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Jobless rate drops

For the first time since February 2009, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate fell below 10 percent to 9.9 percent in July 2010, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The revised rate in June 2010 was 10 percent.

The July 2010 jobless rate is 9 percentage points lower than the 10.8 percent rate recorded in July 2009 for the state. The 9.9 percent rate recorded in July 2010 is the lowest unemployment rate recorded since February 2009 when the rate was 9.6 percent.

The decline in Kentucky's unemployment rate in July 2010 continues to be a result of the decrease in the state's civilian labor force because people have become discouraged in their job search. People who have not looked for a job in the last four weeks are no longer counted in the labor force," said Ron Crouch, director of research and statistics in OET.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 9.5 percent from June 2010 to July 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Clarification

The Linda Woods listed as being arrested on drug trafficking charges in the August 11 issue of The Floyd County Times is not the same person as Linda Woods, of McDowell.

2 DAY FORECAST Today Clear High: 90 Low: 67 Tomorrow Chance of showers High: 90 Low: 65 For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

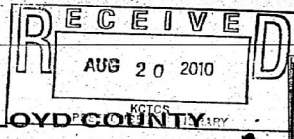
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Second animal cruelty charge filed

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

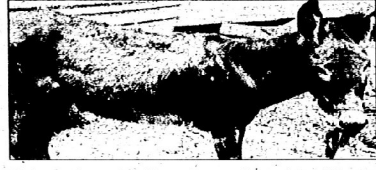
TRAM — A Tram man has been charged with two counts of cruelty to animals after Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Randy "Hoot" Bryant located a mule that appeared to suffer from neglect on the man's property.

The case has been merged with an earlier case that involved a cruelty to animals charge from July. Wayne Clark, the alleged owner of the animals, was charged with two counts of second-degree cruelty to animals.

According to Bryant's report, "Upon arrival at the Clark residence, did observe one mule tied to vehicle. Animal appeared malnourished as well as dehydrated from continuous exposure to the sun and lack of accessible drinking water. Animal's coat was matted from lack of cleaning and brushing."

The case also involves a horse that was allegedly subjected to mistreatment by being tied up, which caused its leg to be cut to the bone by the rope.

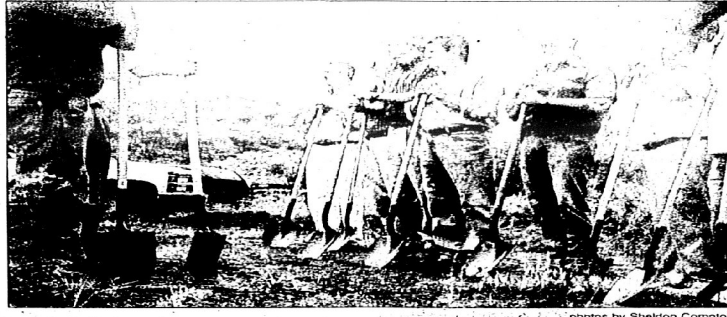
Clark was also charged with public nuisance through accumulation of rubbish after Bryant



This mule was allegedly neglected by Wayne Clark, leading to a charge of second-degree cruelty to animals.

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WINDFALL



Numerous city, local, state and coal company officials made the drive up to Slate Dump Hill in Wheelwright Thursday for a groundbreaking for what those involved say could ultimately be a coal removal and reclamation project that could see city coffers filled with nearly \$500,000 when work is completed.

Coal could mean boost of half-million to Wheelwright

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — City leaders saw a break in what has been nearly a two-year process of finding some use for, or rather a company to remove, coal reserves located along a ridge known as Slate Dump Hill in the city limits.

As far back as March of last year, city attorney Tim Parker said that a bid had been awarded to a company to remove the coal, but that a holdup developed with members of a family, long since moved away from the area, who still owned the property.

That property has since

(See COAL, page 7)



Coal such as these chunks scooped into a shovel just before groundbreaking ceremonies can be found in many spots across the 52 acres of land now set to be mined and reclaimed in Wheelwright.

Pike flood victims sue coal companies

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Prestonsburg attorney Ned Piliersdorf is representing a group of residents from the Harless Creek area of Pike County who claim that coal mining activities contributed to the damage that occurred to their homes and property during the devastating flood that occurred on July 17.

The lawsuit alleges that AEP Kentucky Coal and the Cambrian Coal Corporation were engaging in ongoing coal mining activities in close proximity to the Harless Creek area of Pike County in 2009 and 2010. The plaintiffs allege that the coal companies "either caused and/or exacerbated the horrific flooding and destruction ... following a rainstorm that occurred on July 17, 2010."

According to the lawsuit, "The defendants' mining activities played a substantial role in causing massive amounts of water to suddenly escape from their mining sites that resulted in the Harless Creek Road being transformed into a raging river that engulfed and destroyed many of the plaintiff's homes, vehicles and other property. During the tidal wave of water unleashed by the defendants, many of the plaintiffs were left stranded in their homes and helplessly watched as their homes and personal possessions were destroyed and washed away."

The lawsuit cites the violation of mining regulations by the coal companies, along with the violations of environmental regulations, as evidence to support the plaintiff's claims.

The plaintiffs are seeking compensation for damages that includes loss or diminution in value of homes, destruction of homes, lost contents, lost vehicles, loss of earnings, the replacement of the water supply and other damages included pain and suffering and the costs of alternative housing and transportation along with other reasonable foreseeable damages.

Property tax rates on agenda of next board meeting

by JARRID DEATON FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — The Floyd County Board of Education will hold its first meeting of the new school year at Allen Elementary School on Monday.

According to the official board agenda, some of the items that will be discussed at the meeting include the adoption of tax rates for motor

vehicle and waterfront property at 55.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value, and the compensating tax rate for real and personal property at 55.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The board will also consider shortened school days for students with special needs, the approval of the 2010-11 District Private School Plan, the first reading of the Writing/Communication Program Policy, the approval of in-service

training credit for board members who attended opening day activities on Aug. 9, amendments of the district's Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan and other items.

Also at the meeting, the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation will meet at approximately 6:30 p.m. to consider the adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of school building refunding bonds for school building

purposes.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. with the report of the superintendent, the utility report for Allen Elementary School, and a resolution for the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation to issue bonds, before a recess to convene the finance meeting. After the finance meeting, the board will reconvene to complete the action by consent portion of the agenda.

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Obituaries

Beatrice Dye Howell

Beatrice Dye Howell, 70, of McDowell, died Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at the McDowell ARH.

Born March 19, 1940, in Orkney, she was the daughter of the late William and Maggie Akers Dye. She is a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Howell.

Other survivors include three sons: Ricky (Lora) Howell and Stoney Howell, both of McDowell and William "Bill" (Monica) Howell of Wellington; two daughters; Beatrice Conn of McDowell and Carrie (Jason) Reid of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Delphia Hall of Rogersville, Tennessee and Gladys Howell of Camden, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Delmer Dye and Arnold Dye and two sisters: Ruth Thacker and Gertrude Gayheart.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 20, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church,

in Price. Visitation is after 6 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, at the church. (Paid obituary)



Mary I. Justice

(May 17, 1937 - August 17, 2010)
Mary I. Justice of 3762 West Old Road, 30 Lot 83 E, Warsaw, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 5:00 a.m., at her residence in Warsaw.

She was born on May 17, 1937, in Whittensville, to the late Dona (MaKenzie) Blevins and Lewis Blevins.

Mary was married on December 15, 1955 to Jimmie Justice, who survives. A resident of Warsaw, Indiana for the past 52 years, she was a homemaker and a member of United Pentecostal Church of Warsaw.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 54 years, Jimmie Justice of Warsaw, Indiana; three

daughters: Sharon Justice; Sandra (husband Marty) Bumgardner; and Sonia (husband Dan) Shepherd, all of Warsaw, Indiana.

Also surviving are five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; two sisters: Alice Hale of Fairborn, Ohio; Sola Stephens of Delaware, Ohio; and two brothers: Lewis Blevins, Jr. and Arville Blevins both of Paintsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother and three sisters.

Her funeral service will be conducted on Friday, August 20, at 10:00 a.m., at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home officiated by Pastor Dan Cox.

Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2010 from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m., at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, Indiana.

Memorial donations can be made in Mary's name to go towards the ICU-Unit at Goshen General Hospital, 200 High Park Avenue, Goshen, Indiana 46526.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's Web Site at:

www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)



Amos Moore

Amos Moore, 85, of Ashabula, Ohio and formerly of Battle Creek, died early Monday morning on August 16, 2010, when God took him home to eternity.

He was born May 7, 1925, in Floyd County, the son of Kelse and Darcus (Gayheart) Moore. Amos attended high school in Kentucky and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a nursing assistant for more than 30 years at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Battle Creek. He invented several items to enhance the lives of the veterans while working at VA Medical Center.

Amos married Katherine Singletary who preceded him in death in 2001. He then married Nancy Moore who survives. Amos was a Christian man, giving all he

could to God, reading the Bible was something he did often. He had a beautiful loving family with many children.

He is survived by his children: Jan (David) Bussard, Tom (Anita) Moore, Tina (Tim) Pier, Peggy (Mike Zangaro) Moore, Kevin (Rose Marie) Moore and John Shelton; and stepchildren: James (Barb) Moore, Rose (Roy) Stewart, Dennis (Ruby) Moore and David Moore. Amos is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Cathy Moore; a son-in-law, Bert Shedd; many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Amos was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters, his children and stepchildren, Rex Moore, Ronald Singletary, Pauline Shedd, Donna Moore, Sandra Aponte and Mary Stewart.

He will be dearly missed yet rewarded in heaven. Everyone had a friendly smile for Amos from the greeters at Sam's Club to the car dealers that knew he wasn't really going to buy that car.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19, at Shaw Funeral Home.

Funeral services will take place 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 20, at the funeral home.

Burial with military honors at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

The family is being served by Shaw Funeral Home. www.shawfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Bobby Dean Renfro

Bobby Dean Renfro, 75, of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, August 15, 2010, at his residence.

