hypocritical it is for Congress to make this decision. The Heritage Foundation's report also conveys that 44 percent of current United States

(See NORRIS, page five)



Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway

Baseball, and America, lose a comet

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Mark Fidrych died last week. If you weren't a baseball fan 30 years ago you probably never heard of him. But if you were you remember him warmly. He was not a star, he was a comet. He appeared virtually out of nowhere as a 21-year-old rookie in 1976, lit up the sky for a year then flamed out, never again to burn brightly.

A pitcher, he was a stunning success that season — 19 wins, 24 complete games, rookie of the year, All-Star game starter, all for a Detroit team that was moribund — but he was more than that. For that single season he was baseball itself, the kind of baseball we played as kids, when we'd start in the morning, play through the afternoon and evening (with lunch and dinner breaks and changing lineups) until darkness forced us inside. It was baseball played for the sheer love of it and for the fun.

Fidrych epitomized that kind of baseball.

He bounced around the mound like a hyperactive teenager, talking to the ball at times, getting down on his knees to groom the pitcher's mound at others. And when the game ended and he'd run, he'd rush around the infield shaking hands with his teammates, thanking them for their efforts on his behalf.

They called him "The Bird" after Sesame Street's Big Bird, whom he resembled, but with a better fastball.

He filled stadiums all over the American League; he was the first player routinely called out of the dugout after games to take a curtain call. And he always looked surprised and excited and delighted when he did it.

He was a Ring Lardner character without any of the cynical overtones that were Lardner's trademark.

He hurt his knee during spring training of his second season and it delayed his return to play. But when he came back (too soon, I thought), he picked up where he'd left off, pitching even more brilliantly than before. Until one day in July in Baltimore. I happened to be there. His arm went dead in mid-inning. You could see it. One moment he was pitching well, the next he wasn't. It was like watching a canoe turn over.

He never pitched really well again. It turned out he'd torn the rotator cuff on his pitching arm but they didn't diagnose it for another 10 years, long after he was done.

You might think the curtailment of his career before he was able to cash in on his remarkable talent might have soured him, but it didn't. By all accounts he never bemoaned his fate, never blamed the Baseball Gods. He continued to feel lucky to have had that one magical season. That was his greatest attribute, really, that talent for appreciating what was good in his

life rather than focusing on the missing pieces.

Compare that attitude with so many professional athletes today — sullen, unsmiling, ready to believe that everyone is against them — an

attitude that filters down to colleges and high schools. Kids don't play games for fun anymore. They play to prove they're good enough to win a scholarship or grab the professional brass ring. They get lessons, they have coaches, they play in organized leagues in games supervised by adults. They have organized practice, are told when to show up and when to leave. They don't have to develop a sense of fairness because they have umpires and referees and, anyway, what does fairness have to do with winning?

Fidrych was the antithesis of all that. When he was the toast of baseball, they asked him what else he'd like to do. "Drive a dump truck," he said.

After his retirement, he bought that dump truck and made his living with it. It is indeed a bitter irony that he died in a freak accident involving the truck. A friend, upon hearing of his death, said:

"There's one less smile in the world." And the world poorer for it.

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Loose spark plug might have cheaper fix

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Last night, my car, a 2001 Volkswagen Jetta, was in perfect working order when I parked it at the movie theater. When I came out two hours later and started the car, I heard a "pop" sound, and the engine sounded like a really loud lawnmower. It was also shaking violently. I had it towed to the Volkswagen dealership. They called me back with a quote of more than \$2,000, saying that one of the spark plugs is loose and the entire head of the engine to be replaced. What do you think happened? Does this sound right to you? — Micah

TOM: It sounded like a lawnmower, and was shaking violently? And what alerted you that something was wrong, Micah?

RAY: It sure sounds like one of your spark plugs popped out. The loud bang you heard was the spark plug launching itself into the underside of the hood. And then,

because that spark plug was missing, the engine shook violently, because it was running on only three cylinders.

TOM: When you remove a spark plug, you hear the unmuffled noise of the combustion chamber. That was the lawnmower sound.

RAY: So the diagnosis sounds correct. The treatment, however, is another matter.

TOM: Sometimes, spark plugs just work their way out over time. If a plug wasn't tightened properly when it was replaced, it could have just loosened up over time until it finally popped out. If that's what happened, all you need to do is screw it back in. That's two bucks, not 2,000.

RAY: More likely, when someone installed that spark plug, he stripped the threads in the head that hold it in. It held for a while, but because it's under extremely high pressure, eventually it gave way.

TOM: That's why the dealer wants to replace your head. We've wanted to replace my brother's head for years, but every time we try it, he wakes

up and makes us stop.

RAY: Replacing the head might not be necessary in your case, Micah. There's a thing called an "insert" that's designed for exactly your situation — when the threads in a cylinder head are stripped but the head is otherwise fine.

TOM: The insert is basically a new set of threads that screw into the head. If you can fix this with an insert, that'll cost you more like \$100.

RAY: Now, if the head is badly damaged for some reason, they may have no choice but to replace the whole thing.

TOM: But inserts often work just fine, and if the insert is secure enough that they can tighten the spark plug to the required torque, the head will be as good as new. So, find another mechanic who specializes in VWs, and get a second opinion, Micah. Ask him if an insert might work for you. Good luck.

Tom and Ray give dating advice
Dear Tom and Ray:
If a mechanic is not wear-

ing a wedding ring, is that a true indication of his marital status? I think my mechanic is HOT, but I'm wondering if he doesn't wear a ring because working on cars would destroy it. Depending on your response to the ring issue, I'm also concerned that if he took me up on a date offer, but found he didn't really like me, I'd be out an awesome mechanic. What do you think? Should I go out on a limb and risk losing both my pride and my great mechanic? — Rachel

RAY: How about an evening of happiness? TOM: That would be a tossup.

RAY: You're right about the ring, though. Most mechanics don't wear wedding rings when they work. Mostly because it's unsafe.

TOM: A ring can get caught on things under the hood. And then, when you need to yank your hand away quickly to



avoid getting your fingers chopped off by a moving fan blade, you can be in big trouble, like the guy at our shop we call "Ocho."

RAY: The other reason mechanics don't wear rings is because they get all scuffed and banged up from working on cars. Most of us take them off when we get to work, and put them in a safe place in our toolboxes.

TOM: I've got a whole drawer full of wedding rings in my toolbox.

