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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

— Coming Friday

briefs

Man killed in single-car accident

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PHYLLIS — A Pike County man was killed after the vehicle in which he was a passenger left the roadway and struck a series of utility poles lying nearby.

According to police, James B. Mullins, 34, of Phyllis, was traveling east on Route 194 when he failed to negotiate a curve, sending his vehicle off the eastbound shoulder.

Mullins' vehicle then struck various utility poles that were situated beside the road, overturned and came to a rest on its top in a creek adjacent to the highway.

Donnie Abshire, Mullins' 51-year-old passenger, was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Dewey Bailey.

Mullins was flown to Holston Valley Medical Center in Tennessee. His condition is not currently known.

The accident is still under investigation by Trooper Johnny Stone.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 86 • Low: 66

Tomorrow



High: 81 • Low: 61

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LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY



Muddy waters covered more than half of William Ward's home in Martin during the May flooding. Ward is now trying to find assistance in recovering through FEMA.

Flood aid begins flowing, but some still waiting

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Representatives with the Federal Emergency and Management Agency have been in Floyd and surrounding counties for the past week, assisting thousands with direct financial help for the damage done a month ago by flooding.

The results of that past week are in the numbers, according to FEMA Public Affairs Officer Clare Eckert.

Eckert says that across the four counties chosen for "individual assistance" through the agency, which includes Floyd, there has been assistance provided to nearly 3,000 people with a total approved amount of just over \$7.2 million in aid.

(See AID, page twelve)



This photo taken by William Ward after the floodwaters receded show the levels of the water which overtook the entire bathroom of his and his wife's trailer between the Twin Bridges at Martin during the hard rains and flooding in the first week of May.

Rockslide closes road, damages two vehicles

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

EASTERN — An early morning rockslide damaged two vehicles and resulted in a Floyd County highway being closed for several days.

The slide occurred sometime before 5 a.m. Monday, bringing huge boulders off of the mountain to completely block Route 550, between Route 850 and the Midas Bridge.

A woman traveling the road in a Jeep

Cherokee around 5 a.m. could not see the slide due to the darkness and struck the rocks. The woman was not injured in the wreck, but her vehicle was rendered immobile and she turned on her flashing lights.

Shortly thereafter, a man driving a Ford pickup came up behind the Cherokee and, seeing it stranded in the road, attempted to drive around it and also collided with the slide. That driver

(See SLIDE, page twelve)



Two vehicles were damaged after a rockslide sometime before 5 a.m. Monday morning along Route 550. The vehicles were traveling the road and could not see the slide due to the early morning darkness and ran into it.

Sandra Leslie collided Friday afternoon first with the divider along U.S. 29 in Betsy Layne before then striking a Prestonsburg City Utilities vehicle. Investigators said there had been complaints called in about Leslie's vehicle driving erratically through Pikeville minutes earlier and that low blood sugar was suspected in causing Leslie to weave into the divider. Leslie was transported from the scene of the accident for injuries sustained in the wreck.

photo by Sheldon Compton



Police gaining leads in 20-year-old murder case

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ROCKHOUSE — State police are saying they have uncovered a substantial amount of additional evidence in their investigation of the 20-year-old murder of Gregory G. Back in Magoffin County.

According to a statement released Tuesday from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, investigators returned to the pond where Back's remains were found on May 19 following an anonymous tip for a follow-up look

(See MURDER, page twelve)

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Obituaries

Novella Akers Compton

Novella Akers Compton, age 97, of Betsy Layne, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the Gallatin County Nursing Home in Warsaw.

She was born December 21, 1911, in Dana, the daughter of the late Tecumseh and Janie Dingus Akers. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, Tommy Compton of Warsaw; stepdaughter, Bethel Deskins of Dayton, Ohio; her sisters: Toda Akers Tackett and Emeloid Boyd, both of Banner; three grandchildren: Tony, Tim and Todd; and three great-grandchildren: Nataha, Melanie, and Brittany.

In addition to her parents and husband, Tony J. Compton, she was preceded in death by a brother, David "Soccer" Akers; and two sisters: Marie Akers Kirby and Matta Howell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 6, at 11:00 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Stanley Stratton officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Pallbearers: Todd Compton, Tony Compton, Tim Compton, Bill Smith, Tom Compton, and Happy Layne. (Paid obituary)

Clifford Raven Gross

Clifford Raven Gross, 66, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at his residence.

Born October 12, 1942, in Buffalo, (KY), he was the son of the late Dan and Sara Thompson Gross. He was a retired truck driver, and a member of the Living Word Church, in Magoffin County.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Gearheart Gross.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Clema Onette and Doug Handsoe of Quinlock; a grandson, Jeremiah Douglas Handsoe; and a granddaughter, Destiny Loren Handsoe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Woodrow Farley, and Robert Williamson; and a sister, Elsie Thompson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 9, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Carl Shepherd and Charlene Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, in Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Anna Ruth Layne Hayes

Anna Ruth Layne Hayes, age 83, of Betsy Layne, wife of Clarence Edward Hayes, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2009, at her residence.

She was born September 11, 1925, in Betsy Layne, the daughter of the late William "Bill" Layne and Pauline Coleman Layne.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence; four sons: Orris E. Hayes, Randy Hayes, Wayne Hayes, and David Hayes, all of Betsy Layne; two brothers: Buford "Happy" Layne and Kenneth Ray Layne, both of Betsy Layne; a sister, Sally Conn of Betsy Layne; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Jack "Bee" Layne and Donald H. Layne; two sisters: Dorothy Layne and Bonnie Layne; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hayes were conducted Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, with Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Layne Family Cemetery, in Betsy Layne.

Visitation was after 6:00 p.m. Friday, at Hall Funeral Home; and after 5:00 p.m. Saturday, at the Church.

Pallbearers: Orris E. Hayes, Randy Hayes, Wayne Hayes, David Hayes, Josh Hayes, Nathan Hayes, Craig Click, and Brett Conn. (Paid obituary)

Johnny Lee King

Johnny Lee King, 35, of Martin, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at his residence.

Born August 24, 1973, in Floyd County, he was the son of John and Juanita Jones King. He was disabled.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer King.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and parents, include one son, Jonathan King of Eastern; three daughters: Makenzie King, Juanita King, and Joniann King all of Martin; two brothers: Homer King of Martin, and Jimmy King of Paris; two sisters: Mandy King of Martin, and Margaret King of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 11, at 1 p.m., at the Lamb of God Ministries (Conley Fork), in Prestonsburg, with Bob Evans officiating.

Burial will be in the Pitts Family Cemetery, (Spartlock), Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)



Bobby Dale Newsome

Bobby Dale Newsome, 52, of Hi Hat, died Friday, June 5, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 6, 1956, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Grant and Goldie Hamilton Newsome. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Kay Little Newsome. Other survivors include his sons: Shannon Dale, his wife Kristi; Newsome of Wheelwright; Darrin Keith, his wife Tracy Newsome of Bevinville; a daughter, Cassie Michelle Newsome of Hi Hat; his brothers: Donnie Newsome of Topnotch, and Stoney Newsome of Hi Hat; and a beloved grandson, Peyton Bryce Newsome.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Grant Newsome Jr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 9, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church in Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, in Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Joseph D. Ratliff

Joseph D. Ratliff, age 82, of Hueysville, husband of Dollie Shepherd Ratliff, passed away Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Hueysville.

He was born March 15, 1927, in Hueysville, the son of the late Jim Ratliff and Polly Shepherd Ratliff. He was an ordained minister of the United Baptist Church; a retired supervisor for Community Action Program; and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Dollie; four sons: Dolvin (Charles) Ratliff, Bruce (Beau) Ratliff, Marty (Linda) Ratliff, and Regan (Dawn) Ratliff all of Hueysville; three daughters: Marilyn (Roy) Allen of Salyersville, and Reva (Brian) Kidd and Tonya (Kenneth) Conn, both of Hueysville; two sisters: Dotie Neesley of Hueysville, and Maude Hoover of Hippo; six grandchildren: Christopher Ratliff, Daniel Ratliff, Calob Joseph Conn, Shena Michelle Shepherd, Roy Trent Allen, and Jacob Blake Conn; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 30, in the Vega United Methodist Church, with Reverend Kirk Watson officiating.

Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, in Vega, under the direction of Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences may be made to www.mem.com (Paid obituary)

Charles Music

Charles Music, 77, of Amarillo, Texas, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009, in Amarillo.

He was born April 17, 1932, in Cliff, the son of the late Thomas Jefferson Music and Thersa Osborn Music. He moved to Amarillo in 1952.

He married Sue Ivy in 1954, and she survives.

They owned and operated Music Dry Cleaners in Vega, Texas, where he also was a charter member of the junior chamber of commerce, and a member of the Vega Volunteer Fire Department. He served in the United States Air Force, and was a member of the VFW. He was a truck driver for more than 20 years with Safeway and N.W. Trucking of Denver.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Pam Morton and her husband, Chris; grandsons: Mike and his wife, Natasha; and Chris and his wife, Jessica; and his great-granddaughters: Sarika and Nayeli.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

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dren: Christopher Louden Ratliff and Logan Bryce Ratliff.

Funeral services for Joseph D. Ratliff were conducted Tuesday, June 9, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Carlos Beverly and Irvin Allen Jr. officiating.

Burial was in the Ratliff Family Cemetery, in Hueysville, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for these arrangements.

Pallbearers: Dolvin Ratliff, Kenneth Conn, Bruce Ratliff, Daniel Ratliff, Mary Ratliff, Regan Ratliff, Roy Allen, Brian Kidd, and Chris Ratliff.

Honorary: Caleb Conn, Jacob Conn, Trent Allen, and Tim Prater. (Paid obituary)

Geraldine Hayes Scalf

Geraldine Hayes Scalf, 77, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, entered into rest Friday, June 5, 2009.

Born September 26, 1931, in Langley, she was the daughter of the late Marion and Susan Patton Hayes. She loved traveling, ballroom dancing, cooking, entertaining friends, and was an avid reader. She was a devoted homemaker until 1974, when she went to work for the Internal Revenue Service until 1997. She was an active volunteer for GMC Ladies Auxiliary; the American Cancer Society, and the local elementary school.

She was preceded in death by Thomas Scalf, her husband of thirty-nine years; and a son, Kevin Scalf.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa D. Scalf Crosby and Kerry Crosby of Gordon, Georgia; her sisters: Sydney Hayes of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Edith Wise of Louisville; a brother, Marion Hayes Jr. of Ashland; her grandchildren: Logan and Lytin of Gordon, Georgia; and her companion, Dean Mobley.

A service celebrating the life of Geraldine Hayes Scalf was held Tuesday, June 9, at 3

p.m., at Wages Snellville Chapel.

The family received friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Tom M. Wages, Funeral Services, Snellville Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at: www.wagesfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Lorraine Whicker Shepherd

Lorraine Whicker Shepherd, age 70, of Banner, passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the Hospice Care Center in Ashland.

She was born May 15, 1939, in Marrowbone, the daughter of Reed Whicker and Flo Ward Whicker Conley.

She was a door greeter at Walmart, a homemaker, and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Paintsville.

She is survived by two sons: Donald R. Shepherd and Wayne A. Shepherd, both of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Mack Doug Whicker and Alan Whicker, both of Martin; two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 9, at 1:30 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Danny Conners officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Pallbearers: Jonathan Shepherd, Justin Shepherd, Timothy Shepherd, Chris Whicker, Tom Cooley and John W. Shepherd. (Paid obituary)

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg Phone 886-3189

Card of Thanks
The family of Hargis Hall would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or prayers to our family during this difficult time. A special thanks to Clergyman Jimmy Hall for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.
THE FAMILY OF HARGIS HALL

Card of Thanks
The family of Gladys McKinney would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time: those who sent flowers, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words; the singers for the beautiful music; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all, we say thank you, and God bless.
THE FAMILY OF GLADYS MCKINNEY

Card of Thanks
The family of Lois Howell Mitchell would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss: those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, and words of encouragement. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you and God bless.
THE FAMILY OF LOIS HOWELL MITCHELL

Card of Thanks
The family of Carrie Hale Hicks would like to sincerely say thank-you to all of our family, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time, and to all those who sent flowers, tokens of love and affection, food, or perhaps said a kind word; and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; and to the congregation for their songs; food, love and support; to all the pallbearers: Appalachian Hospice Care; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say thank you, and God bless you all.
THE FAMILY OF CARRIE HALE HICKS

Card of Thanks
The family of Anthony "Tony" Salisbury would like to express our appreciation to all who sent flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank the ministers of the Little Rosa Church, for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.
THE FAMILY OF ANTHONY "TONY" SALISBURY

Collection of handcrafted, traditional art coming to third-annual Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair

by SHARON DODSON
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

A one-of-a-kind collection of hand-crafted arts and crafts will come to Somerset when artisans from Southern and Eastern Kentucky converge on The Center for Rural Development June 27-28 for the third-annual Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair.

The event will showcase original pieces of arts and crafts unique to the region and produced by the skillful hands of juried artists and crafters from 10 regional craft organizations comprising the Kentucky Appalachian Craft Council.

Visitors to The Center-one of the craft fair sponsors-will have the opportunity to meet the artists and crafters, watch some of them practice their skills on-site, and take home true pieces of Kentucky's culture.

