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## BACK TO SCHOOL



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Floyd County teachers spent Monday morning and afternoon strolling the cafeteria at Prestonsburg High School in search of supplemental books to boost class content. Despite stuffy room temperatures, many educators made several rounds at tables stacked with titles to choose from. Floyd County students return to class today.



## Body found in Knott may be Floyd man

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PUNCHEON CREEK** — Authorities have yet to positively identify the burned body of a man found Monday night along Punccheon Creek in Knott County, but were awaiting autopsy results from Frankfort as of yesterday evening. Authorities believe the body to be Michael Slone, a Bevsinsville man, based on

evidence recovered from the scene, including a truck that was removed, reportedly belonging to Slone's father.

Reports that the victim was burned while in the truck could not be verified.

Knott County Coroner Jeff Blair could not be reached yesterday and Knott County Sheriff Ray Bohlen did not return calls to his office.

Further details were not available as of press time.

## Wallen pleads guilty to trafficking charges

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — A Prestonsburg man was sentenced to five years in prison in Floyd Circuit Court Friday afternoon for drug trafficking.

Mark Wallen, of Bull Creek, was sentenced to five years by Floyd County Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill on one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and one count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Wallen was charged in a Dec. 11 indictment with sell-

ing morphine to undercover officers on Sept. 30 and again on Oct. 1.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the transactions were controlled buys.

Wallen was arrested a week after he was indicted and pleaded not guilty to the trafficking charges two days later, on Dec. 20.

However, Wallen accepted the prosecution's May 7 plea offer to plead guilty to both charges and serve five years. In return, the prosecution agreed not to pursue charges of doctor shopping in the same case.

## BSN publisher hospitalized

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**PAINTSVILLE** — Big Sandy News publisher and editor Scott Perry was hospitalized Monday, after reportedly suffering a stroke earlier that morning at his home in Paintsville.

Susan Allen, Big Sandy News' associate editor, said Monday afternoon little was known of Perry's state.

"We don't know what his condition is," Allen said.

"He's been flown to Cabell-Huntington."

Reports yesterday were that the 49-year-old Perry, who in the past also served as publisher at The Floyd County Times and The Paintsville Herald, was transported to Cabell-Huntington and then later taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington.

The hospital declined to say what condition Perry

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## Police seize drugs, guns at home in Pike

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**VIRGIE** — A Virgie man was arrested last week after police reported finding a host of drugs, firearms and cash at his home.

Dwayne Hall, 43, of Long Fork Road in Virgie, was taken into custody by Kentucky State Police after officials executed a search warrant at his residence just after midnight.

Shortly after beginning the search, police said they discovered an "elaborate indoor marijuana grow operation" containing roughly 100 plants.

Along with members of KSP's Drug Enforcement Section East, HIDTA Task Force, and Pikeville Post 9, officers and members of the Governor's Marijuana Strike Force also seized over two pounds of processed marijuana, an unspeci-

fied quantity of OxyContin tablets and other prescription narcotics at the home. In addition, various firearms, approximately \$1,000 in cash, a car, a truck and a motorcycle were also seized during the search.

Hall was charged with cultivating more than five plants of marijuana, a felony, and lodged in the

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## \$1.5 million in projects headed to Big Sandy area

### Middle Creek battlefield to receive \$100,000

Times Staff Report

**BIG SANDY REGION** — Seven counties in the Big Sandy region were included in the 49 counties Gov. Patton recently announced for community project approvals worth \$1.5 million.

Patton approved \$10.5 million last

week for projects statewide, which are to be funded under the Transportation Enhancement Program.

The projects in the Big Sandy Region include:

■ Prestonsburg — \$100,000 for the acquisition of 35.8 acres of battlefield land for the Middle Creek National Battlefield.

■ Paintsville — \$200,000 to purchase property that will restore an historic stone wall near the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

■ Hindman — \$200,000 for the construction of a new pedestrian walkway.

■ Lawrence County — \$200,000 for rehabilitation of the Fred M. Vinson birthplace for use as a tourist and welcome center.

■ Whitesburg — \$200,000 for preservation of the Boone Motor Company Building and stabilization of the infra-

structure to house a variety of Appalshop programs and activities.

■ Magoffin County — \$300,000 for restoration of the Salyersville National Bank.

■ Pikeville — \$300,000 for streetscape project improvements, as well as signage and landscaping work.

Communities receiving the federal funds are required to provide 20 percent matching funds for the projects.



## BLHS Record Summer

— Section B

### briefs

#### Martin County man charged with murder in Magoffin

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**ELK CREEK** — State police arrested and charged a Magoffin County man Monday afternoon with murder after he called local authorities and admitted to shooting his neighbor.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police, Johnny Stacy, 59, of Buck Creek, called Martin County 911 from Elk Creek in Magoffin County, the location of the alleged shooting, and told officials he had shot 50-year-old Danny Marcum, also of Buck Creek.

During the conversation, Marcum said he would be waiting for authorities to arrive, police said.

State police Detectives Mike Goble and Steve Bowman, along with Trooper Ben Cramer and members of the Martin County Sheriff's Office, responded to the scene of the incident, which occurred at approximately 1 p.m. Monday.

Stacy was arrested and taken into custody after police arrived, while Martin County Coroner Mike Crum, who arrived later, pronounced Marcum dead at the scene.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J.** — Paul Alexander's 15 minutes of fame have turned into a year in prison.

Alexander bragged on television that he dumped his girlfriend while a guest on "The Jerry Springer Show."

After receiving a tip, Cape May County prosecutors watched as Alexander and his 22-year-old girlfriend spoke of their 7-year-old child.

Authorities did the math and determined that the couple's sexual relationship began when the woman was 13, according to prosecutor Marian Ragusa.

Prosecutors charged Alexander, 29, with endangering the welfare of a child and second-degree sexual assault for having sex with the woman when she was underage.

The woman, who was identified only as Rita, told the court she didn't want Alexander sent to jail, but prosecutors and the judge were adamant that prison time was required.

"Once a person goes on national television and acknowledges committing a crime, I can't imagine a state —

any state — standing idly by," said Judge Carmen Alvarez.

■ **SPARKS, Nev.** — A fictitious traffic accident wrecked a court reporter's chance to beat an 81-year-old stenographic record.

Taking dictation at speeds rivaling an auctioneer's chant, Mark Kislingbury set out Friday to establish a new speed record during the National Court Reporters Association's

annual convention.

But in a simulated question-and-answer session about a collision at an intersection, Kislingbury fell behind the staccato delivery in a section describing the traffic light.

"I had to drop (words) to catch up to where they were at," he said. "That one spot was a little harder than I thought it would be. On any given day, anyone can write poorly, including myself."

The dictation consisted of 360 words delivered in one minute. Kislingbury's goal was 95 percent accuracy, or 18 errors. He had 27 for 92.5 percent.

His intention was to exceed the 350 words a minute set in 1922 by Nat Behren, with some differences. Behren used a pen and shorthand, and there is no record of his accuracy.

■ **DANVILLE** — Lexington's skyline isn't known for its scenic view from the Ohio River — mainly because the central Kentucky city is nowhere near it.

But a Danville Cracker Barrel restaurant has been unwittingly selling postcards of Louisville's skyline, emblazoned with "Lexington."

The company that designed and printed the postcards, Pages of Time-Seek Publishing, acknowledged they made a mistake.

"Boy, don't know how, but those pictures got swapped in the press run," said Wanda McClendon, of the Goodlettsville, Tenn., company.

Seek Publishing has recalled the postcards, McClendon said. Jason Riggs, who works in the postcard department at the company, said the company has designed 4,000 different cards for cities across the country and "had only three or four mistakes."

■ **JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** — After more than a year on the road, the Gall family can boast an accomplishment few others can: the couple and their three sons have visited all 50 state capitols.

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## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 2003. There are 147 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing an estimated 140,000 people in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare.

### On this date:

■ In 1787, the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began to debate the articles contained in a draft of the United States Constitution.

■ In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis I abdicated.

■ In 1825, Bolivia declared its independence from Peru.

■ In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair. He was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

■ In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against

Germany.

■ In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first American woman to swim the English Channel, in about 14 1/2 hours.

■ In 1962, Jamaica became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

■ In 1965, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

■ In 1978, 25 years ago, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

■ In 1986, William J. Schroeder died after living 620 days with the Jarvik Seven artificial heart.

### Ten years ago:

The U.S. Senate joined the House in passing President Clinton's budget plan, 51-50, with a tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Al Gore. Louis Freeh won Senate confirmation to be director of the FBI. Morihiro Hosokawa was elected the new prime minister of Japan by the country's lower house of Parliament.

### Five years ago:

Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky spent 8 1/2 hours testifying before a grand jury about her relationship with President Clinton. The House Government Reform and Oversight Committee voted to cite Attorney General Janet Reno for contempt of Congress for her refusal to turn over reports recommending that she seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fund-raising.

### One year ago:

One-year-old Guatemalan twins joined at the head were separated at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center. President Bush signed legislation restoring broad trade negotiating authority to U.S. presidents.

### Today's Birthdays:

Entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker is 81. Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 73. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 65. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 60. Actor Dorian Harewood is 53. Actress Catherine Hicks is 52. Rock singer Pat McDonald (Timbuk 3) is 51. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 50. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy

DeBarge is 45. Country singers Peggy and Patsy Lynn are 39. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 35. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 33. Singer Geri Halliwell is 31. Singer-actor David Campbell is 30. Actress Ever Carradine is 29. Actress Soleil Moon Frye is 27.

### Thought for Today:

"There are philosophies which are unendurable not because men are cowards, but because they are men." - Ludwig Lewisohn, German-born novelist-critic (1883-1955).

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# Congressman's name takes place of Daniel Boone's on parkway

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — In the Eastern Kentucky mountains that Daniel Boone helped carve out for set-

tlement two centuries ago, his name and reputation remain larger than life.

Festivals honor the rugged, buckskin-clad frontiersman. Businesses, towns, even a

national forest are named after him. But much to the chagrin of some residents, Boone's name is being stripped from the main highway through his adopted homeland so that the name of

the local congressman, U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, can go up.

"Nothing against Hal Rogers, but I think we're getting a little carried away naming things after politicians," said Mike

Mullins, head of the Hindman Settlement School in Knott County. "Hal Rogers' day will come and go, just like my day will come and go, but Daniel Boone will be remembered forever."

Rogers, a Republican from Somerset, has represented Eastern Kentucky in Congress for 23 years and helped obtain the \$13 million in federal funding that allowed the state to eliminate tolls on the road.

The decision to rename the parkway was announced in June at a ceremony in which Rogers participated in the symbolic toppling of a toll collection booth.

Transportation Secretary James Codell III said at the time

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# Chandler promises to preserve training fund for police, firefighters

by CHARLES WOLFE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MITCHELL — Attorney General Ben Chandler on Tuesday promised police chiefs he would not raid a training fund for police officers and firefighters, even in lean times, if elected governor.

Money in the fund should be "funneled continuously to the law enforcement areas ... where they were intended. All of them. One hundred percent of them," Chandler, the Democratic nominee, said in a speech to the Kentucky Association of Police Chiefs.

The fund — Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund — gets its money from surcharges on insurance, including homeowners and fire protection policies.

Local police, sheriffs and deputies and firefighters can

qualify for a salary supplement from the fund by undergoing a prescribed level of training. Over the years, the fund has occasionally been raided for other purposes.

"You don't have to worry about that for a minute," Chandler told the chiefs. "I don't think that (the fund) ever ought to be used for other purposes."

"That's been an issue in the past. With tight budget times, it could be an issue in the future."

And I want you to know, where I'm concerned, it will not be an issue," he said.

A spokesman for Chandler's Republican opponent, U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, said Fletcher would "bring fiscal discipline to ensure programs like this are effective."

"A lack of fiscal discipline and leadership" has led to the fund being raided in the past, the spokesman, Wes Irvin, said. He also said Chandler, as the state's

top law officer, should have done something about it.

Maysville Police Chief Van L. Ingram, who takes over Wednesday as the association's president, said the chiefs wanted assurance about the fund. "We understand the state's in a budget shortfall right now," Ingram said in an interview. But "we certainly hope that money will stay in law enforcement."

Fletcher's running mate, former federal prosecutor Steve Pence, represented the ticket at the police chiefs' annual meeting. Pence said he specifically asked to do so because, if Fletcher wins the election, Pence is to be the administration's point man on drug enforcement.

Pence said he and Fletcher planned to create teams of specialists to help local law enforcement officials, especially rural sheriffs, tackle methamphetamine producers.

Pence said a "meth lab" is not just a crime scene but a biological hazard. He said even state police

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## Perry

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was in as of Tuesday.

The newspaper issued a statement yesterday saying that Perry's family members were awaiting test results, adding that they said the prognosis looked

"good".

The newspaper included in its statement that Perry's father, Bud Perry, suffered a stroke at about the same age and later recovered.

# Pike man killed in car wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

REGINA — A Pike County man was killed Sunday when he lost control of his vehicle on Route 195 in Regina, struck another vehicle and then hit a building.

Homer Childers, 70, of James Swiney Road in Pike County, was traveling along Route 195 Sunday when, at about 4 p.m., state police said he crossed the center line and sideswiped another vehicle.

Police said Childers then left the southbound lane and hit a nearby building.

Childers, who police said

was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, was partially ejected through the driver's side window. Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts pronounced him dead at the scene.

Childers was taken from the scene to Justice Funeral Home by the Elkhorn City Ambulance Service.

Kentucky State Police Troopers Todd Kidd and Darren Stapleton and the Pike County Coroner's Office are still investigating the accident.

Other agencies responding to the accident Sunday were the Marrowbone and Ferrell's Creek Fire Departments.

## Drugs

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Pike County Detention Center.

A second charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance is pending, police said.

An investigation into the case is ongoing by KSP Detective Randy Hunter and will be referred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for possible federal prosecution, officials said.

## Murder

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Stacy was taken to the Big Sandy Detention Center in Johnson County and charged with murder.

Police have yet to release further details of the shooting.

The case is being investigated by KSP Detective Steve Bowman.

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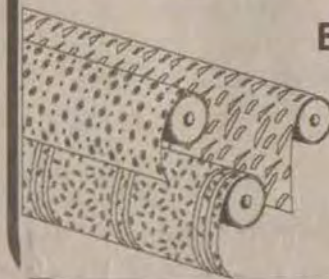
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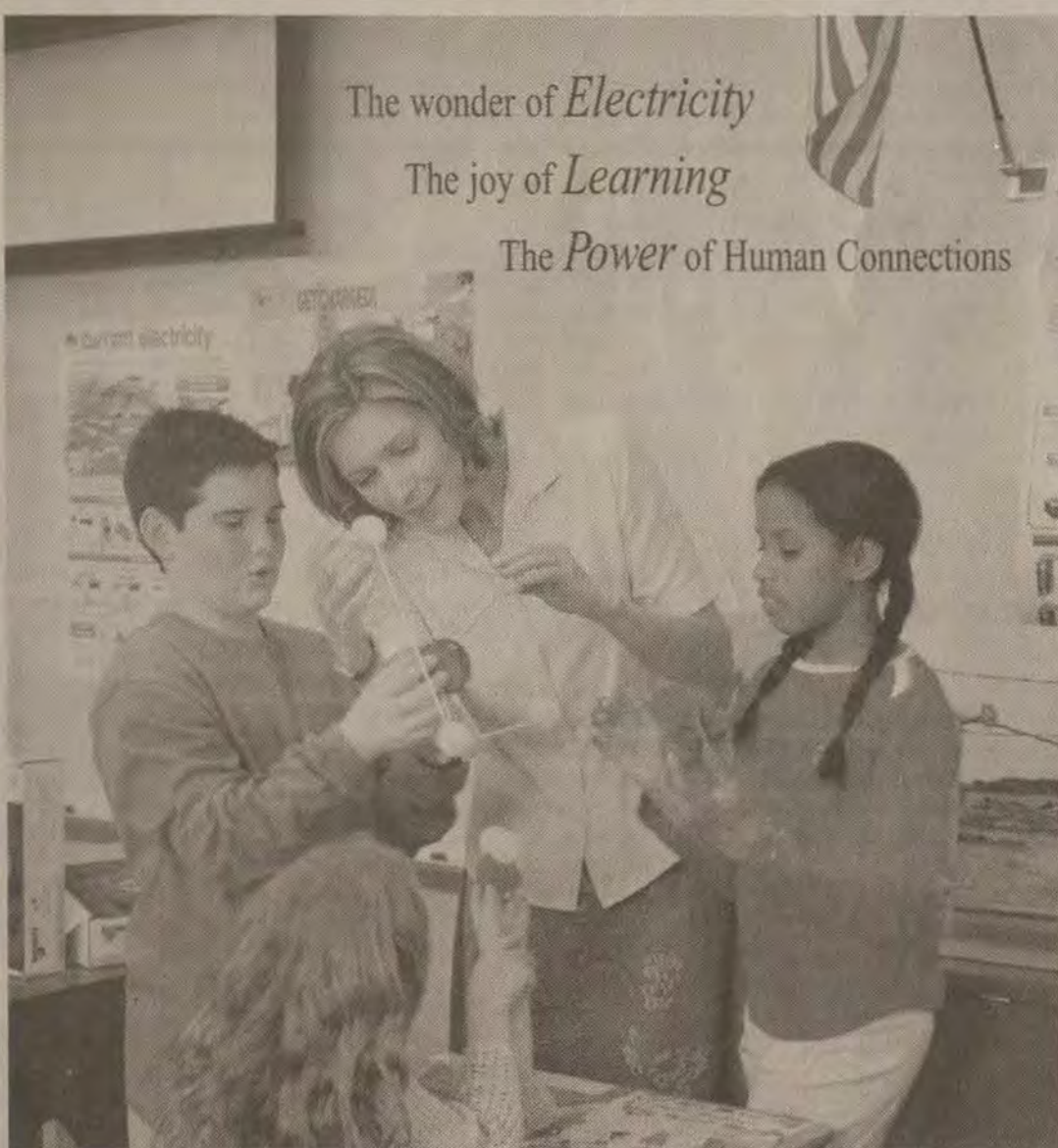
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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Samuel Goldwyn

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Guest View

## Politics as usual

A bill passed last week by the House to open America's door to cheaper prescription drugs comes burdened by a heavy load of special-interest politics.