RAY: So, you need a differ-

ent way to determine whether your HOT mechanic is available, Rachel. Here's what I'd do...

TOM: Does it involve deception?

RAY: Of course! Tell him you've been hearing a little creaking noise when you go over speed bumps. Tell him it's been worrying you. And when he reassures you that it's nothing serious, just a creaky bushing or something, you say, "So, you'd feel safe letting your wife drive this car?"

TOM: And if he says, "Well, I don't have a wife," then you say, "OK, would you feel safe letting your girlfriend drive this car?"

RAY: And if he says, "I don't have a girlfriend," you say, "Want one?"

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Equipment

Development Districts help in seeing that the county did not miss the June cutoff for seeing the funding arrive. He took the time Monday to offer further praise to the organization.

"I want to thank those at Big Sandy Area Development District for helping us get this taken care of," Owens said. "If we didn't have this by June we would have lost it. This will help a lot of people in the county because we'll be able

to do jobs we couldn't have done."

Those cost of those pieces of equipment were \$80,000 for the grader, \$107,000 for the excavator and \$65,600 each for the backhoes.

In addition, the fiscal court also:

- Hired Justin Carr and Delmer Shane Parson for seasonal work at Allen Golf Course.
- Signed over rights to the

Wheelwright Swimming Pool back to the city of Wheelwright so that city officials there could regain operating rights.

- Approved hiring Kermit Adkins, Heath William Tackett, Charles Brandon Martin and Samuel Keathley and temporary, season litter abatement workers.

All members of the fiscal court were present for Friday's meeting.

Bluegrass

"group." Rigby asked the have?"

"Four," one of the students said, holding up his fingers.

"That's right," Rigby said. "That's what makes this fiddle special."

The interaction with the student and the correct answer to the question brought a smile to the faces of the musicians and the teachers, who were watching and snapping pictures.

This presentation included

the history of instruments, Appalachian heritage and traditional music. It also focused on core content.

One presentation started at 1 p.m. for fourth-grade students and at 2 p.m. for fifth-grade students.

"They loved it," said Melanie Turner, an instructor at Duff Elementary. "We were well pleased with the core content that was covered. The intimate setting gave our students time to ask questions and take

part in the presentation."

Bluegrass music will once again fill the gym at Duff Elementary next week, as Melvin Goins is scheduled to perform a concert for the students at 1 p.m. on May 6.

"Melvin Goins was a huge influence on me, so I'm excited that he is coming to our school to perform for the kids," Turner said. "I hope these performances help them get an appreciation for bluegrass music."

Crossing

until 7 p.m., opening to traffic in the evening and throughout the night.

"Another crew which is regrading ties in the area will then come through," said George Thompson Jr., CSX roadmaster. "After they finish, we will blacktop the crossing."

The section of road is a busy one for travelers as it leads to the junction for Allen, Prestonsburg and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. With this in mind, Thompson said the job will be approached with efficiency in mind.

"It's temporary, and we

know people realize that, but it's an inconvenience nonetheless," said Thompson. "We will work as quickly as safety concerns and the weather allow, and we want to thank people in advance for their patience."

Sewer

river.

In January, county officials expressed the need to have a formal and binding agreement with the city of Prestonsburg, saying that a verbal agreement would not do. One aspect covered in the agreement is that city officials would not only expand services into other areas of the county, but do so without charging a higher rate than those living within city limits.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, who called for the written and binding agreement in January, said at that time by putting the agreement in writing, it was then something that could be enforced, ensuring county residents the

opportunity to receive the sewer service at the same rates.

Friday's vote signs off on Phase 1 of the overall project. This phase involves the construction of the main trunkline for wastewater collection and sewage treatment service along the U.S. 23 corridor.

Though county officials have been unable to give a timeline or an overall cost for the project, some estimates dating back to 2007 revealed that at that time the total cost could carry a price tag of just over \$16 million. Those same statistics, compiled with a targeted construction then of August, 2007, estimated that the new plant would service

approximately 1,675 citizens in 670 households in the areas of Pike Floyd Hollow, Betsy Layne, Penhook, Coldwater Branch, Boldman, Fox Bottom and Mare Creek, along with residents along U.S. 23.

The expansion plans into Mink Creek would add an additional 6,400 citizens, according to those past estimates.

Currently the agreement states that sewer service would be provided by Prestonsburg Utilities while Southern Water and Sewer District would still provide water service, Marshall said.

The county expects the main trunk to take approximately 18 months to finish once construction begins.

Lagoon

mal effort.

The theater patrons include a detective and psychologist who believe that the killer is actually the star of the film everyone's watching. They are also the only ones who know that the actor disappeared from an asylum five years earlier, after his physician arranged a screening of the same film for therapeutic purposes.

Apparently the therapy worked and inspired the actor to slaughter everyone in the facility before disappearing.

The guys in the know are also, unfortunately, the first to go and our skill faced killer

cuts the through the cast like they were made of smoked ham.

It all leads to a brutal denouement that finds a young lady confronting the killer within the film, where she also finds her victim preserved thanks to the power of the moving image. It all makes for a tense last reel that ends with enough room for a sequel that will hopefully get made.

This one also features a decent movie within a movie. The black and white feature that the audience regrets seeing ("The Dark Beneath") contains excellent photography

and scenes that appear to be inspired by the classic "Texas Chainsaw Massacre." In fact the movie within a movie is so well etched that one wishes they had released a full-length version of it as well.

Regardless, here are two films to get you through these rough times and you're always better off making your own snacks.

Best line: (From "Amusement") Listen, I love your new house, but the clown in my room... I hate it."

"Amusement": 2009, rated R. "Midnight Movie": 2008, unrated.

Norris

senators and 36 percent of current members of the U.S. House of Representatives have "at one time sent their children to private schools." While the foundation found that 11 percent of American students attend private schools, 20 percent of the members of the 111th Congress attended private high schools. And they want to remove the voucher option for private school education.

While the members of President Barack Obama's administration profess to have education as a top priority, they did nothing in March when Congress chose to discontinue the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Why? Because they all are in cahoots to not only choose our medical care for us, own the mortgage insurance and finance businesses, and place caps on corporate earnings but also control our educational choices for our children.

Our Founders' educational philosophy seems to me to be the charter of a true American system of education. But as we know, our nation's public

schools, especially our nation's colleges and universities, are the seedbeds of politically correct and leftist indoctrination. It shouldn't be that way, but it is. It's a travesty that we have come to the point that we have to protect our children from the public school systems by looking to alternative methods.

