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**Briefs**

**Sex offender gets two years**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A North Carolina native who moved to Floyd County and failed to register as a sex offender has received a two-year penalty for the violation.

Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill filed an order on Oct. 10, sentencing Timothy Arnold, 31, and giving him credit for 161 days of time he has already served.

Arnold was arrested in Greenville in May for failing to maintain his required sexual offender registry, a charge taken out against him in April, the same month Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced a push for tougher penalties for sex offenders who fail to maintain their registration. Lifetime offenders are required to report their address every 90 days. Ten-year offenders are to report annually.

Arnold, who was convicted in North Carolina for indecent liberties with a minor, withdrew his not guilty plea in the case and pleaded guilty on Sept. 2. He was formerly sentenced on the class D felony in Caudill's court on Oct. 7.

Floyd County residents can find out when sex offenders move into their residential areas by calling the Kentucky State Police's sex offender alert hotline at (866) 564-5652.

More information about the state's sex offender listings can be found online at www.ksp.sor.state.ky.us. This website lists the names and addresses of 33 sexual offenders living in Floyd County.

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## Paintsville man facing 127 charges

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Some records are better left unbroken, which certainly applies to a Prestonsburg man who was arraigned Friday in district court for a whopping 127 felony charges.

Chad Wallen, 23, was arrested Thursday after an investigation by Det. Byron Hansford, of the Kentucky State

Police. Wallen is charged with allegedly stealing a credit card belonging to JML Exploration. The criminal complaint further states that Wallen proceeded to use the card in 63 separate transactions which led to 63 charges of fraudulent use of a credit card. Each transaction required a signature, adding 63 more charges of second-degree forgery for each use of the purloined card.

During Wallen's arraignment Friday,

Judge James Allen noted that a bond of \$5,000 cash had been set in the case. He informed Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum that the bond could be set higher to reflect the gross number of charges and Marcum concurred, noting, "This is the most charges I've ever seen."

Allen reset the bond at \$25,000 cash and set a preliminary hearing date for the case on Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. Allen also asked Wallen if he could afford an attorney,

to which he replied that he could not. The public defender was assigned to the case.

Det. Hansford, who worked the case with Trooper Jimmy Stratton and Det. Dwayne Price, noted that the investigation is ongoing and that there are actually more charges pending.

Hansford said that the card was lost by

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photo by Mary Music

The city of Martin hosted its annual Red, White and Blue Festival this weekend. Residents turned out Friday for the carnival opening.

## Magoffin vet turns down second plea offer from prosecutors

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Vietnam War veteran who was arrested last year for bringing a shotgun into the Floyd County Justice Center and then wrestling with officers of the Prestonsburg Police Department at the now defunct Red Light Diner was granted a second pretrial conference date in the matter after firing his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf.

After the incident, Castle found himself charged with one count of attempted murder, two counts of assault and six counts of wanton endangerment. The incident began when he charged into the Justice Center and waved a shotgun at deputies posted there. He shouted at the officers and

exited the building only to drive to the Red Light Diner, where he engaged in a struggle with police officers during which Castle, armed with a pistol, tried to pull an officer's gun from his belt.

The case had been heading toward a solution that favored Castle with both Pillersdorf and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner agreeing to a probated sentence that would have seen Castle's medication intake supervised and all charges levied against Castle amended to misdemeanors. That changed when Castle opted to fire Pillersdorf, saying at the time that he wanted to represent himself.



Carter Castle

Castle was a no-show for his last court appearance, though both the commonwealth and Pillersdorf felt that he might not have been informed of the date.

Castle was indicted for the incident in November 2004. At the time, Pillersdorf argued that Castle should not be punished for being mentally ill and that his behavior, while aggressive, never showed criminal intent.

A competency hearing for Castle allowed doctors to testify that Castle was fit to be tried for his actions but prefaced their

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## High gas prices prompt changes at Big Sandy

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College campuses in Floyd, Pike and Johnson counties are cutting back class time to save money on gasoline.

