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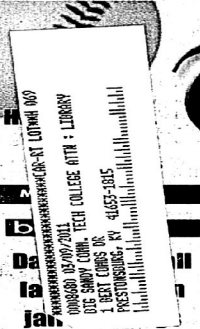
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by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A Meally woman now awaits a court appearance after a call from her daughter landed her in jail Monday.

Floyd Sheriff's Deputy Brad Martin said he responded to a call from Bailey Burke saying her mother, Beth Burke, 43, of Meally, was at her home in Auxier "jumping on a car hood" and refusing to leave.

When police arrived, the daughter said she had asked her mother to leave but that she refused to go.

As Burke was arrested, Martin said, during a routine arrest search, prescription drugs were found in Burke's purse.

Upon search to arrest one carisoprodal and three diazepam tablets were found in her purse and not in original container, Martin said in his report.

The pills, which were identified by poison control Martin said, resulted in Burke's first drug-related arrest. According to a criminal background check, Burke was guilty in Lawrence County in 2006 on a charge of having an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

Burke was charged with criminal trespassing, three counts of possession of a controlled substance and three counts of prescription in an improper container.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Chance of storms
High: 86 • Low: 63

Tomorrow

Chance of storms
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TALENT ON DISPLAY



A variety of artwork, including masks, sculptures and paintings, were on display in the gymnasium of Prestonsburg High School for the 2010 Floyd County Schools Band and Art Festival on Thursday.

Area youth show off artistic talents at school Band and Art Festival

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The gymnasium at Prestonsburg High School was filled with musicians, paintings, sculptures, drawings and other forms of art on Wednesday night and Thursday morning for the 2010 Floyd County Schools Band and Art Festival.

The event is a showcase for student artists and band members across the Floyd County School District, and featured musical performances from the 2010 All County Middle School Band, with students from Betsy Layne Elementary, McDowell Elementary, South Floyd Middle School and Stumbo Elementary, and the All County High School Band, with students from Allen Central High School, Betsy Layne High School,

(See ART, page 5)



Man arrested after leaving trailer in creek

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

RILEY'S BRANCH — One Floyd County man has lost a home and is now jailed after a freak incident that took place last month for which he pleaded guilty to Wednesday.

Monte D. Johnson, 45, with an address listed currently as Weeksbury, pleaded guilty to criminal littering Wednesday and will next be in court on June 18.

Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Randy Bryant arrested Johnson Wednesday in connection to the incident that took place on April 9.

On that day, Monte was hauling a single-wide mobile home out of Riley's Branch when the tires caught in a ditch, blocking the roadway.

"The tires got stuck and drivers

couldn't pass," Bryant said. "Officials were notified and then, well, the trailer ended up in the creek."

State police responded to the incident and informed Johnson that he had 15 minutes to clear the roadway, further advising that, if needed, they would push the entire trailer into the creekbed below and then have it removed the following day.

Bryant said Johnson and others used heavy equipment to push the trailer into the creek, but did nothing after this.

"They just pushed it over in the creek and left it there," Bryant said.

By May 3, with the trailer still firmly at rest in the creek, rains caused flooding to occur across that section of road. At least four

(See ARREST, page 5)



This single-wide mobile home was dropped into a creek along Riley's Branch during transport and left there nearly two months. County officials, after warnings without results, arrested a Weeksbury man in connection to the bizarre incident.

\$50,000 set aside for screenings

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County and three other counties across Eastern Kentucky will each receive \$50,000 in coal severance money toward a cancer colon screening program that was part of a state budget plan approved this past week.

Awarding these funds to Floyd, Martin, Pike and Letcher counties follows on the heels of legislation that adds to the 2008 legislation establishing the Colon Cancer Screening Program. The 2010 legislation permits the Kentucky Department for Public Health to establish an income-based fee scale for colon cancer screenings if funds become available. These are the first funds allocated for the program.

"Colorectal cancer is a killer across the country, across the commonwealth and across Eastern Kentucky," said state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner. "It is the second leading cause of cancer death in the state and the nation and it should not be claiming so many lives. Regular colorectal screening tests on everyone age 50 or older could reduce the number of deaths from cancer by one-third."

House Speaker Greg Stumbo said statistics illustrate why Kentucky has a higher risk of colon cancer.

"In Kentucky, only about 50 percent of people who should have screening tests have them done," Stumbo said. "It's not surprising that Kentucky claims a significantly higher than national rate of invasive colorectal cancer."

Turner said there is no documented evidence as to why colon cancer is more common in Eastern Kentucky than the rest of the state, but said studies attribute it to genetics or the environment.

In Floyd County, the colon cancer incidence rate in 2000-06 was 49.43, compared to the state's incidence rate of 45.

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Obituaries



Dewey Conn

Dewey Conn, age 88, of Martin, passed away on June 2, 2010, at his residence.

He was born May 3, 1922, at Printer, the son of the late Melvin and Caldonia Stumbo Conn. He was a retired coal miner, a veteran of the Army Air Corps, a member of the U.M.W.A.; Betsy Layne D.A.V., Martin Kiwanis, John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, and a volunteer observer for the National Weather Service, and a member of the Martin Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Margarette Wohlford Conn; a daughter, Gwen Conn William and a son-in-law, Tom Williams of Martin; a granddaughter, Robyn Williams of Nashville, Tennessee and a brother, Jack Conn of Antioch, Tennessee.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 5, at 11:00 at Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with Russ Taylor and Gary Mitchell officiating.

Burial to follow at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, with military honors by Betsy Layne Chapter of the D.A.V. and the Kentucky National Guard.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home with Masonic services at 7:00 p.m.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, make donations to Gods Pantry, www.godspantry.org.

(Paid obituary)

Gloria Faye Damron Jarvis

Gloria Faye Damron Jarvis, 65, of Dwale, died Sunday, May 31, 2010, at her residence.

Born September 12, 1944, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Erman Damron and Eliza Click Damron. She was a homemaker and a member of the Jesus Way Church, in Belfry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mickey Jarvis.

Survivors include two sons: Donald (Lora) Jarvis and Mickey Jarvis Jr., both of Dwale; two daughters: Brenda (Danny) Marsillett of Prestonsburg and Sheila (Walter) Ann of Greenup; three brothers: James Damron of Banner, Burns Damron of Dwale and David Damron of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Myrtle Workman of Ohio and Janet Damron of Prestonsburg; 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one brother, Luke Damron and one sister, George Damron.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 3, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Johnny Patton and Kevin Fields officiating.

Visitation was after 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, and all day, Wednesday, June 2, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Delphia Mae Sturgill Hale

Delphia Mae Sturgill Hale, 84, of Harold, died Friday, May 28, 2010, at her residence.

Born February 25, 1926, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late William Sturgill and Sarah Tackett Sturgill. She was a member of the

Church of Christ, in Harold. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Hale, who died December 30, 1998.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet H. Cline (Garred) of Harold; a daughter-in-law, Ruth Carol Hale of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Matt Hale, Ross Cline, Weston Cline and Crystal Hale; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Ross Hale in 1989, Rick Hale in 2009 and 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 2, at noon, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Brian Meade officiating.

Interment was at the Hale Family Cemetery, in Harold. Visitation was 5 p.m., until 9 p.m., Tuesday.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Billie B. Hunt

Billie B. Hunt, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 29, 2010, at the Riverview Nursing Home.

Born June 27, 1925, she was the daughter of the late John and Rosa Yates Hunt. She was a retired salesperson for the Ben Franklin Store.

Other survivors include three brothers: Carl Edward (Mary Ann) Hunt of Ashland, Onda Lowe Hunt of Prestonsburg, and Ronald Eugene (Lois) Hunt of Jackson and five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Omery Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was after 5 p.m., Saturday, May 29, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Muncie Meade Jr.

Muncie Meade Jr., age 63, of Dema, passed away June 2, 2010, at the Kings Daughter Hospital at Ashland.



He was born in Dema, on January 30, 1947, the son of the late Muncie Meade and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jones Meade.

He is survived by his wife, Dianna Meade; daughters: Connie Lynn (Bill) Jones and Gwen (Harry) Arnett; four brothers: Ned, Randy, Eugene and Eddie Meade; seven sisters: Louise King, Barbara Nolan, Sue Wackerhon, Sonja Holbrook, Janet Meade, Ogie Stone and Debbie Stone; seven grandchildren: Brandi Nichole, Dianna DeLynn, Lyndon Blake, Bill Thomas, Sasha Lynn, Gary Tyler and Elizabeth Rose.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, June 5, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel with Freddy Hall officiating.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six sisters.

Entombment will follow at the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Friends may call for visitation at the chapel, Thursday after 6 p.m. and anytime Friday.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Knot County and Floyd County Little League, Hindman Funeral Services in charge of

arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Mertie Irene Ousley

Mertie Irene Ousley, 82, of Warsaw, Indiana, died Saturday, May 29, 2010, in Kosciusko Community Hospital, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Born August 24, 1927, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late George C. and Fannie Irene Goble Stanley. She was a retired factory worker and attended the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Ousley.

Survivors include two sons: Orville (Betty) Ousley Jr. of Morrow, Ohio and Bill Ray (Susan) Ousley of Betsy Layne; one daughter, Patricia Ousley of Betsy Layne; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and companion and caregiver, Mary Perry of Warsaw, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 3, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tim McClanahan officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Joe Allen Stratton

Joe Allen Stratton, age 69, of Chelsea, Michigan, died Thursday, May 27, 2010.

He was born March 24, 1941, in Banner, the son of William E. and Octavia (Conn) Stratton. He retired from General Motors (Willow Run Assembly) after 20 years of service and was a member of the UAW, Local #1776. He was a man who loved life; who enjoyed gardening, loved animals and played a great game of horseshoes. He will always be remembered as a loving father and grandfather.

Survivors include four children: Vicki Stratton, Robin Ezrow, Margaret Schroeder and Joe Stratton II; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three former wives: Betty Taylor, Judy Williams and Patricia Potter.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Teresa Stratton; one grandson, Aaron Schroeder; his parents and six brothers and sisters.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 3, at 1:00 p.m., at the Janowiak Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from noon until time of service.

Please sign his guestbook at: www.JanowiakFuneralHome.com "Where Families Come First"

(Paid obituary)

Unemployment bill headed to governor's desk

FRANKFORT - Changes to the state's unemployment insurance trust fund are now headed to the governor for his signature, the first bill from the current special session pass both chambers.

House Bill 5, sponsored by House Speaker Pro Tempore Larry Clark, D-Okolona, raises the wage

base on which employers pay into the trust fund beginning in 2012. At the same time, out-of-work employees will receive less.

Currently, employers pay tax on a worker's first \$8,000 in salary. That base will increase to \$9,000 in

(See BILL, page 8)

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

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Billie B. Hunt, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 29, at the Riverview Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Willis Isaac, 65, of Springfield, Ohio, a Wheelwright native, died at 2:24 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 2, under the direction of Conroy Funeral Home.