Born April 11, 1935, in Williamson, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Lewis Henry and Martha Wilson Renfro. He was a retired factory worker for Cadillac and a member of the Church of God, in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Other survivors include two sons: Robert "Bob" Renfro of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Edward Renfro of Ocala, Florida; one daughter, Ruth Renfro Keel of Aultin, Texas; three brothers: Jerry Renfro of Flat Rock, Michigan, Ray Renfro and Gene Renfro, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Joyce Renfro Smith of Betsy Layne; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Evelyn Inscore.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, at 10 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Robert Renfro and Rev. Jerry Renfro officiating.

Burial was in the Mt. View Memorial Gardens, in Huddy.

Visitation was after 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Rowena Music Akers, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lou Ethel Brookover, 91, of Clay City, a native of Endicott, died Sunday, August 15, at the Stanton Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kimberly Collins, 42, of Belleville, Michigan, died Saturday, August 7, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Michigan. Funeral services were held Friday, August 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eric Dwayne Hightower, 40, of Harold, died Sunday, August 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Ann King Hightower. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bruce Jarrell, 48, of Dana, died Saturday, August 14, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Virginia Grace Layne, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 6, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Harold Layne. Funeral services were held

Monday, August 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Dennis "Roundman" McKinney, 82, of Melvin, died Wednesday, August 11, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Patsy Jean Rose, 62, of Garrett, died Saturday, August 14, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roger Rose. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joseph M. Stanley, 58, of Bevinville, died Thursday, August 12, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Anisteen Bartley, 78, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lavaughn Bartley, 75, of Marrowbone Creek, died Thursday, August 12, at her home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Chester Blake Belcher, 71, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, August 10, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Burke Belcher. Funeral services were held Friday,

August 13, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Juanita Chapman, 39, of Kimper, died Saturday, August 14, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Curley Chapman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Albert "Shine" Clinton Edmonds, 90, a Pike County native, died Friday, August 13, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Campbell Justice Edmonds. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 15, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Frank S. Little, 75, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, August 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direc-

tion of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Quillia Irene Ratcliff, 73, of Huntington, West Virginia, died Tuesday, August 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, John Richard Ratcliff. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Karen Sue Ratliff, died Wednesday, August 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruby Compton Richardson, 68, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Virgie, died Tuesday, August 10, in Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, August 13, under the direction of Shoedinger Cleveland Avenue Chapel.

Elmer Vanover, 25, of Morristown, Tennessee, died

(See OBITUARIES, page 3)

CATHOLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES

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Saint Joseph - Martin closed the Mountain View Clinic February 6, 2009.

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Recilla Shepherd of Langley and Clyde and Dana Caudill of Prestonsburg proudly announce the engagement and marriage of their children: Britta Deneene Fraley and Brent Caudill, Saturday August 21, 2010, at half past 5 o'clock pm. The ceremony will be held at the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church on the Big Branch of Abbott in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Britta is a graduate of Allen Central High School and will graduate from Morehead State University this coming May. She is currently employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center of Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Jason is a graduate of Millard High School and the Department of Criminal Justice Training. He is currently employed by the Prestonsburg City Police Department.

After a short honeymoon the couple will reside in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Britta is the daughter of the late Fred Shepherd of Langley, Kentucky.

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Allitha Jo Murray, 24, of Van Lear, to Justin Daniel Mosley, 28, of Van Lear.
 Megan Amber Po, 22, of Drift, to Jason Clyde Spriggs, 26, of Drift.
 Mary Helen Stutes, 29, of David, to Roger Gullett, 35, of Salyersville.
 Britta Deneene Fraley, 23, of Prestonsburg, to Jason Brent Caudill, 36, of Prestonsburg.
 Tilda May Wakeland, 22, of Banner, to Eliza Webb, III, 24, of Prestonsburg.
 Elizabeth Crawford, 42, of Hi Hat, to Vernon Brian Johnson, 40, of Bevinsville.

Civil Suits Filed

BAC Home Loans Servicing LP vs. Nick Pugh; complaint.
 NCOP Capital III LLC vs. Derek K. McGarey; complaint.
 Rosechelia Kidd vs. Benjamin Kidd; complaint.
 Tracy Young vs. Jennifer Jarvis; petition for custody.
 Capital One Bank vs. Rita F. Scaerberry; complaint.
 Eastern Kentucky Development Associates vs. Premier Foods Inc.; complaint.
 Johnny Howell vs. The Estate of Justin Stone; complaint.
 Denise Collins vs. Ronnie Collins; divorce.

Robert Rita Williams and Magie Williams vs. Michael Anthony Marcum and Stephanie Nicole Williams; petition for custody.
 Elizabeth Hamilton vs. Richard Hamilton; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Charges Filed

Bill David Barnett, 32, Martin; second-degree robbery, possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana, prescription in improper container.
 Misty Dawn Duncan, 31, Betsy Layne; flagrant non-support.
 Shawna B. Hamilton, 23, Stanville; theft by unlawful taking.
 Josh Johnson, 27, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.
 Stephanie Renee Tackett, 30, Martin; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, prescription in improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Christopher Ryan Spriggs, 26, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Antonio Savala, 23, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Phillip Fry, 34, Prestonsburg; alcohol

intoxication.
 Jessica Whitaker, 27, Royaltown; criminal trespassing.
 Jimmy D. Branham, 31, Auxier; crimina littering.

Inspections

Arby's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: floors not clean. Score: 99.
 Lone Oak Mobile Home Park, Tram, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered correctly, areas of parking and driving in need of resurfacing, homes not meeting the 15-foot setback from other lots, depending not in good repair on some homes, some debris found around park, high weeds found in some areas. Score: 86.
 Alpkie Mobile Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: outbuildings and other structures found not meeting the 15-foot setbacks, found some underpinning in need of repair, found some trash bags not in proper containers and covered, found some debris, various items around lots. Score: 92.
 S&V Mobile Home Park, Drift, regular inspection. Violations noted: found some potholes in driveway, some areas not meeting the 15-foot setback

at other homes, underpinning in need of repair, one lot in need of cutting weeds around property. Score: 90.
 Spears Mobile Home Park, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered properly, outer decks not meeting 15-foot setbacks, some homes found with heavy weed growth around decking. Score: 92.
 Dwale Mobile Home Park, Dwale, regular inspection. No violations noted. Score: 100.

Big Jim, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: no hair restraints, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, unclean cavities and door seals of microwave ovens, no handwashing sign that notifies food employees to wash their hands.

Triangle Market, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: out of date medications on sales floor, food not protected during storage, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, cloths in use not stored in sanitizer solution, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system and/or hand drying device not provided

at lavatory or handsink. Score: 90.

Property Transfers
 Annie Auxier to H.J. Auxier, property not listed.
 Ben Harrison Auxier to H.J. Auxier, property not listed.
 Jessie Brown Auxier to Harold K. Auxier and Tanya Jean Auxier, property not listed.

John B. Auxier to H.J. Auxier and Samuel B. Auxier, property not listed.
 LeVina Auxier to H.J. Auxier, property not listed.
 Mary Auxier to Millie A. Auxier, property not listed.
 Mary Auxier to H.J. Auxier, property not listed.

N.L. Auxier to Millie A. Auxier, property not listed.
 Bank of America to Floyd Collins and Pamela Collins, property not listed.
 Glenda Barnett to Anthony O. Stephens, property located at James Damron Subdivision.
 Ralph E. Barnett to Anthony O. Stephens, property located at James Damron Subdivision.

Paula Dotson Calhoun to Angela Blackburn Evans, property located at KY Rt. 114.
 Jay Calhoun to Jean Dotson LeMaster and Ronald LeMaster, property not listed.
 Daniel Copper to Doris Wakeland and Tony Wakeland, property not listed.

Ella Copper to Doris Wakeland and Tony Wakeland, property not listed.

Obituaries

Wednesday, August 4, at Panther Creek State Park, Morrinstown. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Jackie Ronald Williams, 59, of Hellier, died Monday, August 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jean G. Adkins Williams. Funeral services were held Friday, August 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Danny D. Williamson, 67, of Williamson, West Virginia, died Wednesday, August 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gloria (GloAnn) Williamson. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 14, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Everett L. "Butch" Williamson, 65, died Saturday, August 14, in a Crestview Florida Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Barnes. Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 17, under the direction of Evans Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY
 Polly Francis Stephens Arnett, 83, of Falcon Road, in Salyersville, died Saturday, July 31, at her home. Funeral services were held

Wednesday, August 4, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Less Combs, 83, of Salyersville, died August 2, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held August 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY
 Dillard Bentley, 75, of Hindman, died August 4, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Bentley. Funeral services were held Friday, August 6, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Less Combs, 83, of Hallie, died August 2, at the Whitesburg ARH. He is survived by his wife, Doris Crech Combs. Funeral services were held Friday, August 6, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Mandy Centers Hall, 86, of Pinetop, died August 17, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 19, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Edward Eugene Mullins, 63, of Bevinsville, died August 7, at the McDowell ARH. Funeral

services were held Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

R.B. Singleton, 74, of Hindman, died August 8, at St. Joseph Hospital at Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Navon Hays Singleton. Funeral services were held Friday, August 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Elveda Slone, 65, of Larkslane, a Knott County native, died August 8, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services

were held Wednesday, August 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Monnie Sparkman, 83, of Pippa Passes, died July 31, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Monday, August 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Annie Adams Tackett, 46, of Beaver, died July 30. Funeral services were held Monday, August 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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 Cinema 3—Starts Friday, Aug. 20
 LOYALTY TICKET (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.
 Cinema 4—Held Over
 THE OTHER GUYS (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:20) 7:15-9:20.
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 DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG), Mon.-Fri. (4:15), Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:15).
 CHARLIE ST. CLAUD (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. 7:05-9:15.
 Cinema 6—Starts Friday, Aug. 20
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Life is a tragedy for those who feel, a comedy for those who think"

— Horace Walpole

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Guest View Changing the future of Alzheimer's

by TERI SHIRK

Baby boomers and Gen Xers whose parents or grandparents have been ravaged by Alzheimer's Disease would surely welcome a cure — a breakthrough that would restore the precious memories and personality traits loved ones have lost and enable them to perform simple, everyday functions such as smiling, speaking and recognizing a family member.

A cure to one of America's most feared and costly diseases is the ultimate goal of the Alzheimer's Association.

