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In brief

OMSL train program targets foremen

In January, the Department for Natural Resources' Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) unveiled a six-hour class specifically designed for all surface and underground mine foremen in the Commonwealth.

- changes in mine safety laws
- safe retreat mining practices
- disciplinary cases brought before the Mine Safety Review Commission
- changes in safety technology
- methods to improve safe working procedures

OMSL offers the mandated training at each of its six district office locations each week at no charge to attendees. Since the implementation of the training program, OMSL has trained more than 2,000 mine foremen in a concentrated effort to enhance mine safety.

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Fire funding changes

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Terry Triplett, a volunteer firefighter with the Garrett Fire Department, approached county officials Friday about coal severance allocations he says should have already been in hand.

"Because two or three departments in the county are lagging behind, the rest of us are having to do without," Triplett said. "It's just

not right." County leaders and members of the Big Sandy Area Development District agreed, deciding Friday to prepare the grant applications for fire departments throughout Floyd County separately.

"We thought the best way would be to do all of these at one time, but if they can do this separately, then that's fine," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall.

Triplett told officials Friday

that the five-month wait for the coal severance money that is earmarked to go to fire departments has cost his Garrett location \$400 a month.

"We need this burden off us," said Triplett, speaking also of the fire departments who have not turned in scope and budget forms needed for grants. "I don't know what they are, and I don't care."

Just prior to Triplett's com-

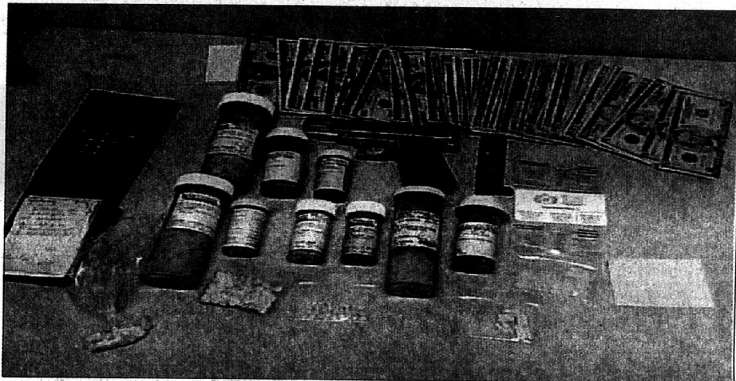
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Garrett firefighter Terry Triplett approached county leaders Friday to help speed along coal severance money intended for his fire department.

photo by Sheldon Compton

ILLICIT STASH



Jimmy Adams, of McDowell, pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges on Friday. The plea agreement includes a sentence of 15 years in prison. In May of last year, officers located 775 pills, \$3,000 in cash and a gun in Adams' home.

Adams pleads guilty to drug charges

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A McDowell man pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges on Friday, just a few days before he was scheduled to go to trial, and will spend at least the next 10 years in prison as part of the agreement.

Jimmy Adams, 57, was arrested in May of last year after an investigation by Operation UNITE in which officers purchased hydrocodone and oxycodone on three separate days toward the end of 2007.

On the initial arrest warrant, Adams was charged with one

count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and two counts of second-degree trafficking.

When police arrived at Adams' home to serve the warrant, they received consent to search the area and located 775 prescription pills with a street value of \$8,000. Adams also had over \$3,000 in cash in his pocket.

After the search, the case was returned to the grand jury and Adams was charged with additional first-, second- and third-degree trafficking charges. Police also located a gun in the home, which led to an enhancement of the charges based on a drug offense while in possession of a

firearm.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the prescriptions had been filled in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. The prescription in Ohio was filled by Dr. Lloyd Naramore, who was charged in a drug ring operation in July of last year.

Turner also said Adams told police that his income was \$1,000 a month from Social Security. However, Adams had two bank accounts totaling over \$20,000. The accounts were frozen as part of the arrest.

"We're very pleased with the

(See DRUGS, page five)

Tension builds over budget talks

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A first reading of Floyd County's \$5.3 million budget went through Friday, but only by a hair, as the reading was approved with only a motion from Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and a second from Magistrate John Goble.

The most outspoken county leader was Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, who remained quiet as discussion turned loose on seeing the budget reading approved.

When the reading was approved with only the motion and second, Owens then asked if a full vote count would be given.

"For a first reading, all that is needed is a motion and a second," Marshall answered.

Owens insisted, however, saying, "I've been here 20 years and we've always voted."

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Wheelwright readies for Coal Camp Days

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The city of Wheelwright now has its own festival thanks to a suggestion provided by students from South Floyd High School.

The Coal Camp Days Festival is scheduled for next weekend, May 23-24, in Wheelwright as a joint effort between the students and the Wheelwright Historical Society.

"I was contacted about some possible grant funding last year by the Appalachian Regional Commission," said Lisa Perry, executive director of the Wheelwright Historical Society. "We went to a

(See FESTIVAL, page five)

Leaders question need to bail out Southern

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tension built Friday during a meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court after a motion to make a bond payment on behalf of Southern Water and Sewer turned into a lengthy discussion that left county leaders clearly frustrated.

The proposal in question was to make a bond and interest payment totaling \$104,988 to the Bank of New York before May 20.

The motion to do so was made Friday by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall after a long debate centered on why the company has not been able to make his own payments.

"I made that motion because I don't

want to see our people without water," Marshall said.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley called the debate about whether to make the payment, which becomes the responsibility of the county if Southern Water fails to pay, a "Catch-22 situation."

"If this isn't paid, then there'll be several thousand people without

water," Bartley said. "That being said, the question is what we can do to get Southern Water to pay us."

With the issue at a standstill, the court was told that there would be penalties and fees that would come into play if an agreement could not be reached on making the payment on

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ **Loretta Stone Allen**, 87, of Beaver, Ohio, a Kenton County native, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, May 8, in Beaver, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, May 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Layne Michael Bailey**, 35, of Melvin, died Monday, May 11, in Wheelwright. He is survived by his wife, Jessica Spears Bailey. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Roger Jay Fields**, 51, of Harold, died Sunday, May 10, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ **Ruby Fraley**, 83, of Summerfield, Florida, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, May 5, in Shands, at the University of Florida. She is survived by her husband, Homer O. Fraley. Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 12, under the direction of Hiers-Bailey Funeral Services, Belleview, Florida.

■ **Mildred Martin**, 79, of Lackey, died Saturday, May 9, in the King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Junior Robert Martin. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Daniel Dale Newsome**, 61, of McDowell, died Monday, May 11, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Johnny N. Paek**, 83, of McDowell, died Sunday, May 10, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Willie Gene "Bud" Rogers**, 67, of Galveston, died Monday, May 13, in Galveston. He is survived by his wife, Molly Courtney Rogers. Funeral services were held Monday, May 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Tennis Samuel Salisbury**, 85, of Harold, died Tuesday, May 12, in the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Sue Tackett Salisbury. Funeral services were held Friday, May 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Billy J. Turner**, of Lexington, formerly of Minnie, died Monday, May 11. He is survived by his wife, Helen Turner. Services were held at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in Lexington on Wednesday, May 13, and at Hall Funeral Home on Thursday, May 14. Burial was at Davidson Memorial Gardens.

■ **PIKE COUNTY**

■ **Kence' Elaine Mullins Clark**, 23, of Frankfort, a Pike County native, died Wednesday, May 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Terrell Edward Clark. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 12, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ **Earl Crigger**, 86, of Sidney, died Thursday, May 7. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, at the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church. Burial was in the Crigger Family Cemetery, Sidney, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ **Teodoro Hicupidez Evangelista**, 64, of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 10, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Florence Evangelista. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ **Anna Mae Fields**, 79, of Pikeville, died Friday, May 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, May 11, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ **Lula Belle Blackburn Cross**, 86, of Raccoon, a Martin County native, died Sunday, May 10, at Pikeville

Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 14, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ **Irene Coleman Kinney**, 86, of Boise, Idaho, a native of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 2, in a Boise care center. Inurnment services will be held at a later date in Lewistown, Montana. Arrangements are under direction of Summers Funeral Home of Boise.

■ **Grace Bowman Locke**, 92, died Saturday, May 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ **Barbara Anne Smith Marinero**, 81, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, May 5, at Frankfort Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Frank Marinero. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **James William Newsome of Booker Fork**, died Wednesday, May 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Bryant Newsome. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Michael J. Pinton**, 33, of Shelbyana, died Thursday, May 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 12, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Rex Rutherford**, 78, of LaFollette, Tenn., formerly of Huddy, died Thursday, May 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Alice Mae Rutherford. Graveside services were held Monday, May 11, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ **Elvis Robert Thompson**, M.D., 77, of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 10. He is survived by his wife, Paula Butcher Thompson. Services were held Wednesday, May 13, at the First Baptist Church of Pikeville, with burial following at Johnson Memorial Cemetery.

■ **Susan Elizabeth Spence Whitaker**, 55, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 9, at her home. A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Friday, May 15, at the residence, 124 E. Cedar Drive. Arrangements under direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ **MAGOFFIN COUNTY**

■ **Clara McCarty Keeton**, 72, of Salyersville, died Thursday, May 7. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ **LAWRENCE COUNTY**

■ **Mildred Elam**, a native of Louisa, died Saturday, May 9. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Marshall Steen Funeral Home, Ashland.

■ **Emogene Ferguson**, 94, of Catlettsburg, a Louisa native, died Sunday, May 10, at her home. Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 13, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **Carolyn Alice Keaton**, 59, of Webbville, died Saturday, May 9, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, James Rodney Keaton. Funeral services were held Monday, May 11, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **JOHNSON COUNTY**

■ **Lestia Adams**, 76, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, April

29, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 2, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Viola Adkins**, a native of Thelma, died Saturday, May 2, at Park Place Care Facility in Georgetown, Texas. A memorial was held Saturday, May 16, at the Eastside Baptist Church, Copperas Cove, Texas.

■ **Heather Diane Brown**, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, formerly of West Van Lear, died Friday, April 17 in Elizabeth. Services were held Thursday, April 23 through April 24, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Gene Cantrell**, 81, died Friday, May 8, at his home in West Van Lear. He is survived by his wife, Flora Jones Cantrell. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ **Delores Ann Fraley**, 73, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, May 6, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, May 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Joan Carol Sturgill Jackson**, 70, of Paintsville, died Thursday, May 7, in Minnesota. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 12, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ **Dennis Franklin May Sr.**, 60, of Lawrenceburg, a Van Lear native, died Sunday, May 10, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Foster May. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Robert Lee Meade**, 63, of Wittensville, a native of Floyd County, died Monday, May 11, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, May 15, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Francis Music**, 74, died Wednesday, May 13. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 16, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Wendell B. Parker**, 77, died Wednesday, May 6, at Flat Gap. He was a Lawrence County native. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Ralph R. Riddle**, 92, died Monday, May 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Thursday, May 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ **KNOTT COUNTY**

■ **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.