Gloria Faye Damron Jarvis, 65, of Dwale, died Monday, May 31, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mertie Irene Ousley, 82, of Warsaw, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Saturday, May 29, at Kosciusko Community

Hospital, in Warsaw. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Leroy Rowe, 86, of Rockhouse, died Friday, May 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Helen Adams Gilliam, 85, of Paintsville, died Friday, May 22, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 26, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Eilly R. Joseph, 73, of Royalton, died Thursday, May 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Mullins. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

William Ray Puckett, 72, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, May 18, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services

were conducted Saturday, May 22, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Theresa Slusher Risner, 44, of Salyersville, died Thursday, May 20, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Evelyn Loucille Abshire, 72, of Lick Creek, died Sunday, May 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 2, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Barbara Jean Allen Adkins, 75, of Island Creek,

died Friday, May 28, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Hme.

Jessie James Blackburn, 76, of Canada, died Thursday, May 27, at the Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center, Phelps. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 30, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Brett Allen Chapman, 40, of McVeigh, died Wednesday, May 26, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Edna May Clevinger, 94, of Etna, Ohio, a native of

Pikeville, died Wednesday, May 26, in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Roberta (Geraldine) Smith Estep, 87, of Freeburn, died Wednesday, May 26, at her daughter, Angela Layne's home in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Gomer Byno Hampton, 68, of Marion, Ohio, a Virgie native, died Monday, May 17, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 22, under the direction of Denzer-Farison-Hottinger & Snyder Funeral Home of

Marion. Phyllis Ann Maynard, 68, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, May 27, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Jennifer Marie Mead, 57, of Harold, died Friday, May 28, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Rick Mead. Funeral services were held Monday, May 31, under the direction of J.W. Funeral Home.

Gary Morley, 53, of Raccoon, died Monday, May 17, at Raccoon. Funeral services were held Friday, May 21, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

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Worth Repeating ...

Any American who is prepared to run for president should automatically, by definition, be disqualified from ever doing so.

— Gore Vidal

Guest View - Memorial Day

Special for Heartland Publications

There are kings who rule millions on a daily basis. There are presidents and prime ministers who, with the stroke of a pen, can determine your livelihood. There are extremely wealthy people who portray heroes on the screen. There are athletes who have signed contracts for over 200 million dollars.

I wanted to talk about kings and presidents and prime ministers, great performers and superb athletes, to make a single statement. All of these combines cannot hold a candle to one single man or woman who has given his or her life in the defense of the greatest nation ever conceived by the perfect combination of the strength and fortitude of man and the providence of Almighty God — the United States of America.

We live in a nation where we can pursue any career we choose. We can vote. We can speak our minds. But make no mistake about it — not one of these God-given rights remotely has anything to do with kings or presidents or prime ministers. Not one has anything to do with performers or those with outstanding athletic prowess. However, we owe all of these rights to that soldier who died on the battlefield at Gettysburg. We owe our rights to our knights who were consigned by the perfect combination of the strength and fortitude of man and the providence of Almighty God — the United States of America.

We owe the corpsman who slid on his belly in the rice paddy of Southeast Asia to retrieve one scared serviceman who had been wounded, and gave his life in that noblest of all ventures.

We owe our freedom to speak in opposition to an unresponsive federal bureaucracy to that one who died driving a humvee over an IED on a road on the outskirts of Baghdad.

Because they gave the last great measure of devotion — we live, and we work, and we enjoy the fruits of our labors.

I suppose if I were to give it enough thought, I would be able to find others to attribute our Representative Republic to.

There are important people we come in contact with every day. For example — those we entrust with the education of our children. There are those we give control of our tax dollars to. Even those brave men and women who protect our lives and our properties when they leave their homes each day.

But I think I have a safe bet that if I would tell you that each of them would credit those whose names are on this wall behind me, it would not be an overestimation of the value and importance of those who gave so much for us without hesitation.

The president can apologize for our super-power status abroad, but I will tell you that I am proud of that status — because behind it is the blood of soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors, Coast Guardsmen, Merchant Marines, and members of the National Guard. And that alone gives it value.

To those of you who have lost loved ones in defense of the United States of America — I say "thank you" for your sacrifice as well.

To that one currently serving his or her nation in uniform today, I salute you.

To the young man or woman considering a career in the U.S. military, may I tell you there are huge boots you will have to fill. But thank God He will equip you to do just that.

Today let us honor these great and noble ordinary citizens who have performed extraordinary feats of bravery and selflessness.

Let us honor those on the boats that against all odds stormed the beaches on D-Day.

Let us honor the heart and soul of freedom.

It is not money nor political power nor fame that count. It is devotion, honor, duty, and love of freedom more than life itself.

Jesus Christ put it best when he said — "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

America is not the last great bastion of freedom because we willed it with a document in 1776. America is the last great bastion of freedom because one soldier knew the cause was greater than self.

We are great because these were greater than the sum of all things combined. Thank you, God Bless you, and God Bless the United States of America.



Beyond the Beltway

Do yourself a favor, Rand: Stop talking

by DONALD KAUL
OTHERWORDS

There's no doubt about it: The tea party is on a roll.

Its support helped propel Scott Brown into Ted Kennedy's Senate seat; it led the way in shouldering aside ultra-conservative Robert Bennett in Utah's Senate primary, in favor of an even more conservative candidate; and it was a factor in forcing Florida Governor Charlie Crist to leave the Republican Party to run as an independent.

And finally, as the *pièce de résistance*, it saw one of its favorite sons — Rand Paul, son of Libertarian Congressman Ron Paul — win the Republican Senate primary in Kentucky, despite the massed opposition of the entire GOP establishment, lock, stock and Dick Cheney.

Could life be any sweeter? Yes, as a matter of fact, Paul could keep his mouth shut, for one thing. In an interview after the election he launched an assault on the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It seems he thinks lunch counters, for example, shouldn't have to serve African Americans if they don't want to.

Hardly had the uproar over that died when Paul attacked President Obama for being mean to BP, the leaky oil giant. Paul called criticism

of the British firm "un-American," and also said we shouldn't jump all over Massey Energy just because 29 miners died last month in its West Virginia coal mine disaster. "Accidents happen," he said.

Which prompted John Kyl, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, to say: "I hope that he can separate the theoretical and the interesting and the hypothetical questions that college students debate until 2 a.m. from the actual votes we have to cast based on real legislation here."

That's Washington-speak for "Quiet, dummy." But Paul, like his father, is not merely a Libertarian but a "Paleolibertarian." He believes in a government so small you hardly know it's there.

In common with most of those extreme conservatives, he is an honest man who does not mince words. And he's as crazy as a tick.

In a world dominated by gigantic global corporations with virtually unlimited funds to influence elections, the belief that personal freedom lies in a weaker government is a form of insanity.

The problems of the tea parties, however, are just beginning. Should they start winning actual elections, they will be placed in the position of the dog who, after chasing cars all day, finally catches one. What's he supposed to do with it?

Tea parties want to cut the deficit. Well of course. Don't we all? But they don't want to raise taxes. OK, but then they're going to have to cut government spending. Fine.

They are a lot of things you can do to cut government — abolish the Education Department, get rid of the Federal Reserve, do away with subsidies to farmers and small businesses, privatize the Post Office, end foreign aid — and all of them put together won't balance the federal budget. They're too small.

There are basically three places big enough to make a real difference: the military, Social Security, and Medicare. Are conservatives really ready to take on those sacred cows? People like Rand Paul might be, but most others, not so much.

They would also like to end government bailouts of failing corporations and banks, but they hate the idea of regulating industries and banks in order to make their collapse less likely.

So they doom us to frequent financial crises that spiral down into depressions (as opposed to recessions), complete with bread lines. Is that a platform you can win elections with?

They want to create jobs while shrinking the deficit and making the government smaller, a trick akin to a magician sawing a lady in half, then producing her whole a few moments later.

One thing, though: If these people ever do get into office, we won't need term limits. About one term is all the public will be able to stand. Voters may be slow to understand their best interests, but they're not that stupid.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Letters

Thank you, Head Start

My son attended school for the first time this year as a member of Betty Layne Elementary Head Start Class. It has been a wonderful and enjoyable experience for not only my son, but for our family as well.

He has learned things that I don't remember being taught until I was in the first or second grade. My, how times have changed!

He has learned his ABCs, to count to 100, simple addition, subtraction and even a little multiplication. He can even do some reading.

He has made hand puppets, body outlines, self-portraits, ocean life booklets and his most enjoyable activity was a bug collection.

He loves going to school and from what my teacher, Ms. Mary, tells me, I think they have enjoyed having him. He was a quiet, shy, well-behaved boy and has opened up and developed relationships that hopefully will last throughout his school-age years.

The Head Start Program is one of equality for students and families. Yes, it is designed for the lower income families, but the children are put on the same level as everyone else.

I am thankful for the opportunity Head Start has given my son and for all the memories that he and I will share from this past year.

A special thank you to Ms. Mary, Ms. Trina, Ms. Stephanie, Ms. Jerry and LJ's bus driver. I put my trust in

you to care for and teach my son and I have not been disappointed.

Thanks again for all you have done!
Emma Burchett Ivel

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Often, contributors to worthwhile events are not given credit or thanked for their involvement. Recently, the 2010 Friends of Coats "East Kentucky Open" bass tournament was held at Dewey Lake in Floyd County, Ky. As a result, a check for \$1,350 was presented to PRIDE to assist in their efforts.

I would like to thank Pittsburg Marine, of London, the organizer and cosponsor of the event. Robinson's Premium Meats provided a cookout at registration, a sack lunch for participants and a \$250 prize for the "big hog." Contributions and/or prizes by Ranger Boats, Mercury Outboards, Minn Kota and Wayne Supply helped make the event a success.

A special thanks to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin is in order.

The 55 two-man teams took home a total of \$13,000 in cash and prizes after enjoying a fun day on the water.

Julie M. Wilson
Director, Friends of Coats
Pikeville

Crews begin painting road lines

Yellow and white lines on more than 3,000 lane miles of state roads in Highway District 12 will be repainted through a project which began Monday.

Oglesby Construction of Newark, Ohio, was awarded the contract for the work, which is to be finished by Sept. 1. The contract amount is \$557,495.96.

Doug Wright, PE, Project Manager for Highway District 12, said traffic will

be directed using rolling lane closures. "A pilot truck with an arrow on the back will slow down traffic while the striping truck moves in front of it. It takes the paint up to five minutes to dry."

Wright said traffic should follow the pilot truck on two-lane roads, although it may be possible to pass it on four-lane highways.

"Not every road will have both white and yellow lines painted. Some will have

edge lines and some won't," Wright said, "so the pilot truck may be in different lanes or on different sides of the road, depending on which lines are being painted."