Despite the hope it offers people trapped by high prescription prices, however, its future looks dark.

Prescription drug prices in the United States are significantly higher than in other industrialized nations. In recent years, many senior citizens and others on limited incomes have resorted to the technically illegal practice of buying their prescriptions from Canada or other countries. These U.S.-manufactured drugs can cost less than half what the same item costs in this country.

This is possible because other nations control drug prices and the United States does not. While reimportation measures have been discussed, even legislated in the past, none has been implemented. For one thing, the politically powerful pharmaceutical industry has argued that it cannot guarantee the safety of these medicines.

Then, too, the companies contend that U.S. citizens must absorb higher prices to guarantee the companies sufficient profits to pay for research on new drugs. The drug companies, which donated \$20 million to 2002 candidates, 80 percent of them Republican, stand to lose millions if the reimportation bill should become law.

Enter U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, R-Mo.

In return for her vital vote on the Medicare drug benefit bill, she required House leaders to agree to allow her drug reimportation measure to reach a vote.

The bill, which passed the House 243-186, doesn't contain the "poison pill" that killed past efforts. That pill: a requirement that the secretary of health and human services certify that the reimported medicines are safe. Secretaries under both former President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush have refused to do so.

The Emerson bill, which goes to a Senate where 53 members already publicly oppose it, requires HHS to set up a system to allow FDA-approved drugs to be imported from FDA-approved facilities in Canada, the European Union and seven other countries.

It would also require imported medicine to be shipped in anti-tampering and anti-counterfeiting packages. That sounds reasonably safe to us, particularly considering how many people buy drugs overseas already with no safeguards.

Opponents of the legislation worry about the country being flooded by out-of-date, counterfeit or contaminated medicines. The Bush administration has called it "dangerous legislation."

A hard-to-refute argument says that reimportation lets in by the back door the drug price controls Congress is unwilling to invite in by direct legislation.

One of the less-obvious implications of the measure: the effect of reimportation on drug prices in foreign countries. Prices could be forced up by manufacturers, or they could simply withhold products from countries that cooperate - something the companies have already proved themselves willing to do.

Opposition and lobbying are so strong, it seems unlikely the House-Senate negotiation committee working to reconcile Medicare drug-benefit legislation will include effective language on reimportation. Thus, efforts to help senior citizens and other lower-income Americans seem almost certain to fail yet again.

Politics in action.

— The Omaha World-Herald



## Sticks & Stones

### Search for Stumbo reveals one fact

Investigators searched for what was believed to be the remains of Donnie Mack Stumbo and found nothing.

But that's not exactly true. What we know, for a fact, is that Donnie Mack Stumbo, if murdered, was not placed in that particular well along Stumbo Hollow in McDowell.

That's something. Since 1982, that's more than Stumbo's family has known, and the community as well.

Make no mistake, Stumbo's family members have not been the only people wondering what happened to Donnie Mack when he disappeared from the

face of the earth 21 years ago.

In January, when I was working to compile stories for our 75th Anniversary Edition, I spent some time roaming Floyd County asking what stories you'd like to see in that issue.

One afternoon in Price, I stopped at a business and was told I should definitely consider writing a story about Donnie Mack Stumbo. He had been missing for over 20 years. Hadn't I heard about it?

I knew nothing of the case and so retired to what had become my second home during that time — the archive repository in the loft of our building — to see where the suggestion would lead.

For hours I flipped yellow pages and lugged oversized, hardback books containing each issue we put out in 1982. I had not been given even a rough time

period for when Stumbo had gone missing. That meant 12 months, roughly 50 issues, needed to be combed.

With six more decades to cover before deadline, my search for Donnie Mack Stumbo also produced very little.

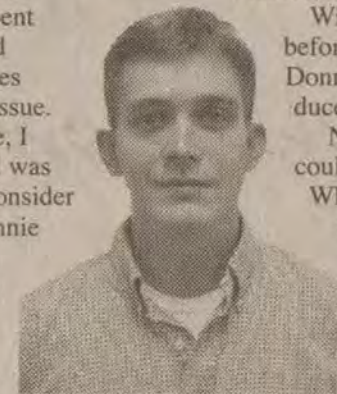
No story from us, as far as I could tell then.

When I heard a search was scheduled at Stumbo Hollow, I thought about January and returned again to the loft, this time with a fair amount of heat to contend with.

When I wasn't at McDowell waiting with everyone else to see if anything would be turned up, I was in the loft, sweating through a search of my own.

Again, I still had little information to work with, but the search continued. And then news came that the search of

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## Letters

### Appreciates 'Floyd County hospitality'

I have just returned to northern Indiana after a short visit to Floyd County (first an overnight stay in Prestonsburg and then a trip to Otter Creek Correctional Facility to take a deposition) and I thought I would drop you a line.

While we Hoosiers pride ourselves on "Hoosier Hospitality," I must say that I got a good dose of Floyd County hospitality during my short stay there.

Having made the mistake of trying to use "Mapquest" to find my way to Wheelwright (I knew I was in trouble when the search said - turn right down Frog Alley!) I quickly found myself lost. The various residents I encountered along the way were all helpful and very understanding. I should also note the assistance of the

very capable staff at Otter Creek who were most hospitable during my deposition there.

I suspect that with the number of Hoosiers lodged at Otter Creek (due to overcrowding in Indiana prisons) I may have occasion to visit your way again. Next time, I hope to have enough time to pay a visit to Loretta Lynn's home and perhaps take in a show at the Mountain Arts Center.

While the scenery there in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky is awfully special, it's your people that make a difference. Just thought you'd be interested in an outsider's viewpoint.

Shaw Friedman  
LaPorte County Attorney  
LaPorte, Ind.

### Red Cross thanks Times

Before we complete our task of helping the victims of

the recent floods and mudslides that inundated Central and Eastern Kentucky, we would like to express our appreciation to all those connected with the American Red Cross disaster relief operation. We value the help and support we have received from The Floyd County Times.

Community understanding of the American Red Cross has been essential to this successful disaster relief operation. Most important, for those in the affected areas, it was vital that information about American Red Cross disaster relief services was communicated swiftly and efficiently to disaster victims. Your cooperation, and that of the entire Floyd County Times staff, has helped significantly in achieving this outreaching and aiding in the recovery effort.

During this disaster relief operation, we were able to help hundreds of disaster victims with more than \$250,000 of emergency assistance. American Red Cross

Disaster Services nurses and Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Services counselors, all licensed professionals, made some 700 contacts while traveling to meet with disaster victims face-to-face, addressing health-related issues and providing emotional support.

Nearly 21,000 meals and snacks were served to disaster victims and emergency workers. We distributed hundreds of Red Cross Comfort Kits, containing personal care items, and 800 cleanup kits, containing cleaning supplies, to disaster victims throughout the affected region.

American Red Cross chapters throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky will continue to provide assistance to families who still need our help.

On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you again for your most appreciated help and your great contribution.

Craig Widener  
and Dawn Stewart  
American Red Cross

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# Health Extra

## State suspects first human case of West Nile fever

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A Boone County resident likely has the state's first case this year of West Nile fever, state health officials said Tuesday.

Cabinet for Health Services authorities are still waiting for the results of a confirmation test on the patient, cabinet spokeswoman Gwenda Bond said. However, other test results the patient contracted West Nile fever, Bond said.

"West Nile fever is the less serious form of West Nile Virus," Bond said. "It's not the West Nile encephalitis that's more serious and life-threatening."

Still, health officials are warning people to take extra precautions during August to prevent mosquito bites.

In 2002, 75 human cases of West Nile were reported in Kentucky, and five people died from it. Of the people who contracted the illness, 38 started getting sick in August.

"August is our busiest month for West Nile Virus, traditionally," Bond said.

Kentucky has so far not had a reported case of West Nile encephalitis this year. Only a small percentage of people bitten by infected mosquitoes actually become sick.

"This is our first case of any kind this year," Bond said.

Details about the patient remain unclear. Citing federal privacy laws, Bond said the cabinet would only release the name of the county in which the patient lived.

Horses and birds in Barren, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fayette, Franklin, Hardin, Kenton, Madison and Menfee counties have tested positive for the virus.

Those who contract the illness may experience symptoms including fever, muscle aches, headaches, a rash and swollen lymph glands.

People should clear standing water, wear DEET mosquito repellent and dress appropriately at dawn or dusk to reduce their chances of contracting the virus, Bond said.

## Lexington among VA hospitals slated to close

by SUZANNE GAMBOA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs announced a plan Monday to close seven VA hospitals, open

others and retarget services in a broad restructuring of its health care services.

The plan includes major mission changes at 13 facilities. Veterans Affairs spokeswoman Karen Fedele said.

The VA wants to close hospitals in Lexington (Leestown); Canandaigua, N.Y.; Pittsburgh (Highland Drive); Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco, Texas.

The proposal also would open new hospitals in Las Vegas and in Orlando, Fla.; add centers for the blind in Biloxi, Miss., and Long Beach, Calif.; and place new spinal cord injury centers in Denver; Minneapolis; Syracuse or Albany, N.Y.; and Little Rock, Ark.

The proposals are part of a VA restructuring begun last year to shift the agency's focus to outpatient care, place services where they are needed most and save money by eliminating underused and outdated services and facilities.

"This is probably the most comprehensive assessment of VA infrastructure since World War II," VA Secretary Anthony Principi said.

A 15-member commission, appointed by Principi, will consider the proposed changes and hold hearings in about a week. After the hearings, the commission will make its recommendations to Principi.

As with military base closings, the secretary must accept or reject the plan as a whole. His decision is expected by the end of the year.

Principi said the proposed restructuring is not only about closing and realigning facilities but also about expansion and modernization. The objective is to meet the needs of veterans for the next 20 years, he said.

"I'm not trying to save money. I'm trying to transform an infrastructure that has been built or acquired over the past 50 years," he said.

Joy Ilem, assistant national legislative director for Disabled American Veterans, questioned the need for closures and other cutbacks.

"Everyone is aware of the difficulty VA has meeting demand," Ilem said. "When we have hundreds of thousands of veterans on waiting lists (for medical appointments), we don't want to see facilities closed due to fiscal problems."

Rick Weidman, government relations director for the Vietnam Veterans Association, agreed that strategic planning is important. But he said a General Accounting Office study that helped trigger the facilities overhaul failed to consider that many are vacant because veterans health care is underfunded.

The restructuring is estimated to cost \$4.6 billion over 20 years, with some costs offset by closing hospitals or leasing out unused facilities.

Principi has pushed for other VA changes, some to improve veterans' health services and others to deal with a burgeoning population. Last month, VA temporarily allowed veterans to get medicines prescribed by private doctors from mail-order pharmacies.

In January, Principi suspended health care services for higher-income veterans to reduce veterans' waiting times for doctor's appointments.

The restructuring has triggered opposition, including legislation sponsored by Florida Sen. Bob Graham, a Democratic presidential candidate, that would give Congress 60 days to review proposed hospital closings. A House version sponsored by Rep. Dennis Moore, D-Kan., has 163 co-sponsors. Neither bill has been acted on.

Graham criticized the latest proposal Monday, saying the VA manipulated the process earlier to achieve the results it wanted.

Protests already have occurred at VA hospitals considered possible targets for closure. "At a time when many troops are overseas and will need these services when they come home, you want to bolster our veterans' health care, not gut it," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. said.

Associated Press writer Devlin Barrett contributed to this story.

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**Editor's note:** To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

**HEARTBURN CENTER COORDINATOR TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT JENNY WILEY AARP**

Kim Preston, R.N., coordinator, at the Hearburn Treatment Center at Highlands Regional Medical Center, will be the

guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, to be held Friday, August 15, at the office complex of Highlands Regional. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and all members and friends are encouraged to attend.

**GOSPEL SING**

Saturday, Aug. 9, from 3-6 p.m., at Riverview Health Care Center, at Lancer. Refreshments will be served.

**PARSONS FAMILY REUNION**

The Parsons family reunion for the descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will be held on Aug. 31, at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, just off Rte. 979 in Floyd County, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Bring a covered dish to be served at 1 p.m. Call E.J. Parsons at 865-426-7585 for more information.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS UNITY MEETINGS**

Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 6, and continuing every Wednesday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room on the second floor of the May Tower at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Everyone welcome! For more information, contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopherecook@hotmail.com

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205-4972. Everyone invited!

**JONES FAMILY REUNION**

Descendants of Charlie and Linda Jones will hold a family reunion on Saturday, Sept. 6, at Picnic Hollow (top of Jenny Wiley Dam) shelter 4. Meet at 11 a.m., lunch 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish, own drinks, auction item, and pictures to share.

**HICKS FAMILY REUNION**

Descendants of William and Naomi Reffett Hicks will meet on Saturday, Aug. 16, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with dinner in the lodge dining room at noon. Social gathering from 1-4 p.m. All family and friends invited. For more info., call Delphia Hicks at 886-3108.

**AUXIER LIFETIME LEARNING CTR.**

Fall classes in computers, sewing, and others will begin the week of Sept. 8. For more info., call 886-0709

**HUNTER FAMILY REUNION**

Will take place on Saturday, August 30, at the Martin Senior Citizens Building, from 10:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call: Charles and Cassie Justice at 886-8737

**CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEET**

The Floyd County Conservation District will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 19, at 10 a.m., at the District office located 1/2 mile from the Lancer-Watergap Intersection toward the Jenny Wiley State Park. Meeting open to public. For more info., call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@eastky.net

**PRATER FAMILY REUNION**

The Prater Family Reunion will be held on August 16, at the

"Old Home Place," on Prater Fork. Please bring a covered dish, a chair, and an item to auction. Call Clearnce Prater at 285-9833, or write to him at 247 Sunny Rd., Martin, Ky. 41649, for more info.

**FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES**

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

**MCDOWELL HIGH CLASS REUNION**

The McDowell High School classes of 1934-1993 will hold a class reunion on Labor Day weekend. Weekly meetings are now being held each Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., at the McDowell First Baptist Church. All are welcome - Help is needed.

**HRMC CALENDAR**

■ Aug. 12 - Sr. Advantage - Meeting Place A & B, 9-11 a.m.  
 ■ Aug. 12 - Mended Hearts - Meeting Place A & B, 6-7 p.m.  
 ■ Aug. 15 - Jenny Wiley AARP - Meeting Place B, 6-7 p.m.  
 ■ Aug. 19 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E. - Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.  
 ■ Aug. 21 - Laryngectomy Support Group - Meeting Place B, 5-7 p.m.  
 ■ Aug. 28 - Living Well with Diabetes - Floyd Room, 5-6 p.m.

**MARTIN HIGH CLASS OF '63**

The Martin High School Class of 1963 will hold a reunion on August 16 at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Dinner and dance. Cost -

\$25/person. Must pay by July 31 to: Linda Gregory, P.O. Box 1081, Martin, KY 41649. You may contact Linda Gregory at 285-1004 or Ann Stumbo at 285-9474.

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**FAITH FREEWILL CAR WASHES**

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## Former evidence officer charged with drug trafficking

The Associated Press

HAZARD — A former Hazard police officer has been arrested on charges connected to missing evidence at the police department.

Calvin W. Sizemore, 27, of Hazard, who served as evidence officer for the Hazard police until he resigned in May, is accused of stealing thousands of dollars worth of prescription pills and marijuana and nearly \$600 cash from the department's evidence room, said Dan Smoot, a Kentucky State Police detective.

The arrest followed a two-month investigation by state police and other law enforcement agencies, including the state attorney general's office and the U.S. attorney's office, Smoot said.

"The investigation revealed that Sizemore removed drugs and had friends sell or use them," Smoot said.

Sizemore was being held at Perry County Detention Center.

Perry County Commonwealth's Attorney John Hansen said the missing evidence could hurt the prosecution of some cases, but he didn't know if any cases were affected.

Hazard Police Chief Ronnie Bryant, who described Sizemore as an "excellent officer," said the missing evidence applied to "only a few cases."

