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## briefs

### Another pleads guilty to Knott vote fraud

The Associated Press

LONDON — An Eastern Kentucky man pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal election fraud charge in U.S. District Court in London.

Keith Pigman, 45, of Garner, admitted in court that he conspired to pay voters to vote in the May 1998 primary election. Under an agreement with prosecutors, five other charges were dropped in exchange for his cooperation in other vote-fraud cases from Knott County, including the one pending against Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome.

Pigman was the second defendant to plead guilty. Newton J. Johnson, 40, of Brinkley, entered a guilty plea last month to one count of vote buying and one count of obstructing justice and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. Five other counts were dismissed in exchange for his cooperation.

Newsome, 52, of Hindman, is the first Kentucky elected official in at least five years to be indicted on vote-buying charges. He is scheduled to stand trial on Sept. 23.

He along with seven other Knott Countians named in vote fraud indictments have entered innocent pleas.

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**Tomorrow**  
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## Board makes plans for Betsy Layne building

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** — The Floyd County Board of Education held a special-called meeting Wednesday evening at Betsy Layne Elementary School. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a plan of

action toward providing safe classrooms for Betsy Layne Elementary students this coming fall, as well as establishing plans for the demolition of the old Betsy Layne Grade School building, also known as the "WPA Building."

After considerable discussion and following presentations from board archi-

facts, the board voted unanimously to appropriate approximately \$220,000 to be used for leasing portable modular classrooms in which to house the school's students in the interim period between the demolition of the WPA building and the construction of a new facility.

A decision to demolish the old building

was made by the board following reports from both board architects and other architectural firms who were consulted in regard to the condition of the existing building. All were in agreement that to continue use of the building in its current

(See **BOARD**, page three)



photo by Sheldon Compton

The first person in Kentucky to contact FEMA for disaster assistance from last month's flooding, Price resident Jo Elliot collected her Small Business Administration loan check Wednesday morning in Prestonsburg.

## First payments made to June flood victims

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Only seven days after President Bush issued Kentucky's third disaster declaration since January, seven Floyd Countians had Small Business Administration loan

checks in hand.

The checks were given out Wednesday morning to Dennis and Sarah Bentley and Aleshia and David Fraley, both of Prestonsburg, Jerry Hall and Jeanice Allen-Hall, of Bypro, Jo Elliott, of Price, Randy and Liza Morrow, of Galveston, Don and

Elizabeth Sparkman, of Hi Hat, and Chasity and Estill Stumbo, of Wayland.

Jo Elliot was commended Wednesday by SBA area director Michael C. Allen, who pointed out that Elliot was the first person in

(See **CHECKS**, page three)

## Teen accused of 'almost robbery'

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**MELVIN** — Police arrested a Melvin teen Wednesday after a grocery store cashier obtained a warrant saying he entered the store where she was working and brandished a gun, asked for money, threatened her and then left.

Sergeant Gary Tackett and Deputy Delmas Johnson of the

Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrested 19-year-old Chad Cole in Melvin Wednesday night.

Tackett said the warrant for Cole's arrest came in response to a complaint sworn by Carrie Hutchinson, a cashier at Hall's Market near Wheelwright.

Hutchinson claims that Cole came into the grocery store Monday and raised his shirt,

revealing a pistol stuck in his belt, and demanded Hutchinson give him the money from the register.

Before she could react, Cole allegedly turned to leave, threatening her as he went.

"She (Hutchinson) said when he was leaving, he turned and told her that the next time it would be the real thing," Tackett said. "She

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## Couple awarded \$200K in insurance suit

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Melvin couple injured in an automobile accident in April 2001 was awarded over \$200,000 following a jury verdict Wednesday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Linda and Garnis Caudill were awarded the money following a claim from the couple for underinsured motorist benefits, saying

their insurance company refused to make the payment following the April 10 accident.

The Caudills had taken out a policy with Valiant Insurance Company to compensate them for their injuries and damages in the event that the person who caused the wreck failed to have enough insurance to fully cover costs.

Bobby Rowe, the attorney representing the Caudills during the trial, told the jury that the couple

had both sustained injuries to their necks and lower backs during the accident. To support the claim, Garrett physician Ira Potter, who treated the husband and wife after their accident, testified that the couple's claims were sound and that the injuries had affected their lives.

Rowe, who spoke on behalf of the couple, said they were "thank-

(See **AWARD**, page three)

## New council member could be picked today

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Members of the Prestonsburg City Council are meeting in special session this morning to appoint a new council member to replace former councilman Billy Ray Collins, who died following a battle with lung cancer last month.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin was in Frankfort and could not be reached for com-

ment as of press time yesterday.

Fannin said shortly after Collins' death in June that the council would deliberate on appointing a new member, adding that, as of that time, no one was being looked at as a serious replacement.

Collins was 68 years old when he died at Highlands Regional Medical Center and had been, along with Hansel

(See **COUNCIL**, page three)

## Noted historian, professor dies

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Robert Perry, former Prestonsburg Community College English professor, Samuel May House curator and local author, died yesterday at the age of 66, following a yearlong battle with cancer.

Perry spearheaded efforts in the early 1990s to open the Samuel May House as a museum, giving tours as part of his PCC class curriculum and later becoming the curator of the historical landmark. He eventually helped form and serve as president of the orga-

nization Friends of the Samuel May House in 1993 and saw the restoration of the house and its development as a local history resource, archive and tourist attraction.

Contributions that might be offered in response to Perry's death have been suggested to go to the Friends of the Samuel May House.

Perry authored a lengthy essay on the house entitled, "The Oldest House in the Valley", which was published in a bound edition in 1993 by the Friends of the Samuel May House.

(See **PERRY**, page three)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Perry, left, is pictured here at the dedication ceremony of the Ivy Creek Memorial Monument at Ivel, one of many historical projects he helped make a reality during his time as a teacher, historian, author and adopted father of Floyd County history.

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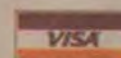
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# Odds & Ends

■ **SINGAPORE** — Good news for gum lovers.

The government of this island nation announced Thursday it will allow chewing gum, long-banned here, to be sold — although only from pharmacies.

The decision stems from a recently signed free trade agreement between the United States and Singapore, and follows lobbying from the U.S. Congress and American gum makers.

Squeaky-clean Singapore outlawed the import, manufacture and sale of chewing gum in 1992, complaining that spent wads were fouling the city-

state's famously tidy pavements, buildings, buses and subway trains.

Gum became a sticking point in recent trade talks with Washington.

Philip Crane, chairman of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee and a congressman from Illinois — where gum giant Wrigley Co. is headquartered — pressed for Singapore to loosen the ban.

Singapore initially agreed to allow gum to be sold only with a doctor's prescription, but that didn't satisfy U.S. negotiators.

Pharmacies may sell dentist-recommended gum that aids "dental and oral hygiene" once

the trade pact takes effect, expected to be by the end of the year, a government spokeswoman said.

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Notice to owners who no longer want their tropical pets: Don't even think about dumping them in the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory.

That's the warning from the conservatory's Rebecca Loehe, who has found three iguanas, two geckos, a box turtle, a

Bengalese spice finch and a rare Cordon Bleu finch wandering around since she began working at the park in 1999.

In her four years at the park, which has arid, tropical and floral domes, Loehe has seen the parakeet population grow from just two pairs to more than 65. There were so many of the birds that Loehe had to call Milwaukee's Urban Ecology Center for help. They caught 28 and donated them to a bird rescue mission.

While Loehe is certain that most of the bird boom is because of reproduction, she suspects a few of her feathered friends were smuggled in by park visitors in their coat pockets.

"I can't prove it," she said, "but it wouldn't surprise me."

The park, Loehe acknowledged, does sometimes accept "donations," such as zebra finches and cockatiels, but that no one gave the go-ahead for the other critters — and for good reason.

The diets of people's pets and birds at the park are so markedly different that many animals often can't adapt and eventually die from malnourishment.

the center. But Ledger pledged to keep an eye out for the dogs along the way.

Six puppies and their mother were spotted in the village of Al Amanieh. One pup was adopted by an Iraqi family and another by military personnel. Christmas agreed to pay the \$1,000 cost of transporting the others to California.

■ **PHOENIX** — Jenny Lopez's home is a pile of rubble after a demolition crew mistakenly tore down the wrong house.

The house that was supposed to be demolished Wednesday was across the street from Lopez's, where she had lived for 30 years. Although the home was vacant, the family stored household items there and had hoped to sell it.

House numbers in the southwest Phoenix neighborhood are not well-marked and all the mailboxes sit on one side of the street, making identification difficult.

Foresight Investment Group of Phoenix hired contractors to tear down the house across the street from Lopez's. It was vacant, boarded up and fenced in.

"We were either going to sell the property or build a new house," said Joe Uruquart, one of the company's owners.

One of Lopez's old neighbors spotted the heavy construction equipment in her yard and alerted family members. But when they arrived, the house had already been torn down.

Demolition man David Gomez declined to comment about the incident but told a television station that he would probably lose his job.

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 11, the 192nd day of 2003. There are 173 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 11, 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

### On this date:

■ In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

■ In 1767, John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

■ In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

■ In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

■ In 1934, President Franklin Roosevelt became the first chief executive to travel through the Panama Canal.

■ In 1952, the Republican national convention, meeting in

Chicago, nominated Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Richard M. Nixon for vice president.

■ In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

■ In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

■ In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station "Skylab" made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

■ In 1989, actor Laurence Olivier died at age 82.

### Ten years ago:

President Clinton wrapped up his visit to South Korea with a visit to the Demilitarized Zone separating South and North Korea; he then flew to Hawaii, where he placed a wreath at the site of the sunken battleship USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor. In Des Moines, Iowa, severe flooding shut down a water system serving 250,000 residents.

### Five years ago:

Air Force Lt. Michael Blassie, a casualty of the Vietnam War, was laid to rest near his Missouri home, after the positive identification of his remains, which had been enshrined at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va.

### One year ago:

Lawmakers balked at moving the Coast Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency into a new Homeland Security Department despite pleas from senior Cabinet officials to stick to President Bush's blueprint. Both agencies did end up being included in the new department.

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Brett Somers is 76. Actor Tab Hunter is 72. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 56. Actor Bruce McGill is 53. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 53. Actor Stephen Lang is 51. Boxer Leon Spinks is 50. Actress Mindy Sterling is 50. Actress Sela Ward is 47. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 46. Singer Peter Murphy is 46. Actor Mark Lester is 45. Jazz musician Kirk Whalum is 45. Singer Suzanne Vega is 44. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 44. Rock musician Scott Shriner (Weezer) is 38. Actress Debbe (correct) Dunning is 37. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 31. Rapper Lil' Kim is 28. Rapper Lil' Zane is 21.

### Thought for Today:

"Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." — Robert Frost, American poet (1874-1963).

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■ **LOS ANGELES** — Five Iraqi dogs have a new home in southern California thanks to an animal lover who saw them sitting forlornly in the desert during a TV news report.

Marcy Christmas, 51, beamed as the four skinny puppies and their sad-eyed mother tumbled out of an Air France plane Monday after surviving war, hunger and a 9,300-mile journey from the Jordan-Iraq border.

"I'm as amazed as you are that this happened," said Christmas, who spotted the dogs April 10 on a television news report. The woman, who lives with five adopted Chihuahuas in Camarillo, has been rescuing dogs for decades. After Christmas spotted the 4-month-old pups, she contacted the Jordan-based Humane Center for Animal Welfare and asked if they could rescue the litter and their mom.

"Actually, we were going to Iraq to save gazelles," said Margaret Ledger, director of

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**Your Clue**  
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# Candidates make pitch for rural votes

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Democrat Ben Chandler and Republican Ernie Fletcher courted farm votes Thursday, each promising to preserve crop diversification

funding and give farmers a voice in drafting water regulations.

Both claimed roots in agriculture during a two-hour forum at a Kentucky Farm Bureau meeting. They also took partisan swipes at one another — Chandler criticizing Republican

handling of the national economy and Fletcher denouncing Democratic rule in Frankfort.

Chandler, the state's attorney general, didn't brag about having a law degree. He talked instead about working tobacco and still living on the Woodford

County farm that has been in his family since 1784.

"There is nothing that is any more important to me in my entire public career than doing what I can to help our people stay on the farm if they want to," Chandler said. "And one thing I

know about farm families — they want to, if they possibly can."

Fletcher, a congressman who is a physician and engineer by training, talked about hoeing vegetables and setting tobacco on his grandfather's farm. Fletcher said he, too, wanted to preserve the rural lifestyle.

"You're important to our culture, and you're important to our economy and to our future" Fletcher said.

Both said the state's \$3.5 billion farm sector is a vital cog in Kentucky's economy. They urged more aggressive marketing of Kentucky farm products while trying to land plants that process homegrown goods — adding to their value and the state's workforce.

Both said they favored maintaining agriculture's cut from Kentucky's share of a national tobacco settlement: Half the

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## Board

condition would be to jeopardize the safety of students and that to renovate the existing structure would be financially unfeasible.

The building contains damage sustained from years of flooding, termite infestation and mold and mildew damage.

The portable units that will be brought in to the Betsy Layne Elementary campus will not contain restrooms, a fact with which board chair Carol Stumbo was not pleased.

Stumbo inquired as to how the children's restroom breaks would take place and was told by Supt. Paul Fanning that the students would be allowed to use the facilities in the Betsy Layne Elementary School building, the same building in which the cafeteria is housed.

In other business, the board listened to presentations in regard to architectural plans that have been designed for the construction of a new addition to be built on the Betsy Layne campus. Architects have determined that approximately \$1.8 million in funds will be necessary in order to build the structure and that refinancing existing bonds should be adequate to help meet that expense.

The new addition will create 12,700 square feet of space.

However, due to some dis-

crepancy in information regarding the number of classrooms and restrooms that will be contained within the new addition, board member Glenna Slone cast a "no" vote in regard to approval of the plan at Wednesday's meeting, instead requesting that more informa-

## Arrested

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said he told her that he'd 'hate to put a bullet in that pretty little head.'"

Cole was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment and terroristic threatening after his arrest Wednesday.

Floyd County Sheriff John K.

tion in regard to the project be presented, thereby stalling it for the time being.

The board also briefly discussed board member Mickey McGuire's proposal that a site selection committee be formed with the express purpose of considering and eventually recom-

mending a site for the construction of a new Prestonsburg Elementary School building.

Stumbo said that she felt that a committee should be formed in regard to the construction of the new school but that a committee with only a duty to select a site would be superfluous.

"We need to establish a new committee, but not a site selection committee. The duties (of the committee) ought to be broader than that," she said.

Additionally, board member Slone requested that a representative from each of the system's school districts be placed upon the committee because "this decision affects the entire county."

The board voted to establish a committee to aid in decisions surrounding the construction of the new school and to require that Slone's request be honored.

Board members Mickey McGuire and Chandra Varia were both absent from the meeting.

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## Perry

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Aside from this essay, Perry also wrote "Jack May's War", a book that documents local war history and also published "The Floyd County Pictorial History".

Perry was also instrumental in seeing completion of the Ivy Creek Memorial Monument at Ivel.

A native of Nebraska, Perry came to Floyd County in 1989. He received both his undergrad-

Blackburn said the charges and the incident has and will continue to receive his department's full and serious attention.

"We have to work with the merchants," said Blackburn, "because the merchants' safety is the public's safety."

uate and master's degrees at the University of Nebraska and a doctorate at the University of Colorado in 1975.

Following the completion of his formal education, the local historian spent 10 years in the retail trade and published two monographs on local and regional history — "Schimmer's Krog Resort on the Platt" and "Sheep King: The Story of Robert Taylor" — in his home state before accepting a teaching position that prepared him for his arrival in Prestonsburg in August 1989.

Perry, who married Knott County native and current Floyd County resident Alice Howard Perry, was an active member of the Floyd County Historical Society and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services for Dr. Perry are to be held today at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

## Award

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ful that the jury finally made the insurance company honor its promise to pay."

"It is certainly a bad situation when someone's own insurance company refuses to honor the terms of a policy which had been bought and paid for," Rowe said in a statement after conclusion of the trial, adding that he hoped the "big" insurance companies would "learn that juries in Floyd County always do their best to do what is right."

## Checks

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the commonwealth to contact FEMA for assistance.

This quick response in seeking an application is what Allen says makes the process of getting help to individuals affected by various disasters itself a quick process.

"We're fast, we're user friendly, we don't run out of money, but we can't help you if you don't apply," Allen said Wednesday.

All told, SBA officials handed out loan checks Wednesday totaling \$66,800.

For Don and Elizabeth Sparkman, the process is a familiar one.

"We've been flooded three times since 1984," said Don Sparkman. "We weren't hit in May, but we were last month."

June flooding didn't get into his house, said Sparkman, mainly because he had his house raised

after the flooding of August 2001, although in 1984 floodwaters crept six feet high into his house.

Allen says that although the seven Floyd Countians have already sought and been given assistance, a problem still exists in getting people to follow through with the entire process.

As of Wednesday, Allen reported that 287 applications had been issued throughout the commonwealth, but only seven of those have filed claims. Those seven have already been approved, Allen said.

The application deadline for SBA physical damage disaster loans is Sept. 2.

Those interested in filling out a report for damages incurred during the June flooding should do so at the Martin Community Center.

## Council

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Cooley, one of the longest serving council members in the city's history with 18 years of service.

He was also the owner and operator of Billy Ray's Playhouse, a popular Prestonsburg restaurant for a number of years. The restaurant burned last year.

Collins served on a number of committees during his time as a council member, including spots on the finance and revenue committee and the personnel committee.

The council plans to meet at 11 a.m. to discuss its new appointment.

# 'Racetrack sued in small claims court

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — C&S Signs and Graphics filed a small claims suit last week in Floyd District Court against Thunder Ridge Racetrack and Dave Bokelman that claims the business has failed to pay for services provided.

According to the suit, the signs and graphic company says it has not been paid nearly \$900 for website preparation completed on Jan. 21 and 22.

Contract-related work the company says was completed for the racetrack's website includes a site cost of \$499, a Flash introduction display estimated at \$570, six hours of design time, which was speculated to cost \$95 an hour.

Also stipulated in the one-year contract included in the suit was a charge of \$150 each

month to maintain the website. An additional breakdown claims the charge for the seven-page site with Flash introduction capabilities was \$1,060, with another \$64.14 for labor, leaving a total of \$1,133.14, including the costs to maintain the site.

The Prestonsburg graphics company says Bokelman paid \$300 down for the work, but has yet to pay the remaining \$833.14 for the finished work.

The racetrack recently dropped its dirt track racing agenda after various business negotiations failed. The track suspended its dirt track racing as its focused attraction, but plans to continue its harness racing in coming months.

In addition to amount purportedly owed, the graphics company's attorney in the case, Philip Simpson, has also asked for relief of court costs in the case.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"He that has no fools, knaves, nor beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning."

—Thomas Fuller

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## Guest View Editorial roundup

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on music sharing via Internet:

A decision by the Recording Industry Association of America to go after music fans who trade songs on the Internet is, by one important yardstick, understandable. It is not right to take anyone's work and distribute it for free without permission.

But we would have more sympathy for the companies had they shown a bit more enlightenment in their response to Internet technology and file sharing in the first place.

... Had the industry initially focused its attention on establishing legal downloading sites and charged reasonable rates, it might have avoided much of the problem. It's no secret that people want to get something for nothing, but the recording industry should have at least tried to market its product to the audience it's now fighting.