If you have a good public school, congratulations. Stay active in the PTA, and attend school board meetings to keep it that way. For many parents, the only responsible choice is to send their children to private, parochial or Christian schools or to home school their children. My wife and I home-schooled our 8-year-old twins.

What I also think is good about private schools is the students' wearing uniforms. Just like in my KICKS!ART! martial arts program for kids in Texas schools, uniforms in private schools give students a sense of pride and empowerment. They increase the atmosphere of respect. And uniforms make economic class more of a non-issue, making rich and poor students indistin-

guishable — not to mention the fact that uniforms do away with young people's style of wearing their jeans down to their knees and showing their butt cracks!

Parents deserve educational choices; choice is what this country was founded upon. Government's controlling and monopolizing education is just another avenue for usurping power and control on the slippery slope to socialism. And it's unbecoming for our republic, whose Founders created a system of freedom, choice and minimal government intervention.

Is it merely coincidental that the private choice of home schooling was outlawed by the Soviet state in 1919, by Hitler and Nazi Germany in 1938, and by Communist China in 1949?

Is America next?

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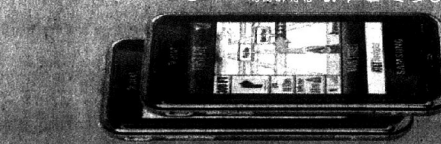
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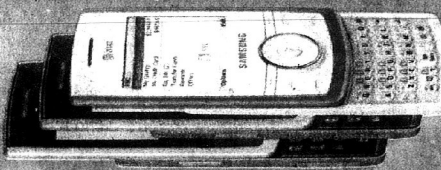
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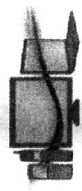
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Dance Etc. Elite teams thrive in U.S. Finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Dance Etc. Elite teams excelled during the U.S. Finals held last weekend in Cincinnati. The teams include members from numerous Eastern Kentucky counties. Dance Etc. Senior Elite, Junior Elite, Jr. Prep Elite and Pee Wee Elite teams all posted first-place performances. A breakdown follows:
 Dance Etc. Senior Elite:

First Place Jazz, First Place Pom and First Place Lyrical
 Dance Etc. Junior Elite: First Place Lyrical, Second Place Pom and Second Place Jazz
 Dance Etc. Jr. Prep Elite: First Place Pom, First Place Lyrical and Third Place Jazz
 Dance Etc. Pee Wee Elite: First Place Jazz and First Place Pom
 Dance Etc. Elite teams will host their inaugural Elite

Showcase today at the Mountain Arts Center beginning at 2 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

MORE INSIDE:

Photos of other Dance Etc. Elite teams appear inside today's edition on Page B2.



The Dance Etc. Senior Elite team is pictured. The Senior Elite squad had three first-place finishes.

Marlar wins Bluegrass season-opener

Lee finishes runner-up in feature race

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

BARDSTOWN — The O'Reilly Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Super Late Model Division hit the track for the first time in the 2009 season on Saturday, April 25 at Bluegrass Speedway. Veteran driver Mike Marlar continued to dominate at the Bardstown track. Marlar held off strong challenges from a host of drivers, including Victor Lee. After winning the first of three heat races, Marlar captured the feature.

Complete results from the season-opener follow.

Racing Optics Top Qualifier—Mike Jewell 16.090.

Wayne Bowen Racing Supply Heat No. 1 (Top 5 Advance)—Mike Marlar, Greg Johnson, David Webb, Mike Jewell, Eric Wells, Chris Combs, Larry Greer, Larry Gray, Jr., Ed Behn (DNS-Brandon Fouts).

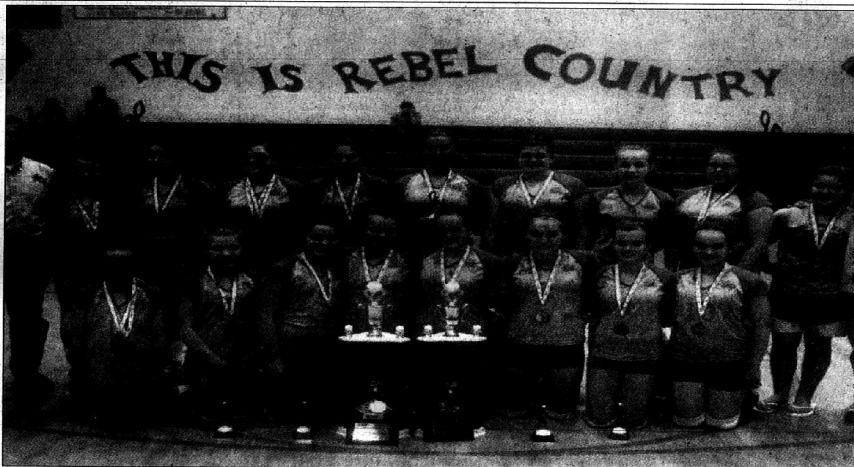
Graphic Impressions Heat No. 2 (Top 5 Advance)—Michael Chilton, Justin Rathliff, Jason Keltner, Tim Tungate, Tyrel Todd, Jordan Bland, Daniel Williams, Cody Mahoney, Steve Barnett

C.J. Rayburn Race Cars Heat No. 3 (Top 5 Advance)—Victor Lee, Dustin Linville, Kevin Claycomb, Dustin Neat, Aaron Hatton, D.J. Wells, Shannon Thornsberry, Frankie Coomer, Terry Keltner

All Star Performance B-Main (Top 5 Advance)—Jordan Bland, Chris Combs, Cody Mahoney, Shannon Thornsberry, D.J. Wells, Ed Behn, Larry Gray, Jr. Frankie Coomer, Terry Keltner, Daniel Williams, Larry Greer (DNS-Steve Barnett, Brandon Fouts).

Series Provisionals—Larry Gray, Jr., Ed Behn, Track Provisional—Larry Greer.