Sizemore is charged with first-, second- and third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, marijuana trafficking, and theft by unlawful taking.

The case will be turned over to the U.S. attorney's office for

prosecution next week, while the investigation into where the drugs went and who got them continues, Smoot said. Smoot said investigators haven't determined the value of the missing drugs, which included marijuana and the prescription narcotics OxyContin, Tylox and Percocet.

Bryant said Sizemore was an officer for about five years before leaving for a job as an animal control officer in Cincinnati. He said the investigation into the missing evidence began shortly after Sizemore left.

"We had some information that (Sizemore) could have taken something," Bryant said. He added Sizemore was the only officer with a key to the evidence room until May.



Elva D. Newsome

Mommy, when you left us, it was hard to believe life could go on; but here we are a year later, remembering your birthday, July 28th.

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# Judge-Executive says prostitution, drug abuse rampant at jail

The Associated Press

**HAZARD** — The Perry County Jail is being investigated after two county officials complained of prostitution, drug use and inmate abuse at the facility.

Perry County Judge-Executive Denny Ray Noble sent a letter to Kentucky State Police last month outlining his complaints, said Detective John Pratt.

The letter said that 30 inmates have tested positive for drugs this year; that male and female inmates were having sexual relationships; that drugs were being brought to inmates; and that jail employees looked the other way while inmates were being assaulted.

Perry County Sheriff Pat Wooton expressed similar concerns in a June letter to the state attorney general's office and said county Jailer Mac Feltner was letting deputies run the jail. The attorney general's office forwarded Wooton's letter to state police.

Noble also has asked for a grand jury investigation.

Perry County Commonwealth's Attorney John Hansen said he's concerned about the allegations and would present any cases brought to him to the grand jury.

The \$6.4 million jail, which opened in January 2002, remains in operation, but Noble said he may ask the Perry Fiscal Court to shut down the 135-bed facility if the problems aren't resolved.

"If that's what it takes to

make prisoners safe, we'd be agreeable to that," Noble said. "But I hope it can be resolved without having to do that."

Feltner said the complaints are politically motivated. He and Noble are both Democrats, but Feltner supported a challenger to Noble in last year's primary.

"This is a personal thing," Feltner said. "I have never denied that (inmates) don't get a certain amount of drugs. That

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# Transportation official involved in internal investigation resigns

The Associated Press

**FRANKFORT** — A Transportation Cabinet official has resigned amid two internal investigations.

Doug Jones, who works in the cabinet's Somerset office, submitted a one-sentence letter Monday saying he will resign as administrative manager for the Highway Department's District 8 office effective Aug. 31.

"Due to me becoming the focus of District Eight Transportation Cabinet and having thirty years of retirement service, I Doug Jones resign my position," he wrote.

Cabinet Inspector General Bobby Russell said Jones was one of six cabinet employees he referred to, but did not identify, last week as being investigated for alleged inappropriate computer use before the state auditor said cabinet computers were being used to browse pornographic Web sites.

Auditor Ed Hatchett said last week that his staff found that 212 cabinet computers had been used to view at least 22,237 pornographic images during

checks on 24 random days since last September.

Russell said he has dealt closely in the past week with the cabinet's personnel office, which is conducting the investigation, and was told by personnel officials they had "a pretty solid case" against Jones.

Russell said his office also is investigating a citizen complaint about the decision by engineers at the District 8 office last year to move the preferred location of a planned southwest bypass of Somerset to a new route that

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## Odds

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their sons — 13-year-old Samuel, 11-year-old James and 6-year-old Benjamin — went inside the Missouri State Capitol rotunda.

Visiting roughly one state each week, the journey, made in a recreational vehicle, took about 48,000 miles and over a year to complete.

"I'm glad we did it. I have no regrets. I'm just uncertain about re-entering 'real life,'" Ginger Gall said.

The Galls began their trip July 15, 2002. It wasn't a stunt to raise money. Instead, it was a chance to teach their sons about American history.

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You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

### "NEWBEE" QUILTERS CLUB

The Newbee Quilters Club is an extension of the Floyd County Extension Quilt Guild and will meet each fourth (4th) Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office, S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, (across from Brad Hughes, Toyota). All those interested in learning basic quilting skills are invited to join the fun, make new friends, be creative and learn new things. For more information, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668 or email to: tmscott@uky.edu.

### "LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

■ Alzheimer's Association, Eastern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

■ Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

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

# Obituaries

## Sadie Campbell

Sadie Campbell, age 99, of Allen, widow of Willard Campbell, passed away Monday, August 4, 2003, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born March 23, 1904, in Jackson, the daughter of the late Thomas Barnett and Della McDaniel Barnett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Allen Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Stuart Campbell of Safety Harbor, Florida, Cultus Campbell of Sparta, Tennessee, and Burtis Campbell of Brandon, Florida; three daughters, Willena Campbell of Banner, Aileen Bates of St. Cloud Florida, and Pauline Maciorowski of Fairborn, Ohio; two sisters, Ethel Haddix of Dayton, Ohio, and Effie Williams of Mongoose, Oklahoma; 30 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, Curtis Campbell, Burnis Campbell, and Everett Campbell.

Funeral services for Sadie Campbell will be conducted Thursday, August 7, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin, with Clergyman Earl Waugh officiating.

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

Visitation is 1:00 Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Ethel Corder Coburn

Ethel Corder Coburn, age 85, of Garrett, widow of Leonard Coburn, passed away Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

She was born January 1, 1918, in Knott County, the daughter of the late French Bolen and Mattie Sizemore Bolen. She was a beautician, and worked 14 years as a nurse for Dr. Ira Potter, M.D., and was a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Earl Bolen of Garrett, and Coyet Bolen of Greensboro, North Carolina; five sisters, Goldie Bailey, Kathleen Hofelich and Eveleen Caudill, all of Louisville, Sophia Vanderpool of Garrett, and Olga Richmond of Langley.

In addition to her second husband, Leonard and parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Jack Corder; one son, Daniel Corder; one brother, Edward Bolen; and one sister, Mae Turner.

Funeral services for Ethel Corder Coburn will be conducted Thursday, August 7, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergymen Jerry Manns and Randy Osborne officiating, with Sterlin Bolen Group, singers.

Burial will follow in the Bolen Cemetery, at Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 10 a.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home, with church services Wednesday evening, with Raymond Vanderpool, speaker, and Sterlin Bolen Group, singers.

(Paid obituary)

## Jesse James Johnson

Jesse James Johnson, 75, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Buckingham, died Saturday, August 2, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born January 29, 1928, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late James Albert Johnson and Minerva Ritchie Johnson. He was a retired Marine, and member of the D.A.V.

He is survived by his wife, Erma Moore Johnson.

Other survivors include one son, Dwayne Moore of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Roy Gene King.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 5, at 1 p.m., at the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Price, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, on Sunday, after 6 p.m., and Monday, at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Amy Campbell Spears

Amy Campbell Spears, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, August 1, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born January 5, 1924, in Lancer, she was the daughter of the late Earl and Thelma Goble Campbell. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Chadwick Spears.

Other survivors include three daughters, Earlene Nelson, Debbie Campbell and Thelma Lafferty, all of Prestonsburg; one brother, Arnold Campbell of Flemingsburg; one sister, Edna Harris of Prestonsburg; grandchildren, Heidi Hackworth, Leah Vaughan, Chaddi Stumbo, and Brandon Campbell, all of Prestonsburg; great-grandchildren, Sydney and Ethan Hackworth, and Dalton Vaughan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Deev Campbell, and Hubert Campbell; and one sister, Elva Ousley.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 4, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Roger Music officiating.

Burial was in the Campbell Family Cemetery, at Brandy Keg, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Margaret "Jill" Owens Wells

Margaret "Jill" Owens Wells, 77, of Auxier, died Thursday, July 31, 2003, at the Riverview Health Care Center.

Born September 22, 1925, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late John D. Owens and "Tommie" Margaret May Owens. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Church of God, Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd Wells.

Other survivors include one daughter, Peggy Bailey of Prestonsburg; one son, Thomas "Tom Bo" Blackburn of Prestonsburg; one sister, Ann Castner of Louisville; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 2, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Williams officiating.

Interment was in the Gethsemane Gardens at Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers: Charlie Wells, Tom Wells, Ronald Wells, Floyd Allen, Jim Reynolds, Jack Crider, Tim Blackburn and Mike Blackburn.

Contributions are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Wells family.

(Paid obituary)

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that Rogers "has done many great things for southern and Eastern Kentucky" and the highway was renamed in his honor to thank him for that.

"With anything you do, everybody has different opinions," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokeswoman Selena Curry. "Some people like it, some people don't."

Rogers, in a written statement from his office Tuesday, did not address the public debate about renaming the road.

"It's a tremendous honor to have this parkway named after me," he said. "I am humbled."

Already, signs renaming the road Hal Rogers Parkway are going up, and the old Daniel Boone Parkway signs will come down next year after maps are reprinted.

But Boone's enduring folk-hero status in Kentucky is not so easily removed. He built his reputation as the model of the American frontiersman in the 1770s for his exploration and settlement of the state, including the hacking out of the Wilderness Road, and his stirring exploits in defending early encampments from Indians.

And his name can still draw tourists. Every fall, thousands of people gather at the Daniel Boone Festival in Barbourville to celebrate the man's life and times, dressing in coonskin caps and parading around in buckskin clothing.

One Eastern Kentucky newspaper, The Floyd County Times of Prestonsburg, said renaming the road is a silly honor that Rogers should decline.

"For all of Rogers' ability to bring the gravy home from Washington, it pales in comparison to the legendary life of Boone," the newspaper said.

But The Big Sandy News of Paintsville said Rogers deserves having the highway named after him because of his impact on the region socially, environmentally and politically. "We ought to be naming our kids after the guy," the newspaper said.

Susan Ramos, an economic development specialist in Booneville, said most people she's heard from are upset by the name change.

"Hal Rogers is a wonderful man, and he's done a lot for this region, but renaming that road is going to hurt more than it's going to help," she said.

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"We're grateful for all the money he has gotten for the region, especially for tourism. But taking Daniel Boone's name off that highway is going to hurt tourism. It was a bad decision."

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officers do not always have the training to "take down" a lab — clean it up, contain it and get it disposed of.

Pence said the meth lab teams might cost up to \$2 million a year. Federal grants probably would be available. If not, the state budget would be adjusted to provide the money, Pence said.

Versailles Police Chief Allen Love, who is giving way to Ingram as the association's president, said Fletcher's concept "sounds good." The federal Drug Enforcement Administration once had similar teams, but their funding was cut, he said.

Meth manufacturing and trafficking, though still largely a phenomenon of rural, western Kentucky counties, "is progressively coming across the state,"

Love said. "It's going to be something we all have to address."

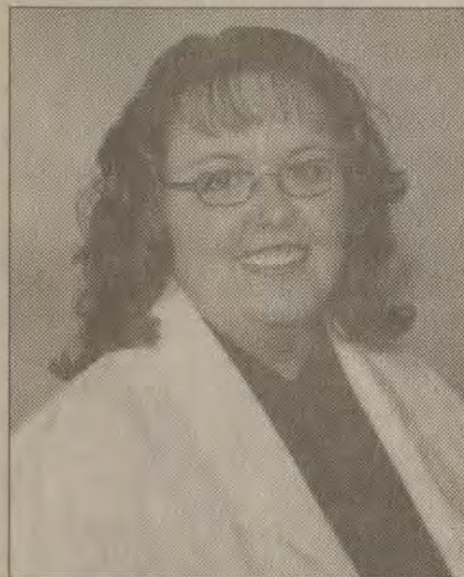
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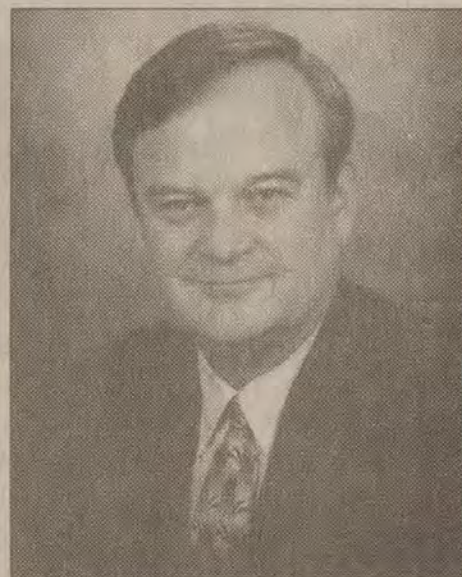
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by: **RACHELLE BURCHETT**

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We will begin our tour in Building C. If you are planning to enroll, Building C is where you begin. Entering the south-east end of the building you will face the admissions office. At the admissions office you will fill out an application for admissions and obtain additional information. After completing an application, visit a counselor, who will help you develop an educational plan. Your next stop may be the Assessment Center where you can schedule or take an entrance test. The entrance test

is given to help the counselor advise. This assessment may be waived if you have acceptable ACT scores. A counselor will advise you as to your status. Don't leave until you have spoken with a financial aid advisor. It is right across the hall. The financial aid advisor will provide financial aid applications and assist you in obtaining the proper documentation. Now that you have completed all this, there may be one more place who you would like to visit - the Ready to Work Program. Ready To Work is a program designed to help parents that are returning to school, so if you are a parent stop by and see what the Ready To Work Coordinator can do for you.

Now that we have visited Building C, let's cross the street and visit Building A. Building A houses the administrative offices, business affairs, the bookstore and the

Continuing Education Program. Once you have registered for classes you will need to visit the bookstore to purchase the required text for you classes and you will also need to visit the business office to pay tuition and fees.

Directly behind Building A are Buildings E and F. If planning, machining and constructing metal components is something that is of interest to you, then you will enjoy the Basic and Advanced Machine Tool Technology room located on the first level of Building E. Also located on the first level is our high school Auto Mechanics class. If scissors and a comb are your choice tools then you may enjoy visiting the Cosmetology Department located on the second floor. While you are there you may schedule a manicure or pedicure. "What is that delicious smell?", you ask. Nellie's Café, of course. Nellie's Café is place that you will want to visit at lunch time where you can enjoy a warm cooked meal or choose items from the freshly prepared salad bar.

Has electricity always interested you? Then move on to level three. On this level are the Electrical Technology Program classrooms. The Pikeville and Hager Hill campuses also teach components of Electrical Technology. Now let's visit Building F. Are you a natural when it

comes to car repair? Then this is the place for you. In Building F we have Auto Mechanics and Auto Body Repair. How does preparing business documents, managing records, handling communications, scheduling, handling financial transactions, operating a variety of business equipment, maintaining files, ordering, and supervising other personnel sound? The upstairs has a wide range of computer equipment and software awaiting you. I know you are probably getting tired, but the tour isn't over yet. Look both ways and let's cross the street and visit Building D. I have a few more programs that I would like to show you.

Are you a "do it yourself" kind of person? Then we are at the right place. It will hard for you to take a quick tour through our carpentry class room as you will be tempted to pick up a skill saw and hammer and start building something. If carpentry isn't what you do best how about joining, surfacing, fabricating or repairing structures or parts made of metal or other weld able materials. You will find everything you need in the Welding Technology classroom.

Let's take the elevator upstairs, I know your legs must be getting tired now or we could take the stairs and let a student in the Nursing Program

take your pulse or if you are having trouble breathing, I know that Respiratory Care will be glad to assist you.

How would you like to be involved in the reproduction of such items as business forms, magazines, labels, legal documents, books, newspapers, packaging, posters, and stamps? The Graphic Arts class may be of interest to you.

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you. Mayo's doors are open and we anxiously await your visit.

I know that your schedule is busy and school is about to begin. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 10 and plan to attend our Open House on the Mayo Campus.

Open house will be from 4-6 p.m. and everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided and tours will be available.

Time is running out! Registration is August 13-14 and classes begin on Aug. 18. For more information call 888-641-4132 or visit us on the web [www.kctcs.edu](http://www.kctcs.edu)

## Toyota sponsors 7th annual Women's Conferences

Planning is well underway for the 7th annual "In the Interest of Women" conferences hosted by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK). Conferences will take place November 5, in Lexington, and November 6, in Louisville. The annual events will feature a day of speakers and workshops designed to educate, inform and entertain women throughout Kentucky and surrounding states.

"The conferences offer women an opportunity to get together and learn about topics that are important to them," said Nila Wells, Community Relations Specialist for TMMK. "This is an event where women can learn from each other, from women who have faced challenges and conquered them no matter how large or small. To be a part of that is something we're very proud of."

"In the Interest of Women" focuses on topics and issues that impact women today. The con-

ferences include two keynote addresses as well as 12 workshop speakers from which attendees may select four discussions to attend. This year's keynote speakers are six-time Olympic medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Dr. Kerri Nielsen, known for her courageous battle against cancer while conducting research in the Antarctic. Workshop topics cover parenting, long-term health care, enhancing organizational skills, improving attitude and many more.

The conferences also will feature a resource area where attendees may visit booths set up by vendors and organizations to offer additional information on services and topics pertinent to women.

Average attendance for the conference is 1000 women per location. The cost for registration is \$60. For more information, call 1-800-366-4426, ext. 3813, or visit: [www.toyota-georgetown.com/women](http://www.toyota-georgetown.com/women).