During the two-day event, artists and crafters from the following organizations will be exhibiting and marketing their products: the Appalachian Artisan Center, Hindman; David Appalachian Crafts, Floyd County; Kentucky Communities Crafts, Barbourville; Pine Mountain Crafts, Whitesburg; Art of the Mountains, Hazard; Red Bird Mission Crafts, Bell County; Morris Fork Crafts, Booneville; Poor Folk Arts and Crafts, Cumberland; Bennett Center's Little Rock Cottage Crafts, London; and Sheltoewe Artisans of Somerset.

"This is a rare opportunity to find such a wide variety of high-quality, hand-crafted arts and crafts," Pat Bradley, director of arts, culture, and development for The Center, said. "No other craft fair offers the diversity and quality of crafts from Southern and Eastern Kentucky that you'll find at this fair."



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The Kentucky Appalachian Craft Council, a collaborative effort of regional art and craft organizations, is working to find ways to network and create partnerships to unite these groups and form a stronger entity.

The council also is exploring possibilities for increasing the income base for all artists and crafters in the region through craft fairs such as this and those held in other venues.

Bradley said such efforts are more important now than ever, because some artisans and crafters may not be able to continue to financially support their artistic work.

"If we don't improve the market, many of these people will not be able to continue to work, and we will lose a significant part of our cultural

heritage in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," she said.

The Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair continues to open new markets for many of these artists and crafters, and expand their marketplace to a circle of viewers and potential shoppers from throughout the United States.

Last year's event drew more than 1,000 visitors from 11 states-including Kentucky, Virginia, Texas, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, and Illinois-to view works created by nearly 50 exhibitors.

The event is sponsored by The Center, TOUR-SEKY, the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED), and the Appalachian Artisan Center.

Two daily demonstration workshops will be presented for exhibitors prior to the opening of the craft fair to the general public. Fair hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, June 27, and noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.

The Center is located at 2292 South U.S. 27 (at stop-

light 15) in Somerset. Daily admission to the Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair is \$3 per person.

For more information on the event or to register for booth space, contact Pat Bradley at 606-677-6000, or via e-mail at pbradley@center-tech.com.



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Pikeville College announces 2009 Walker Awards

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College recently named the 2009 recipients of the William Wade and Helen Record Walker Award for Teaching Excellence.

Larry Kay Hardesty, A.B.D., professor of sociology/criminal justice, was presented with this year's first-place award and Ella Smith, M.A., assistant professor of Spanish, was named runner-up.

The award was established in 1976 by George Walker, a

member of the Pikeville College board of trustees, in memory of his parents. Nominated by the undergraduate student body, honorees are full-time faculty members who demonstrate mastery of their subject matter; sensitivity to the interests, needs and concerns of students; and the ability to broaden the students' perspectives. The award also recognizes instructors who effectively and enthusiastically communicate the value and importance, as well as the sub-

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LAND OF THE LOST (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:20; Fri, (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat-Sun, (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.

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Cinema 9—Starts Friday, June 12
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— James Thurber

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Guest View

Covered by insurance, but still vulnerable

People buy health insurance so they won't be bankrupted by unexpected illness. But for increasing numbers of Americans, that's not how things are working out.

A new national survey estimates that 62 percent of all personal bankruptcies in 2007 — nearly 451,000 cases — were caused by medical debts or serious illness.

That's a substantial increase from just six years earlier, when the same researchers found about 46 percent of bankruptcies resulted from sickness or the costs of treating it.

One reason may be higher out-of-pocket spending. A separate study published last week estimates that average out-of-pocket spending for people with health insurance increased by 34 percent from 2004 to 2007.

That study also found the number of "under-insured" Americans — those who face unaffordable out-of-pocket expenses if they become seriously ill — has grown significantly.

"If you are sick and earn a modest income," the study's authors noted, "you are probably under-insured — even if you have (insurance) coverage."

On average, Americans spend twice as much per person on health care than people in other developed nations.

Conservative policy analysts have long argued that's because insurance insulates us from the true costs of care. It's increasingly difficult to square that assertion with the facts.

On average, an American with private health insurance spent \$729 out-of-pocket in 2007. About a third paid more than \$1,000. Those in the top 10 percent on spending — people with serious, chronic illnesses — shelled out nearly \$3,400. About one in five Americans said they had trouble paying medical bills.

In the United Kingdom, 62 percent of people paid less than \$100 in 2007. Just 4 percent paid more than \$1,000 out of pocket for their medical care.

Most Americans driven into bankruptcy by medical expenses are college graduates and middle-class homeowners. More than three-quarters had health insurance when they got sick. It didn't provide protection.

Their medical costs averaged nearly \$18,000. For certain illnesses, researchers found average spending was even higher. Those diagnosed with heart disease who filed bankruptcy, for example, reported medical expenses averaging nearly \$22,000. People with neurological illnesses like multiple sclerosis had out-of-pocket expenses averaging about \$34,000.

There are uniquely American stories. In other developed nations, it's simply unheard of for middle-class families to be bankrupted by medical expenses.

Health spending has grown more slowly in Europe than it has in the United States — even though the same medical care generally is available and health outcomes are often substantially better.

In many European countries, Germany for example, the more serious your illness, the less you pay in deductibles and co-payments. Here, sicker patients face the highest medical expenses.

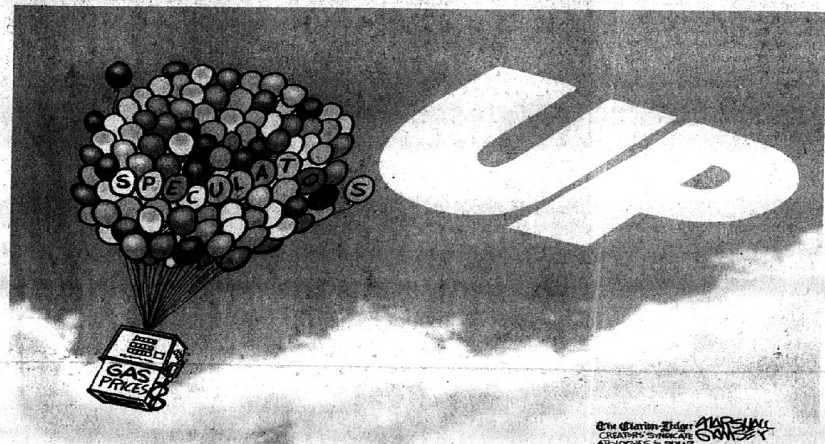
It's tempting to blame insurance companies for the problem. Deductibles and co-payments have increased on most health insurance policies over the past decade.

But researchers concluded that the biggest reason for higher out-of-pocket spending is that overall health costs continue to soar. U.S. national health spending doubled between 1997 and 2007. Yet study after study shows there is no association between high spending and high quality.

That's why debate about health reform in Washington this summer will focus on more than just expanding coverage. It will, and must, focus on controlling costs.

For two out of three Americans — 161 million privately insured Americans facing higher out-of-pocket expenses and the nearly 50 million uninsured — it's a very timely discussion. For hundreds of thousands of them, bankruptcy court could await.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

The Kentucky General Assembly will face its greatest budget challenge in years as we prepare for a June 15 special session to plug the state's largest budget shortfall in modern history — a nearly \$1 billion shortfall projected for fiscal year 2010 alone.

Official news of Governor Steve Beshear's call for a special session came last Wednesday, just days after the governor received an independent budget forecast predicting a shortfall of around \$1 billion in fiscal year 2010, beginning July 1. He met with key lawmakers before issuing the call to propose a five-point budget reduction plan that, if enacted, would use \$741 million in federal stimulus funds combined with spending cuts, state debt restructuring, improved revenue collection, and a reduction in paid holidays for state employees to cover \$1.083 billion in unanticipated state costs.

Absent from the governor's plan is any tax increase and any cuts to per pupil SEEK funds for public schools or cuts to higher education, SEEK and higher education would receive the same amount of funding as they did last year, and Medicaid would be fully funded. The plan would also maintain current funding for mental health services, economic development and veterans programs, preserve funding for state police and local jails, and increase funding for prosecutors, public defenders, state parks and corrections. Funding would also be increased for student financial aid and teachers' retirement, and health insurance would be funded for teachers and

state employees along with budgeted increases in the state contribution for state retirement.

Let's talk a moment about spending cuts proposed by the governor. State programs have suffered quite a bit from the nearly \$600 million in cuts approved over the past 18 months to balance previous years' budgets. Our agencies need more money, not less — no one wants another dollar cut. But state government does not have the federal government's luxury of spending a deficit, so we either have to spend or raise new revenue. With tax increases off the table, the governor's plan calls for an additional 2.6 percent cut in fiscal year 2010 in most areas of state government except for SEEK, higher education, Medicaid and other areas where funds are maintained or increased. The additional spending cuts would rein in \$200 million in spending that the Commonwealth cannot afford at this time.

Spending cuts combined with the federal stimulus dollars will take care of almost the entire shortfall. The remainder of the shortfall will be plugged with \$113 million through state debt restructuring, \$18.5 million from stepped-up collection efforts by the Department of Revenue and \$10.6 million created by suspending 3 to 5 paid holidays for state employees, depending on their salaries.

I know some employees are not happy about the holiday suspension plan, which would eliminate three paid holidays for employees making under \$50,000 a year and five for those making \$50,000 or more. No, the plan is not ideal. But it is expected to preserve basic state services and prevent mass layoffs, which I know most of us prefer over the monthly furloughs and layoffs some states have had to implement to balance their budgets. The National

Conference of State Legislatures reports that several states are furloughing employees up to two days each month to reduce budget shortfalls, while others like California have implemented furloughs and layoffs to cope.

The last part of the governor's budget plan will continue budget reduction measures in the Transportation Cabinet to address an estimated \$239 million shortfall in the state Road Fund.

I would like to make clear that none of the money used to balance the budget in the special session will be used for new programs since this is one-time money that cannot be maintained in future budget years. Using nonrecurring funds for new state programs helped create the budgetary structural imbalance that we have been trying to fix for at least four years. We do not want to worsen the situation, if we can help it.

It was rumored before the call for the session was issued that legislation allowing slot machines at Kentucky racetracks would be on the session agenda. That rumor proved true last Thursday when the governor amended the session agenda to require lawmakers to consider legislation allowing slots at tracks. The outcome of such legislation remains uncertain, and I will be as interested as you to see how the issue unfolds in session.

Truth be told, many lawmakers question whether the special session is even necessary. But the bottom line is that current state law dictates a shortfall of this size requires legislative action. So we shall return to Frankfort next week to act.

With any luck, and hard work by our public and private sectors, our state will have an economic turnaround later this year that will prevent massive shortfalls in 2011 and 2012. I am certainly hoping for the best.

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GCDF graduates enter new phase in their professional careers

LEXINGTON — A group of 21 employees of Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP) and its partners entered a new era in their professional careers recently as they obtained Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credentials at a ceremony in Lexington.

The GCDF credential is a professional certification recognized by career counseling, workforce development, and educational organizations around the world. To obtain the credential, graduates must demonstrate competencies in several areas related to the counseling, workforce development and educational fields.

Six of the newly certified GCDFs were Brian and Reva Kidd, Jarred Gibson, Chaitina Lowe, Zethaniel Shepherd and Melissa Stone from the Big Sandy area.

Brian and Reva Kidd and Shepherd work for Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP), where they help clients succeed in their career and educational pursuits with the help of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program. Brian and Reva Kidd and Zethaniel Shepherd work at BSACAP's Prestonsburg office, where Brian Kidd serves as a WIA adult career advisor, Reva Kidd is a WIA youth specialist, Zethaniel Shepherd is a WIA youth trainer, Christina Lowe works as WIA adult career advisor at BSACAP's Paintsville Office.

Gibson is employed with Morehead State University and Stone is a family resource coordinator at Highland Elementary in Johnson County.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony May 9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Lexington, EKCEP Executive Director Jeff Whitehead said obtaining the credential demonstrates that the group is dedicated to attaining the highest level of professionalism in the workforce development field.

"It's a great credential that you're receiving, one that's recognized around the world. Be proud of what you've done," Whitehead told the graduates.

EKCEP provides GCDF training for selected employees of the community action agencies that provide WIA services under contract with EKCEP, which administers the WIA program in 23 eastern Kentucky counties. Further information about WIA services is available on the web at www.ekcep.org.

The GCDF credential class met once a month for 10 months, completing 90 hours of classroom training and 30 hours of homework. Class members were required to demonstrate 12 competencies related to career development, including: helping clients; labor market information and resources; assessments; diverse populations; ethical and legal issues; career development models; employability skills; training clients and peers; program management and implementation; promotion and public relations; technology; and supervision.

"For anyone working with people related to career development it's an important cre-

dential to have," said Carla Hunter, co-trainer for the class and founder and president of CareerSpan, the organization that provides the training. She added that the GCDF is a "very up and coming" credential.

The agencies and associations that support the credential include the International Association of Workforce Professionals, the National Career Development Association and the National Employment Counseling Association. Several states require it for all career center staff.

Although the credential is not yet required in Kentucky, it is becoming more widespread, according to Whitehead. There were a total of 15 people in Kentucky with GCDF credentials in 2004; that total has grown to 37 with the recent graduating class.