Look at the success of the Apple iTunes Music Store, which has sold 5 million songs in two months at 99 cents each. It proves there is a market for music sales on the Internet. ...

It's hard to blame any industry for taking measures to keep its product from being pirated. But in this case, there may have been a better way to do it. It's too bad the recording industry didn't try marketing before it turned to litigation.

The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, on guerilla warfare in Iraq:

When President George W. Bush triumphantly declared on May 1 that "the United States and our allies have prevailed" in the war to topple Saddam Hussein and that major "combat operations in Iraq have ended" aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, approximately 120 American soldiers had died in that forlorn country.

With the killings of two more Americans in Baghdad on Monday, the U.S. death toll in Iraq since Bush's announcement has risen to 30, with no end in sight to what is looking more and more like a guerrilla war.

... There are some glimmers of hope, such as the convening of Iraqi-led city councils around the country and the return of basic services to some locales, but the peace is far from won.

Bush's constituency, the American people, seem to still support him and his war aims, but it will be interesting to see, as an election year approaches, how that popularity holds up when more Americans have died during the peace than during the war.



## Letters

### Tackett didn't deserve to die

I am writing this to the public concerning Aaron Tackett, who was killed July 1 for no reason.

If there ever was a citizen, Aaron Tackett was a citizen of Floyd County. He was a man who would lie down in a mud hole and help you if he could. He tried so hard to live, he just never could get ahead, it seemed like, but it wasn't because he didn't try.

The media has written everything wrong about Aaron Tackett. He never even as much as carried a knife, let alone a gun.

Aaron Tackett came to my house of July 1 about 9 o'clock in the morning and got me to move him. We took one load and unloaded it. It was about 12 noon at that time, and then Aaron and Jason Tackett came back to my house and worked on a jack until about 2 p.m. He used my telephone to call the drugstore at Martin, then he and his son went to the drugstore and got his medicine and picked up a friend to help him finish moving.

His wife worked at Holiday Inn. It was about time for her to get off work. He was speeding to get to her, for she had no other way home, when he was pulled over and killed with no weapons whatsoever.

Aaron Tackett was a man of values. Aaron Tackett came from a fine family. They all have been hard workers all their lives and good citizens. Every one that knows them will tell you the same thing that I'm telling you.

Aaron Tackett was also a church-going man. He never missed a Sunday. He was a person that if he had one bite to eat, if anyone wanted a bite of it he would give them half of it. He wasn't a mean, violent person. He was a good person.

He was my neighbor for about two years and he never as much got loud. He was also a true friend of mine and a lot more people will tell you the same, friend or no friend.

Aaron Tackett, nor any other person, deserved to die that way. That was wrong and a wrong don't make a right. Aaron Tackett was killed for no reason.

Aaron Tackett was a man who weighed about 140 pounds. If he sure wasn't any big fighter, I could have avoided killing him. In my opinion, I believe I would have let him go and then got him later. I would have had his car. That was enough evidence to have caught him later. Anything to avoid death.

But now Aaron Tackett is gone and there's no bringing him back. He left his wife, kids and grandkids behind to suffer for always. Now all that's left for us to

do is to not let them slander his name. Let's for God's sake hole his name up, because he was a man, a good man, not a man of violence and anger.

I'm begging for mercy. Please, let's all stick together on this. Let's never let this happen again to me, my kids or you or your kids or grandkids or anyone else, because it just isn't right to kill an unarmed man.

I hope that this doesn't hurt anyone's feelings. Aaron Tackett was my friend and always will be my friend and I can feel safe of speaking for thousands and thousands of more people who feel the same way I do.

Aaron is gone, but not forgotten and never will be forgotten. That is about all I have to say for right now.

John Allen  
Allen  
Wayne Bevins  
Banner

### Military disability unfair

A 20-year career in military service, with numerous moves, remote tours, sea duty, family separation, low pay as one works his way up the career ladder, lack of home ownership (and other "normal possessions" because of frequent moves), and the end result is a retirement with all of the "benefits". Sounds nice, doesn't it?

The reality: Military careers mean many sacrifices. Careers begin with "salad days" ... low pay and demanding schedules, substandard quarters (take a look at some of our base housing facilities), a second job so the kids can get braces, overseas assignments "living on the economy" and barely scraping by, working spouses (also at low pay), delayed educational opportunities while on remote tours (as the kids grow up and the career member misses the Scout promotions, proms, home runs).

Medical care: Sometimes, but usually on "Tricare" with deductibles and co-payments because we no longer have medical staffing for much other than active duty.

Commissaries: Yes ... with prices that are equal to bargains found at any supermarket ... sometimes more costly when the surcharges are added.

BX/PX: Nice places ... if you want Waterford, Noritake, Rolex, Botany 500 ... but try to find a set of regular old glass tumblers or everyday plates or an inexpensive pair of shoes!

Financial Security: Yes, the member retires with 50 percent of base pay (not full allowances ... just base pay) and ... if he or she opts for "survivor benefits", a deduction of 30 percent or greater from that pay ... all of which is federally taxed.

Post retirement: "Free medical care" ... nonsense! Downsizing has all but eliminated retiree medical care (which was always on a standby/space available basis) and VA care is limited to service connected disability and does not include family members.

Service-connected disability: Military careers are, by nature, hazardous! Apart from the obvious possibility of hostile fire and wartime threat, many, many members are exposed to toxins, hazards, disease and injuries. For that, service connected disability may be awarded (and the rules are strict and closely monitored ... it must be proven service connected.)

If an award is made, it has nothing to do with pay grade, but is set as a compensation (it is NOT a benefit!) for decreased earning capacity as a result of a service connected disease or injury. The maximum amount is approximately \$2,300 dollars monthly (\$27,000 annually or approximately \$12.75/hour wage) for a 100 percent disabling service-connected condition. Most retirees, in any profession, opt to assume a second career ... part of life's strategy. Maybe that amount is adequate ... I think not, but let's assume so.

NOW ... here's the disgrace ... a non-career service member (the one who served two years, for example) is afforded the full disability compensation ... it matters not what career he or she enjoyed, it's service connected and awarded to compensate for the disability and reduced earning capacity ... fair enough!

The military retiree, however, is seen as already compensated! For each and every nickel awarded for service-connected disability, an equal amount is taken away from the retired pay! This is called "denial of concurrent receipt".

One must now ask: why is the military retiree denied this compensation when his/her counterpart in any other career (including federal service) is not so discriminated against and does not endure the loss of retired pay if suffering from service-connected disease or injury? Why indeed! There is no justifiable rationale, other than cost (which is bogus but the funds are already included in the Military Retirement Fund (MRTF) ... an account that has yet to be tapped to use for disability compensation!)

The plain, simple, clear and indisputable fact is that the retiree has the same disability as any other member of the service-connected disabled, but is denied and discriminated against by having his/her retirement taken away simply because he/she is disabled by military service! Disgusting and a national disgrace!

OK, one might say ... how can a member serve 20 years and then be dis-

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At the Movies:

# "The Pirates of the Caribbean, The Curse of the Black Pearl"

by CHRISTY LEMIRE  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Yo ho, yo ho, a pirate's life for ... someone, but who? It's hard to tell from watching "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

This Jerry Bruckheimerization of the Disney amusement park ride (which frightened me right out of my purple Miss Piggy sneakers when I was 7, I have to admit) is too long and too scary for young kids and too long and not scary enough for adults.

And yet the film has a certain goofy charm — mostly thanks to Johnny Depp and the risky, inspired way he's interpreted the role of pirate Capt.



Jack Sparrow. While director Gore Verbinski ("The Ring," "The Mexican") lets the final climac-

"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for action/adventure violence. Running time: 143 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

tic battle drag on too long, and the jokes are hit and miss from screenwriters Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio (Oscar nominees

for "Shrek"), Depp remains riveting throughout, simply because it's impossible to predict what he's going to do.

He phrased it best himself in a recent New York Daily News article when he described his portrayal as a "cross between Keith Richards and Pepe Le Pew." With his flowing 'do rag and heavy black eye liner, he resembles a refugee from a Duran Duran video, and he saunters instead of walking the plank.

"You are without a doubt the worst pirate I have ever heard of," he's told. Jack's unapologetic response: "But you have heard of me."

Depp has brought such inventive eccentricity to smaller, stranger films, like "Edward Scissorhands" and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," and it's welcome here. It's almost enough to distract from the Disneyfied, artificial perfection of every detail on every ship, building, tree and rock.

In the town of Port Royal, Depp's character, Jack, teams up with young Will Turner (Orlando Bloom from "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy) to rescue the governor's feisty daughter, Elizabeth (Keira Knightley), who's been kidnapped by pirates.

Leading the pirates is Jack's enemy, Capt. Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush), who stole his ship, the Black Pearl. Jack wants his ship back, Will wants Elizabeth back — even though she's reluctantly engaged to the pompous Commodore Norrington (Jack Davenport).

But killing the pirates and snatching Elizabeth back isn't so easy. Barbossa and his crew are under a curse that dooms them to live forever and turns them into living skeletons in the moonlight.

This gets more complicated than it needs to be, and then there's more: The curse can be broken with the help of a gold medallion and a few drops of blood, but from whom? Elizabeth? Will? The mystery takes way too long to unravel.

Some of the CGI effects are extremely cool, though, including one scene in which the cursed Black Pearl pirates sneak up on the British navy by walking across the ocean floor at night in skeleton form, then

## Devil Anse Hatfield's grandson authors book about feud patriarch



Photo by Martha Sparks  
Dr. Coleman C. Hatfield, of Stollings, W.Va., aims the rifle which was known as the favorite firearm of his grandfather, Cap Hatfield. Cap, a son of Devil Anse, who was often referred to as the most dangerous of the Hatfield clan.

LOGAN, W.Va. — A truce was signed June 14 at the Hatfield-McCoy Festival in Pikeville that received worldwide attention.

As the ink is drying on the symbolic document, which announced the end to Appalachia's most infamous and violent family upheaval, the great-grandson of Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield, who still resides in Logan County, is releasing additional evidence and historical facts surrounding the notorious family fuss.

There is excitement around the Mountain State among lovers of Appalachian folklore and American history alike. This long-awaited volume about the fascinating life of one of West Virginia's most colorful figures is available to the public this week.

Woodland Press LLC, of Chapmanville, has announced the publication of the first biography

of Hatfield, co-written by great-grandson Dr. Coleman C. Hatfield and noted Logan County historian Robert Y. Spence.

The Tale of the Devil is the story of the legendary Hatfield clan leader, beginning with his childhood in frontier Appalachia, describing his Civil War days as a noted Confederate soldier, painting a richly detailed background into just who this man was and from where he came. Then this handsome 320-page hardbound edition gives readers a captivating and enlightening bird's-eye view of the Hatfield-McCoy feud, the killings, and the post-feud years when the shooting subsided.

"Now the whole story — the real account — of my great-grandfather, Devil Anse Hatfield, can be told, without exaggeration or fable," Dr. Coleman C. Hatfield said recently from his home in Stollings, W.Va. "My father, Coleman A. Hatfield, the son of Cap Hatfield, spent the majority of his adult life researching Hatfield and McCoy feud history. Besides being a Logan attorney, he was a gifted writer and researcher in his own right. He kept meticulous journals and audiotapes throughout his life about his historical findings, before passing away in 1970. In

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**Martin Receives Degree**

Roy John Martin was awarded his Juris Doctor degree from Oklahoma City University on May 11, 2003. He is a native of Garrett, Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Louisville in 1999, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, and is a 1995 graduate of Allen Central High School. He is the son of Zeda Pratt Martin of Garrett and John Roy Martin of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. His maternal grandparents are Manda Pratt and the late John Pratt of Garrett, and his paternal grandparents are Roy and Polly Martin of Garrett.

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abled? The answer is very simple ... many, many injuries or illnesses do not present until years later (Agent Orange cancers, deterioration in hearing caused by exposure to noise, psychological trauma not surfaced until separation from the career, degenerative bone/joint disease, respiratory conditions and a host of others).

Why does this forfeit of retired pay continue? Because the Congress (who has, in the past few years nearly unanimously supported and included in the appropriations bills action to eliminate this denial) has met resistance from Department of Defense and the president! Yes! The commander-in-chief opposes compensation career military members compensation for the conditions encountered as a direct result of uniformed service in defense of the nation! A disgrace and slap in the face for every veteran ... for every American!

The retired/disabled are not asking for anything extra ... only that their retired pay be given back (they receive the disability ... it is retired pay that is lost ... a condition not imposed on any other segment of society BUT the retired military!)

Those who suffer disease or illness as a result of service to this nation deserve better! They should never, ever be forced to lose their retired pay (earned for long careers full of personal sacrifice) because they suffer disability as a result of that honorable service! It is unfair, unjust, discriminatory and a disgrace!

We urge all Americans to stand up on our behalf and tell the Congress and the president that service to this nation and disability as a result of that service must be compensated! It should not be policy to take away retired pay for these disabilities ... there is no excuse!

Donald Puckett  
Cow Creek

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Stephanie Marie Slone, 20, of Hueysville, to David Dwayne

Hall, 21, of Garrett.  
Candy Deann Edith Collins, 22, to James Albert Dixon Jr., both of Prestonsburg.  
Beverly Ann McKenzie, 29, of Volga, to Gary Lee Wright, 33, of Allen.  
Marietta Thornsberry, 28, to Jeffrey Benton Kidd, 31, both of Lexington.  
Shelly Renee Clouse, 35, of Wheelwright, to Paul David

Rice, 35, of Hueysville.  
Hattie Marie Click, 46, to Vernon Reynolds, 59, both of Betsy Layne.  
Dana L. Decker, 36, to William T. Bussey, 48, both of Houston, Texas.  
Ruby Elaine Meyers, 43, to Millis David Hall, 48, both of Wheelwright.  
Tabitha Marie Baxter, 19, to Joshua Adam Bowlds, 22, both

of Prestonsburg.  
Stacey Dawn Goble, 30, to Barry Glenn Olain Ratliff, 27, both of Ivel.  
Rosanna Michell, 19, Langley, to Jerry Howell Jr., 19, of Martin.

### Civil Suits Filed

US Bancorp Consumer Finance of Kentucky vs. Gary

Woods; complaint.  
Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. Irene Tuttle; complaint.  
Sharon Prater, Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources and Kentucky Medical Assistance Program vs. Steven Conrotto; complaint.  
Brett E. Meadows vs. Jessica J. Meadows; divorce.  
Linda S. Conn vs. Shelia L. Tussey; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Crystal R. Brinegar vs. Christopher Bryant; petition for health care insurance.  
Barbara S. Hicks vs. Pamela A. Smith; petition for health care insurance.  
Heather Barnette vs. James C. Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
Angela R. Smith vs. Timothy Smith; petition for health care insurance.  
Steve Castle vs. Cathy Rena Castle; divorce.  
Mary Baldrige vs. Darlene Mollette and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; complaint.  
Sherri Mullins vs. Emery Halbert; complaint.  
Buster Isaac vs. Tammy Isaac; divorce.  
Barbara Tackett vs. Robert Palmer; petition for sole custody of minor child.  
Grant Combs vs. Nikki Sanders; petition for joint custody and visitation.

produce insurance card, prescription in improper container, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Tanya Kester Perkins, 33, Wayland, two counts of second-degree forgery.  
Shannon D. Slone, 28, Blue River, second-degree burglary.  
Beatrice Louise Ganzer, 63, Kansas City, Mo., fugitive warrant.  
Sarah Ann Adkins, 20, Hueysville, rear license not illuminated, two counts prescription in improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Greg Shepherd, 22, Langley, two counts prescription in improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Michael K. Mullins, 32, Pilgrim, theft by unlawful taking, prescription in improper container.  
Jason Israel Shepherd, 22, Langley, prescription in improper container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Christopher E. Scott, 20, Tomahawk, theft by unlawful taking, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Timothy Miller, 21, Prestonsburg, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication.  
John W. Daniels, 22, Wittenville, public intoxication.  
Michael Helmstetter, 26, Hueysville, fourth-degree assault.

Joy R. Jervis, 20, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.  
Anthony B. Salisbury, 49, McDowell, fourth-degree assault, theft by unlawful taking.  
Randall L. Caudill, 21, Melvin, alcohol intoxication.  
Ernest A. Hatfield, 25, Staffordsville, public intoxication, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Patrick Anson, 24, Melvin, alcohol intoxication.  
Willie Hamilton, 42, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.  
Ronald Hall, 48, Stanville, fourth-degree assault.  
Shauna R. Mullins, 23, Stanville, fourth-degree assault.  
Michael R. Hill, 21, Little Mountain, S.C., alcohol intoxication.

Will Carroll, 55, Printer, alcohol intoxication.  
Mickey Newsome, 34, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.  
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Ashlie Prater, 19, Allen, theft by unlawful taking.  
Judith Hall, 50, Beaver, custodial interference.  
Rae Lynn Newcomb, 30, Harold, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no/expired registration receipt, failure to

## Obituaries

### Virgie Spriggs

Virgie Spriggs, 76, of Drift, died Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at her daughter's residence at Hunter.

Born January 16, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Troy and Mary Prater Shepherd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur John Spriggs.

Survivors include eight sons, Jimmy Dean Spriggs, Bobby Spriggs, Jody Spriggs, Jeff Spriggs, Kenny Spriggs, Clyde Spriggs, and Stevie Spriggs, all of Drift, and Tommy Spriggs of Rochelle, Illinois; two daughters, Wanda Lois Martin of Drift, and Diana Taylor of Hunter; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Arthur Spriggs Jr.; a daughter, Kathleen Spriggs; a brother, Tom Shepherd, and a sister, Vernie Shepherd.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 10, at noon, at the Drift Pentecostal Church at Drift, with Ted Shannon, Ronnie Williamson and Jimmy Price officiating.

Burial was in the Prater Cemetery at Hueysville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church, (Paid obituary)

### Dr. Robert Leland Perry

Dr. Robert Leland Perry, 66, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at his residence.

Dr. Perry was born in Ponca, Nebraska, on March 2, 1937. He was the son of the late Faye Ellen Organ Perry and Lloyd Howard Perry.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Jane Howard Perry. He was an English professor at Prestonsburg Community College.

Other survivors include one daughter, Rachel Tamsen Perry of Boulder, Colorado; one sister, Sue Bisgard of Centennial, Colorado; two aunts, Phyllis Sober and Vivian Walters.

Dr. Perry was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, and a member of the Floyd County Historical Society, he was a former president of the Friends of the Samuel May House.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 11, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, at 2 p.m., with Rev. George Love officiating.

Burial will be in the Milton Conley Family Cemetery at Lackey, (Jones Fork).

The Carter Funeral Home is serving the Perry family.

Contributions are suggested to the Friends of the Samuel May House, P.O. Box 1460, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Doug Herman, Jim Spencer, Blake Price, Phil Price, Sam Hatcher, Jimmy Reed, Don Johnson, and James Ratcliff.

Honorary: David Hereford, Marshall Davidson, Delmas Saunders and John Rosenberg. (Paid obituary)

### Frank Adkins

Frank Adkins, 79, of Grethel, died Tuesday, July 8, at his residence.

Born December 17, 1923, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Andy and Victoria McKinney Adkins. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Webb Adkins.