## Credit card rewards programs lure spenders to splurge

In today's highly competitive credit card market, rewards programs are increasing in popularity as a way to attract new customers. These programs promise airline miles, free shipping on purchases or cash back just for using the card.

"Rewards programs are becoming more and more common and the variety of programs available are almost endless," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org, a non-profit financial management organization. "No matter what kind of interests or hobbies you have, chances are there is a credit card out there for you."

According to Rhode, many people sign up for cards that offer airline miles as a reward even though there may be other cards with different rewards programs that are more suited to that individual.

"Airline mile cards are very popular but in reality one mile is worth about two cents and most of the miles go unused," Rhode said. "Other cards offer rewards like free gas, discounts at your favorite stores, or free DVD's."

Many store credit cards offer a 10-percent discount on purchases you make the day you sign up for the card.

"When you apply for a credit card just to get a one-time discount, you end up with another open line of credit that will tempt you to make additional purchases in the future," Rhode said. "If you applied for the card to get the discount, and never plan on using the card again, it could hurt your credit rating by having another open, unused line of credit."

Rhode also warns about making purchases just to receive the perks from your credit card.

"You need to ask yourself if it's worth charging \$1,000 worth of stuff on your credit card just to get \$25 off your check at Red Lobster," he said. "It's always nice when there are benefits for using a credit card, but if you're charging more than you can afford just to get the perks, those free rewards end up costing big bucks."

For more information about credit card rewards programs, visit [Myvesta.org](http://Myvesta.org) online.



Owners of The Perfect Setting, a Christian bookstore and cafe located in McDowell, recently became new members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. At left is Libbi Hall, to her right is Trish Cieslak.

## 'Perfect Setting' ribbon-cutting

by **REGINA BECKNELL**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Perfect Setting, a new business located in McDowell, along with the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony that will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m., at the McDowell business location. The Perfect Setting is located beside the McDowell Citizens National Bank location. The Perfect Setting is owned and operated by Libbi Hall and Trish Cieslak.

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■ Aug. 5 - Membership/ Business Development Committee, 3:30 p.m., PCC, Student Center, 2nd floor. Dr. George Edwards, Chair

■ Aug. 13 - Floyd County Times Business After Hours, 4 to 6 p.m.

■ Aug. 18 - Government/Civic Affairs Committee, 1 p.m., Chamber Office. Mrs. Mary Begley, Chair

■ Aug. 21 - Economic Development Committee, 11:30 a.m., Jenny Wiley Lodge. Mr. Dennis Dorton, Chair

■ Aug. 27 - Education Committee, 3 p.m., Floyd County Extension Office. Mr. Chuck Stamper, Chair

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A third grade class from James A. Duff Elementary recently received mail from the White House. During a unit on government and history, students voted to write letters to President George W. Bush concerning their feelings about country, patriotism and the Iraq conflict. These letters also were to be transactive pieces for their writing portfolios. On May 14, a package from the White House was received by the class containing a letter and an 8-by-10 glossy of the first couple. Students in the class are Andrew Adams, Dallas Allen, Brittany Bentley, Meagan Brown, Will Bryant, Courtney Chaffins, Jeremy Conley, Misty Conley, Jamie T. Conley, Caleb Conn, Curtis T. Holbrook, B.J. Manns, Phyllis Marshall, Chris M. Walker, Austin Patton, Rodney Prater, Blaine M. Riley, Cody Robinson, Dylan Shepherd, Brooke Stumbo, Katie Vanderpool, Michael Wallen, and Elizabeth Watkins. The students' teacher is "Ms. Kitty".

**Jail**

happens in any jail." Feltner, who is in his third term as jailer, said he fired a deputy for bringing pills into the old jail in the courthouse building and last week suspended another deputy who met outside the jail with a former inmate who had been held on drug charges. He also said seven inmates who recently tested positive for drugs lost their work-release privileges. He said they got the drugs while they were out working. In his letter to the attorney general's office, Wooton, a Republican, wrote that Feltner is "rarely at the facility, and shows little interest in the handling and care of inmates." Feltner said he's normally at the jail "three or four different times" per day. As for sex in the jail, Feltner admitted that carelessness by a maintenance worker earlier this

year allowed female inmates to get a master key to jail cells, which they used for two weeks to get into male inmates' cells. Pratt said state police are investigating whether female inmates obtained drugs from guards in exchange for sexual favors. In an interview with the jail with The Courier-Journal, Shannon Barnett, a state prisoner who has been in the jail for a year on drug trafficking charges, said male guards on other occasions have allowed female inmates into males' cells in exchange for sexual favors. Feltner said he "didn't know that." In a May evaluation, the Kentucky Department of Corrections cited the jail for having only one doctor and nurse visit per week. Jail standards require that they visit three times a week. The evaluation also found that the jail was overcrowded, with 172 inmates. The authorized limit is 135. The department threatened to remove state prisoners held by the jail if the overcrowding isn't addressed by the next inspection later this year.

from the alleged rapes of two other inmates during a period of several weeks earlier this year. Scroggs, 22, is in the jail on charges of killing his girlfriend's 1-year-old daughter. Another assault is alleged to have occurred last month. Hazard resident Billy Campbell claimed several inmates held him down while another inmate used an electric toothbrush to engrave a sexually explicit tattoo on his back.

**Stones**

the well had been shut down. Nothing to report. Never mind. One last trip to the loft, still nothing on this end. But even though the search went belly up, its purpose was served. To confirm or deny reports. How much consolation is that to Stumbo's family? Very little, probably. But I have a feeling if they have to wait another couple decades for just as little information, it will be welcomed. There's no time limit on closure.

Lisa Lamb, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections, said the agency doesn't conduct inmate interviews or investigate possible criminal activity during its inspections. State police already have investigated allegations of inmate assaults. Charles Lee Scroggs is charged with 110 counts of sodomy and assault stemming

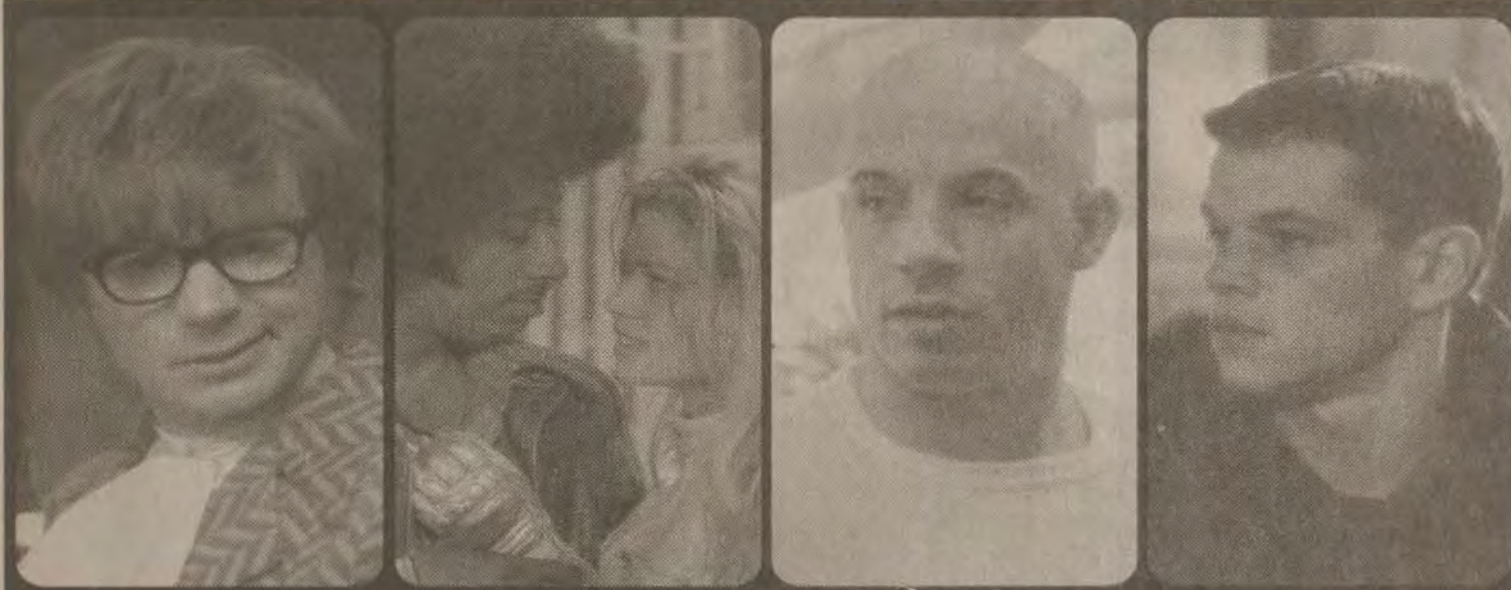
**Resigns**

goes through property owned by Jones. Jones' boss, Daniel Jewell, would not comment on Jones' resignation, only saying that "he's got enough time in to retire." Jewell did say that he didn't believe Jones played any role in relocating the route. Jones has worked at the District 8 office since March 2000. Before Jones joined the Transportation Cabinet, he worked 21 years for the state at Oakwood, a facility for mentally retarded in Somerset.

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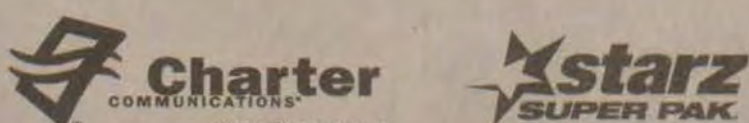
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### KENTUCKY

## UK Football Fans' Day set for Saturday

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The annual UK Football Fans' Day is scheduled for Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

The event begins at 5 p.m., outside the stadium with the debut of the Wildcat Refuge, an area of inflatable games. Gates 4 and 9 of the west end zone (Nicholasville Road side) will open at 7 p.m. and the first 2,000 fans will receive a gift bag, free hot dogs and Pepsi.



Prizes such as authentic football jerseys, helmets and trips to away games with the Wildcats will be given away, and posters

(See FANS, page two)

### TICKET INFO

## UK tickets on sale

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - While University of Kentucky football senior Jeremy Caudill and his teammates prepare for the upcoming season, area fans now have a chance to snatch up tickets as they are now available to the public.

Single-game tickets for all seven of Kentucky's home football games are now on sale.

Single-game tickets are also on sale at the Memorial Coliseum Ticket Office. The ticket office will return to its normal hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. later this week. There is a limit of two tickets per person for the Louisville game. All tickets for the Louisville game cost \$40 each; for other

(See FOOTBALL, page two)

### MARSHALL

## Leslie, Herd open practice today

### by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - There's one last go-around for Marshall University senior football player Nathan Leslie and it begins today. Practice opens today at 3 p.m.

Marshall has games on the road this season against Kansas State and SEC power Tennessee. Leslie has already been involved in four games during his time in the Marshall

University grid program. He is no stranger to big games, bowl games and Mid-America Conference (MAC) championships.

With the loss of first-round draft pick Byron Leftwich,

(See MARSHALL, page three)

## BluegrassPreps to award scholarships

BluegrassPreps is again taking scholarship applications. The scholarships are for students (high school or college) that are not currently members of the site. Those interested must submit an original photo of a current Kentucky High School football stadium and provide a brief history of the venue. The best entries will be awarded scholarships. For more info., email theguru@fuse.net.



Clint Shutts, Prestonsburg, made his way back to the winner's circle with a triumph Saturday night at 201 Speedway.

## Shutts drives to win

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA - Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model feature action wasn't the only thing on the agenda Saturday night at 201 Speedway. Joining Late Model feature winner Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling were

some local drivers.

Prestonsburg dirt track driver Clint Shutts led all 20 laps of Saturday night's Open Wheel Modified feature at 201 to extend his points advantage.

Shutts was followed by Tim Moore, fellow Floyd County drivers Chris Prater and Marty

Meade, Vince Jarrell, Kevin Mayabb and Randy Fouts.

After winning three heat races earlier this season, Falcon's Michael Paul Howard carried the feature checkers in the No. 48 Monte Carlo Super

(See SHUTTS, page two)



Betsy Layne met Johnson Central in the finals of the 15th Region Tournament last March. The Ladycats won 31 of 37 games over the summer and have built up a great deal of momentum heading into the new school year.

## Ladycats post 31-6 record in summer play

### by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - There's no rest for the best.

The Betsy Layne Ladycats recently finished summer play with a 31-6

record. The defending 15th Region Champion, Betsy Layne played in three team camps.

The Ladycats began the summer play rush in the 15th Region Officials Clinic, June 16-20. The Betsy Layne girls ran

through the league play, posting an 11-0 record while beating East Ridge (Team I and 2), Sheldon Clark, Whitesburg, Knott Central, Pike County Central, an AAU team

(See LADYCATS, page three)

### KHSAA NOTEBOOK

## Seasons getting underway

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Play ball!

The 2003-2004 KHSAA sports school year opened Monday the first day for golf contests. Volleyball opens next Monday with soccer and cross country following suit on Monday, Aug. 18. Football closes out the fall sports starting a new year, beginning its season on Friday, Aug. 22.

For the third consecutive year, KHSAA staff will be conducting a New Athletic Administrator's

(See KHSAA, page two)

Brad Bond, P'burg, captured a Silver medal in the high powered rifle event in this year's Bluegrass Summer Games.



### PIKEVILLE COLLEGE

## PC sets media event

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The third edition of Pikeville College football is ready to get underway as the staff prepares to welcome the players to campus this week.

Next week, the football family will meet the media for the first time this season.

Media Day will be Thursday, Aug. 14 at 2 p.m. It will be held at the Pikeville College Gym.

All players, coaches and associates will be on hand and available to meet with the media. Individual photos will be taken that day as well and the offi

(See MEDIA DAY, page three)



The next Anika Sorenstram? Jerralyn Kelsey of Johnson County is making a name for herself as one of the top golfers in her age group in the state.

## Kelsey takes first in Pepsi Junior Golf event

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Jerralyn Kelsey won first-place in the Pepsi Junior Golf Tour 13-and-under division played July 28 at StoneCrest Golf Course. Kelsey competed

(See GOLF, page two)



**KHSAA**

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Workshop. The program is scheduled for Friday, August 8 at the KHSAA Office in Lexington and will be used to introduce programs and procedures for those who have entered the field within the

last year.

Over the past two years, some 150 new administrators have attended the one day workshop. Contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA for more information on the program.

■ The 2003-2004 KHSAA Event Calendar is now available for purchase. The calendar includes sports specific important dates as well as Board of Control and Advisory Committee meetings and other related information. Calendars are \$8 each and can be ordered on line through the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org) or by contacting Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

■ Orders are now being taken for the 2003-2004 KHSAA Handbook. Those may also be ordered online or by contacting Ms. Mitchell. Handbooks by mail are \$15 each for the bound printed version or \$10 each if purchased in person at the KHSAA Office. The Handbook will again be available in the three-ring binder version. By mail, the binder and the insert are \$30 each for the set or \$20 each just for the insert. In-person over-the-counter purchases of the binder and insert are \$25 each or \$15 for just the insert. Handbooks, as in the past, will be mailed on Sept. 1.

■ The Athlete magazine, the quarterly publication of the

Association, is \$15 for a one-year individual subscription. The subscription includes the "Year-End" State Championship results issue.

The 2002-2003 Year-End results issue of The Athlete will be available in late August.

Schedules for boys' and girls' soccer as well as volleyball and football have been posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard. Member schools are reminded to make sure all games have been entered through the "Member School Only" link on the KHSAA website.

Beginning with the 2004 playing season, NFHS rules will change to include "rally" scoring in volleyball for all regular and post season varsity matches. Matches will consist of the best three out of five games to 25 points by two with no cap. The fifth game, if necessary will be played to 15 points by two with no cap.

In preparation for this rule change, for the 2003 playing season, KHSAA play during regular and post season varsity matches will be played using rally score with the following format. Matches will be the best two out of three games to 25 points by two with a cap at 30. The deciding (third game) game will be played to 15 by two with no cap. For non-varsity matches, the KHSAA recommends the contest be the best two out

of three played to 21 by two with a cap at 30. The third and deciding game should be played to 15 by two with no cap.

Also for this year, with the growth of volleyball throughout the state, a new alignment is in place. The state is now divided into 16 regions with only the regional winner advancing to the State Tournament. Previously, the state was divided into eight regions with the winner and runner-up advancing to the State Tournament.

This year's State Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25 at Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort.

■ The 2003 football season begins the first year of another four-year alignment cycle which will include the 2006 season. The KHSAA Board of Control approved the alignment at its Sept. 26, 2002 meeting. To view the approved alignment, log on to the KHSAA website and choose the football link under the KHSAA sports pull down.

Also of note is the elimination of the Eight-Player State Football Championship sanctioned by the Association. The KHSAA had approved an eight-player playoff tournament from 1996-98 and then sanctioned the playoffs as an official State Championship from 1999 until 2002. Last year, five teams competed in the Eight-Player

State Football Championship with Kentucky Country Day taking home the trophy with a 37-21 win over Bethlehem.