Hunter said the graduating class was very focused and dedicated to improving their effectiveness in career counseling. At the ceremony she talked about how graduates had transformed over the course of the class into a "team forged in collaboration and hard work" and challenged the graduates to go forth and use what they had learned to create a "better tomorrow" in their eastern Kentucky communities.

Carla Hunter, co-trainer for the class, told the graduates never to underestimate their services can have on people's lives and communities as they help people make life-changing career decisions.

"We help them find their passion, we help them become contributors in the community, and we can help them provide for their families. After all, you could be training the person who cures cancer, the person who develops and creates the nextistine Chapel, writes that number one hit song, or leads our country," Francis said.

Keynote speaker Celia Barley Joyce, a previous GCDF graduate who is now Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program director for Harlan County Community Action Agency, said becoming a GCDF had been an "eye-opening experience" for her.

"This credential sets us apart from the others working in our field because of the knowledge and skills we have acquired through our training. We are as diverse as those we serve, and in return our customers expect diverse responses from us. We're multifaceted workers who are capable of teaching employability skills, job readiness, and effective communication skills," Joyce said.

"As a GCDF, you will work with people who have been through rough times. Their confidence in you and your leadership ability can help them overcome obstacles, help them obtain their ideal job or career path that they're looking for and provide them with job skills," Joyce said.

Joyce congratulated the graduating class on being the "best of the best" in terms of

professionalism and knowledge about workforce competencies, ethics, and the latest developments.

"Now it's time to put all that talent to work," Joyce told the graduates. "Be all you can be, and do not settle for less than you know you're capable of doing. You can do anything you put your mind to do. You have the training and you have the ability. Never think that you do not make a difference," she said.

Class speaker Janet Jackson, who is WIA Youth coordinator for Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency, said the class had learned a great deal from the GCDF experience.

"With GCDF we've been given tools with our competencies, our ethics and our individual assessments, the ways to facilitate our knowledge and our helping skills. These combine to help us make the fit of that 'glass slipper' as painless as possible for our client. The result, if we've gotten it right, is the Cinderella effect," Jackson said.

The full list of GCDF graduates included: Allison Brown;



Twenty-one employees of Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. and agencies which contract with EKCEP to provide services EKCEP funds recently obtained Global Career Development Facilitator certifications at a graduation ceremony in Lexington. The GCDF certification is globally recognized by career counseling, workforce development, and educational institutions around the world. To obtain this credential those who take the class must show competency in several different areas related to their field. Pictured are: Zethaniel Shepherd; (from left, front row) Caroline Francis, co-instructor; Becky Miller; Kathy Stonic; Chris Thompson; Shanna Tate; Carla Hunter, co-instructor; Melissa Stone; and Stephen Hibbard.

Shirley Davidson; Jarred Gibson; Rudelle Greene; Stephen Hibbard; Deana Holbrook; Mittzi Hubbard; Janet Jackson; Lynn Johnson; Mary Ann Keck; Brian Kidd; Reva Kidd; Christina Lowe; Becky Miller; Brenda Moore; Zethaniel Shepherd; Melissa Stone; Kathy Stonic; Shanna Tate; Chris Thompson; and Flora Wattenberger.

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McGuire wins BoB Late Model feature

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR
SITKA - Josh McGuire (Ashland) set the tone early on Saturday night as the Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model Series visited 201 Speedway for a feature race. McGuire, who had the fastest lap in qualifying, led the feature with solid fashion. The rest of the top-five in the Battle of the Bluegrass feature race was comprised of Victor Lee, Chris Combs, Terry Hicks and Paul Harris.
Courtney Conley set the fast time and drove his way to

victory in the Open Wheel Modified feature.
Scott Lemaster prevailed in a competitive Bomber feature race among track regulars. Alan Osborne won in the Four-Cylinder division.
The results from the latest 201 Speedway race night follow:
Battle of the Bluegrass A-Main Feature: 41-Josh McGuire; 4-Victor Lee; 47-Chris Combs; 9-Terry Hicks; 10-Paul Harris; 33-Aaron Hutton; 11-Bobby Wolter Jr.; 13W-David Webb; 24H Michael P. Howard; 1-Michael Chilton; 19-Larry

Gray; 81-Brandon Fouts; B30-Buzz Williams; R1-Rod Evans; 98-Shon Flanary; 57-Brandon Carter; 25-Cowan Kinney; 13-Jamie Ferguson; 9-Jimmy Perkins; 12D-Daniel Williams; 17-Steve Stollings; 12-Rick Williams; D8-Dustin Linville.
Open Wheel Modified Feature: 23-Courtney Conley; 46-Dennis Deboard; 43K-Kevin Hall; 30-William Hensley; 35-Jeremy Hayes; 21-Jim Barnett; 7A-Warnie Allen Jr.; 44-Ryan Jarrell; J17-Jimmy Arnett.
Bomber Feature: 3-Scott Lemaster; P20-Ervin Vance;

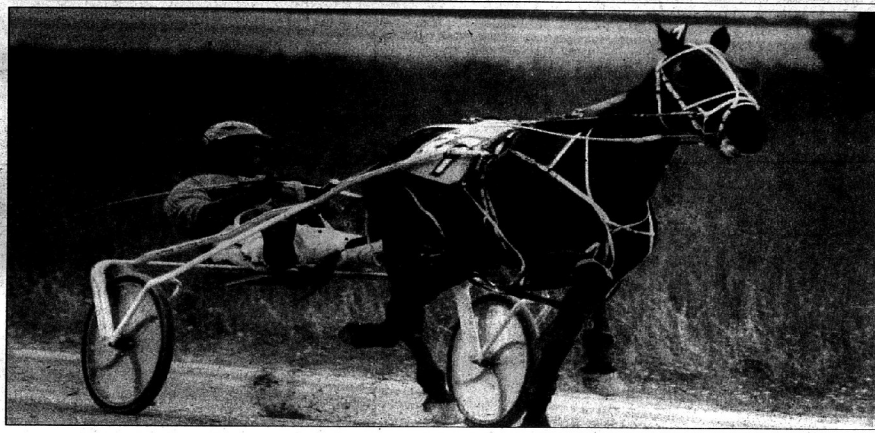
R17-Don Risner; 73 Charlie Mullett; 27-David Chaffins; 77-Harley Hall; 24-Jimmy Johnson; P12-Dean Pennington; 45A-Andy Mason; 44-Steve Strong; 45-Tim Mason; 51-Greg Matthews.
Four Cylinder Feature: 37-Alan Osborne; 4-Bill Taulbee; 9-Ethan Conley; 7B-Bryston Patton; 7K-Kinsey Patton.
Page A8: Owens wins the 15th Annual Late Model Dream.



photo courtesy of Josh McGuire Racing
Josh McGuire claimed the Battle of the Bluegrass Series win Saturday at 201 Speedway. McGuire hauls from Ashland.

Beaver Junction hosts Round 5

TIMES STAFF REPORT
DWALE - Beaver Junction Motocross hosted Round 5 of the 2009 season Sunday. The Floyd County track got through the raceday injury-free as no major incidents were reported.
East Hills Heating & Cooling sponsored the awards. Beaver Junction Motocross is scheduled to host Round 6 on June 28.
A rundown of Round 5 results follows:
250 D: 1. Josh Turner; 2. Justin Moore; 3. Brandon Workman; 4. Ryan Dotson; 5. Terry Stump; 6. Jason Ratliff; 7. Jerran Robinson; 8. Jerran Bentley; 9. Jonathan Konns; 10. Pearl Spurlock; 11. Sid Henley; 12. Cody Wooton.
125 C: 1. Josh Robinson; 2. Donovan Jones; 3. Joe Bush; 4. Colby Casey; 5. Justin Tackett; 6. John Osborne; 7. John Burchett.
125 Am 2 Stroke: 1. Brian Watkins; 2. Payton Wells.
125 D: 1. Terry Stump; 2. Jerran Robinson; 3. Brady Prater; 4. Alvin Withem; 5. Austin Thompson; 6. Dwayne Dotson; 7. Anthony Johnson; 8. Bill Osborne; 9. No. 148 (Driver Name Unavailable); 10. Sabrina Arnett; 11. Justin Estep.
25+: 1. Rodnay "Tator" Anderson; 2. Ryan Rowe; 3. Danny Osborne; 4. Donnie Adams.
40+: 1. Danny Osborne; 2. Kenny Mullins; 3. Johnnie Osborne.
65 Open: 1. Dawson Hamilton; 2. Benjamin Branham; 3. Ritchie Potter; 4. Matt Belcher.
Tyler Bowling (Beaver Junction MX sponsored rider).
65 Sr: 1. James Powers; 2. Thai-Lee Francis; 3. Ritchie Potter; 4. Benjamin Branham; 5. Dawson Hamilton; 6. Dylan Bishop.
50 Open: 1. Tyler Osborne; 2. Cade Tackett; 3. Cameron Crider.
85 Open: 1. Payton Wells; 2. Brian Watkins; 3. Brady Prater; 4. Austin Osborne.
C/D Unlimited: 1. Josh Robinson; 2. Austin Beverly; 3. Josh Turner; 4. Mark Younce; 5. Kenny Mullins; 6. Justin Tackett; 7. Jonathan Konns; 8. Aaron Mullins.
250 C: 1. Josh Bolen; 2. Randy Workman; 3. Josh Robinson; 4. Austin Beverly; 5. Joe Bush; 6. Aaron Mullins.
(See JUNCTION, page eight)



photos by Amanda Webb
Terry Cullipher drove My Roomie to the fastest mile last Wednesday during the meet being held at Thunder Ridge.

Loney, Cullipher heat up at Thunder Ridge

Stiltner claims four training wins
Melloy wins second straight on Fox Valley Steffi
by EDDIE BLAIR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
PRESTONSBURG - Trainer Brian Loney sent out four winners and three second-place finishers last week for Wednesday and Thursday live racing cards. Wednesday's winners included three-year old filly Muck Dolly (the first win of her young career) and eight-year old gelding My Roomie, who went the fastest mile of the day in 158.2. Terry Cullipher drove both Loney-trained entries that won. The James Stiltner Stable remained sharp as ever with the impressive three-year old Courtege winning his third straight. Four-year old pacing mare Thatlitesweet continued her winning ways with her third consecutive win. Stiltner also had four training wins for the week.
Cullipher had four driving wins on Thursday, giving him a total of seven wins for the week. Cassidy Melloy, the only female driver at the meet, had a pair of wins, including her second straight on Fox Valley Steffi. Gary Neafus also had a pair of wins from his stable.
Live racing will continue this week with a 6:30 p.m. post-time for Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Admission is free.



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JAMES STILTNER

201 Speedway set to host modified series

TIMES STAFF REPORT
LOUISVILLE - The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series presented by Graphic Impressions will continue its action for the month of June as the Bluegrass-based open-wheel warriors visit 201 Speedway in Sitka on Saturday (June 13) for a \$1,500-to-win points-paying event.
The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series event at 201 Speedway will feature a full program of practice, Racing Optics time trials, REAL Racing Wheels qualifying heats, B-Mains and the 30-lap, \$1,500-to-win Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series A-Main. Also in competition at 201 Speedway on Saturday June 13 will be the track's Super Late Model Bomber, and Four Cylinder divisions.
Activities for the 201 Speedway event will see the pit area open at 4 p.m., with the general admission area opening at 5:00 p.m. The driver's meeting is set for 7 p.m., with practice, time trials, and racing to follow. Ticket prices are \$12 for general admission area and \$25 for the pit area.
The Battle of the Bluegrass Modified Series has made nine previous appearances at 201 Speedway. Previous event winners include Jimmy Payne (2004), Joey Kramer (twice in 2005, 2007), twice in 2008), Don Adams (2006, 2007), and Tommy Bailey (2006).

Riddle named Miss Softball

TIMES STAFF REPORT
MOREHEAD - Rowan County High School senior softball student-athlete Amber Riddle, who has signed a national letter of intent to join the Morehead State University softball program in the Fall, has been named Kentucky's Miss Softball by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association. Riddle will receive her award at the East-West All-Star series on June 13 at the University of Kentucky softball complex.
Riddle had a .560 batting average with 19 home runs and 75 RBI for the Lady Vikings, who made it to the state softball tournament this weekend. Her 19 homers tied her own state single season record she set as a junior in 2008. She finished her career with 57 home runs.

State Games hand out spirit awards

TIMES STAFF REPORT
LEXINGTON - To conclude the Get Healthy Kentucky Bluegrass State Games 25th Anniversary Luncheon on Thursday, June 4, three were honored with the Get Healthy Kentucky Bluegrass State Games Spirit Award. The first Spirit Award went to Jackie French, who has been a USCG volunteer since the start of the games. French began as a Sports Chair Liaison where her duties included coordinating all the events on UK's campus, picking up results, delivering food and water to volunteers, and making sure the sports staff had the materials and equipment needed to run their events. In later years, French served as an assistant to Jean Wright, the Sports Chair for Track and Field.
The second Spirit Award was presented to Donald Mather, who has participated in numerous events every year since the start of the

Games in 1985. Mather has competed in 10 different events and won a total of 86 medals in 24 years (43 Gold, 29 Silver and 14 Bronze), some of these after suffering two strokes. Not only does he exemplify the spirit of the Games, but he carries on the winning tradition with his family as well.
His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have participated and succeeded in the Games right alongside Donald.
The third Spirit Award was given to Adam Bender, who at the age of nine is an inspiration to all involved with Games. As a toddler, Bender battled and conquered cancer. He has since participated in the Games playing both soccer and baseball in the 2008 Summer Games, receiving the Gold medal in soccer. Bender plans to compete this summer in soccer, baseball and possibly wrestling. The Games are open to residents in every Kentucky county.



photo by Rick Bentley/Pikeville Collegiate
BriAnn Roberts, who recently graduated from Shelby Valley High School, signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College to play volleyball. Roberts is seated in the middle, flanked by her parents, Brian and Barb. Standing behind them is Robert Staggs, volleyball coach and director of athletics at Pikeville College.