All motorists are asked to use caution and respect the workers and the striping equipment. "Driver inattention and excessive speed cause most highway crashes, according to police reports," Wright said. "We want to

ask everyone to stay alert and pay attention all the time, most especially when traveling in a work zone."

The routes affected are listed below. Wright cautioned, "When you see a route number on this list, it doesn't necessarily mean stripes are going to be painted along the whole route. Sometimes they may paint several sections of the road but not the entire road, sometimes just the yellow

lines, other times just the center line or the edge lines. It just depends on what the contract list calls for. Striping is normally done on a rotation system so that some roads are painted one year, others the next."

- 1498, and 3391.
- LAWRENCE COUNTY**
U.S. 23, Routes 1, 3, 3S, 32C, 201, 469, 644, 645, 828, 1185, 1690, 1715; 1760, 2033, 2566, and 3398.
- LETCHER COUNTY**
Routes 7, 15, 15C, 160, 317, 343, 463, 510, 805, 806, 931, 932, 1103, 1148, 1410, 2034, and 3404.
- MARTIN COUNTY**
Routes 3, 40, 292, 645; 908, 1439, 1714, 1884; 2032, and 3412.

The Pikeville College Dance Program will present Junior and Senior Dance Recitals, "Dancing through Disney." The junior recital, featuring dancers from ages 3 to 6, will be held Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, June 6, at 3:30 p.m. dancers ages 7 through adult will take the stage for the senior recital. The performances, featuring ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop, will be held in Pikeville College's Booth Auditorium. Admission is \$5.



- FLOYD COUNTY**
U.S. 23, Routes 3, 7, 80, 114, 122, 194, 302, 321, 404, 466, 550, 680, 777, 850, 979, 1086, 1091, 1100, 1210, 1426, 1428, 1498, 1750, 2029, 2554, 2555, 3024, 3051, 3188, and 3381.
- JOHNSON COUNTY**
U.S. 23, U.S. 460, Routes 3, 40, 172, 201, 302, 321, 321X, 469, 580, 689, 825, 993, 1092, 1100, 1107, 1409, 1428, 1559, 1596, 1614, 1624, 2333, 2378, 2381, 2560, 3214, and 3388.
- KNOTT COUNTY**
Routes 7, 160, 1087, 1091, 1098, 1393, 1410,

Art

Prestonsburg High School, South Floyd High School and Johnson Central High School. The combined bands performed "My Old Kentucky Home" at the festival. Also performing was Arian Hopkins, the 2009 Musician of the Year. Hopkins sang the Star Spangled Banner.

The 2010 Musician of the Year is Erin Taylor Jo Allen, a student at Allen Central High School.

The 2010 Floyd County Art Exhibit featured art from students at Adams Middle School, Allen Central High School, Allen Elementary School, Betsy Layne Elementary School, Betsy Layne High School, May Valley Elementary School, McDowell Elementary School, Opportunities Unlimited, Prestonsburg Elementary School, Prestonsburg High School, South Floyd High School, South Floyd Middle School and Stumbo Elementary. The second-place winners for the art exhibit were Tyler Honeycutt, from Adams Middle School, Mckenzie Collins, from Adams Middle

School, Roger Hall, from Betsy Layne Elementary, Natashia Kidd, from Betsy Layne Elementary, Robert Trafelet, from Allen Elementary, Dalton Lewis, from Allen Elementary, Austin Tackett, from John M. Stumbo Elementary and Audrey Caudill, from South Floyd Middle School. The Best of Show winners were Sarah Ratliff, from Adams Middle School, Allissa Moe, from Betsy Layne Elementary, Scott Jarvis, from Betsy Layne Elementary, Braxton Tibbs, from Allen Elementary, Nick Brooks, from Allen Elementary, Haley Smith, from Allen Elementary, Tameka Dye, from South Floyd Middle School and Brady Stone, from John M. Stumbo Elementary. In the high school category, the second-place winners were Austin Newsome, from Prestonsburg High School, Nathalie Weiss, from Prestonsburg High School, Nathan Kidd, from Betsy Layne High School, Jacob Tackett, from Betsy Layne High School, Cynthia Meade, from Allen Central

High School, Glenn Jones, from South Floyd High School, Kayla Dye, from South Floyd High School, Sarah Hall, from South Floyd High School, Jamie Crisp, from Opportunities Unlimited and Sommer Flowers, from Betsy Layne High School. The Best of Show winners were Maria Castellanos, from Opportunities Unlimited, Samantha Wilson, from Allen Central High School,

Bobbie Vanderpool, from Allen Central High School, Laken Parsons, from Allen Central High School, Kaitlyn Mixix, from Prestonsburg High School, Clara Potter, from Prestonsburg High School, Nathan Wolford, from Betsy Layne High School, Kambra Howell, from Betsy Layne High School and Heather Mosely, from South Floyd High School.

Arrest

Continued from p1 residents were unable to leave for work as a result of the flooded area.

"People need to realize in situations like this that they can and will be arrested," he said.

Screenings

Continued from p1 The age-adjusted mortality rate per 100,000 was also higher in Floyd at 21.01 than the state average of 18.45.

The funds for the cancer colon screenings will be utilized by the health departments through an allocation to the county fiscal court.

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 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., 251-B Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles east of Hippo in Floyd County. The major revision will delete 5.88 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 0.4 acres making a total area of 147.54 acres within the revised permit boundary.
 The proposed major revision area is approximately 1.50 miles northwest from Prater Fork County Road's junction with KY Route 850 and located 0.57 miles south of Prater Fork on the Licking River.
 The proposed major revision is located on the Martin USGS 7 2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Mont Campbell.
 The major revision proposes a post-mining land use change to pastureland for 20.02 acres.
 The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 8, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within (30) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5504 Renewal No. 2
 (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.5 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.07 surface acres and will underlie 278.33 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 286.40 acres.
 (2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.2 miles southeast from KY 2030's junction with Big Branch-Honaker Road and located adjacent to Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'17". The longitude is 82°43'12".
 (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harlow U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation.
 The operation will underlie land owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Keithly Heirs, Chattie Dingus, Tramble Mitchell, Rasser Salisbury and Adam Sizemore Estate, Martin Halbert, Tandy Spurlock, Ronald Spurlock, Ray Spurlock, Herietta McKinley, Velma Miller, Howard Meade, and Gail Parsons Estate.
 The operation will affect an area within 100 ft. of a public road, KY 2030. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.
 (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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 (2) The proposed operation is approximately 0.4 miles southeast from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Branch Road and located on Gunstock Branch. The latitude is 37°30'47". The longitude is 82°42'40".
 (3) The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Marion Roberts Estate c/o Frank and Ida Conn.
 The operation will underlie land owned by Marion Roberts Estate c/o Frank & Ida Conn, Albert & Jackie Stephens, Elk Horn Coal Corp., Ola B. & Bee Halbert, James Wilson McKinney, Huber Lawson, Norma Jean Mature, Martha Yates, Cecil & Martha Hunter, Douglas Gene & Wanda Akers, Anna Mays Perkins, Brigham & Emalene Roberts, Oscar & Opal Jane McKinney, Lowell Thomas Carroll, Ray & Geraldine Spurlock, Donald & Lois Adkins, Edgar & Lucinda Kidd, Charles & Dorothy Meade Heirs, Eddie L. Kidd, Robert Anthony and Dale Kidd, Ronald Spurlock, Del Wayne McKinney, Walker & Ruby Gayheart, Kenny & Jane Greer, Stove & Phyllis Hall, Harry & Phyllis Lawson, Clyde Greer, Elmer & Phebe Case, Beverly Wright, Michael & Rita Hancock, John & Ethel Adkins, Edgar & Sue Carroll, Ivan & Ethel Carrol, Johnny & Sally Meade Heirs.
 (4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



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Miscellaneous
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The proposed operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1469's junction with KY State Route 610. The proposed operation is located on Marshall Branch of Long Fork of Shelby Creek.
The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the surface contour and auger/highwall methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed under this operation is owned by Collins and Mayo Collieries Company.
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Adopt-a-Highway groups poised for 'summer scrub'

Volunteers will be out in force the second week of June to summer scrub state roads in the seven counties of Highway District 12. The Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announced today that the Adopt-a-Highway Summer Scrub Week will be held June 6-12.

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the efforts of our Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, who help keep our highways and communities beautiful and litter-free," Acting Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said.

Nearly 1,100 groups now participate in Kentucky's Adopt-a-Highway program, which the cabinet established in 1988. Volunteers clean approximately 8,000 miles of roadsides annually and set an example of responsible environmental stewardship. Twenty-two percent of available roadways in District 12 are adopted. The district includes Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Pike, and Letcher counties.

"The increase in group enrollment in the program shows that Kentuckians

place high value on maintaining and improving the scenic beauty of our state," Hancock said.

By reducing litter, the Adopt-a-Highway program promotes public environmental awareness and makes it easier to promote tourism. The program also creates a partnership among citizens, community, and government and establishes a sense of pride in our Bluegrass State. The Transportation Cabinet salutes all participants and thanks them for their tireless efforts.

GET INVOLVED!

How can you contribute to your community, make a difference, send a message, and educate others — all while having fun with friends and family? Join Kentucky's Adopt-a-Highway Program. By taking personal responsibility for one of your area roadways, you will be setting an example for your community.

The environment is everyone's responsibility. Adopt-a-Highway provides the opportunity to be a part of the solution. Each year, the KYTC spends about \$5 million and 200,000 worker

hours to remove 96,000 bags of litter from Kentucky roadways. As an Adopt-a-Highway volunteer, you will save thousands in taxpayer dollars and demonstrate to others that a clean environment is important.

Any permanently established business, association, community or public organization, or government entity can adopt a stretch of highway. A wide range of groups throughout Kentucky now participate, including retail and manufacturing businesses, government agencies, homemaker clubs, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, high school organizations, service clubs, veterans, sports teams, and church groups, among others.

Volunteers usually adopt two-mile sections of highway under a two-year, renewable contract with the

Transportation Cabinet. In some cases, like when the family of a person who has died in a highway crash wants to adopt the area around where that crash occurred, groups are allowed to adopt less than two miles. Families have chosen to do this in memory of their loved ones instead of erecting a roadside memorial. The name of the person who died is on the Adopt-a-Highway sign (i.e., The Family of _____).

Adopt-a-Highway coordinators can explain the fundamentals of the program to volunteer groups, work with group members in locating an available highway, and keep them notified of news and upcoming events.

Litter pickups are held at least four times a year or as many times as necessary to keep the area reasonably lit-

ter-free. The Cabinet coordinates three annual clean-up efforts and each group chooses a time for one event on its own.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Contact District 12's Adopt-a-Highway coordinator, Dan Hall. He will help you get in touch with your county's maintenance crew superintendent to arrange warning sign placement on the date of your pickup.