This year's State Football Finals were moved by the Board of Control in cooperation from Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center Board from the KFEC Cardinal Stadium to Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The State Football Finals are scheduled for Dec. 5-6. Ticket information will be released at a later date.

■ Following is a listing of Bowl Games scheduled for the opening two weeks of the season (Aug. 22-23 and Aug. 29-30). A complete listing of bowl games throughout the year is posted on the Association web-

(See KHSAA, page three)




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**Football**

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games, the prices are \$29 and \$22.

Clear Channel Radio will be broadcasting from the Memorial Coliseum concourse on Monday. WBUL (98.1 FM) and WLAP (630 AM) will do their morning shows from 6-9 a.m. WLAP also will do its afternoon show from 3-6 p.m. on the Memorial Coliseum concourse.

**Fans**

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and schedule cards will be available. The 2003 UK football media guide will be on sale for \$10 each. The UK volleyball team also will be present to sign autographs.

"This day is for the fans," Director of Football Marketing Jason Schlafer said. "We've been focusing on improving the fan experience, and this is a test run of what game day at Commonwealth Stadium will be like. This is a chance for our fans to meet the players and coaches in a fun and relaxed setting. The players look forward to this every year and we want to make this day as special as we can."

The players and coaches will be introduced on the field at 7:30 p.m., and fans will be allowed on the field at 8 p.m. for autographs and photos. A fireworks show will conclude the event at 9 p.m.

A limited number of season tickets will be available to purchase at Fans' Day. Single game tickets will not be available but the UK Ticket Office (in Memorial Coliseum) is open every day this week from 9 to 4 p.m. ET for purchases of single game tickets.

**FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS—PUBLIC NOTICE  
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The *Floyd County School District* keeps educational records in a secure location in each school and Board office.

The *Floyd County School District* obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a post-secondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA. NOTE: Refer to pages 46-47.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The *Floyd County School District* may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request seven years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The *Floyd County School District* may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

Children eligible for 504 services include those children who have a current physical or mental impairment that currently substantially limits some major life activity which causes the student's ability to access the school environment or school activities to be substantially limited.

The *Floyd County School District* has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school, those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless, and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need, but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The *Floyd County School District* will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the *Floyd County School District* find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability, and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the *Floyd County School District* collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the *Floyd County School District*, who may have a disability, and may need, but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please call 606.886.2354 or send the information to:

**Director of Special Education  
Floyd County Schools  
106 North Front Avenue  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
606.886.4522**

**Section 504 Coordinator  
Floyd County Schools  
106 North Front Avenue  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
606.886.4522**

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the *Floyd County School District* will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written *Policies and Procedures* have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office. Copies of these *Policies and Procedures* may be obtained by contacting:

**Director of Pupil Personnel  
Floyd County Schools  
106 North Front Avenue  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
606.886.4519**

**Director of Special Education  
Floyd County Schools  
106 North Front Avenue  
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The District office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The *Floyd County School District* provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible. If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the *Director of Pupil Personnel*, the *Director of Special Education*, or the *Section 504 Coordinator* for the *Floyd County School District* at the address or phone number listed above.

**Golf**

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aggressively, scoring her first birdie on Hole No. 5. The win qualifies Kelsey to compete in the Tournament of Champions to be played in Louisville. Watch the young Kelsey this fall as she competes with the Johnson Central High golf team.

Youth golfers from across the state compete in the Pepsi Junior Golf Tour events. Many of the state's top high school and amateur players get their start on the

tour.

Jerralyn Kelsey is the 10-year-old daughter of Bobby D. and Kimberly Frazier Kelsey of Oil Springs.

Maternal grandparents are Helen Frazier and the late Jerry Frazier of Salyersville. Paternal grandparents are B.J. and Claudine Kelsey of Oil Springs. The 10-year-old golf standout is a fifth-grade student at Highland Elementary in Johnson County.

**Shutts**

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Sport. Following Howard to the checkers was the No. 3 car of another Magoffin Countian, Scott Lemaster, who with a second-place finish, tied up what is shaping up a fierce points championship battle with Flat Gap's Bannie Blair, who recovered from a flat tire on the fifth lap to finish fifth. Davey Warnock was third ahead of Larry Blanton. The season points battles will end on Labor Day Weekend.

Joe Wooten won the Road Hog feature, outrunning points leader, Rick Baker of Perry

County, Scott Pennington, Michael Marcum, Walt Castle and Wes Bailey.

The final checkers Saturday night fell over the No. 911 Four-Cylinder of Hindman's Jason Hall. Jacob Ross, currently second in the Four-Cylinder points chase, finished second ahead of Darrell Baker, points leader Jack Clevenger, Inez's Mark Jude, and Steve Goodpaster.

*Details from the Battle of the Bluegrass feature race appear inside today's edition.*



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# Twenty-year-old UK student takes BoB win



Twenty-year-old Aaron Hatton, a University of Kentucky student, made the best of a late race misfortune on the part of Chuckie May to win the Battle of the Bluegrass feature race Saturday night at 201 Speedway.

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

SITKA - Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling, took advantage of

**Media Day**

cial photos will be available to the media the following week.

Locally, Prestonsburg High graduates Adam Bailey and Hank Mullins will enter their fourth seasons with the PC grid program. Paintsville grad Matt Brown and fellow alums Matt Runyon and Chuck Hicks are also back in the mix for the Bears.

"We look forward to the media seeing what we've been able to put together," said Coach Jerry

**Marshall**

Marshall will turn its team over on offense to quarterback Stan Hill.

A preseason media poll picked the Herd to finish behind Miami in the MAC's East Division. Several other teams are viewed as strong contenders for the league title.

Herd head coach Bobby Pruett believes this year's Marshall team could actually be better than last season's squad.

"People ask me how we're going to be," he said. "I may be hard-pressed in saying it, but I think we will be a better team than last year. We have good players. Our job as coaches is to get them going in the same direction."

Leslie will also begin his journey to a possible starting role on the offensive line today. He finished the spring as a

**KHSAA**

site using the football link off of the KHSAA sports pull down (www.khsaa.org).

**Friday, Aug. 22**

- Pike County Bowl at Pikeville
- Phelps vs. Shelby Valley, 6:30
- Pike County Central vs. East Ridge, 9 p.m.
- Cumberland Valley Bowl at South Laurel
- North Laurel vs. Hazard, 6 p.m.
- South Laurel vs. Leslie County, 9 p.m.
- Big Sandy Bowl at Paintsville
- Raceland vs. Paintsville, 6 p.m.
- Rock Hill, OH vs. Johnson Central, 8 p.m.
- St. Joseph's Hospital Bluegrass Bowl at Lexington Catholic
- St. Xavier vs. Scott Co., 5:30 p.m.
- Prestonsburg vs. Lexington Catholic, 8:30 p.m.
- Recreation Bowl at Mt. Sterling
- Breathitt Co. vs. Mason Co., 5:30 p.m.

race leader Chuckie May's spin on the 30th lap as he inherited the lead and went on to win his second career STARS Battle of

Mynatt, who will begin his first season as head coach of the Bears. "We hope they'll all come out and see our returning players as well as our recruits." Mynatt inherits a program that is 9-11 in two varsity seasons. The Bears were 6-4 a year ago.

The 2003 campaign kicks off Sept. 13 when the Bears host Concord (W.Va.) College at the W.C. Hambley Athletics Complex. Kickoff is slated for 1:30.

starter along the Herd O-line. In talking with Prestonsburg High head football coach John DeRossett, Leslie, who has played on both sides of the line and on special teams while a member of the Thundering Herd, confided that if given the chance to compete for a starting position along the offensive line in preseason drills this August, he would come out as a starter.

Sheldon Clark alum Joey Stepp is expected to start along the offensive line. With Leslie on the line, Eastern Kentucky football faithful could boast of two Marshall starters.

Lawrence County grad Michael West, a back who set several records, also returns for the Thundering Herd.

Marshall will host Hofstra in the season-opener on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 4:30 p.m.

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold a special meeting August 25 at 8 a.m. in Lexington to review appeals. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Sept. 18-19 at the KHSAA office.

the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Presented by Arizona Sport Shirts event on Saturday Night at the 201 Speedway. May had the race well in hand until he spun with ten laps to go giving the lead to Hatton as the 20 year old University of Kentucky student would go on to victory circle picking up the \$3000 first place money. Hatton piloted the Hatton Racing/Porter Tire Center/Russell Hatton Used Cars and Mobile Home Rentals/Jerry Hatton Used Cars/American Racer Tires/Draime Race Engines/MasterSbilt Chassis No. 33 to win the win.

Current STARS BoB point's leader, Mike Marlar of Winfield, Tenn. finished second in the Wilson's Service Center/Wayne Bowen Racing Supply/C.J. Rayburn Grand Prix. Third place went to Michael Chilton of Harrodsburg in the Central Painting/Chilton's Lawn Care/C.J. Rayburn Monte

**Ladycats**

by the name of the Storm, Lee County and Belfry.

On the Friday of the tournament, Betsy Layne got a bye and had to win one game to get into the finals. The Ladycats did post the necessary win and met Knott County Central in the finals on Friday. Betsy Layne finished the league with a 12-1 record.

After the officials tournament, all was not quiet for the Betsy Layne girls.

"We took off after the officials clinic league for the dead period and Kim Clark flew off to

Hawaii with an all-star group coached by Lexington Catholic's Greg Todd," said Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers. "It was a great experience for her."

While Clark and her teammates were enjoying Hawaii and winning all their games, the remaining Ladycats went to Georgetown College Team Camp July 13-17. The team finished 8-3 without Clark. The Ladycats beat Harrison County, Burgin, Jenkins, Notre Dame Academy (West Virginia) and West Carter. Betsy Layne beat three teams (Jenkins, Notre Dame, West Carter) twice. The Ladycats lost to Lexington Christian and Scott County.

Tabetha Witt fell ill on the last day of camp and could not play in the tourney. With that, Betsy Layne was without both Clark and Witt and fell to West Carter in the tournament.

The next week, Betsy Layne left for Transylvania Team Camp July 20-23. Witt had been in the hospital and got out on July 20 and was unable to take part in the camp. However, Clark was back and in action for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne finished league play at Transy 9-1 beating Somerset, Ida (Michigan), Monroe (Indiana), Powell County, Miami (Ohio), Raceland, Williamsburg, Tates Creek, Monticello and Johnson Central. In the tourney, Betsy Layne beat Ida and Powell and made it to the championship where it again lost to Hart County.

Betsy Layne finished the Transy camp 11-2 and the summer 31-6.

Ideally, a successful summer will translate into a successful 2003-04 season for the Ladycats.

"We gained a lot of experience we hope to put to good use this fall," added Akers.

"Now the next step is to get into school and classes and rest until time to start conditioning in late September."

Carlo. Finishing fourth and fifth were the team cars for the race with John Blankenship of Williamson, W.Va. posting his

best career Battle of the Bluegrass finish taking fourth in the GRT by Tim Logan/Cropper Racing Engines

entry. Timmy Yeager fought his way through the race field to finish fifth.

**STATE GAMES**

## Over 14,000 compete in Bluegrass State Games

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON - The last big weekend of the 2003 Bluegrass Summer Games is a wrap.

With the exception of the equestrian dressage competition, set for Saturday, and wrestling, results of which will be available soon, the results are complete.

Catherine Bishop of Madison County led in individual medals

with 11. She won four gold and two silver in track and field events, and one gold, three silver and one bronze in swimming. Jeff McClung, Scott County, won nine medals, and Wade Patterson, Woodford County, eight.

Other top medal winners with seven apiece were Archie Burchfield (Scott), Will Letton (Bourbon), Amanda Miller (Madison) and Richard Rydman

(Franklin). Area winners from Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties

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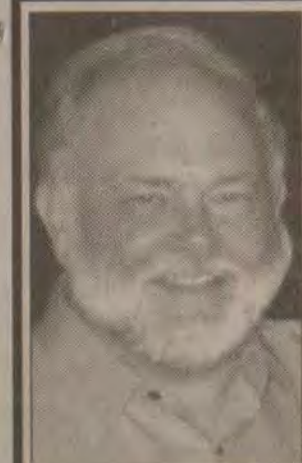
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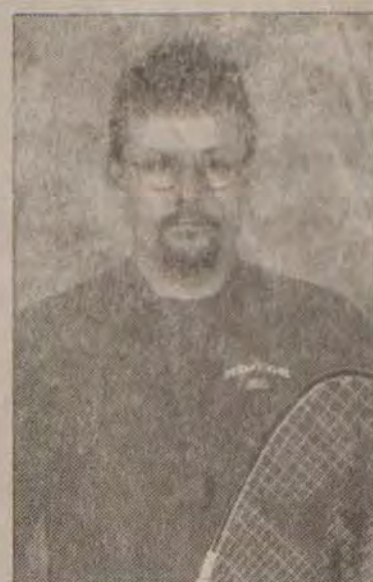
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Left: Kenny Hunter and Duane Lester, Bronze, C Doubles Racquetball.



Duane Lester, Pikeville, Silver medal, Mens D Racquetball.



Left: William Noud, Stanville, Silver, Novice Racquetball.

### State

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Participants in individual and team sports earned 6,868 awards in this year's Games. A total of 3,745 medals were awarded to individuals and 3,123 to members of teams placing first, second or in third in their sport/category.

Results from the Games are online at [www.bsgs.org](http://www.bsgs.org).

### A LOOK AT SPORTS

## Emails from home can be disturbing

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

I, like everyone else who owns a computer and is away from home, enjoys getting emails that keep you up to date as to what is happening "back home!"

Some emails are good news or just a contact with you are doin where you are at. But not all emails are good news. Like the one I received letting me know that Allen Central baseball coach, Ronnie Patton, would not return at the same position next season.

Patton help edguide the Rebels to their first-ever 15th Region baseball championship and now is out as head coach. I am not going to use this space to blast the decision made to not bring Coach Patton back but I am, like the email I received, saddened by the fact he will not return.

I have known Coach Patton from several years, ever since the days he coached elementary basketball at the old Maytown Elementary. He later moved on to Wayland Elementary and built that into a county power house.

After consolidation, Ronnie became head basketball coach at Duff Elementary.

In all the places he has coached, he has done a first class job. Again, I do not know the full story behind his dismissal, but I have appreciated his contribution to Floyd County athletics over the years, long before I covered the beat for The Times.

Ronnie was as good of a baseball man as he was in coaching basketball. One season he traveled to Knott County to work with a young baseball program that was equivalent to our Little League. He produced a championship program there. He loves the kids and at times appears to be "rough" on them, but years later ask the kid about playing for Coach Patton and he will tell you "they were great years."

I hope the event is just a suspension of sorts and not a complete dismissal from the game. Quality coaches are hard to find in the days we are living in. I like Ronnie Patton as a

coach and a person. I hope he will be back at the helm of baseball as a coach real soon.

### Football time nears

The high school football season is but three weeks away from kicking off a new season and all coaches are optimistic this time of the year. Here in Florida football will get underway until September 5.

Just the other day while traveling back from Lafayette High School where I did an interview with the

Hornets football coach, I thought how much I miss covering the pigskin season in Floyd County. While no one wanted to go to travel up Left Beaver, I enjoyed covering the games at South Floyd. Of course, they played at old Brackett Field before moving to the new facility a couple of seasons ago.

Coach Donnie Daniels and the folks at South Floyd were very hospitable people and the cook outs before the game were great. I tried to contact the Raider coach the other day but to no avail. Well, maybe later.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



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# Defense dominates Bengals mock intrasquad game

GEORGETOWN — The Cincinnati Bengals' starting defense dominated a mock intrasquad game Saturday after a humbling performance in an intrasquad scrimmage the previous night.

The black-shirted starters had four sacks and an interception in a 66-17 victory at Georgetown College.

Quarterbacks Jon Kitna and Shane Matthews each threw touchdown passes, and points were awarded normally on offense.

The defense earned points for forcing turnovers, punts or stopping the offense on downs. With players wearing shoulder pads and shorts, there was no tackling, but the game did have NFL officials.

Rookie quarterback Carson Palmer, the Heisman Trophy winner and top draft pick, was sacked four times by defensive ends Justin Smith and Duane Clemons while guiding the white-shirted reserves.

Cornerback Jeff Burris intercepted one pass and knocked down two others.

"Carson was picking on me today," Burris said. "I'll have to grab him in the locker room and see what the deal is."

Burris said watching film of Friday night's scrimmage, when the defense surrendered three touchdown passes, motivated defensive players on Saturday.

"We wanted to come out and perform better, because we know we are a better defense than that," Burris said.

The offense did not score in Palmer's eight possessions. He finished 8-of-20 for 56 yards and the interception.

Peter Warrick caught six passes for 154 yards and both TDs — a 35-yarder from Matthews and a 49-yarder from Kitna.

"Whenever I get a chance, especially downfield, I just try to make it happen — because they don't come to me often like that,"

said Warrick. Kicker Neil Rackers made field goals of 18, 40 and 34 yards and missed from 39 yards.

# Henson continues domination at Willard

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD — More great racing action went on at Willard

## RUNNING

### Runners race to fine finishes in Powell Co.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

STANTON — Locals competed and fared very well in a race during the Corn Festival held over the weekend in Powell County.