■ **Melda Campbell**, 80, of Hindman, died Friday, May 1, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ **James Larry Franklin**, 52, of Mallic, died Sunday, May 3, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ **Ollie Marie Smith**, 90, of Amburgy, died Tuesday, April 28, at home. Funeral services were held Friday, May 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

■ **MARTIN COUNTY**

■ **Donald Luke Browning**, 58, died Wednesday, May 6, at

his home. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home, Warfield.

■ **Ora Parsley Fields**, 80, died Tuesday, May 5. Funeral services were held Friday, May 8, at Jennies Creek United Baptist Church.

■ **Betty Ann James**, 62, of Milo, died Tuesday, May 5, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Jackie James. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 9, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ **Ollie Moore Stacy**, 95, of Ft. Gay, West Virginia, a Martin County native, died Friday, May 8. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ **Hodivah 'Hody' Ward**, 69, died Sunday, April 26, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Jefferson, and Joey Collins of Minnie; and several nieces and nephews.

A service was held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 15, at Ducro Funeral Home, 4524 Elm Avenue, Ashtabula, with Rev. Kenneth Roberts and Rev. Thomas McCain officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, The Ireland Cancer Center, or the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

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■ **Delmas Crager**

Delmas Crager, 63, of Spencerville, Ohio, a native of Garrett, died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, at 3:37 a.m., in the Rockford Freewill Baptist Church, in Garrett, with his brother, Pastor Wendell Crager and Pastor Jimmy Caudill officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mosley-Gibson Cemetery, at Garner.

Friends may call from noon until 2 p.m., Saturday, at the church.

Memorials may be made to the donors choice.

Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home in Spencerville, is in charge of services. (Paid obituary)

Obituaries

Michael E. Collins

Michael E. Collins, better known as "Mustang Mike," 43, of Valleyview Boulevard, Ashtabula, Ohio, died Monday, May 11, 2009, at the Ashtabula County Medical Center Hospice Unit.

He was born January 26, 1966, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the son of the late Ervin and Helen (Rose) Collins Jr., and had been an area resident most of his life.

He loved working on cars, especially his fast Mustang, and when his friends had questions, about cars, they always called "Mustang Mike." He was an avid racer at Thompson and Norwalk, and, at one point, he owned his own car detailing business, known as "Fantastic Details." He attended the Pentecostal Church of God, and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his daughter whom he called "his little buddy."

He is survived by his loving wife, Tonya, whom he married August 3, 2002; his son, Cody Bryant; and his daughter, Alexis Collins, all of Ashtabula; his sisters: Donna Moore of Jefferson, and Michelle Collins of Willard; his brothers: Deanie Lee Collins of Georgetown, Bobby (Michelle) Collins Sr., of

Kendallville, Indiana, Chloetta Adams of Hager Hill, Jeannetta Moore, Harold (Carol) Crager, and Wendell Crager, all of Garrett, and a sister-in-law, Sylvia Crager, of Spencerville; and several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Shelby Crager; two brothers: David Crager, and infant Millard Ray Crager; and two brothers-in-law: Jimmie Collins and Harry Adams.

He was retired as a machine operator, employed at the Ohio Decorative Products Inc., of Spencerville, for 37 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting and gardening.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Saturday, May 16, in the Rockford Freewill Baptist Church, in Garrett, with his brother, Pastor Wendell Crager and Pastor Jimmy Caudill officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mosley-Gibson Cemetery, at Garner.

Friends may call from noon until 2 p.m., Saturday, at the church.

Memorials may be made to the donors choice.

Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home in Spencerville, is in charge of services. (Paid obituary)



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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.

The most unelusive thing in the world just has to be the common cold. Any slowpoke can catch it.

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The topic may be too tragic to pun around with, but...Richard Howard has, after considerable research, decided all this rainy weather may have been caused by a leak in the watergate.

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You know, it may be that most of us who want to see a miracle performed, are hoping to get out of doing some of the work ourselves.

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WOE, WOE...

This fishing season has been a washout for me, literally and literally. Rain, cold, high and muddy waters, and maybe a few too many years, have conspired to make a seack landlubber of the undersigned.

So the season, to date, is literally a washout.

You have nothing to report, if nothing happened. I have had the urge. Tennessee has beckoned, but the same weather has beset those fishing spots, too. Two brief tries for crappie (not croppie) at good old, golden Dewey is the sum total of my season as of inst. date. So there's not even a story of bleak failure to write. Which makes the season a washout, literally. Pokey...

(Somebody asked me if I thought Jeremiah ever did any fishing.)

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...AND LEAVE THE DRIVIN' TO US'

I did succeed, one afternoon last week, in maneuvering myself into a situation, out on the lake, that will do for a starter. Sallied forth, I did, fully aware that something was sapping the juice out of the battery that occasionally starts the motor, but figured an hour's fishing would make no difference. But it did.

There I was, a couple of miles uplake from the dock, with a very short paddle and little desire to use it. The battery would barely buzz. The wind which had been blowing like the dickens downlake suddenly decided to take a nap. I was much, becalmed and, as they say, put out.

But my call for help was conveyed to the dock by a passing fisherman, and well before dusk the young man, the nice, young man, from the dock was there to tow me in.

Not a very triumphant way to end your first solo safari of the year, but it beats paddlin'.



MOTODRIVEN IS COMING!

ON DISPLAY

Event to showcase latest communications

On Tuesday, May 19, law enforcement, public safety, education, and natural resource industries will have the opportunity to view and experience the latest communications technologies from Motorola.

Big Sandy Two-Way Communications will be hosting Motorola's MOTOPavilion at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. MOTOPavilion is a custom-

designed semi that has an expandable trailer. The trailer boasts an 800 square foot classroom complete with demo stations, product displays, and video presentations.

Big Sandy Two-Way Communications has been an authorized Motorola dealership locally owned and operated in Prestonsburg for 27 years. The shop's owner, Lane Dutton, says this event is beneficial to the region because it gives people an

opportunity to discover how the safety of both employees and the general public can be improved through the use of updated communications technologies.

The event is free and open to all government and commercial entities. Free lunch will be served and door prizes will be given away.

For more details on MOTOPavilion or to register call (606) 886-3181 or email them at bigсандыtwoway@bellsouth.net.



The 3-year-old class at the Baptist Learning Center held their annual Trike-A-Thon in April and raised \$1,080 for the St. Jude Foundation. This gave the students in Ms. Julie and Ms. Loretta's class a great learning experience for raising money for cancer research for other children, bike safety, and developing their large motor skills in riding their tricycles.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'My Name Is Bruce'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An aging B-movie star is all that stands between a small town and the wrath of an ancient Chinese demon in this horror-comedy that provides a lot of yuks at the expense of actor/director Bruce Campbell, who proves to be a good sport with the same brand of self-deprecating humor that he showed with his book about working in the B-movie trenches ("If Chins Could Kill").

It all begins like a bad horror movie, with teens double-dating for a trip to a cemetery. The designated driver is Jeff, who probably wouldn't have scored the date except he has a car. He barely has room for passengers as his car is chock full of Bruce Campbell DVDs, but that's nothing compared to his room, which is a virtual shrine to the actor.

The date goes poorly as it turns out that Campbell's dialogue from "Army of Darkness" does not impress the goth chick that Jeff is escorting. The only thing that times like, "Gimme some sugar, baby," get him in a fat lip, but the date truly goes sour when he removes a talisman from a crypt door and unleashes the Chinese demon "Guan-di."

It turns out that the town of Gold Lick, Ore., was built on the bones of Asian immigrants who toiled in the gold mines and perished there in an explosion and now Guan-di is ready for payback. Jeff survives the resulting slaughter and heads for Hollywood in hopes that his cinematic hero can save the day.

Campbell enters the picture on the set of his latest direct-to-video feature, "Cave Alien." He's not a happy camper and appears to be sinking faster than his chances of landing an Oscar nod for his latest rubber-suited alien opus. In quick order he is turned down by his leading lady, accosted by rude fans and hit up for more alimony from his ex-wife (who's also having it on with his doofus agent).

Prospects are decidedly grim as he heads back to his trailer park for a night of getting drunk with his dog. Jeff shows up to enlist Campbell's aid, but the drunken Bruce assumes he's just another nerd with an obsession and blows him off.

Turns out that Jeff is not taking no for an answer and he subdues the actor with a well-placed Louisville Slugger to the cranium.

Campbell awakens in the trunk of Jeff's car and is greeted by the town of Gold Lick, when he's finally allowed to disembark. He mistakenly believes that he is being pranked for a reality show and decides to play ball in the hopes that it will revive his ailing career. He patiently listens to the

(See LAGOON, page five)

Kentuckians urged to learn the signs and symptoms of stroke

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) is working to promote American Stroke Month throughout May to help raise awareness about the dangers of stroke.

This year's campaign focuses on increasing the number of stroke patients who receive treatment for stroke, raising public awareness of stroke signs and symptoms and helping improve health care for stroke patients.

"Though there are treatments available that can reverse disability

from stroke, fewer than 5 percent of patients throughout the country receive them," said DPH Commissioner William Hacker, M.D. "We have to start reversing this trend and doing what we can to ensure that stroke patients are recognized sooner, receive the best treatment possible and return to a sound quality of life once the recovery period is complete."

Stroke is the third-leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability nationwide. Stroke

accounted for 6 percent (2,168) of all deaths in Kentucky in 2005, ranking the commonwealth 16th in the nation for stroke death rates.

"It's extremely important that we educate our fellow Kentuckians about stroke, how to recognize the symptoms and how to act," said Bonita Bobo, manager of the Kentucky Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program in DPH.

"Getting stroke victims to the hospital immediately can greatly increase their chance of having little or no dis-

ability."

In many cases, Bobo said, a person experiencing a stroke does not realize it's occurring, but symptoms typically are visible to bystanders who should remember to act quickly and call 911. She advised that these symptoms generally are quite sudden and include:

■ Numbness or weakness of the face or an arm or leg — especially on one side of the body.

■ Confusion, trouble speaking or difficulty understanding.

■ Trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

■ Trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

■ Severe headache with no known cause.