But even modest advances that slow the progression of Alzheimer's or delay its onset would dramatically reduce the numbers of today's active adults who suffer from the disease over the next 40 years. Incremental improvements also would achieve dramatic savings for the Medicare and Medicaid (not to mention out-of-pocket costs not covered by these federal programs and not including the value of unpaid care given by family members and others). Those are two compelling reasons to reverse America's chronic underinvestment in, and the lack of a national plan for, Alzheimer's research.

Rapidly Aging Population Means Dramatic Increase in Alzheimer's

A recent report released by the Alzheimer's Association found that, absent even incremental advances in the onset or progression of Alzheimer's Disease, the number of Americans 65 and older who are suffering from the disease will balloon 265 percent, from 5.1 million today to 13.5 million, by mid-century. In Kentucky, the numbers will grow from 80,000 to nearly 212,000.

The report also found that, without a breakthrough that will delay onset or slow progression, the total annual cost of care for Americans with Alzheimer's will rise from \$172 billion today to more than \$1 trillion in 2050.

Today, there is no cure for Alzheimer's. And there are no treatments that can prevent, delay, stop or slow the progression of the disease.

What if?

But what would happen if a breakthrough that delayed onset by five years occurred by 2015? In that case, according to the report, we would see a dramatic reduction in the number of Alzheimer's victims in as little as 10 years, as the number of Americans 65 and older with the disease would decrease from 5.6 million to 4 million. By 2050, 5.8 million fewer Americans would have Alzheimer's, and 3 million fewer Americans would be in the severe stages of the disease.

The costs for treatment also would drop significantly: the Medicare and Medicaid programs combined would save \$42 billion annually by 2020 and \$362 billion annually by 2050.

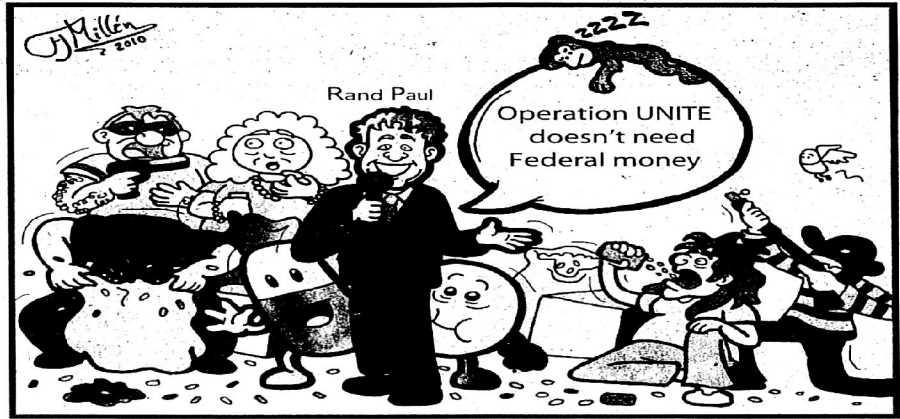
Similarly, a treatment breakthrough by 2015 that slowed the progression of Alzheimer's — assume a scenario where those with the disease would remain in each of the mild and moderate stages five times longer than they do now — would mean:

- The number of Americans in the severe stages of Alzheimer's in 2020 would drop from 2.4 million to 1.1 million.
- The number of Americans in the severe stages in 2050 would drop from 6.5 million to 1.2 million.

- Annual Medicare and Medicaid savings would be \$34 billion by 2020, and \$180 billion by 2050.

While America's search for a cure is ongoing, the projections clearly show that research leading to breakthroughs that delay onset or slow progression of

(See ALZHEIMER'S, page 7)



The Floyd County Times

Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Public pension reform is an issue that tracks far beyond the Bluegrass State where public employees who, like 91 percent of full-time public employees nationwide, are guaranteed a retirement pension based on their salary and years of service.

These so-called "defined benefit" plans have been the standard retirement choice for most states for decades. But as pension costs have risen over the past decade with a decrease in plan contributions and increasing number of retirements among other factors, defined benefit states have found themselves looking at a plan most private sector companies have been using since the early 1980s: the defined contribution plan.

Defined contribution plans, which include 401(k) plans, are individual retirement accounts that invest contributions from employees and employers to meet an individual's retirement needs. How much money is in the plan at the time of retirement is that person's retirement income, which means much of the risk assumed by the state is passed on to the individual.

When you look at today's investment markets, any risk probably looks too risky. We all wish we could go back to those "good old days" of the late 1990s and 2000 when the good old "defined benefit plan

seemed to work just fine. As recently as 2001, according to State Legislatures magazine 31 of the 73 state defined benefit funds that use the most common accounting methods had assets totaling more than 100 percent of the amount they would eventually have to pay out in benefits. Now, the number of state even close to being 100 percent capable of meeting all its accrued liabilities is Delaware.

Still, only a small number of states have switched over to defined contribution plans, while a few offer both a defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Some offer defined contribution plans as an option for employees. Some states that did use defined contribution plans eventually switched to cash-balance or back to a defined benefit plan because of poor investment returns for members of the retirement system.

But the fact remains that a large majority of states are defined benefit based, and the few examples of state that have tried defined contribution plans have done so with mixed results. According to State Legislatures magazine, Nebraska used a defined contribution plan for its state workers for 35 years but changed to a cash-balance plan to get better returns. West Virginia, which enrolled its teachers in a defined contribution plans 20 years ago, switch to a defined benefit plan in 2005 because of small growth in investments.

States that have recently changed the general layout of their retirement plans include Alaska, Georgia,

Michigan and Utah, where major investment losses led lawmakers just this year to offer new employees a choice: a defined contribution plan, or a reduced defined benefit plan that employees must contribute to "if the state's contribution turns out to be inadequate," the magazine reported. The second option also provides workers with an individual retirement account in which any amount of employer contributions not used for the defined benefit part of the plan is deposited.

It is that second option that most closely resembles the plan in Georgia, which dropped its defined benefit plan in 2008. And under Michigan's new system, approved this year, requires all new school employees be enrolled in a hybrid defined benefit and contribution plan after July 1 of this year. The hybrid raises both age and years of service requirements for the defined benefit plan compared to the current defined benefit plans for school employees and adds defined contribution plans as an option. Alaska also recently moved from a defined benefit plan to alternatives.

I guess we could say the jury is still out, so to speak, on how the changes states have made to their plans will work out. Kentucky's pension reform of 2008 also needs tweaking as we discussed last week. Pension costs are rising, and states cannot afford the debt. So more work must be done.

I will have more news affecting our Commonwealth next time. Have a great week ahead.

Beyond the Beltway

We're not colorblind

by DONALD KAUL
OTHERWORDS

Tea partiers get upset when you call them racists. "We're not racists," they yell. "We're God-fearing Americans who don't like Obama's socialist, affirmative-action ways. We just want freedom from government interference in a colorblind society."

So you say, "What about that time a bunch of you lined up at the Capitol and yelled racist epithets at black congresspersons as they went into the building?"

"It never happened," the tea partiers shout. (When they're not yelling, they're shouting.) "Show us the clips. There are no videos of the alleged incident. It never happened."

Well, they've got a point. Everything that happens these days seems to be recorded on somebody's camera and finds its way to YouTube with startling rapidity, yet there are no pictures or recordings of the incident at the Capitol.

Maybe it didn't happen. Maybe

the congresspeople misheard. The protestors could have been yelling "Freedom for Niger," or something like that.

Right-wingers like Glenn "Loony Tunes" Beck have taken up the partiers' cause with a counter-attack, charging the black legislators and their allies with "reverse racism."

I don't know exactly what that means but I'm guessing "Nyah, nyah, you're another" is close to it.

It is my considered opinion that they are both right. Tea partiers are racists. So are African Americans who object to tea partiers.

Racism is woven into the very fabric of our society. It's written into the Constitution, our founding document, which for purposes of representation and taxation counted black people as three-fifths of a person. (Indentured white servants were counted as whole people, but not blacks.)

We practiced chattel slavery here for nearly a century after we became a nation and abandoned it only after a brutal civil war. For the next 100 years or so, most of the country indulged in some form of racial segregation.

And we're not racists? All of a sudden, we're colorblind? Come on,

get real. Racism is as American as apple pie. There's no reason tea partiers or their playmates should be exempt from it.

As further evidence I offer a column by Charles Blow of The New York Times. Blow writes about polls he's found interesting, complete with charts and graphs. Recently he laid out the results of a Quinnipiac poll on attitudes toward President Barack Obama, broken down by race and ethnicity.

For example, the poll asked people whether they would vote for Obama if the election were being held today. Eighty-seven percent of African-American respondents said they would. This compared with only 49 percent of the Latinos interviewed.

Whites? A mere 28 percent said they would vote for the president this time around.

That remarkable gap is repeated in the poll on a variety of issues. Does the respondent approve of the way Obama is handling the presidency? Ninety-one percent of the blacks say yes as against 37 percent of the whites.

Oil spill? Seventy-two percent of

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Blackcats looking for repeat success in 2010

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — As kickoff approached for the 2009 high school football season, Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett wondered what his group of Blackcats might accomplish on the field. Not many expected the kind of success that the cats would enjoy when it was all said and done. Prestonsburg

finished up the 2009 regular season with a perfect 10-0 record before falling just short of the state championship game with a close loss to DeSales in the Semifinals. As kickoff looms for the 2010 season, that same question must be on DeRossett's mind. Can Prestonsburg once again find the magic that led to a 13-1 season only one year ago or will this be a rebuilding year

for the Cats? With the tradition and pride in Prestonsburg, one would have to lean toward another good year for the Blackcats. Gone from the 2009 team are standouts such as Michael Burchett, Austin McKinney, Zak Key, Tyler Hall, Josh Blackburn, Cameron Tischer and Josh Craynon. The losses due to graduation took away most of the offensive production

but the cupboard is far from empty. Seniors Alex Griffith and Trevor Stovall return to anchor a stingy Blackcat defensive unit. Griffith (6-2, 225) returns at linebacker along with Stovall (6-1, 190). Griffith was one of the teams leading tacklers in 09. Max Turner will be a new face on the Prestonsburg

(See BLACKCATS, page six)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Tonight's area games

Shelby Valley at Knott County Central, 7:30 p.m.
(Dr. Gene T. Waits Bowl)
Prestonsburg at Belfry, 7:30 PM
Bishop Brossart at Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Ashland Blazer at Greenup County, 7:30 p.m.
Phelps at Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
Boyle County at Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
Paintsville at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble County at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
Rowan County at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
East Carter at Russell, 7:30 p.m.
Letcher County Central at South Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
Fairview at West Carter, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's area games

Shelton Clark at Coalinga, 7:30 p.m.
Boyd County at Raccoon, 7:30 p.m.