Owens wins 15th Annual Late Model Dream

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSBURG, Ohio — Obstacles were no issue for Jimmy Owens Saturday night at Eldora Speedway, he had a dream to fulfill and he did it — the tune of \$100,000. Known around the racing circles as the "Newport Nightmare", Owens became the 10th different Dirt Late Model Dream winner.

After failing to transfer into the 100-lap grind on Eldora's one-half mile clay oval through his qualifying heat race, Owens cashed in on one of the two provisional positions available for time trial cars that did not advance through their heats. Owens was third quick qualifier behind Josh Richards and Chris Madden, who both made the cut through their heats.

With that provisional position, obstacle number one developed — a 15th place starting slot in the 24-car field. Five laps into the race, obstacle number two came into play as the red trouble light inside the cockpit came on and the engine began to puff telltale smoke.

That aside, the 15th annual Dirt Late Model Dream began with Don O'Neal shooting into the early lead from his outside pole position, besting pole sitter Tony Stewart into the first turn. The balance of the six heat race winners, Billy Moyer, Jimmy Mars, Jason Feger and Scott Bloomquist followed in pursuit.

Mars was the first of those to alter the running order when he got by Moyer on lap five.

Five laps later found the first lead change as two-time NASCAR Cup winner, and Eldora Speedway owner Tony Stewart slid by O'Neal to inherit the top spot. The balance of the field continued to basically hold position during the torrid pace being set by the leaders.

Lapped traffic came into play on lap 17 and it was at this point that the complexion of the race began to change. Even though long distance races require practice to save tires, it became apparent that cautions were going to be few and far between. A charge to the front was going to be necessary.

Five-time winner Bloomquist was the first to begin that charge. By lap 20 he was up to fourth, behind Stewart, O'Neal and Mars, while Owens had advanced to 14th. Four laps later, Bloomquist shot by Mars for third, but on the next circuit, Mars returned the favor and took back the spot for two laps, before Bloomquist was able to nail down third and keep it.

A quarter of the way into the race, Owens was up to 12th, with the engine smoke intensifying as he entered each turn.

By lap 33 Bloomquist had gotten by O'Neal to take second spot and his charge to the front was nearly complete. It only took him four laps to dispose of Stewart and it looked as if his sixth \$100,000 Eldora victory was in clear sight. With his new position as leader of

the pack, Bloomquist had Stewart behind him, while Owens was not up to tenth. At the half-way point, and with no caution flags having appeared, only three cars had been lapped.

That changed on the very next circuit, as Josh Richards coasted to a stop in turn number two, to bring out the only yellow bunting of the chase.

The realignment found Bloomquist in command, followed closely by Stewart, Mars, O'Neal and Brian Birkhofer, while Owens had moved to sixth, with Matt Miller, Darrell Lanigan, Steve Francis and Moyer rounded out the top-10.

The apparent Bloomquist runaway never developed. He was running the middle of the track and Stewart was riding the high side along the wall. Stewart began reeling him back in and ten laps later surprised the huge crowd with a pass for the lead.

Owens was now up to third, bringing with him Lanigan who had started 15th. The chase was on and took on even greater dimension as the air cleaner flew off of Bloomquist's car, offering an obstacle to him.

Lap 72 was pivotal, as with one bold move, Owens went from third to first, smoking engine and all.

As the red light inside the cockpit continued to shine brightly, Owens chose to ignore it and a quest to go as fast and far as he could.

Two laps later, Bloomquist got by Stewart for second, with Lanigan now to fourth and Mars in fifth.

With 10 laps remaining in the century grind, Owens had a comfortable margin over the field, with four lapped cars separating him from Brian Birkhofer, who had Lanigan hot on his tail. Mars was holding back Birkhofer and Stewart.

The final 10 tours of Eldora found no changes among the top six, and as the checkered flag flew, Owens went into turn one with a huge puff of smoke, the engine finally seized and Owens pulled out to the victory stage.

15TH ANNUAL DIRT LATE MODEL DREAM — 116 cars.

Fast Qualifier: Josh Richards - 15.655 seconds

Heat 1: 1. Jimmy Mars 2. Josh Richards 3. Ray Cook 4. Dale McDowell 5. John Blankenship 6. Steve Casebolt 7. Bart Hartman 8. Aaron Scott 9. Chris Simpson 10. Shawn Toezek 11. Ricky Arms 12. Shannon Thornberry 13. Chuck Rosillo 14. Casey Roberts 15. Tim Dohm 16. Tim Isenberg 17. Brent Krecke 18. Scott Orr 19. Wayne Maffett Jr. 20. Pat Ferguson.

Heat 2: 1. Scott Bloomquist 2. Chris Madden 3. Brian Birkhofer 4. Chris Ferguson 5. Earl Pearson Jr. 6. Wendell Wallace 7. Clint Smith 8. Rusty Schlenk 9. Doug Drown 10. Casey Noonan 11. Scott James 12. Brad Neat 13. Will Vaughn 14. Jeff Beyers 15. Jerry Rice 16. Andrew Reaume 17. April Farmer 18. Andrew McKay 19. Jordan

Bland 20. Terry Casey.

Heat 3: 1. Jason Feger 2. Jeep Van Wormer 3. Darrell Lanigan 4. Jimmy Owens 5. Randy Korte 6. Brian Ruhlman 7. John Mason 8. Tim Fuller 9. Tommy Kerr 10. Eddie Carrier Jr. 11. Curtis Deisenroth 12. Tyler Ivey 13. Bill Lewis 14. Gregg Satorie 15. Randle Chupp 16. Jon Henry 17. Sharon Buckingham 18. Rod Conley 19. Ryan VanderVeon.

Heat 4: 1. Billy Moyer 2. Chub Frank 3. Duane Chamberlain 4. Jonathan Davenport 5. RJ Conley 6. Jared Landers 7. Mike Marlar 8. Eric Wells 9. Curt Spalding 10. David Gentry 11. DJ Wells 12. Mike Mataragas 13. Curtis Roberts 14. Jill George 15. Mark Douglas 16. Jackie Roggs 17. Jason Jameson 18. Bobby Carnes 19. Chris Ross.

Heat 5: 1. Don O'Neal 2. Shannon Babb 3. Rick Eckert 4. Delmas Conley 5. Dan Schlieper 6. Jerry Bowersock 7. Jay Johnson 8. Chad Mahder 9. Justin McNeill 10. Brian Shirley 11. Jason Riggs 12. Robby Hensley 13. Bill Williams 14. Jason Keltner 15. Shane Clanton 16. Ben Adkins 17. Shawn Negangard 18. Dustin Neat 19. Justin Labonte.

Heat 6: 1. Tony Stewart 2. Matt Miller 3. Steve Francis 4. Dennis Erb Jr. 5. Wayne Chinn 6. Chris Wall 7. Donnie Moran 8. Vic Hill 9. Chad Ruhlman 10. Brady Smith 11. Tim Manville 12. Matt Lux 13. Kevin Cole 14. Brett Wyatt 15. Lee Davasier 16. Brandon Thirby 17. Davey Johnson 18. Brandon Perkins 19. Steve Shaver.

C Main: 1. Bart Hartman 2. Tim Fuller 3. Clint Smith 4. Jay Johnson 5. Donnie Moran 6. Aaron Scott 7. Eric Wells 8. Brady Smith 9. Vic Hill 10. Brian Shirley 11. Chris Simpson 12. Chad Mahder 13. Tommy Kerr 14. Chad Ruhlman 15. Doug Drown 16. Justin McNeill 17. David Gentry 18. Casey Noonan 19. DJ Wells 20. Curt Spalding 21. Rusty Schlenk 22. Eddie Carrier Jr. 23. Shawn Toezek 24. Curtis Deisenroth.

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Heat 7: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 5. Tanner Spurlock; 6. Dylan Bishop.

Heat 8: 1. Rodney "Tator" Anderson; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Johnnie Osborne; 4. Mark Younce; 5. Kenny Mullins; 6. David Moore.

Heat 9: 1. Tyler Eldridge; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 10: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.

Heat 11: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 12: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.

Heat 13: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 14: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.

Heat 15: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 16: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.

Heat 17: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 18: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.

Heat 19: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.

Heat 20: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.



LIVE HARNESS RACING will continue this week at Thunder Ridge. Cassidy Melloy (pictured above) is the only female driver at the Thunder Ridge meet.



Knott County Sportsplex Upcoming Events Schedule

- 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
- August 3-4: Sportsplex Volleyball Camp

Junction

- 65 Jr.: 1. Tyler Eldridge; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.
- 50 Oil-Injection: 1. Josey Begley; 2. Cameron Osborne; 3. Tyler Eldridge; 4. Cameron Osborne; 5. Tyler Eldridge; 6. Cade Tackett.
- 85 Jr.: 1. James Powers; 2. Tyler Hagans; 3. Memphis Withem; 4. Matt Belcher; 5. Preston Spurlock; 6. Christian Cridder; 7. Bailey Stone.
- 30+: 1. Rodney "Tator" Anderson; 2. Danny Osborne; 3. Johnnie Osborne; 4. Mark Younce; 5. Kenny Mullins; 6. David Moore.

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- 250 B: 1. Rodney "Tator" Anderson; 2. Ryan Rowe; 3. Chris Bailey; 4. Danny Osborne; 5. Austin Osborne; 6. Brent Osborne; 7. Tyler Wootton; 4. Brandon Osborne, Women's Class: 1. Sabrina Arnett.

Kahne tests Modified at Bristol track

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The day after a NASCAR Sprint Cup race might find a driver in the crew chief in any number of places.

Monday found Kasey Kahne and Cup car owner Tony Stewart testing a NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour car at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Kahne was one of 19 drivers turning laps on the world-famous high banks in preparation for the Aug. 19 UNOH Perfect Storm 150 modified event, the first NASCAR tour modified race at Bristol in 40 years and the first race in a Wednesday night doubleheader also featuring the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series. "I expect to have fun," Kahne said Monday during a break in testing. "It's a great car, nice and fast, with good people working on it. I love Bristol. So, I expect to have

fun."

"One of the good people working on the car is Tommy Baldwin, Jr., a long-time crew chief with his own Sprint Cup team this year. Baldwin's first bite at the racing apple came when he was still in knickers working for his dad, Tommy Baldwin, a six-time winner on the tour."

"Billy Colton from Troyer Engineering, this is their 'house car,' and some of us were talking at Charlotte (in May) about me being the crew chief for this car if we could get Kasey to drive it," said Baldwin, who has won five races as a Cup crew chief. "We got it worked out and here we are."

"Working it out" to drive the Troyer house car is akin to being told Tiger Woods is in your foursome for a best-ball tournament at the local golf club.

"We want to have fun with this and bring some aware-

ness, some exposure, to this series. These guys put on a great show."

"How good?"

"Let me put it this way," Baldwin said. "In tracks where we (Cup) run with other series, we don't always see it because we have work to do. When we are racing with these guys, owners, drivers, crew chiefs, crew members, everyone is up on top of a truck in the garage or somewhere watching. Everything stops. These guys put on a great show."

That is what Kahne anticipates.

"I think it will just be a swarm of caps," said the winner of the 2007 Food City 250 at BMS. "You know, 150 laps around here is a long time. The corner speeds are way up, so it's kind of like the double-file restart they (NASCAR) just started. You don't know what, but you know something's going to happen."

UK baseball program to host four satellite camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky baseball program will take its 2009 Wildcat Baseball School on the road, traveling throughout the state to conduct satellite camps during the summer. UK head coach Gary Henderson announced.

The satellite camps will be held in Owensboro, Somerset, Paducah and Alexandria, and feature the opportunity for young players to improve their baseball skills in a fun and positive learning environment. The UK coaching staff will be joined by high school and college coaches throughout the two-day camps. Camp activities will include baseball fundamentals, drill work and simulated game situations.

The Wildcat Store will also be on hand for all of the camps, selling UK Baseball Gear and Merchandise.

For more information regarding UK baseball summer camps, please contact Jeremy Sheeting (jeremy.sheeting@uky.edu; 859.257.6495).

JUNE 29-30 - OWENSBORO
Location: Jack C. Fisher Park
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JULY 2-3 - SOMERSET
Location: Ward Correll Sports Complex
Registration: July 2, 7:30-8:45 a.m.

JULY 10-11 - PADUCAH
Location: Brooks Stadium
Registration: July 10, 7:30-8:45 a.m.

JULY 24-25 - COVINGTON
Location: Campbell County Penderly Park
Registration: July 24, 7:30-8:45 a.m.

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Biologists forced to destroy three bears this spring

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources were forced to euthanize a 480-pound black bear last week after it exhibited unacceptable behaviors of habituation to people. The decisive instance occurred after the bear allowed a woman and small child to approach within four feet of it at Kingdom Come State Park in Harlan County.