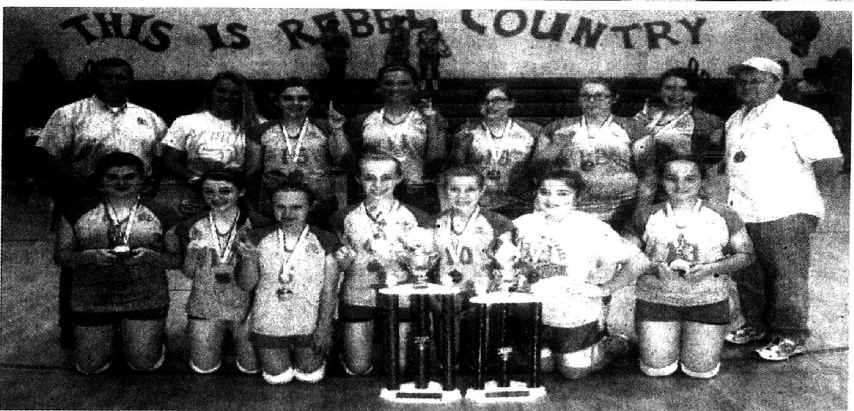
12th Annual Spring Sizzler REAL Wheels A-Main—Mike Marlar, Victor Lee, Greg Johnson, Dustin Linville, Michael Chilton, Kevin Claycomb, Justin Rathliff, Jason Keltner, Jordan Bland, Dustin Neat, Tim Tungate, Mike Jewell, Chris Combs, Eric Wells, Shannon Thornsberry, Cody Mahoney, David Webb, Ed Behn, Tyrel Todd, Larry Gray, Jr., D.J. Wells, Larry Greer, Aaron Hatton.



MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

photos by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Middle School claimed the A- and B-Team Floyd County volleyball championships. The ACMS A-Team is pictured above. The ACMS B-Team is pictured below. Joslyn Isaac (South Floyd) and DeShea Elliott (Allen Central) — pictured on the right — were named B-Team co-players of the year.



Lady Raiders win two of last three

Hamby hits first career home run

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The South Floyd High School softball team has won two of its last three games. South Floyd defeated Knott County Central 18-2 in three innings on Friday, April 24. Following a Floyd County Conference/58th District loss to frontrunner Allen Central on Monday, South Floyd edged Betsy Layne 8-7 Thursday evening. Allen Central held off more than one South Floyd rally en route to a 7-2 win over the Lady Raiders. South Floyd (3-8) is under the guidance of first-year head coach Kristi Howard.

More on each of South Floyd's recent victories follows.

South Floyd 8, Betsy Layne 7: Branda Hamby hit her first career home run Thursday evening as visiting South Floyd defeated Betsy Layne.

South Floyd pitcher Trista Dameron recorded the win. Dameron limited Betsy Layne to one run through the first four innings. She had three one-two-three innings against Betsy Layne batters.

Helping her cause, Dameron scored the first run of the game for the Lady Raiders in the opening inning. After being tied 1-1 after the first inning, South Floyd added three more runs in the second stanza. The Lady Raiders led 5-1 through three innings.

South Floyd plated three runs in the sixth inning and withstood a Betsy Layne offensive outburst that consisted of four runs. Lindsey Dye had a two-out single for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd 18, Knott County Central 2: South Floyd scored early and often en route to the home win over Knott County Central. The Lady Raiders did most of their damage in the second inning, scoring 11 runs. South Floyd prevailed in three innings.

Trista Dameron pitched South Floyd past Knott County Central. Dameron, who tossed a two-hitter, was also a leader at the plate for the Lady Raiders, finishing with a pair of doubles.

South Floyd led 4-2 at the conclusion of the first inning.

Rebs too much for Betsy Layne

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Allen Central won for the third time in four outings Thursday evening, defeating Floyd County Conference/58th District rival Betsy Layne 14-4. The Rebels broke open a close game en route to claiming the conference/district win.

Allen Central pitcher Zac Hall picked up his second win of the season for the Rebels. The game was knotted 4-4 in the fifth inning before Allen Central scored nine runs. The Rebels also scored once in the sixth inning. "We hit the ball really well all night, but just right where they were standing," said Allen Central Coach Josh Todd. Allen Central improved to 8-11 overall after registering the win.

Ky. Athletic HoF inducts Class of 2009

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — With beaming smiles and, at times, misty eyes, one by one, inductees of the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2009 or their representatives spoke to the banquet crowd of some 450 people Wednesday evening, April 29, at Louisville's Crowne Plaza hotel. The careers of eight Kentucky athletic standouts

were celebrated along with recognition of the two Kentucky Farm Bureau High School Athletes of the Year. Proceeds from the event benefit Kosair Charities.

Joining 225 Kentucky sports-related inductees from previous years — ball players, boxers, jockeys, coaches, trainers, sports writers, broadcast announcers and other sports figures — whose

achievements are denoted in brass plaques affixed in the corridors of Louisville's Freedom Hall arena, the Class of 2009 has eight inductees: Shelby County star and University of Kentucky basketball standout, the late Mike Casey; Kentucky State scoring sensation (compiling 4,045 points) Travis "The Machine" Grant; founder of Louisville Golf Co. and owner of Persimmon Ridge Golf

Course, the late Elmore Just; University of Kentucky basketball star Patti Jo Hedges-Ward; legendary Clay County High School coach Bobby Keith; champion swimmer and Louisville St. Xavier High School coach Marty O'Toole; influential sports figure and minor league baseball power broker, Dan Ulmer; and award-winning turf writer for the Lexington Herald-Leader, Maryjean Wall.

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International student-athletes have unique stories about their journeys to MSU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Although Morehead, Ky., is what most would consider a small town, Morehead State University has a wide range of students from all over the country, and even the world. Eagle athletics is a key reason for the draw of international students. MSU is the home to more than 100 international student-athletes. Each has their own, unique story as to how they became an Eagle.

The Eagle tennis squads are loaded with international athletes. This could be because of ties with former assistant coach Jacob Gustafsson. He and sophomore Alexandra Rydberg both hail from Hollviken, Sweden.

"The old assistant coach on the tennis team is from Sweden and a friend of mine," Rydberg said. "When he found out I was looking for schools in the United States he suggested Morehead."

Having the opportunity to play their sport, and pursue a college degree is something that European athletes dream about, Rydberg said.

"Tennis is big in Europe and I know that many Swedish players want to play collegiate tennis if they can get a scholarship," she said. "They know they will get a good experience, learn English and get a free education."

Not all international athletes are fortunate enough to have the chance to have their college education paid for, and continue to compete in their respective sport.

Head women's golf coach Stephanie Barker understands that collegiate sports are often a last resort for athletes overseas.

"There are not many opportunities over seas for student-athletes to compete at a high level and earn a degree at the same time. They usually have to do one or the other unless they come to the States."

Barker attributes the popularity of golf as a sport for international students to athletes who have paved the way to success.