Cats play in Canada, Reds lead division

Night Race rolls back around at Bristol

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Ever get to a point where you have to sit back and wonder what is happening to you? I'm pretty sure today will wrap up one of those weeks for me.

As you may have heard, the Kentucky basketball team played three games in Canada this week. Beginning Sunday, they played on consecutive days in Windsor, Ontario, in a facility the size of the Pikeville College Gym. Or at least that's how it looked on Sunday during the two or three minutes I had it on.

Look, I love the Cats as much as the next guy, but good Lord, it's August here. I'm a firm believer that college football teams shouldn't play until September, so imagine how I feel about August basketball.

I should tell you something else: While I was vaguely aware that they were going to Canada at some point, I had no idea it was last weekend. And I had to be told that it was on television. I had no idea. In hindsight I wasn't surprised it was being broadcast — I'm a little stunned ESPN didn't bump baseball for it, but they'll probably wait until Duke does something abroad for that — but was completely unaware it was on until about 15 minutes before the first game started.

It was amazing to me that on Sunday night when my options were limited to a baseball game between teams I can't even remember right now because the Bengals were blacked out that I couldn't stomach more of it than I did. And I'm going to shoot you straight here — even though I had it on the game a couple of minutes I don't remember watching a single trip up to the floor. Finally I flipped it to the baseball game, or maybe to something I'd taped over the weekend. I don't actually recall.

On Monday, with the Reds not even on, I didn't bother to turn it on. Of course, it was nearly 8 before I made it home, but still, I didn't even think about it.

And had it not been for Bobby Norman on Facebook I would have never known Tuesdays was an afternoon game. I was a little tied up with football media day and fall sports pictures, so again, I was clueless.

When did this happen to me?

And it's not just summer-time UK basketball that fails to excite me these days. Last weekend was the final major golf tournament of the year and I saw none of it. That one, to be honest, isn't too much of a surprise. And before you jump to conclusions, it had nothing to do

(See AUGUST, page six)



ALLEN CENTRAL carried a 11-0 record into South Floyd Thursday evening for a 58th District win over the Raiders. The Rebels won the Food City Summer Slam volleyball tournament last weekend.

15th Region Volleyball Standings

Team	Record
ALLEN CENTRAL	11-0
Betsy Layne	9-1
South Floyd	5-2
Prestonsburg	5-3
Paintsville	5-4
Pikeville	4-4
Belfry	3-2
East Ridge	3-5
Pike Co. Central	3-5
Shelby Valley	2-2
Johnson Central	1-0
Phelps	1-2
Sheldon Clark	0-1
Piarist School	0-2
Magoffin County	0-3
Lawrence County	0-5

VB SPOTLIGHT...

The Piarist VolleyKnights are looking to make a successful run in the 2010 season. The team is pictured. Back row, left to right: Kes Moore, Whitney Hall, Allyssa Wireman, Haley Dyer, Hayley Hilman, Brooke Potter, Charla Hamilton, Samantha Scott, Shonda Bailey

Front row, left to right: Marianna Jacobs, Lakyn Wallace, Kelli Akers, Laken Hamilton, Blair Johnson, Tyra Narin, Mackyzie Samons, not pictured Makayal Perkins, Mascot Karlee Moore

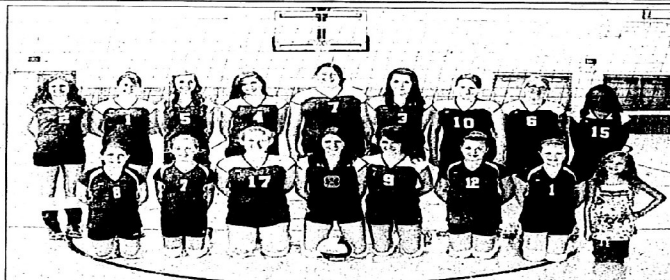


photo by Jamie Howell

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL finished third in the Food City Summer Slam volleyball tournament at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Saturday. Reigning 15th Region Champion Allen Central defeated Betsy Layne for the Food City Summer Slam title. Paintsville (pictured on page A6) finished fourth in the Prestonsburg-hosted tournament.



AC defeats Pikeville, moves to 11-0

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central remained atop the 15th Region volleyball standings on Wednesday following a 2-0 win over Pikeville. The Rebels defeated visiting Pikeville 2-0 (25-6, 25-12) at J.E. Campbell Arena, improving to 11-0 with the win.

Host Allen Central was able to secure an early lead and pull away in both games against 15th Region rival Pikeville.

Courtney Hodge led Allen Central in attacking, registering nine kills for the Rebels. Katie Kendrick and Samantha Rice recorded four kills apiece for the Rebs; Tiffany Burdzilauskas followed with three kills. Ciara Jones was also active for Allen Central as she dropped in one kill.

Leigh Williams landed 14 service aces for the Rebels. Hodge had 11 service aces while Samantha Rice netted nine. Kelsey Blevins (six service aces), Brooke Risner (five service aces) and Rebekah Potter (three service aces) were also proficient in the serving department for the Rebels.

Risner and Williams each had eight assists as Allen Central thrived throughout the 15th Region varsity match.

Potter and Hodge led Allen Central in digs, contributing five and four scoops, respectively.

Allen Central was facing South Floyd in a road match at press time Thursday. The Allen Central-South Floyd match ended too late to make this edition.

Betsy Layne upends PC

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Betsy Layne claimed its third straight win Tuesday evening, defeating host Pike County Central 2-0. The Ladycats, following a 58th District win over the Piarist School on Monday, blanked Pike County Central in back-to-back games, prevailing 25-18 in both sets. Betsy Layne moved to 9-1 after notching the win. The Ladycats are currently ranked second in the 15th Region behind frontrunner Allen Central.

Taylor Watkins turned in a match-high nine kills, Allie Meade landed five and Keleigh Wagner dropped in four as Betsy Layne attacked throughout the match. Audri Ray added two kills for the Ladycats.

Wagner delivered a match-high 18 service aces for Betsy Layne and Allie Meade landed 12. Savannah Meade had eight service aces for the Ladycats. Cecilia Ray led Betsy Layne in assists, exiting the floor with 16 to her credit.

Betsy Layne is set to return to the court on Monday at home in another 15th Region match versus Johnson Central. In other matches slated for next week, Betsy Layne is matched up against Letcher County Central and then Phelps in the 15th

(See BETSY LAYNE, page six)

Blackcats

defensive line. Turner (6-2, 255) and Chris Cook (6-0, 220) will anchor a defensive front that could be one of the brightest spots early in the season. Prestonsburg only yielded 10 points per game in 09 and with several starters returning, the Cats are hoping to duplicate that type of success again. Prestonsburg has had tremendous success over the past few seasons in the secondary.

Junior defensive back/wideout Joseph Jamerson returns to lead the secondary. Jamerson (6-4, 190) was the leading receiver last season as well. The junior finished up with over 800 yards and 10 touchdowns. Junior Alex Garner looks to lead a strong group up front on the offensive side of the ball. Garner (6-3, 230) and Cook are both returning starters up front. Newcomers Zach Rowe, Kinsey Vandine and Austin Reahard should

help the Pburg offensive line lead the way early in the season.

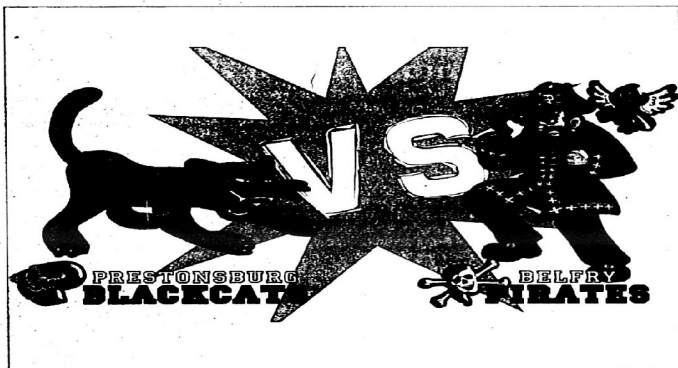
The biggest question mark for Prestonsburg will be at the skill positions. Only one starter, Jamerson, returns for 2010. A fresh group of faces will look to step in and take over. Prestonsburg lost one of the states best quarterbacks in Burchett. Junior Adam Crisp will take over as the Blackcat signal caller. Crisp has a strong arm and good leadership skills that will be important for the Blackcats early in 2010. The group of wideouts will include Jamerson as well as talented sophomore Bryson Williams and senior Nathan Sloane. Prestonsburg shifted to a more pass oriented offense last season and this group is more than capable of helping the Cats continue that trend this year. Zack Kendrick should also see time in the slot for the Cats. Junior Kain Collins will be

Continued from p5 looked to carry the pigskin out of the Blackcat backfield. Collins will replace Josh Craynon. Craynon and McKinney led the Blackcats in rushing in 2009, but Collins does have the size and speed to handle the transition well. Tyler Keens and Grant Anderson are two incoming freshman that could see playing time in 2010.

PHS Football

2010 Schedule

Aug. 20 at Belfry
 Aug. 27 at Paintsville
 Sept. 3 at Breathitt County
 Sept. 10 at Bath County
 Sept. 17 Pikeville (Homecoming)
 Sept. 24 Sheldon Clark
 Oct. 1 Matewan (W.Va.)
 Oct. 8 Morgan County
 Oct. 15 Open
 Oct. 22 at Shelby Valley
 Oct. 29 Pike Central (Senior Night)



UK Football: Defense turns up pressure

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football team put in some new blitzes on the defensive side of the ball Wednesday and wasted no time in showing them off, turning up the pressure on the offense, first-year head coach Joker Phillips said after practice.

"It (practice) was good with this weather," Phillips said in reference to the cooler temperatures. "We had a lot of energy and the defense got after the offense a little bit more today because we put in some more blitzes. The offense wasn't as efficient in picking them up and protecting the football and the quarterback."

Phillips said that one of the goals of this team this season is to get better throwing the football.