It was the third bear euthanized in Kentucky by department biologists in less than two months. Another 190-pound, 10-year-old female bear that approached people in campsites, bluffed them away from state park picnic tables and ate the abandoned food was euthanized April 19. That event occurred just one day after a 220-pound male bear was put down near Prestonsburg

after exhibiting the same food-conditioned behaviors.

"Situations like these are unfortunate, but entirely preventable," said Steven Dobby, black bear biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "People must learn that the intentional, or unintentional, feeding of bears creates behaviors that are not acceptable for such powerful animals."

Wildlife biologists say people feeding bears are condemning the animals to a bleak end.

"When bears are allowed to feed from garbage cans and dumpsters, or especially when fed on purpose, they inevitably lose their natural fear of humans," said Dobby. "Most people simply do not realize how fast and strong these animals are. Bears are opportunistic feeders and those that have been feeding around people are looking for the easy food they've

come to expect. However, these are wild animals and their tolerant behavior can change in an instant."

Black bears are native to Kentucky, but their numbers dropped significantly about a century ago due to logging and unregulated hunting. Bears have been returning to a largely reforested east Kentucky for the past two decades. And as their numbers are now growing steadily, people enjoy watching them.

However, people who leave food out so that they can see the bears are creating a problem.

"People are signing the bear's death warrant," said Dobby. "When a bear's diet consists of easy pickings left out by people who simply want to watch it or take its picture, it begins to associate people with food instead of listening to a natural instinct to avoid them."

"That's when they approach homes, populated picnic areas, and open garbage dumpsters," he said. "While it can be a tough decision to euthanize a bear for another person's irresponsible actions, it is human safety that is our ultimate concern in these situations."

Department personnel sometimes trap and relocate bears exhibiting nuisance behaviors, but relocated bears often find their way back to the original site or continue their nuisance behavior in a different area. When it becomes clear that their behavior threatens human safety, the bear will be destroyed.

Jayson Plaxico, a wildlife biologist from Prestonsburg, said the 480-pound male bear he euthanized last week had recovered completely from a serious injury that was noticed last summer, when it was captured as a research animal.

"It was missing the last one-third of its lower jaw, probably from being hit by a vehicle," said Plaxico. "We caught it in a trap last year and it weighed 300 pounds. It had become so dependent on eating garbage in Kingdom Come State Park that it allowed a woman with a small child to come within four feet of it last weekend."

"One swipe from a powerful paw and that could be a tragedy," said Dobby. "It can happen in an instant."

It is illegal to feed bears in Kentucky. Persons doing so can be cited.

"We hope to get the message out that feeding bears only encourages behavior that will require us to kill them," said Dobby. "We've had to kill three this spring already. And in all three instances it was because they were fed by people."

Kentucky Afield: Preparing for a summer float fishing trip

by HAYLEY LYNCH KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — I once drove seven hours to Arkansas to float fish the South Fork of the Spring River for smallmouth bass. I made a trip list early, packed everything imaginable, consulted my friend in Arkansas and thought I had all bases covered.

We reached streamside and stared in disgust and disbelief at a frothy flow of brown water resembling a muddy hog pen. In all our preparation to remember certain lures, rain gear, extra line, spare spools, wader-repair kits, first aid kits and such, we forgot to check the flow of the river.

It is easy to overlook some things in your excitement and haste to prepare for a fishing float trip. You should start by visiting the Internet

site of the U.S. Geological Survey to see the water flows on the river or creek that you plan to float.

Log on to the agency's website at waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis and scroll down to Kentucky in the drop box located in the upper right corner of the page. Then click on the "real time data" button and then "statewide streamflow table." Streams are separated by their drainage basin, including the Kentucky, Green, Salt and Cumberland rivers. You can check streams in other states as well on this handy website.

This page shows the gauge height, or water level, of the stream and the discharge, or flow, in cubic feet per second. The important information lies after clicking on the eight-digit blue numbers to the far left of the columns of information. This opens to

a page showing a graph of the gauge height, and a graph of the flow as well.

The flow graphs possess a red line showing the rise and fall in the velocity of flow. Many of them have a triangle symbol showing the average flow through decades of readings.

This gives floaters an idea of what to expect when they arrive at the stream. If the red line rises quickly toward the top of the graph, the stream is high and probably muddy. If the red line is stable or gently moving toward the middle of the graph, the stream is at its normal level and the water should be clear. If the red line droops toward the bottom of the graph, then the stream is likely low and clear.

Another aspect to consider before a fishing float trip this summer is to

not bite off more stream than you can chew. One of the most dreadful feelings in the outdoors is watching the sun go down before you get to your take-out, especially when floating a new stream. As a general rule, five miles in a day gives you ample time to fish.

Books detailing Kentucky streams are available that give you accurate floating mileages as do computer mapping programs from companies such as Delorme. These programs and books also lend an idea of the character and gradient of the section you plan to float.

Inflatable one-person pontoon boats, inflatable kayaks and float tubes make popular and inexpensive float fishing vessels. However, be careful about air bladder expansion during the heat of the day.

"I over-inflated my float tube in the cool weather of the morning for a summer float on the Elkhorn Creek," said Dave Dreves, fisheries research biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Then, it got past 90 degrees and the bladder in my float tube popped. Heat makes the air in the bladder expand. I was lucky and fairly close to the take-out. Don't make that mistake and always take a repair kit."

Get out this summer and float some of many great fishing streams that course throughout Kentucky. Just use some simple precautions and common sense and you'll arrive home safe and sound.



DEWEY LAKE KIDS FISHING EVENT: The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Eastern Fisheries District Office hosted the Second Annual Dewey Lake Kids Fishing Event on May 30. Operation Unite; Mike Goble, KSP; Floyd County Rescue Squad; Bill Dance Outdoors; Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg; Rick and Robin Crider; Betty Perry and KDFWR staff from Fishtrap Lake assisted with the event. The Third Annual Dewey Lake Kids Fishing Event is tentatively scheduled for the third weekend in May 2010.

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Pikeville College announces spring Dean's List

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wallace Campbell has released the names of the top students for the spring 2009 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

Pike County full-time students are: Clinton R. Ratliff of Ashcamp; Neta C. Maynard of Belfry; Donald Lee Wright of Dorcy; Sumner M. Anderson, Danielle L. Bailey, Angela L. Hatfield, Jeremy C. Ratliff, Eaitlin M. Rowe, John K. Sanders, and Megan L. Smith of Elkhorn City; Cassie B. Justice of Freeburn; Michael C. Rutherford of Huddy; Rachel Hunt of Kimper; E. Edmiston of McAndrews; Amanda L. Newsome of McCarr; Amber D. Perkins of Myra; Kendra N. Layne of Phelps; Andrew B. Escher of Phyllis; Perrella K. Chapman and Tracy D. Smith of Pinsonfork; Heather N. Dotson and Jennifer L. Rose of Ransom; Richard T. Estep of

Robinson Creek; Ryan Rowe of Rockhouse; Zachary L. Bartley, Jeffery L.H. Brashear, Corcinda G. Cline and Robert J. Walker of Shelbiana; Erin Hope Robinson of Sidney; Nicole A. Meade and Erica N. Rosen of South Williamson; Amy M. Reed of Stone; Mitchell A. May and Rebecca M. Rice of Stopover; and Taylor N. Mullins, Gary T. Smith, Anthony R. Stewart, Patrick R. Tackett and Joshua W. Ward of Virgie.

Students from Pikeville include: James A. Anderson, Sarah B. Blackburn, Davina N. Bryan, Bradley G. Bryant, Elizabeth Quinn Buckley, Jason L. Campagna, Jessica L. Casey, Austin K. Coleman, Cathy S. Coleman, Amanda L. Combs, Clyde M. Copley, Kyong M. Damron, Megan L. Edmonds, Nancy E. Flowers, Joseph T. Hall, Leslie T. Hamilton, Devin M. Hanners, Justin D. Harris, Olivia D. Harris, Amber Renae Iricks, Kylie Katelyn Justice, Nicole M. Justice, Tameka S. Kirby,

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Johnson of Richmond; James K. Bass of Staffordsville; and Casey M. Keathley of Van Lear.

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Adair County: Kenneth N. McAlpine of Columbia. Boone County: Shelbi M. White of Walton. Boyd County: Alexandra N. Boyd of Ashland and Andrea Carter of Callettsburg.

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Lawrence County: Kelsey B. Caudill and Brittny N. Schaeffer of Louisa.

Letcher County: Justin S. Smith and Kayla M. Webb of Jenkins; Lindsay B. Gibson of McRoberts; Tyler J. Little of Neon; Tia M. Smith of Premium; and Christopher W. Bailey.

Rachel N. Chaney, Shelby Chaney, Victoria Paige Chaney and Whitney Nicole Hogg of Whitesburg.

Scott County: Kayla G. Hatton of Stamping Ground.

Out of state: Emily A. Witt of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Natasha J. Martin of Wayne, Mich.; Sarah M. Germano and Kimberly A. Youlos of Rochester, N.Y.; Ashley N. Crutcher of Batavia, Ohio; Christopher D. Hollis of Canal Winchester, Ohio; Ashley N. Stahurski and Ashley N. West of Columbus, Ohio; Michelle L. Ostrowski of Cincinnati, Ohio; Carrie R. Rockel of Chesapeake, Ohio; Amanda L. Hammel of Ivel, Ohio; Kristin A. Hamric and Peter J. Kefalos of Barberton, Ohio; Rebecca A. Sullivan of Greer, S.C.; Jennifer K. McDaniel of Mount Juliet, Tenn.; Maranda J. Elswick of Big Rock, Va.; Rachael M. Breeding, Samantha J. Childress and Alicia D. Keene of Grundy, Va.; Shelia M. Matney of Oakwood, Va.; Jade A. Crabtree of Clintwood, Va.; Amy S. Owens of Haysi, Va.; Miranda N. Dotson of Wise, Va.; Hillary A. Mussman of Longview, Wash.; Adam P. Simmons of Huntington,

W.Va.; Katalain J. Parsley of Chapmanville, W.Va.; William H. Dempsy of Delbarton, W.Va.; Hannah L. May and Brenda S. McCoy of Matewan, W.Va.

International students: Jennifer G. McCaugherty of Maghera, Ireland.

Part-time students: Sara R. Cavins of Ashcamp; Scottie Adkins and Leslie A. Easterling of Elkhorn City; Joshua D. Cullop of Forest Hills; Adrienne S. Gearheart of Harold; Alec C. Hall of Jackhorn; Brittany Jo Stephens of Jenkins; Della Rae Abshire of Lick Creek; Barbara A. Moore of McDowell; Josephine Cantrell of Mouthcard; John S. Bevins of Phyllis; Hagan E. Bush, Erik D. Coleman, Valerie L. Gibson, Megan N. Kelly and Tiffany F. Yates of Pikeville; Amanda K. Joseph of Salyersville; Robert Douglas Spears of Virgie; and Tiffany L. Baker of Hurley, Va.

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PCSBOM student named to national council

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSBOM) student Sonbol Shahid-Salles was recently named as national chair of the Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) Executive Board. The COSGP was established in 1974 as an official organization of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) to serve as the official national representative voice of all osteopathic medical students. COSGP's mission is to assemble student leaders from each college of osteopathic medicine and collaborate on issues affecting all osteopathic medical students. Goals also include professional development and leadership promoting osteopathic medicine and representation among professional and educational entities. Shahid-Salles participated

in the COSGP for the past two years, first as PCSBOM's student government association president, then as second vice chair during 2008-2009. "It has been energizing working with such an impressive, highly motivated group of people who are so passionate about representing their osteopathic colleagues and advancing the ideals of osteopathic medicine," said Shahid-Salles.

Shahid-Salles, who will soon begin her fourth year as a medical student, attended the University of Georgia where she studied biology and Spanish before receiving her master's degree in public health from George Washington University. Following graduate school, Shahid-Salles worked with program managers, medical officers, researchers, and Ministers of Health around the world while collaborating with the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, and

the U.S. National Institutes of Health under the stewardship of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. An important element of her work was to inform broad health policy in developing countries.

Shahid-Salles' most important goal as the chair of COSGP is to encourage the council to reach its maximum potential. "I believe one's maximum potential must be built on a foundation of respect, a commitment to excellence, and a rejection of mediocrity," said Shahid-Salles.



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Paintsville SBDC to offer free business workshop on June 23

PAINTSVILLE — Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville will host "Starting Your Own Business 101" on Tuesday, June 23, at 5:30 p.m.

The workshop, which is for persons that have a desire to start their own business, will be held at the Martin County Cooperative Extension Service Office, 1338 Main Street, Inez. "The workshop is designed to provide information on how to choose a business, what business structure is best for your business, how to examine the business market, how to build a business plan, what business licenses are required and business financing," said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant. "This is an excellent and affordable opportunity for

individuals to embark on the first step in becoming an entrepreneur."

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended. Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities, if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Additional information and preregistration are available by calling the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-6008.

Obituaries

Stevie Jay Slone

Stevie Jay Slone, 47, of Garrett, died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at Three Rivers Medical Center.