"There have been quite a few very successful international golfers over the last couple decades such as Annika Sorenstrom, Helen Alfredson, and Si Re Pak," Barker says. "These women have had a major influence on young, aspiring athletes from their region and their belief in themselves as athletes."

Many athletes and international athletes, alike, to get recruited, work with a personal scout or company devoted to getting athletes looked at by universities throughout the United States.

Freshman women's golfer Karolina Tunstig from Skivarp, Sweden, utilized a company to aide her in getting recruited. These companies work to bridge the gap between international student-athletes and college coaches in the states, Tunstig said.

"I consulted a company who helps athletes who want to come to the United States. For example, there are websites where coaches are able to find both athletic and academic information about the clients of the company. They help you through the recruiting process, such as, where to register for tests, NCAA guidelines, and schedule your official visits," Tunstig said.

Although Tunstig did not step foot on MSU's campus prior to attending her first class, she had an idea of what it is going to be like being so far away from home and everything she is comfortable with.

"I thought that it is going to be hard, especially in the beginning, because everything was going to be different from home. The school system and the language are big ones," Tunstig said. "I was especially worried about the language, but I knew it probably work out. When it did it was a great experience for me and an advantage in the future."

This optimistic outlook is not uncommon among international students who come to study in the United States. These athletes take this opportunity as one to propel them into a positive future.

Close-knit teams and a family-like atmosphere aide in making the adjustment to college life a little less traumatic for students who are far from home.

"It is not that bad, the team is my family here!" Rydberg said.

International Athletes at MSU include: Bradley Bryan; Bridgetown, Barbados (Tennis); Chris Shafiq; Melbourne, Australia (Tennis); Dusan Milovanovic; Budva, Montenegro (Tennis); Greg Anderson; Johannesburg, South Africa (Tennis); Jason Wolfson; Johannesburg, South Africa (Tennis); Jerry Sundin; Sweden (Tennis); Emma Jonsson; Skarpang, Sweden (Golf); Karolina Tunstig; Skivarp, Sweden (Golf); Alexandra Rydberg; Hollviken, Sweden (Tennis); Madeleine Antero; Santiago, Chile (Tennis); Monika Jaroszewicz; Warsaw, Poland (Volleyball).

Monteith scores Lonesome Pine Late Model victory

BY STEVE LOMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

COBBURN, Va. — Veteran driver Nate Monteith led the road laps in the Lonesome Pine Raceway Late Model feature race on Saturday, April 25. Monteith finished in front of a competitive field which included runner-up Brian Eblevins and third-place driver Wayne Hale. Lonesome Pine Raceway also hosted feature races in the Street Stock, Charger, Open Wheel Modified, Mod 4, Pure 4 and Legends classes. A breakdown of the race night follows:

Late Model: 1. Nate Monteith, 2. 40-Brian Eblevins, 3. 19-Wayne Hale, 4. 22-Keith Stiltner, 5. 89-David Hopkins, 6. 7-Caleb Roark, 7. 63-Nicholas Cole, 8. Steve Wright, 9. 94-Jeff Woodward, 10. 49-Mitch Gibson.

Street Stock: 1. 22-Roger Neece, 2. 71-Chuck Cniger, 3. 25-Rob Austin, 4. 15-Jim Caudill, Jr., 5. 7-Scott Anderson, 6. 4-Keith Stiltner, 7. 18-Doug Austin, 8. 2-Russell Duty, 9. 65-Moonshine Mills, 10. 11-Jeff Counts.

Charger: 1. 44 Jody Bosko, 2. 17-Kevin Wolfe, 3. 7-Matthew Eades, 4. 29-Josh Hale, 5. 47-Jenna Wagner, 6.

66-Austin Peters, 7. 88-Dillon Hopkins, 8. 18-Eretek Woodward, 9. 48-Paul Shull.

Open-Wheel Modified: 1. 11-Sam Hurd, 2. 18-Freddie Taylor, Jr., 3. 51-Willie Gibson.

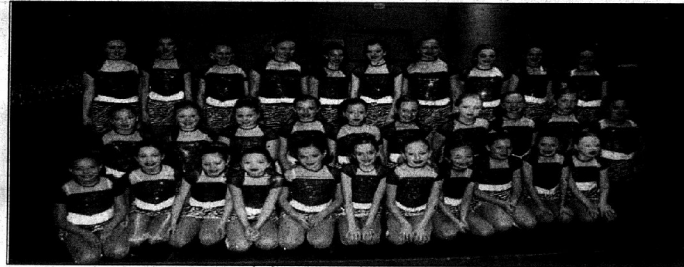
Mod 4: 1. 88-Kirby Gobble, 2. 18-Freddie Taylor, Jr., 3. 10-David Hand, 4. 7-Colin Eades, 5. 17-Brad Ball, 6. 9-Hershel Robinette, 7. 3-Ricky Yates.

Pure 4: 1. 1. 07 Alan Woodruff, 2. 1-Linton Ferry, 3. 37-Kenny Nix, 4. 4-Tony Casteel, 5. 39-Bobby Gobble, 6. 3-Stacy Head, 7. 14-Ferret Cully, 8. 71 Gene Ester, 9. 65-Moonshine Mills, 10. 10 Brad Ball, 11. 9 Jeff Bobo, 12. 76 Kelly King, 13. 94 Tom Hodges, 14. 17 Steve Skeen, 15. 80 Shawn Peters, 16. 06 Bill Livesay, 17. 99 Courtney Roark, 18. 13 Don McGalahan, 19. 04 Matthew Stiltner, 20. 22 B.C. Penley, 21. 8 Ricky Yates, 22. 2 Eddie Blair, 5 Tracy Head.

Legends: 1. 64 Greg Turner, 2. 28-Sammy Jasper, 3. 31-Cody Johnson, 4. 23-Carl Stanley, 5. 54-Janice Humble, 6. 7-Ron Humble, 7. 18. 8. 44-Robbie Jackson, 9. 66-Mike Chamigo, 10. 73-Casey Head, 11.-43-Josh Clark.