"We have to get better at that," Phillips said. "That is one of our goals in the spring and fall is to make sure that we are more efficient throwing the ball. To be efficient throwing the ball, you have to be efficient in picking up blitzes and those things. The defense just got after the offense today."

Phillips is especially pleased with the play of junior-college transfer Mychal Bailey at the safety position. The UK head coach said he was happy with how Bailey played in the scrimmage last Saturday, saying he was one of the guys, along with freshman Jerrell Priester that was playing "really, really fast."

"Mychal Bailey is putting a lot of pressure on a lot of people," Phillips said. "Again, he is another guy that is starting to get a lot of reps because Dakotah Tyler has been out for a couple of days resting some soreness. With all the reps that he is able to get it will help him get into the game. He is going to be on every special team, now it is a matter if he can line up for us at safety and he continues to show us that he has a chance to."

Phillips noted that sophomore wide receiver La'Rod King has a stinger in his neck and is considered day-to-day while it is being monitored.

Kentucky will continue practice Thursday, hitting the field early for the second and final two-a-day practice of camp. UK will then have one final tune-up practice on Friday before scrimmaging Saturday.

UK Football to hold Operation: Move-in - The University of Kentucky football team wants to make it easier on UK students moving back to campus. All 105 players in fall camp will take time Friday morning to help new and returning students move into their dormitory rooms.

The Wildcats will start moving in the students at 8:30 a.m. before heading back to camp and meetings around 10 a.m. The players and coaching staff will head to the Complex Mall area before 10 a.m. to have a small pep rally/photo opportunity with President Lee T. Todd Jr. and First Lady Patsy Todd.

Pikeville lands transfer from Vol State CC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The latest signee of the Pikeville College men's basketball program is a transfer from Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn.

Carlos Woodard, a 6-6 post player, has signed a scholarship agreement with the Bears. Woodard averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds a game for the Pioneers.

Woodard, a senior-to-be, is a native of White House, Tenn., and majors in Business Administration.

"We are very excited to add Carlos to the Bears family," said Coach Kelly Wells. "Carlos brings interior toughness and size that will complement our team. He is a mature student-athlete with great direction and demeanor. We look for Carlos to compete for significant playing

time the day he steps foot on campus.

"He has tremendous rebounding skill, excellent athleticism, great body, warrior attitude, and very coachable. Carlos had a great junior college experience at Vol State, and put up a double-double average in a very good league. We feel very fortunate to add a player of Carlos' person and ability this late in the recruiting period."

Betsy Layne

Region All "A" Classic. The Ladycats will host the year's 15th Region All "A" Classic at the Dome. Other teams scheduled to compete in the 2010 15th Region All "A" Classic include Allen Central, Shelby Valley, South Floyd, Pikeville, Paintsville and Prestonsburg.



BIG CATCH

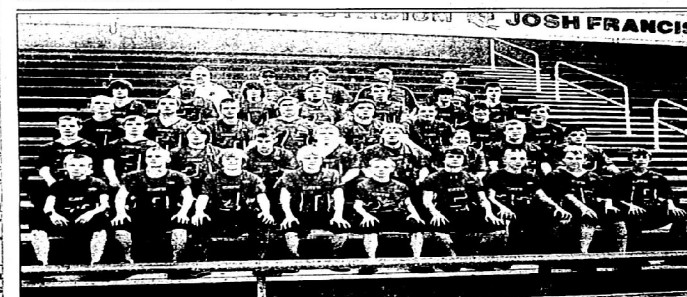
Fishing for crappie, Dalton Tackett, a 10-year-old from Harold, hauled in a catfish on a 33 striped-out reel at Dewey Lake on Thursday, Aug. 12. The 10-year-old fisherman fought hard to reel the fish in from Dewey Lake. He caught the fish on a crappie minnow. The fish measured 27 inches. Tackett is the grandson of Morris Williams.

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PAINTSVILLE finished fourth in the Food City Summer Slam volleyball tournament held last weekend. photo by Jamie Howell



THE ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL football team participated in the Prestonsburg High School gridiron program's media day over the weekend.

August

with Tiger's ability to compete.

I haven't watched 10 laps of NASCAR all season either. Tomorrow night, however, it's possible — the Night Race at Bristol has always been a favorite of mine — so I may catch some of it. But I'm making no promises.

I could go on and on about how, while I'm a huge football fan, I have refused to watch or listen to, anything to do with Brett Favre. And I love him. He's one of my favorite players to watch. But for the love of all things holy, just freakin' get in camp. Stop all the nonsense and do what you're being paid handsomely to do. It's pretty simple.

Another thing that has kept me turned away from sports this summer has been the NBA situation involving LeBron and Dwayne Wade's Miami Heat. ESPN has done irreparable damage with its um, coverage of this.

I don't like the NBA at all anyway, but this would be

enough to even sour Dicky V's passion for the game.

Thankfully, we now have other things on which to focus. Tonight is the soft beginning of the high school football season. Local volleyball, soccer and golf teams have already begun their seasons. The Reds are in first place as we approach September.

The Pike County Bowl is next weekend. The small schools are slated to begin All "A" Classic competition as early as Monday. Pikeville College's first sporting event of the school year is set for next Thursday afternoon.

So despite all the things that have bothered me about sports this summer, and all the others I just haven't made time for, there's still a lot to love about this wonderful distraction from reality we call sports.

I hope you, like me, will continue to wade through all the nonsense and find the things we still enjoy about sports. I say this particularly

about high school and small-college sports, where there's very little to dislike.

It's the beginning of another year. Let's get out and enjoy it, shall we?

WYMT Sports Overtime

- Mountain Top 10 Football Poll**
1. Bell County
 2. Putaski County
 3. Johnson Central
 4. Belfry
 5. Somerset
 6. Letcher Central
 7. Shelton Clark
 8. Harlan County
 9. Prestonsburg
 10. Corbin

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Coal

been handed over to the city, said Mayor Marlee Sammons at a groundbreaking ceremony on the 52 acres of hilltop land.

Viking Remining, a Prestonsburg-based coal company, has agreed with the city to work in coordination with the Abandoned Mine Lands Enhancement Program to take care of two situations at once, so to speak.

Sammons spoke of the financial benefits of the deal for the city and its residents, nearly glowing at the prospect of an influx of money into the city he said even the prison has never afforded the once thriving coal camp town.

"They hit a seam of coal that is called 'bone' or 'loose' coal and it won't take much for them to get that coal out of there, to bust it loose," Sammons said. "We turned down an offer from TECO Mining that would have seen them pay the city \$1 a ton for whatever clean

coal removed from the area, Viking offered a much better deal that is going to have more money coming into this city than we've seen in a long time."

The coal at the site is evident by simply visiting the hilltop area where coal can be found scattered across the property in loose piles and still other areas where larger chunks of coal can be seen jutting from the ground. During the groundbreaking yesterday, there was nearly as much coal in the shovels as there was dirt.

According to Sammons and Robert Williams, a Viking representative and former Wheelwright resident who was present at the groundbreaking Thursday, there could be up to some 125,000 tons of clean coal removed from the land, possibly more.

The good news for the residents and officials of Wheelwright? Viking will be paying the city \$3.53 per ton for the coal. When the

math is all said and done on this deal, the city could see, according to these figures, a total amount over time of \$441,250. Viking gave the city \$10,000 up front, Sammons said yesterday.

"The things we'll be able to do with this," Sammons said yesterday. "There are so many things such as tearing down the old clubhouse and putting in a new one, more help to the senior citizens center, more maintaining of the city swimming pool. The projects would be far-reaching. We could see more stores put in and so forth."

As for Williams, and Viking's partnership and plans with the enhancement program, the focus for the effort, which could be a two-year enterprise, is on cleanup and safety.

"It's a cooperative effort between the city and state to do reclamation work on the slate dump," Williams explained. "The reclamation is the primary focus, just to get this cleanup. It's a fire

and safety hazard as it is."

As for the land once the coal is removed, a sprawling section of land now in complete ownership of the city? Sammons and company have plans for that as well in hopes of expanding recreational opportunities for residents and others.

"With that much land we can do a lot with it," said Sammons. "We already have plans to put in two ball fields, maybe a sportsman club for kids that would teach them hunting skills and things like that, and we're thinking of making a camping area where folks could bring RVs in and visit."

City officials had their hopes up over the last two years on a number of occasions, only to be told at times that all that was located at the site was more or less a pile of leftover coal from operations dating back to the 1970s and would be of benefit to clean up for safety, but not much of a finan-

cial windfall.

That has now changed and was evident with the number of city, local and state officials, both past and present, on hand yesterday for the groundbreaking ceremony, including Kentucky House Speaker Greg Stumbo and two former Floyd County Judge-Executives: Paul Hunt Thompson and Ben Hale.

Continued from p1 along with countless state officials and representatives with Viking.

"This is finally getting done, and we couldn't be more happy," Sammons said. "And, I tell you what, I think when they get in here and get started they're going to find out that this could be a much bigger operation than they might have thought."

Beltway

the blacks said Obama was handling it well, only 37 percent of the whites thought he was. On foreign policy the score was 72 to 38.

Latinos tended to be divided evenly on most questions, the exception being illegal immigration, on which only 38 percent thought he was doing a good job. That compares to 28 percent of whites who like what he's been doing.

All of that would suggest that people's views of Obama's presidency are being colored by color, so to speak.

What clinched it for me, though, was the question: "Do you think that Barack Obama has been a better

Continued from p4 president than George W. Bush?"

Only 37 percent of the white responders thought he had been.

George W. Bush? Who ran the economy into a ditch. Who took us to war in Iraq on a false premise. Who fiddled while New Orleans flooded. Who some scholars consider one of the two or three worst presidents in our history. That George W. Bush.

And two-thirds of the white people in this country think he was better than Obama.

That's racism, baby.

OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's Disease offer substantial benefits. Yet no one government entity has the sole purpose of mounting a full campaign against Alzheimer's Disease, and there is no oversight agency to ensure that every dollar spent on Alzheimer's disease is used to ensure the best possible research, the best possible care and the right number of nursing beds for current and future victims and their families.