Trash bags and safety vests can be obtained at each state maintenance facility, and litter removal is provided by the state highway crews.

For more information, please visit our Website at www.transportation.ky.gov and follow the links to Adopt-a-Highway. For questions or comments, contact Dan Hall at Highway District 12 headquarters in Pikeville at (606) 433-7791 or Dan.Hall@ky.gov.



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2012, and grow to \$12,000 by 2022. Employees, meanwhile, receive 68 percent of their salary, up to a limit, from the unemployment trust fund, which will decrease to 62 percent under HB 5. Kentucky's current unemployment compensation rate is the highest in the nation, Sen. David Givens, R-Greensburg, and

the new rate will keep the state second-highest in the nation.

"This bill spreads the pain among employers and employees," said Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, saying he shared many other lawmakers' opinion that the legislation, which passed 36-1, was not perfect, but better than the status quo.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Cabin Fever 2: Spring Fever'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A pimple on prom night is a mini-disaster, but chaos reigns when a flesh-eating virus drops in on that particular rite of adolescent passage in this spirited, if occasionally sophomoric sequel to the film that launched Eli Roth ("Hostel").



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The first film followed the exploits of a small circle of friends who become "frenemies" when a flesh-eating disease gets introduced into their group dynamic. It ruins their vacation and only one guy survived.

Here, that survivor (again played by Rider Strong) appears briefly. He emerges from the woods and appears to be in bad shape, having succumbed to the disease. He steps right into the path of a yellow school bus and promptly explodes like an over-stuffed tick.

The only other returning character is doopy Deputy Winston ("dopey" as in doped up on weed). He responds to the accident and promptly misdiagnoses the situation, claiming that it was probably a moose.

A brief credit sequence follows and it is nicely animated. It manages to set the mood for the camp to come while showing how the

(See LAGOON, page three)

This Town, That World

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

Since my disclosure last week of the untoward events which attended our Tennessee fishing trip I have collected from friends, some of whom were sympathetic, others whom spoke with the curbed 11, several comments. They read, from left:

"Seems that you left under a cloud..."
"Did you get your ardur dampened?"
"Sure you didn't go wadin' instead of fishin'?"
"Well, you didn't forget your boat, anyway."

I should have kept my own counsel, in the first place."

ALL BUT SOUND EFFECTS

The paper hadn't been on the streets an hour last Wednesday morning when answer was made to the item about John Milton Stumbo's "cracklin' cabbage. By Mr. Stumbo himself. He left on this desk a large cabbage and this note:

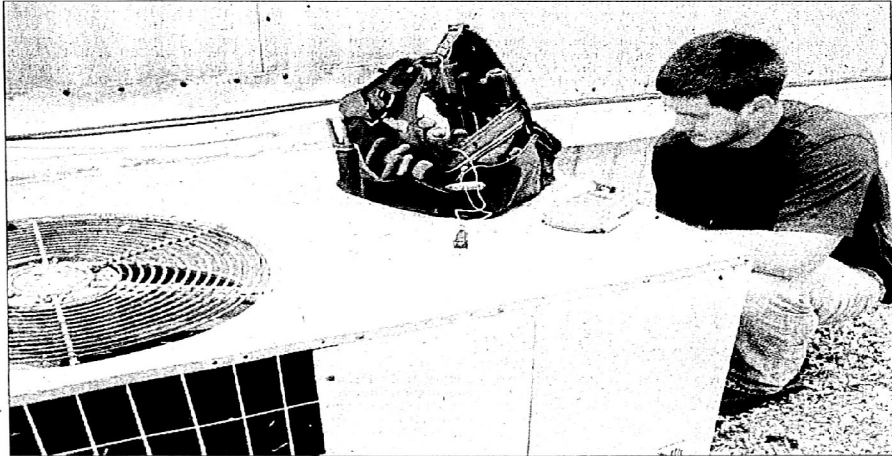
"From J. Milton Stumbo, High Bank Holler. Exhibit No. 1."

But the tape of those cabbage popping the seams remains missing. I may have to get a subpoena.

GOOD IDEA!

Ethel Burke sends me this advice:

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ON THE FAST TRACK

Trout completes AAS training in one year

PRESTONSBURG — In May 2009, Justin T. Trout was a senior at Prestonsburg High School. Just one year later, the 19 year old is set to graduate from Big Sandy Community and Technical College with his AAS degree in Air Conditioning Technology, along with certificates in Environmental Systems Installer and Environmental Systems Helper.

"Pretty impressive stuff," for such a young man, noted his teacher, Assistant Professor Eric Campbell.

And Trout, who chose a fast track college career on purpose, couldn't be happier. "I wouldn't do anything differently," he said. "I didn't want to go to school for four years. I wanted to decide what I could do, what I would be good at, and do it as fast as possible."

Trout has worked hard and done well. He said that his first semester was the hardest. At the time he played defensive end and guard for Prestonsburg's Blackcats Football team. "I was out from seven in the morning till eight at night. I went to [college] class, then high school, and then football practice," he said. At the same time, he was enrolled in a college algebra class with the University of Kentucky.

He continued to meet goals in an expeditious manner, passing the state licensing exam

on September 19, 2009, eight months ahead of schedule. His certification for the HVAC field includes the Journeyman Mechanics License and a universal EPA license.

Son of Teresa Hall and Todd Trout, he said his stepdad, Estill Hall, who works as HVAC foreman at the Big Sandy United States Penitentiary, inspired his career choice. And once he started in the field, he hasn't looked back.

"I enjoy this field of work because it is very unique. No single problem is the same in a unit and it's my job to figure out and solve the puzzle. I also enjoy the fact that I get to help other people out by keeping them warm in the winter and cool in the summer," he said, adding, "I will always have a job anywhere I decide to go, anywhere in the United States. There is good job security and a good job market in the HVAC field, provided that you work hard and do good work."

Trout credits Professor Campbell for making the journey worthwhile: "[He] makes it fun. I've learned a lot from Eric Campbell. He is one of the best teachers. From elementary school through college, I haven't had any better teacher."

"[Campbell] cares about his students, and he will go out on a limb for you, do anything for you, as long as you try."

Trout encourages others interested in the heating/cooling technology field to talk with Professor Campbell. "And if you get in the program, don't waste time. Go to class. Want to learn."

For Trout, two years have passed quickly, and he knows halfway through that he made the right choice—when he started work with Big Sandy Heating and Cooling last summer.

In a recent phone interview, Trout, in Nashville, Tennessee, completing some training related to his field, said he is excited about the job prospects that await: "Yeah, there's good job opportunities out there. I plan on working in the field residentially and commercially for a company, [and] starting my own business in a couple of years."

As a high school senior, at age 17, Trout began college. He carved out a path, worked hard, and will soon graduate with a 3.8 GPA. One person happy with his success is Professor Campbell, noting that "this young man" deserves recognition. "I wish I had his intelligence at that age," he said.

For Trout, the world after college awaits. "There's good opportunities out there," he says. "It's really just up to me what I want to do and where I go in the industry."

DINNER DIVA

Make my salad a meal



Often thought of as a side dish, salads can make tasty, energizing meals. Added bonus: they're quick and easy. We have all heard the horror stories of 1500 calorie salads—you need to be cautious about the toppings, but aside from that, you can let your imagination run wild.

Remember that there are many types of lettuce, not just boring non-nutrient-rich iceberg. Try adding green leaf or red leaf lettuce, radicchio, spinach, Romaine, curly endive and more. Try various

combinations. The more different varieties you use the more nutritious your salad becomes.

Throw in sprouts, unlimited veggies, a bit fruit too! Sprinkling on a topping of nuts (just a bit) will make your salad a truly divine meal. Try to buy only organic, locally grown produce. This will go far in helping your salad taste delicious and up your nutritional quotient.

Did you know that you can create dressings from veggies and fresh fruit? You can make a won-

derful "French" dressing by mixing together little pureed avocado, balsamic vinegar, spicy hot chili sauce, and a little honey for sweetener. Experiment with different flavors. You might surprise yourself!

Flavored vinegars, extra virgin olive oils, spices and some imagination, and you can do away with store bought unhealthy processed dressings.

To add a little extra protein punch, add in some grilled marinated

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Family Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
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'Brain Attack' new term for stroke

O My husband's doctor told him he might have a "brain attack" if he doesn't control his high blood pressure and diabetes. What is a "brain attack"? I have never heard of this, and I am 75-year-old former nurse.

A "brain attack" is a new and increasingly popular term for a stroke, and it's catching on among physicians and the general public.

The idea is that, since everyone seems to respond to the term "heart attack," people might pay more attention to the risk of stroke if it had a similar name. After all,

the two disease processes are quite similar, as you know from your nursing days. In a heart attack, the arteries that carry blood to the heart muscle either rupture or become blocked. In a brain attack, the arteries servicing the brain rupture or become blocked. Once these critical arteries fail, the heart or brain is deprived of blood, and therefore oxygen. Without oxygen, heart and brain cells both begin to die.

Strokes are the leading cause of disability in adults, and they kill more than 150,000 people in the U.S. each year. Risk factors for both strokes and heart attacks

include high blood pressure and diabetes, as you mentioned, plus smoking, elevated cholesterol and heart trouble.

Although the causes of strokes and heart attacks are similar, the symptoms differ widely. Heart attacks cause shortness of breath and pressure, squeezing or pain in the chest and upper body. A brain attack or stroke, on the other hand, usually causes sudden, partial paralysis and/or an inability to walk, talk, eat or swallow.

One common warning sign of a brain attack is a transient ischemic attack, or "mini-stroke." These come on with the same symptoms as a full stroke, but last short periods of time. Other stroke warning signs include difficulty speaking or understanding speech, problems walking, severe visual

disturbances — often in one eye, and sudden weakness or numbness on one side of the face or in limbs on one side of the body.

Any of these symptoms should be viewed as medical emergencies, even if they fade away within hours or even minutes. Immediate treatment can prevent a full stroke — and potentially, death or permanent loss of function.

One possible problem with the terms "heart attack" and "brain attack" is that while the phrases sound serious and familiar, they somewhat obscure the source of the problem. There is no "attack" on the heart or brain, and neither do these organs "attack" the body. Instead, as I described above, the problem occurs within the arteries, or the vascular system.

Perhaps the bigger issue here is that many people do not understand terms related to the vascular system, such as atherosclerosis — the leading cause of both strokes and heart attacks. Atherosclerosis is the build-up of dense, fatty plaque in the arteries. Avoiding this condition, through a healthy diet, exercise and regular doctor visits, will help you prevent both heart and brain attacks.

Family Medicine(r) is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@family-medicinenews.org.

KIM'S KORNER

GOOD HEALTH

Planting seeds

Heartburn relief without medicine

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

come to Jesus because of you.

on dying without Christ, and without any hope of heaven!