Survivors include eight sons, Frank Adkins Jr., Roger Lee Adkins, Freddy Adkins and Timmy Joe Adkins, all of Rochester, New York, Willard Adkins and Terry Ray Adkins, both of Grethel, Robert Ray Adkins of North Carolina, and Teddy Gene Adkins of Carthage, New York; five daughters, Patricia Sue Roberts of Harold, Christine Newman of Grethel, Hattie Lou Crisp of Martin, Daphne Myers of Rochester, New York and Jeweleve Adkins of Louisa; a step-son, Douglas Webb of Martin; a brother, Melvin Adkins of Grethel; a half-sister, Laura, of Ohio; 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Quintin Adkins and Fred Adkins; a half-brother, Mosie Adkins; and two sisters, Florence Newsome and America Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 11, at 10 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church at Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery at Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

### Cecil E. Webb

Cecil E. Webb, age 92, of Allen, formerly of Nicholasville, husband of the late Sallie Mae Hamilton Webb, passed away, Saturday, July 5, 2003, at the Garrard County Memorial Hospital, Lancaster.

He was born November 20, 1910, in Allen, the son of the late Elizabeth Webb Carr. He was a lifetime gas well driller and farmer and member of the Allen United Baptist Church, at Allen.

Survivors include three sons, Cecil E. Webb Jr., of Salt Springs, Florida, John H. Webb of Livingston, Texas, and Joe T. Webb of Nicholasville; one daughter, Betty S. Hutchinson of Scottsdale, Arizona; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and mother, he was preceded in death by one son, Robert Webb.

Funeral services for Cecil E. Webb were conducted Thursday, July 10, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial followed in the Jones Cemetery, Allen-Banner Road, at Allen, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana Chapter, 3703 Taylorsville Rd., Ste. 1202, Louisville, KY 40220.

Pallbearers: Dan Overton, Bill Webb, Daniel Webb, Jordon Delpont, Mark Sellards, Scott Webb, Tony Webb, and Nick Price. (Paid obituary)

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## Book

addition to his research, Dad remembered and recounted many of the stories and tall tales that he personally had heard Devil Anse and his wife, Levicy, tell the grandchildren through the years.

"Unfortunately, my father never got to see his dream — that of publishing his own scholarly account of Hatfield and McCoy history — fulfilled. But now, after all these years, this volume, *The Tale Of The Devil*, reflects my father's findings, my own lifelong research of Hatfield facts, and the exhaustive work of journalist and historian Robert Y. Spence. It was quite an undertaking, and the 320 pages represent many years of investigation and hard work.

"I am especially pleased to be able to finally fulfill Dad's dream and a personal goal of my own, as well. As far as I am concerned, this biography is important for a number of reasons — most significantly, it's important for my Hatfield family, the people of the great state of West Virginia, and for all readers of American history to have a balanced and factual record of the life of our family patriarch, Devil Anse. The true story of 'The Boogerman' is an exciting and stirring story."

Because this manuscript gleams much of its information from grandson Coleman A. Hatfield's exhaustive manuscripts, journals, and audiotapes, which were compiled and collected over a lifetime, the story is fresh and entertaining to read and offers additional "insider" infor-

mation, which has never before been published.

Finally, the book features an index, bibliography, endnotes, and 30 pages of photographs — many rare, including one particular photo of Devil Anse never before published, taken when he was about 35-years-old.

"As amazing as it sounds, there has never been a biography written about Devil Anse Hatfield. With this important volume, readers get a personal inside story straight from the Devil's grandson and great-grandson," said Tim Fortune, of Woodland Press. "The authors, Dr. Coleman C. Hatfield and Robert Y. Spence, have sorted through the fables and exaggerations, studied Hatfield family accounts and documented history, and created a noteworthy biography. The story of Anderson 'Devil Anse' Hatfield is finally and appropriately told by a Hatfield.

"The co-author, Robert Spence, is a resident of Justice Addition. He was born and raised in Logan County, where his relatives have lived since 1790. He is a graduate of Marshall University with a degree in journalism. Bob is probably best known for his book, *Land Of The Guyandot*, but he has also written numerous magazine and newspaper articles through the years. He is considered an authority on Appalachian and Logan County history."

The manuscript is filled with an elaborately detailed, accurate history of the area during the

mid-1800s to early 1900s including, among other things, the evolution of our primary industry from timbering to coal mining, which eventually led to the formation of labor unions, and the opposition from the infamous Sheriff Don Chafin regime.

Gordon Simmons, spokesman for the prominent state book festival which is held annually at the Charleston Civic Center, announced July 4 that Coleman Hatfield and Bob Spence accepted an invitation by the organization to be formal speakers at this year's West Virginia Book Festival on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. and will be on hand to sign copies of the book afterward.

"This is a special opportunity for visitors of the book fair to learn more about the Hatfield story," Simmons said.

Although the national release date of the book is scheduled for August 15, pre-release hard-

## Pirates

crawling up the sides of their ship undetected.

And there is more than a sufficient amount of swashbuckling; an early duel between Will and Jack, in which they battle while balancing high above the ground on wooden beams, is especially well choreographed.

Odd as "Pirates of the Caribbean" is, it's still better than other pirate movies that have washed ashore in recent

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bound copies of the book are now available for \$29.95, plus sales tax, by contacting The Logan Banner, (304) 752-6950; Woodland Press at (304) 752-7500 or www.woodlandpress.com — or writing Woodland Press, 118 Woodland Drive, Chapmanville, WV 25508. For more information about the book, contact Tim Fortune at tfortune@woodlandpress.com or call (304) 752-7500.

Besides ordering direct, *The Tale Of The Devil* will be available from Pictorial History Distributors, in Charleston, W.Va., wvbooks@ntelos.net. Copies will also be available in August through BookWorld Distribution Services, www.bookworld.com; and at bookstores across the country, including Barnes and Noble, Books-A-Million, Amazon.com, and elsewhere.

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years, namely the notorious "Cuthroat Island." But I think I'd rather watch "The Goonies" on cable for the 40th time — or see my childhood hero, Miss Piggy, in "Muppet Treasure Island."

"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for action/adventure violence. Running time: 143 minutes. Two stars out of four.



# Census finds small towns in Kentucky growing most

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As a small-town mayor, Chris Moriconi would like to know each of his constituents personally, but new ones have been moving into Independence so fast that he just can't keep up.

The Kenton County city added people faster than all other like-sized towns in the state over a 12-month period ending on July 1, 2002, according to estimates released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau found

that several other towns across northern and central Kentucky also grew rapidly during the period.

Independence led the way among those with populations of at least 10,000 with a 4.5 percent increase. The total population grew by 696 people to 16,309, according to the census estimates.

"There are new faces just about every day," Moriconi said. "It's exciting."

Growth in Kentucky's small towns may reflect a nationwide trend of baby boomers' selling their suburban homes and returning to smaller houses in more traditional neighborhoods, said Ron Crouch, executive director of the Kentucky State Data Center in Louisville.

"Older boomers no longer want a five-acre lot out in the country," he said. "Boomers are about to experience something called old age. They want to live closer to town. Small cities with

good lifestyles are attractive."

Among cities with populations above 10,000, Nicholasville had the largest actual population gain, adding 846 people over the period, according to the census estimates. That pushed the population to 21,343, a 4.1 percent increase. Berea grew by 2.9 percent, up 307 people to 10,838 for the period.

Other Kentucky cities with populations larger than 10,000 that grew by at least 1 percent were Bowling Green, Campbellsville, Elizabethtown, Florence, Georgetown, Glasgow, Richmond, Shelbyville and Somerset.

Doug Garner, sales manager for Century 21 Garner Properties in Independence, said his agents are selling many of

the homes to young professionals moving into northern Kentucky from other states. Others, he said, are buying in Independence to get away from more densely populated areas of northern Kentucky.

Garner said most of the homes being sold are newly built, primarily in subdivisions.

(See CENSUS, page eight)

## Shortfall less than expected

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Tax receipts in the fiscal year just ended fell \$75.7 million short of what the state budgeted, Gov. Paul Patton's administration announced Thursday.

The shortfall actually was less than some expected. A forecast in April was that revenues would be \$81.7 million short.

The effect of the shortfall is that the state begins the new fiscal year — second year of its biennial budget — in a hole. The revenue pattern also shows a continuing weakness in the economy, experts said.

"After January, revenues just stopped growing," Acting State Budget Director Mary Lassiter said in a statement.

Receipts for June were \$636.6 million, a decline of 0.3 percent from June 2002. For the entire year, receipts totaled about \$6.8 billion, up 3.4 percent from the year before. However, the take included money from "one-time events," such as a tax amnesty that brought in more than \$100 million in delinquent payments.

Without such "extraordinary revenue events," growth for the

year would have been less than 1 percent, Lassiter said.

"This means that despite our reported revenue growth, our economy is not yet able to support healthy General Fund growth on a sustainable basis," she said.

## Hooray for Hollywood at JWT!

After the well received New York! New York! from last season, Jenny Wiley Theatre has planned another cabaret-styled event for July and August 3. This season's production is called Hooray for Hollywood! An Evening of Song in Film and is sponsored by Butch Bradley. Utilizing the singing and dancing talents of the Summer Company, special surprise guests, and a live orchestra, Scott Bradley, Artistic Director has once again put together a

production for the most avid theatre-goer or the first time visitor. Using music from films such as "Chicago", "Singin' in the Rain", "Top Gun", "Meet Me in St. Louis" and many others, Bradley has woven together an evening celebrating Hollywood's greatest musical moments.

The July 19th performance will also include a reception sponsored by Kinzer Drilling, Silent Auction, and Musical Entertainment sponsored by

## State Medicaid scrimps from elderly recipients to offset deficit

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Elderly Medicaid recipients would stand to lose the most coverage under new state cost-cutting measures.

Medicaid will dip into the assets and estates of 4,171 recipients — including requiring permanent nursing-home residents to sell their houses to pay for their care.

The four new rules outlined Wednesday are expected to take effect Sept. 1. They come as the state program struggles to cover a record 662,000 people, or 16 percent of Kentucky's population. Officials said the measures would save the state about \$18 million through the end of June 2004, with increased savings in future years.

"We're left with no good choices," Health Services Secretary Marcia Morgan said. "The system is designed for people to use their resources as long as they have resources. Medicaid is set up to take care of the truly neediest and sickest."

The program will consider people permanently institutionalized after more than six months in a long-term care facility. From then, the house must be sold within six months unless a family member lives there. Officials estimate this would save the program \$9 million this year.

The chairman of the state House Health and Welfare Committee, Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, said the requirement could prompt an emotion-

al reaction from lawmakers. But he said their refusal to raise taxes has left Medicaid officials little choice.

"We've done cut everything we can cut," he said. "Now we're cutting into the muscle and the bone."

Another of the four new measures cuts nursing-home service coverage. It will allow 1,025 nursing-home residents to retain the Medicaid-funded nursing home coverage. They would have to put their assets — such as pensions or Social Security benefits — into a trust to pay \$6,000 to \$8,000 in annual medical costs. The state would keep the balance after their deaths.

A third measure eliminates the homestead deduction of \$50,500 that heirs can claim in a home after the nursing home resident dies. The state hopes to glean \$5 million this fiscal year from the measure.

The state also is tightening asset transfers to stop people from shielding assets in order to qualify for Medicaid. Previously, the state allowed transfers such as a daughter's adding her name to her mother's house deed. But with the new rule, the mother wouldn't qualify for Medicaid until three years after the daughter's name is added to a property deed.

Officials weren't sure how much this would save.

### Record

phernalia, possession of a controlled substance.

Robbie Stumbo, 20, McDowell, alcohol intoxication, minor in possession of alcohol.

Darren Z. Sexton, 21, Drift, theft by unlawful taking.

Dolly Farley, 51, Inez, alcohol intoxication.

Johnny J. Reed, 46, Warfield, alcohol intoxication.

Billy H. Tackett, 22, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.

Terry M. Moore, 35, Wheelwright, alcohol intoxication.

Timothy W. Blair, 37, Denver, alcohol intoxication.

Shawn W. Lantz, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Clifton Waugh, 21, Statesville, N.C., alcohol intoxication.

Brad Newsome, 20, Teaberry, alcohol intoxication.

Timothy D. Hall, 30, Minnie, alcohol intoxication, drinking alcohol in public.

Danny Hale, 43, Hippo, alcohol intoxication, open alcoholic beverage container in vehicle.

### Property

#### Transfers

Ernest E. DeCoursey to Eugenia D. Hall, property location not listed;

Wesley Boyd and Beulah Boyd to Commonwealth of Kentucky, property located on Big Mud Creek;

Clarence F. Martin Sr. and Emma Lou Martin to Clarence F. Martin Sr., property located on the Big Sandy River;

Administrator of Audra Gene Hamilton, Becky M. Hamilton to Oney Isaacs, property located at Teaberry;

Lilly Mullins to Naomi Samons and Green Samons, property located on Arkansas Creek;

Ronald Turner to Stanley D. Allen and Rita Allen, property located on Goose Creek of Right Beaver Creek;

Lack Lafferty to Ollie Lafferty Jr., property located on Left Fork of Bull Creek;

Andy Lee Hamilton, administrator for John D. Hamilton and Millie Hamilton (deceased) to Rexal Hamilton, property location not listed;

Andy Lee Hamilton, administrator for John D. Hamilton

and Millie H. Hamilton to (Hamilton Family Cemetery) Andy Lee Hamilton, administrator;

John D. Hamilton (deceased) Mathie Hamilton (deceased) Andy Lee Hamilton, administrator to Eva Voshell, property location not listed;

John D. Hamilton and Millie H. Hamilton (both deceased) to Andy Lee Hamilton, administrator to Rosie Brown, property located at Weeksbury;

Alice V. Hall to Allen Hamilton, property location not listed;

Mountain Housing Corporation to Shannon Patrick, property located in the City of Wheelwright;

Charles R. Bradley and Ethel P. Bradley to Charles R. Bradley and Ethel P. Bradley, property located in the City of Prestonsburg;

Betty Lou Little to Dora Sue Barnette, to James Little and Kathy Little, property located on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek;

Paul D. Pelphrey and Johnda K. Pelphrey to Pelphrey Investments, LLC, property located on Potts (Pratts) Branch of Abbott Creek;

John A. Reed and Diana C. Reed to Wendy R. Poe and Thomas A. Poe, property located in Prestonsburg;

Jacqueline King to Albert King, property located on the Coal Water Branch of the Big Sandy River;

Jacqueline King to Albert King, property located on the Coal Water Branch;

Melissa Goodman to Mike Goodman II to Mike Goodman II, property located in H.F. May Addition to Langley;

Thomas Ray Waddles to Nancy Diane Waddle, property location not listed;

Jesse Edward Williamson and Mitzi Williamson to Julian Frederick Fields, property located on Ivy Creek;

Jesse Edward Williamson and Mitzi Williamson to Julian Frederick Fields, property located on Ivy Creek;

Catina Patrick Wheeler to Wes Wheeler, property located on Frasure's Creek on Left Beaver Creek;

Wade Akers and Glyndora Akers, Pamela Sue Akers and Jay Akers to McKinley Akers, property location not listed;

Betty Meadows and Warren Meadows, Loretta McCray and Wallace McCray, Rose Marie Caudill, Chris Clark and Dave Clark, Charles Tackett and Winnie Tackett, Wanita Slone and Robert Slone, Raymond Tackett and Ruthann Tackett, Mary Gillespie and David Gillespie, Fannie Johnson and Larry Johnson, Beatrice Jean Crittendon, Mable Tackett, Shelby Jean Tackett, Brenda Conway and Reford Conway, Trula Wright and Jody Wright, Vonda Moore and Eddie Moore, Climate Tackett and Jessica Tackett, Michael Tackett and Debbie Tackett to David Tackett, property location not listed;

Vernis and Marilyn Hall to Cassie Hall and Kristian Hall, property location not listed;

Mark I. Charles and Robin M. Charles to Dempsey Slone and Carla Slone, property located on the Pike or Road Fork of Toler Creek;

Billy Stanton Osborne and Valerie Osborne, Larry Douglas Osborne, Gary Dean Osborne and Leatha Osborne to James M. Osborne and Amy Osborne, property located on Right Beaver Creek;

William P. Runnells to Wes Blackburn, property located on Upper Third Street;

James Ballard Hamilton to Jennifer Hamilton Stamey, property located on the Left Hand Fork of Toler Creek;

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Danny Martin to Derrick Marshall Martin and Melissa Martin, property located on Big Mud Creek;

Alta Price to Taylor Price Jr. to Martha Jane Roberts, and executor of the estate of Taylor Price Jr., property location not listed;

Leland C. Wright to Jean T. Wright, property located on Johns Creek;

Dean Cornett and Carolyn Cornett to Bryant D. Cornett, property located in Prestonsburg.

Michael Adkins to Michael Wayne Adkins, property location not listed.

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## Votes

money goes to farm diversification projects under current law.

They also said they favored preserving an array of state sales tax exemptions for farmers and were opposed to tax increases.

Chandler took a swipe at the "Bush economy," which he called "one of the worst economies that we've had since the Great Depression."

Chandler said national unemployment has risen under President Bush and state budgets have been crippled. The federal government is "spending money and borrowing from our future at an alarming rate," Chandler said.

Fletcher said he supported Bush's tax cuts and that farmers were among the beneficiaries. He said the cuts would spur job growth.

Fletcher also swung into a major campaign theme: time for a change after 32 years of unbroken Democratic rule in Frankfort.

"It really is time that we have some serious changes in this state to move this state forward," he said. "We've languished behind many surrounding states too long, and there's only one simple reason, and that's the lack of a visionary, effective leadership wanting to bring opportunity to every Kentuckian."

Fletcher, who if elected would be Kentucky's first

Republican governor since 1971, said state spending has increased at double the rate of inflation the past six years, resulting in more bureaucracy and less efficiency.

Gov. Paul Patton's administration claims Medicaid and prisons have accounted for most of the increase. Patton claims the

budget for most other areas of state government has grown at less than the rate of inflation.

Asked about environmental regulation, Chandler said he would try to strike a balance that would ensure water quality in a way that "does not interfere with our agricultural pursuits."

He and Fletcher said farmers

would have input early on in drafting water regulations. Fletcher said he would like to see a study on the economic impact of any potential regulation.

The Farm Bureau does not endorse candidates but plans to send voter guides to its 431,000 member families.

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# Tina Conner indicted on mail fraud charge

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COVINGTON — The former mistress of Gov. Paul Patton was indicted Wednesday on a federal charge of mail fraud.

The one-count indictment alleges that Tina Conner fraudulently applied to get a construction company operated primarily by her former husband certified as a "disadvantaged business enterprise" under a federal program to set aside contracts for companies owned by women and minorities.

Conner and her former husband, Seth Conner, formed ST Construction Co., for the purpose of getting the certification in Tina Conner's name while actually providing work for Seth Conner, according to the indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Covington.

Conner, who lives in western Kentucky, carried on a two-year affair with Patton, which Patton has acknowledged. It has since been disclosed in the unfolding scandal of the affair that Patton personally asked officials at the Transportation Cabinet to review the application for ST Construction. Patton has denied doing anything illegal for Conner. He is not named in the indictment.

Conner has claimed that dur-

ing their affair the governor helped win the special status for ST Construction.

But Patton and Transportation Secretary James Codell have denied any impropriety. The indictment does not mention Codell.

Patton said Wednesday that he was aware that Conner had been indicted.

"I have no knowledge of any of the facts relative to that indictment, and I think it would be inappropriate for me to comment any further than that," Patton said. "I am convinced that I have not done anything to violate the law, I have not abused my office, and I am confident that that will be the eventual outcome of these investigations."

U.S. Attorney Gregory Van Tatenhove said in a statement that the indictment's allegations "illustrate the potential for abuse of the troubled DBE program."