National Plan is Needed

The Alzheimer's Association is advocating legislation that would create a National Alzheimer's Project Office to develop and implement a comprehensive national plan to change the course of Alzheimer's Disease. The legislation (S. 3036 / H.R. 4689) builds on recommendations of the independent, bipartisan Alzheimer's Study Group which found that an office dedicated to Alzheimer's could

draw on the expertise residing in various government agencies as well as individuals living with the disease, family and professional caregivers, healthcare providers and others. I urge you to ask your Senator and Representative to support this legislation.

What Local Communities Are Doing: Meanwhile, in the coming months, the Kentucky and Southern Indiana chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will be holding Memory Walk events in 11 communities

(http://www.alz.org/kyin/in_my_community_memorywalk.asp#choose). Memory Walks are the largest annual fundraisers for Alzheimer's research. Each walk brings together family, friends, caregivers and concerned community members — who all want to make a difference. Since 1989, Memory Walks have raised more than

Continued from p4 \$200 million to help those battling Alzheimer's disease.

Since 2004, \$3.5 million has been raised by Memory Walk participants in our service area. Many walk teams are already holding fundraisers to build up the donations they will make on walk day in their hometowns. The Ashland Memory Walk will be held on September 25. I encourage you to form a team today — perhaps it will be just you and your spouse or a sibling this year — but every walker, every team and every dollar you help us raise in 2010 can mean fewer people ravaged by Alzheimer's in the future.

Teri Shirk is president of the Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information about resources and training for individuals and families facing Alzheimer's, visit www.alz.org/kyin

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Kentucky to partner with the Pew Center on the States to improve public safety

FRANKFORT — In support of the state's ongoing efforts to increase public safety and reduce the number of repeat criminal offenders, leaders from all three branches of government announced last week a new partnership with the Pew Center on the States to develop strategies for reducing recidivism while holding offenders accountable and controlling corrections spending.

The goal of the partnership is to give the state a better return on its public safety investment by analyzing the prison population and associated cost drivers to develop tailored policy options that will generate savings that could be reinvested in evidence-based public safety measures.

The announcement was made in a Capitol press conference with Gov. Steve Beshear, Senate President David Williams, House Speaker Greg Stumbo, Chief Justice John Minton, Senate Judiciary Chairman Tom Jensen, House Judiciary Chairman John Tilley, and Richard Jerome, Project Manager of the Pew Center on the States' Public Safety Performance Project.

The Kentucky General Assembly signaled the state's commitment to work with the Pew Center on the States when lawmakers created the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act earlier this year. The task force, created at the urging of legislative Judiciary Committee chairs, includes members from all branches of state government. Lawmakers further demonstrated the state's commitment to collaborate

with Pew by approving \$200,000 in the state budget for the justice reinvestment initiative to provide an in-depth analysis of problem areas in the state's sentencing and corrections system.

Despite a decline in the prison population over the last two years, Kentucky has seen one of the nation's fastest growths since 2000, growing 45 percent since then, compared to 13 percent for the U.S. state prison system overall. Since FY 1980, the state's prison population has grown 442 percent from 3,723 inmates to about 20,200 inmates in FY 2010. To pay for this increase, total state spending on corrections in FY 2009 reached \$513 million, up from \$117 million in FY 1989.

Policy choices, not crime rates, have been largely responsible for this growth. Since as early as 1960, Kentucky's serious crime rate has been well below that of the nation and of other southern states. Yet, the Commonwealth has a higher than average incarceration rate. The 2009 incarceration rate in Kentucky (484 per 100,000 residents) is higher than the overall U.S. state incarceration rate (447 per 100,000 residents). The higher incarceration rates are true for both males and females. In fact, Kentucky has the sixth highest incarceration rate for females.

"Prison is unquestionably the right place for chronic and violent offenders," Gov. Beshear said. "But incarceration has spread far beyond that group, with a dramatic impact on public spending, but too little return for public safety. Every dollar spent

unnecessarily on prisons is a dollar not available for early education, higher education, health care or other public needs."

State lawmakers said Kentucky will benefit from the input of the Pew Center on the States' nationally recognized experts on public safety issues.

"As national chairman of the Council of State Governments, I have collaborated closely with the Pew Center on the States as they have worked in several states to develop thoughtful sentencing and corrections policies that maintain the security of citizens and ensure the effective use of tax dollars," said Senate President David L. Williams. "I appreciate their involvement in Kentucky and look forward to implementing their policy suggestions."

House Speaker Greg

Stumbo said, "We want to be certain that we're getting the best possible return on our tax dollars. As Attorney General, I proposed risk assessment scorecards for offenders. We want nonviolent offenders to pay restitution and meet other obligations, like child support. Higher risk offenders need to be incarcerated."

Chief Justice John D. Minton Jr. said, "Kentucky's criminal justice system functions every day in courtrooms across the Commonwealth. So I think it is essential that the judges' perspectives be a part of these inter-branch conversations, which are aimed at finding more effective and efficient ways to preserve the rule of law in our state. Kentucky is fortunate that the nationally prestigious Pew Center on the States has chosen to assist us in this impor-

tant work."

"Across the country, states are recognizing the need to apply the cost-benefit test to their corrections budgets," said Richard Jerome, project manager of the Public Safety Performance Project of the Pew Center on the States. "Leaders in Kentucky are committed to a bipartisan, collaborative effort to develop solutions and policies that improve public safety at a lower cost to taxpayers."

Pew, along with its partners, the Crime and Justice Institute and JFA Associates, will provide assistance to analyze Kentucky's criminal justice data to determine what is driving the prison population and costs, compare the state's sentencing and corrections policies and practices with nationally recognized, evidence-based and fiscally responsible best

practices, and develop a set of recommendations to improve public safety in the Commonwealth. To incorporate perspectives and recommendations from across the criminal justice system, Pew will also engage stakeholders including judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, jailers, local government officials, advocates for crime victims and survivors, as well as faith-based organizations and business groups.

The project will be guided by the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act, which was created by the General Assembly to develop recommendations based on the principles of justice reinvestment that have been proven in several other states to reduce recidivism while averting new public spending on prisons.

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Cruelty

allegedly discovered several tires and pieces of metal littering the property.

"We've had several confrontations with Mr. Clark in the past," said Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "It's something that has to be dealt with. We are trying to send a message that we are not going to allow the animals to be treated in this manner. I stand behind Randy Bryant on this."

As the code enforcement officer for the county,

Bryant is responsible for responding to complaints from all county departments, officers and citizens regarding violations of county codes and ordinances and is responsible for serving notices on offenders regarding violations and preparing cases for presentation before county and state boards and civil and criminal courts. Bryant also serves as safety officer for county personnel.

Clark is scheduled to be back in court on Oct. 4.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Boss'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Palermo mobsters behave like sharks in a feeding frenzy when they begin grappling for power in this intense crime drama from Italian genre king Fernando Di Leo.

Di Leo made three crime classics between 1972 and 1973. These were violent and nihilistic stories that painted the mafia as a horrible way to make a living and rejected the romantic approach of American



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

efforts. These films focused on betrayal and painted mobsters as insecure souls who double-crossed each other with ruthless abandon. It was a stylistic approach that would not be seen on our shores until Martin Scorsese made "Goodfellas" more than a decade later.

The story opens with a whopper of a sequence that whips the heads of Palermo's families wiped out en masse when they attend a private screening of some naughty Swedish cinema. The men are glued to the screen, literally, after an assassin fires several grenades into the screening room.

The killer, Lanzetta, turns out to be the chief henchman for the only family not in attendance, the Corcoscos.

The next scene finds all of the surviving goons crying their eyes out at the morgue while they try to

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This Town, That World

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

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As one who occasionally must write a headline or so, I joined many others who face the same chore in being thankful for the new President's short name. But it isn't perfect, I begin to gather.

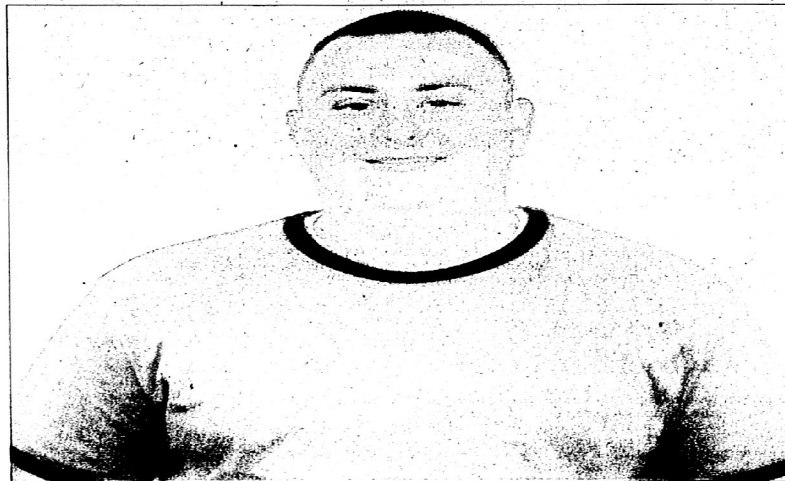
Of course a headline writer can abbreviate as they did with FDR and JFK and others. With Ford in charge, there shouldn't be any need for that.

But already they've run into trouble. There was the recent occasion when the President blasted General Motors for that price increase. And the boys who indie the headlines found that they might complicate the situation by simply saying "Ford Blasts General Motors." So, to make clear that this wasn't a tiff between the giants of the motor industry they had to go for the longer word, "president."

This name could cause trouble later, on another court. Democrats might be driven up the wall by insistent claims of the opposition that "There's a Ford in your Future," and, in like manner, Republicans might, if the economy fails to brighten, be plagued with reminders that there's a Model T in the White House.

NOW WHY WOULD THEY?

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Jonathan P. Bogar

SUCCESS STORY

BSCTC a stepping stone for Bogar

BY DAPHNE KIRK GOBLE

PAINTSVILLE — Jonathan P. Bogar is a prime example of a Big Sandy success story. Bogar hails from Canada. He is married to Kimberly Nicole Bogar. They have two children, Kaden and Kylie. After graduation from high school with a background in welding, Bogar and several family members decided to enroll in the Technical Programs at Big Sandy. The idea appealed to Bogar because of his interest in welding. Additionally, the added company of commuting to school with others eased financial burdens.

"Compared to other educational institutions, Big Sandy's tuition fees were affordable and the quality of education was second to none," Bogar said.