Kim Little Frasure

The following was sent to me via email from My Manna. Found it very interesting and wanted to share with you. Definitely makes you think!

"In Genesis 1:29, the Lord told Adam and Eve:

"I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it." He also told them to "be fruitful and increase in number." Genesis 1:28.

But that principle of fruit carrying the seeds of the next generation goes beyond just physical reproducing.

Jesus said to His followers: "I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last." John 15:16.

And certainly that fruit includes people who will

They are fruit that 'your life is supposed to be producing. How are you doing?

The moment you give your heart to Jesus Christ, God made you fruit with seeds, with the capability and the purpose of making some more like you!

Apples generate apples. Oranges generate oranges.

Followers of Jesus generate other followers of Jesus. But research shows that only an estimated 10 percent of believers ever tell someone about their relationship with Jesus Christ, which means 9-out-of-10 believers are missing their destiny.

They have the seeds of life to plant in another heart. But they're doing nothing with those seeds.

And people around us go

And God's plan is that we reproduce our own kind. Isn't it time you start bearing some fruit — like people who will be in heaven because you helped them know how?

■ that moms introduce other moms to Jesus,

■ that students introduce other students to Jesus,

■ teachers point teachers to Christ,

■ businesspeople reach other businesspeople.

He's placed you where you are so you can take people like you to heaven with you!

How are you doing with your divine assignment?

There are seeds of spiritual life that God planted in you the day you met Jesus.

He's counting on you to plant those seeds in the people like you."

'Til Next Week. Plant some seeds and may God bless.

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Diva

ed chicken breasts, fish or leftover steak. There you have it, a salad fit for a meal. It's a perfectly acceptable plan to serve this kind of salad meal to company too. The best part, it's easy and you can still enjoy your guests.

Dinner Salad

- Toss the following ingredients:
- 6 cups mixed salad greens (make sure some of it is spinach)
 - 1 cup carrots, chopped
 - 2 tablespoon red onion, chopped
 - 1 Gala apple, cored, and cut into 1/4-

- inch cubes
 - 2 tomatoes, diced
 - 1 tablespoon almond slivers
 - 1 roasted or grilled chicken breast, cut in strips
- Dressing:
- Mix together
 - 1/2 tablespoon honey
 - 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 - 1 squirt hot chili sauce (like Tabasco)
 - 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Make as much of this dressing or as little as you want and store in the fridge to use anytime you need it.

Allen

"Tell it like it was, not like it is."

That may be the easiest advice there is for me to accept, now that I've passed my 21st birthday. In fact, it may be too easy. I have suspected whisperings in some quarters that the old coot is living in the past.

Well, I may be. If I am, I'm in much more pleasant country than the present.

I VIEW WITH ALARM...

They say there's nothing new under the sun. I wouldn't know, but I suspect that if you stick around long enough you'll find that what was once new to you will

bob up again. Long hair and mustaches and sideburns, for instance. Wouldn't be surprised to see, any day now, some dandy sally forth with his hair in a stock, pomaded and perfumed, with a length-of-silk stockings showing beneath his knee-length breeches, and all this topped by a cocked hat. The only thing that worries me about styles and fashions coming full circle is the awful possibility that they'll bring in English Walker shoes again, and I haven't fully recovered yet from the first round.

One of the most revealing reports we've read is the one which is said to have issued after a New Jersey courthouse was broken into. It read:

"Nothing was taken but next year's election returns."

When OEO first sent youngsters into this county to do social work, a few years ago, among those who came was a student from one of the Ivy League colleges. He got on right well with us "natives," and one day was out in the country palavering with an old fellow whose hearing wasn't what it once was. They began exchanging information about themselves, and finally the older got around to asking the younger man where he had gone to school.

"Fale," said the student. "Yell, you say?" I said, "WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?" the oldtimer roared.

Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Choosing to work with someone you once thought might have been distoyal is a courageous move. The logical next step is to talk things out so there'll be no reason for raising suspicions again.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take your time making a decision about a personal or work-related relationship. New facts are still coming in, and you'll want to know the full story before you take a definitive step.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect to learn something new about an old problem. This could provide some insight into how the problem began, and why it still defies efforts to find a resolution. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An uneasy work-related relationship can be eased with compromises by both sides. The parties might consider putting the agreed-upon changes in writing in case of a future misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Oh, you lucky Felines: Your romantic aspects are in absolutely purrfect form. Don't be surprised at how especially attentive the ladies and gentlemen in your life are going to be this week.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Looking to prove yourself in a difficult situation is laudable. But try paying more attention to advice from experienced contacts. It could help you avoid time-wasting mistakes.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A

business decision seems easy enough to make based on what you know. But this week could bring new facts to light, and you might have to do some heavy rethinking.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Feeling sure about the steps you expect to take is great. But you may need to share a few dollops of that confidence with those who have some doubts about your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A sense of well-being dominates much of the week. A slightly depressed mood could set in on the weekend. But being with family and friends helps shake it away.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You appear to be walking your life's path like the sure-footed Goat you are. But someone might feel you could do better. Listen to the advice, but make up your own mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With positive signs growing stronger, Aquarians could find themselves facing choices that are each too good to turn down. Best advice: Go for the one you feel most comfortable with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you know might need your comfort and wisdom during a particularly difficult period. Your encouraging words help restore self-confidence and rebuild strength.

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Muffler seems to have grown hair

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
Recently while looking in my tailpipe, I noticed a small amount of what appeared to be human hair sticking out. I began to pull on it, and at least 10 feet of string-out human hair came out! How, where and why did it get in there? It's a 1996 Saab. — Harris



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Talk Cars

TOM: Well, Harris, you've discovered where the Hair Club for Men gets its replacement locks. When they put you on the list, and say they're waiting for a donor, they're out snooping around supermarket parking lots.

RAY: It DOES look like human hair, Harris, but it's really just plastic. It's sound-deadening material that's used inside certain mufflers to slow down the exhaust and muffle the engine noise.

TOM: And when a muffler gets

worn out, the insulation can start to escape and work its way down the exhaust pipe, until it looks like you've run over ZZ Top and are dragging them down the street under your car.

RAY: So you need to replace your muffler, Harris. It's not urgent, but you want to do it before it gives up all of its hair — and looks like me!

Attack of the stuck distributor

Dear Tom and Ray:
It was a rainy afternoon... I had driven a couple of miles when the car stalled. I opened the hood and stared at the engine.

What else is there to do? After 15 minutes and a few more tries, the engine started and I limped home. It was really wet a few days ago, and again the car just would not start. I decided to pop the distributor cap and have a look. In the process, the clip at the back of the distributor broke off. Of course, the friendly folks at my VW dealership say the clip is part of the

distributor itself, not sold separately. Sigh. So I got another distributor on eBay, and went out to remove my old one. No luck. It's frozen to the block and won't budge. So far, I have tried repeated applications of PB Blaster and Liquid Wrench. I have tried prying it out with a crowbar. I got the engine running and let it run for a while, hoping the heat from the engine might help the goop work. I also tried tapping it with a hammer, and when I couldn't get a decent swing due to tight quarters, I moved up to an air chisel, and tried to rotate the base of the distributor with that. It is still stuck solid. Any suggestions for me? — Jim

TOM: Well, these are things we would have tried, Jim. Our next step would have been to set the car on fire.

RAY: No, you've far from exhausted your options, Jim. If you haven't already chiseled Teddy Roosevelt's profile into the distributor with the air chisel, one option is to simply forget about the broken clip, and glue a new distributor cap to the base of the old distributor.

TOM: What we do is coat the

bottom edge of the cap with a silicone adhesive, and then use the remaining clip and a couple of wire ties to secure it. And once that adhesive sets, the distributor cap won't go anywhere.

RAY: If it's already too late for that (I'm guessing it is), the next thing to try is, with the cap off the distributor and the remaining "good" clip folded out of the way, grabbing the distributor with an oil-filter wrench. An oil-filter wrench has a round metal strap that you can tighten, and is specifically designed to turn a round object.

TOM: If that doesn't work, then you start double-teaming it. Engage a friend, and have him apply the oil-filter wrench while you work the air chisel. The air chisel also will create vibrations, which may allow the penetrant (the PB Blaster or Liquid Wrench) to work its way in. So keep squirting more of that stuff while you're chiseling and vibrating.

RAY: If all that fails, you can attack it from underneath. If you get the car up on ramps, from underneath the car you can apply the air chisel to the bottom of the distributor. That may help work it

loose.
TOM: But when you start getting frustrated, make sure you stop and take a break, Jim. It's easy to take out your frustration on the car, and become overzealous. Remember, you're air-chiseling right near the engine block, and you don't want to accidentally get excited that you sense movement, and then realize you've just chiseled off a piece of the block!

RAY: Right. That'll result in what we call a "\$2,000 distributor clip."

TOM: So fight with it, but fight with it judiciously, Jim. And when you get to the point where you're stringing more than four curse words in a row before you get to the word "distributor," that's the time to wave the white flag and take it to a professional. Good luck.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Renters faced goods this week, with three gems hitting the shelves.

■ "The Wolfman" — Fans of Universal Pictures' classic monster franchise will be thrilled with this update, which remains faithful to the source material while employing an A-list cast and state-of-the-art effects. Benicio Del Toro makes for a tortured soul as the titular creature. He manages to engender audience sympathy despite the fact that he morphs into a fierce creature for the latter half of the film. Anthony Perkins is on hand to lend support, but the best work is Rick Baker's awesome make-up effects.

■ "Alice in Wonderland" — How could a film like this one lose? Lewis Carroll's classic tale

being brought to life by the creator of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (Tim Burton) and Johnny Depp on board as The Mad Hatter. Unfortunately, they cast an uninteresting performer in the lead and give her nothing to do, which makes the whole enterprise perform a Humpty Dumpty.

■ "Easter Bunny. Kill! Kill!" — This low-budget horror tale manages to look like a long lost 1970s film, but it's so smart and self-aware that it could only have been made by someone who managed to see every 1970s fright film. The story has something to offend everyone, as a single mother gets jived by a con-man who means to exploit her mentally challenged son. The fly in the ointment is a serial killer in a bunny costume who isn't there to give out speckled eggs. Low-budget, direct-to-DVD

and 10 times better than this week's remake of a 1980s horror movie.

■ "Charley Varrick" — Crime drama fans can rejoice now that this heist flick has finally managed a DVD release. Walter Matthau stars as a thief who rips off the wrong bank. Turns out that this establishment was laundering money for the mob. A corrupt banker? The idea seems more credible now than it did in the 1970s. Joe Don Baker is also on hand as a hard-edged hit man who gets the job to get the money back. The scene where he captures Matthau's partner alone is worth the price of a rental. Stick around for the action-packed finale.