To learn more about stroke or the DPH's heart disease and stroke prevention program, contact Bobo at (502) 564-7996 or e-mail BonitaA.Bobo@ky.gov or visit the department's Web site at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/info/dpqi/cd/cardiovascular.htm>.

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

Guest View

Credit card companies deserve no mercy

President Barack Obama's ambitious economic recovery agenda is decidedly short in a crucial area: Consumers on the brink of losing their homes have heard plenty of sympathy, but they have received no real relief — at least on a scale that would help rescue the hundreds of thousands of homeowners slipping toward foreclosure.

But the president promises swift action to rein in credit card companies run amok. The action cannot come too quickly and new restrictions cannot be too tough on this unrepentant sector of the financial services industry.

Last month, the Senate voted down legislation that offered the only realistic tool to reverse the nation's tidal wave of foreclosures: granting bankruptcy courts power to reduce — or "cram down" — home mortgage debt.

The mortgage lending industry has proven decisively that it has no interest in helping to clean up the huge mess it helped create. It has refused the across-the-board loan modifications needed to bring immediate relief to homeowners. And it has the upper hand because of a special exemption under the bankruptcy code that strips judges of power to reduce mortgage loans.

The Senate had the chance to put a hammer in judges' hands, but it refused. As Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, put it, the banks "own the place."

But the reality, too, is that, Obama did not push hard — a disappointment sure to doom countless homeowners to foreclosures that might have been prevented had the legislation passed.

Obama pledges to do better with credit card abuse — another "financial service" that's been extended recklessly and administered unscrupulously. The result has been a brutal strain on American families, including personal bankruptcies leading to losses at credit card companies that could amount to more than \$80 billion by 2010, according to federal regulators, further stressing the banking sector.

How have the major credit card companies reacted? By jacking up fees and interest rates on an ever larger pool of credit card customers — some by as much as 10 percent — including on consumers who never have missed or had a late a payment. The credit card companies know reform is at hand and want to soak customers to the greatest extent possible before the party ends.

Obama called credit card executives to the White House to push them to reform their practices. He devoted a recent weekly radio address to the topic — urging Congress to make legislation a top priority so that he will have bill to sign by Memorial Day.

Legislation already has passed in the House that, among other things, would limit credit card companies' power to arbitrarily raise rates, require that they give customers 45 days warning before raising interest or fees, extend grace periods for payments and protect college students and teens from predatory industry marketing practices.

The Senate promises an even tougher approach, such as stricter controls on rate increases and putting the kibosh on "double cycle" billing practices that permit companies to charge extra interest on balances that have been paid on time.

Obama has yet to prove his consumer protection credentials. Credit card reform would be a start. The sooner and tougher, the better.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Chuck Norris Of bakeries, burglars and bad Congressional bills

by CHUCK NORRIS
CREATORS SYNDICATE

This past week, all over the Internet news and in the inbox at my Web site (<http://www.ChuckNorris.com>) were reports about a bakery in Croatia that is using a life-size photo of me to ward off burglars who were ransacking the business weekly. The message under my photo in the store's window says, "This shop is under the protection of Chuck Norris."

First, I am very honored to help reduce crime anywhere on the planet, even from a photo. (How we all wish it were always that easy!) But I want to protect not only the pastries but also the posterity of America and the world.

Consider these statistics, which speak of the obstacles that confront people from infancy through their teenage years. In 2007, MySpace found more than 29,000 registered sex offenders on its site. Teenage pregnancies in the U.S. (52.1 for every 1,000 of those ages 15-19) are the highest in the developed world (four times what they are in the European Union). Every day, more

than 6,000 students drop out of the approximately 94,000 public schools in America. Twenty-five percent of kids are overweight or obese, and most parents don't even know it. Thirty percent of parents say it is a "major challenge" to help their children become more spiritual. Juvenile violent crime has increased 48 percent in just the past 11 years. (I've counted at least 14 different murderous shooting sprees at academic settings across our nation just since 2000, resulting in at least 60 fatalities and dozens more wounded.) The FBI estimates that more than 100,000 children and young women are trafficked in America today, ranging from 9 to 19 years of age, with the average age being 11. Need I say more?

Our Founding Fathers simply never could have imagined such rampant degradation and utter disarray among younger generations. Proof of that is seen in Ben Franklin's 1787 pamphlet, "Information to Those Who Would Remove to America," which was a guide for Europeans who were considering relocating to America. In it, Ben said, "Hence had examples (of) youth are more rare in America, which must be a comfortable consideration to parents." Can you picture a present-day politician saying, "Bad examples of youth are

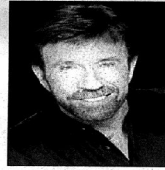
rare in America"? He or she would become the ridicule of pundits and politicians alike.

One way we can fight right now for our Founders' America is by going to <http://www.citizenlink.org/content/A00009957.cfm> and joining the several hundred thousand Americans who already have voiced their opposition to the passage of the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act, because in the end, it could not only criminalize opinions (an unconstitutional act) but also provide elevated protection to pedophiles. Is that how we want our government protecting our children and the Constitution?

I've felt honored to be reconnected to the younger generations through the "Chuck Norris Facts" proliferation. I hear from thousands every year, listen to their concerns, and do my best to carry their concerns to appropriate parties to implement change.

It doesn't take a sociologist to realize that the next generation of young people to pass the baton of America are wearing unique and heavy burdens. They are called the millennials — 47 million young adults between the ages of 18 and 29.

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Chuck Norris

— beyond the beltway American cars: Enjoy them while you can

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Packard, Studebaker, Hudson, Auburn, Oldsmobile, DeSoto, Pierce-Arrow, Stutz, Cord, Mammion, Duesenberg, Nash, Franklin, Edsel, LaSalle, Essex, Stanley, Graham, Reo, Crosley, Kaiser — the pages of automotive history are heavy with the obituaries of car nameplates that have gone on to that Great Junkyard in the Sky.

Why should Pontiac be any different, or Chrysler for that matter? It's no great tragedy, at least not one that we haven't experienced time and time again. It's been obvious for some time that the global auto industry was overstocked in production capacity and understocked in customers. Some winnowing was inevitable.

Right now it seems that American manufacturers are the ones being winnowed. Chrysler is CURRENTLY on life-support, Italian style, and General Motors is undergoing a series of painful amputations. Whether either can survive remains an open question. It would be a tragedy to lose them. Not the bogus tragedy referred to earlier — an automotive icon of your youth disappears, so what? — but a real, practical tragedy; hundreds of thousands of jobs gone, whole towns dead.

It was and is worth trying to save these companies but there comes a time when the situation becomes hopeless and it's time to cut your losses and move on. We're not there

yet, but you can see it from here. To one who grew up in mid-Twentieth Century Detroit the thought of GM collapsing is almost unimaginable. It was the all-powerful Ozymandias of the auto industry — "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair," it seemed to say.

But now we've moved to the close of that Shelley poem: "Round the decay of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare, — The lone and level sands stretch far away."

Or, as we like to call it these days: Detroit.

Actually, downtown Detroit doesn't look so bad; it's got a pulse. Like so many center cities these days it exists primarily as an entertainment center, with extravagant athletic and cultural facilities as well as fine hotels, restaurants and casinos. But move off into the neighborhoods of former neighborhoods really — and Shelley's desolate vision" is made flesh. Much of the city is a wasteland of vacant lots and derelict buildings fringed by weeds, growing through long-unused sidewalks.

There'll be dozens of other cities joining Detroit in the urban ash-heap if the automakers go down.

Car companies die for a variety of reasons, only sometimes because they make bad cars. More often it's mismanagement that does them in. That's pretty much been the case here in recent years. Our auto executives have been locked in a mindset that believed a decent profit could be turned only by making big cars, trucks and vans. Which was fine so long as the American public loved

big, not so fine now with \$4-a-gallon gas a recent memory. When the mood turned to small, the Japanese manufacturers moved in and ate their lunch.

You could make a case that Chrysler stopped being a car company years ago, that it invented the van and that was content to make its money on them, with cars as an afterthought. Now it's going to be run by an Italian company that makes its money on small cars, very small. We'll see. General Motors was conceived nearly as century ago as an automotive giant that would have a specific car for every income class. Cadillac and Buick were the luxury brands, with Chevrolet and Oldsmobile for the common man. Then they decided there was a hole to be filled in the luxury field and the LaSalle was born. The Pontiac was developed to fit between Olds and Chevy.

All of this demanded a huge dealer network and a vast bureaucratic superstructure. It worked, but to keep people buying cars they had to make cars that wore out quickly and "planned obsolescence" became the watchword. That was when old Ozymandias started to crumble.

I wish our car companies well, I really do. If they go away we will feel the pain in places we didn't know we had places.

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These tires should be full of hot air, but aren't

by TOM and RAY
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 2000 Toyota Sienna van. My van tires lose air on a regular basis. The tire-pressure indicator on the dash is on most of the time. The front desk personnel — who have had some mechanical training — say I only need to have the tire rims cleaned and sealed, and they should hold for two years. One of the mechanics, who seems to be knowledgeable, says it's because my rims are aluminum, and aluminum rims collect residue that gets between the tire and the rim. He recommended getting stainless-steel rims. Who is right? — Jean-Marie

TOM: Well, there are millions of cars with aluminum-alloy rims out there, and their tires are all holding air. So I don't think it's the type of rims you have, Jean-Marie.

RAY: There are two things I'd look at. One is your valve stems. The valve stem is the black rubber thing that sticks out of the wheel. It's where you put the air when you fill up the tires. Valve stems can sometimes crack, or deteriorate and get porous, and allow air to slowly leak out.

TOM: In fact, some 30 million Chinese-made valve

stems were recently recalled because they may fail. They were manufactured for a company named Dill and distributed by Tech International all over the country. If you have those, you can get them replaced for free.

RAY: The other possibility is what the front desk personnel suggested — that you have oxidation on the inside of the rims, and that's preventing the bead of the tire from sealing tightly against the rims. That's also a common source of slow leaks.

TOM: So, my suggestion would be to have your mechanic remove all of the tires, clean up the rims, replace the valve stems and remount the tires. I'll bet that fixes it.

RAY: And if he happens to notice any huge nail holes while he's at it, have him patch those up, too. Good luck, Jean-Marie.