Born December 8, 1961, in Knott County, he was the son of Hershel and Thelma Johnson Slone. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Keba Watson Slone. In addition to his parents and wife, survivors include three daughters: Miranda (Michael) Nicole Clark of Wayland, Rosanna Danielle Tomp of Prestonsburg, and Jessica Jay Slone of Langley; three sisters: Glenda Faye Short of Wayland, Delois Ann Brown of Langley, and Katie Lou Howard of Garrett; and four grandchildren: Cody, Ethan, D.J. and Jake.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren: Angel and Seanna.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 7, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers, and others officiating.

Burial was in the Jimmy Stone Cemetery. Appraisals, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Lawsey A. Wicker

Lawsey A. Wicker, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, June 4, 2009, at the Riverview Health Care Center.

Born June 9, 1923, in Mousie, he was the son of the late John Bud and Louisa Fugate Wicker. He was a retired Bank Josephine carrier.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Conley Wicker. In addition to his wife, survivors include one son, Jack Wicker of Knoxville, Tennessee; one daughter, Carlen Wicker Stallard of East Point, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Kelly, Ballard, Monroe and Mitchell Wicker; and four sisters: Nina Maggard, Norcie Johnson, Nora Lee Salmons, and Ina Robinson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 7, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Paul Coleman and Johnny Collins officiating.

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"That turnaround is very swift," says Eckert, "which is what he wanted to — help people."

Eckert stressed during interviews Tuesday that FEMA had one goal in mind for the Kentuckians left with losses and damage following hard rains that started May 8 and left most of Floyd County underwater.

"We want people to receive help," she added. "Everyone is eligible for it and FEMA has enough money for everyone to get back on the road to recovery."

But according to William Ward, a Martin resident who lost his home and virtually all his possessions in the flood, the road to recovery has been far more difficult than he expected, given FEMA's head-quartered presence less than a mile from his destroyed home. "I just called FEMA and

they gave us the Small Business Administration to contact, and they basically made a joke out of it," Ward said late last week.

Ward and his wife were offered just over \$1,000 for rental fees from FEMA, but the couple says with a total loss to their home, situated near the Twin Bridges in Martin and the heart of the worst area for flooding in a town historically racked by flooding, there seem to be no options for true recovery.

"What are we supposed to do, live in the street?" asked Ward, who said other attempts at housing and loans have been met with appeals processes.

Eckert says if residents with problems similar to the Wards' are in need, it is FEMA's position to help.

"We want to give them options, but nothing will ever bring them back to whole, and that is the unfortunate part," said Eckert. "We encourage them to take part in the appeals process so they can give their reasons for why they believe their individual case should be reviewed."

Ward's trailer was more

than half submerged in the floodwaters last month, with high points reaching six feet in parts of the home, floating furniture through the house and entirely covering other items.

"I think we're going to have to set a tent up in our yard," Ward said. "We've lost pretty much everything and I don't have the money and can't afford to rebuild."

As for FEMA's plans, Floyd County's center, located at the Martin Community Center, is now open until further notice after it was initially reported to be closing last week. There, residents can register with FEMA and start the process of recovery, with registration the key component to obtain help, according to Eckert.

Another plan set in motion today and running until June 24 will be a series of mitigation community education workshops at Lowe's in Pikeville.

This is designed to help those suffering losses in the flooding to take measures to ready themselves for another flooding incident by protecting their homes and property dur-

ing the rebuilding process, such as methods for elevating homes and landscaping tips in the event of future storms.

"We want to make sure people are prepared for next time around," Eckert said. Jack Camp, with the Small Business Administration, said his organization is working closely with FEMA agents across Floyd County and the rest of the four counties.

"People can fund mitigation efforts with SBA loans," Camp said. "We can go up to \$200,000 on a home loan and \$12 million on a business loan."

Camp said these loans are offered with attractive interest rates for those who qualify, and can, in some cases, be used to relocate entirely.

"The biggest thing we want people to know is that they shouldn't just assume they can't get a loan through the SBA," added Camp. "They should come in and apply. If we can't give them a loan, then we'll refer them back to FEMA. If they never come to us in the first place, then they're quite possibly leaving money on the table."

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Part of the accreditation process included a detailed look at the cooperation between Pikeville Medical Center and local emergency medical service (EMS) providers.

The hospital purchased EKG monitors with faxing capabilities for local EMS services, allowing EKGs to be sent to the hospital's emergency department during transport.

Protocol-based procedures developed by leading experts in cardiac care to reduce time to treatment in the critical early stages of a heart attack are part of Pikeville Medical Center's overall cardiac care service.

"People tend to wait when they think they might be having a heart attack, and that's a mistake," said Julie Kirk, a clinical nurse specialist who serves as facilitator of the Chest Pain Center. "The average patient arrives in the emergency department more than two hours after the onset of symptoms, but what they don't know is that the sooner a heart attack is treated, the less damage to the heart and the better the outcome."

For more information about the hospital's chest pain accreditation, please call (606) 218-3500 or visit [www.medicalleader.org].

Murder

at the scene. Police drained the pond late last week, an effort that, according to investigators, "yielded significant additional evidence relating to Back's murder."

There have been no further details released as to the nature of the evidence recovered after the pond was drained and searches were conducted.

Back's vehicle remains were recovered from the pond near the Rock house Road area of Magoffin County on May 19. Back's body was found in the truck of the 1980s model car pulled from the pond with magnetic equipment.

Back was reported missing in 1989, a move that prompted an immediate missing persons investigation that was still open when the remains were identified last month. Back's death is now being investigated as a homicide, but authorities have yet to release a definite cause of death for the former Magoffin County man.

Police were led to the pond where the discovery was made following an anonymous tip. Using a magnet to locate the sunken vehicle, members of

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was also uninjured.

Due to the size of the boulders, Department of Highways officials estimated Monday that it would take several days to clear the road, but that they hoped to have the road reopened yesterday.

"It depends on how fast our contractor can mobilize," said Matthew Moore, an engineer with Highway District 12. "We are going to use a hole-ram to break the large rocks into manageable pieces so that they can be loaded into trucks and removed."

the Magoffin County Rescue Squad pulled the car to the surface and then found Back's body in the truck. Rescue squad officials said at that time it appeared Back's body could have been there for several decades.

The case into Back's murder is ongoing and state police are asking any members of the public with information relating to Back's murder are asked to contact Lt. Sean Welch or Det. Ben Cramer at (606) 433-7711. Those providing information may do so anonymously.

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The Floyd County Housing Authority will receive bids for the complete construction of the project entitled "F.P. KY36P157-501-08, Floyd County, Kentucky. Bids will be received by 10:30 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on the 2nd day of July, 2009, at the office of the Floyd County Housing Authority, at which time and place all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference for General Contractors proposing to submit bids on this project will be held at the Creek Townhouse Community Room at 10:30 a.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Saving Time), on the 16th day of June 2009, where each prime contractor should be represented.

Proposed forms of Contract documents, including plans and specifications, are on file at the office of the Floyd County Housing Authority and at the office of Donald L. Rochester, Architect, 628 N. Broadway, Suite 304, Lexington, Kentucky, 40508.

For the public use of material and subcontractors, plans and specifications will be on file at the following offices:

- F.W. Dodge/AGC 950 Contract Street Lexington, KY 40505
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- Builders Exchange of Louisville 2300 Meadow Drive Louisville, KY 40218
- ABC of Lexington 2020 Liberty Road Lexington, KY 40505

Copies of Documents may be obtained at Lynn Blue Print and Supply Company, Inc., 328 E. Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507, for a deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per copy by a check made payable to Donald L. Rochester, Architect. Plan deposits shall be accompanied by a separate check made payable to Donald L. Rochester, Architect for Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) to cover shipping, handling and distribution, if plans are to be shipped and Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), if plans are picked up at the printer. The plan deposit will be refunded to all plan holders of record who return the documents in complete and good condition within ten (10) days of the bid opening. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE.

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The Floyd County Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities in the bidding.

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Floyd County Housing Authority
Anna Howell, Executive Director

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed request for proposals will be accepted by the Floyd County Fiscal Court until Thursday, June 18th, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the office of the Floyd County Judge Executive for the following:

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All bids should be sealed and identified as bids on the outside of the envelope. Specifications for the above-listed item may be obtained at the Office of the Floyd County Judge/Executive, on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. (Telephone: (606) 886-9193) during regular business hours.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest and/or best bid at the Regular Fiscal Court Meeting to be held on Friday, June 19th, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom, on the Second Floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

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Robert D. Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS REMOTE METER READING SYSTEM MAGOFFIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Sealed BIDS for the purchase of a "Remote Meter Reading System" will be received by Magoffin County Water District at their office, 748 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, KY 41465, until 11:00 a.m. local time, Thursday, June 25, 2009, and then publicly opened and read aloud at the District's office.

The BID Documents may be examined at the following locations:

- Magoffin County Water District, 749 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, KY 41465
- Kenvrions, Inc., 452 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Copies of the BID Documents may be obtained by contacting Magoffin County Water District, 749 Parkway Drive, Salyersville, KY 41465 (606) 349-6812.

This conversion will involve the replacement of approximately 3,800 existing meters with radio frequency compatible meters as well as all necessary hardware and software to accomplish the meter reading task in a more efficient manner. The supplier of this equipment will also be responsible for ensuring compatibility and/or modification of existing billing software such that meter readings from the automated meter reading system can be downloaded directly to the existing billing system. It is expected that this will also result in a more accurate billing system by the elimination of errors in reading the meters and data transportation in entering readings into the billing system.

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Bachelor's degree in Business, Social Work, or related field is desired. Five years professional experience in leading and directing social programs characterized by increased supervisory responsibility.

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Associate's degree in business or computer applications is required, as well as two years experience in delivering services to a large client population.

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KDMC to offer surgical weight loss consultations

ASHLAND — King's Daughters Medical Center (KDMC) has scheduled time for consultations to discuss surgical weight loss procedures with area residents 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 12, at King's Daughters Medical Specialties, 5425 North Mayo

Trail, Suite 202, Pikeville. Members of the KDMC surgical weight loss team will be available for consultations and initial appointments. Appointments are required by calling 1.888.377.KDMC, or request an appointment online at yourhealthylife.org.

The Surgical Weight Loss program at KDMC has earned accreditation from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

Laparoscopic gastric bypass and lap band procedures will be discussed by members of the KDMC surgical weight loss team. In detail, they will explain the surgical procedures; the total surgical weight loss process; support groups; and dietary concerns. KDMC's Surgical Weight Loss medical director, Dr. Roderick Tompkins, says bariatric surgery has benefits far beyond weight loss. "The issues that many patients have related to obesity, often are reduced or eliminated altogether: Type 2 diabetes, hypertension (high blood pressure), sleep apnea, and high cholesterol have all shown to reduce

dramatically if a patient undergoes the surgery and follows a comprehensive diet and exercise plan afterward," he said.

According to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), of 22,000 bariatric surgery patients, they showed improvements in the following obesity-related conditions:

- Type 2 diabetes eliminated in 76.8% of patients; 86% eliminated or improved
- Hypertension eliminated in 61.7% of patients and resolved or improved 78.5%
- Obstructive sleep apnea or sleep-disordered breathing eliminated in 85.7% of patients
- High cholesterol levels or hyperlipidemia decreased in more than 70% of patients
- Average weight loss was

61.2% for all patients. KDMC's surgical weight loss program has launched a revamped version of its web site, yourhealthylife.org. The centerpiece of the new site is an eight-minute video that guides visitors through the program, explaining the basics and helping people determine if surgical weight loss is right for them. The new site also features new patient before-and-after photos, a message

board for patients and potential patients, and more.

KDMC is a locally controlled, not-for-profit, 385-bed regional referral center, offering comprehensive cardiac, medical, surgical, maternity, pediatric, rehabilitative, psychiatric, cancer, neurological, pain care, wound care and home care services. For additional information, please call 1.888.377.KDMC or visit us online at kdmc.com.

'PR Boot Camps' set for June

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will host three public relations workshops for nonprofit organizations and small businesses on various campuses including Prestonsburg on June 15, Morehead on June 16, and Mt. Sterling on June 18.

"Public Relations Boot Camp" is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and is free of charge but reservations are required. Registration must be received by June 11 to guarantee a complementary lunch.

There will be three concurrent sessions each hour on specific topics such as writing news releases and features, online public relations, graphic design, grant writing, team building, time management and recruiting volunteers. A detailed schedule and registration form is posted at <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kdc/index.aspx?id=6397>.

Dr. Jeanette L. Drake is the keynote speaker and her opening address is "PR Matters!

Why Nonprofits Can No Longer Afford to Be Caught with Their Public Relations Down." Dr. Drake has served as president of the Akron area and Northwest Ohio chapters of the Public Relations Society of America. In 2008, at the national level, she was one of 19 elected to the organization's prestigious College of Fellows.

This workshop is supported by the MSU Department of Communication and Theatre and a grant from the MSU Center for Regional Engagement. Contact event registrar Amanda Romito for more information at prbootcamp@moreheadstate.edu or (513) 720-5015.

More information also may be obtained by contacting coordinators Dr. Janet McCoy, assistant professor of public relations, at j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu or Lisa Sherwell, speech team coach, at lsherwell@moreheadstate.edu.