Public Relations Director Linda Lyon announced Thursday that BSCTC, responding to recent fuel shortages and increases in gas prices, is implementing a plan to help students deal with the financial burden.

"Already strained budgets are even harder to stretch when students have to choose between going to class and buying milk for their children," Lyon wrote in a press release. "With the more than a 50 percent increase in transportation costs over the past year and further increases expected in the coming year, it is evident that a plan needed to be developed to

help students accommodate the additional expense."

Lyon says the move is a proactive measure, one intended to keep students enrolled. BSCTC does not know how the financial burden will affect student enrollment in the spring, but they have weighed the option and decided to shorten the class week in order to compensate. Lyon said enrollment is up by 5 percent this semester and that there has been a "drastic" rise in internet-based courses, which are "filled quickly and completely."

Dr. George D. Edwards, president of the college, met with members of his leadership team this week to discuss financial strains placed on students by rising gas prices.

The group, which meets every Monday, discussed the cost of travel for students,

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## UPS employee charged with theft

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A United Parcel Service (UPS) employee was arrested Wednesday and is accused of stealing more than \$10,000 in equipment and other deliverable goods from the company.

The accused, Branden L.

Akers, 23, who was released on bond Thursday from the Pike County Detention Center, is facing one count of felony theft by unlawful taking and one count of felony theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Glenda Vance, security

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## Larry the Cable Guy opens Expo Center tonight

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Larry The Cable Guy, the blue-collar comedian with the trademark catch phrase "Git-R-Done," will be a fitting performer for the first show in the \$28 million Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center tonight, the director of the sprawling facility said.

Donna Damron said the expo center in downtown Pikeville was caught in a series of funding debates while still on the drawing board, but local officials, led by

then Gov. Paul Patton, fought to keep the project alive.

"This is an example of a community coming together and people working hard to 'Git-R-Done,'" Damron said Friday.

When first proposed in 1998, the state-owned expo center was expected to cost \$12.5 million. By the time it was completed earlier this year, the total cost was just shy of \$28 million.

Damron said she was concerned the expo center might be derailed when opponents, calling it a pet project for Patton, pointed to funding needs in other cities,

including renovations at Rupp Arena in Lexington where the University of Kentucky basketball team plays.

"People began to pit this project against others in the state," she said. "I know that Gov. Patton took a beating over it."

Patton said during a ribbon cutting ceremony at the expo center last week that the 7,000-seat building is an important tool in helping to build the economy in and around his hometown. He said businesses looking to expand to new communities routinely look at what kinds of

entertainment opportunities are available.

"We've all talked about the economic impact, and that's important," Damron said. "But how it affects the quality of life in this area is just immeasurable."

Eastern Kentucky has only a handful of facilities to host entertainers. The Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg, which seats 1,000 is the closest. Otherwise, local residents had to drive to Lexington or Charleston, W.Va., to see performances by nationally known enter-

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Edna B. Blankenship, 83, of Stopover, died Tuesday, October 11, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, October 14, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Casey Carter, infant son of Carl Carter and Phyllis Allen of Sidney, was stillborn Thursday, October 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

■ Lottie Pitts Crisp, 85, of Shelbyville, formerly of Allen, died Sunday, October 9, in the Green Meadows Nursing Home, in Mt. Washington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Hayes Dudley, 98, of Langley, died Friday, October 7, in the Caritas Medical Center, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 9, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clifford Kyle Hamilton, 21-month-old son of Clifford Hamilton Jr., and Gina Ann Hall Hamilton, of Teaberry, died Monday, October 10, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Oda Marshall Howard, 92, of Hueysville, died Friday, October 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Claude Howell, 79, of

McDowell, died Thursday, October 6, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 9, at The Howell Family Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alexander Kidd, 87, of Martin, died Saturday, October 8, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joseph Ervin Lafferty, formerly of Martin, died Saturday, October 8. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 9, under the direction of Blue Ridge Funeral Home, Beckley.