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1. Apollo
2. Pleasure Ridge Park
3. Eastern
4. Tates Creek
5. Lexington Christian
6. Covington Catholic
7. Mele
8. Lexington Catholic
9. St. Xavier
10. Franklin County
11. Trinity
12. West Jessamine
13. Bullitt East
14. Henderson County
15. Henry Clay
16. Western Hills
17. Paul Dunbar
18. DuPont Manual
19. Elizabethtown
20. Central Hardin Marshall County
22. Davess County
23. Anderson County Madison Central
25. Christian County

H.S. SOFTBALL KSCA Poll

1. Christian Co.
2. Owensboro Cath.
3. Ballard
4. Allen County
5. North Laurel
6. Manual
7. Meade County
8. Mercer
9. Western Hills
10. Scott County
11. Anderson County
12. Greenwood
13. North Hardin
14. Lafayette
15. Warren East
16. Clark County
17. Reidland
18. Heath
19. Warren East
20. Franklin County
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Inman to be inducted into OVC Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Former Eastern Kentucky University head women's basketball coach Larry Joe Inman has been elected into the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame, the league announced on Thursday. The announcement comes one year and one day after Inman announced his retirement.

Inman ended his 28-year college coaching career with 480 wins, a 60 percent winning percentage, 10 Ohio Valley Conference regular season championships, six OVC tournament titles, eight OVC Coach of the Year awards and six NCAA tournament appearances.

Former Southeast Missouri State University and Austin Peay State University head track and field coach Joey Haines joins Inman in the 2009 Hall of Fame class.

"Larry Joe Inman was, for a long time, the dean of OVC women's team basketball coaches," EKV President Dr. Doug Whitlock said. "I think he is the yardstick against which current and future coaches in the OVC will be measured. I will always appreciate what he did for our program and that so much of his wonderful career was with EKV."

The Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame was organized in 1977 with the intent of honoring the coaches, administrators, faculty and staff who have been associated with the OVC for at least five years and provided extensive outstanding service to the Conference. With the induction of this year's class, the membership will reach 65.

Inman led Eastern Kentucky to five OVC regular season titles and two tournament championships in 20 seasons as the Lady Colonels' head coach. He led

EKU to the only two NCAA tournament appearances in school history and ranks as Eastern's all-time winningest basketball coach with 319 victories.

At the time of his retirement, Inman's 480 career victories ranked 43rd all-time in Division I women's basketball.

"Larry was an outstanding coach," EKV Director of Athletics Mark Sandy said. "I was fortunate to work with him the last three years of his career. We shared many stories. I was always impressed with his professionalism and his passion for the game."

The Gallatin, Tenn. native began his collegiate coaching career at Middle Tennessee State as an OVC member until 2000. In eight years at the Murfreesboro, Tenn., school, Inman won more than 68 percent of his games, was named OVC Coach of the Year three times, led MTSU to six OVC regular-season championships and four tournament titles. In his last four seasons on the Blue Raiders' bench, he led the program to four straight OVC regular-season championships and four straight NCAA tournament appearances.

He compiled an overall record of 161-73 at Middle Tennessee. Inman went 73-12 in OVC games, losing only four conference games his final five seasons.

Inman concluded his career with more wins as an OVC women's basketball head coach than any other in conference history. He is one of only two coaches in OVC history to win an NCAA tournament game, garnering two victories in the Big Dance. His overall record stands at 480-317 (.602) and he posted a 277-134 (.674) mark in regular-season OVC games.

Middle Tennessee's No. 5 seed in the 1985 NCAA tournament is the highest ever by an OVC school. Eastern Kentucky's No. 12 seed in the 2005 tournament is the highest by an OVC team in the

last 16 years.

When Inman accepted the head coaching position at EKV, prior to the 1988-89 season, the program had only posted a winning conference record twice in the 11-year history of the OVC. After posting a 6-6 record in league games his second season, Inman led Eastern to winning conference records in 13 of the next 15 seasons. Three years into his tenure, Inman became the first coach to earn the OVC Coach of the Year award at two different schools. He took home the honor in 1991 after leading Eastern Kentucky to its first winning season in six years.

Inman led the Lady Colonels to their first conference championship in 1995 and won his second OVC Coach of the Year award. The team won 19 games and tied with three other OVC schools for the league title. Two years later, EKV won its first outright OVC regular-season championship and, in the process, established a league record for conference victories with 16, while also setting a program mark with 24 overall wins.

The 1996-97 edition finished 24-6 overall and 16-2 in OVC play. The Lady Colonels defeated Tennessee Tech by four points for their first-ever OVC tournament championship and earned the program's first trip to the NCAA tournament.

The following year, Inman led Eastern Kentucky to its third regular-season conference championship in four years. In 2002, EKV won its fourth conference banner and Tech by four points for their first-ever OVC tournament championship and a trip to the WNIT Sweet 16.

In 2004-05, Inman earned his eighth OVC Coach of the Year honor while leading the Lady Colonels to both the conference regular-season and tournament titles, and a berth in the NCAA tourna-

ment. Over Inman's last 15 seasons, Eastern had an impressive record of 298-198, a 600 winning percentage, and posted six 20-plus win seasons.

In addition to remodeling two arenas with a host of championship banners, many student-athletes earned individual honors under Inman's guidance. At EKV and Middle Tennessee combined, 30 different players earned 52 all-conference selections during Inman's career, including 27 first team honors. A total of 23 players were named to the OVC all-freshman team. Inman coached four OVC Players of the Year and three OVC Freshmen of the Year.

In addition to success on the court, Inman's teams have been equally successful in the classroom. With Inman leading the program, 100 percent of incoming freshmen that completed their eligibility earned a degree.

Inman's coaching career began at Gallatin Junior High in 1970 where he went 51-4 in three seasons. From 1973-78, he went 126-24 (.840) as the head coach at Mount Juliet High School in Nashville. He is a graduate of Austin Peay State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1970. Inman received his master's degree from Tennessee State University in 1978.

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ARCA drivers test at Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — ARCA RE/MAX Series champion Parker Kligerman and nine-time series champion Frank Kimmel were among 26 competitors preparing for Kentucky Speedway's May 9 "Drive Smart, Buckle-Up! Kentucky 150" during an open test at the facility Wednesday.

Kligerman, 18, of Westport, Conn., is a former Formula TR and USAC Midget Series competitor who converted to stock car racing with Cunningham Motorsports, a long-running ARCA RE/MAX Series team which produced a fourth-place Kentucky Speedway finish in 2007.

The high school senior had originally eyed a future in Formula One competition, but placed those plans on hold to pursue his current stock venture with a development contract from Penske Racing.

"It takes a lot of money to get overseas," Kligerman said. "With the growing number of opportunities in NASCAR and the chance to race with support from Penske, this made a lot of sense. It's been great to race in this series with veterans like Frank (Kimmel) because I've been able to learn so much."