"It was a very grueling course that included Steam Shovel Mountain, which is one-half-mile climb," said racing veteran Bill Francis.

Winning runners were Tommy Randsky, 18, Powell County High School, 18:38, Randall Watts, Garner, finished second overall, 18:43.

Francis finished first in his age group, 60-65, with a time of 27:10. Brenda Layne Burton, a Martin High graduate and retired school teacher at Powell County was the first female finisher in her age division of 50-55 with a time 27:01. The run was sponsored by the Athletic Boosters Club for the Powell County High track teams.

Speedway Saturday. In the Late Model feature, the fastest qualifier with 13.856, David Conn (3) of Morehead, sped into the lead early and held on throughout. He had pedal to the metal and gained a lap or so on his competitors as these roaring motors circled the red clay oval. Coming after him steadily were Tom Hall of Denton, and Jeff Flaughter of Grayson, who finished in this order, and did cut Conn's lead to less than a lap at the finish line. Fourth and fifth places were held by Tim Dillon of Russell, and David Webb of Nicholasville.

The V6 Stock division, continuing to grow, and found only at Willard Speedway, brought out 13 entries. This economical class puts some fun back into the sport, and it's easy to see with more arriving each week at the track. Jim Allen, track owner, was quoted as saying "The V6 cars are everywhere. Get one out of your yard and bring it to the races!"

The V6 feature had the Spillmans from Louisa ending up in the front of the pack with Lynn Spillman (XXX) coming in first, and John Spillman (J27) taking third. Angela Lawson of Olive Hill separated these two taking the second place spot. Fourth and fifth places were held by Shane Boyd (47) of Catlettsburg, and #JJ3 Jason Wade of Grayson. The No. 1 pickup truck driven by Jon Allen of Langley, was holding the second place at the white flag.

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but a flat tire and an overheated engine prevented him from finishing in this position and left him in sixth place.

As usual, D.I. Henson (18K) of Garrett, took the checkers in the 4-Cylinders feature. James Mosley (99) of Garner stayed close behind Henson but never could overcome. Third, fourth and fifth were Dennis Meadows of Grayson, Perry Hunt of Owensville, and Dale Dehart of Clearfield.

The rain interfered with the feature races of the Modified, Super Street, and Bomber classes. However, these classes were qualified with the following registering the fastest times: Jason Ball at 15.421, Tom Sparks at 15.146, and Conard Newman at 17.190.

These races will be made up next week promptly beginning at 8pm. Rain tickets will not be honored as half the feature races were completed on the 2nd, and an entirely new show will be presented along with the make-up races on Saturday.

Lucky ticket holders at the intermission drawings this week were Paul Day of Olive Hill taking home the 50-50 cash, James Michael Holstein of Hurricane, W.Va., won the car wash kit, and Shelby Ferguson of Hitchens claimed the Willard Speedway free pass.

For more information on next week's races, check the website at [www.willardsspeedway.com](http://www.willardsspeedway.com) or call the track at 606/474-2477.

## Sports Calendar

### Baseball: Little League officer election

Prestonsburg Little League will meet to elect officers on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Rescue Squad. For more information, contact Rick Hughes at 886-2232.

### Football: Media Days

Prestonsburg High will hold its football media day Sunday inside Blackcat Stadium on Josh Francis Field.

The Paintsville High football team has set its annual picture day for Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 5 p.m. at Walter J. Brugh Field.

### Soccer: Signups

Floyd County will hold soccer registrations during the upcoming week. The 2003 fall season will see Floyd County soccer players play on a new home field in Allen.

Soccer registration will be at Dairy Queen in Prestonsburg on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The registration fee will be the same as last season, \$40.

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The Pikeville Area Family YMCA is currently holding registration for fall youth soccer and flag football. Signups continue this week. The fall youth soccer league is for both boys and girls ages 3-17. For more information on the signups, call Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

Memberships to the Pikeville Area Family YMCA are currently available. Memberships are as follows — Family Memberships: First Year \$392.69, Renewal \$342.69; Adult Membership: First Year \$277.88, Renewal \$247.88; Single Parent Membership: First Year \$303.87, Renewal \$273.87; Senior Couple Membership: First Year \$277.88, Renewal \$247.88; College Student First: Year \$151.09, Renewal \$131.09;

Youth: First Year \$94.96, Renewal \$84.96.

The Pikeville YMCA currently offers a variety of programs in addition to soccer and flag football. The YMCA also offers child care and outdoor activities as well as Chinese karate, basketball, gymnastics and aerobics.

### Cheerleading

Forms for Pikeville High School cheerleaders may be picked up Pikeville High School. Forms should be completed as much as possible before the physical. Athlete must be accompanied by a parent.

### Golf: Trooper Island Golf tourney

The annual Kentucky State Police Post 9 Golf Tournament, benefiting Trooper Island, is scheduled for a shotgun start at 9 a.m. on August 7 at Raven Rock Golf Course in Jenkins. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and costs \$60 per person. For more information, contact Trooper Scott Hopkins at 606/433-7711 or via the Internet at [James.Hopkins@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:James.Hopkins@mail.state.ky.us).

## BASEBALL

# Ashland Athletics finish 6th in USSSA World Series

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NICHOLASVILLE — The Ashland Athletics finished their amazing season in impressive fashion, but fell short in their bid for a World Series title.

The A's had to play three games in one day just to make it to the championship round. So, fatigue played a huge factor in the eventual 8-0 loss the Athletics suffered to the Grand Rapids Reds.

The A's began their Saturday morning with a hard-fought 5-3 victory over the Indiana Starz. Trailing 2-1 going into the top of the sixth, the Athletics got a leadoff double from Casey Howard, who later scored on an error. Derek Moore drove in two more runs with a double. That was the breathing room that Ashland needed for the win.

An hour-and-a-half later, the A's returned to the field to take on top-seeded Greensboro. Using a strong pitching performance from Tommy Pemberton and the hot bat of Shane Simpkins, who went 3-for-4 with two home runs, the Athletics won 7-4.

Following the dramatic victory, the A's had to play again

only a few hours later. Ashland managed only one hit against Grand Rapids and the eight-run mercy rule was invoked after five innings.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Deborn, Kentucky 41214, has applied for Phase I bond release on increments number 2 and 4 of permit number 880-0124 which was last issued June 11, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 942.61 acres, located 1.82 mile northwest of Thomas in Martin County.

The permit area is approximately 1.84 mile northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road, and located 0.09 mile northeast of Wolf Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$360,500.00. Approximately 60% of the original amount of \$360,500.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increments #4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$341,200.00. Approximately 60% of the original amount of \$341,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling and grading, soil sampling and testing, fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of an initial growth of vegetation completed in the spring of 2003.

Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 15, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 18, 2003, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is

received by August 15, 2003. This is the final advertisement of the application.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82, Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit number 836-5413, which was last issued on May 12, 2003. The application covers an area approximately 5.2 surface acres, located 2.6 miles south of McDowell, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from State Rt. 122 junction with Spewing Camp Branch Road, and located 1 mile southeast of Pilgrim Rest Church, the latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 04 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 43 minutes, 48 seconds.

The bond now in effect is a surety bond totaling \$19,700.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed in the spring of 2003. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 12, 2003.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 15, 2003, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5441, Amendment No. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located at Beaver in Floyd County. The amendment will add 106.12 acres and delete 1.46 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 232.66 acres, of which 184.67 acres overlie underground and/or surface acreage, making a total area of 1,975.44 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and is located within Mitchell Branch of Mud Creek and also lies along Mud Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton.

The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton. The amendment adds contour and auger mining in the

Fireclay Rider, Fireclay, and Amburgy coal seams. The 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, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4217, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, intends to transfer permit number 898-5003 to Central Appalachia Mining LLC, P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The new permit number will be 898-4217. The operation disturbs 79.80 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.0 mile north of Ivel in Pike and Floyd counties. The operation is approximately 1.0 mile north from U.S. 23's junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 1.0 mile north of Ivy Creek. The operation is located on the Harold and Broad Bottom U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments

or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8054, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, intends to transfer permit number 836-8017 to Central Appalachia Mining LLC, P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The new permit number will be 836-8054. The operation disturbs 11.95 surface acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.25 mile east of Ivel in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from U.S. Route 23's junction with Ivel Road and located 0.25 mile south of Levisa Fork. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or information conference is received by 9/26/03.

application covers an area of approximately 9 acres, located 1.6 mile northeast of Hippo, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles southeast from Rt. 850 junction with Pitts Fork Road, and located on Prater Fork of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37° 32' 48". The longitude is 82° 50' 30". The bond now in effect for the 836-0296 increment 20 is \$2300.00 approximately remainder of the original bond amount of \$15,200 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding and tree planting. Completed 12/28/00. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 9/26/03.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 9/29/03, at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or information conference is received by 9/26/03.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-01253 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. MARY ANN ROBERTS, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY AND APPALACHIAN WIRELESS DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment

and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 28th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$20,741.51, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 1088 Ky. Rt. 3379, Grethel, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: Beginning at the Berry Akers line at a planted stone at the highway thence running eastwardly with said line to the top of the point; thence running north to a marked post at Wallace Keathley's line; thence running straight down the hill with said line to a marked post at the highway, thence up the road to the beginning. The road on said property shall be owned jointly with Wallace Keathley.

TRACT II: Beginning at a beech tree at the road adjoining Larry Kidd's line and running with Larry Kidd's line to the top of the point at Don Kidd's line to the road; thence with the road to the beginning. And, being the same property conveyed from Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Mary Ann Roberts, unmarried, by deed dated July 15, 1998, and being of record in Deed Book 422, Page 432, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

For further reference see that Deed, being of record at Deed Book 217, Page 360, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, conveying the subject property in Tract 1, to Donald Kidd and Helen Kidd from Wallace Keathley and Betty Joe Keathley. Also, see that Deed, being of record at Deed Book 388, Page 722, Floyd County Court

Clerk's Office, conveying the subject property in Tract II, to Donald Kidd and Helen Hatcher from Donald D. Kidd, Jr., and Kimberly C. Kidd.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.  
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and

payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:**  
Hon. Stephen Hogg Stratton, Hogg & Maddox  
P.O. Box 268  
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

**WILLIAM S. KENDRICK**  
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# Co-Op News: Playtime can be learning time

By Theresa Scott, agent for Family & Consumer Sciences

There are a number of good reasons to make time to play with your children part of your daily routine.

Playing with children is a relaxed, easy way to learn about their interests, worries and skills. It's a wonderful way to build relationships with your children as you share valuable communications and fun. Playing with

them also gives children a fun way to learn skills that will prepare them for adulthood.

When playing with your children, be sure activities are based on what the children enjoy, whether it's playing hide-and-seek, having a tea party, or blasting off in a spaceship.

The more children experience, the richer and more varied their playtime becomes. Take them to see people, places and things and allow them to

feel and experience the events by climbing onto the seat of a fire engine, petting animals at the fair, covering themselves with sand at the beach, and the like.

Adding playfulness and fantasy to everyday situations can help children relax and enjoy routines more. For example, make cleanup more enjoyable by playing games like flying the airplane back to the airport or seeing how many toys they can carry at one

time. One way to become more involved with your children is to start a sentence each person completes in turn. For example, it could be, "The most surprising thing I learned today was..." or "One of the things I did well today was...". The sentence goes around until everyone has shared their experiences.

Playing with your children motivates them, teaches cooperation and

trust and builds self-esteem, independence and self-sufficiency. It also helps them to get to know themselves and their world. Play continues to be important as children grow into teenage years and beyond.

There are many delightful ways to play with your children. A few of these are listed below. Use imagination and children's interests to develop

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## POISON OAK

### Experiencing late summer

Age sure does change a feller. Ten years ago—even five years ago—I would have never so much as glanced at a particular article I read in the paper last week. But, I suppose that just goes

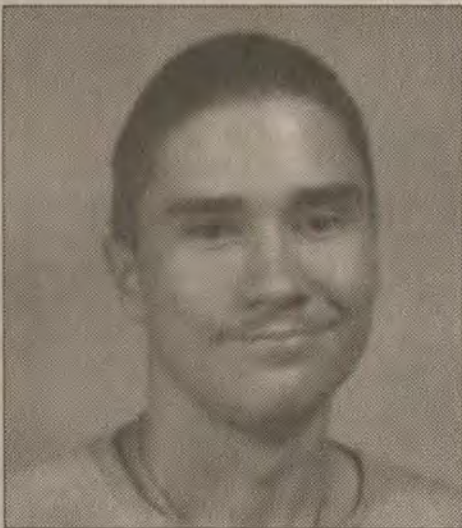


Clyde Pack

to show how much our perspective tends to change as we add mileage to our personal odometers; as we come to realize that if we're not living in the autumn of our lives, we're certainly experiencing late summer.

The article, by Peter T. Kilborn of the New York Times news service, discussed how residents in remote areas of North Dakota tend to live longer than folks do elsewhere. Although interviews and statistics won't likely cause too many of us to pack up and move west, at least in my case, his article did stir a bit of interest. For example, in an interview with a very active 91 year-old Chris Mailer, Kilborn learned that longevity

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### Sturgill named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy (USAA) has named Cory Michael Belue Sturgill an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. All-American Scholars also become eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Belue, who attends Prestonsburg High School, was nominated for this award by Karen DeRossett, PHS guidance counselor. He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, a national publication.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors.

Belue is the son of Michael D. and Sandy Sturgill, of Prestonsburg.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Little Halie Johnson is all smiles as she shows off the new outfit she got at the Town Branch Church clothing give-away. Halie was so tickled with all the goings-on that she asked to pose with Earlene Nelson, founder of the clothing give-away program.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

These two happy little girls were pleased as punch to get some new clothing for school. Their mom, who is going through a divorce, said that the clothing give-away helped her family "tremendously."

## Ministering to their needs

Nelson said that many of those who have participated in the church's programs have "stayed on and become part of the family" by becoming regular members who attend faithfully each week.

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by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

From a humble beginning of 100 winter coats, the Town Branch Clothing Give-Away has grown to include not only winter coats, which now number closer to 1,000 given away each year, but back-to-school clothes, Christmas outfits and gifts, Easter outfits and even special Valentine's Day items.

"It all started out pretty small," said Earlene Nelson, wife of Pastor Tom Nelson, "and it just grew and grew. From 100 coats to 1,000 and clothes for every holiday, plus shoes and personal items. It just goes to show you that if God is in it, it will multiply."

Nelson said that initially she "just wanted to reach out in some way and show people that someone cares."

Beginning with a small food pantry that Nelson began several years ago as a means to reaching out to those who "had hurt" in their lives, Nelson said that she, her husband, other family members and community helpers, have seen their program grow to include almost anything that a struggling family might need from food to toiletries to household items and clothing for not only children, but adults as well.

"We come in here and there will bags and boxes of stuff left beside the door," said Karen Marcum, a relative of Nelson's. "We don't where it comes from, it's just here and we put it to good use."

The women say that it's primarily the children they seek to help, but that their

(See NEED, page four)



Jonathan Blackburn, the son of Kevin and Rhonda Blackburn, showed up for church Sunday morning wearing one of his new outfits and sporting a fresh haircut making him "all ready" for the beginning of a new school year.

## CRITTER CORNER

# Pets are family, too

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I apologize for so many missed articles and reprints lately; summer is a difficult season for me to get anything done. I am recycling yet another column; partly due to the still-hecktic pace of my life, and partly because I wanted to respond to the letter that Mr. George Kidd wrote to the editor of the Floyd County Times last week concerning

the people abandoning puppies. I will try to address that particular situation in more depth later on. It's a problem that concerns me greatly. In fact, if anyone saw the crazy woman on her hands and knees crawling through the landscaping at the Prestonsburg McDonald's drive-through on Sunday, it was me, trying (unsuccessfully) to capture a very pregnant stray dog. I also wanted to thank the woman who

was kind enough to bring me a leash and a couple of hamburgers to help lure her in.

The last time I ran this column, it generated a lot of comments, so I don't feel too bad about using it again.

A man in Grand Rapids, Michigan incredibly took out a

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"Max." Max is a full stock German Shepherd who will be 2 years old in August. He is proudly owned by Brian and Jerri Turner, of Drift, who love him very much.



# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year 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

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

## 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. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These 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

■ 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.

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ 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:

## PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

■ Center is open weekdays 8 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.

## SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to pub-

lic (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 Tristan 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 contact Gary Frazier at 874-8328.

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

■ "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.