IRS offers tax credit guidance to businesses hiring unemployed veterans and certain youth

Businesses planning to claim the newly-expanded work opportunity tax credit for eligible unemployed veterans and unskilled younger workers hired during the first part of 2009 have until Aug. 17 to request the certification required for these workers, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Newly-revised Form 8850, now available on IRS.gov, is used by employers to request certification from their state workforce agency. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enacted in February, added unemployed veterans returning to civilian life and "disconnected youth" to the list of groups covered by the credit. Though eligible unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work anytime during 2009 or 2010 may qualify a business for the credit, certification by the state workforce agency required.

In general, an unemployed veteran is a person discharged or released from the military during the five years preceding the hiring date who received unemployment benefits for at least four weeks during the one-year period ending on the hiring date. A "disconnected youth" is a person age 16 to 24

on the hiring date who has not been regularly employed or attending school and who meets other requirements.

The WOTC offers tax savings to businesses that hire workers belonging to any of 12 targeted groups, including unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. The other 10 include people ages 18 to 39 living in designated communities in 43 states and the District of Columbia; Hurricane Katrina employees, recipients of various types of public assistance, and certain veterans, summer youth workers and ex-felons. The instructions for Form 8850 detail the requirements for each of these groups.

The certification requirement applies to all groups of workers except employees who were Hurricane Katrina victims. Normally, a business must file Form 8850 with the state workforce agency within 28 days after the eligible worker begins work. But under a special rule, businesses have until Aug. 17, 2009, to file this form for unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work on or after Jan. 1, 2009, and before July 17, 2009. Notice 2009-28, is posted on IRS.gov, and the instructions for Form 8850 provide details on this special rule.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

News of the weird

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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Just between the two of us, I blame Rod Serling.

No, you didn't just wake up in the middle of a conversation; I'm talking about the likely origins of my personal predilection for what could be called "news of the weird." I suspect Mr. Serling, with his cutting-edge "Twilight Zone" TV series, trained many folks of my generation to love the off-beat, the odd and the downright peculiar.

Thus you can see why I get such a kick out of coming across science stories that are a little bit ... different, shall we say? What could be better than an occasional juicy morsel of "weird science"?

So today I offer for your consideration (as I seem to recall the late, great Mr. Serling once saying) The Case of the Blushing Fungus, and The Chickens' Tea Party.

First, the blushing fungus: Its real moniker is *Monascus purpureus*, and it's eaten all the time, though perhaps not at your house. In poor, rural regions of Asia, villagers routinely eat "red rice," which is a fermented rice dish containing this red-pigmented fungus.

This fungus also turns up in other Asian foods, and that's where the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) got their idea. Vitamin A deficiency is a major public health concern in more than half of all countries, but especially in Africa and Southeast Asia. In fact, vitamin A deficiency in children is a leading cause of preventable blindness, and increases the risk of illness and death from severe infections.

Therefore, the ARS scientists reasoned, why not see if they could turn *M. purpureus*' pigment-producing prowess to even better use? Their idea: replace some of *Monascus*' genes with two from another fungus, *Blakeslea trispora*, which produces beta-carotene, a pigment that the human body readily converts into vitamin A.

With this neat trick, the ARS scientists say, a beta-carotene-producing version of *M. purpureus* could be substituted for the one now used in Asian foods, offering a way to address vitamin A deficiency in large numbers of people. This wouldn't actually require a change to the way *M. purpureus* is used in foods, but would only require substitution of a beta-carotene-producing strain in the food manufacturing process.

So the scientists went gunning for the fungus-litigant. They used a device called a "gene gun" to fire two copies of *Blakeslea* genes into the DNA of the red rice fungus, which enabled it to crank out orange-colored pigment.

The scientists say the fungus might be able to make as much beta-carotene as a carrot, when grown under the right conditions. It could be used not only in rice dishes, but in noodles made from rice, wheat or other grains, and various meat and fish products that are fermented with *M. purpureus* to get the desired red color and modified flavor.

Now, on to The Chickens' Tea Party: ARS scientists have been working for years to try to find ways to strengthen poultry's immune system with dietary supplements. For one thing, boosting the birds' health could help ward off the effects of avian coccidiosis, a disease that's estimated to cost poultry producers worldwide more than \$1.2 billion a year.

The culprit in this tale is a parasite called *Eimeria*, which infests the birds. But as drug-resistant strains of this parasite emerge, producers are anxious to find alternative means of controlling it.

One of the most interesting alternative means explored by the ARS scientists is green tea. The ARS scientists, working with researchers in South Korea, found that chickens that consumed ground green tea for two weeks before parasite infection produced significantly fewer fecal eggs, called oocysts, of the parasite than did birds

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Customers and employees of First Commonwealth Bank enjoyed a cookout on Friday celebrating the 105th anniversary of the bank. photo by Jarrid Deaton

MARKING A MILESTONE

First Commonwealth Bank celebrates 105 years

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — First Commonwealth Bank has been around for 105 years, and on June 5, administrators, employees and customers celebrated the bank's anniversary with a cookout held in the parking lot of the main branch location in Prestonsburg.

"We are very excited to celebrate 105 years of service," said Greg Wilson, president and CEO of First Commonwealth Bank. "We would not be as successful as we are today

without the support of our community."

Wilson became president of the bank in 2000, taking over for Burl Wells Spurlock, who, succeeding his father, served as president from 1976 until 2000.

First Commonwealth Bank, originally known as First National Bank, first opened its doors in 1904. In 1980, the board of directors authorized the conversion of the bank from one with a national charter to one with a state charter, and First National Bank became First Commonwealth Bank. The current

main office, a five-story building located in downtown Prestonsburg, opened for business in 1986.

According to information provided by the bank, "During the 1960s under the direction and leadership of Burl Spurlock, the bank grew and prospered with total assets growing to almost \$15 million by the end of 1966. This period saw much growth in Floyd County, including the birth of Jenny Wiley State Park & Theater, Prestonsburg Community College, The Mountain Parkway, the Emma Wells May Cultural Center and an increase in flood control for resi-

dents along the Big Sandy River."

In 2001, the total net assets of the bank were listed at over \$150 million.

Along with the Prestonsburg location, First Commonwealth Bank also provided refreshments, giveaways and door prizes at branch locations in Betsy Layne, Martin and Pikeville.

For more information on the history of First Commonwealth Bank, including a complete list of presidents and shareholders, visit <http://www.firstcommonwealthbank.com>.

Music and more on tap for Seedtime on the Cumberland

WHITESBURG — Seedtime on the Cumberland 2009, the 23rd annual celebration presented by Appalshop, will take place June 11-13 on the Appalshop festival grounds in downtown Whitesburg.

In celebration of Appalshop's 40th anniversary, during 2009 and 2010, Seedtime will feature performances by artists from throughout the history of Seedtime and June Appal Recordings, Appalshop's record label.

Musical performances will include John McCutcheon, Ginny Hawker, Kay Justice &

Tracy Schwarz, Ras Alan, Wayne Henderson, Jeni & Billy, Sparky & Rhonda Rucker, Roger Cooper, Turbo Pro Project, Jim & Ada McCown with Paul Smith, The Elkville String Band, Brett Ratliff, Paula Larke, Lee Sexton, Rich & the Poor Folks, and The Cowan Creek Pick and Bow All-Stars.

Besides a dazzling array of Appalachian music, Seedtime will also offer film screenings, picking contests, gallery exhibits, a participatory shape note singing school, literary readings, a Youth Bored concert, nature hikes, craft and food

vendors and the Carcassonne square dance.

All events on Wednesday and Thursday will be free to the public, as will all festival activities before 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Admission to Saturday night's square dance at 9:30pm will also be free to the public.

Seedtime tickets will be available for \$10 per day or \$15 for the weekend, with discounts available for advance purchasers, students, seniors, and groups.

For more information, visit <http://www.appalshop.org/seedtime>.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-5603; e-mail to: Features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

DeLong Family Reunion is set for Saturday, June 20
The DeLong family reunion will be held Saturday, June 20, at the Lawrence County Park Shelter No. 3. Bring your genealogy, family photos and a dish of your favorite food. All DeLong kin and friends are welcome. For more information, call Arland DeLong, 606-673-8236.

2009 Fun in the Sun Summer Cheer Camp
The 2009 Fun in the Sun Summer Cheer Camp, sponsored by the PHS Varsity Cheerleaders, will be at the Prestonsburg High School and Archer Park on Tuesday, June 23 thru Thursday, June 25, 9 a.m.-noon at PHS Gym.

Cheer Fundamentals, Arts/Crafts, and Lunch Noon-5 p.m. at Archer Park
Swimming, Outdoor Adventures & Snacks. Who: Kindergarten-4th Grade Students
How: Cheer Campers will be chaperoned at all times and the school bus to Archer Park each day. Parents/guardians will pick up the campers at a designated location in the park at the end of the day!!!!

Extras: Camp T-shirt, refreshments, pool admission, lots of fun! Please send your name, address and T-shirt size and fee to Melissa Turner or Leslie Ousley at Prestonsburg Elementary no later than Thursday, June 11, 9:00-5:00 p.m. \$75.
(Limited to the 1st (30) Sign ups and Floyd County area students).

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

2009 PHS Varsity 9th Annual Football Cheer Clinic
Saturday, August 15
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cheer Fundamentals w/ a "Name Plan" emphasis. If it's a h m n t t -shirt, cheer pre-game at the first home game on Friday, August 21, Prestonsburg Blackcats vs. Betsy Pirates.
Fee: \$25 All Summer Camp attendees receive a \$5 discount.

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

13th Annual Railroad Reunion is set for Friday, June 27
The 13th Annual Railroad Reunion located at Grace Baptist Church in Shelbiana, will be held Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. Please bring a covered dish.

Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center graduation is set for Friday, June 12
The Carl D. Perkins Vocational Training Center at Telma will be conducting its commencement program on Friday, June 12, beginning at 1 p.m. The graduation program is held at this time each year to

honor and recognize the students who have completed their individual rehabilitation programs over the past year. A reception will be held in honor of the graduates, their families and guests immediately following the graduation ceremony. The staff and students of the Perkins Center would like to invite all interested citizens and program supporters to attend. For more information, please call 788-7080 or 1-800-443-2187.

Jervis-Jarvis Family Reunion
The Jervis-Jarvis Family reunion will be held Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Cow Creek Baptist Church Annex. Everyone bring a covered dish. Call Curt Jarvis—874-1103, for more information.

Pratt Family Reunion Saturday, June 27
The Descendants of Celia and Henry Pratt will hold a reunion on Saturday, June 27, at the old Maytown School luncheon. If traveling west on Route 80, turn right at the Maytown-Langley Exit, onto Route 777, cross bridge and turn left at second street. Look for signs. If traveling east on Route 80, turn left at the Maytown-Langley Exit, onto Route 777, cross bridge and turn left at second street. Look for signs. If traveling west on Route 80, turn left at the Maytown-Langley Exit, onto Route 777, cross bridge and turn left at second street. Look for signs. Dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Meats, bread, drinks, and dinnertime will be provided. Lunch-room is reserved all day. Bring a side dish, dessert or specialty. Come early—stay late! We have access to playground, horseshoes and volleyball. Also, we can use the gym from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact: Larue Pratt Laferty, 606-785-3045; Loretta Pratt Hackworth, 606-886-3928; Ellazene Pratt Ritchie, 606-378-8871; Shields Pratt Lawson, 734-721-7608; Elbert Darrell Pratt, 606-358-4083; John Pratt Jones, 606-285-3179; femj@bellatl.com; Betsy Pratt Anderson, 859-271-4743.

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

PHS Class of 1969 to hold class reunion
The Prestonsburg High School class of 1969 will hold a class reunion on September 5, at Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge. Dinner will be from 6 p.m. till 8 p.m., in the dining room, in lower-level. The reunion will be upstairs behind check-in desk at lobby, from 5 till 11:30 p.m. Hope everyone will be able to attend. P.S. If reservations are needed, the number for May Lodge is 1-800-325-0142.

Betsy Layne High School class reunions, June 20
Betsy Layne High School Reunion classes of the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s will be Saturday, June 20th. Call for additional information: Joe Hinchman, 859-373-0518, or Marvin Williamson, 606-478-3310.

COMPUTER CAMP
July 13 through July 17
Morning class: 10:00-11 a.m.
Afternoon class: 1:00-2 p.m.
Limited to 12 students per class

cost: \$5 (free computer* with class completion)
*One computer per family - students must meet income guidelines and not have a computer of their own.

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

QUILTING CAMP
July 27-31: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost \$10 (includes all supplies)

HEALTHY COOKING CAMP
June 10, 11 and 12
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: \$5.
Call 606-886-0709 for reservations.
The Auxier Center is a program of Hand in Hand Ministries.

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education
Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs: 877-379-0208.
www.drugsn0.com

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

Pike County RAM expedition
Pike County RAM Expedition (Free medical, dental and vision services to the uninsured, underinsured, or those who cannot afford services) June 27 and 28 at Pike County Community Center (1901 US Hwy. 119 N 41501). Doors open at 8 a.m., first come, first served. Call (606) 432-6246.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010
Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647.
e-mail: patricia466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers
The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present:

Duff Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration will be every Wednesday, from 9:00-12:00 at James A. Duff

Elementary. Call the school at 358-9420 or 358-9878 for the required items necessary for kindergarten registration.

Higher education begins here
Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older.

Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.