Next week look for Leonardo Di Caprio to team with Martin Scorsese with an adaptation of Dennis Lehane's "Shutter Island."



Benjamin Eric Westfall, son of Mark and Peggy Westfall, of Harold, recently received the "2010 Electrical/Computer Engineering Senior Award" at the University of Kentucky. Westfall received this award for his outstanding academic achievement in his field of study and by recommendations from his Electrical Engineering professors. Westfall is an alumnus of John M. Stumbo Elementary school, where he was one of four top eighth graders. He is also an alumnus of Betsy Layne High School, where he graduated with high honors. Finally, he is a graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College where he received an Associate of Science degree with a 4.0 standing. Westfall plans to graduate from the University of Kentucky in 2011 having received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

Strange ... but true

■ It was multi-talented Sir Francis Bacon — he was a statesman, lawyer, scientist, philosopher and author — who made the following sage observation: "If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties."

■ One of the most highly praised actors of our time, Meryl Streep, holds the record for Academy Award nominations; she's been awarded the Oscar twice, but has been nominated an impressive 16 times.

■ The highest known life insurance payout occurred in 1970, when the widow of a cattle rancher

was awarded \$18 million in benefits.

■ Those who study such things say that Italians drink, on average, 26 gallons of wine every year.

■ It's just common sense that people tend to behave better when they're being watched, but it may come as a surprise that it doesn't seem to matter whether or not the watcher is real. Researchers made this discovery in an experiment conducted at the University of Newcastle in Australia. In a coffee lounge where paying for the beverage was optional, a picture of a pair of eyes was placed next to the price list at some times, and at other times a picture of flowers accompanied the

list. On days when the eyes were posted, more than three times as much money was donated than on days when the flowers were in the same spot.

■ People magazine reportedly paid \$6 million for photos of Jennifer Lopez's twin babies, Emme and Max.

■ Between 1960 and 2006, the average American's production of solid waste — including everything from paper packaging to lawn clippings — increased by 150 percent to 4.5 pounds every day.

Thought for the Day
"People of small caliber like to sit on high horses."
— Magdalena Samozwaniac

Haven Grace Meade was born at 9:40 a.m. on May 31, 2010 Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Brandt Damron and Christopher Meade of HI Hat and the sister of Christian Meade. Her grandparents are Gary and Loretta Tackett of HI Hat, Ricky and Lavonia Meade, of Prestonsburg, and Doug and Judy Damron, of Virgile.



Trish Cieslek, owner of the Perfect Setting, presented Highlands Center for Autism Director Dr. Shelli Deskins with a donation.



Local business makes donation to Highlands Center for Autism

Trish Cieslek, owner of the Perfect Setting in McDowell wanted to do something to honor the mothers of children with autism. Her solution was to donate a percentage of the sales from her business to the Highlands Center for Autism during the month prior to Mother's Day.

children with autism and I have seen the struggles they face, and I have seen the progress made by the children at the Center for Autism," Cieslek said. "My goal was to create awareness and promote a 'grassroots' effort to encourage other Floyd County businesses to help the Center for Autism."

The Perfect Setting contribution of \$250 was presented to Highlands Center for Autism Director Dr. Shelli Deskins and will be used for scholarships to allow additional children to attend the Center. Highlands Center for Autism is the only center-based program in Kentucky using Applied Behavior Analysis treatment in a clinical educational setting.

Lagoon

virus has gotten into a local company that supplies bottled water to the... scenes establishes the high school characters as stock types, which include the brainy guy, the lovely blond who dates a bad boy while being loved from afar by the brainy guy, brainy guy's Kevin Smith-like buddy, the bad boy jock type who mistreats the blonde and an overweight girl who is desperate for love but will settle for sex. These folks are hurting to begin with, so a flesh-eating virus on prom night only hastens their pre-ordained fates.

All it takes is for infected bodily fluids to get into the punch (believe me you don't want to know how they get there) and you soon

have a prom that "Carrie" would envy. Things begin to look up when a bunch of hazard suit-wearing guys show up, but it turns out that they are there to contain the problem and have put off actually solving it.

Just about everyone dies, but that's okay, as they are thinly drawn characters who only exist to perish as grossly as possible. If you hated your prom and think that bathroom graffiti is funny, then you'll love this party till you puke. (and die) fright fest.

This one gets by on some clever in-jokes that horror fans will get. There are nods to such classics as "The Crazies," "Italian Cannibals," and, of course, "Prom Night." The gore effects are extremely gross,

though well done, and most often pertain to bodily functions gone horribly wrong. The jokes are hit-or-miss and the acting isn't Oscar caliber, though there is a great bit by Michael Bowen ("Kill Bill") as a principal with a secret life in his closet.

The only joke that got under my skin was a vague reference to the "Columbine" tragedy. I love the First Amendment as much as anybody but reserve the right to ask films to ignore that incident unless they actually have something intelligent to say about it.

Best line: "How are you gonna pass up 'Bride of the Cannibals 2,' the director's cut?"
2009, unrated.

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P'burg tennis camp set for June 18-19

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School tennis team will host a camp June 18-19 at Archer Park. The camp is for children ages 6-14 and will run from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The fee for the camp is \$40 per player and each participant will receive a T-shirt. Lunch will be provided each day. The camp will be conducted with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30 participants. For more information, contact Trina Holliman at 889-0723 or 791-8759 or Bobby Hamilton at 889-0723 or 791-8759 before June 9.



RECORD-BREAKING SEASON

The 2010 edition of the Prestonsburg High School softball team turned in a record-breaking season. The Lady Blackcats, under the guidance of head coach John DeRossett (pictured), won a school-record 18 games.

Kinzer falls short in run at 'Show Me 100'

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — The Kinzer Motorsports team made the long trip to the pristine Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Missouri on May 28-29 for the 18th Annual 'Show-Me 100.' A stout field of 73 competitors, all of whom were gunning for the \$30,000 payday, gathered at the state-of-the-art Missouri complex. Brandon Kinzer laid down the quickest lap in Group B during Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series qualifying on Friday night and later finished sixth in his heat race. After representing Rocket Chassis in the Manufacturer's Dash on Saturday evening, Kinzer competed in the B-Main as a last-ditch effort to transfer into the 100-lap main event. Kinzer, however, finished 13th in the final rundown of the consolation race and did not transfer into the 'Show-Me 100.'



Allen Central's Shea Spurlock (above) and South Floyd's Ada Gayheart (below) led their respective teams to wins on Monday in the 15th Region Softball Tournament at Lawrence County. Both Floyd County high school softball teams were playing in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals on Thursday evening.

photos by Jamie Howell

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

15TH REGION SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT at Lawrence County
Monday, May 31
Lawrence County 5, East Ridge 1
Allen Central 11, Pike County Central 9

Tuesday, June 1
South Floyd 9, Belfry 7
Pikeville 8, Paintsville 6

Thursday, June 3
Lawrence County-Allen Central, N/A
South Floyd-Pikeville, N/A
(Semifinals)

Friday, June 4
Lawrence-Allen Central Winner vs. South Floyd-Pikeville Winner, 7:30 p.m.
(Championship Game)

15TH REGION BASEBALL TOURNAMENT at Lawrence County
Monday, May 31
Lawrence County 15, Allen Central 0
Pikeville 8, Pike County Central 3

Tuesday, June 1
Belfry 12, East Ridge 2
Johnson Central 17, Betsy Layne 0

Thursday, June 3
Pikeville-Lawrence County, N/A
Belfry-Johnson Central, N/A

Saturday, June 5
Pikeville-Lawrence County Winner vs. Belfry-Johnson Central Winner, 7 p.m.
(Championship Game)



Floyd SB teams advance to region semifinals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISA — Baseball and softball regional tournament participants from the 58th District have went their opposite ways this week. Allen Central and Betsy Layne were both eliminated from the 15th Region Baseball Tournament. Both 58th District softball participants, however, advanced out of the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament.

The Rebels drew the tough task of facing defending 15th Region champion Lawrence County on Monday in an opening round matchup. Lawrence County, runner-up out of the 57th District, defeated Allen Central 15-0. In an opening round game on Tuesday, Johnson Central rolled over Betsy Layne 17-0.

Pairings for the 15th Region Baseball Tournament semifinals on Thursday shaped up as follows: Lawrence County-Pikeville; Belfry-Johnson Central.

In the 15th Region Softball Tournament on Monday, 58th District runner-up Allen Central won 11-9 over Pike County Central behind the strong pitching of Shea Spurlock.

South Floyd edged Belfry 8-7 on Tuesday. Ada Gayheart was the winning pitcher for the Lady Raiders.

Allen Central was facing Lawrence County while South Floyd was matched up against Pikeville on Wednesday evening in the 15th Region Softball Tournament semifinals. Results from Thursday's tournament games were unavailable at press time.

Wolfe County standout signs with Lady Bears

Latest PC signee averaged 25.2 points, 17.9 rebounds during senior season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — There were some great high school basketball players in the Commonwealth last winter, but it's hard to imagine one who put up better numbers than Kayla Stamper.

As a result, the 5-10 forward from Wolfe County has signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College.

Stamper finished her senior season with an average of 25.2 points and 17.9 rebounds per game. Her points were fourth best in the state and her rebounding total had her No. 1.

"Those numbers are just remarkable," said Pikeville College Coach Bill Watson. "If someone had one game of 25 and 18 it would be something they'd remember forever, but for Kayla that was just an average game. We look forward to adding her to our campus community and our family of Lady Bear basketball."

In addition, Stamper averaged 3.2 steals and 2.2 assists as a senior.

Stamper has been an all-district and all-region performer for three consecutive seasons. This year, when she was named Second-Team All-State, she became the first Wolfe County player, male or female, to be named all-state.

For her career, Stamper scored 1,632 points, which is second all-time in school history, and picked down 1,088 rebounds. In addition, she had 337 steals.

The Wolves finished 14-14 this season, reaching the 14th Region All-A Classic Semifinals and finishing runner-up in the district along the way.

Johnson-Rose duo wins EK Open

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Frank Johnson of Pikeville, and his teammate Allen Rose, of Prestonsburg, took home top honors in the Friends of Coal 2010 East Kentucky Open fishing tournament held recently at Dewey Lake. The tournament, which was presented by Pittsburg Marine, of London, drew 55 two-man teams. Johnson and Rose

had three fish that weighed in at 8.43 pounds, anchored by the Robinson's Premium Meats Hog that weighed 4.72 pounds. They won \$1,200 for first place, plus a \$1,000 Ranger Boat certificate and \$250 for the Robinson's Hog for a grand total of \$2,450. Along with the prize for the Robinson's Hog, Robinson's Premium Meats supplied a packed

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The team of Frank Johnson (Pikeville) and Allen Rose (Prestonsburg) won the Friends of Coal 2010 East Kentucky Open fishing tournament on Dewey Lake.