Reader is afflicted with car separation anxiety

Dear Tom and Ray:
I am having a serious case of separation anxiety from my old car. In truth, I believe I am still in love with it. I thought maybe you two could help me out. My old car was a 1989 Jeep Cherokee — a perfect first car for a 16-year-old boy, if you ask me, as long as you

ignored the fact that it had no air bags, working seatbelts or safety features of any kind. The car had tons of personality. For instance, there were two things I had to keep with me at all times: a stick and a baseball bat. The stick was used to hold the trunk open, and the baseball bat was to reach underneath and pummel the gas tank in an attempt to unstuck the fuel pump every time the car wouldn't start. I also found out one day that the hose that sprayed the back windshield with wiper fluid had been cut. Instead of going onto the back window, the wiper fluid would shoot out behind the car. This was discovered while sitting at a stoplight with a gorgeous black Mercedes-Benz not more than six inches from my rear bumper. I even gave this car a name: Marvin. Marvin and I went through a lot in the three years we were together. But then it came time for me to go away to college. Eventually, my father got tired of pressure-washing an oil stain the size of Rhode Island off the driveway every month and exclaimed to me one day, "Son, it's time for you to get a newer car." We drove off and came back with a beautiful, jet-black, Wolfsburg Edition Volkswagen Jetta. I never saw

my old Jeep, Marvin, again. Now my problem is this: Despite my love for my new car — named Wolfgang, by the way — I find myself mentioning my old Jeep in conversations at least three times a week. In fact, I even have recurring dreams about the car. It has been more than a year now, and I fear I will never be able to move on. Tom and Ray, I need your help. What can I do to get over my old car? — James

RAY: James, I hate to break it to you, but you're suffering from the same affliction as my brother: JBSC, Junk Box Conflation Syndrome. Also known as SBSC.

TOM: Junk box? Conflation? What are you talking about?

RAY: That's when a person takes a complete piece of unmitigated junk, and conflates it, in his mind, to something worthy of worship.

TOM: I have no idea what you're talking about.

RAY: My brother has had a series of complete and utter heaps throughout the years, each one worse than the last. They smelled bad. Parts would fall off as he drove them. No one else would ride with him.

TOM: Yeah. And what's the problem?

RAY: The problem is that



the carpet, and a family of raccoons living in it.

TOM: I was going to come back for it.

RAY: Yeah, with a shovel. You had no right to crush it. I could have had that car back on the road in a day.

RAY: I agree — it probably would have taken you all day to push it out to the road. The brakes were all seized.

TOM: Anyway, James, I'm sure your Jeep deserves to be brought up in conversation three times a week. I'm sure it was a wonderful car, and you should keep it alive in your memories.

RAY: James, you're going to be a social outcast. Like my brother. My only advice is to seek out other people with your affliction. That way, at least you'll have a few people who can stand you long enough to play poker once in a while. Good luck, kid.

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Festival

meeting in Berea and came back and called a community meeting. We told those in attendance that we had an opportunity to get up to \$10,000, but it had to be a community project. The high school students came up with an idea to do a festival to

establish a scholarship fund. That idea evolved into the Coal Camp Days Festival.

According to Perry, the majority of the funds were used to train the students in event planning, and that the festival will provide them with real-world skills while

also helping to raise money for both the scholarship fund and local community projects.

The festival is designed to celebrate the culture, heritage, lore and stories of Wheelwright, a city established as a coal town by

Elk Horn Coal Company in 1916. The city was purchased by the Inland Steel Company in 1930, which led to major growth in the community.

Some of the events scheduled for the festival include a parade, car show, games, baseball, and concerts. Marlow

Tackett, Gertrude Tyson-Smith, Jacqueline Cotton, and Simple Harvest are among the performers listed for the second day of the festival.

The festival will begin at noon on Saturday, May 23, and will come to a close at 10

p.m. on Sunday, May 24.

For more information on the Coal Camp Days Festival and the planned events, contact the Wheelwright Historical Society at (606) 452-1211, or visit <http://coalcampdays.org>.

Southern

behalf of the company. Representatives with Southern Water have told county officials that some of the reasons they remain essentially about a month behind and currently roughly \$300,000 behind in bond payments is due to various details such as waterline breaks and slow collection. But Bartley said Friday this reasoning was-

n't enough for him. "I don't think that is a very legitimate answer," said Bartley, who added that he would like to see the actual paperwork for the bond. "It's hard for me to answer questions for the magistrates about this because I've never actually seen the bond itself."

Magistrate Donnie Daniels, who initiated the discussion by

asking about the payments, agreed with Bartley, requesting that the bond be made available for closer examination before making a decision.

In order to do this without incurring penalties, the fiscal court will have to meet in special session Tuesday after vote Friday ended in a 2-2 deadlock, with Marshall and Daniels voting to make the

payment and Magistrates John Owens voting against.

Daniels, explaining his rea-

soning as he was the first to question the motion, said he voted for the payment "from the standpoint of people losing

their water."

Magistrate Ronnie Akers was not present for Friday's meeting.

Budget

When given the chance, Owens voted against approving the 2009-10 budget, a move that could have been predicted, but one that was not fully explained. However, a following motion to approve money transfers was also voted down by Owens, who complained that the paperwork for the transfers was handed to him only minutes before the meeting and that he hadn't had enough time to look at it properly.

Voting to approve a first

reading of the annual budget is a routine matter of business for fiscal courts, explained Floyd County Treasurer David Layne, who assured the court that changes could be made to the actual budget until June, when the bond reading would be conducted.

The \$5.3 million budget breaks down to include \$1.5 million in coal severance money, \$2.6 million in mineral funds and a recently included \$1.28 million in county road aid.

Of these total funds, 30 percent must be spent on coal haul roads, while the remaining 70 percent can be used on most anything, according to Layne, including public safety, social services, economic development and recreation, among other projects.

Goble said he would vote to approve the first reading only on the condition that work sessions be held between now and June to make needed changes to the current budget.

Fire

plaints, the county agreed to provide \$1,000 each to the local branch of the American Red Cross and the Floyd County Rescue Squad, as well as voting unanimously in agreement on a motion from Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens to also approve \$500 each for the county's fire

departments.

"Terry is a Left Beaver warrior," Marshall said of Triplett's work during the recent flooding, which included his department fielding some 35 calls during the weekend flooding.

The county is still recovering from those weekend

floods, with fresh shipments of clean water arriving in the early morning hours Friday and clothing, furniture and cleaning kits being handed out in all areas.

Lagoon

townspeople as they fill him in on their demon problem and he opts to make the best of the situation.

That night he leads the charge to the cemetery and quickly realizes that he's in way over his head and promptly flees the scene without a shred of dignity intact. However he can't resist the urge to be a real hero (or maybe assuage some guilt) when Jeff decides to take on the demon all by himself.

It all leads to a final confrontation with Guan-di and a final scene that turns the whole thing into an extended joke, as we see that it was a fictional movie all along, or was it?

This one is a gift to the fans and Campbell has some fun with their expectations. His ability to poke fun at himself is a true gift as is his Teflon ego, which allows him to rip into his own success and point out that there have been plenty of missteps in his career. This is far

from an ego-fest and truly appears to be a case of an actor taking on a project as a love letter to the fans that have followed his every move and kept him employable. There are a fair amount of in-jokes here, but the material should appeal to non-fans as well.

Best line: "Consider yourself officially exempt from my wrath, sweetcakes, and if you're lucky, a little later I'll let you play with my boom stick." 2009, rated R.

Norris

The millennials have so much to offer our world. If we're going to win our culture wars, we need the millennials to do it. If we are going to reawaken and restore America, we need the millennials' help. There is no way around it. We need to re-engage with our young people in order to build a brighter future and better

tomorrow.

Whether at work, in a college classroom or at a community event, can you identify someone to whom you can reach out and begin to build that generational bridge?

If you think protecting a bakery in Croatia is impressive, try protecting a youth in America from the onslaught of

our cultural militias. If you do, it's you who will be the superhero.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read feature articles, visit the Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

Drugs

result and we are grateful to UNITE for the excellent investigation that they did," Terrell said. "It was a pretty big case for them as well as a significant drug trafficker in that area."

As part of the plea, Adams will receive a 15-year prison sentence, suspended after serving 10 years and the rest of the sentence will be probat-

ed for five years. Adams will also have to forfeit \$10,000 of the money frozen in the bank accounts.

Tutts-Jervis was the lead prosecutor in the case and was preparing to go to trial when Adams decided to accept the plea agreement.

Adams, who has been incarcerated since his arrest in May of last year, is scheduled

Training

foremen insist on exercising safe mining practices and enforce them accordingly, accidents will be reduced."

Feedback from the foremen attending the course has been extremely positive. They indicate that they now realize the impact that their leadership

and direction has on miners they supervise.

"I commend OMSI on the development of this training. Our goal continues to be that of ensuring that Kentucky's mines are the safest in the nation. This training is instrumental in our reaching this goal," said Carl Campbell, commissioner of the Department for Natural Resources.

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Attorney General warns about storm scams

Attorney General Jack Conway today reminded victims of recent flooding in Eastern Kentucky that the Office of the Attorney General has an office in Prestonsburg to assist citizens with any consumer protection complaints they might have related to the storms. The office is located at 361 North Lake Dr. and the phone number is (606) 889-1821.

Flooding and abnormally high water levels throughout both Eastern and Western Kentucky have caused extensive property damage and continued road closures, as well as food and water safety risks.

This has prompted Gov. Steve Beshear to declare a state of emergency that covers counties in Eastern and Western Kentucky. The Governor also triggered Kentucky's price-gouging provisions to protect consumers from being overcharged on necessities or cleanup supplies.

"I hope this puts businesses on notice that we will not tolerate people trying to take advantage of our citizens during this difficult time as they try to protect their property, cleanup from the storms and repair the damage," General Conway said.

Attorney General Conway also noted that staff members from his office are working with officials in affected counties to assist them in establishing contractor registration programs. These programs require all home repair contractors to register with the counties in order to deter fly-by-night companies.

Conway warns that consumers working done quickly to repair storm-dam-

aged homes and property are at risk falling victim to unscrupulous contractors, also known as "storm chasers." Common natural disaster scams include outright fraud, shoddy construction, price gouging, charity scams, impersonating officials, and loan scams.

Citizens in Eastern Kentucky can visit the satellite Office of the Attorney General for assistance or they can call

the Consumer Hotline that is available to all consumers across the Commonwealth at 1-888-432-9257. People needing assistance may also file a consumer complaint report online at www.ag.ky.gov.

Attorney General Conway provides the following tips to consumers needing storm repair or cleanup services:

- Never pay in advance for repair work or materials. Scam artists often take advance pay-

ments from consumers and never return to complete the work. If an advance is needed to purchase materials, offer to purchase the materials yourself.