Belfry Technology Center, Instructor, Mike Scott encouraged Bogar to seize the opportunity and attend school at BSCTC.

When asked about his educational experience at BSCTC, Bogar explains, "I was fortunate to have two wonderful instructors in Bobby McCool and John McKenzie. Bobby and John proved to be valuable mentors and provided priceless instruction and support for me. I absorbed valuable expertise from their diverse backgrounds. Bobby comes from a military and scholastic background. He provided the academic and chemistry side of the welding trade to my educational experience.

John's skill set afforded valuable, unique expertise in real world application of the welding trade. Bobby and John were very instrumental in my academic success. It did not take me long to realize that BSCTC offered exceptional education opportunities far beyond most other educational institutions."

Bogar completed his studies at Big Sandy with a diploma in Welding in 1998. He is employed at the Belfry Technology Center, Belfry. His studies at BSCTC were a stepping stone to other academic successes. Bogar proudly holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Science in Career and Technical Education through Morehead State University. His goal for the future is to ascertain a higher administrative position at the Belfry Technology Center.

Bogar credits the Welding Program at BSCTC and former instructor, Mike Scott for his success in life. Bogar elucidates, "Big Sandy's dedication and commitment to content knowledge and the experiences, contacts and acquaintances I obtained at Big Sandy bolstered my success. Big Sandy gave me the tools I needed to be successful in my occupation. When I applied for employment at Belfry Technology Center, my education from Big Sandy set me apart from the other candidates. It was a deciding factor in securing the position. I love my job and feel I am

successful in every facet of my profession. My professional life is a mix of all of the educational experiences I have shared throughout my life and Big Sandy is a big part of that experience. BSCTC was a great place to get a quality education at an affordable price, close to home."

Bogar is a testament to the success of BSCTC students. Big Sandy graduates excel in today's competitive job market. Students fulfill dreams and goals and reap the benefits of financial prosperity because of the superb educational opportunities provided by BSCTC.

For more information about the Welding Program at BSCTC, contact John McKenzie, Assistant Professor, Mayo Campus, building D, room 104 or call or e-mail (606) 886-3863, ext. 82823; john.mckenzie@kctcs.edu.

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Additional information about academic and technical programs offered at BSCTC is available by visiting <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/>.

DINNER DIVA

Back to school tips



The school cafeteria has become a place filled with poor diet choices. From franchise-fast food offerings to soda machine temptations, today's kids are faced with a lot of less than healthy choices at lunchtime. So what can parents do? They can pack a healthy lunch! But many parents could use some help — the typical child's lunchbox is often filled with fat, sugar and salt and lacking healthy fruit, vegetables and whole grains.

Healthy lunchboxes are just one way to help reinforce healthy eat-

ing in childhood when eating habits are being formed. Instilling healthy eating habits is more important than ever as child obesity rates have soared in recent years!

The key to a healthy lunchbox is balance. Having a decent protein/carb ratio in your child's lunchbox will help them finish the day with energy to spare. Here are my top 5 tips for packing a healthier lunchbox.

1. Wipe Out White Bread. Breads made with whole grains are better sources of fiber and keep

your kids feeling full longer. They also have more of other important nutrients, such as selenium, potassium and magnesium. The good news is that it's easy to find whole grain options at grocery stores for everything from bread to crackers to tortillas. I'm nuts about Rudi's Bakery. My kids love their breads and they have the soft mouth feel of white bread.

2. Choose Cheese. Cheese is a good way to give your child a little

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Family Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

Q My son is starting school this fall. He'll be in the first grade, and he seems nervous about it. Though he's been in kindergarten, the jump to first grade appears to be daunting for him. He cries every day and says he doesn't want to go to school. What can I do to help him adjust to this new phase in his life?

A Thanks for this timely question. The school year will be starting in just a few short weeks in many parts of North America. It's not uncommon

at this time of year for children and parents to become a little anxious as they begin dealing with the annual back-to-school ritual of buying school clothes and supplies. When a child is experiencing what is called "school anxiety," the approach of the school year can be particularly challenging. School anxiety is very common, particularly when a child is just starting school or adjusting to a new school.

Fortunately, there are some things you can do now to make the first day of classes — and the

rest of the year — go more smoothly. First, visit the school with your son. Make arrangements to do that now, before that hectic first day of classes. That way your son can become familiar with the location of his classroom, the lunchroom and the playground. You can take advantage of the visit to meet your son's principal and teachers.

If your son rides a bus to school, make sure he knows the pick-up and drop-off points as well as basic safety rules, including the proper way to walk along or cross any streets between the bus stop and home.

You can help ease your child's apprehension about school by stressing the positive benefits. Try

to instill in him a love of learning, and be sure he knows why it's important to get an education.

One way to do that is to take an interest in learning yourself. If your child sees you reading at home or taking an interest in school projects, you'll be fostering the idea that learning is important in your family.

When you meet the teacher, talk with her or him about the amount of homework your child will receive. Then, set up a household schedule that allows for homework time every night. Provide a comfortable, quiet place for your child to do his homework.

Finally, all parents should take time to tell their sons and daughters

that they are proud of them and the work they do at school. Part of every parent's pledge should be to accept your children for who they are — nurture those qualities that make each child special, and take every step you can to help them improve in areas of weakness. But, don't be afraid to discipline them with love — firm but kind — when they need it.

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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

Are you a grouchy bear or a teddy bear?

by KIM LITTLE FRASURE

Been having a lot of conversations lately about people's disposition, you know the kinds about Negative Nancys or Positive Pollys. Some people will go far and wide to reach to find negativity. Their glass is always half-empty and the sun never seems to shine bright enough.

These folks are hard to take in large doses before that negativity starts to creep all over and spill out onto those surrounded by it. It took me forever before I came to the realization there is something major causing this type to be so ill-tempered, grouchy and just negative. That's when



Kim Little Frasure

prayers for understanding and compassion began.

It's hard as ever to be compassionate and try to understand when you've got somebody throwing one sharp, hateful, complaining word after another.

We can always remove ourselves for an hour or two sometimes, but then other times we're just stuck and when that happens, I picture in the mind's eye this huge gold shield I throw up and those sword-like words start bouncing and crumbling to the floor.

Oh, there are times of weakness and fibro-fog, and when that happens it's time to head for the nearest door, let out a big, shrill scream and pull a strand or two of

hair out. Just kidding, but one sure feels that way sometimes.

Yes, our disposition speaks volumes! What kind of disposition do you have? Are you a Negative Nancy or a Positive Polly? Are you a grumpy old bear or a teddy bear?

Do you ever try and find the good side to anything or does the whole world seem to be against you?

Try an entire day of finding the good in everybody around you. Try loving that angry chicken instead of wishing it was baked or vice versa.

Start small and end up big. It is so worth it.

"As a roaring lion, and a raging bear, so is a wicked ruler" (Proverbs 28:15 KJV)

'Til next week, God bless.

Allen

But we'll worry about that later. Just now, I am pleased to report that Lenna Moore had surfaced. When asked by "Snow" White about the rumor heard hereabouts that he, Moore, had died, he explained how the story began.

"I was rolling up the river bank out of my garden this big tomato, and my foot slipped and it rolled over me. With all this tomato juice over me, you can see how they got the idea I was killed."

Then Moore paused, and added:

"Any time I get in a city the size of Cincinnati it's a case of the fish out of water. Or the dead duck, or something. A seeing eye dog might help, but I have my doubts. If I could manage to keep my mouth shut, as I have often been advised to do, maybe the "rube"

wouldn't be so obvious.

But...

The other evening, after having found refuge in a suburban restaurant, I found the music too loud for my sensitive ears. The voice kept singing, and I announced to others at our table that some of these juke boxes have a button which you can push (after depositing the proper amount, of course) and so win a respite

from the noise.

Then it was that the smart alecks reminded me that maybe I shouldn't press the matter too far, since that was a real live man doing the singing.

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Salome's Stars Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering — twist and among colleagues, friends or family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The early part of the week could have some disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping to get things nicely settled down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take that upsurge you've been hoping for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by your choices you make.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Are you sure you have all the facts you need to let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless and until you feel it's the right thing to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Pace yourself as you prepare to take on that more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to see both sides of a situation. You would do well as a counselor or a judge.

Diva

fat (choose the low fat varieties) and protein. String cheese is a fun snack that you get to play with.

3. **Don't Skimp on Fruit.** Swap fruit for sugary snacks that cause kids' energy lives to nosedive after launch. Bananas are great for lunchboxes. They are convenient, a great source of potassium and come in their own carrying case. Pack it on the very top and wrap in a napkin for protection. Apples, peeled oranges and grapes make great lunchbox additions as well.

Sprinkle cinnamon on apples for extra flavor and disguise the natural browning process.

4. **Skip the Chips!** Most kids feel their lunchbox isn't quite packed unless there are chips aboard. Parents know most store-bought chips are not the healthiest food around. Baked tortilla chips are a good option or even better are baked pita chips, which are easy to make at home.

5. **Be Choosy About Beverages.** According to the American Academy of

Pediatrics drinking too much juice (yes, even 100% fruit juice) can contribute to everything from cavities to childhood obesity, not to mention the discomfort of gas and bloating! Get your child into the good habit of drinking water. Try freezing a bottle of water instead of the usual juice box and flavored drinks — and skip soda altogether. The bottle will keep the lunchbox cold and will be thawed by lunchtime!

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Mower jump-start can be done, if you know what you're doing

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
This question isn't about a specific car, but is a general equipment question. Of course, during the winter, my riding lawn mower has gotten no driving time, and thus the battery has died. I was wondering if it is safe to jump-start the lawn mower with my car, and if you have any tips on how to do it. Thanks!
Cameron R. A. Y. Carefully.



TOM: But if you're technically adept, this is a perfectly good solution: Your car battery is 12 volts. Most riding mowers have 12-volt batteries, too. Of course, you need to check to be sure.

RAY: If your mower uses a 12-volt battery, use the jumper cables as you would when starting another car. Hook the positive cable to the positive terminal of the car battery. Then connect the other end of that cable to the positive terminal of the mower battery.

TOM: Then connect the negative cable to the car battery's negative terminal, and the other end to the frame of the mower. They come off in exactly the opposite order.