For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar
June 2009
GED Classes
June 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th
Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
GED Classes
June 16th, 23rd, 30th
Floyd Room - Basement of the Highlands Regional Hospital, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Childbirth Class
June 20th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes
June 25th
Meeting Rooms A & B, Highlands Medical Office Building, 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
July 23, 2009
* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues
* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches
Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.
Auxier Community Center
Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting
Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Free Bible Lessons
Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium


programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?
The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier, Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.


Need help with addiction? Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:
Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
(See CALENDAR, page four)

Congratulations, Alex!



Alexander W. Kirk, a graduating senior from Paintsville High School, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to attend Georgetown College in the fall. Alex has narrowed his college decision to Georgetown College or Belmont University in Nashville, where he plans to pursue a career in the music industry. His proud parents are John C. and Joanna Kirk of Paintsville, along with his sister, Molly, and his grandparents are John and Loyce Kirk of Paintsville and John and Curly Hill of Lexington.

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(June 4 and 9, 1999)

After presenting part of her report and winding down an information-filled and fairly routine meeting, Dr. Deborah Floyd said she had something else to add, and announced her retirement as President of Prestonsburg Community College at last night's Board of Directors meeting. A crew worked Wednesday morning in light rain to cover up the Bank Josephine name with its new name, Citizens National Bank. At branch locations, new structural signs went up, but the task was not as easy as the Bank Josephine's downtown Prestonsburg building where the name is literally etched in stone. Next week will be jam-packed for the Floyd County Board of Education, as members interview four candidates: Larry Allen, Mike Davis, Paul Fanning and David Scala for the position of superintendent. Parents at South Floyd High School burned the ballots, Tuesday night, after they deemed a site-based election for two parent representatives had been conducted unfairly. The election was the second attempt to fill the posts. Lodestar Energy, which operates mines in Pike and Floyd counties, has applied for a permit to build a landfill for coal products on Ivy Creek Road in Ivel. A new video by Salyersville native Rebecca Lynn Howard, 20, will debut on CMT's Delivery Room on June 9. The video "When My Dreams Come True" will air on the show. The City of Hindman is getting a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant to renovate its water treatment plant; reopen a raw water well; make distribution system improvements; and incorporate an existing 120,000-gallon storage tank into the city's water system. Mike and Gail Griffith, a Salyersville couple, is on the list of the state's outstanding foster parents. Bucking the statewide trend, unemployment rates were higher in the Big Sandy region in April than they were last year at the same time, according to statistics from the Cabinet for Workforce Development. Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn arrested George Adkins, 51, of Cynthiana Wednesday evening on charges of 1st degree murder. The Board of Health by registered nurses at Highlands Regional Medical Center in March in favor of the union. The hospital's objections to the election were "tossed out" according to a spokesperson for the Service Employees International Union/1199. Commencement exercises get underway this week for Allen Central and Betsy Layne High School seniors. Graduation exercises for Allen Central will be held Thursday, June 10 and for Betsy Layne High School on June 11. Floyd County's Solid Waste Commission plans to ask representatives of Lodestar Energy of Pikeville, to present their proposal for a coal byproducts landfill at Ivel, to the local Fiscal Court. The City of Prestonsburg (with help from the Fiscal Court) will present the Fourth of July fireworks display on Saturday, July 3. There died: J.B. Boyd, 65, of Ivel, Tuesday, June 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville; Tracie Johnson, 59, of Bevinville, Wednesday, June 2, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Luther McCoy, 82, of Cheffland, Florida, formerly of Hi Hat, Thursday, May 27, at North Florida Regional Hospital; E.H. Nichols Jr., 73, of Regina, Wednesday, June 2, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Robert (Curly) Prater, 69, of Prestonsburg, Monday, May 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sterling Wright, 85, of Mousie, June 4, at his home; Carl E. Stanley, 68, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, June 2, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Denise Wilcox, 68, of Harold, Friday, June 4, at his residence; Darcus Jones, 80, of Lansing, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, June 7, at her residence; Elbert Blackburn, 96, of Prestonsburg, Friday, June 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Madge M. Johnson, 78, of Virgie, Saturday, June 5, in Pikeville; Alonzo Ousley, 84, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, June 5, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Charlotte Elia Reynolds, 62, of Sirka, June 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Dorothy L. Hamilton, 73, of Melvin, Monday, June 7, at her residence; John B. Ousley, 92, of Blue River, Saturday, June 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Bernice L. Peters, 93, of Astor, Friday, May 28, at her residence; William Gary Parsons, 52, May 30, at McDowell; Fred Ervin Layne, 83, of Rochester, Indiana, June 4, at Healthcare Center, Rochester; Helen Hackworth Clark, 59, of Oxford, Thursday, June 3, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; John Milford Newsome, 70, of McDowell, Monday, June 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(Wednesday, June 7, 1989)

John Brock, state superintendent of public instruction, was scheduled to attend the Floyd County School Board's meeting on June 7, to discuss alleged picketing in schools during work hours by E.P. "Pete" Grigsby. An argu-

ment apparently led to the shooting death, Sunday evening, of Carl Ray "Rady" Martin, 39, of Wayland, and the arrest of Darling Newsome, 40, also of Wayland, on charges of first degree manslaughter. Hazell Hall Betsy Layne, was arrested after a Floyd County grand jury indicted him for his alleged contribution to the April 29 death of Christine McKinney. A financial crisis that is expected to be temporary, and concern over the government clean up of a slate dump, were the focus of Saturday's meeting of the Wayland Town Board. There died: Mary Bond, 85, formerly of Prestonsburg, May 29, in Lexington; Claudette Brown, 55, of Mousie, June 5, at the Humana Hospital in Somerset; Clyde Combs, 56, of McDowell, June 4, at the Charleston Area Medical Center; Evaloe Cooley, 59, of Brighton, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, May 30, at her residence; Carl Ray "Rady" Martin, 39, of Wayland, June 4, in Wayland; Paul Ridner, 48, of Poteau, Oklahoma; Lucy Mae Rowe, 58, of English, Florida, formerly of Wheelwright, June 1, in Michigan.

Thirty Years Ago

(June 6, 1979)

County Attorney Arnold Turner Jr. called on Commonwealth's Attorney James R. Allen to subpoena for grand jury questioning, a Wheelwright man, Robert Justice, who entered a guilty plea in district court to possession of marijuana for the purpose of sale. June gasoline supply drops, but there is no early crisis feared by officials. John Y. Brown Jr., statewide winner in the race for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination has veteran politicians, shaking heads rather than hands. HRMC takes another step, this week, toward implementation of the first major expansion program, a work that will cost an estimated \$7 million. Dwale looks to become a city—167 of 230 adult residents signed the petition to make their community a sixth class city. There died: Willie Collins, 80, of Grethel, at his home; Virginia Fitzpatrick, 83, of Springport, Mich., at Eastern Rapids Community Hospital; Marvin Sexton, 48, of Pikeville, formerly of Drift, at Highlands Regional Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.; Sallie G. Montgomery, 81, formerly of Floyd County, at a rest home in Miamisburg, Ohio; Eric Hamilton, 60, of Allen, in HRMC; Elizabeth Raney, 88, of Garrett, at Knott County Health Care Center; Louise Jimima McCoy, 82, of Maher, W.Va., formerly of Thomas, at her home; Orb Jones, 79, of Martin, at his home; Bill Perry, 81, of West Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lorgan Cordia, 76, of Banner, in Booth Memorial Hospital, Covington; Susan Ruth George, 63, of Van Lear, at HRMC; Johnnie Cassill, 89, of Ligon, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jesse (Mark) McIntosh, 62, of Prestonsburg, at HRMC; Raleigh Hughes, 50, of Prestonsburg, at HRMC.

Forty Years Ago

(June 5, 1969)

More than 80,000 persons boated, swam, fished and skied Dewey Lake, and camped or hiked or toured Jenny Wiley State Park and other parts of the lake shoreline over the three-day Memorial Day weekend. Dean Murray, chairman at Dewey Dam, said Monday that the largest number ever to visit the lake on a single day was counted, there Saturday, when the total reached 32,800. Last year a record 1,506,500 persons visited Dewey Lake. Three former Floyd coal miners, and a fourth from Johnson County, were in Washington, Wednesday, to urge legislation to provide workman's compensation under federal law, for miners not covered by state compensation law. A check of the voting machines, asked by 13 candidates, after Tuesday's primary election, was completed by the election commissioners, Tuesday afternoon, with the standing of no candidate altered. The Court of Appeals handed down its decision, Wednesday, in the Martin school case, affirming the judgment made in Floyd Circuit Court, by Special Judge James B. Stephenson, of Pikeville, which permits the Floyd County Board of Education to proceed with construction of the high school at Eastern, and the consolidation of several high schools. There died: Ernie D. Music, 59, formerly of Bonanza, at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, Ohio; Harry Dennis Baldrige, 61, East Point, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; William J. Vaughan, 47, at University of Kentucky Medical Center, after having heart surgery the previous week; Cora Beverley, 78, of Wayland, at the McDowell Hospital; Delmar Hall, 43, of McDowell, by a slate fall in a mine on Mud Creek.

Fifty Years Ago

(June 11, 1959)

The City of Allen sued the state Department of Highways for \$20,000 for sidewalks allegedly destroyed by highway employees in building a bridge across Beaver Creek, and a road from the bridge, to connect with KY 80. Two members of the Floyd County Board of Education

have invited Superintendent V.O. Turner, and the other three board members to attend a public hearing on recent teacher transfers. Turner said he would not "engage in a long drawn out argument" with the two dissidents, Ray Howard and John G. Hall. Two coal firms, hit by the eastern Kentucky coal strike, filed a joint \$6,600,000 damage suit against the United Mine Workers of America. Three of the four men accused of grand larceny in the recent theft of a veal calf from James Greene, of the Middle Creek road, have been released under bond. The fourth remains in jail here. There died: Susan Hall, 89, of Bypro, at her home; James Mullins, 30, formerly of Bevinville, in Springfield, Ohio; Daniel Boone Phillips, 60, of Bypro, at home; Cora Adkins, 79, of Allen, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Malcolm Trimble Harris, 88, formerly of Prestonsburg at Inez; John C. Ward, 54, formerly of Garrett, at Rogers, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

(June 18, 1949)

Floyd County miners, along with all others in the southern coal fields, will return to work Monday, for a week of mine operation, before the annual vacation period begins, June 25. The Kentucky Railroad Commission's decision of the Chesapeake & Ohio's petition for permission to discontinue two of its passenger trains on the Big Sandy division, may be a matter of months away. Lonesome Pine Council has announced the selection of a new Boy Scout camp site on the Dewey Dam Reservoir. Discharge of a driver was blamed, this week, for the strike of Sparks Brothers Bus Company employees, Tuesday morning, tying up bus traffic radiating out of Prestonsburg to Wheelwright on Left Beaver, and to Wayland and Dry Creek on Right Beaver, on to Hindman

and Hazard. Also strike-bound was the company's line from Louisa to Blaine and Sandy Hook. Twice robbed within a week, the VFW club, at Lancer, is short \$775 in cash. There died: Henry B. Hampton, 53, of Manton; Richard Lee Conley, 69, of Bonanza, at Paintsville Hospital; Cora Gearhart, 76, of Salt Lick Creek, at her home; Dora Bradley, 60, at her home, at Martin; Sadie Mae Stephens, 24, at her home at Water Gap; William Fraley, 73, of Little Paint Creek, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Seventy Years Ago

(June 8, 1939)

A contract for the erection of a 12-room high school building at Martin was awarded to Gearheart and Richardson, Prestonsburg, on their bid of \$40,000 by the Floyd County Board of Education. A new architectural "wrinkle" is being introduced to Floyd County with the construction of a colonial-style residence that antedates the ordinary colonial design. Blaine Stone is building, at Craynor, an ell-shaped residence of round logs set on end in Pequot Indian fort style. The \$12.12 per capita received from the state department of education for every child in Floyd County within the school age, 6 to 18, will net the county educational department approximately \$216,000. The report filed with the state department shows that 17,895 pupils are enrolled. Gwendolyn Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leck Martin of Garrett, has completed 13 years of school without being either tardy or absent. There died: Ben Ridgeway, 83, at his home at Martin; Ova Sword, 9, of Weeksburg; Lindsay Don Blackburn, 47, in a mine at Wheelwright; Virgie Salsbury, 43, of Amba, at Stumbo Memorial Hospital; John P. Ousley, 25, of Garrett.



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Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
 For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains
 Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m. at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.
 Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
 Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE
 The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info, contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

"Earn While You Learn"
 The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-275; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program
 Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?
 If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Looking for a Support Group?
Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The

meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

"Overeater's Anonymous" Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

"US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group" - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

"Community Weight Loss Support Group" Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

"Domestic Violence Hotline" - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

"Disabled?" - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

"A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)" - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided.

For more information, contact Dedra Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

"PARENTS!" - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll

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free).
"East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers" - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

"Narcotics Anonymous (NA)" - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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Science

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who didn't get the tea. Since these oocysts transmit the parasite from infected birds to healthy ones, this finding could help reduce the spread of this infection in poultry houses.

The scientists have also explored adding commercial probiotics to poultry diets. They found that chickens that ate diets supplemented with certain probiotics reduced their oocyst production, increased their production of natural proteins called cytokines that contribute to a strong immune response, and even gained weight.

Doesn't it sound like it would be fun to be a scientist? I think so!

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