- Use local, reputable contractors for repairs, if possible. If local contractors bring in out-of-town workers, ask who will be responsible for their work if it is not satisfactory.

- Ask if the contractor is licensed, bonded (if required

by the city or county), and insured;

- Check unknown companies out with the Better Business Bureau (Louisville/Western KY 1-800-388-2222; Lexington/Eastern KY 1-800-866-6668) or call the Consumer Protection Division 1-888-432-9257 to see if information is available about the company;
- Demand a written con-

tract. If possible, get estimates from several contractors;

- Be suspicious of unfamiliar, out-of-state vehicles and those who offer repair work at unreasonably low prices. Contact local law enforcement about your suspicions.

Mold remediation is also a concern for victims of flooding. For more information visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/news/flood+mold+food09.htm>

Number of swine flu cases in Kentucky rises to 12

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) has confirmed and reported two additional cases of H1N1 swine flu. Kentucky has now reported 12 confirmed cases of H1N1.

"We remain concerned about the spread of H1N1 and continue to keep the public updated on recent developments in Kentucky," said William Hacker, M.D., commissioner of DPH. "At this time, we continue to advise residents of the state to practice good health habits, including frequent hand washing and staying home from work or school if you're sick."

The newly reported cases involve adult male residents from Madison County and Oldham County. A listing of cases by county can be found at <http://healthalerts.ky.gov>.

People who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with swine flu or who reside in communities where there are one or more confirmed swine flu cases should also be alert for these symptoms. Common sense precautions to prevent illness include: avoiding close contact with those who are ill; staying home when sick; covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; avoiding touching the eyes, nose or mouth; and frequent hand washing.

For more information on swine flu, visit <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu>. Individuals can also visit <http://healthalerts.ky.gov> for information on swine flu and Kentucky, or follow KYHealthAlerts on Twitter to be notified when new information is posted at the Web site. An updated listing of cases by county will also be available at the Health Alerts Web site.

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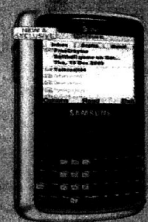
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Calipari to speak at annual Pike Chamber event

TIMES STAFF REPORT
PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Chamber of Commerce has announced that new University of Kentucky head basketball coach John Calipari will be the featured speaker at the Chamber's annual dinner and awards show to be held Friday, July 17 at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center at 7 p.m.
"We are honored to have Coach Calipari come to Pike County for our event," said Chamber

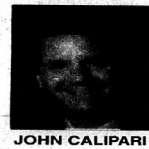
President and CEO Brad Hall. "There is no better speaker we could've found for the people of eastern Kentucky and we offer many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Pam May for their assistance in helping us secure the coach as a speaker."
On April 1, the University of Kentucky named Calipari the 22nd head coach in the program's history. The 2009 Sports Illustrated National Coach of the Year, Calipari led the Memphis Tigers to an NCAA

Sweet 16 appearance and a 33-4 record this season. He also led the Tigers to the 2008 NCAA title game, and Memphis' 38 wins in 2007-08 made him the winningest coach for a single season in NCAA history. As a result, Calipari was named Naismith National Coach of the Year for a second time in his career. He is only the second coach to

receive the honor multiple times since the award's inception in 1987.
The Tigers' 147 wins the last four seasons made Calipari the winningest coach in a four-year span in NCAA Division I history.
During that same time, he directed the Tigers to four straight 30-win campaigns becoming the first coach in NCAA Division I

history to record four-straight 30-win ledgers. His 104 victories in the last three seasons are the second-most in NCAA Division I history in a three-year span. With his success in Memphis, Calipari's overall record soared to 445-140 for an impressive 76.1 winning percentage. His 445 wins is the second most in NCAA Division I history in the first 17 years and is ready to make more records with the UK Wildcats.
In addition to Calipari's appearance and keynote speech, a three-course dinner

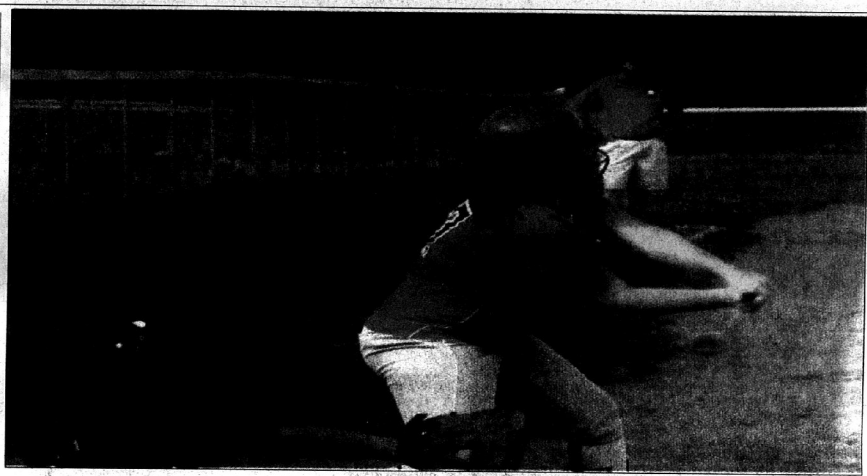
will be served, dinner entertainment will be provided, and the 2009 business and community service awards will be announced.
The Chamber is now selling tickets to the event. Individual dinner tickets are \$50 each; businesses or families can reserve a table of 8 dinner seats for \$400; non-dinner stadium seat tickets are \$10 each. Those in attendance should wear their favorite UK clothes and accessories. To reserve tickets or a table, call 432-5504.



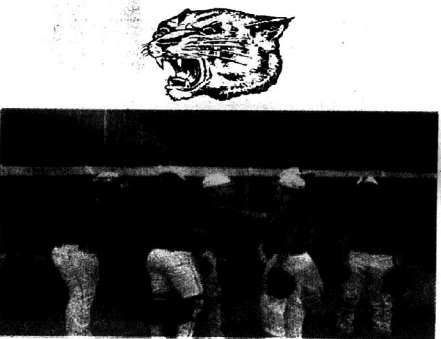
JOHN CALIPARI

Herrick set to begin quest for national title

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR
LOUISVILLE — Bellarmine University men's golfer Brooks Herrick is set to vie for a national title. Herrick, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, earned a spot in the national tournament earlier in the month. The former 15th Region champion fired three consistent rounds to finish even par at the NCAA Division II Midwest/Central Super Regional, which earned him a fourth place finish and a spot in the National Championship Finals to be played Tuesday-Friday (May 19-22) at the Loomis Trail Golf Club in Blaine, Wash.
As a team, Bellarmine did not fare as well, settling for a 54-hole total of 900 to finish tied for 17th in the 20 team field.
Herrick fired rounds 72, 70 and 71 over The Meadows Golf Club's par 71 layout. Herrick offset his 10 bogeys with nine birdies and an eagle to finish at 213.
With his qualification, Herrick becomes the first Bellarmine golfer since Cory Kaufman in 1998 to qualify for the national finals. Only two individuals advance from the regionals, while five teams earned a berth.
Teams earning a berth included Wayne State, Northeastern State University, Central Missouri, Ferris State, and the University of Indianapolis. Joining Herrick as an individual qualifier is Matt Ewald of Washburn University, who shot a two-over par 215.



PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL softball and baseball teams are headed into 58th District Tournament competition along with the other Floyd County squads.
photos by Jamie Howell



Martin named Pike Central boys' coach

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR
BUCKLEYS CREEK — Legendary high school Johnny Martin is back on the 15th Region basketball scene following a one-year hiatus. Martin, who has won 510 games as a high school head coach, recently accepted an offer to take over as Pike County Central High School boys' basketball head coach. After winning most of his 500-plus games at Allen



Former UK guard Gerald Fitch signs with Spanish team

Central, Martin was not hired back to lead the Rebels. He was not hired back despite coaching Allen Central in another regional championship-contending season. Martin, who spent much of the last year in Oklahoma City where his son, Roy Johnson, serves as Assistant Attorney General, missed the game during his one year break. He and his son had season tickets for the Oklahoma City Thunder and attended most of the NBA

UK basketball leads nation in attendance

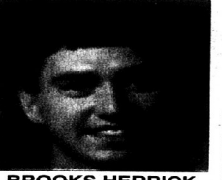
TIMES STAFF REPORT
LEXINGTON — Just as fans routinely pack Rupp Arena to watch the Wildcats play, Kentucky annually leads the nation in average attendance. The NCAA's recently compiled attendance figures from this past season reveal that in 2008-09, for the 13th time in 14 years, UK's average crowd of 22,239 led all of Division I men's basketball.
It marks the 21st time in the 33-year history of Rupp Arena that Kentucky has had the top attendance figure. A total of 422,547 fans passed through the turnstiles for 19 Wildcat games during the 2008-09 season. Syracuse, with an average crowd of 21,044, was second, followed by North Carolina (21,035), Tennessee (20,483) and Louisville (19,397).
Nationally, 27.7 million attended Division I men's games last season, an average of 5,378 per game. The Southeastern Conference was second among all conferences in average attendance, drawing 11,625 fans, behind only the Big Ten's 12,519 average.

Former UK guard Gerald Fitch signs with Spanish team

Another former University of Kentucky men's basketball player continues to play overseas. Former Kentucky guard Gerald Fitch signed with Spanish team Saski Baskonia earlier in the week. Fitch, a Virginia native, joined the Spanish team in time for the playoffs in the Liga ACB. Baskonia is touted as a strong contender for the league title. Fitch has been playing for Kepez BLD Antalya, a team in the Turkish league, where he averaged 28.2 points, 6.9 rebounds per game.

Hoops star Buchanan among MSU graduates

TIMES STAFF REPORT
MOREHEAD — The lone senior on the Morehead State University men's Basketball team, Leon Buchanan, was among over 1,000 students who graduated on Saturday.
"We are extremely proud of Leon Buchanan," said Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Leon embodies what Morehead State Basketball is all about. Here is a young man who brought great energy, toughness, and work ethic everyday to not only basketball but also his school work."
"For Leon to be the first member of his family to graduate from college is what college athletics is all about. He has been a cornerstone for our program for the last two years, and we wish him nothing but the best as he moves on with his career."
Buchanan, a native of Albany, Ga., earned a Bachelor's degree in University Studies, and is currently evaluating several options to continue his basketball career overseas.