■ Wanda Jean Lafferty, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, October 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Adrian Lafferty. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ada Jean Branham Samons, died Friday, October 7. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Lee Samons. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Van Ray Stone, 68, of Auxier, died Monday, October 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lillie Faye Marsillett Stone. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Scotty John Wright, 34, of Argillite, a native of Martin, died Friday, October 7, at his residence, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Ronald Lee Boyd, 62, of Lewis Center, Ohio, and McCarr, died Monday, October 10, at his home in McCarr. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Varner Boyd. Funeral services were held Friday, October 14, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

■ Donald Kenneth Burke, 73, of Valrico, formerly of Pikeville, died Wednesday, October 12. A memorial service was held in the Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Brandon, Florida, Saturday, October 15.

■ Frank Edward Hames, 83, of Henderson, Nevada, a Pikeville native, died Saturday, October 1, at Hospice in Henderson. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Hames. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 5, under the direction of Palm Mortuary in Henderson.

■ Maude Irene Phillips Hudson, 85, of Spokane, Washington, a native of Feds Creek, died Friday, October 7, at the Franklin Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center, Spokane. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Heritage Funeral Home.

■ Susan Kay Johnston, 54, of Elizabethtown, a Pike County native, died Thursday, October 13, at Norton Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were held Friday, October 14, under the direction of Brown Funeral Home of Elizabethtown.

■ Alice Faye Huffman Nelson, 53, of Culver City, California, a native of Pikeville, died Tuesday, September 27, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Frank Nelson. A memorial service was held Saturday, October 15, at the Pikeville Wesleyan Church.

■ Herman Wesley Lester, 56, of Pikeville, died Friday, October 7, in Pike County. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Julie Osborne Lester, 43, of Pikeville, died Friday, October 7, in Pike County. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Max Elliott Lester, 17, of Pikeville, a senior at Pikeville High School, died Friday, October 7, in Pike County. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Ratliff, 39, of Maryville, Tennessee, formerly of Shelbyville, died Monday, October 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 6, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Clarence Robinson, 72, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, October 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette McCoy Robinson. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 15, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

■ Opal Catherine Childress Rutherford, 88, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, October 12, at

Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mose Smith, 84, of Cynthiana, formerly of Freeburn, died Tuesday, October 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Charles Smith. Funeral services were held Friday, October 14, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sadie Eula Stiltner, 78, of Stone, died Monday, October 10, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Lonzo Stiltner. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Gracie Irene Ward, 81, of Belcher, died Saturday, October 8, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Sunday, October 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Lewis Whitt of Nicholasville, formerly of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, October 11, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 15, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

■ Richie Darin Wolford, 41, of Majestic, died Wednesday, October 12, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Herman Wright, 79, of Jenkins, a native of Beehive, died Friday, October 7, at his

home. Funeral services were held Monday, October 10, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Elsie Daniel, 73, of Tomahawk, died Saturday, October 8, in Portsmouth Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 10, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Lester Blevins, 63, of Louisa, died Wednesday, September 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Donna Jean Daniels Blevins.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Larry Jay Spradlin, 54, of Louisa, died Monday, October 3, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, October 6, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Opal Irene Walters Dutton, 82, of Wellington, Ohio, a native of Boons Camp, died Friday, October 7, at EMH Hospital in Elyria, Ohio.

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Shane Brown would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. There was so much food and flowers, there is no way to thank each one separately. We are grateful to everyone who helped with the road; Brenda's Place for all the food; and a very special thanks to Buddy Jones, Jerry Manns, Earl Slone, and all the singers. Also to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for the care of our loved one.

THE FAMILY OF SHANE "PIE" BROWN

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We love you,  
Mom, Boo, Bub, Sis, Heath, and Tonya