To be certified as disadvantaged, a business must have a minority or female owner who controls it, has the experience and capability needed for the contracted work and has a net worth of \$750,000 or less, according to the indictment.

Tina Conner, "aided and abetted by others known and unknown," misrepresented herself on all those items, the indictment said.

Conner made her affair with Patton public last fall in a television interview. After an initial denial, Patton acknowledged the relationship with Conner in September.

By the end of the year, a grand jury had begun investigating the matter.

Tina Conner's attorney, Thomas E. Clay, said it was "an ironic twist" that Conner, a private citizen trying to blow the whistle on alleged government impropriety, should be the only one under indictment at this point.

Clay blamed the indictment on "incompetent legal advice" that Conner received from her previous attorney, Fred Radolovich of Louisville.

Clay said Radolovich

secured only limited immunity instead of blanket immunity in exchange for her giving information to the FBI and investigators for Kentucky Attorney General Ben Chandler.

To make matters worse, Conner "was encouraged to discuss this freely with members of the media," Clay said.

Radolovich "was intent on gaining as much publicity as he could," Clay said.

Clay said the lead federal prosecutor, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor, told him that investigators "could not ignore the public statements Ms. Conner was making to the media."

Radolovich denied Wednesday that he encouraged Conner to go public with her information. He said she talked with the media on most occasions without his knowledge.

He otherwise declined comment on the indictment.

Mark Pfeiffer, a spokesman for the Transportation Cabinet, implied that more indictments would be returned.

"It's our understanding that there are other indictments pending, and until the grand jury has completed its work, we're not going to comment," Pfeiffer said.

Van Tatenhove's statement said the indictment arose from "an ongoing investigation of alleged corruption in state government, including the Kentucky Department of Transportation."

Clay said Conner will plead innocent at her arraignment, which has not yet been scheduled.

## Census

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"People want to live where it's a little more open," he said.

Meanwhile, Moriconi, like mayors of other growing towns, stays busy meeting new residents and visiting new neighborhoods that come with the addition of each new subdivision.

"Growth has its challenges," Moriconi said. "We added 30 new streets to our city in 2001."

# Police: Ex-minister planned escape before conviction

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A former Baptist minister convicted of sexually abusing two children carefully planned his escape, which he carried out as the jury was deliberating his case, Kentucky State Police said.

Truman Evans, who remains at large, rented a car at Tri-State Regional Airport in Kenova, W.Va., on June 29, a day before he was to stand trial, state police Detective Rob Games said. The rental car, a 2003 Buick Century, was to have been returned to the airport July 3.

"We have the registration number, but we have been unable to locate the vehicle yet," Games said.

Evans was convicted by a Lawrence County Circuit Court jury on July 1 of first-degree sodomy and criminal attempt to commit first-degree sodomy for forcing a 7-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl to perform oral sex on him. The jury recommended a life sentence plus 20 years.

Evans disappeared from the

courthouse during jury deliberations, telling family members "he had to go outside and get some air." He was last seen leaving in a 1996 red Geo Metro.


Games said Tuesday he thought Evans might have had help eluding police during the past week. The detective said he doubted that Evans was still in the area.

Evans had been out on \$50,000 bond since he was indicted in March 2001. He had worked most recently as a guard at the East Kentucky Correctional Complex in West Liberty.

Evans' lawyer, John David Preston of Paintsville, said he had "no inkling" his client would leave or where he was. Preston said he has worked as an attorney for 26 years, and "I've never seen something like this before."

Games said Evans' name and photo have been entered into a national database.

"We are using everything we've got," Games said. "He will be found eventually."



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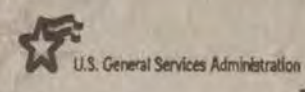
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## Hunter education class scheduled

A hunter education class will be held August 2 from 9 a.m. to completion at the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club. For more information, go online to [www.deweylakefishandgame.org](http://www.deweylakefishandgame.org). The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club holds its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The road is located at the end of Stratton Branch Road.

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### OUTDOORS

## Turkey Calls, an American Folk Art

by DEAN FOSDICK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEACH LAKE, Pa. — Earl Mickel is big on communicating. That means he talks some serious turkey.

He can coax clucks, cuts and cackles from any of his 4,000-plus turkey calls — believed to be the largest such collection anywhere.

A folksy narrative flows from the two books he wrote about talented turkey callmakers. The now out-of-print editions selling originally for \$23 and \$40, respectively, fetch \$500 or more on eBay — if you can find them.

Mickel also is perched high on the pecking order of turkey call historians. He puts many thousands of miles on his truck each year speaking to clubs and civic groups about turkey calls, turkey callmakers and turkey hunting.

All that because turkey calls — working and decorative — have become highly valued folk art.

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### GOLF

## Second annual StoneCrest Invitational begins today

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — After hosting the Ladies State Am last month, StoneCrest Golf Course will get its second annual invitational tournament underway today.

The StoneCrest Invitational is a top-notch ProAm with pro players coming from all over the United States. StoneCrest Golf Course has been able to draw a field of professionals and amateurs that make for one of the most exciting weekends of golf in the state.

This year's tournament, weather permitting, will get underway today and end on Sunday.

Jason Crum, the course pro at StoneCrest, looks forward to

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## International Volleyball needs players

The Sports For Youth Foundation is now accepting high school teams, club teams, and individual players for the 2004 Goodwill Ambassadors International Volleyball Exchange.

The Exchange is currently accepting applications for high school teams, club teams, and individual high school age volleyball players in the United States and Canada, to participate in the Goodwill Ambassadors Volleyball Exchange to Europe in July of 2004.

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# No. 8 on display at DAYTONA USA

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — All of the cars that competed in last weekend's Winn-Dixie 250 presented by PepsiCo NASCAR Busch Series race are long gone from Daytona International Speedway except one —

the No. 8 Chance 2 Dirty Mo Posse Chevrolet driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr. For a limited time, visitors to DAYTONA USA, the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction" located at Daytona International Speedway, will have the opportunity to get an up close view of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s winning

No. 8 Chance 2 DMP Chevrolet straight from Gatorade Victory Lane following the Winn-Dixie 250 presented by PepsiCo.

"This was an opportunity we had to paint the car anyway we wanted," Earnhardt Jr. said. "I thought the best way I could show my support to

friends was to give them a race car. We started calling them the posse when I won races. I couldn't name every one of them. I just started calling them posse."

The No. 8 Dirty Mo Posse Chance 2

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## — BENTLEY'S COMMENTS —



Betsy Layne senior-to-be Whitney Lykens (5) and Allen Central's Terri Mullins (not pictured) are two Floyd County players in this weekend's event at Pikeville College



by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

## STARS COME OUT SATURDAY

The stars will be shining brightly Saturday night and those of you with a basketball Jones will be able to get a midsummer fix thanks to a pretty fair idea by those who coach basketball in our hills.

The second East Kentucky All-Star games will be held at the Pikeville College Gym on Saturday evening, pitting the top players from Regions 13 and 14 against those

from Regions 15 and 16 in a girl/boy doubleheader.

The girls will begin play at 5:30 p.m., while the boys will follow at 7:30 p.m. Shooting contests will be held and a dunking contest as well during halftime of each game.

The action is brought to you by the Kentucky High School Coaches Association, and is one of a series of all-star games taking place across the Commonwealth.

"No doubt, these things are great for high school basketball," said

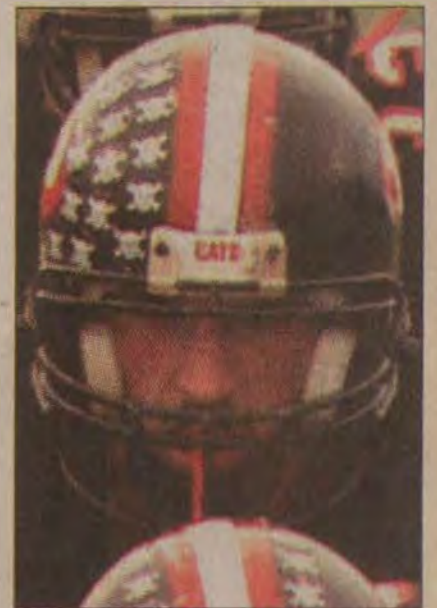
Julian Tackett, assistant commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association. "During open periods it gives these players a chance to get regional and statewide publicity.

"Also, it's even better than team camp settings, because it gives you a chance to see the best go up against the best."

The list of the best on Saturday begins and ends with a player in the

(See STARS, page three)

### H.S. FOOTBALL



Prestonsburg junior Trevor Compton takes over at quarterback this fall. The Blackcats begin practice next week.



The brother trio of Dustin, Alex and Ryan Hammonds played for the 15th Region champion Allen Central High School baseball team during the 2003 season. Dustin Hammonds is a recent graduate of Allen Central.

### H.S. BASKETBALL

## Runyon, Hall bring good mix to game

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Two coaches that squared off against one another in an epic meeting during the regular-season will coach together Saturday in an



Runyon

(See RUNYON, page three)



HORSE INDUSTRY

# Attack on show horses upsets tight-knit community

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A champion show horse and four stablemates fell ill after someone injected them with a mysterious substance, knocking several of the animals out of a top competition and unnerving the American saddlebred industry's genteel world of top hats and jodhpurs.

State police are investigating, but no arrests have been made since Wild Eyed and Wicked and the four others each developed a severely swollen front leg more than a week ago at the Double D Ranch.

While the infections now appear to be under control, a ranch representative had said early on that the horses would be lucky to survive.

Owners and breeders struggled

with the idea that such brutality had invaded their well-mannered community, where the high-stepping, muscular horses with long, arched necks are judged for their distinctive walking styles in divisions such as fine harness, park and country pleasure.

"Our best friends are our biggest competitors," Milwaukee breeder and showman Scott Matton said. "You go and fight and battle the best you can, but sabotaging somebody else's horse? I've never seen that. We are competitors, but we have to buy horses from them and they have to buy horses from us. We have to get along."

Bridget Parker, a business associate of Double D Ranch owners Dave and Dena Lopez, said investigators have told her that they had never heard of a similar case.

The horses — the others are Cats Don't Dance, Meet Prince

Charming, Kiss Me and Sassational — were in their stalls at the ranch in nearby Versailles when the injuries were discovered June 30.

Each horse had a nearly identi-

cal circular wound on the back of its left front pastern, the short bone between the hoof and ankle.

All but Sassational were supposed to compete this week in the Lexington Junior League Horse

Show at The Red Mile, an event in the breed's Triple Crown. The injured horses were instead at home at the Double D, under the care of veterinarians.

The most severely ill is 11-

year-old gelding Wild Eyed and Wicked, which won the saddlebred Triple Crown in 2000 and 2001.

Carol McLeod, who is helping treat the animals, said Wednesday the horses appeared to be improving. The horses were wearing special shoes and had casts on their injured legs to support the tendons, and they have also spent time in an oxygen chamber, she said.

"I'm maintaining a level of cautious optimism," McLeod said. "We are in it for the long haul."

But the World's Championship Horse Show in Louisville next month is out of the question, Parker said. "It's a career-ending injury unless we're damn lucky," she said last week.

Blood and tissue samples were being tested to try to identify the substance injected.

"Nobody in their wildest dreams would ever imagine something like this happening in our industry," said Dede Gatlin, advertising manager for the Lexington-based American Saddlebred Horse Association. "This is something that families do together."

**On the Net:**  
American Saddlebred Horse Association:  
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## Art

"Everybody I talk to has waiting lists," Mickel said. "Custom call makers just can't fill the orders."

There's something of an ironic twist in that for Mickel. He's all but pricing himself out of the collector's market by helping publicize turkey calls and callmakers.

Another part of the appreciation equation is that turkey hunting has grown so popular over the past few decades. Back in the early 1970s, or about the time the National Wild Turkey Federation was founded, there were an estimated 1.3 million wild turkeys and 1.5 million turkey hunters in the United States. Largely through trap and transfer efforts sponsored by the federation and state wildlife agencies, there now are some 5.6 million wild turkeys in 49 states and around 2.6 million turkey hunters. Only Alaska is without gobblers.

"We have more turkeys in more places than when the pilgrims arrived," Mickel said.

Many modern-day hunters are wild about anything turkey — or turkey-hunting-related, which explains the popularity of custom-made turkey calls. "I started collecting seriously in the 80's," Mickel said. "I was on the ground floor of the thing. I was the first guy to write a book about turkey calls (1994). That helped push sales some. It has jumped from just turkey hunters collecting calls to 'everyman.'"

Many of the calls in Mickel's collection are too large, too fragile or too decorative to be carried into the woods. They were made to fit on coffee tables or in display cabinets, but all can bring in a strutting tom. There are friction calls, diaphragm calls and trumpets. They're made from wood, bones, horns and hoofs, aluminum, copper, brass, slate, glass, turtle shells, coconut shells, clamshells, foam and rocks, among other things. Some have been crafted into palm-sized slates with wood holders and bone-tipped strikers. Others are hand cut and rough hewn "music boxes" — working calls made to be carried in the pockets of hunting vests. But they're no less artistic. Each

has been tuned into something that can mimic a talkative turkey.

All are designed to fool one of the smartest birds in nature — to bring big, bearded gobblers down from their roosting trees or entice scattered turkey flocks to regroup and approach within shotgun range.

The Mickels live on a Currier & Ives-fashion farm in Northeast Pennsylvania. Their 250 acres are a picturesque mix of meadows, ponds and woodlands — prime critter country. Dozens of wild turkeys and scores of whitetail deer were picking their way across an expansive, snow-covered yard the day a reporter came calling.

Joined by some party-crashing crows, they were dining on ear corn and stale Krispy Kreme doughnuts arranged in piles or placed in feeders near the house. The birds scattered briefly when a low-flying bald eagle glided overhead.

Earl's wife, Janene, catalogs the many calls in the collection and helped gather background for his books. She tastefully blends antiques with the many call displays, turkey-theme paintings, bird mounts, beards, tail feathers and turkey statuettes.

"The highest-priced call I bought was a box call for a little over \$11,000," Mickel said. "There are calls out there now going for \$20- to \$30,000."

"I collect turkey calls because I like to. And I like the guys who make them. When I'm not hunting turkeys, I'm hunting turkey calls."

Although the collecting craze is relatively recent, there's nothing new about turkey calls. Wingbone calls well over 800 years old have been found by archeologists digging around former Indian encampments.

The first advertised turkey call emerged in the 1880s and was sold by the British Gun and Implement Co., Mickel said.

Henry Gibson patented the first box call in 1897. "He probably didn't make the first box call, but he was astute enough to patent it," Mickel said.

Some of the biggest names in call-making, along with Gibson, include Tom Turpin, Mike Lynch and Neil Cost. Cost, who died last year, liked to describe the art of building turkey calls as "removing everything from a piece of wood that didn't sound like a turkey."

He is credited with developing the so-called "boat paddle" call, where he used a wood screw to attach a paddle-shaped top to a shallow box. Scraping the pieces together produces all sorts of realistic turkey tones.

Turpin considers Cost the Stradivarius of callmakers. It was a Cost call — the so-called "Fat Lady," his very last — that Mickel paid \$11,200 for via an eBay auction.

"What makes a call collectible? The popularity of the callmaker, the numbers produced and the death of the callmaker," Mickel said.

"Signed calls are always more valuable than unsigned calls. Mass-produced calls will never be very collectible. Condition is important."

Mickel suggests that people

new to collecting look for callmakers who have designed their own calls, have already begun building reputations and who will produce a limited number of calls — each hand made.

"There's nothing more American than wild turkeys, turkey hunting and turkey calls," he said. "It's truly an American art form — true only to the U.S. of A."

"Turkey Callmakers, Past and Present: Mick's Picks - Stories and History of Callmakers," by Earl Mickel; and "Turkey Callmakers, Past and Present: The Rest of the Best," by Earl Mickel with Howard Pomtrey are self-published and available through Internet searches. "Turkey Calls: An Enduring American Folk Art," by Howard L. Harlan, also can be found via Internet search.

**On the Web - The National Wild Turkey Federation:**  
<http://www.nwtf.org>

## Reborn

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what has been the love of his life: short track racing.

"I've found things outside of racing that I'm enjoying doing, too," he said.

A year ago, as he ground toward his first Cup title, Stewart was often anything but cool and contained.

He added to a reputation as NASCAR's "bad boy" by punching a photographer, was fined by his sponsor, Home Depot, for his bad conduct, and had strained relations at times with crew chief Greg Zipadelli and the rest of his Joe Gibbs Racing crew because of his behavior.

Stewart needed help and he got it, turning to a sports psychologist midway through the season.

"The first thing he said is, 'You're an average person in a not-average environment anymore,' and that's how it all started," Stewart said. "It definitely helped a lot. We dealt with him the whole last half of the year."

The psychologist became a fixture at races, often watching from Stewart's pit.

No longer. Stewart talks with him occasionally on the telephone, but he's mostly on his own now, and enjoying life more, even though the first half of the 2003 season has not been kind to him.

Engine failures, crashes and other problems have left Stewart with only one victory and eight top 10s in the first 17 races. The latest miscue came in the Pepsi 400 when Stewart ran out of gas heading into the first pit stop and never got back into contention, finishing 21st.

He has rallied a bit since slipping to 20th in the standings but will still go into Sunday's Tropicana 400 in 11th place, 602 points behind leader Matt Kenseth.

Instead of the tantrums and black moods of the past, though, Stewart has dealt with the adversity with a quietly calm demeanor.

"We just haven't had the luck

we've had in the past," Stewart said. "I think we've all learned how to deal with it. Five years of Winston Cup racing, we've had to deal with just about every emotion involved and what can happen in a Winston Cup weekend. It's learn as you go."

"You do your job, and every day that I keep my mouth shut and I don't respond to something that somebody makes me mad about, that Monday or Tuesday Mike's not calling me and saying, 'You've got to do this interview or that interview to do damage control,'" Stewart added, referring to his public relations man, Mike Arning. "I actually get part of my life back by just sitting here and letting people do what they do."

Zipadelli, whom Stewart credits with holding the team together and getting the driver through last season, sees the difference in Stewart, himself and the rest of the team.

"It's about not doing things that we've done in the past, you know, letting emotions take over and stuff," Zipadelli said. "That's on everybody's part: mine, Tony's, the team. I just think he's done a better job of not letting things he can't control get him worked up."

And Zipadelli said the problem wasn't all Stewart's.

"We all learn and grow from our mistakes and things in the past," the crew chief said. "I know I have. I still lose my temper and I'm still a hothead. I just try not to take it out on individual people anymore because I don't want to hurt people's feelings."

"I think that's all Tony's done. Rather than taking it out on the people who work for him and things, he's still mad and upset but he's just not taking it out (on anyone)."

Stewart said there's another important factor in the change of attitude.

"Probably the biggest thing was winning the championship and just taking that pressure off," he said. "And we want to win another one right away, as soon as possible. But just getting that first one out of the way was big for us."

With more than half the season left, Stewart hasn't given up on winning that second championship this year, although he knows the odds are against him.

"You never know. I mean, there's no blueprint on how to win a Winston Cup championship," he said. "If we won all the races the rest of the year, I'm not sure that's still a guarantee that we can catch up and win the thing."

The new Tony Stewart added serenely: "We'll just do the best job we can, hope our luck gets better, and take whatever that gives us at the end of the season."

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holding the invitational.

"This is our biggest event of the year," said Crum. "We're looking forward to holding our tournament."

This year's invitational tournament is sponsored by the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission.