The driver signed for eight races to be spread throughout 22-race ARCA RE/MAX Series campaign, says his early-season run extended after he scored two top-five and four top-10 finishes in his first four career series starts.

He shared his season-best third place finish at Salem, Ind., April 5 and took sole possession of the top spot in the championship standings with a seventh-place performance at Talladega Superspeedway April 24. The rookie turned his

strongest test lap at 71.258 mph. While the driver ranked eighth on speed chart, he felt he had ample room for improvement.

"We're really tight and can't figure out why," said Kligerman. "We're struggling big time off the corner and giving away too much speed. We have a lot to work on."

Kimmel, a nine-time series champion, will make his eighth attempt at claiming his fifth all-time Kentucky Speedway ARCA RE/MAX Series win in the "Drive Smart, Buckle-Up! Kentucky 150." He will enter his 18th series start in the Bluegrass State third in the series standings and 65 points off the championship lead.

The veteran nailed down his season-best fifth-place finish at Talladega Superspeedway and will ride a strong wave of momentum to a track where he's scored a total of 10 top-five and 12 top-10 finishes.

The Clarksville, Ind. driver is in the second year of owning the team for which he competes and is racing with the benefit of new sponsorship in that helped him build a strong fleet of Ford Broncos along side his crew chief and brother, Bill.

"We might be bringing the fastest car we've ever had here to next Saturday's race," Kimmel said. "The reason we'll be racing the fastest cars the ARCA RE/MAX Series has ever had here."

Second-place championship driver Justin Lofton also honed his intermediate-track skills during today's test and plans to improve on the 10th-place finish he registered last July during his second career start at the track.

He is driving with annual championship competitor

Eddie Sharp Racing and is only five points off the championship pace after earning his first win and third top-three finish of the season at Talladega Superspeedway.

The 25-year-old from Westmorland, Calif., tore off his best lap of today's session at 174.836 mph and is building confidence for the "Drive Smart, Buckle-Up! Kentucky 150."

"I sat down with Eddie Sharp at the beginning of the season and we looked at the cars he was going to provide. I had a couple of favorites. He gave me those and brought on a great team to support me so my confidence is through the roof."

"We've had a phenomenal day today," Lofton said. "My first lap, the car really stuck to the track and I was able to hold the throttle about three-quarters of the way down all the way around the track. I'm really looking forward to next week's race."

Tickets for next week's event, new infield camping and special offers for all 2009 Kentucky Speedway races can be reserved online through the tickets page of this Web site, by phoning at 888-652-RACE (7232), or by visiting Meijer stores and the Speedway ticket offices at 400 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 100, near the Montgomery Inn Restaurant in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., or in the Sparta, Ky., Race Center located off of Interstate 71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 N. Tickets also can be reserved at Meijer stores and Tickets.com outlets.

Speedway gates will open at 3 p.m., country music artist Chuck Wicks will be in concert at 6 and the green flag will fall for the "Drive Smart, Buckle-Up! Kentucky 150" at 8.

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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 19 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Mark Martin)
 - April 26 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Brad Keselowski)
 - May 2 — Crown Royal Presents the Russell Friedman 400, Richmond, Va.
 - May 9 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
 - May 16 — x-NASCAR All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C.
 - May 24 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
 - May 31 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - June 7 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - June 14 — LifeLock 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - June 21 — Toyota/SaveMart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 - June 28 — LENOX Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 - July 4 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 - July 11 — LifeLock.com 400, Joliet, Ill.
 - July 26 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis
 - Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - Aug. 9 — Centurion Boats at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 - Aug. 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - Aug. 23 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
 - Sept. 6 — Pep Boys Auto 500, Hampton, Ga.
 - Sept. 12 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
 - Sept. 20 — SYLVANIA 300, Loudon, N.H.
 - Sept. 27 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - Oct. 4 — Price Chopper 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 - Oct. 11 — Pepsi 500, Fontana, Calif.
 - Oct. 17 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 - Oct. 25 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
 - Nov. 1 — Amp Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.
 - Nov. 8 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
 - Nov. 15 — Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - Nov. 22 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race

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Fifth Prelude to the Dream to benefit military families

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — The fifth annual Prelude to the Dream is scheduled for June 3 at Eldora Speedway in Rossburg Ohio, with proceeds from the HBO Pay-Per-View telecast going to support four military-themed charities.

The all-star, late-model dirt race at Tony Stewart's "Field of Dreams" features 25 renowned drivers representing more than 20 titles from all types of disciplines, some with lots of dirt-track experience and others with hardly any. All will drive 2,300-pound dirt late-model stock cars capable of putting out more than 800 horsepower.

"The Prelude to the Dream just keeps getting bigger every year," Stewart said. "Since HBO Pay-Per-View began televising the Prelude in 2007, we've been able to help a lot of deserving charities, specifically Victory Junction Gang Camp external link."

"But in light of what's going on in our world today with our troops engaged in combat in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places around the world — we felt it was time to do something for those who came back from serving their country with severe injuries, and for those families whose loved ones never made it back."

The four charities all cater

to severely injured military personnel or fallen heroes and their families: Wounded Warrior; Project www.WoundedWarriorProject.org; Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund www.FallenHeroesFund.org; Operation Homefront www.OperationHomefront.net; Fisher House www.FisherHouse.org.

The four previous Prelude to the Dreams have collectively raised more than \$2 million. With each year's event gaining significant stature and mainstream interest, Stewart's goal is to have the fifth annual Prelude to the Dream raise \$1 million more than the proceeds impacting the four charities.

"It's an ambitious goal, especially in this economy," Stewart said. "But if we don't shoot for a number that is a true difference maker, we're not ever going to reach it. That's our goal, and me and everybody else associated with this event is going to do everything we can to meet that goal. Now, we just need everyone out there to purchase the event, enjoy all the action going on at Eldora, and support our heroes who are protecting our freedom."

Drivers expected to compete are: Stewart, Ryan Newman, Kyle Busch, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson, Carl Edwards, Kevin Harvick, Kasey Kahne, Matt Kenseth,

Denny Hamlin and Clint Bowyer.

Brian Vickers, Robby Gordon, David Reutimann, Bill Elliott, Dave Blaney, Eric Almirola, Kenny Wallace, Ken Schrader, Ron Capps, Cruz Pedregon, Ray Everham, Joe J. Logano, Jeremy Mayfield and David Stremme also have committed.