## Obituaries

### Liddie LoveEan Kidd

Liddie LoveEan Kidd, 69, of Dana, died Thursday, October 13, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born February 23, 1936, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Green B. and Hulda Mulkey Kidd. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Jeffery Lewis of Dana; four daughters: Kathy G. Hall of Flat Gap, Tina Peggy Boyd of Dana, Betty R. Boyd of Prestonsburg and Elizabeth Charlene Lamb of Lancaster; two brothers: C. Edd Kidd and Dennis Kidd, both of Dana; four sisters: Oma Ferrell of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Bertha Ann Boyd and Katie Boyd, both of Dana; Maudie Alice Peterson of Salem, Oregon; 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, James Kenneth Lewis; seven brothers: Dallas Kidd, Shirley Kidd, Billy K. Kidd, Banner F. Kidd, John S. Kidd, Charlie Kidd and Billie Bert Kidd; and one sister, Verlie Jarrell.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 16, at 1 p.m., at the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in Dana, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Green B. Kidd Cemetery, in Dana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ada Jean Branham Samons would like to express our deepest appreciation to everyone in our time of need. Special thanks go out to family, friends, the Old Regular Baptist Churches, and the Prestonsburg Church of Christ for all the wonderful flowers, food, and kind words of care they gave to our family. In our time of need, it was so comforting to have everyone who cares to be there by our side. Ada will be greatly missed as a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and sister in Christ. Again, thank you to all who showed their support to our family. Your thoughtfulness will be hard for us to show how much it really helped us and meant to us.

THE FAMILY OF ADA JEAN BRANHAM SAMONS

## Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Marie Crisp would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who comforted us during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, or spoke comforting words to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Louie Ferrari and his wife, Linda, for sharing their memories and love for our Mother. We would like to thank the Freewill Baptist Church Singers for singing so beautifully. We would also like to offer our sincere gratitude to the soloists: Linda Ferrari, Jesse Little, Mary Wright, and Mary Holbrook. Your beautiful songs provided us with so much comfort during our time of sadness. Each of you were truly a blessing to our family.

James Crum, thank you for sharing your memories of our Mother's childhood. Blood made you cousins, but love made you brother and sister. The two of you have a special bond. Rick Counts, thank you for sharing your memories of your Aunt Margaret. She loved her nieces and nephews. We are so grateful for all the love and respect you gave her.

We would like to thank the following pallbearers: Chad Hall, Martin; Rick Counts, Ashland; Shannon Crisp, Wooton; Billy D. Crisp, Wooton; Brett Preston, Ivel; Garnis Caudill II, Wheelwright; and Stacy Marshall, Allen.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following honorary pallbearers: Aaron Hall, Texas; Justin Sammons, Morehead; Randy Moore, Iraq; Danny Turner, Delaware; Bill Compton, Prater; Kyle Crisp, Wooton; Adam Hicks, Wheelwright; Martin Moore, Elizabethtown; Ross Harris, Pikeville; Steve Cardillo, Delaware; and Brian King, Delaware.

Thanks to the staff of Paul B. Hall Medical Center for being so caring, friendly, and professional. Your comforting words helped us tremendously.

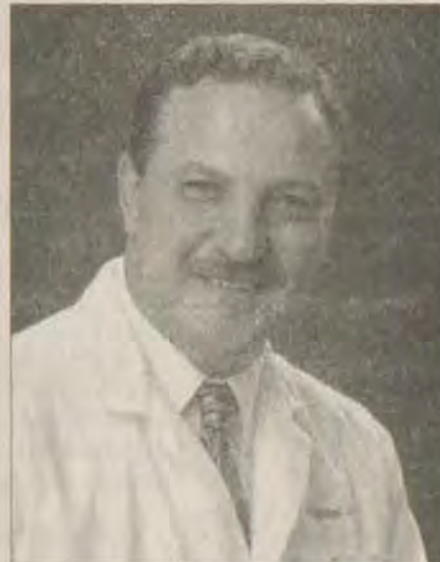
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# Cigarette sales drop since higher state tax

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's higher cigarette tax has helped

induce a significant number of smokers to kick their smoking habit or cut back, according to an economist with the Governor's

Office for Economic Analysis. Smokers apparently have cut their cigarette purchases by at least 10 million packs a month,

much more than economic models predicted, said the economist, Thomas Jones.

"We've seen a greater change in consumer behavior with this tax increase than we expected," he said.

Sherry and Daniel Reardon of Louisville said they began a stop-smoking class in June mainly for health reasons, but also because of the June 1 tax increase from 3 cents per pack to 30 cents.