BROOKS HERRICK

58TH DISTRICT BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
Tuesday
Allen Central vs. Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
Prestonsburg vs. South Floyd, 7 p.m.
Thursday Championship
58TH DISTRICT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT
Monday
Allen Central vs. Prestonsburg, 5:30 p.m.
South Floyd vs. Betsy Layne, 7 p.m.
Wednesday Championship

Colonels headed into summer workouts

P'burg graduate Woods emerging along EKU O-line
TIMES STAFF REPORT
RICHMOND — With summer classes at Eastern Kentucky University beginning next week, it's not too early to take a look at the upcoming fall football season.
Prestonsburg High School graduate Wes Woods is a lineman for the EKU football team. Woods plays center for the Colonels. More on the EKU football program follow.
The Colonels received their 2008 OVC championship rings at a private luncheon on April 25. EKU wrapped up the spring football schedule on Sunday, April 26 with the annual Spring Game.
One preseason All-American team has already

been announced. Consensus Draft Services (cdsdraft.com) named senior offensive lineman Derek Hardman to its second team All-American list while senior defensive lineman Chris Hall earned honorable mention status.
The EKU football team concluded the 2008 season 8-4 overall while earning the program's 20th Ohio Valley Conference title and 31st consecutive winning season. The Colonels' first game of the 2009 schedule is Thursday, Sept. 3 at Indiana.



WES WOODS

Taylor takes over Pikeville College baseball program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — For its next baseball coach, Pikeville College has reached into its past.

Robert Taylor, a three-time all-conference selection during his career as a Bear, has been named the newest head coach. Taylor, an ordained minister, is excited about continuing to mesh his two great loves, baseball and Christ. In addition to his coaching career, Taylor has worked for Baseball Chapel as Chaplain for the Lexington Legends, provided chapel for nursing home and prisons, wrote devotions for his players as a coach at Morehead State University, provided Thanksgiving baskets for underprivileged families and has taught Vacation Bible School and spoken at various churches.

"I look forward to sharing my ministry through baseball and the church by returning to Pikeville College," he said. "I love baseball and have used it as a platform for my ministry, and am thrilled to be coming home to Pikeville College. I'm thankful for the opportunity Dr. (Michael) Looney and Robert Staggs have given me and will work hard every day to repay their confidence."

Taylor was the first player from Johns Creek High School to sign a baseball scholarship, and played one season at Liberty University for former New York Yankee second baseman Bobby Richardson.

He then transferred to Pikeville where he was All-KIAC for three years for his work as a catcher. He was the team MVP as a junior when he led the team in home runs and was the leader in RBIs all three seasons.

During the summer of 1992, he played professional baseball for the Kentucky Longrifles of the Frontier League.

"I had the pleasure of coaching Rob both at Pikeville College and with the Rifles," said Robert Staggs, athletics director at Pikeville. "I believe Rob's baseball knowledge is second to none and have confidence he will be a tremendous addition to our staff of coaches at Pikeville College."

Taylor's hire has drawn rave reviews from his fellow college baseball coaches.

"Coach Taylor is not only a good 'baseball man,' he is a good man," said Keith Madison, the former coach at Kentucky who now heads Score Ministry. "He is a coach who truly cares about the players. He doesn't just coach baseball, he coaches baseball players. His knowledge, passion and character are evident in his coaching."

Taylor spent five years as an assistant coach at Morehead State University, serving as hiring coach, pitching coach, recruiting coordinator, third base coach and catching coach. During his time there, he coached 11 All-OVC players and 2005 OVC Player of the Year Lance Seacor.

"Robert is a baseball guy, through and through," said Brian Hutchinson, director of athletics at Morehead State. "His passion for the game was evident during his time at Morehead State and is easily to demonstrate by looking at the student-athletes he recruited and coached."

"Pikeville has turned their program over to a guy who will absolutely win and do it in a first-class manner."

Players Taylor recruited helped MSU have the highest grade-point average in the OVC and twice won the Aerobottle OVC academic award.

"Coach Taylor cares about his players' well-being on and off the field," said John Jarnagin, head coach at Montevallo who was the head coach at Morehead whom Taylor assisted. "He is a coach who will teach his team more than just baseball."

Taylor is married to Paige Blair Taylor. They have an eight-year-old son, Shane.

MSU Celebration of Athletics scheduled for June 19-20

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — MSU Athletics will be hosting the annual Celebration of Athletics featuring the Steve Hamilton Celebrity Golf Tournament on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20.

Friday night's activities begin with a social hour where attendees will have the opportunity to visit with several of the celebrities who will participate in the tournament. Guests will enjoy an evening filled with great company and great food. The reception and dinner will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on Morehead State University's campus.

The fun continues with the Steve Hamilton Celebrity Golf Tournament at Morehead State University's Eagle Trace Golf Course. Breakfast will be served prior to the tournament and an awards ceremony cook-out will take place after the tournament.

The Steve Hamilton Celebrity Golf Tournament, which honors the memory of the Morehead State University Hall of Famer and former big league pitcher, will be held at Eagle Trace Golf Course on Saturday, June 20.

MSU is reaching out to a wide variety of celebrities with ties to Kentucky. Celebrities already committed to participate include former major leaguers Walt Terrell, Jim Coates, Ralph Terry and Willie Blair as well as Atlanta Falcons quarterback Chris Redman and former NBA star Jerry Lucas.

Terrell and Blair played for Hamilton at MSU.

All participants will have opportunities to meet and interact with the celebrity players during the two-day event.

The Steve Hamilton Celebrity Golf Tournament is one component of a larger project that presents an exciting opportunity to honor "the old left-hander."

The former New York Yankee pitcher, Hamilton also was an MSU alumnus, coach and longtime athletic director. He

was the first athlete to ever pitch in Major League Baseball's World Series, play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament and National Basketball Association's Championship series.

The goals of the Steve Hamilton Project are to create a permanent display for his memorabilia collection; to increase the Steve Hamilton Scholarship Fund; and to establish the Steve Hamilton Athletic Director's Fund which will target the most urgent needs of athletic programs.

Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree from Morehead State in 1958 and a master's degree in 1963. A standout athlete during his college days, he played on Ohio Valley Conference championship teams in baseball, basketball and track.

After an 11-year major league pitching career, he coached in the minors before returning to MSU in 1976 to become the head baseball coach. He then held that position for 13 years. Hamilton's 305 win is the most of any coach in MSU history.

He was named director of athletics in July 1988, and served until his death in 1997. As the A.D., Hamilton led the program to success on the field, in facilities and in the classroom. During his tenure, a weight room was built, an academic counselor for athletes was added, graduation rates of student-athletes improved and the University won the OVC Academic Achievement Banner four times.

Among his honors include spots in the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1999, the OVC honored him with the establishment of the "Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award." It is given annually to an OVC male or female student-athlete

of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies the characteristics of Hamilton. Criteria for the award includes: significant athletic performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship.

Hamilton was honored by MSU with the 2007 Founders Day Award for University Service.

Additional information on the Steve Hamilton Project or Celebrity Golf Tournament is available by contacting MSU's Office of Development at 606-783-2033 or by email at giving@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU softball pitcher named NFCA First-Team All-Mideast Region

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State junior softball pitcher Alex Gjevre has been named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association First-Team All-Mideast Region Squad. It's the second straight year she has earned All-Region accolades after being on the Second-Team All-South group in 2008.

The Ohio Valley Conference leader in wins (25), and strikeouts (230), Gjevre also ranked third among league pitchers in ERA and second in total innings pitched.

During the 2009 season, Gjevre became MSU's all-time career leader in strikeouts, finishing with 449 and one season left to play. She also obliterated her own single season school marks for strikeouts, games started (34) and wins and was only one appearance shy of her school record of 38. She also broke her own single game record with 15 strikeouts.

Gjevre was a key part of MSU's school record-breaking 35-win season. She was also one of six OVC players who earned all-region honors in three separate regions.

H.S. BASEBALL KHSBCA Poll

1. Lexington Christian
2. Tates Creek
3. Apollo
4. Eastern
5. Pleasure Ridge Park
6. Covington Catholic
7. Lexington Catholic Male
9. Franklin County Trinity
11. St. Xavier
12. Henry Clay
13. West Jessamine
14. Western Hills
15. Bullitt East
- Henderson County
17. Central Hardin
18. Daviess County
20. Elizabethtown
21. Madison Central
22. DuPont Manual
23. Bourbon County
24. Greenup County
25. Owensboro Catholic

H.S. SOFTBALL KSCA Poll

1. Lexington Christian
2. Tates Creek
3. Apollo
4. Eastern
5. Pleasure Ridge Park
6. Covington Catholic
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9. Franklin County Trinity
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Big Green Coaches Tour to kick off Monday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The 2009 Big Green Coaches Tour is set to hit the road with stops in Lexington on Monday, Mingo County on Tuesday and Mason County on Friday.

Headliners for this year's tour are head coaches Mark Snyder (football), Donnie Jones (men's basketball) and Royce Chadwick (women's basketball). Jones is a Pikeville College graduate with strong Eastern Kentucky ties. Other coaches, athletic department administrators and Thundering Herd cheerleaders and Marco will also make appearances on the tour.

Two recent changes have been made to the tour since dates were first announced in April. The tour stop in Beckley for the H.A.M.C. Chapter has been moved to June 22. This includes golf at noon and a dinner at 4:30 p.m. at the Grandview Country Club. The

Greenbrier tour stop, originally scheduled for June 22, has been canceled.

The Lexington (Central Kentucky Chapter) event includes golf (noon registration) and a 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Andover Country Club. The Tuesday Mingo County event, hosted by the MAD4MU Chapter includes golf at the Tig Valley Country Club at 10 a.m. and dinner at the Massey Club at 5 p.m. The Mason County event, hosted by the MGM Chapter, is a 9 a.m. golf tournament at the Riverside Golf Club.

The tour will visit Ashland on Tuesday, May 26, making a stop at Superior Chrysler at 6 p.m. for a cookout.

For more information and complete information for all tour events, call the Big Green for the H.A.M.C. Chapter office at 304-696-4661 or 866-443-7310, or email to bibgreen@marshall.edu.

Knott County Sportsplex Upcoming Events Schedule

May 30-31: EKBA/YBOA State Tournament

June 6-7: EKBA/YBOA Boys & Girls Tournament

June 13-14: EKBA/YBOA Tune-Up National Tournament

June 20-21: EKBA/YBOA Boys & Girls Tournament

July 8-10: East Kentucky Shooting Stars Basketball Camp (Featuring former UK Wildcats, other former NCAA D-I players)

August 3-4: Sportsplex Volleyball Camp

Five changes made in high school wrestling

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — Five new rules changes for the 2009-10 wrestling season were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee at its annual meeting last month in Indianapolis. These changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"The main focus of the changes was clarifying some rules dealing with tournaments," said Bob Colgate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Wrestling Rules Committee. "One of the changes also dealt with improving sportsmanship, which is always a high priority with all NFHS rules."