They will participate in hot laps, qualifying, heat races and the 30-lap feature on the half-mile clay oval, all of which will be televised live on HBO Pay-Per-View.

"We are always thrilled to bring this unique and compelling race at Eldora to fans across the country," said Tammy Ross, vice president of HBO Pay-Per-View & Sports. "Seeing the top drivers in the world going all-out to benefit our courageous armed services men and women who have been injured delivers a sense of privilege and inspiration to everyone involved in presenting the event."

With no points and no pressure, the Prelude to the Dream is a throwback race, allowing drivers to step back in time and compete for the reasons they all went racing in the first place — pride and a trophy. And they'll do so on the same surface that racing legends A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti competed on nearly 50 years ago.

driving this year puts him in a great position to achieve this goal. I am proud that Patrick Carpentier will represent both Michael Waltrip Racing and longtime partner NAPA Auto Parts in the NAPA 200. Our organization is looking forward to competing at the legendary Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in August," Hattem added.

From his point of view, Carpentier is pleased to have the chance to race in front of his fans and with the NAPA Auto Parts team.



NEW LOOK FOR BRIT 57 RACING: Sixteen-year-old Brittany McKinney has a new look late Model for the 2009 season.

Regional beginning archery instruction training set for May 6 in Hazard

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — The first of three regional Beginning Archery Instruction courses will be offered by the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources on Wednesday, May 6 at Memorial Gymnasium in Hazard.

No archery experience is required to take the training, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Each school wishing to implement the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) must have at least one qualified instructor. Other regional trainings will take place in the London and Prestonsburg areas.

Those planning on attending should wear casual clothing with shoes appropriate for wooden gym floors.

NASP is a physical education and cross-curriculum in-school course designed to also engage those students who may not take part in regular

school sports activities.

The two-week educational program, called "Archery: On Target for Life," has been offered to Kentucky students in grades 4-12 for the past four and one-half years, said Jennie Richardson, state archery coordinator. Written by the state Department of Education curriculum specialist, the curriculum holds interesting and creative possibilities for integration with core content in social studies, mathematics, visual arts, history and English/language arts.

Schools in the Fifth Congressional District that implement after-school archery clubs may be eligible for funding through Operation UNITE's community coalitions. UNITE has awarded \$33,580 to 22 NASP programs in 12 counties through April.

"Participating students have exhibited marked improvements in self-esteem, confidence, self-discipline, structured programs and self-

worth — all qualities that lead to an all-around better student, and an enriched student body," said Hank Patton, Kentucky's Deputy Commissioner for Fish & Wildlife Resources. "We have also documented improvements in attendance, behavior and on-task behavior."

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Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers noted that "the goal is to get our youth involved in something positive before they get interested in drugs. We can arrest drug dealers and provide treatment for addiction, but it's far easier to reach a child with positive activities before they fall prey to that lifestyle."

For more information, contact Jennie Richardson at 606-549-9918 or 606-521-0421 or Region 9 NASP Coordinator Wiley Law, wiley.law@harrison.kyschools.us.

Carpentier to drive for Michael Waltrip Racing at Montreal race

No. 40 Nationwide team to debut new sponsor at Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Patrick Carpentier will drive Michael Waltrip Racing's No. 99 Toyota in the NAPA Auto Parts 200 at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal on Aug. 30.

"Patrick was our first choice, and we undoubtedly very happy with this agreement. Not only is he from the

region but his name is synonymous with talent, perseverance and sportsmanship wherever he performs," said Robert Hattem, president and CEO of UAP Inc., of which NAPA is a subsidiary. "It was a natural fit for us to offer Patrick the wheel for this event and allow the public to witness his unique know-how."

Carpentier, a native of Joliette, Quebec, scored his career-first pole award (2007) and finished second in the first two Nationwide Series races at the 2.71-mile road course.

"The quality of the car he is

driving this year puts him in a great position to achieve this goal. I am proud that Patrick Carpentier will represent both Michael Waltrip Racing and longtime partner NAPA Auto Parts in the NAPA 200. Our organization is looking forward to competing at the legendary Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in August," Hattem added.

From his point of view, Carpentier is pleased to have the chance to race in front of his fans and with the NAPA Auto Parts team.

"By being the official race

sponsor, it is clear to me that NAPA wishes more than anything the success of this important event for the city of Montreal. Carpentier said "it is an honor to partner with such a talented team like NAPA. My greatest desire is to give the spectators and viewers a great performance that meets their expectations."

Also Wednesday, NAPA Auto Parts and Stock Car Montreal announced that they have extended their agreement, making NAPA Auto Parts the primary sponsor for the event for the next three

years through 2011.

Key transfers sponsor to Nationwide: No. 40 Chevy; Team owner Curtis Key said on Thursday that Western Companies will sponsor the team's No. 40 Chevrolet for five races in the Nationwide Series.

Western Companies has opted to transfer its support from Key's Truck Series program to put the sponsorship dollars behind the No. 40 for races at Kentucky Speedway (June 13), O'Reilly Race Park (July 25), Bristol Motor Speedway (Aug. 21),

Richmond International Raceway (Sept. 11), and Lowe's Motor Speedway (Oct. 16).

The driver of the No. 40 for those selected races has yet to be announced. Scott Wimmer has piloted the Key Motorsports NNS ride for the first eight races of the season. His best finish is an 11th-place run at Las Vegas in February. Wimmer is not running a full-time schedule with Key Motorsports, but is committed to at least seven more races this season.

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Floyd Counties. The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1468's 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/high 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, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application

No. 836-5494 Renewal
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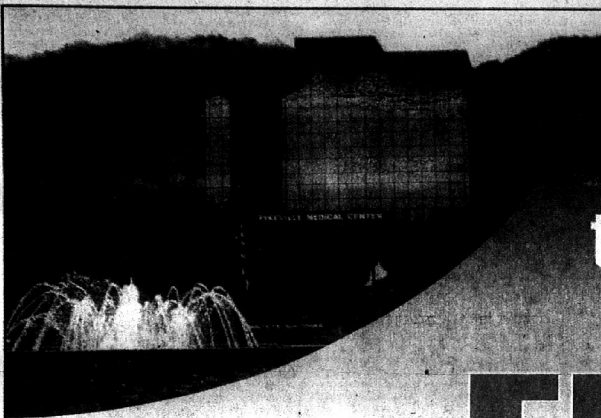
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