Last year's tournament included seven players from the Hooper's tour and two of the top ranked mini tour players in America. For more information, telephone StoneCrest Golf Course at 606/886-1006.

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## Daytona

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Motorsports Chevrolet can be found alongside the high banks of the Velocitorium in DAYTONA USA. There fans can get an up close view and take pictures of this dominating machine in race condition with confetti from Gatorade Victory Lane.

"This is the way things should be done," said DAYTONA USA visitor Robert Wilcher of Salem Va., earlier this week after checking out the No. 8 car. "As soon as they come off of the track, they should come straight in here."

"Usually when you get to see these cars they are all shiny and

new looking," said Kris Riddell of Cornith, Texas. "To get to see them after the race is great. It gives the fans a better appreciation of what it took to get to Victory Lane."

Earnhardt Jr. led all 100 laps of the Winn-Dixie 250 presented by PepsiCo on July 4 and held off his Winston Cup teammate Michael Waltrip for his third Busch Series win of the 2003 season.

The victory was his fourth at Daytona International Speedway this year and his sixth career win at the historic 2.5-mile tri-oval.



## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Glavine says Questec is ruining baseball

by RONALD BLUM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Tom Glavine can handle human opponents. It's a machine that's got him down.

Echoing Curt Schilling, Glavine thinks the umpire evaluation equipment is ruining baseball.

"I know my name has been brought up in the Questec argument. I'm the poster child," he said Wednesday after Atlanta beat the New York Mets 6-3 and dropped him to 0-3 against his former team.

At Shea Stadium, where the Questec system is used, Glavine is 2-7. On the road, he's 4-2.

He says umpires have told Mets catchers that they will not call pitches on the corners at Shea because they don't want the machine to give them poor grades.

"Why not eliminate that altogether and have an electronic strike zone?" Glavine said. "That's almost what it's coming to."

Glavine said he's heard throughout his career complaints that his strike zone "was 24 inches wide and everyone else's was 10."

Agreeing with Arizona's Schilling, Glavine says it's no longer possible to know in advance what's a ball and what's a strike. And because of that, Glavine says only power pitch-

ers can be successful. Finesse guys who work the corners are out of luck.

"You can ask the hitters. They don't know what the strike zone is. Nobody knows," he said. "It's not just me they're doing this to. They've done it to a lot of good pitchers."

On May 24, Schilling punched out the machine in Arizona, which cost him a fine. Glavine attacked merely with words.

He estimated the computer cost him 8-10 pitches Wednesday that would have been called strikes in the past, about 10 percent of his total. The change caused him to fall behind in the count.

"If it's 2-0 vs. 1-1, that's a big deal," he said.

He thought he pitched well, and so did the Braves, but Glavine (6-9) allowed three of his first four batters to score as hits fell in as if it were intrasquad batting practice.

He walked leadoff man Rafael Furcal, gave up a one-out single to Gary Sheffield, then allowed Chipper Jones' bloop RBI single down the right-field line, Andrew Jones' soft runcoring single to center and Javy Lopez's sacrifice fly.

"Playing against them now for the first time you understand why people get so frustrated against them or hate playing against them," Glavine said.

Julio Franco reached out for

a low, outside pitch in the sixth for a two-run homer that put Atlanta ahead 5-1, and Glavine made an early exit two batters later, with some fans booing as he walked to the Mets' dugout, head bowed.

"Glavine is the same pitcher," said Lopez, his former catcher. "I don't see anything different. He was throwing the same way as when he was with us."

Many Braves are quite

familiar with Glavine, who spent 16 seasons with Atlanta before signing with the Mets in December. New York expected the two-time Cy Young Award winner to lead the Mets back into the playoffs.

Instead, the eight-time All-Star heads into the All-Star break with a losing record for just the third time in his career.

Glavine allowed five runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings and tied a season high with

five walks. He dropped to 0-3 against Atlanta this season and has allowed 16 runs in 15 2-3 innings against the Braves - a 9.19 ERA.

"Today he was as good as I've seen him," Chipper Jones said. "Good sink on his fastball, good sink on all his stuff."

Atlanta, which leads the NL East at 58-31, matched a season high with its sixth straight win, opening the largest lead

in the major leagues. The last-place Mets, who started three rookies, dropped to 39-50, including 3-6 against the Braves.

"I feel bad for him personally," said Greg Maddux, Glavine's former teammate. "But as far as the team goes? We're doing what we're trying to do."

Russ Ortiz (12-4) won his fifth straight start and tied Toronto's Roy Halladay for the major league lead in victories. He allowed seven hits, giving up runs on sacrifice flies by Timo Perez in the second and Jose Reyes in the eighth.

Following a 44-minute rain delay with one out and two on in the eighth, Ray King relieved and allowed an RBI single to Jeromy Burnitz. Kevin Gryboski then came in and got Jason Phillips to ground into a double play, and John Smoltz pitched the ninth for his major league-high 34th save.

Ortiz, picked for the NL All-Star team, is ready to start Tuesday night in Chicago if he's chosen.

"I'll be well rested," he said. "It all depends on the other guys and what fits best."

## NBA

## LeBron shines in pro debut

### Phenom has 14 in 23 minutes

by MIKE BRANOM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. With equal parts flash and fundamentals, LeBron James was a thrill to watch Tuesday night in his pro basketball debut.

Before a huge crowd that waited several hours to get in to see him play, James had 14 points, seven rebounds and six assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Orlando Magic 107-80 in the NBA summer league.

Playing 23 minutes in a 40-minute game, James was five for 11 — despite missing three 3-point tries — from the floor and converted all four of his free throws. He had three turnovers while running Cleveland's offense.

James' game showed little rust although it was his first competition since late March, when he led St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School to its third Ohio state championship of his prep career. A little more than three months later, the 18-year-old James is worth about \$100 million, thanks to endorsement deals and, to a far lesser extent, his NBA contract.

In the first three minutes, James had a wicked one-handed dunk after stealing a pass under the basket, sank a reverse layup and tossed a no-look feed in the paint that DeSagana Diop converted into a short jump hook. James later wowed the crowd of 15,123 with a reverse layup while falling down.

As the quarter came to a close, he scored another four points in transition: two free throws and a jumper for a 31-15 lead. For the period, he had 10 points, four rebounds and three assists.

There were only three lowlights: In the first quarter, he air-

balled a 3-pointer as the shot clock wound down, and a late defensive rotation left him open for a baseline jumper. But the worst came early in the third period, when James threw a lazy outlet pass that was picked off by Britton Johnsen, who promptly dunked on his highly hyped opponent.

The Cavaliers, who selected the 18-year-old James No. 1 overall in last month's NBA draft, have every reason to believe that he will quickly mesh with his teammates.

Playing in Orlando's summer league are three-fifths of the Cavaliers' projected starting lineup: James at point guard, small forward Darius Miles and power forward Carlos Boozer. It was that unit, plus shooting guard Dajuan Wagner and center Diop, which raced out to a 16-point first-quarter advantage, giving Cleveland a lead that was never threatened by the over-matched Magic.

James' presence added an unprecedented buzz to the summer league game. Such contests are usually informal affairs held in dimly lit gyms with scouts and coaches among the most interested spectators.

But this game was played at the Magic's home arena, the 17,283-seat T.D. Waterhouse Centre, rather than the team's practice facility. Fans jumped at the chance to see the league's newest star attraction, and there were plenty of pros also gawking at James.

Among the crowd were NBA players Drew Gooden, Chucky Atkins, Jason Williams, Amare Stoudemire and Steven Hunter, and NFL quarterback Daunte Culpepper.

Before the game, \$5 tickets were being scalped for \$80 and a traffic jam developed around the arena five hours before the opening tip.

"He's exciting to watch," said Paige Berger of Albany, N.Y. "He's got the skills of Magic (Johnson) and (Michael

Jordan combined."

The interest spread to the media, as well. The Magic issued about 170 credentials, about the same as for a playoff game or a visit by the Los Angeles Lakers.

James led the Cavaliers onto the court to a brief burst of applause and cheers, then turned around and worked his way back through his teammates, handing out high-fives to all. He wore a look of concentration throughout warmups, but once did acknowledge some fans with a quick finger pointed to the sky.

Finally, James loosened up and started to deliver the show the fans came to see.

Without warning, he performed a 180-degree dunk and another jam moments later. Miles followed with an off-the-backboard dunk that got the crowd roaring, but the ball slipped had out of James' hands when he tried to respond. That prompted some lighthearted booing, and a big smile crossed his face.

No reason to get upset. He, after all, was King James and his reign was just beginning.

### Bogans goes big in first game

Former University of Kentucky standout Keith Bogans had 24 points for the Magic in Tuesday night's loss to LeBron and Company. Bogans was paired up against James on defense several times during the summer league game.

## Stars

girls' game, which may be somewhat of a surprise to many. But those in attendance on Saturday will get a chance to see what it takes to play at the highest level of college basketball when they check out Jackson County's Sarah Elliott.

Elliott has been turning heads for many years across Kentucky and is clearly the favorite for the 2004 Miss Basketball honor. Also, when you think of the cream of the crop of women's college basketball — by that we mean Tennessee and Connecticut — those are the people who are recruiting Elliott.

Why? She's 6-foot-4. And according to one local expert, that may be on the conservative end. "She may be 6-5 1/2 or 6-6," said Pikeville College Coach Bill Watson.

Obviously there aren't many women around that tall, and those with agility, smooth footwork and soft hands are even more difficult to find.

"She's a national-class player," said Tackett. "Without a doubt."

Tackett says even a player such as Elliott can benefit from games like this. "If she's just been playing around with her high school team, she may dominate them," he said. "But heading into her senior year, she can play in a game like this and be challenged a little bit. It'll give her an idea as to what she needs to work on."

Elliott and the 13th and 14th region stars will be coached by a couple of familiar names: Dickie Adams of Whitesburg has had a lot of success recently, and former Phelps standout Chrysti Noble of Rockcastle County will lead them.

Betsy Layne's Cassandra Akers will be joined on the sidelines by arguably the most

## Mears dreams of a Brickyard double

INDIANAPOLIS — NASCAR rookie driver Casey Mears is fine with spending a sultry July day testing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in preparation for the upcoming Brickyard 400.

But he also makes it clear that the thought of someday returning in May to the track and the race that made the Mears family famous remains firmly in the back of his mind.

Mears was one of a handful of NASCAR drivers, including this past weekend's Pepsi 400 winner Greg Biffle, Mark Martin, Dave Blaney, Jeff Green, and former Brickyard 400 winner Bobby Labonte, testing Tuesday at the speedway.

— The Associated Press

## COLLEGE SPORTS

## Conference USA officials vote to enforce bylaws

CHICAGO — Conference USA officials have voted to enforce a bylaw preventing member schools from leaving before June 30, 2005.

The move will not keep any school from leaving the conference but shows that Conference USA is prepared to fight to maintain its membership, officials said.

The Big East is reportedly considering extending an invitation to the Louisville Cardinals

because Miami and Virginia Tech have moved to the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"While there may be changes on the horizon, we are comfortable knowing that any future changes will not be effective prior to the 2005-2006 academic year," Commissioner Britton Banowsky said in a written statement posted on the conference's Web site.

The 11-team league was formed in 1995. — The Associated Press

## AMATEUR COMPETITION

## State Games begin next weekend

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Bluegrass State Games is just around the corner. Next week to be exact.

The Bluegrass State Games is a nonprofit program sponsored privately to promote amateur athletics across the Commonwealth. It is designed to provide Kentuckians of all ages and skill levels a wholesome avenue for positive development through sports and physical activity, to promote and develop amateur athletics and to provide the amateur athlete an opportunity to showcase their talent and receive statewide recognition.

In the 2000 Summer Games, held July 14-16 and 21-23, there

were almost 18,000 participants, ranging in age from 2 years old to 85 years old, who competed. A total of 4,018 medals were awarded to athletes from 111 of Kentucky's 120 Counties. The 2000 Games drew the largest number of athletes in recent years.

The area counties of Floyd, Johnson and Pike, among others, annually send a large contingent to Central Kentucky to compete.

Bluegrass State Games is a member of the National Congress of State Games which is a member of the United States Olympic Committee.

This year, the Summer Bluegrass State Games will take place on July 18-20 & 26-27, 2003.

## Runyon

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East Kentucky All-Star Game at the Pikeville College gym. The game even had a sure-fire future NBA player in O.J. Mayo.

Paintsville High School head boys' basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon, and Jeff Hall, the now former Rose Hill coach, represent as boys coaches the 15th and 16th regions.

With Runyon, the team has a veteran coach who has coached Mr. Basketballs and a state championship team. Hall, still new to coaching, played at the University of Louisville for head coach Denny Crum. Hall's most recent call to fame was coaching the aforementioned Mayo, who has since transferred from Rose Hill to a school in Cincinnati.

Runyon coached his 2002-03 edition of the Tigers to a 57th District championship and a second-straight runner-up finish in the 15th Region Tournament. In a head-to-head meeting in the regular-season, Paintsville turned away Hall's Rose Hill team in a game played on the Tigers' homecourt. Earlier in the season, Rose Hill beat Paintsville in the All "A" Classic.

Two players from Paintsville — Peyton Conley and Shane Simpkins — will suit up for this weekend's game. No players from Rose Hill are on the roster. Marques Dawson, a recent Rose Hill grad, played in the all-star affair last season.

## Sports Calendar

### Cheerleading: UCA Camp

A UCA camp is scheduled for Pikeville and Pikeville High School. Any student is grades K-8 looking for a camp to attend this summer can attend the UCA Youth Individual Cheerleading Camp. Attending campers will learn the basics of cheerleading from America's best cheerleaders. The camp will be held July 21-23 at Pikeville High School, beginning at 9 a.m. and running through 3:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$100. For more information or to register, call 1-800-238-0285. Locally, contact Lisa Wheeler by calling 606/432-0185.

### Soccer: MLS camp

A Major League Soccer Camp will take place in Johnson County next week at the Johnson County Youth

Soccer Complex, located at the American Standard plant at Hager Hill, beginning on Monday and running through Thursday.

The camp, which is for players ages four through 18, will run from 5-9 p.m. each day.

Registration for the camp continues Saturday with signups from noon to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$125 per camper.

Each camper will receive a soccer ball, t-shirt, evaluation, MLS gift and Columbus Crew game ticket.

### Football

Coach John DeRossett and the Prestonsburg High grid program will also be hosting a grade school skills camp on Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration fee is \$25. Included in the camp fee is a T-shirt and lunch.

## Players

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Members of this team will represent their country and community in volleyball tournaments as Goodwill Ambassadors in volleyball tournaments and local competitions in London, Paris, Geneva, Venice and

Rome. The program is open to all players ages 15-20 years old.

School coaches and club team coaches travel free with their team of 10 or more. For more information, call 425/255-8102.

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famous girls' basketball coach in the state. Despite more recent health issues, West Carter's John Hop Brown has promised directors he wants to participate and will be available if at all possible.

Akers will bring one of her stars along with her in Whitney Likens. Belfry's Vicki Hall and Anna Bevens will play, as will Terri Mullins of Allen Central, Patience Hylton of East Ridge and Magoffin County's Savannah Howard.

On the boys' side, Paintsville's legendary coach Bill Mike Runyon will be joined by former Rose Hill Academy leader Jeff Hall to coach the 15th and 16th region standouts.

Runyon will have two players involved — Shane Simpkins and Peyton Conley will be joined by crosstown rival Mike Walters of Johnson Central. Pike Central's Chase Lyons, East Ridge strong horse Robbie Spears and Betsy Layne's Brandon Hall figure to combine for a formidable blend in the post.

On the other bench, Bell County's Ed Whitaker and Larry Sparks of Leslie County will lead a team that could feature one of the hidden gems of our mountains in Barbourville guard David Vance. Steven Sizemore of Hazard will battle with the 15th Region players inside, and I've been told if Wolfe County's Tyler Halsey gets hot from the outside he could steal the show.

All in all, it sounds like it should be a great way to spend a summer night. So if you're looking for a way to get in out of the heat and you've already seen the Hulk and all of Charlie's Angels, come down to the gym on Saturday.

I'll promise you we'll have a ball.



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**Facts About The BIBLE** BY JOHN ZEHT

WHEN THE GREAT PROPHET ELISHA LAY UPON HIS DEATH BED, JOASH, KING OF ISRAEL, CAME TO MOURN HIM. AND ELISHA SAID: "HIM PICK UP AN ARROW AND POINT IT IN THE DIRECTION OF SYRIA AND SHOOT IT OUT THE WINDOW. JOASH DID AS THE PROPHET DIRECTED. THEN ELISHA TOLD JOASH TO TAKE THE REST OF HIS ARROWS AND STRIKE THEM UPON THE FLOOR...."

JOASH DID SO, BUT IN A PERFUNCTORY MANNER, FOR HE COULD SEE NO IMPORTANCE IN THIS ACT. LAZILY STRIKING THE FLOOR THREE TIMES, ELISHA BECAME ANGRY AT THIS DISPLAY OF LAZINESS FOR HAD JOASH STRUCK THE ARROWS SIX TIMES, HE WOULD HAVE COMPLETELY DEFEATED SYRIA TO SAVE HIS KINGDOM. BUT AS THE PROPHET SAID, "NOW HE WOULD ONLY DEFEAT SYRIA IN THREE BATTLES—NOT ENOUGH TO SAVE ISRAEL! ALL THIS WAS BORNE OUT AFTER ELISHA'S DEATH—SURE ENOUGH, JOASH WON ONLY THREE BATTLES AS THE PROPHET HAD DECLARED!"

NEXT WEEK: OUR PRESIDENTS AND THE BIBLE!

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 First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.
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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Hello Mudduh, hello Fadduh...

Camp Crescendo - the name brings back memories. As my daughter prepares to embark on a week away from home to attend band camp, I can't help but recall summers past when my best friend, Sherry, would go away to "Camp Crescendo," which was located somewhere between purgatory and the pits of hell as I recall her saying.



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

Emily is much looking forward to her week at camp. The opportunity to be with her friends in relative freedom and away from Mom's searching eye is one that she is obviously

relishing. Quite different from what I remember Sherry's outlook was being.

"Jose, (her nickname for me - and it's not pronounced like its Spanish spelling with a soft "H" sound, rather it rhymes with the Spanish word for "two" - "dos". Don't try to figure it out, you'd just have to know "Shurry Lynn.") you just don't know what that place is like," my friend would say. "They get us up at the crack of dawn and work us to death all day long out in the hot sun. It's miserable."

"Oh, I feel so sorry for you," I'd say. "I wish you didn't have to go."

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## Please, keep 'em coming!

Our pet photos file always needs replenishing, and we know that you have lots of precious pics to share with us, so send them along! And while you're at it, help Dr. Carol get her creative thoughts jumpstarted by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



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Prestonsburg businessman, Sam Blankenship, left, and retired businessman John Burke, right, stand in front of a Japanese flag that was discovered in an Arkansas gun shop 58 years from the date it was seized by American troops.

# THIS FLAG'S STORY

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

For those veterans who may not know it, you have a friend in Sam Blankenship, representative, Edward Jones Investments Office, downtown Prestonsburg. Blankenship, who served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War, recognizes the importance of honoring our

country's veterans.

"I just think it's very important that we remember the sacrifices of our veterans," Blankenship said from his Court Street office. And, each year, during the month of July, for the past few years, Blankenship has allowed his

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

These young men are Floyd Countians who graduated from Prestonsburg High School together, joined the military together, and came home together. Upon their arrival home, they had this picture taken in Prestonsburg at Strahan's Photography Studio. From left to right, they are: Joe Merritt, James Ed Alley, Carl Crum, Robert "Itch" Branham, and John W. Burke.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Just a few of the memorial veteran's items on display now in Blankenship's office.