Two steps were added in Rule 5-20.5 to clarify the offensive starting position. As a part of the steps to

assume the offensive starting position, the offensive wrestler's head must be on or above the opponent's spinal column, and both wrestlers must become stationary. The referee still must pause momentarily before blowing the whistle.

In Rule 9-2-2b and c, two new tie-breaker options for dual-meet competitions have been added as well. First, "The team whose opposing wrestlers or team personnel have been penalized the greater number of team point deductions shall be declared the winner." Second, "The team whose opposing wrestlers were penalized the greater number of match points for unsportsmanlike conduct during a match shall be declared the winner."

Colgate said this change eliminates the possibility of a team that has been penalized the greater number of points for coaches miscon-

duct or any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct winning a dual meet in the event of a tie.

In Rule 1-2-1, the committee added: "In individually bracketed tournaments, the contestant representing a school shall be named by weight class prior to the conclusion of the weigh-in and no substitution is allowed after the conclusion of the weigh-in." The rule previously contradicted two other rules (4-5-6 and 10-2-1), but now all three guidelines are in concurrence.

The committee clarified, in Rule 4-2-3, that if a designated, on-site meet physician is present, he or she may examine a wrestler for communicable skin disease or any other condition, either immediately prior to or immediately after the weigh-in.

Another rule change provides tournament adminis-

trators the option to weigh-in by either weight class or teams to help with the organization of tournaments. The revised Rule 4-5-3 adds the following language: "Tournament weigh-in may proceed by team(s) with the lowest weight class to the highest and end immediately upon the completion of the highest weight class."

The 2009-10 points of emphasis include excessive celebrations, awarding near-fall points, legalities of scissors, draping scissors and Figure 4; and communicable disease.

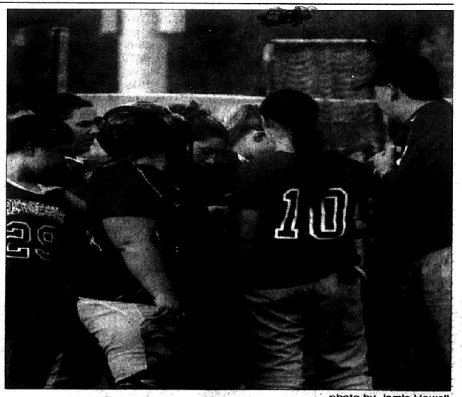
Wrestling is the sixth-most popular sport for boys at the high school level with 259,688 participants, according to the 2007-08 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey. In addition, there were an additional 5,527 girls nationwide who participated in wrestling in 2007-08.

15TH REGION BASEBALL STANDINGS

| Team | Overall Record |
|----------------|----------------|
| Paintsville | 18-10 |
| Belfry | 17-6 |
| Johnson Cent. | 16-12 |
| Lawrence Co. | 16-12 |
| Pikeville | 15-9 |
| Magoffin Co. | 14-6 |
| East Ridge | 13-7 |
| Prestonsburg | 13-12 |
| Phelps | 10-7 |
| Allen Central | 10-12 |
| Sheldon Clark | 8-16 |
| Pike Co. Cent. | 5-12 |
| Betsy Layne | 3-14 |
| Shelby Valley | 2-14 |
| South Floyd | 2-15 |

15TH REGION SOFTBALL STANDINGS

| Team | Overall Record |
|----------------|----------------|
| Magoffin Co. | 25-6 |
| Lawrence Co. | 21-9 |
| Johnson Cent. | 19-9 |
| East Ridge | 16-7 |
| Shelby Valley | 13-10 |
| Prestonsburg | 12-18 |
| Betsy Layne | 11-9 |
| Allen Central | 10-7 |
| Belfry | 8-10 |
| Pikeville | 7-11 |
| South Floyd | 6-11 |
| Paintsville | 6-14 |
| Pike Co. Cent. | 4-13 |
| Sheldon Clark | 4-22 |
| Phelps | 1-10 |



THE PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM ended the regular-season earlier in the week. Photo by Jamie Howell

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EKU senior guard Rose leads nation in three-point shooting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University senior guard Mike Rose concluded the 2008-09 men's basketball season as the top three-point shooter in the nation according to NCAA statistics. Rose, the first Colonnels since 1980 to earn back-to-back first team All-OVC honors, finished the year shooting 48.1 percent from behind the arc. Rose made at least one three-pointer in 27 of the 31 games this past winter. The native of Naperville, Ill., averaged 3.2 three-pointers

made per game and tied a program record by netting seven trifectas at Eastern Illinois on Jan. 15. Rose went on to hit the game-winning three-pointers in back-to-back games at Southeast Missouri (Jan. 17) and Chicago State (Jan. 20). He twice finished 6-for-8 (75 percent) from behind the arc in wins over Winston-Salem State (Nov. 18) and Tennessee Tech (Feb. 5).

Rose finished his Colonnels career second on the EKV all-time scoring list (1,763 points) and three-pointers made list (271 trifectas).

As a team in 2008-09, the Colonnels averaged 10.3 three-pointers made per game which ranked second nationally. Eastern Kentucky also finished among the top 10 nationally in three-point field goal percentage (40.1 percent — ninth) and fewest turnovers per game (10.9 — seventh).

EKV concluded the 2008-09 season 18-13 overall and 10-8 in the OVC. This was the fifth straight year the Colonnels have posted double-figure league victories. Only Murray State (six) has a longer active streak.

'Hard Knocks' to chronicle training camp with Bengals

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HBO Sports, NFL Films and the Cincinnati Bengals will team up for an all-access look at what it takes to make it in the National Football League when Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Cincinnati Bengals debuts in August.

The first sports-based reality series — and one of the fastest-turnaround reality series — kicks off its fifth season Wednesday, Aug. 12 (10 p.m. ET/PT), exclusively on HBO and presented in HD. New hour-long episodes air subsequent Wednesdays at the same time, culminating in the Sept. 9 season finale, with regular encore plays on Thursdays.

"We are delighted that Hard Knocks will be returning this summer and placing the spotlight on head coach Marvin Lewis and the Cincinnati Bengals," says Ross Greenburg, president, HBO Sports. "There will be plenty on the line during training camp for veterans, free agents and rookies alike, and we are eager to chronicle all the passion, heartache and achievement."

"This is a fascinating team," says NFL Films president Steve Sabot. "They've

got a lot to prove to themselves and to the fans. As Coach Lewis has said, 'This is a team with a chip on their shoulder.' Training camp is a laboratory of human emotions and the Bengals have a compelling mix of personalities that should make for dramatic television."

The five-episode cinema verité series will focus on the daily lives and routines of players and coaches as the Cincinnati Bengals, who compete in the AFC's ultra-competitive North division (which sent two teams to the playoffs last January), prepare for the 2009 NFL season. Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Cincinnati Bengals will chronicle seventh-year head coach Marvin Lewis and an intriguing mix of high-profile veterans, free agents and rookies — hopefully throughout training camp and the preseason. Each week, players will experience drills, meetings and fun, while struggling to prove they have what it takes to make the team and make their mark in the NFL.

"Hard Knocks will give Bengals fans a tremendous opportunity for an inside look at their team," says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "And for NFL fans across the country, it will provide another

expertly produced program on how an NFL team operates behind the scenes. As for our players and coaches, the presence of HBO and NFL Films on a daily basis during the pre-season will bring a heightened sense of excitement and intensity to the jobs we are all doing to get ready for a great year."

A 24-person NFL Films crew will live at the Bengals' training camp at Georgetown College in Georgetown, shooting more than 1,000 hours of video over the course of the series. Camera and sound crews will be given unencumbered access to the players' and coaches' meeting rooms, training rooms, dormitories and practice fields.

Hard Knocks launched with the Baltimore Ravens in 2001, followed by the Dallas Cowboys in 2002. The series resumed in 2007 with the Kansas City Chiefs and the 2008 edition, which received a Sports Emmy Award for Outstanding Post Produced Audio/Sound, featured the Cowboys for the second time.

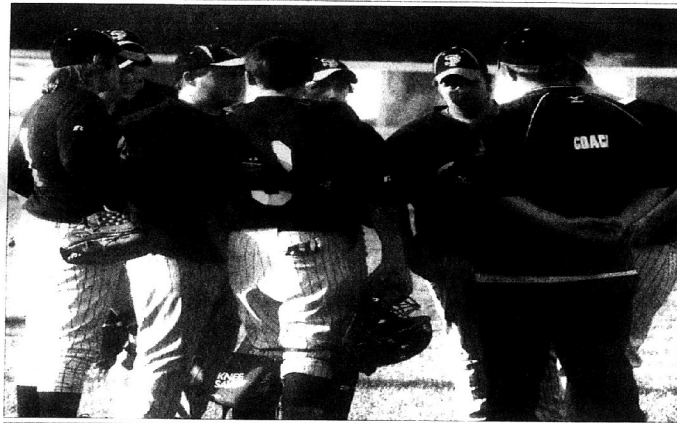
GO magazine wrote last summer that Hard Knocks was reason No. 18 of the 73 reasons why "we're living in a new golden age of football" and that "Hard Knocks might be the second-best thing on television."

NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results

- 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results
- Feb. 7 — x-Budweiser Shootout, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Kevin Harvick)
 - Feb. 15 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Matt Kenseth)
 - Feb. 22 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
 - March 1 — Shelby 427, Las Vegas. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 8 — Kobalt Tools 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kurt Busch)
 - March 22 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kyle Busch)
 - March 29 — Goody's Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va. (Jimmie Johnson)
 - April 5 — Samsung 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Jeff Gordon)
 - April 18 — Subway Fresh Fit 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Mark Martin)
 - April 26 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Brad Keselowski)
 - May 2 — Crown Royal Presents the Russell Friedman 400, Richmond, Va. (Kyle Busch)
 - May 9 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Mark Martin)
 - May 16 — x-NASCAR All-Star Challenge, Concord, N.C. (N/A)
 - 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/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 - June 28 — LENOX Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 - July 4 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 - July 11 — LifeLock.com 400, Joliet, Ill.
 - July 26 — Allstate 400, Indianapolis.
 - Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - Aug. 9 — Centurion Boats at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 - Aug. 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - Aug. 22 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
 - Sept. 6 — Pep Boys Auto 500, Hampton, Ga.
 - Sept. 12 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
 - Sept. 20 — SYLVANIA 300, Loudon, N.H.
 - Sept. 27 — Dover 400, Dover, Del.
 - Oct. 4 — Price Chopper 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 - Oct. 11 — Pepsi 500, Fontana, Calif.
 - Oct. 17 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
 - Oct. 25 — Tums Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
 - Nov. 1 — Amp Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.
 - Nov. 8 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
 - Nov. 15 — Checker O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - Nov. 22 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race

Driver Standings

1. Jeff Gordon, 1,601
2. Tony Stewart, 1,572
3. Kurt Busch, 1,546
4. Jimmie Johnson, 1,465
5. Denny Hamlin, 1,445
6. Jeff Burton, 1,384
7. Kyle Busch, 1,380
8. Ryan Newman, 1,363
9. Greg Biffle, 1,345
10. Matt Kenseth, 1,326
11. Mark Martin, 1,316
12. Carl Edwards, 1,271
13. Clint Bowyer, 1,264
14. Juan Pablo Montoya, 1,255
15. David Reutimann, 1,232
16. Casey Kahne, 1,205
17. Brian Vickers, 1,188
18. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,182
19. Martin Truex Jr., 1,144
20. Marcos Ambrose, 1,131



58TH DISTRICT BASEBALL

photos by James Howell
Prestonsburg and South Floyd will join Betsy Layne and Allen Central in the 58th District Baseball Tournament during the upcoming week.

UK punter Masthay earns VanMeter Service Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former Kentucky football player Tim Masthay has received the 2008-09 Darrell A. VanMeter Service Award from the university for his remarkable commitment to community service.

The award, which is in its 18th year at the University of Kentucky, honors the outstanding volunteer service achievements of Darrell A. VanMeter. The award was named in his honor to recognize the far-reaching and lasting impact of his "Good Samaritan" approach to life.

From the moment Masthay set foot on UK's campus, he has epitomized what it means to be a Good Samaritan. Despite the strenuous and often long hours of fulfilling his role as a student-athlete, Masthay, a former punter and kicker on the UK football team, has found time to give back countless hours to the community.

For the past two summers, Masthay has provided transportation for the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge residents to the hospital for treatments. He has volunteered hundreds of hours for various activities at the Hope Lodge, including bingo night, cookouts and participating in a night out at a Lexington Legends baseball game.

"Tim is always willing to help in any event or activity we coordinate," said Sheldon Kozee, director of the Hope Lodge. "I admire him so much

for being so giving of his time to help others. It is not often you find such an outstanding young individual who is aware of the importance of helping others in their time of need. He has been a blessing to not only us, but to dozens of cancer patients who are fighting the hardest battle of their lives. It is because of people like Tim that so many patients continue to fight and are among the millions of cancer survivors today."

Masthay's dedication at the Hope Lodge is just one example of his outstanding community service. Among his many other contributions, Masthay has participated in Habitat for Humanity, worked with the football team's outreach projects that include speaking engagements at local schools and churches, and he's served abroad by participating in a service project at a school and orphanage in Ghana.

In addition to those countless hours of generosity, he has participated in numerous food drives, served with the Salvation Army and put in several service visits at local hospitals. For his dedication to service and leadership in the community, Masthay was named to the Frank Ham Society of Character by UK Athletics and was one of just 11 football players in the nation to be chosen to the 2008 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.

Masthay has achieved all that while excelling on the football field and in the

classroom. While leading the Wildcats a third straight bowl victory for the first time in school history, the Murray native was awarded All-America honorable mention honors by CollegeFootballNews.com. He led the Southeastern Conference in punting and was named All-SEC by multiple selectors. He was also tabbed a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors Association and ESPN The Magazine.

"So how does one find time to excel in the classroom, on the field and in the community?"
"For me it all came down to having a great support staff around me," Masthay said. "My teammates are great, the administration is great, the coaches are great, and then on an individual level it just came down to prioritizing."

And nobody's priorities are more in place in Masthay. He recently signed a free-agent contract with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, but that won't limit from his ultimate goal of joining the Peace Corps in Africa in the next five years.

"I know it sounds cheesy, but I want to serve my country and make a difference in the world," he said.

Masthay graduated this past weekend with a degree in economics. He is the son of Mark and Jean Masthay, who now live in Lebanon, Ohio.

Cardinals ranked 23rd in Baseball America Top 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Following a 4-1 week that included two midweek wins over No. 25 Ohio State and two road wins over BIG EAST foe St. John's, the Louisville baseball team returned to the national rankings on Monday, May 11 with a No. 23 ranking in the latest Baseball America Top

25. Louisville, at 36-14 overall and 16-7 in BIG EAST play, is also ranked 26th in the latest Ping Pong Baseball Top 30, 28th in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Top 30 and 28th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 30, all released on Monday. The return to the national rankings after a six-

week hiatus follows a strong two-week stretch for the Cardinals, which included winning 7-of-8 games overall. Louisville has also won nine of its last 10 on the road.

The Cardinals entered the final week of the regular season in second place in the BIG EAST Conference standings, 1 1/2 games behind league leader South Florida.

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Beefy Shepherd's Pie With Horseradish Mashed Potato Topping

Makes 6 servings

- 1 bag Ore-Ida Steam n' Mash*
Cut Russet Potatoes
(24 ounces)
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 1/2 pounds beef stew meat
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cups frozen mixed
vegetables
- 1 jar Heinz HomeStyle Beef
Gravy (12 ounces)
- 1 cup lower sodium
beef broth
- 1 packet brown gravy mix
(1.6 ounces)
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon prepared
horseradish
- 1 teaspoon Lea & Perrins
Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray a shallow 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

Fry bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until browned, but not crispy. Remove bacon with slotted spoon to plate lined with paper towels. Drain all but 2 tablespoons of fat from pan. Add stew meat and brown on all sides. Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes more. Stir in vegetables, cooked bacon, gravy, broth and gravy mix. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer for 1 minute. Transfer to prepared baking dish and set aside.

Prepare mashed potatoes according to package directions. Stir remaining ingredients into prepared mashed potatoes and distribute evenly over stew mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve hot.



potato perfect

FAMILY FEATURES

Come evening, families
across the U.S. all have
one burning question ...

What's for dinner?

Now more than ever, family chefs need super supper staples that allow for a hearty meal at a moment's notice on a family-friendly budget that still delivers big on flavor.

For ease, simplicity, great taste and a grocery bill that won't break the bank, comfort foods win every time. In particular, the humble potato weighs in as one of the top, all-time favorite comfort foods.

Think steaming baked potatoes, savory home fries and rosemary roasted red skin potatoes. Or, how about a side of your family's favorite french fries or creamy mashed potatoes? Because of its great versatility, the potato carries universal appeal. Dress it up or dress it down, serve it to kids or adults, go low-fat or decadent — whatever way you serve your potatoes, they're sure to satisfy.

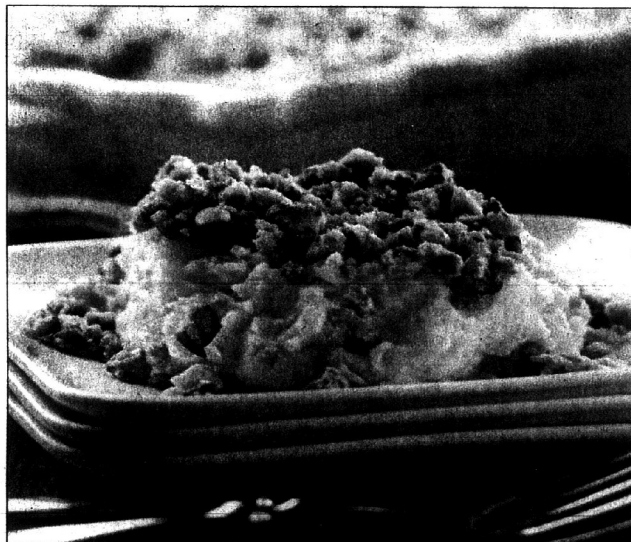
With national trends toward smart spending and keeping it simple, home-cooked foods often appeal more than pricey takeout or restaurant fare. But, who has time to peel and cook potatoes on a weeknight?

Thanks to the availability of pre-peeled, pre-chopped potatoes from Ore-Ida's new product line, Steam n' Mash, homemade mashed potatoes can fit into any last-minute menu. Simply steam in the microwave and then mash or prepare them according to any cook's preference.

The recipes included here feature the perennial comfort food staples, shepherd's pie, sweet potato casserole and potato soup. The sweet potato casserole is the usual, time-honored favorite with a buttery streusel topping, starring brown sugar and pecans. The shepherd's pie and mashed potatoes put a little twist on tradition; the mashed potato topping on the pie is spiked with sour cream, horseradish and Worcestershire for an extra zing. The potato soup offers a blend of potatoes, bacon, cheddar, green onions and broccoli florets.

With the use of pre-cut real potatoes, these appetizing dishes come together in a fraction of the time they would normally take. Simple, hearty, satisfying — and homemade without a hassle — think of it as comfort food, at its best.

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Loaded Potato Soup

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 bag Ore-Ida Steam n' Mash Garlic
Seasoned Potatoes (24 ounces)
- 2 cups broccoli florets, frozen
- 1 jar Classico Creamy Alfredo sauce
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 pound bacon
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped

Prepare potatoes in the microwave, as directed on package. While potatoes are cooking, cut bacon into small strips, chop green onions and shred cheddar cheese. Fry bacon in a saucepan over medium-high heat, set aside. Drain bacon grease, turn heat down to medium-low and pour Alfredo sauce into saucepan. Add milk and broccoli florets, and stir soup occasionally. Pour one cup of cooked potatoes into small bowl, mash. Blend mashed potatoes into soup. Pour 1 cup of cooked potatoes into individual serving bowls. Ladle soup over the potatoes. Top with cheese, bacon and green onions.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Makes 6 to 8 servings

- 1 bag Ore-Ida Steam n' Mash Cut Sweet
Potatoes (24 ounces)
- 1/3 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Streusel topping:

- 3/4 cup pecans, chopped
- 3/4 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

Cook potatoes according to package directions. Pour potatoes into a bowl, add milk, butter, brown sugar and salt, and then mash to desired smoothness. Place mashed sweet potatoes in an 8 x 8-inch casserole coated with cooking spray.

In a small bowl, combine all topping ingredients, and sprinkle over sweet potato mixture. Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes, or until the topping is browned and the potatoes are thoroughly heated.