ALC announces three new sports teams for 2010

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College will be home to three new intercollegiate sports programs beginning in the fall of 2010. The new sports teams will be Women's Tennis, Women's Volleyball and Men's Golf.

"We are pleased to be able to offer these new programs for our student athletes," said Alice Lloyd College Director of Athletics Gary D. Stepp. "This is a win-win situation for all parties involved. First, it will benefit our school by giving our male and female students an opportunity to participate on the collegiate level in three new sports. Second, it also benefits our conference. We will now have enough league schools competing in every sport, which will allow each tournament champion to receive an automatic bid to their respective national tournament."

ALC is a member of the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC).

Former UK player to hold camp at Sportsplex

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOFT SHELL — During the month of July, former University of Kentucky men's basketball player and 2002 Kentucky Mr. Basketball Brandon Stockton will conduct the East Kentucky Shooting Stars Basketball Camp at the Knott County Sportsplex. The East Kentucky Shooting Stars Basketball Camp will be held July 19-21 at the Knott County Sportsplex, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$80 per player. The camp is for boys and girls ages 4-16. Lunch is included in the camp fee and each participant will receive a T-shirt and trophy.

The camp will feature numerous individual and team competitions with dozens of trophies being awarded. In addition to Stockton, the camp staff will feature other former college and pro players in addition to area coaches.

Last year, nearly 80 campers from eight Eastern Kentucky counties attended the camp. Team and group discounts are available. For more information on the camp, call 606-367-3797.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP: Battle to make Chase accelerates from here

by CHRIS SYMEON
THE NEWS
AND OBSERVER

POCONO, Pa. - Thirteen races down and 13 to go before the 2010 Chase for the Sprint Cup begins Sept. 19 in New Hampshire. After Sunday's 600-mile race at Charlotte, the battle for the 12-driver Chase field is shaping up to be a good one.

Right now, the top-five drivers in points - Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Matt Kenseth, Jeff Gordon and Denny Hamlin - appear to be in great shape to qualify for the 10-race playoffs, which concludes Nov. 21 in Homestead, Fla.

Harvick has been instrumental in the resurgence of Richard Childress Racing this year. He has been atop the point standings since last

month's race at Richmond. Harvick considered leaving RCR after his disappointing 19th-place finish in points in 2009.

But things have turned around for the 34-year driver. He snapped a 115-race winless streak in April at Talladega. Last week, he signed a multi-year contract extension with RCR to remain as driver of the No. 29 Chevrolet.

"This year, we kind of shed some of that bad racing luck that we had last year, and we've had some things go our way," Harvick said. "We just got to keep doing what we're doing, but we have to progress as a race team. We have to get better through the middle of the year, and we have to take another step toward the end of the year to be able to con-

tend for the championship."

Joe Gibbs Racing: Success and drama

Since NASCAR replaced the rear wing with the spoiler on the current Sprint Cup car, beginning with the March 29 race at Martinsville, Joe Gibbs Racing has been on a tear, with teammates Busch and Hamlin combining for five wins in the last eight races.

"I feel really good about where we're at," Kyle Busch said. "We had a win at Dover and third place [at Charlotte]. Now we go into the summer stretch. Some of the racetracks I don't excel that well, especially [this] week at Pocono. Hopefully, we can get some good runs at those places, and keep our momentum going from what we have so far this year."

But there's been big time

drama at JGR lately, with Busch and Hamlin not being so buddy-buddy after their incident in the closing laps of the May 22 all-star race at Charlotte. Hamlin blocked Busch from taking the lead, with Busch scraping the wall and ending his chances of winning the \$1 million prize.

An irate Busch waited by Hamlin's hauler for post-race discussion with his teammate.

Both drivers continued their feud days after the all-star race.

"Until [Busch] puts it all together, that's when he'll become a champion, but right now, he just doesn't have himself together," Hamlin said during a news conference prior to last Thursday's qualifying for the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte.

Later that day in

Charlotte's track media center, Busch was handed a FedEx package that contained a pair of boxing gloves in it before he participated in his weekly press conference. FedEx is Hamlin's primary sponsor in Sprint Cup.

Coach Gibbs has had his work cut out in resolving the issue between Busch and Hamlin. For now, there seems to be peace at the JGR camp, but any further skirmishes between Busch and Hamlin could serve as a distraction in the team's quest for the championship.

"[Kyle's] going to try everything he can to beat us, and we're going to try everything we can to beat him," Hamlin said. "Right now, I feel like we have the two best teams and cars, and the way we're running right now

as far as championship caliber is concerned, we don't need to let anything derail us. We just need to kind of move on from that."

More contenders
After missing the Chase for the first time in his career last year, Matt Kenseth has been enjoying a comeback season with new crew chief Todd Parrott. But Kenseth, like Gordon, has not won a race in more than a year.

At the start of this season, Hamlin was considered as Jimmie Johnson's biggest threat for the title. Now, it's time to throw Kurt Busch's name into this year's favorites for the championship. Busch has been sensational in his Penske Racing "Blue Deuce" these past two weeks at Charlotte. He won

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Pikeville College football program to conduct camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College football program will host camps during the months of June and July. A breakdown of the upcoming Pikeville College football camps follows.

Kicking Camp - June 14-15. Ages: Players entering grades 8-12. The camp

emphasis will be placed on techniques and fundamentals for punting and kicking (both soccer-style and straight-on). Individual Football Camp - June 16-18. Ages: 8-18 years old or upcoming senior. The camp emphasis will be placed on individual techniques and fundamentals for each position.





For more information

on either of the individual camps, call Pikeville College Head Coach Joe Johnson at 606-794-9650 or 7-on-7 Passing Camp - July 12. Team camp for high school programs. For more information contact Pikeville College Assistant Coach Al Holland at 606-233-9000.

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RUNNER-UP TEAM: The duo of Michael Morrison and Kyle Calhoun finished second in the Friends of Coal 2010 East Kentucky Open on Dewey Lake.

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lunch for the contestants and for those working and watching the event.

The team of Michael Morrison and Kyle Calhoun claimed second place with four fish that weighed in at 8.24 pounds. The duo reported losing their limit fish twice during the day, exemplifying the adage that it's called fishing, not catching. Morrison and Calhoun received \$800 for second place plus a \$500 Ranger Cup (it pays to own the right boat, bought from Pittsburg Marine), and they also won a Minn Kota 24-volt, 70-pound thrust Edge trolling motor worth \$600 for a grand total of \$1,900.

Rounding out the top five were the teams of Wes and Stuart Halbert (third), Jason Patton and Marty Gibson (fourth) and Nathan Harless and Jimmy Dials (fifth).

Following the conclusion

of the tournament, P.R.I.D.E. received a \$1,350 donation from Friends of Coal and Pittsburg Marine to help keep local communities clean. Event organizers issued a special letter of thanks for Julie M. Wilson and David Moss from Friends of Coal for helping make the event possible. In all, more than \$13,000 in prizes and cash were awarded.

Pittsburg Marine was voted the 2007 Ranger Boats Dealer of the Year. In 2008, the Ranger family named Pittsburg Marine as the "Legacy Award" recipient.



SAFE: Betsy Layne sophomore second baseman Andrew Roberts sild back into first base safely in a 58th District Tournament game versus South Floyd last week.

UK-UofL football game set for 3:30 p.m. kickoff

ABC to televise intrastate rivalry game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Joker Phillips Era of Kentucky football will kick off at Louisville on Sat. Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m. and will be televised by ABC Sports.

The game will be part of an ABC three-way regional telecast. The other two

games that will be regionally televised are UCLA at Kansas State and Connecticut at Michigan.

The Kentucky-Louisville contest will be the first game for the new head coaches at both schools, Joker Phillips at Kentucky and Charlie Strong at Louisville.

Kentucky leads the all-time series, 13-9, and the Wildcats have won the last three games of the intrastate rivalry.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK
Shea Spurlock, Allen Central Softball
Andrew Roberts, Betsy Layne Baseball

Chase

both the all-star race and the 600-mile race there. Will his momentum continue at Pocono and beyond?

"For us, our game right now, this team is clicking on all eight cylinders," Kurt Busch said. "Right now, we've been doing good on tracks that I struggle on. I'm going to say I struggle on all the racetracks coming up so we don't beat ourselves."

Johnson, the four-time defending series champion, has been in a slump lately. After crashes at Talladega, Darlington and Charlotte, he has dropped to seventh in points, one position behind Kurt Busch.

"Even last year, in my mind I felt like [Kurt Busch] is really somebody we need to be focused on for a championship, and I still feel that way," Johnson

said. "They've been plenty fast at some tracks and then off at others. As they get more time together, they're going to lift the bottom line and be strong at every track they go to. Kurt does things on the track that prove why he's a champion and why he wins races."

Don't think for one second that Johnson's "drive for five" titles is in jeopardy. Remember, he won three of the first five races this season, so expect his Hendrick Motorsports team to quickly rebound.

With a separation of 298 points between eighth-place Jeff Burton and 22nd-place Paul Menard, the next three months are going to be very interesting as far as who will qualify for this year's Chase.

Currently, Greg Biffle holds the ninth spot, fol-

lowed by Mark Martin and Carl Edwards. Ryan Newman sits in the coveted 12th position, while Clint Bowyer is just four points behind Newman in 13th.

Martin Truex Jr. continues to be impressive in his first year with Michael Waltrip Racing, as he occupies the 14th spot.

"I think our chances are really good," Truex said. "I feel like we're getting stronger each week as a team. I know the 600 didn't go as we had planned."

Truex finished second in the all-star race after transferring from the 40-lap Sprint Showdown preliminary event. He finished 23rd in the 600.

Jamie McMurray has become one of the biggest point gainers recently. After three runner-up finishes in the last five races,

McMurray has moved to within 26 points of Newman.

"Every race that we've actually finished without an issue, we've had a top-five car," said McMurray, who is in his first season with Earnhardt Ganassi Racing. "It's been incredible the speed that our cars have had all year long. We run second one week and 30th the next. It's just about being a little bit more consistent."

McMurray has been one of the feel good stories so far this season. Last year, McMurray didn't know who he would drive for in 2010 after his Roush Fenway Racing No.26 team folded tent at the end of the season. He landed a ride with EGR in the No.1 Chevrolet shortly after, and what a debut he made with the team by winning the

season-opening Daytona 500 in February.

While McMurray has been on the rise, his EGR teammate, Juan Pablo Montoya, surprisingly has been on the fall. Montoya made the Chase for the first time last year, but his chances of a repeat appearance in the playoffs are dwindling, as he continues to tumble in points.

Tony Stewart has been another surprise this year. One year ago, Stewart held the points lead and kept it for the remainder of the regular season. He finished the '09 season sixth in points.