"When you're spending almost a fifth of your salary a week on smoking, we can't afford that and gas and food," Sherry Reardon said.

Sales for July through September totaled about 145 million packs. That was down from 161 million in the same period last year. With the tax increase \$42 million went to the state's general fund, compared with \$4 million in the same period last year.

Excluding June of this year,

when smokers apparently used up the stockpile they bought in May to beat the tax, the 45.1 million packs sold in July and the 46.2 million sold in September were the lowest monthly totals since April 2003.

The tax increase should have produced about a 4 percent sales decline, he said, "and we've got between a 10 and 20 percent decrease in consumer behavior, and that's very surprising."

Jones cautioned that's based on just three months of data and returns in the coming months could present a different picture.

But the current numbers are consistent with sales trends at the Louisville area Cox's Smokers Outlet stores. Sales are off 10 percent to 15 percent, said co-owner Bill Grantz.

## Jarrell running for District 3 magistrate

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRINTER — The 2006 District 3 magistrate race is getting an early start this year, with two candidates filing to fill the seat.

Russell Warren Jarrell, a crew leader with the county's Road Department, filed his intent to run for the office last month.

He is currently competing against Drift resident Clinis Hall, 45, who filed his intent to run on Oct. 3.

Jarrell, 43, of Printer, says his experience with the road department has taught him the routine and the "how-to" with the county's road maintenance.

"I've been here [with the department] for 11 years," he

said. "I started out running heavy equipment, and then they put me over the water line project. I ran most of the water lines for Paul Hunt Thompson over the last five years ... I know what needs to be done and at what time it needs to be done. I know when the bushhog needs started up and used in the county, and I know when to get out and put salt on the road. I can run any piece of equipment — grader, backhoe, dozer, bushhogs — and I'm pretty good at labor, too."

Jarrell says he is running for the office because he wants to help people in District 3, who he says have not been getting the road maintenance he feels they deserve.

In addition to regular road maintenance, Jarrell says, if

elected, he'll focus on trimming roadside weeds that aren't getting cut as often as they should, ditches that need to be "pulled," or graded, and ditch line pipes that need to be cleaned. He says he will also emphasize the maintenance of graveyard roads and continue servicing his neighbors by running water lines.

Jarrell, originally from Cow Creek, moved to Printer about 13 years ago with his wife, Bonita, where he now lives with

her and two of his three children.

Jarrell says the most important part about being a magistrate is getting the job done. He says his ability to work hard will help him do that.

"If I get in for magistrate, I'll be willing to work for the people to get the job done," Jarrell said. "I'm a hard worker. I don't miss a day, I'm always out there on the job ... You get things done in life if you work hard."

## Charges

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its owner who traced his last purchase to the Hillbilly Market in Auxier. The owner didn't realize the card was missing for several weeks and in that time purchases were piling up on it which include 14 more uses, that detectives know about, in Johnson County. Purchases often included gasoline which may have gone towards a lawn

maintenance business that Wallen was involved in.

Each of the charges that Wallen is facing is a Class D felony with a penalty of 1-to-5 years. Currently such felonies can only be stacked together in increments of four, which would mean that Wallen could face up to 20 years in prison if he is found guilty of the charges.

## Center

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ainers. The expo center already has a long line of shows booked, beginning with Larry The Cable Guy, who is a regular on Warner Brothers Television's "Blue Collar TV" with comedians Jeff Foxworthy and Bill Engvall. A monster truck show is slated for the following weekend.

In the next two months, the expo center also will host Foxworthy, a rodeo, a circus, and concerts by rock, country and gospel bands.

Former state Sen. Gary Johnson, who sponsored the bill in the state legislature to create the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center Corp., said he

never doubted that the General Assembly would complete the project, despite political turmoil.

"You can never undervalue the expo center as far as being an integral part of the infrastructure of this community," Johnson said. "I am absolutely convinced that it will make a difference for generation after generation after generation."