## This Town, That World

**Editor's Note:** For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

Anything missing around this office isn't lost—it's just mislaid. And eventually it shows up. Just last week while he was cleaning out a file here in the office, Quentin Terry found what are now antiques. Two sheets of two and three-cent stamps.

### FIREWATER AND HEALING WATERS

Harold B. Rice, formerly of Prestonsburg, now agronomist with the soil-testing division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, found our recent story of the capture of what we considered a "big" moonshine still sorta amusing. Sent along a newspaper clipping showing really big operations, shining examples of

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### POSTSCRIPT

## Hold the fireworks

Two of the most jubilant holidays are becoming days to be dreaded in my house. New Year's Eve and the 4th of July should be celebrated with noisemakers, dancing in

the streets, brilliant displays of fireworks, but, please, no, not again.

Or, since the world won't keep silent to please

me, perhaps I need to look into getting sedatives or, at the very least, ear plugs for my beasts.

This long Fourth weekend was really the worst so far. People in my neck of the woods must have gotten a special price on fireworks because they shot them off for three nights and turned my monster dogs into jellyfish and me into a zombie in the meantime.

Daisy handles the situation pretty well. She just hides in the bathroom for the duration of the pops, sizzles

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### THINGS TO PONDER

## Separation anxiety in young children

As with other feelings at any age, anxiety is an important aspect of daily life. Also, normal anxiety and fear tend to follow a developmental sequence, showing up and being resolved, again according to one's age. Needless to say, a child that cannot learn to cope appropriately with stress and anxiety is more likely to become an adult who cannot cope effectively with everyday life. How would you rate the children in your family, or those living about you with regard

to their level of anxiety?

The value of knowing what to expect for a particular time in a child's life is very great, because when the child's anxiety level seems to be "too much for that age group," then the adults can take necessary steps for the child's anxiety levels to be more reasonable. The young baby usually shows a "scared" reaction to loud noise or the sudden loss of physical support. Young children being reluctant to separate from the parent or pri-

mary caregiver is a normal, healthy response, and is thought to be indicative of the development of a healthy attachment. The child that is just beginning to walk often shows a fear of strange animals. This reaction is thought to be a part of the child adjusting to its surroundings. Sometimes in adolescence, teenagers will display performance anxiety and social phobia. The preschooler showing separation anxiety can be a sign of healthy attachment to loved

ones. Typically, their reaction to being dropped off by Mom or Dad stops within three to four minutes after the parent leaves.

Research has shown that some children's temperament plays a role in the separation anxiety being more intense. More irritable and clingy infants often have more difficulty with changes and

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.



# School Happenings

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ July 23 - "Back to School Health Fair," 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Allen Central High School. Services will include immunizations, school physicals, vision and hearing screening, school supplies and drawings for free hair cuts.

■ Camp Shawnee applications available at the Center.

■ Updated health records for AMS students may be dropped off during summer break at the Youth Services Center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open during the summer to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income.

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

\*\*School now holding KINDERGARTEN registration. Please call the school at 874-2165 to schedule an appointment.

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After

School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ Call school Family Resource Center at 358-9878, to make an appointment for a free physical for your child who plans to enter Kindergarten in the fall semester, 2003.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; and WIC services. Please call for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

\*\*Scholarships to Camp Shawnee still available. Please contact the family resource center if interested.\*\*

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade

next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

■ The McDowell FRC, in collaboration with many other area organizations, will sponsor several summer activities. Among them:

■ July 14-18 - Nutrition Camp: To be held at the McDowell FRC, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., in collaboration with Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ July 21-25 - Physical & Health Activities Camp: To be held at the McDowell FRC, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., in collaboration with McDowell ARH.

■ July 28-30 - Environmental Camp: To be held from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., in collaboration with

the Floyd County 4-H program. ■ July 11 - Athletic Physicals for South Floyd High School and its feeder schools will be conducted at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic on this day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please stop by the FRC office to pick up form.

■ July 23 - Our Lady of the Way Hospital's 5th Annual 'Back to School' Health Fair for ALL Floyd County students will be held on this day from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fair will be held this year at Allen Central High School.

\*\*Applications for Camp Shawnee may be picked up at the FRC office.\*\*

## PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8

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## Eyes

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Soon, the letters would come pouring in to my parent's address. "Dear Jose," they would read, "I think I have died and gone to hell. My head hurts, my feet stink, I'm sunburned and my muscles are aching. I can't wait to get out of this God-forsaken place."

"Poor Sherry Lynn," I'd think. "I'll have to do something nice for her once she gets back." (Like not call until she'd slept for about two days straight once making it back to her own bed.)

I've shared a little of what Sherry had to say "way back then" about Camp Crescendo with my daughter, who takes absolutely no heed to my words. Like I said, this kid is ready for a week away from Mom and her two siblings.

But then, she hasn't been to Camp Crescendo yet.

I'm sending stationery and postage stamps along with her. You know, just in case she has a few things she wants to get off her chest

while she's away...

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Got a little surprise this past Wednesday afternoon - flowers! Hand-delivered by the "little brother" of an old friend who has obviously been listening to his mother and sisters about what women like. He even guessed correctly and brought me carnations - my favorite flower. And, to top it off, they came inside a '60's inspired mug adorned with decorations that remind me of my sixth-grade notebook - a VW Beetle, "flower power" daisies, ladybugs, rainbows, smiley faces and the words "Groovy," "Love," and "Peace" written in those fat curvy letters that my girlfriends and I worked so hard to perfect back then.

Hmm, maybe someone's been reading my little column, after all...

Hey, you didn't have to, but thanks for brightening my day!

## Ponder

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are thought to be more vulnerable to separation anxiety. (In these instances, the anxiety problem lasts longer than a couple of months.) In this type of case, the child might require more work and attention than usually expected. However, this does not necessarily mean that the child will have problems later on.

Fears concerning separation tend to develop in "normal" phases. The most common times for separation anxiety are at 8 months, 12 months, and anywhere between 18 months to 3 years. It often is first displayed around 9 months of age and is at its highest at about 12 to 14 months. Separation anxiety generally decreases between 2 and 3 years of age. As with any situation, the young child's reaction to separation will vary, even from day to day. Sometimes 2 year olds will want one parent over another. Although the 2-year-old has more of a drive for independence, they will still have rough transition times that lead to temper tantrums. Toddlers, having either very few or very frequent separations from loved ones, are likely to experience the most separation anxiety. Even though adults feel anxious when separated from loved ones, they tend to not be overwhelmed, due to their ability to better understand the concept of time and have had success at coping successfully with separation.

Separation anxiety in young children is likely to be created by several possible factors; tiredness; minor or major illness; changes in the household routine; family changes such as birth of a sibling, divorce, death or illness; and change in care-

givers or routines at the day-care center. Although parents typically do not cause separation anxiety, they can make things worse or better, based on their reaction to the situation. There are a variety of things parents can do to cut down on the chances of their little one developing separation anxiety. Begin by having a babysitter occasionally before the child is 6 months old, such as a non-family member. This will help increase the infant's tolerance for being away from the parents, and build trust in other people. Children under 12 months of age are not likely to actively play cooperatively with other children, but they need to have contact with same-aged children. By the time they are 3 years old, they should be part of a playgroup. It is very helpful for the 3- or 4-year-old child to have some type of preschool experience, especially those who tend to be too dependent on parents.

While the child experiencing separation anxiety is upset, parents and/or involved adults are also. However, there are methods for supporting the child during those troublesome times. As described before, the child needs to have positive interactions with other caregivers. Be aware of the child becoming acquainted with new situations, surroundings and people, prior to actually being left there. Consistent rituals in the child's life, such as in the mornings and at bedtimes, are very helpful for stress not being created, since they tend to add predictability and trust. Allow the child to

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## Weddings



### Billiter-Barnette

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Billiter, of Shelbiana, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ricarda Virginia Elizabeth, to Brandon Chase Barnette, the son of Roger Barnette, of Martin, and Susan Barnette, of Allen. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 2, 2003, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Grace Baptist Church, in Shelbiana. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. Following, the couple will honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico before returning to reside in Martin.

### Johnson-Little

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lee Hurt, of Weeksbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Little, of Wheelwright, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Crystal Lea Johnson and Michael Little. Both Crystal and Michael are graduates of South Floyd High School and are currently pursuing college degrees. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, July 12, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Freewill Baptist Church, Wheelwright. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. The newlyweds will reside in Weeksbury.



### Spurlock-Snow

Marty and Crystal Spurlock, of Hendersonville, Tennessee, formerly of Paintsville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Erica Niccole Spurlock, to Richard Fairbanks Snow, the son of Ron and Sharon Snow, of St. George, Utah. Ms. Spurlock is a 2001 graduate of Beech High School and currently attends Brigham Young University, where she is pursuing a degree in Secondary Education and also serves as Peer Mentor for the BYU Freshman Academy. She is the granddaughter of Hobert and the late Goldie Spurlock, of Printer, and the late Carol and James Willard Pickle, formerly of Lexington, and Pattie Carl, of Lexington. Mr. Snow is a 1998 graduate of Dixie High School and also is currently attending Brigham Young University, where he is pursuing a degree in Economics. He is a research assistant for the BYU Department of Korean Studies. He is the grandson of L.B. and Doris Snow, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and Shirli and Marle Pitchforth, of St. George, Utah, and the late Bernice Pitchforth. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, July 26, 2003, at the Nashville Tennessee Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, in Franklin, Tennessee. A reception will be held that same evening at seven o'clock at the Country Hills Golf Course, located on Saundersville Road, in Hendersonville.

## Hold

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and booms.

But the big dogs are not - I repeat not - house dogs. They're too big, they knock things over with their tails, they look a tad too wistfully at the cat, they shed enough to make a new dog every week, and they're dirty from digging holes and rolling around in the dirt.

On the night of the Fourth, as bad as I knew the dogs hated them, I wanted to watch the fireworks displays that the folks in Auxier put on. It's really a pretty good demonstration, especially on the heels of an evening of local entertainment, games and food. And sited as it is between two mountains in a wide bottom beside the river, the town is a natural echo chamber. Every pop bounced off one hill and came back again from the other. Pop, Pop. Pop-pop-pop, pop-pop-pop. Boom-sizzle-sizzle-pop, boom-sizzle-sizzle-pop.

My house, situated up against the hill, provides a good vantage point for watching and listening to the aerial goings-on, or depending on your perspective, a good place to be scared to death. From the time the first firecracker went off, Bubba turned into a bag of nerves. He could not bear to be outside my touch, and he panted so hard I was afraid he might have a heart attack. Ben was not quite so bad, but he was still quite nervous.

To try to comfort them, I sat on the

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## World

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the moonshine-making business as practiced in the Brunswick section of that state. One of these had 220 barrels marked "Olives," but which actually contained 10,000 gallons of "working" mash. Another, which officers captured at the same time, was fired by a coke burner and was capable of producing 600 gallons of "squeezein's" a day.

Is this guy from North Carolina or Texas? To top it off, he sent along another newspaper clipping, headed, "Where Healing Water Flows," and telling about the water in that same Brunswick section having marvelous curative qualities.

This water, from Shalotte Inlet in Brunswick County, says the clipping, is good for just about anything that might ail you. Its close proximity to those big stills makes it important that the water do something for a hangover, but the newspaper fails to mention that ailment.

## WE POINT ELSEWHERE

One of our errors—this one in 36-point type—has been with considerable glee pointed out to us. To divert the course of conversation elsewhere we recount a couple of yarns told of the lives and hard times of young reporters.

One is that oldie told of the tyro who was sent by his city editor to "cover" the baseball game and who sauntered in at press-time without having tapped a typewriter key.

"Where's your story of the game?" bellowed the editor.

"Wasn't any—nothing to write about, so no story," chirruped the reporter.

"What happened, no game?"

"The grandstand collapsed and killed 10 people!" replied the novice.

Then there is the one of the young reporter who was asked to cut his obituaries and desist from overwriting. So the next day he turned in this masterpiece!

"Scott J. Morgan looked up the shaft of the Main Street Hotel this morning to see if the elevator was on its way. It was. Age 28."





By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.

## Family Medicine



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**Q** Last Saturday, after lunch, I went outside to work in my garden wearing a short sleeve shirt, short pants and sandals. I was only out for about an hour and got a painful sunburn on the exposed areas of my feet, legs and arms. I did have a hat on so my head is OK. Why did I burn so quickly, when usually I tan rather than burn? What precautions should I take in the future?

**A** I think the reason you burned with relatively short sun exposure has to do with the time of day that you did your gardening. But, before I get into more specifics about prevention and treatment of sunburn, let me first give you a brief course in "sunburnology."

Sunburn is produced when sunlight damages the deeper growing layers of the skin. The resulting irritation to the skin, blood vessels, and associated tis-

sue causes the inflammation we call sunburn. In addition to being painful, the burn can interfere with the skin's functions of protecting us from injury and helping maintain the ideal environment for the body's cells.

The skin is rich with nerve endings. These keep us informed about the environment around us by allowing us to feel the size, shape and texture of everyday objects as well as sense temperature and pain. The pain of sunburn develops when these nerve cells are stimulated as part of the inflammation of the sunburn. The label "sunburn" only tells that the damage came from being out in the sun, not the extent of the injury.

The health problems associated with burns are related to the amount — the area — of skin involved, the depth of

burn, the individual's age and pre-existing health conditions (e.g., diabetes) that may be present. The specific cause of the burn — the sun, boiling water, chemical injury or other cause — is not important. The extent of skin damage is what counts and also what determines if you should see your doctor about it.

Typically, sunburn is painful with or without being touched. The "sunburned" look and discomfort improve after two or three days. The dead, damaged skin usually peels off in a week or two. This type of burn is referred to as a superficial, or first-degree, burn.

A second-degree or partial thickness burn produces damage deeper into the skin and can be very painful. Even air blowing across the burn can hurt. In addition to the pain, the skin will blis-

ter. Healing usually takes two or three weeks, and a permanent mild scar or change in skin color may sometimes result.

As a general guideline, if your burn doesn't seem any worse than mild sunburn, you can probably take care of it yourself. Protect the skin — stay out of the sun — and take aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen for the discomfort. Don't put butter or other "gooey" substances on the burn. There are several non-prescription "sunburn" lotions and sprays that are soothing, but they will not hasten the healing of damaged skin.

If you feel sick because of the burn, or if it covers a large percentage of your body, you should see your doctor.

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## Nashville coming to the Country Music Highway

Attention musicians, songwriters, talent agents, managers and anyone else interested in the business of music. Seven highly qualified music industry professionals from the Nashville recording industry and radio and promotions will be at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, KY on July 11 and 12. They are here to scout, teach and evaluate our talented performers and songwriters living on or near the Country Music Highway #23. The South Eastern Kentucky's Tourism Development Association (SEKTD), and Small Business Administration (S.B.A.) is fund-

ing this project. The idea for this project was developed and submitted by their Country Music Highway Corridor team in partnership with Cultural Heritage Network (C.H.N.), The Mountain Arts Center and Goodtyme Productions Inc.

Friday and Saturday night will be performance showcases for artists/groups to be evaluated by the music industry professionals. There will be a free seminar all day Saturday (12th) on many aspects of the music industry including: getting started in the music business; songwriting and publishing information; stage presence; finding an

agent and/or manager; getting your song played; how to get bookings and much more.

The six Nashville music professionals plus a radio and promotions expert from Clear Channel Communications who will be in Prestonsburg are: Singer/songwriter and Kentucky native, Mila Mason; Head of A & R at BBR/C4 Records, Bernard Porter; record executive, producer and performer, Jim Fogelsong; producer/writer/publisher, Blake Mevis; talent agent/manager, Jackson Brumley; Vice-president/General Manager of Clear Channel Communications; Huntington, WV; and from BMI/Nashville, David Preston. Collectively, these professionals have worked many talented performers including Shania Twain, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Kenny Chesney, Reba McEntire, Ray Charles, George Strait, Garth Brooks and many more.

Anyone off the \*Country Music Highway Corridor interested in showcasing (at no cost) on Saturday evening (12th) would need to submit a 4 song CD or Cassette, bio and picture to: "Stars Shine Bright" c/o The Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal-

(See **MUSIC**, page four)

## Workshops help community plan for college

You CAN go to college! Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College are having a workshop to help you get started. Recruiting and Ready to Work are hosting a "You CAN go to College" Workshop! It only takes one day to find out how!

Learn about how to apply, available programs, financial aid, the Ready to Work program, disabilities accommodations and information (ADA), One-Stop Jobsite Program and the Donovan Scholars program.

The workshop will take place

on the Paintsville Mayo Campus, Bldg. C, Auditorium, from 4-7 p.m., on Tuesday, July 15; on the Pikeville Mayo/PCC Campus, Room 202 North, from 4-7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 16; and, on the Prestonsburg PCC Campus, Room J102, from 4-7 p.m., on Thursday, July 17.

Refreshments will be served. For questions about the workshop or for more information about any of our programs, please contact Bonita Dove at 886-3863 ext. 3203 or Shawnann Crider at 789-5321 ext. 4382.

## School

a.m.-4 p.m.  
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.  
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

### PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

■ July 23, 24 - PHS Freshman Orientation, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents invited to attend. Transportation provided - contact 285-9443 if a bus is needed.

■ Summer School now in session. Second session: Mon.-Fri., June 23-July 3. (2 weeks=1/2 credit; 4 weeks=1 credit) \*Applications available in the counselor's office. Space is limited and placement is first-come, first-served.

### SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL

■ Second now being held, July 7-11 and July 14-18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

■ Summer Feeding Program will be available July 14-18, and July 21-25.

■ Summer Basketball Camp will be held July 21-23, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
 ■ Registration will be held on July 9, from 8-9 a.m.

### SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

### WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.  
 ■ For information on the development of the new Wesley Christian High School, please

## Hold

porch until the wee hours, giving all the renegade fireworks time to explode. About an hour after the last pop was heard, they finally stopped breathing so heavily.

I thought, vainly, that since we'd all lived through the

contact Gary Frazier at 874-8328.

### W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ July 11 - Athletic Physicals, Our Lady of the Way Hospital's Wheelwright Clinic, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ July 14-16 - Dance/Cheer Camp, 9 to 11 a.m., for grades K-4.

■ July 21-23 - Basketball Camp - South Floyd High School gym, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

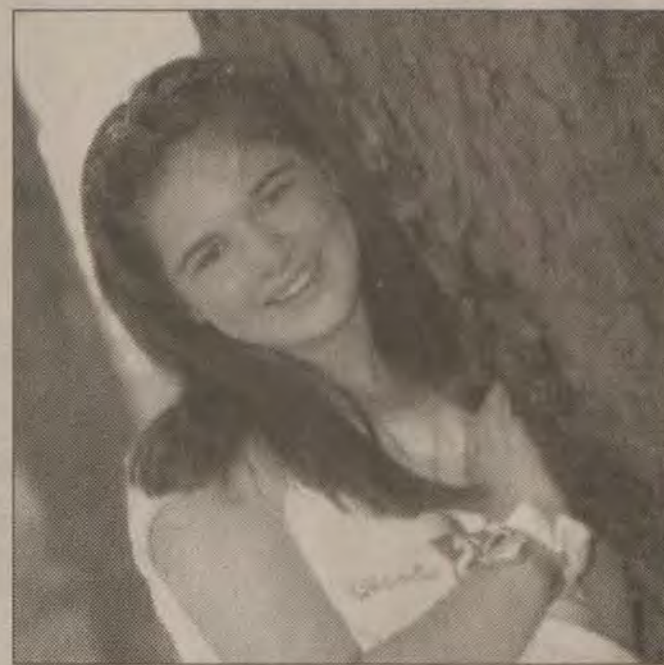
■ July 14-16 - Volleyball Camp - South Floyd Middle School, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Grades 4-8. Lunch will be provided.