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(August 11, 1993)

Floyd County's Sheriff's deputies are investigating the possibility that a skull found in North Carolina two years ago could be that of a missing Floyd County man. Detective-Sergeant Lloyd Powers said, Tuesday, that a segment about the discovery of the skull on the television show "American's Most Wanted" prompted Kenneth Manns, whose brother has been missing since 1990, to contact the Floyd County sheriff's department. Mitchell Manns was last seen in March 1990, near Martin. Manns, 39, was reportedly going to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital to visit a relative. Powers said, at this time, authorities are uncertain if the skull is Manns' because a skull fracture scar reportedly did not match that of Manns...State budget cuts are likely to mean more work for area parole officers, and less supervision of serious offenders released from prison. Effective September 1, the state Corrections Cabinet will discontinue a nine-year-old program that provided extensive supervision of prison paroles in 33 counties where the service has been provided, merging supervision of those people into the state's regular probation and parole system...A Floyd County native has been hired to take over the maintenance and custodial operations for the Floyd County school system. Gregory Dean Adams, formerly of McDowell, most recently worked as a facility engineer with Brunswick Corporation's Defense Division in Willard, Ohio...Lynda Shepherd, 82, held up stoically through the final day of operation of the Gunlock Post Office, a small office in southern Magoffin County, with which she had been affiliated for the last 56 years. She held up, that is, until her daughter, Gunlock postmaster Janice Cooley, hauled Old Glory down for the last time from the flagpole in front of the tin-covered postal building. It was an emotional moment for Lynda, who has strong familial ties to the office...Prestonsburg City Council voted, Monday, not to pursue criminal charges against a former city employee indicted for misusing city funds. After a brief closed session to discuss litigation, Councilman Billy Ray Collins moved that city attorney Larry Brown contact the commonwealth attorney's office to drop theft charges against Paul Chaffins, if the former city worker makes restitution...A state hearing officer is recommending that the Floyd County Board of Education's four-year school facility plan be approved and that an addition to Betsy Layne Elementary be moved up the priority list. Richard Harter, who conducted a public hearing, July 27, on the proposed facility plan, issued his report, Monday, to local school officials. The local board clashed with the district's Local Planning Committee (LPC) when the board voted to abandon a 21-classroom addition at

Betsy Layne Elementary...The General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Business Organizations and Professions will meet at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn on Friday, August 13, beginning at 1 p.m. The meeting will deal with horseracing legislation, said committee Chairman Sen. Jeff Green, D-Mayfield. The committee will discuss 94 RS BR 240, a bill sponsored by Reps. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and Russell Bentley, D-Topmost...Martin city officials have declared an emergency situation involving an inoperable sewer system which is the center of debate between the city and the board of directors of a private school. City leaders are trying to head-off \$25,000 per day in fines from the state's environmental protection agency (EPA) for a faulty sewer system they say they don't own. City officials say that the board of directors for Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) own the system and claim school officials installed the system without the city's permission. Raw sewage is being dumped into Beaver Creek, because of problems with the lift station...Martin fire chief William Petry wasn't sure what caused the blaze that destroyed a home, Wednesday night, just outside Martin's City limits, but he said the fire was of a suspicious nature." Petry said firefighters worked an arson case at the location a couple of years ago at the request of the Unisign Corporation, which owned the house at the time...It will take a majority of school board members to vote to proceed with construction of a 21-classroom addition at Betsy Layne Elementary, a citizen's group was told, Tuesday. Three members of the Floyd County Board of Education met with about 35 Betsy Layne residents, Tuesday, who asked for the meeting to question a board decision to abandon the classroom addition project...Floyd County Fiscal Court members held the second reading of an ordinance, Wednesday, to issue bonds to build a fairgrounds and convention center on property near Route 3. Issuing bonds for that project was the only item on Wednesday's special meeting agenda...The Prestonsburg Housing Authority will apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a grant for 25 additional dwelling units, and will resubmit a proposal to HUD for improvements to its properties. If the housing grant is approved, the Housing Authority will look at possible sites for the project. The funding may also be used to add units to existing housing developments...Two Floyd County projects figured prominently in Governor Brereton Jones' plan to address a state revenue shortfall that is expected to leave the state some \$300 million in the red in 1994. In a news conference Wednesday, in Frankfort, Jones outlined proposals to reduce state spending by \$347 million in 1994, including budget cuts, fund transfers and spending delays. The Floyd County projects mentioned in the proposals—a new privately-operated prison at Wheelwright, and a new senior citizens center at Martin—apparently will be

delayed...There died: Thomas Wayne Waddles, 21, of Shelbyville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Marvin Orlando Alley, 81, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; George Dewey Howell, 95, of Middletown, formerly of Dana, Thursday, in the Suburban Hospital, Louisville; Julius Mulkey, 51, of Harold, Tuesday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Brenda Joyce Rupert Vandenbosch, 40, of Clinton, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, July 28, at Thorn Hospital in Michigan; Shirley Crum Samons, 76, of Martin, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Hazel Leah Hamilton, 78, of Pikeville, formerly of Craynor, Saturday, at St. Clair Hospital in Morehead; Hubert Quentin Meade, 13, of Toler Creek, Sunday, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Annabelle Greene Maggard, 76, of Pearisburg, Virginia, Monday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond; Polly W. Burke, 51, of Weeksbury, Sunday, at Logan General Hospital, Logan, West Virginia; Harley William Kilgore, 73, of Hippo, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maud Pickle, 75, of Melvin, Saturday, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Gladys Lewis Dixon, 71, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willard Curt George, 78, of Ivel, Tuesday, at the Veterans Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Curtis Smallwood, 65, of Melvin, Wednesday, at his residence; Irma Stewart Tallent, 72, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, at Southwest Florida Regional Heart Institute, Ft. Meyers, Florida; Mason Gibson, 82, of Garner, Tuesday, at the Knott County Nursing Home; Annetta Mariani Verich, 97, of Laona, Wisconsin, who resided with her daughter at Langley, since June of this year, Friday, July 23, at the Crandon Nursing Home; Christopher Jordan Allen, infant son of Christopher and Cynthia Lois Woodrum Allen, Tuesday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

## Twenty Years Ago

(Wednesday, August 7, 1983)

Shawn Curry, 18, of Bypro, was crowned America's Homecoming Queen at the Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada...Charles Douglas Sexton, 25, pleaded guilty to two counts of complicity to commit burglary, and received a one-year jail sentence on each count...Two brothers, Walter S. Lazar, 37, and Reginald G. Lazar, 34, both of Estill, died, and Charles Martin, 39, of Estill, was wounded and in critical condition, following a gun battle staged at short range, inside an Estill home...Thomas Lafferty Sr., was named trial commissioner, replacing Ellis Martin, who resigned the position last week...There died: Pat Hall, 60, of McDowell, Saturday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Lilly Carroll, daughter of Hiram and Sandra

Carroll of Printer, was stillborn at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, August 9; Hager Frazier, 73, Friday, at his home at Indian Hills; Robert C. Oaks, 72, of Melvin, last Wednesday, in a Lexington hospital; Lysh Little, 87, last Monday, in his home at Weeksbury; James Russell Miller, 52, of Middle Creek, Friday, at his home; William C. Lafferty, 41, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, in a Lexington hospital; Vennie Sanford, 77, of Prestonsburg, yesterday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Thirty Years Ago

(August 15, 1973)

A legal battle appears in the offing as the Floyd Fiscal Court proposes to issue 20-year franchises to operators of community cable television systems in the county...Franklin Judge Henry Meigs, last week, issued an injunction restraining the Flatwood Mining Company from strip-mining coal at two sites on Toler Creek, this county...Junior Shepherd, 30, of Hueysville, scoop operator for the Beaver Creek Division, National Mines Corp., was instantly killed, last Tuesday, when the deck of a tractor which he was pushing slid beneath that of another...A Floyd County mining company joined 21 others last week in a U.S. District Court suit, filed at Pikeville, to challenge the constitutionality of the black lung law's provisions making them responsible for benefits on claims dating after July 1...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hall, of Hamilton, O., formerly of McDowell, a son, Virgil Lincoln, Aug. 2; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Slone, of Lackey, a daughter, July 30; to Mr. and Mrs. Aster Collins, of Price, twin daughters, Aug. 1; to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Reilly, of Columbus, O., a son, Shawn Stephen, Aug. 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...There died; Danny Herbert Hall, 23, of Grethel, Wednesday, here; Taulbee McGuire, 85, of Dwale, Wednesday, here; Marshall D. Tyson, 56, of Wheelwright, Thursday, at Price; Mrs. Sally Ousley, 88, of Martin, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Bossie Yates, 77, last Monday, at her home at Allen; Johnnie Martin, 59, of Hueysville, Friday, at home; Mrs. Ona B. Pennington, 67, of Ashland, formerly of Wheelwright, and Prestonsburg, recently at Ashland; Harry G. Hopkins Sr., 58, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Harold, August 1, at Martin; Jake Edward Baker, formerly of this county, August 6, at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Ed Martin, 56, of Eastern, Saturday, at Martin; Dingus Gayheart, 87, of Louisville, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Louisville.

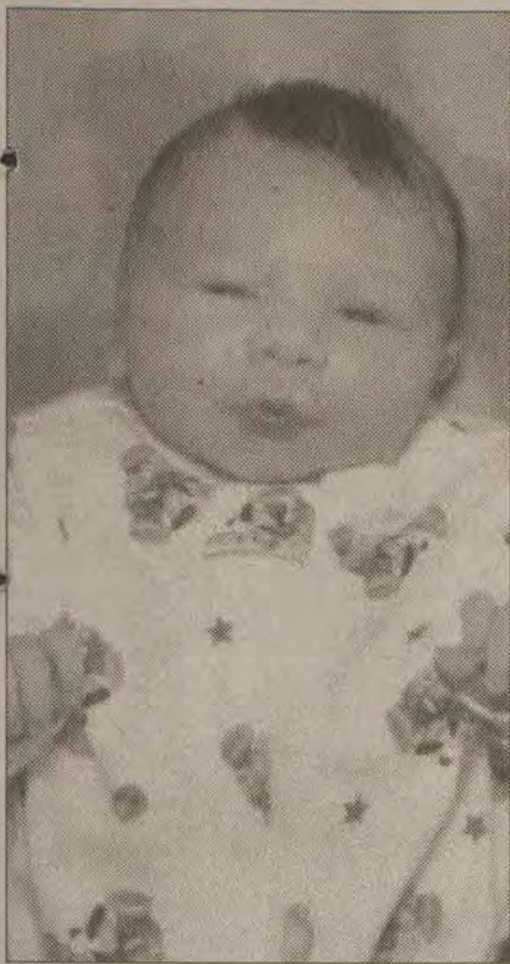
## Forty Years Ago

(August 15, 1963)

Deputy Sheriff Harold Johnson said, this week, that he saw in the dynamiting of his automobile, before daybreak last



# Birth



## It's a Boy!

Stetson Lee Stephens was born on June 6, 2003, to parents Heather Lee Sutton and Delbert (Dale) Gordon Stephens, of Floyd County, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Stetson Lee is the maternal grandson of Jackie A. and Angela Sutton, of Henderson County. His paternal grandparents are Delbert and Elizabeth Stephens, of Martin. He has one half-brother, Andrew Spurlock. His family is very pleased with his arrival.

## Critter

\$7000 full-page ad in the paper to present the following essay to the people of his community.  
**HOW COULD YOU?**

Jim Willis, 2001

When I was a puppy, I entertained you with my antics and made-you laugh. You called me your child, and despite a number of chewed shoes and a couple of murdered throw pillows, I became your best friend. Whenever I was "bad," you'd shake your finger at me and ask, "How could you?" — but then you'd relent and roll me over for a bellyrub.

My housebreaking took a little longer than expected, because you were terribly busy, but we worked on that together. I remember those nights of nuzzling you in bed and listening to your confidences and secret dreams, and I believed that life could not be any more perfect.

We went for long walks and runs in the park, car rides, stops for ice cream (I only got the cone because "ice cream is bad for dogs" you said), and I took long

naps in the sun waiting for you to come home at the end of the day.

Gradually, you began spending more time at work and on your career, and more time searching for a human mate. I waited for you patiently, comforted you through heartbreaks and disappointments, never chided you about bad decisions, and romped with glee at your homecomings, and when you fell in love.

She, now your wife, is not a "dog person" — still I welcomed her into our home, tried to show her affection, and obeyed her. I was happy because you were happy. Then the human babies came along and I shared your excitement. I was fascinated by

their pinkness, how they smelled, and I wanted to mother them, too. Only she and you worried that I might hurt them, and I spent most of my time banished to another room, or to a dog crate.

Oh, how I wanted to love them, but I became a "prisoner of love." As they began to grow, I became their friend. They clung to my fur and pulled themselves up on wobbly legs, poked fingers in my eyes, investigated my ears, and gave me kisses on my nose. I loved everything about them and their touch—and I would've defended them with my life if need be. I would sneak into their beds and listen to their worries and secret dreams, and

together we waited for the sound of your car in the driveway.

There had been a time, when others asked you if you had a dog, that you produced a photo of me from your wallet and told them stories about me. These past few years, you just answered "yes" and changed the subject. I had gone from being "your dog" to "just a dog," and you resented every expenditure on my behalf. Now, you have a new career opportunity in another city, and you and they will be moving to an apartment that does not allow pets. You've made the right decision for your "family," but there was a time

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# Parsons Family Reunion

## CO-OP

more ways to play with your children.

Play board games. These teach children to pay attention, take turns and that winning isn't the most important thing in life. Rather, how you play and how much you enjoy the game are much more important.

Set aside an hour or two each week for family playtime. Let the kids take the lead on how to spend the time. This will build on their leadership skills and let them feel like they're in charge for a change.

Have a "no-television night" once a week; use the time to play games like charades, put on your own skits, or discuss what each person

has been doing that week.

Make up stories with your children. Follow each child's lead as you work together to make up imaginary characters. You never know where these adventures will take you.

Encourage outdoor or physical activities such as bike-riding or swimming. You can join older children in a tennis or basketball game.

Source: Sam Quick

For more information on parenting, contact Theresa Scott at 886-2668.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

## HRMC New Arrivals

July 22, 2003

A son, Alexander James Little, to Jennifer Renee Tackett

July 22, 2003

A son, John David Roberts, to Kathryn and James Roberts

July 22, 2003

A son, Jack Tyler Blevins, to Allison Layne

July 23, 2003

A son, Trenton Douglas Jarvis, to Darla and Sheldon Jarvis

July 23, 2003

A son, Brian Keith Robinette, to Lucy and Brian Robinette

July 23, 2003

A son, Darren Michael Ratliff, to Leslie Sue and Paul Michael Ratliff

July 23, 2003

A daughter, Cheyenne Nicole

Reynolds, to Joyce Ann Risner

July 23, 2003

A daughter, Sarah Neill Russell, to Patricia and Terry Russell

July 24, 2003

A son, Timothy Ryan Crager, to Teresa Ann Hagans

July 24, 2003

A son, Joseph Lamar Moyer, to Dorcas Ellen and Dwight Edwin Moyer

July 24, 2003

A son, Ryan John David Mead, to Ashley and Joshua Meade

July 24, 2003

A son, Bentley James Reynolds, to Regina Yvonne and James Reynolds

July 24, 2003

A daughter, Tori Lashae Craft, to Clydia Lea Bradley

July 24, 2003

A son, Aaron Scott Perkins, to Sherry and Rodney Perkins

July 25, 2003

A son, Nicholas Wayne Beverly, to Crystal and Michael

Beverly

July 25, 2003

A daughter, Alexis Juneann Murriell, to Lori and Brandon Murriell

July 25, 2003

A daughter, Jaden Lynan Minix, to Leslie and Dwight Minix

July 26, 2003

A son, Donovan Randy Patrick, to Tanya and Danny Patrick

July 26, 2003

A daughter, Charlotte Rose Wisnioski, to Deborah and Lee Wisnioski

July 27, 2003

A son, Dirk Dawson Jones, to Melissa Hamilton

July 27, 2003

A son, Donovan Michael Ray Jones, to Melissa Hamilton

July 27, 2003

A daughter, Alisa Reese Lasha Hensley, to Lisa and Ricky Hensley

July 28, 2003

A son, Justin Thomas Kestner, to Rose Marie Reed

## Yesterdays

Sunday morning, retaliation from bootleggers whom he had warned to get out of the business...Seven circuit court suits filed this week by property owners on Spewing Camp fork of Left Beaver Creek, seek to recover a total of \$149,000 from the Inland Steel Company for alleged damages inflicted upon their lands through mining operations of the firm...James Milford "Toodles" Wells, of Morehead, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Friday, quit the post of state director of probation and parole...Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed, and sent to the Senate, the Vocational Educational Act of 1963, sponsored by Congressman Carl D. Perkins, Democrat of the 7th District of Kentucky...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon Gray, a daughter, Gina Francine, August 1, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Kent Webb, of Springfield, O., a son, Brian Alan, July 27...There died: Fred Stumbo, 81, last Tuesday, at home at McDowell; Mrs. Lillie Newsome VanHoose, 45, Friday, at home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Maude Childers, 67, of Emma, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Mary King, 92, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, here; Mrs. Edna Reedy Mosley, 37, of Wheelwright, Monday, at Huntington; Mrs. Clemma Little, 81, of Moore's Creek, Ky., August 3; Robert O. Stephens, 82, Saturday, at home at Water Gap.