Naysayers have argued that the expo center won't pay for itself. Johnson said that is not an issue.

"This is quality of life infrastructure," he said. "It is what enriches the community to make it worth living in, and you don't expect that to pay for itself."

## Vet

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statements by noting that he was back on medication to control his schizophrenia.

Castle allowed Pillersdorf to stand in for him on Friday but asked for a public advocate saying, "I can't afford him [Pillersdorf]." After a brief conference, Pillersdorf told the court that Castle still wanted the original deal he was offered.

The commonwealth had, however, changed its offer after

Castle rejected it. They were still offering a probated sentence but they are no longer amenable to amending the charges, which would mean that Castle would no longer be able to keep his guns.

Castle rejected the offer and was granted a pretrial conference in December, his second in the case. He was told that a trial date would be set at that time if he couldn't negotiate a plea.

## Theft

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specialist for UPS, contacted the Pikeville Police Department at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, reporting that she witnessed an employee taking packages from the company building on Island Creek Road and placing them in his vehicle.

Officer Tony Conn and Det. Phillip Reed arrested Akers after they recovered a Dell laptop computer and 30 DVDs from his vehicle.

They later found six laptop computers and a Palm Pilot cell phone at his residence on Hidden Valley Road in Paintsville.

Officials said the recovered items were valued at "well above

\$10,000."

Akers reportedly admitted to taking several packages from the building and told authorities that he had been doing so since July 2005, Reed said.

Reed said that Vance knew there was a problem because packages that were certified through tracking numbers in Lexington were not arriving at their Pikeville destinations. He wasn't aware how long Vance had been monitoring Akers, who was employed with the company as a morning supervisor.

"He said his plan was to get a large amount of stuff and sell it all at once," Reed said.

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## No optimism in Frankfort

It says something about the political culture in Frankfort that Fletcher administration officials responded to the cheery news that state revenues were set to rise at well over twice the rate of inflation with glum talk about "future budgeting challenges."

Budget forecasters predict the \$7.6 billion General Fund will grow by 7.1 percent during the current fiscal year. In the previous fiscal year, state revenues rose by almost 10 percent, outrunning the official projection by more than \$200 million. Gov. Ernie Fletcher is still figuring out how to spend about \$124 million of the \$214 million surplus. He could decide to sweeten next year's spending plan by rolling the extra money into the 2006-2007 budget.

This year's budget was based on a very conservative growth estimate of 2.4 percent. If the new revenue projection is accurate, the state will be sitting on a hefty \$350 million surplus on July 1, 2006.

From all indications, Kentucky taxpayers are doing a fine job of funding state government. State revenues slumped briefly following the 2001 recession, but tax receipts have outpaced projections for the past two years. The positive trend should continue for at least the next year, barring a major economic disruption.

Despite all of this seemingly good news on the revenue front, it's hard to find anyone in Frankfort who feels optimistic about the budget. The state's Gloomy Guses always seem to see penury — not prosperity — around the corner.

Budget Director Brad Cowgill took stock of the revenue figures and opined that the state is "heading toward some budgeting challenges." Cowgill apparently was referring to the official prediction that state revenues will rise by a meager 0.9 percent in the 2007 budget year. ...

Fletcher is talking about raising the cigarette tax again, just eight months after the General Assembly approved his tax reform initiative. The governor says the extra money could be used to fund a teacher pay raise or other budget items.

Why would a supposedly conservative Republican governor talk about raising taxes at a time when the state is running up large budget surpluses? Apparently, Fletcher has been co-opted by the big spenders in Frankfort who always see the revenue glass as half-full.

The governor and key lawmakers should be working on a plan to curb outrageous costs in the state employee health insurance plan. State leaders could reduce spending in a variety of areas — as a gubernatorial candidate, Fletcher talked about cutting expenses by eliminating "waste, fraud and abuse" in state government — but they insist on keeping the focus on revenue.

Taxpayers can expect to hear more gloomy prophecies even as revenues continue to rise. Perhaps a taxpayer revolt against incumbents in the 2006 election would produce a more positive outlook on the budget.