Stewart, in his second year as driver and owner, certainly isn't in any danger of missing the Chase just yet. So many times in the past "Smoke" turns to fire when summertime comes. Joey Logano (18th in

points) and David Reutimann (19th) remain in the thick of it, while Casey Kahne (21st) likely won't make the Chase for the second consecutive year since his Richard Petty Motorsports team is not up to par this season. Kahne is leaving the financially-troubled RPM at year's end for a future ride at Hendrick.

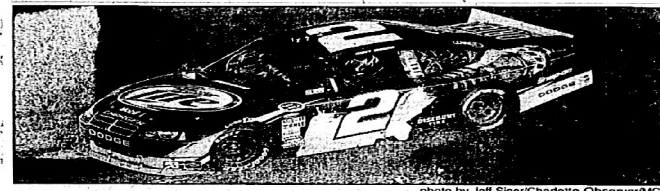
While Hendrick drivers Gordon, Johnson and Martin currently hold a top-10 spot, Dale Earnhardt Jr. continues to slide in points. Earnhardt Jr. kicked off the season with a second-place run in the Daytona 500, but has posted only two top-10 finishes since then.

Sorry, Junior Nation. It's beginning to look like NASCAR's biggest star is going to miss the Chase for the second year in a row.

2010 NASCAR Sprint Cup Schedule/Results

- Feb. 6 — x-Budweiser Shootout (Kevin Harvick)
 - Feb. 11 — x-Gatorade Duel 1 (Jimmie Johnson)
 - Feb. 11 — x-Gatorade Duel 2 (Kasey Kahne)
 - Feb. 14 — Daytona 500 (Jamie McMurray)
 - Feb. 21 — Auto Club 500 (Jimmie Johnson)
 - Feb. 28 — Shelby American, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
 - March 7 — Kobalt Tools 500 (Kurt Busch)
 - March 21 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Jimmie Johnson)
 - March 28 — Goody's Fast Pair Relief 500, Martinsville, Va. (Denny Hamlin)
 - April 10 — Subway Fresh Fit 600, Avondale, Ariz. (Ryan Newman)
 - April 18 — Samsung Mobile 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Denny Hamlin)
 - April 25 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Kevin Harvick)
 - May 1 — Heath Calhoun 400, Richmond, Va. (Kyle Busch)
 - May 8 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. (Denny Hamlin)
 - May 16 — Autism Speaks 400, Dover, Del. (Kyle Busch)
 - May 22 — x-Sprint Showdown, Concord, N.C. (Martin Truex Jr.)
 - May 22 — x-NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, Concord, N.C. (Kurt Busch)
 - May 30 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Kurt Busch)
 - June 6 — Gillette Fusion ProGlide 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - June 13 — Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - June 20 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
 - June 27 — Lenox Industrial Tools 301, Loudon, N.H.
 - July 3 — Coke Zero 400 Powered By Coca-Cola, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 - July 10 — LifeLock.com 400, Joliet, Ill.
 - July 25 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis
 - Aug. 1 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
 - Aug. 8 — Heluva Good! Sour Cream Dips at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
 - Aug. 15 — Carfax 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
 - Aug. 21 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
 - Sep. 5 — Labor Day Classic 500, Hampton, Va.
 - Sep. 11 — Richmond 400, Richmond, Va.
 - Sep. 19 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
 - Sep. 26 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
 - Oct. 3 — Price Chopper 400, Kansas City, Kan.
 - Oct. 10 — Pepsi Max 400, Fontana, Calif.
 - Oct. 16 — NASCAR Banking 500, Concord, N.C.
 - Oct. 24 — TUMS Fast Relief 500, Martinsville, Va.
 - Oct. 31 — AMP Energy 500, Talladega, Ala.
 - Nov. 7 — Lone Star 500, Fort Worth, Texas
 - Nov. 14 — Arizona 500, Avondale, Ariz.
 - Nov. 21 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.
- x-non-points race.

2010 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Driver Standings: 1. Kevin Harvick, 1,899; 2. Kyle Busch, 1,869; 3. Matt Kenseth, 1,781; 4. Jeff Gordon, 1,760; 5. Denny Hamlin, 1,732; 6. Kurt Busch, 1,728; 7. Jimmie Johnson, 1,694; 8. Jeff Burton, 1,657; 9. Greg Biffle, 1,648; 10. Mark Martin, 1,635; 11. Carl Edwards, 1,602; 12. Ryan Newman, 1,547; 13. Clint Bowyer, 1,543; 14. Martin Truex Jr., 1,533; 15. Jamie McMurray, 1,521; 16. Tony Stewart, 1,520; 17. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,493; 18. Joey Logano, 1,461; 19. David Reutimann, 1,422; 20. Juan Pablo Montoya, 1,371.



Driver Kurt Busch kicked up grass in the infield as he celebrated his victory in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina on Sunday.



Paintsville High School senior Austin Lyons signed to play baseball at Pikeville College during a recent ceremony. Above, sitting, left to right: Coach Paul Lewis (Ashland Post 76), Bob Lyons, Coach Rob Taylor (Pikeville College). Standing, left to right: Paintsville Head Coach Tucker Howard, Courtney Coburn and Paintsville Assistant Coach Walt Crace.

Female official makes history in boys' state tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Before March 20, 2010, Kentucky had staged 92 boys' high school state championship basketball games. Many features of this year's title tilt were no different than those in the past. Ballard High School was making its seventh appearance in the championship game, and it was being held in Rupp Arena for the 16th straight year. However, there were a few differences in this year's state finals, and it wasn't only Shelby Valley High School making its first ever appearance.

While the teams playing for the title have varied through the years, one thing has always remained the same. Those officiating the championship game have always been men.

That changed this year. When Ballard and Shelby Valley took to the court for the state finals, one of the folks wearing black and white stripes was former Eastern Kentucky University women's basketball player Marla Gearhart. When the former Lady Colonel stepped on the court for the opening tip, she became the first female to officiate the Kentucky Boys' Sweet Sixteen championship game.

"It is definitely so far in my officiating career the absolute top one or two of things I've been able to do," Gearhart said. "It's just phenomenal."

The entire Sweet Sixteen left an impression on Gearhart. "You really don't realize the importance of [the Sweet Sixteen] to Kentucky basketball fans," she said. "I've been down before to the tournament and stayed a day or two, or my father and I have just gone down for the finals. I had never been there the entire week. The people who love basketball in the state of Kentucky are amazing, and you really don't know unless you attend the boys' state tournament."

After working Ballard's quarterfinal victory over Warren Central, which tipped at noon on Friday, Gearhart had to wait late into the night to learn her next assignment. Unlike many other tournaments, the Sweet Sixteen semifinals and finals are played on the same day. For an officiating, she officiated Saturday morning off is a good thing. The officials that work the semifinal games in the morning won't be on the court in the evening for the championship game.

"I found out really late Friday, it was like 11:30 at night," Gearhart said. "I was so very fortunate to be selected to call the final."

Gearhart's officiating career began during the 2005-06 season when she started officiating middle school and junior varsity girls' games. Before taking to the court in a striped shirt herself, she remembers watching her sister play and

thinking to herself that she could do a better job than the officiate she was watching. She didn't always keep her opinion to herself though.

"I was horrible in the stands before I started officiating, now I rarely say anything," said Gearhart with a laugh. "I made several comments that I can do better than that, but I've been paid back."

A year later she had already worked her way up to girls' varsity games and NAIA women's college games. She capped her second season as an official by being selected to work the KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen championship game at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

In only her third year as an official, 2007-08, Gearhart was selected to work the NAIA Division II national tournament championship game in Sioux City, Iowa. That same year, Gearhart officiated her first boys' varsity game. At the end of the high school season, she was chosen as the KHSAA Basketball Official of the Year.

It didn't take long for Gearhart to acclimate herself to the boys' game.

"The speed and strength is on a different level than girls, what I had been used to officiating," she said. "I tend to have a patient whistle and tend to let them play through more stuff. So really my officiating catered better to the boys. Sometimes in the girls' games I would let them play too much, and I'd have to tell myself—'Marla you need to tighten the game up.' There's a lot of things that the girls couldn't play through that I was expecting them to play through. Now with the boys, my whistle catered to them because they can play through so much more. They can deal with a little push or a little hit on the arm and go ahead and finish it."

During the 2008-09 season, Gearhart continued officiating boys and girls varsity games and NAIA women's games. She was selected once again to work the NAIA championship contest in Sioux City. In addition, Gearhart began officiating NCAA Division II games that season.

This past season, Gearhart made the jump to NCAA Division I. She officiated women's games for the Atlantic Sun Conference, the Horizon League and the Ohio Valley Conference. In addition she worked her third straight NAIA national championship game. She continued working both girls' and boys' varsity games and was rewarded with a spot in the Sweet Sixteen title game.

"Officiating is a lot of work. Some people might not understand that," said Gearhart. "They think you put a striped shirt on and a whistle and you're ready to officiate. It has been a lot of work. I've given up my

vacation days to go to camps and work four to six games a day in non-air conditioned gyms trying to get better, trying to improve. I am a prime example of hard work paying off."

Her hard work has paid off, and it has done so quickly. In her first season officiating girls' varsity games, not only was Gearhart chosen to work the Girls' Sweet Sixteen, she was also selected for the championship game. She accomplished a similar feat this season. After first being picked to officiate the Boys' Sweet Sixteen for the first time, her hard work resulted again in a spot in the title game.

While her short career has been filled with highlights, Gearhart hopes that her hard work will one day result in a trip to the NCAA Women's Final Four.

"You always think of that. People say they don't, but they do," Gearhart said. "That would be the ultimate opportunity and reward. It is definitely something I'll work towards. If I get the opportunity that would be wonderful, but if I don't, I'll be happy with what I've accomplished and the opportunity to officiate some higher end games."

Gearhart will take it one step at a time for now. "I'm trying to build my schedule up to where I can get picked up in a couple more Division I leagues," she said. "My goal this summer is to really work hard, attend camps and work on my officiating."

As a Lady Colonel, Gearhart is one of 20 members of the EKV Point Club. She reached the 1,000-point plateau despite playing in only eight games her junior season after suffering a knee injury. She rebounded from the injury to conclude her career with an outstanding senior season. She earned first team All-Ohio Valley Conference recognition after leading the team in scoring (19.6 points per game) and assists (3.75 assists per game). She ranked second and sixth in the OVC in those two categories respectively.

Gearhart was a member of the Lady Colonel squad that reached the NCAA tournament for the first time in program history in 1997, and a part of Eastern Kentucky's back-to-back regular season OVC championship teams in 1996-97 and 1997-98. She graduated from EKV with a bachelor's degree in recreational therapy.

"I was never disrespectful to officiate," Gearhart said of her playing days. "But sometimes I was critical of them after the game. Once you become one, your whole outlook changes, that is for sure. You see the other side."

In addition to her officiating career, Gearhart has worked as the program director at the Ashland Area YMCA for seven years.

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