■ Call 452-4553 for Camp sign-ups.

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

## Pageants



### Gibson to attend NC talent event

Pam Gibson, the daughter of Cletis and Carrie Gibson, of Prestonsburg, was recently chosen from among over one hundred registrants to participate in the Millie Lewis International Model & Talent Regional Review, scheduled to be held this fall in Charlotte, North Carolina. Representatives of Millie Lewis International, a family owned and family oriented modeling and talent agency founded by Millie Lewis, a former New York model, chose Pam from among the registered participants at an event held the weekend of June 20-21, at the Mountain Arts Center. Pam was selected to participate in the regional review in both the modeling and television commercial categories.

## Ponder

have or take along a special toy, pillow, or stuffed animal, which typically represents emotional ties to the parents. By all means, do not give in to what the child wants. This will only prove to reinforce that the behaviors work to get what is wanted, and will be used over and over again, until the cycle is stopped. Besides talking about previous brave things the child has done before, describe how a fictional character might cope with the situation. Talk in words the child can comprehend. Make it known that you are aware of

how distressed the situation might be for him, providing understanding and acceptance, but not excessive sympathy. Please, never make fun of a child's separation anxiety, much less scold the child for it. Also, do not bribe the child to cover up the anxious reaction.

There are several things parents can do to help decrease the likelihood of separation anxiety when the child is getting older and going to preschool, kindergarten, or first grade for the first time. Prepare the child by reading books about having such

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new events or pretending to go on voyages or magical trips. Be sure to include the child for the "special event" of shopping for school supplies. Make attempts to talk about the positive things that happen at daycare, for example, and not allowing the child to focus on fears or what "might happen." Limiting scary TV shows might lessen fears. Also, make arrangements for the child to meet other kids who will be in the group. Keep in mind that the child will most likely be more tired, and possibly more irritable than usual when he begins kindergarten for the first few weeks. Think about the following during those first days of separation, when dropping the child off: do the "goodbye" routine—kiss, hug, etc.—quickly and cheerfully; do not go back several times or sneak out of the room; and keep the child going to school while separation problems are being resolved. If the child is in an absolute panic, then the parent needs to stay until the child is quieter.

No matter how much the parent and teacher work together, some children will continue to show warning signals of significant separation anxiety, and the need for a professional assessment and treatment. Some instances are given. The child is inconsolable for more than two weeks. The youngster repeats physical complaints in the morning before getting ready to leave. The child's anxiety continues into elementary school and interferes with activities that other children do at that particular age. In contrast, children never showing any type of separation anxiety at any time might be indicative of a significant problem. An older child or adolescent refusing to go to school is often a more serious problem.

The treatment for separation anxiety in children needs to be a team effort, consisting of a physician, parents, teacher, and a mental health provider experienced with children/family issues. Parent education and family therapy with a behavioral program usually do the job. Sometimes medication is needed for a minority of cases with persistent symptoms, and in cases where the family is resistant to following through. Home schooling is not appropriate, since it typically reinforces the anxiety without solving the problem. For many anxiety disorders, the best therapy is to consistently address one's fears.

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Fourth, we'd be fine until New Year's Eve. Not so, not by a long shot.

On Saturday evening after dark had settled in, the skies began to light up again, with the accompanying echoes. I had determined I was going to ignore the dogs' entreaties this time. Let them tough it out. I wanted to read.

Well, forget that. Ben kept scratching on the door. I know it was Ben because if Bubba ever tried, his paw would probably break through the glass. I finally decided I would sit on the porch with them for just a little while.

I went outside and, as I had guessed, there was Ben. But he seemed determined to do his Lassie impression. He kept going down the steps and heading down the sidewalk and then coming back to me. Since I didn't see Bubba, I figured he must have retreated to his dog house, but when I looked he wasn't there. That troubled me. Scary thoughts went through my mind that someone might have hurt him.

Ben, meantime, kept going on around the house and then doubling back to make sure I followed, which I did. At the back of the house, where an old community well is, I found Bubba. He was wedged in between an iron pipe that goes into the ground and an inside corner of the house, in a section that is difficult to maneuver around. Try as hard as I could to coax him, he would not budge. I began to fear he was truly stuck.

I went back around the house to get a leash to try to pull him by, and miraculously he managed to wrangle his way out and was at my heels in seconds.



Flag

investment office to become a mini-museum of sorts honoring the achievements and sacrifices of local veterans.

From one end to another, in every available nook and cranny, displays consisting of photographs, medals, uniforms and assorted service paraphernalia adorn the office space. "You just wouldn't believe how it tickles people to bring in a picture of dad, grandpa, or whoever, in his uniform. It thrills them to have a place to display it and we're thrilled to be able to offer it to them," Blankenship said. "And we don't just do it for a day or a weekend, we do it for the entire month."

Though, as Blankenship says, "each veteran has a unique story," there are numerous stories to be told in the faces and items currently on display. Among them, photographs of U.S. Army Colonel Ruby Bradley, a nurse who spent 37 months in a Japanese prison and is recognized as the U.S. Army's most decorated female soldier. Bradley, who has roots in Floyd County, now lies buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Other Floyd County families who brought items in for display include the Bolling, Moore, Burke, Osborne and May families, who each have rich histories of military service, but perhaps

the most unique story currently on display is that associated with a framed Japanese battle flag that hangs prominently in the rear of the office.

According to John Burke Sr., of Prestonsburg, the flag was found by a Paul Dolle, of Arkansas, hanging in a gun shop located in that same state. What caught Dolle's eye was the circle of names that had been hand-inscribed around the bright red sun positioned in the flag's center. Names belonging to the members of the U.S. Army's Company B, 130th Infantry, 33 Division. Beside each name the soldiers had listed their hometowns, along with the foreign islands they had traveled to during their tour of service and the battles they had fought in. Among those names was that of Burke's.

Burke, a life-long Prestonsburg resident who co-owned one of the town's most dis-

tinguished landmarks, Fountain Korner Drug, with brothers Joe and Hern, for more than 40 years, served in the Pacific during World War II, while his brothers both served in Europe.

According to Burke, Dolle related to him that he felt "that it just wasn't right" that this flag was hanging unceremoniously in a small shop. He began to question the owner of the shop about the flag's origins, but soon discovered that the owner knew little, if anything, about the symbol's history. Dolle then bargained with the owner in regard to purchase of the flag and was successful in his attempt to obtain it.

Then, Dolle's real work began. Once home with the flag, Dolle began research in an attempt to uncover the flag's history and also to locate the various named members of Company B. In all his attempts, including correspondence with the U.S. Department

of Defense, Dolle was able to contact only one veteran - Burke.

Burke says that he first received a telephone call from Dolle inquiring as to how the flag may have come to have traveled from its native country to American soil. The two corresponded for a time and then, in mid-February, Burke received a letter from Dolle in which he wrote, in part: "I want to finish my research and then decide what to do with the flag. I prefer for you to have it, but could not accept any money for it after hearing the price you and Company B have already paid for it. Thank you for serving our country."

Burke was wounded during his time in the Pacific, but, unlike others in his company, was fortunate enough to come back home

well enough to continue with his post-war life.

Shortly after receiving Dolle's last letter, a package arrived at Burke's home. Within that package was the flag that had prompted Dolle, a non-veteran, to research its history. Dolle had taken the flag to a shop where he had paid to have it framed for display before sending it along to its final destination to Burke's Prestonsburg home.

The flag, along with Dolle's letter, will continue to be on display in Blankenship's office until the end of this month. Blankenship invites any veteran, or family member, to display their military history in his office also. "They can stop by any time," Blankenship said.

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Birthday

Nicholas is 6!

Nicholas Chase Osborne, of Teaberry, celebrated his sixth birthday on Monday, June 30, 2003, with a "Crocodile Hunter" theme party held at his home. Nicholas is the son of Willard Jr. and Stephanie Osborne. He is the grandson of Willard and Peggy Osborne and Harvey and Jewel Tackett, all of Teaberry. He is the great-grandson of Estill and Mary Blankenship, also of Teaberry. Friends attending the birthday celebration included: Dawn and Kyle Hamilton, Austin Martin, and Devon, Ethan and Jacob Stewart.



'Baby Trey' is 1!

Trey Miles Samons celebrated his first birthday on Sunday, July 6, 2003, with his dad, Dalton K. Samons, and the Samons family, along with several friends, at the Samons home in Hippo.



Attend Frankfort summit

Berthy Carr, left, and Lorie Foley, right, of the Prestonsburg Community College Education Pay\$ office, attended the Summit on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women, held in Frankfort June 20-21. First Lady Judi Patton welcomed them during the evening reception celebration.

Sunburn

More severe burns with immediate blistering or blackening of the skin should have a doctor's attention today — don't wait until next week. Deep burns

over a large amount of the body surface can be immediately life threatening and require prompt hospitalization.

Here are two tips that will help you and my other readers from having to deal with the pain of sunburn again:

■ Avoid being outdoors during the hours of the day when the sun's rays are the most direct — between about 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

■ When you go outside during the day, protect your skin with clothing or by putting a number 15, or higher, sunscreen lotion on the exposed areas of your body. Remember, a thin shirt or a water soaked one doesn't provide much protection. You may need sunscreen on your back even though you have a shirt on.

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Music

Roger Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Twelve to fifteen performers will be selected to perform at this showcase. Seminar attendees only need to show up at 8:00 AM, Saturday, July 12 at the Mountain Arts Center. Information on seminar and showcase are available online at [www.starshinebright.com](http://www.starshinebright.com) or by calling Ken Carriere at 1-888-790-2365.

■ Please note that although the Country Music Highway Corridor performers have top priority, we will be reviewing applications for future showcases or where there may be unfilled slots available.

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Hamilton receives medical degree

Amanda Hamilton, formerly of Beaver, graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine on May 10, 2003. She will begin her residency training in Internal Medicine, at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, this month. Dr. Hamilton is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and Morehead State University. She is the daughter of Hayes and Buleah Hamilton, of Beaver, and the granddaughter of Walker and Ella Ruth Hall, also of Beaver, and the late Dollie and Paul Hamilton, formerly of Teaberry.

A Hero's Sister

By Andrea Dawn Ratliff Webb (WRITTEN FOR LT. CORPORAL JOHN "NICK" RATLIFF)

Not long ago I eased your pain with the comfort of my arms, I made sure you never stepped into the way of harm.

I fought the boys for calling names and girls for just the other.

No nasty little girl was ever good enough for my little brother.

I helped you with your homework and we hung out after class.

I never thought that those times would quickly drift right past.

We both have grown into adults and made our own lives. I have a wonderful husband and you have a wonderful wife.

You were deployed to Iraq about four months ago.

The pain filled my heart because I could not go.

I didn't want to fight for them, I wanted to fight for you.

To make sure you would be all right in everything you do.

Instead I sit here crying because I can't stand next to you.

You are protecting me now because that's what you were trained to do.

Still I want to hold you and keep out everything bad.

I don't remember growing up ever feeling this sad.

I cannot stand beside you, to block out all the harm.

And tell you everything is okay when the thunder brings a storm.

I cannot hold your hand on the very first day of school.

I cannot make sure when you eat lunch that your little belly's full.

I cannot fight the crowd if you get a skinned knee.

I cannot protect you because you are overseas.

Now this time the tables are turned and you are protecting me.

You would fight until the end as a United States Marine.

I can't wait 'till you get home so I can only see.

My little brother, my hero, my United States Marine.

And I pledge allegiance

By John D. Ratliff

And I pledge allegiance, To the flag, And I know for which it stands.

And as I look around, I see God's grace, Across that mighty land.

And I thank the Lord, I have this land, This land so great and bold.

And I feel so glad, When I see my freedom, Given so many years ago.

And I would gladly give, All I have, To keep this country free.

And if it meant, Risking my life, I pray the Lord watch over me.

Yes, I pledge allegiance, To our flag, And to that for which it so proudly stands.

To America, For freedom's sake, To the greatest of all the lands.

Lonely Sounds

By John D. Ratliff

Hear that bugle, How sad it sounds, As it plays out its Taps.

Like old men, Sitting alone, Nothing but memories upon their laps.

And now it stops, Its sound echoes, On mountains far away.

Like old memories, Fading fast, Of life in younger days.

Yet every night, It plays its song, Longing for someone to hear.

Like old men, Sitting alone, The sounds of younger days ringing in their ears.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Application No. 836-5410, Amendment #1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Sly Branch Energy, Inc., 6166 Kentucky Route 114, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 0.45 mile northwest of the community of Emma, in Floyd County. The amend-

ment will add 6.83 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 948.00 acres, making a total area of 1229.84 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.85 mile northeast of Ky. Route 1428's junction with 23, and located 0.03 mile due west of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37d 38m 27s. The longitude is 82d 43m 50s.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by T.J. Leslie Heirs, Keith Stapleton, Clinton Leslie Heirs. The amendment will underlie land owned by T.J. Leslie Heirs, Alma Land Co., Lee Leslie Est., Bertha Burchett, Ralph Leslie, William Runnels, Ruth Maggard Storrow, William P. Leslie, L.C. Leslie, Gerald Leslie and Graham Johns II, Keith Stapleton, Lonnie Stapleton, Oakley Sparks, James Wright and Clinton Leslie Heirs. The mineral owners to be affected by this proposal are: T.J. Leslie Heirs, A.J. Wright Heirs, Clinton Leslie Heirs, Lee Leslie Heirs, W.H. Weddington Heirs, L. Johns Heirs, J.C. Hopkins and Martha Leslie Heirs. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO.: 99-CI-00814**

**THOMAS TAYLOR D/B/A COAL COUNTRY SNACKS AND VENDING...PLAIN TIFFS VS: NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION TOM'S FOODS, INC., JOEL CHANDLER, FRANK VICKERS, MARK MCDANIEL...DEFENDANTS**

The above action has been filed against Frank Vickers, Corbin, Kentucky 40701. The purpose of this lawsuit is to establish whether or not there was a breach of contract by the Defendant, Tom's Foods, Inc., by and through its agent, Frank Vickers, with the Plaintiff.

The Defendant, Frank Vickers, should contact Hamilton & Stevens, PLLC, P.O. Box 1286, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 437-6555, to obtain further information concerning this lawsuit.

This 24th day of June, 2003.

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**MITCHELL D. KINNER**  
Warning Order Attorney

**NOTICE TO NEXT OF KIN OF REBECCA ALLEN KEENS**

A petition has been filed in the Floyd District Court, Probate Division, Case No. 03-P-00044 asking the court for an order probating the will of Rebecca Allen Keens of Riverside County, California, who died January 28, 1986. Anyone having knowledge of her family is requested to contact James A.

Combs at Combs & Isaac, Attorneys at Law, 199 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, telephone number (606) 886-2391.

James A. Combs  
Warning Order Attorney

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Bridget Lovins has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a new house. The property is located at 80 Dogwood Heights

Langley, Ky. The location of the property is approximately 1 mile North of the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 777, along the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502)-564-3410.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The Southern Water & Sewer District (Owner) will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide planning and other required engineering services for the Southern Floyd County 201 Facilities Plan and Wastewater System Project. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to PRIDE, ARC, KIA, RD, EPA, and local funds. The Owner will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in working on this project, until 4:30 p.m., July 28, 2003. An RFQ packet containing infor-

mation about the project, and criteria which will be used to select the engineering firm may be obtained by contacting Bob Meyer, Project Manager at Southern Water & Sewer District - P.O. Box 610 - McDowell, Kentucky 41647, or by calling 606/377-9296. "Statements of Qualifications" will be considered by a selection committee appointed by the Owner. Proposals will be ranked on the basis of written materials as set forth in the RFQ packet. The Owner will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked firm to

execute an engineering services agreement. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be contacted. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all submittals. This solicitation for "Statements of Qualifications" is being conducted to fulfill funding agency procurement requirements including RUS instruction 1780:39. Attention of respondents to the RFQ is called to the following

requirements: 1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; 2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 4) Executive Order 11246; 5) Certification of Non-segregated Facilities. All of these may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. The Owner is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

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"Just check the schedule on line at HYPERLINK "http://www.jwtheatre.com, www.jwtheatre.com, and then click on TICKETS to place your order," adds Childers. "Of

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Pontoon boat rides are offered at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

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Jenny Wiley's May Lodge offers a little bit of everything for guests and visitors.

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May Lodge: The 49-room

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The Jenny Wiley Theatre: The Jenny Wiley Theatre presents summer musicals in the park amphitheater. For information on shows, call toll-free 877/CALL-JWT or go online to [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com)

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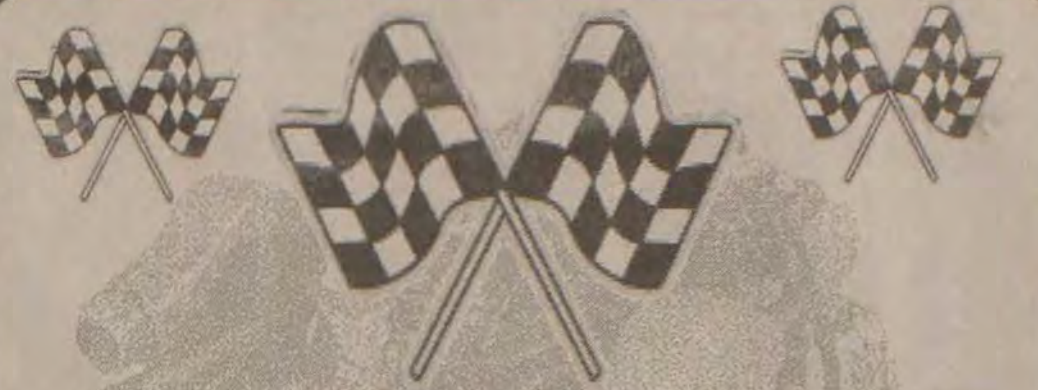
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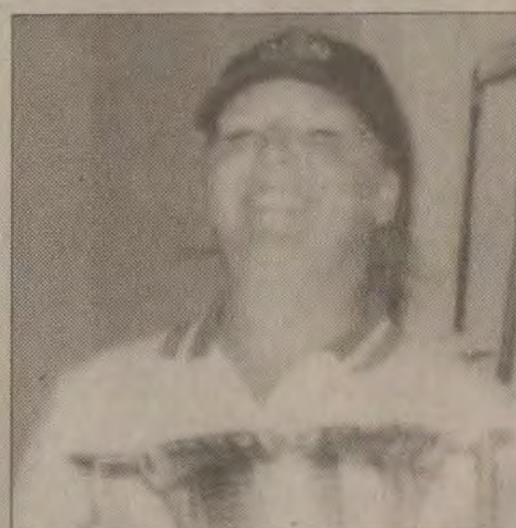
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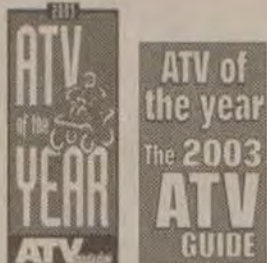
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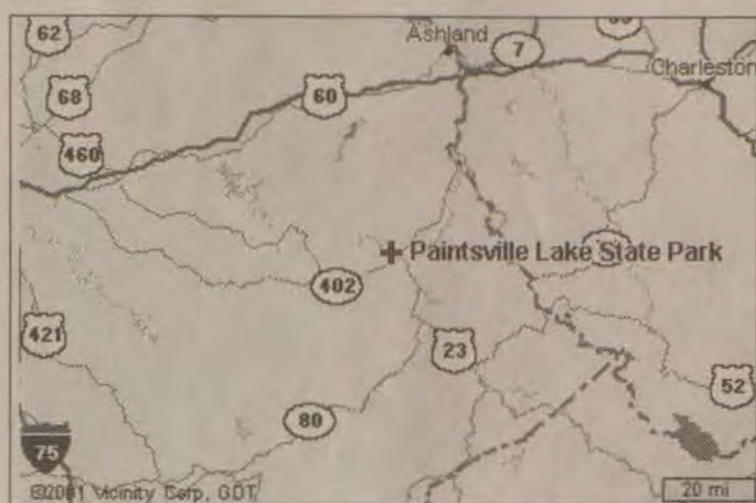
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PAINTSVILLE — Jenny Wiley State's Park's neighbor to the north is Paintsville Lake State Park. Located in Staffordsville in Johnson County, Paintsville Lake is 24-miles northwest of Jenny Wiley. Steep cliffs and wooded coves border the lake shoreline, offers 1,140-acres for boating, skiing and fishing. Anglers can find excellent opportunities to cast for trout, walleye, bass and crappie. Paintsville Lake also features Kentucky State Park's newest campground. Like Jenny Wiley, Paintsville Lake State Park has much to offer.