## Fifty Years Ago

(August 20, 1953)

By mid-autumn, construction of the UMWA hospital at McDowell, will be underway to provide medical care for United Mine Workers Welfare and Retirement Fund beneficiaries...Thirty-three child desertion cases are set for trial at the term of circuit court which convenes September 7, and this offense appears so often on the docket that three days of the term have been set aside as "Child Desertion Days"...Cpl. Charles Ray Boyd, 21, of Prestonsburg, last week, became the fourth Floyd Countian to be released from Korean prisoner of war camps...Patricia Ann Lafferty, five months old, of Garrett, is Floyd County's second reported polio case this year...With Councilman Watt Hale given some assistance by the city, and with free labor and some cash contributions, a playground, with swings and seesaws, has been installed for West Prestonsburg children...Two touchdown passes thrown by all-state, all-southern John Delmar Hughes, of Prestonsburg, gave the East a 14-13 upset victory over the West, last Saturday night, at Lexington...An estimated 5,000 persons visited the Floyd County Fish & Game Club's 11th annual fish fry at the Allen Golf Course...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball, a son, James Richard, August 7, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Fitzpatrick, of David, a son, August 15, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks, of Stone Coal, a son, Ronald Ray, August 14...There died: Shane Gibson, four-

month-old daughter of Farley and Minerva McGuire Gibson, August 13, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

## Sixty Years Ago

(August 19, 1943)

Floyd County's quota of 452 selectees to be called into service next month, will complete the scraping of the "barrel" for all the county's single men, married men without children, and men who became fathers after Pearl Harbor, it is believed...Pfc. Hershel Hamilton, 25-year-old infantryman, of Banner, who was killed during fighting in Tunisia, May 15, has been awarded, posthumously, the Purple Heart...Third Class Gunner's Mate Delbert (Red) Ison, of Langley, last week received a commendation from the Navy Department for "outstanding bravery in the performance of duty" during recent action in the Mediterranean...Cpl. Everett E. Osborne, 21, Camp Ellis, Illionis, was seriously injured in a car wreck at Sugar Loaf, Thursday night...Treatment of coaldust-blackened water before it is turned from the Elk Horn Coal Corporation's coal washing plant at Wayland, into Right Beaver Creek, has been asked by State Board of Health authorities, it was said here this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Crisp, of Lancer, a son, James Herbert...There died: James D. Williams, three days old, of Myrtle, August 19; Mrs. Ada Church Hale, 85, Wednesday, at West Prestonsburg; Otis Lee, 11 months old, of Betsy Layne, Thursday; Mrs. Ben Hunt, 63, of Lancer, Thursday; Alice Fay Ousley, 20 days old, Sunday, at home at Manton; Mrs. Nancy Jane Pennington, 63, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Juanita Blevins, 16, of Harold, at the Martin General Hospital, Sunday.

## Seventy Years Ago

(August 18, 1933)

The employees of the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company held their annual picnic in the grove on the Frank Allen farm at Lem, on Right Beaver Creek, Sunday...It is conservatively estimated that more than one and one quarter millions of persons have already been put back to work in the National Recovery drive...The American Legion, Floyd Post No. 129, is staging, in connection with American Legion Week, a fall festival to take place here, beginning on Labor Day and lasting all week...Married: Miss Lucille Baxter, of Paintsville and Mr. George Herman Fitzpatrick, formerly of Prestonsburg, now of Miami, Florida, Tuesday, at Salyersville...There died: Ben Franklin May, 86, Saturday, at his home on Mare Creek; D.P. Stout, 65, of Middle Creek, August 11, at his home near Hillsdale; Mrs. Sarah Munsey, Sunday, at the home of her son in West Prestonsburg.

# Bronze Star for some WWII Combat Veterans

## World War II recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge are eligible

World War II veterans who earned the Army's Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) or the Combat Medical Badge (CMB) are eligible to receive the Bronze Star Medal. Army regulations state that the award of either of these badges is considered evidence of exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy prior to July 1, 1947. The Bronze Star Medal was established by Executive Order for certain heroic or meritorious

achievement actions after December 6, 1941. So, a CIB or CMB earned after December 6, 1941 and before July 1, 1947 qualifies the individual for a Bronze Star Medal. The Bronze Star Medal based on the award of the CIB or CMB before July 1, 1947 may be requested by a letter application. The letter should include: full name, social security number, service number, date and place of birth, delivery address, phone number, a clear statement of what you are trying to accomplish and signature. Requests should be submitted to: National Personnel Records Center, Medal Section NRPMA-M, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

## Oak

was really no big deal for these folks. Mailer's father had lived to be 89, his mother 87. But his sister, who died last year, lived to be 100. He has a brother 98, and another who's 87. A third brother died last year at 92. His wife died this past January, at age 90.

Of course, we are all aware of families, even here in Eastern Kentucky, who seem to have a tendency to out-live most folks. But we consider those people as exceptions. Among the farming communities of North Dakota's Great Plains, however, they seem to be the rule. The article stated that last year, 51 people died in the county in which Chris Mailer lives. One woman (Mailer's sister) was 100, and a man was 99. The average age of the women who died was 85; the men averaged 80.

So naturally, all this calls for some sort of logical explanation. What would tend to cause ordi-

nary people, in this day and time; to defy such odds? Based upon speculation of the people he talked with, Kilborn sums it up thusly: "Clean air; going slow; patience; a low-cost, low-stress economy; keeping an eye out for one another. (and) long, stable marriages."

If this list accurately reflects the reasons for longevity, it's a little wonder that the rest of the country is dropping like flies, including us here in the mountains. Although we're lucky not to have the problems of the big cities, we still don't breathe clean air. Neither do we go slow. Furthermore, we hillbillies are also among the most impatient people in the world. And yes, we do fret over the economy. When it comes to our neighbors—at one time, our strong suit in this little game—it's now a "do unto others,

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Huff to attend Charlotte event

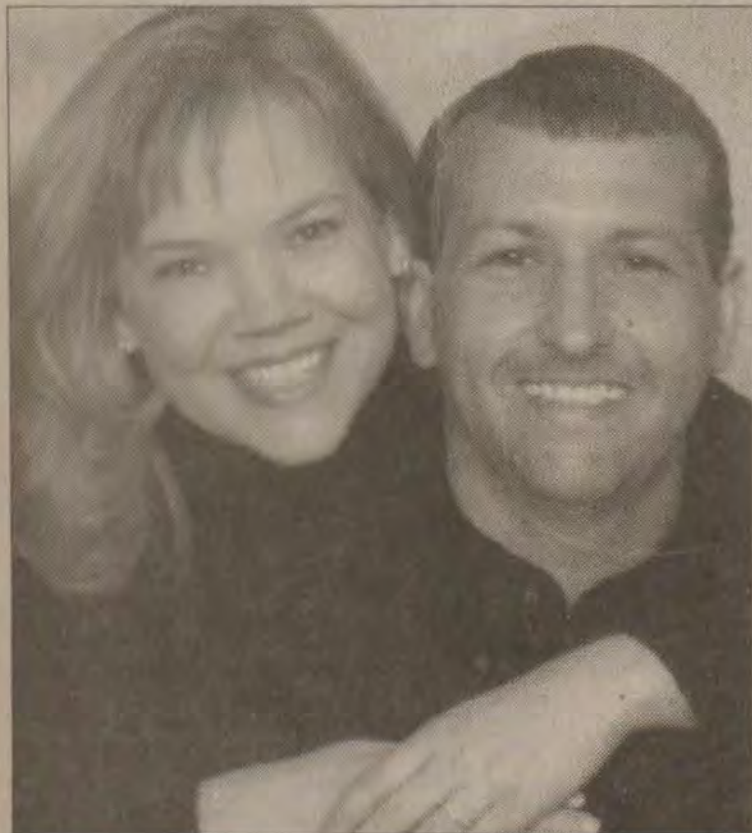
Emily Michelle Huff, the daughter of Jenny and Craig Huff, of Bevinville, has been selected to attend the Millie Lewis International Model & Talent Expose', to be held this fall in Charlotte, North Carolina. Emily was chosen to represent Millie Lewis International in the category of modeling. The granddaughter of Ruth Huff, of Bevinville, and the late Buford Huff, and Sue Gibson, of Garrett, and the late Ernest Gibson, Emily is also active in the Mountain Arts Center Performing Arts programs and Floyd County Schools All-County Chorus.

Weddings



Patton-Long

Eddie and Joy Patton, of McDowell, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lorrie Elizabeth, to Scott Long, of San Diego, California. The bride to be is a graduate of Brigham Young University. Mr. Long is currently a student at Brigham Young University. The couple will be married on Saturday, August 16, 2003, in a ceremony that will be performed in San Diego. Following, on Saturday, August 23, a reception will be held in their honor at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, located on Route 80, in Martin, from 6-8 p.m. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Leslie-Thomas

John Paul and Pam Leslie, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Brooke Leslie, to Kenneth Alan Thomas, the son of J.B. and Bernadine Thomas, of Lebanon. The couple will marry in a ceremony that will be held on October 6, 2003, at Mandalay Bay-Chapel by the Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Need



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Frank Nelson donated his time and skills to giving free haircuts to school children who showed up to take part in the day's offerings this past Saturday.

ministry is to reach out to anyone in need. "We don't judge anyone and we don't turn anyone away," Marcum said.

The small community church receives help in their ministry from "Tender Loving Care Ministries," in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as well as the "Friends of the Children" ministry, of California. "TLC sends children's clothing up to size 8, then Friends of the Children steps in to help the older kids by sending the larger sizes," said Nelson.

In addition to the clothing give-aways, the church also runs a soup kitchen and hosts several dinners each month. Pastor Nelson and others from the church also minister to those who are incarcerated and have even performed baptisms at the county jail.

"None of this is really about the clothing, or even the food," said Nelson. "It's about a ministry. A ministry that seeks to help those who have hurt in their lives. You know, I prayed to God for him to send me just one person with a hurt, someone that I could help, and He has sent me all of this," she said.

Nelson said that many of those who have participated in the church's programs have "stayed on and become part of the family" by becoming regular members who attend faithfully each week.

"We love them," she said, "the children and the adults."

For more information about the Town Branch Church and its youth and adult ministries or any of their programs for the needy, call Pastor Tom Nelson at 889-9286.

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but do it first" philosophy. And finally, we've even seemingly adopted the idea of "starter marriages."

We don't know how much good it'd do to try to change our lifestyle at this point, and there's

no way we could all move to North Dakota. Guess about all we can do is hope we'll end up being the exception. After all, growing old isn't all that bad, when you consider the alternative.

Floyd students named to ECU Dean's List

The following Floyd County students have been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2003 semester at Eastern Kentucky University: Michael Douglas Goble, of Banner; Wesley Dean Nelson, of Banner; Justin G. Campbell, of Dwale; Amanda Lynn Hall, of Grethel; BreAnna Nicole Harris, of Harold; Paul Matthew Hagans, of Langley;

Contessa Sheena Brock, of Prestonsburg; Sara R. Fraley, of Prestonsburg; Rachelle Greer, of Prestonsburg; Laura Elizabeth Neeley, of Prestonsburg; Kimberly Renee Slone, of Prestonsburg; and Amanda D. Clark, of Stanville.

Each student earned a 3.5 grade point average, or higher, in order to be named to the ECU Dean's List.

Named USAA national award winner



Crum Middle, nominated him for this recognition.

This award is a prestigious honor attained by few students. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American students.

Chadwick will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, a national publication.

The Academy selects students upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy. Criteria for selection include academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability.

Chadwick is the maternal grandson of Mrs. Ethel Marcum, of Crum, West Virginia. He is the paternal grandson of Acie and Polly Mahon, of North Matewan, West Virginia.

Critter

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when I was your only family.

I was excited about the car ride until we arrived at the animal shelter. It smelled of dogs and cats, of fear, of hopelessness. You filled out the paperwork and said, "I know you will find a good home for her." They shrugged and gave you a pained look. They understand the realities facing a middle-aged dog, even one with "papers." You had to pry your son's fingers loose from my collar, as he screamed "No, Daddy Please don't let them take my dog!" And I worried for him, and what lessons you had just taught him about friendship and loyalty, about love and responsibility, and about respect for all life.

You gave me a good-bye pat on the head, avoided my eyes, and politely refused to take my collar and leash with you. You had a deadline to meet and now I have one, too. After you left, the two nice ladies said you probably knew about your upcoming move months ago and made no attempt to find me another good home. They shook their heads and asked, "How could you?"

They are as attentive to us here in the shelter as their busy schedules allow. They feed us, of course, but I lost my appetite days ago. At first, whenever anyone passed my pen, I rushed to the front, hoping it was you that you had changed your mind—that this was all a bad dream...or I hoped it would at least be someone who cared, anyone who might save me. When I realized I could not compete with the frolicking for attention of happy puppies, oblivious to their own fate, I retreated to a far corner and waited. I heard her footsteps as she came for me at the end of the day, and I padded along the aisle after her to a separate room. A blissfully quiet room. She placed me on the table and rubbed my ears, and told me not to worry. My heart pounded in anticipation of what was to come, but there was also a sense of relief. The prisoner of love had run out of days.

As is my nature, I was more concerned about her. The burden which she bears weighs heavily on her, and I know that, the same

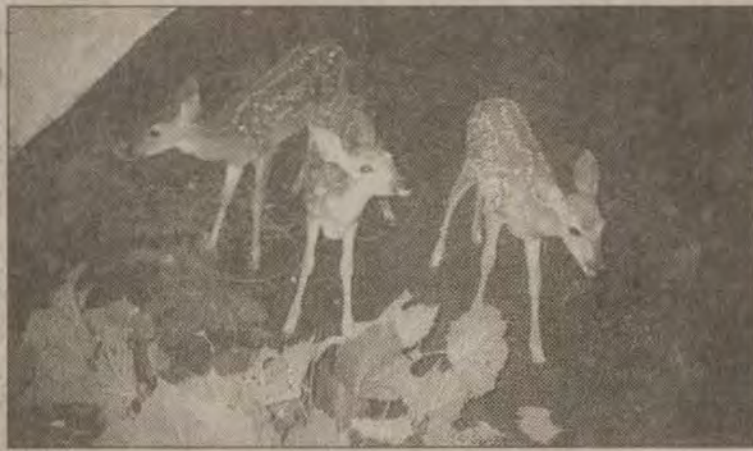
way I knew your every mood. She gently placed a tourniquet around my foreleg as a tear ran down her cheek. I licked her hand in the same way I used to comfort you so many years ago. She expertly slid the hypodermic needle into my vein. As I felt the sting and the cool liquid coursing through my body, I lay down sleepily, looked into her kind eyes and murmured "How could you?"

Perhaps because she understood my dogspeak, she said, "I'm so sorry." She hugged me, and hurriedly explained it was her job to make sure I went to a better place, where I wouldn't be ignored or abused or abandoned, or have to fend for myself — a place of love and light so very different from this earthly place. And with my last bit of energy, I tried to convey to her with a thump of my tail that my "How could you?" was not directed at her.

It was directed at you, My Beloved Master, I was thinking of you. I will think of you and wait for you forever. May everyone in your life continue to show you so much loyalty.

■ A Note from the Author: If "How Could You?" brought tears to your eyes as you read it, as it did to mine as I wrote it, it is because it is the composite story of the millions of formerly "owned" pets who die each year in American & Canadian animal shelters.

Anyone is welcome to distribute the essay for a noncommercial purpose, as long as it is properly attributed with the copyright notice. Please use it to help educate, on your websites, in newsletters, on animal shelter and vet office bulletin boards. Tell the public that the decision to add a pet to the family is an important one for life, that animals deserve our love and sensible care, that finding another appropriate home for your animal is your responsibility and any local humane society or animal welfare league can offer you good advice, and that all life is precious. Please do your part to stop the killing, and encourage all spay & neuter campaigns in order to prevent unwanted animals. -Jim Willis



Three tiny fawns enjoy shelter from harm on the lands of the RC Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation agency located at Endicott. These young animals are orphans who would likely otherwise have perished if left alone in the wild to survive on their own.

Wildlife agency now incorporated 'non-profit'

Faithful readers may recall a story a few weeks back about a baby deer who was delivered by Caesarean section by local wildlife rehabilitator, Robin Branham and Prestonsburg pet store owner, Penelope Roberts. In this update photo, the tiny doe is shown here (center) with a few new-found friends who reside with her on the RC Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc. refuge farm, located in Floyd County, at Endicott. The lucky fawn will turn 10-weeks old today.

The managers of RC Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc., Robin Branham and Cora Coleman, stopped by the Times office last week to announce some exciting news - that of their recent incorporation. Their new incorporated status as a non-profit wildlife management agency allows them to now accept donations from those who want to aid in the facilitation of their work with area wildlife. "We're really excited about this," said Branham, "we've waited a long time for this to happen and now we can do even more for the animals

that come to us."

Branham and Coleman say that donations may be accepted in the form of cash, materials or food supplies for the animals. "Right now, we're trying to build some raptor cages and they have to be built according to federal specifications, so any help we can get will be greatly appreciated."

Branham informs that the term "raptor" refers to owls, hawks, eagles, vultures and falcons. She also said that in addition to the raptor cages, the wildlife agency is looking to build new, wooden cages to hold fawns. The agency recently received a generous donation that has enabled them to build a large cage, according to specifications, for raccoons.

Donations toward animal care may be sent to: RC Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc., 140 Maynard Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

For further information, contact Robin Branham at 874-1950 or Cora Coleman at 874-3793.