RAY: Because the battery on a riding mower often is buried down deep underneath the seat, be especially careful not to allow any part of the positive clamp or the exposed cable to touch the frame. Otherwise, you may end up with a hard-to-like my brother's.

TOM: Or a hairline like my brother's.

RAY: Finally, make sure the car's engine is turned off. The alternator in your car produces way too many amps for the lawn mower, so you don't want your automobile engine to charge the lawn mower's battery. You want it to provide the power to the mower with just enough juice to start the mower's engine. Once the engine is started, the mower's own generator will charge the battery.

TOM: Jump-starting a riding mower from a car or truck is a trick that landscapers use all the time. But there are several even better solutions for homeowners, Cameron.

RAY: One option is a "jump pack." That costs 50 or 60 bucks. It's essentially a plastic-encased 12-volt battery with jumper cables already attached to it. You plug it into a wall socket once in a while to keep it charged, and when you need to jump-start a car or a mower, you tote it out and clamp the built-in cables to the dead battery.

TOM: Another great option is a trickle charger. You can get a cheap one for about 40 bucks. You

can use it on your car or mower batteries. But in this particular case, you could hook it up to the mower the day before the first big spring cut. Then go to sleep, and you'll be ready to hack down your wife's prized-tulips first thing the next morning.

Is this a bright idea?
Dear Tom and Ray:

I enjoy your column every week. In our cars, the headlights turn off automatically when we exit the vehicle, so there's no danger of leaving the lights on and draining the battery. So my wife and I just leave the headlights on all the time when we're driving. I think if anything, this is safer, as does she. Is there any reason not to drive with the headlights on all the time? What about the fog lights? Unless you have a reason not to, we'll continue to do it. Thanks. — Rob

TOM: The only real downside is that you'll have to replace your headlight bulbs more often.

RAY: But if you're willing to pay that price for the additional visibility you get, you're certainly not doing any damage to the car. TOM: It does take a little bit of

energy to power the headlights, and that energy ultimately comes from the gasoline. So your mileage will be reduced by a very small degree. It might not even be measurable to you, but it will make a small difference.

RAY: All of this applies to the fog lights and driving lights, too. I would caution against leaving auxiliary driving lights on, because they're often the equivalent of your bright lights. That'll just annoy oncoming drivers, and they'll crash into you on purpose, negating the enhanced safety you get from the lights.

TOM: But we agree with you — driving with your lights on is safer. The easier you are to see, the more likely that other drivers will see you. And if you're willing to pay the price in bulbs and gas mileage, light it up, baby.

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Lagoon

figure which bodies belong to their respective bosses. The goons get together and decide that Corosco had to be at the bottom of the attack (giving credence to the theory that the elimination method is the best way to figure out a mystery, and it sure helps when all of the other suspects are stains on a screening room wall).

The survivors retaliate by kidnaping Mr. Corosco's niece, Rina, in hopes that her dad, Giuseppe, will pressure Mr. C into trading his life for the woman's. No soap guys.

Mr. C turns out to be one of those ruthless fashion plates who is not afraid to dress like Hugh Hefner (in a robe) while rocking a polka dot ascot. The man has no fear. He does, however, have a healthy streak of paranoia and orders Lanzetta to kill Rina's dad if he tries to raise a ransom for her.

Lanzetta does his duty and wipes out Giuseppe after the man raises a half a million lire for his daughter. He then keeps the dough (he's evil not stupid) and rescues Rina on his own.

Soon the crime cartel that runs everything sends a man to mediate this dispute. His efforts only increase the bloodshed and wind up convincing Corosco that the only way out is to kill Lanzetta and blame the whole thing on his corpse. Only problem is Lanzetta's not ready to die, though he is hip to how the game works and he's ready to take charge.

This all leads to a triple ending where just about everybody dies and every bridge gets burned. It's well-paced fare that bene-

fits from Di Leo's keen sense of pacing as well as his fondness for American actors.

Richard Conte (Barsini in "The Godfather") is at his oily best as Corosco. He's slicker than a snot sandwich and just as vile.

Henry Silva, however, rules the roost as Corosco's right arm, Lanzetta. He allows the character to be innocent enough at first, things love to briefly fall for Rina, but he's even better when he's turning on her and splattering everyone he knows with automatic weapons. Silva is the perfect guy to play a sociopath as he always appears to be on the cusp of showing

some emotion, but manages to resist the urge.

Di Leo serves all of this up with a punchy techno score and some of the goriest gunfights this side of a

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Sam Pekinph film. Best line: "Noting is yours. Not even your daughter. It all belongs to La Familia." 1973, rated R.



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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A better-than-average week saw three hits and one big miss for renters.

■ "The Last Song" — Let's start at the bottom with this cash grab from the major studios that tried hedging its bets by casting a popular teen idol (Miley Cyrus) in an adaptation of one of Nicholas Sparks' many books. This is just pure dreck that finds a father and daughter trying to mend fences while spending the summer together. Greg Kinnear tries hard as the dad, but Cyrus just isn't up for the material. She has shown she can handle lighter fare but should probably hone her acting skills on a few "Lifetime Television Movies" before tackling another big budget soap opera.

■ "Fury Vengeance" — Woodland creatures rebel against a greedy land developer who wants to turn their

backwoods paradise into a subdivision. This one knows it is going for the cheap laughs and does a fine job of getting them. The CGI is credible so they don't embarrass themselves too much. Brenda Fraser is even more animated than the critters and gets a few yuks for his efforts. Turn off the brain and park yourself and the kids in front of the set for this feature.

■ "Dexter: Season 4" — Television's most developed serial killer returns in Showtime's popular series that focuses on an emotionless murderer who just wants to fit in to a mundane suburban existence. Season 4 finds Dexter with a wife and a new baby, as well as a shared living space, which forces him to build a shed for his macabre collection of blood spatters from his many victims. Things get bad in a hurry when he comes across a seasoned murderer who lives in his hometown. John Lithgow is

downtight evil in the role of the new nemesis and he adds a degree of menace that will have you wondering if Dexter hasn't bitten off more than he can chew by challenging him. Stay tuned until the final seconds of the last episode for a heart-breaking revelation that changes the direction of the series.

■ "The Lost Skeleton Returns" — If you love 1950s sci-fi flicks, then you'll thoroughly enjoy this sequel to "The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra." This time out the characters are heading to South America to search for a new element, but don't think for a minute that the bony menace of the title will be sitting this adventure out. Goofy, wry and absolutely the funniest film ever made for about \$10.

Next week look for bigger budgets with the release of "Back-Up Plan" and George Romero's "Survival of the Dead."

Strange ... but true

■ Conservative author and commentator William F. Buckley Jr., a graduate of Yale University, once made the following controversial remark: "I'd rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University."

■ The first auctions in recorded history were held in 450 B.C. in Babylon. Sadly, and perhaps unsurprisingly, the items up for sale were humans.

■ The Goodyear company, known today for its automobile tires, was originally founded to produce rubber clothing and, oddly, musical instruments.

■ Ellen Axson Wilson

is reported to have exchanged approximately 1,400 love letters with her husband. President Woodrow Wilson, during their marriage.

■ You might be surprised to learn that in 1952, the CIA conducted a study of UFO sightings, and concluded that the objects were a threat to national security. The report stated, "The reports of [sightings] convince us that there is something going on that must have immediate attention."

■ If you're family is like one-third of families across the country, you have a Scrabble game in your home.

■ It's been reported that the world's oldest piece of chewing gum is more

than 9,000 years old. After that long, though, I wonder how they could tell what its original use was.

■ Experienced boot makers reportedly can get three pairs of the foot wear out of a single ostrich hide.

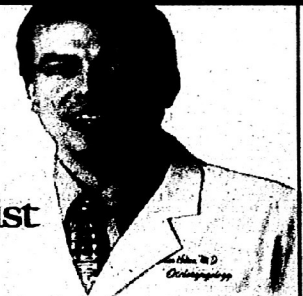
■ When Ruth and Fred Midler were naming their newborn daughter in 1945, they were inspired by classic film actress Bette Davis. But they changed the pronunciation.

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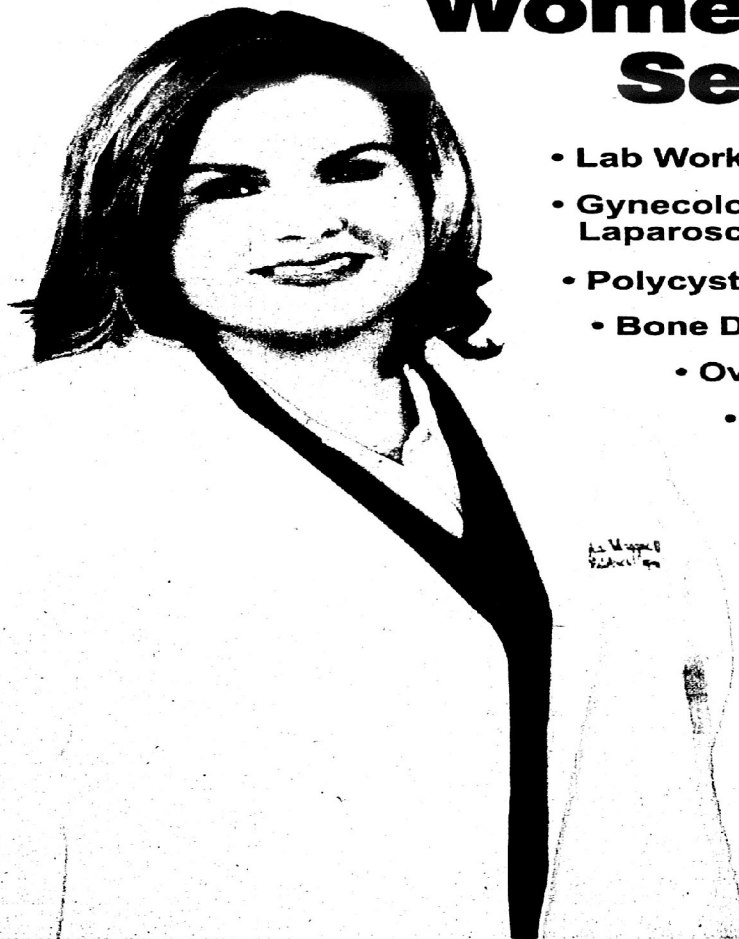
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