Campground: The Great Outdoors are now closer than ever at Paintsville. The Paintsville Lake Campground's 32 developed sites have utility and sewer hookups and 10 primitive sites have terraced pads for tents. All campsites have a picnic table, a campfire ring and a lantern post. Restrooms, showers and laundry facilities are centrally located. The campground also has two playgrounds, a sand volleyball court, basketball court and horse shoe pits. It is open April 1 through October 31. Handicap sites are available. Leashed pets are allowed.

Picnic pavilions and shelters: Two lakeside picnic pavilions and two shelters can be reserved in advanced by calling the campground.

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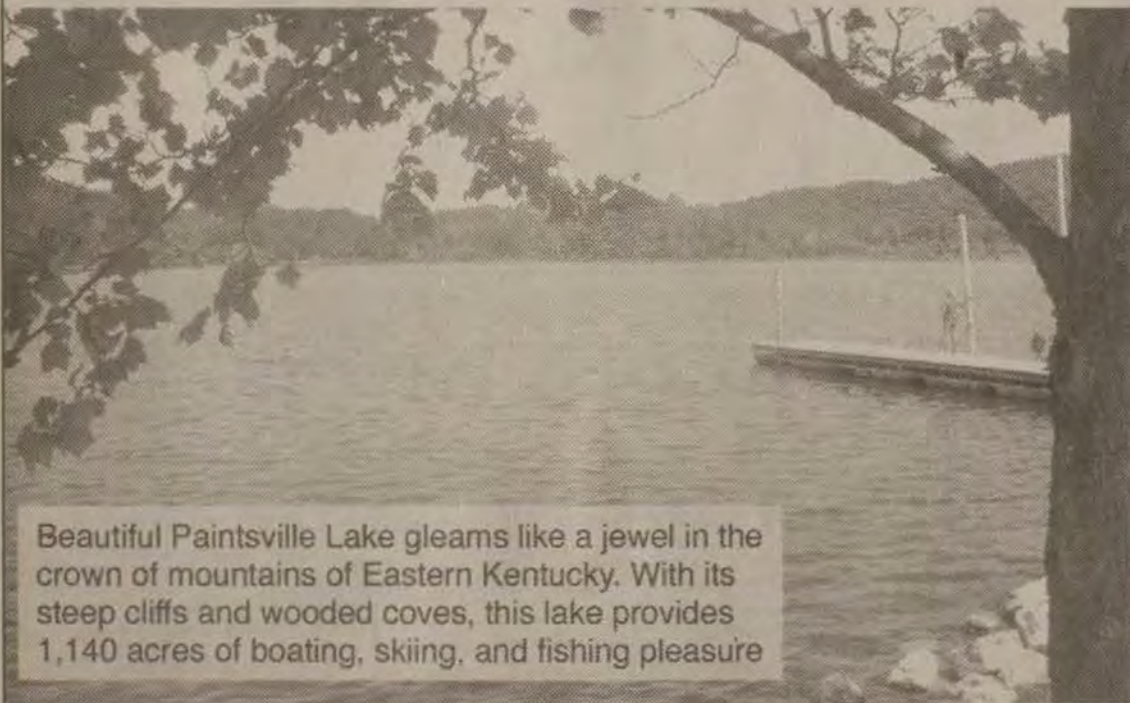
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### Campground

The 32-site RV campground opened in 2001. Each site has electricity, water, and sewer hookups. In addition, there are 10 primitive sites. Restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities are provided. Playgrounds, horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, a basketball court are also in the campground. Two of the RV Sites are adapted for the disabled.



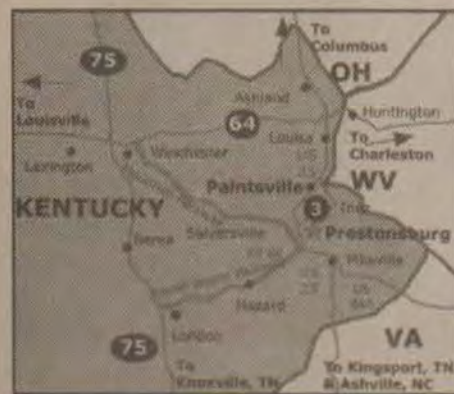
Open year-round. \$24 campsite for developed sites; \$11 for primitive sites. Two adults. Each additional adult is \$3. Pets are allowed if restrained.

### Picnic Pavilions and Shelters

Two pavilions and two shelters are located in the campground area. Each can be reserved in advance by calling the campground number. Reservation fee.

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Floyd County National Wild Turkey Federation Chapter member Paul Robinson also fishes frequently. He caught the 34-pound fish he's holding while on a fishing trip on Lake Cumberland back on June 24. The fish measured in at 44 inches.

## Squirrel hunt campout, Jakes Day scheduled for August

The fourth annual youth squirrel hunt and the second annual Jakes Day event will be Friday and Saturday, August 15th and 16th, at the German Bridge Camp Ground. Boys and girls age six through 17 and their parents or guardians may participate. This event is free to registered participants.

This outdoor event will be hosted by The Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, The Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, The Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, The Floyd County Chapter of The National Wild Turkey Federation, German Bridge Campground, and the Magoffin County Muzzleloaders Club.

Friday evening begins with registration, setting up camp, and a big cookout for every one. This will be followed by story-telling by the Magoffin County

muzzleloaders Club. The topic will be the life story of Daniel Boone.

If time permits, a comical outlaw wild turkey hunter named "Jake Johnson," will be visiting our camp, the point being stressed is that every one should be an Ethical, Responsible, Law abiding, and Safe Outdoorsman.

Saturday morning begins with breakfast at 5:30 a.m. for the young squirrel hunters. All Kentucky State hunting regulations apply. Lunch will be waiting for the hunters at approximately 11:00 a.m.

After lunch there will be canoe rides, pattering shotguns, archery shoots, using turkey calls, and shooting muzzleloading firearms.

While the evening meal is being prepared, all the youngsters may participate in a turkey-

calling contest. There will be three age groups with prizes for the two best in each group.

There will be door prizes including at least two single shot shotguns.

This is an event you don't want your young outdoorsman to miss. Get ready to enjoy one of the best camp-outs you have ever experienced. The food, games, and the companionship are something you will always treasure. It is hard to tell who has the most fun at these events, the youngsters or their parents.

For information and registration contact any of the following people: Tom Bormes, 606/285-5061; Tim Goble 606/874-2490, Paul Hagans, 606/285-0176; Gerald Jones, 606-886-8656; Joe R. Bolton, 606-884-8683; Paul Robinson 606-874-2701.

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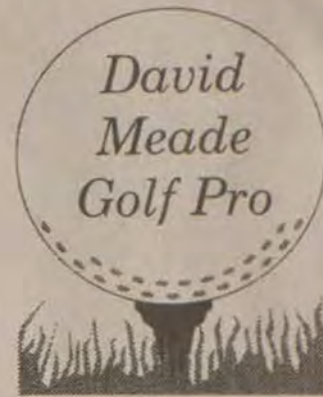
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The outdoors is a peaceful and safe place to be most of the time, but it's not always a walk in the park.

Each year, over 750 Americans die from hypothermia and 7,000 suffer from snake bites, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics.

You can cut your chances of being one of those statistics by being prepared and being aware, says the American Safety & Health Institute, which offers this advice via its Wilderness Safety Program:

■ Always carry a first-aid kit when you are in a wilderness area. Include tweezers, bandages, gauze pads, adhesive tape, latex gloves, iodine, liquid soap, splints, pain relievers, antihistamines and hydrocortisone cream. You can find most of these items in commercially marketed kits. Also bring along sunscreen, insect repellent, and any personal prescription medicine.

■ Basic tools and gear to take include a Swiss Army knife, compass, calling card or charged cellular phone, flashlight with extra batteries, several books of matches, and a global positioning system device if you're going into deep wilderness.

■ Take a friend. "If you are injured and need help, it is important to have another healthy individual who can either guide you to safety or seek emergency help."

says Steve Donelan, chairman of ASHI's Wilderness Safety Program. Also, leave your trip plan and schedule with someone, especially if you're going alone. That way, if you don't return on

schedule, a rescue team can be dispatched to look for you.

ASHI's Wilderness Program covers everything from minor injuries to major problems, such as hypothermia. Courses range from an eight-hour Basic Wilderness First Aid to professional-level Wilderness First Responder and Wilderness EMT Upgrade.

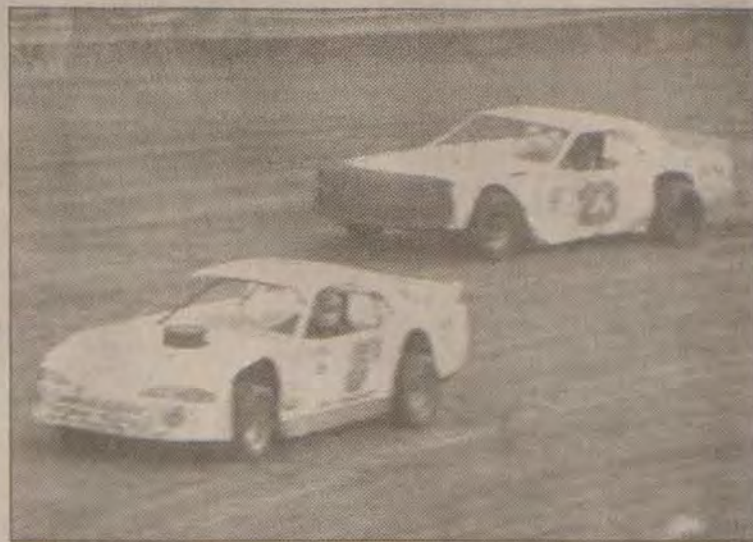


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Super Bombers took to the clay of Willard Speedway in a feature race held last race season.

## Willard Speedway caters to wide variety of racers

WILLARD - The small Carter County town of Willard has its own race track, Willard Speedway. Formerly known as East Kentucky Raceway Park, Willard Speedway races as much as any other dirt track in the state of Kentucky. Owner Jim Allen, of Floyd County, changed the name of the track from East Kentucky Raceway Park to Willard Speedway as a way to reward the great fans of the tiny town of Willard who have helped make his track what it is today.

Drivers from Kentucky, and the bordering states of Ohio and West Virginia take a real quick

liking to Willard's track, the fastest quarter-mile in the Tri-State. Willard Speedway raced its first show this season all the way back in March, a full month or more before than any other track was able to open.

Heavy rains later in the spring forced the track to cancel some shows, but recent weather has made up for the rainouts.

This weekend, Willard will welcome in Late Models as part of a regular-show schedule.

For more information, check the website at [www.willardspeedway.com](http://www.willardspeedway.com), or call the track at 606/474-2477.

## Archer Park: Eastern Ky's park

PRESTONSBURG - Archer Park's Ralph Little and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin are pleased with the continued growth and push forward by Archer Park. The recent Fourth of July holiday brought an estimated 25,000 people to the park. The Fourth of July festivities featured a carnival and fireworks, among other activities.

Park-goers come from all across Eastern Kentucky. Little believes the park is the most versatile one of its kind in a wide-spread area.

"This is the most-used park this side of Lexington," said Little. "We have a great bunch of workers here. It wouldn't be possible without the work of everyone here."

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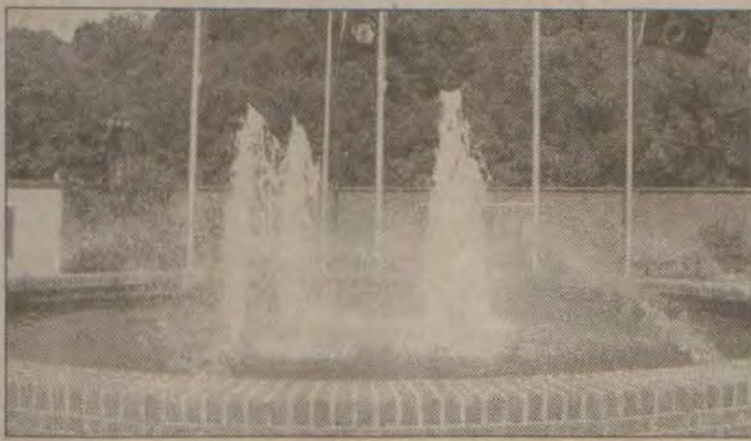


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The fountain at Archer Park is located in front of the softball field.



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Archer Park's Ralph Little (left) and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

## Journey to StoneCrest

StoneCrest Golf Course is municipally owned and was developed as part of a recreational/residential/industrial complex on a reclaimed surface coal mine. When completed, in addition to the golf course there will be an industrial park, 120 residential lots, along with soccer, softball, football, and baseball fields.

The City of Prestonsburg obtained the property in various ways. The Corps of Engineers granted some excess acreage adjacent to their Dewey Lake project. Some tracts were purchased. Some tracts were donated by individuals and companies. Most of the property was obtained by trading lots in the finished subdivisions for raw acreage. All in all, about 700 acres have been acquired for the project.

The golf course is a championship caliber links style course designed by Chris Chrisman of Summit Engineering Inc. The course measures over 7000-yards with seven foot wide concrete cart paths that give easy access to the bent grass fairways, tees, and greens. More than 50 sand traps,

some 50-75 yards long, make finding your way from the black, blue, white, or red tees to the large undulating greens a pure test of golf. Negotiating the five ponds can be a challenge in the ever present mountaintop breezes.

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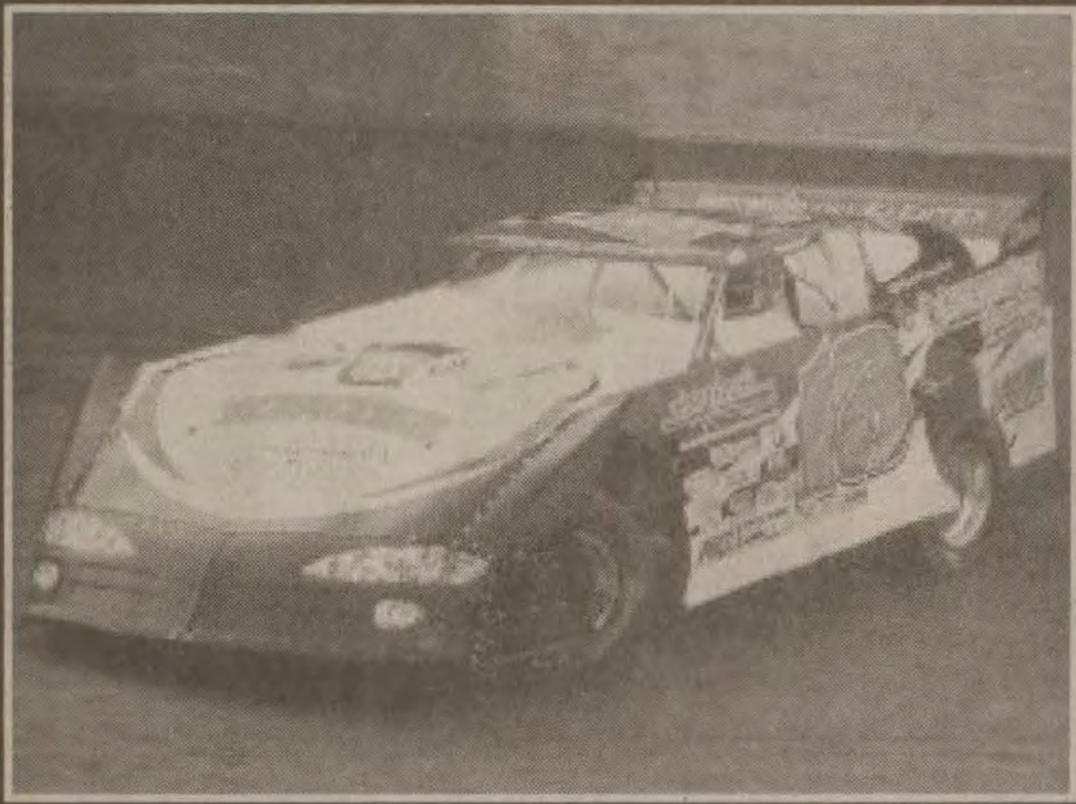
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Brandon Kinzer, Allen, is in the middle of another successful Dirt Track racing season.

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Historic 201 Speedway in Johnson County attracts drivers from across the state, bordering states, and several surrounding counties.



## 201 Speedway: Consistency pays off

SITKA — Historic 201 Speedway in Johnson County now races dirt track cars in six different classes. Now in its 20th season of racing, 201 Speedway has remained loyal to its fans and drivers over the years. Located in Sitka, the Johnson County race track recently hosted the STARS Battle of the Bluegrass Dirt Car Racing Series in an event dubbed "Madness in the Mountains."

The crowd turnout was at the BOB race was huge, most likely the biggest the track has ever seen. Loyalty to its fans has allowed the track to grow into one of the favorite stops of many dirt car drivers.

Drivers and fans come to 201 week in and week out from sev-

eral Kentucky counties and bordering states. Racing is held on Saturday nights, featuring events in all six classes most every Saturday night. New seating which was added on the backstretch gave the track even more allure. Bleachers from the old Prestonsburg football field were added on the backstretch. The seating is called, "The Blackcat Backstretch."

Classes currently racing at 201 include Late Models, Super Bombers, Bombers, Modifieds, Four-Cylinders and Road Hogs.

Over the weekend, a capacity crowd saw defending Battle of the Bluegrass series champion Eddie Carrier Jr. come in and score a feature win.

Earlier this year, through a wet stretch of weather, amazingly, 201 was able to get races in when other area tracks were washed out.

"Everyone at 201 would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the drivers, sponsors, and most of all, the fans, who made the Madness in the mountains, Battle of the Bluegrass feature," said track announcer Chris Belcher. "It was probably one of the most successful nights of dirt track racing action at the 201 Speedway in several years."

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