— The Paducah Sun



## — Rich Lowry Column

### Bold, persistent experimentation

It is the other flood: The outpouring of concern for the poor of New Orleans. According to nearly every journalist in America, our consciousness has been raised about the invisible scourge of poverty in this country, and nothing is too much to ask when addressing the plight of the disadvantaged evacuees of New Orleans. They should

get every form of aid possible — except, that is, assistance that might help give them more control over their lives.

The most controversial parts of the Bush aid package for New Orleans are the ones that attempt to free the poor from the tentacles of government bureaucracy. He wants to give the unemployed personal accounts to assist in their job search and create a \$500 million program to fund school vouchers for displaced children to attend private schools.

The objection to these Bush propos-

als isn't fiscal, but philosophical. They serve to undermine the principle of government dependency that underpins the contemporary welfare state, and to which liberals are utterly devoted. In a reversal of the old parable, liberals don't want to teach people how to fish if they can just give them federally funded seafood dishes instead.

The unemployed now get 26 weeks of federal unemployment benefits, which are often extended and also supplemented by various state programs. This is a social safety net that can become a trap. The longer and more generous benefits are, the less incentive someone has to find work (see Germany in particular and Western Europe generally for examples of the phenomenon at work).

The Bush program would establish accounts that unemployed people could use as they see fit for education, training programs and child care to support their job search. If they find a job within 13 weeks they can keep up to \$1,000 of the \$5,000 account.

This would reverse the traditional incentive of unemployment benefits; it

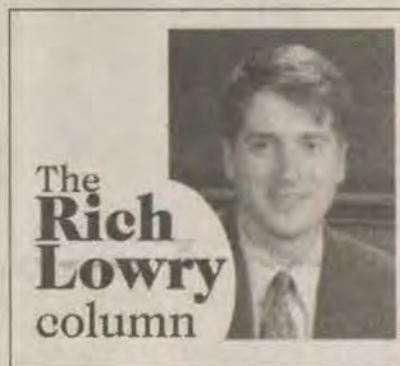
would do an end run around work-force investment boards, the state-level bureaucracies that now eat up federal dollars; it would allow each person to tailor federal aid to his own needs and strengths. It would be at least a step toward preserving individual initiative from the enervating clutch of bureaucracy.

The education vouchers, meanwhile, make private school available to kids who had suffered in the atrocious New Orleans public system and help preserve the choice many families had already made. Out of 187,000 students in the broader New Orleans area, 61,000 went to private schools. Opponents of the voucher proposals want to say to bereft families of those private-school students, "Congratulations, you lost everything, and we hope your children now get trapped in public schools on top of it."

New Orleans should be the impetus for "bold, persistent experimentation," as Franklin D. Roosevelt put it, in the country's social programs. Instead, we are likely to get more spending on more of the same, and eventually everyone's attention will shift once again from the shame of New Orleans and the persistent failure of the welfare state.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



## — beyond the beltway

### Caligula on the Potomac

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

I was deep in the stacks of the Library of Congress the other day, brushing up on my Roman history, when I ran across an absolutely fascinating historical document — the transcript of what some historians say is the first press conference ever held by a head of state.

It was dated 39 A.D. and it featured the Emperor Caligula speaking to the assembled scribes of Rome. Let me share it with you:

Q — Emperor your Highness, there is a rumor in the Roman Forum to the effect that you intend to name your horse a Consul, one of the rulers of Rome. Can you confirm that for us?

Caligula — I can. As a matter of fact, I've already appointed him. He will take his stall, 'er, seat, in the Assembly of Consuls tomorrow.

Q — But your Worship, sir, the Assembly of Consuls makes laws that affect the entire empire. Are you sure he's qualified?

C — In selecting a candidate I sought to find a Roman of grace, judgment and unwavering devotion to the city. Whizzer Boy is such a creature. I know him and I know his heart. I know what he believes.

Q — What does he believe?

C — Anything I tell him to believe.

Q — But Incandescent Leader Who Is Greater Than the Sun, this horse is a complete unknown. No one has ever

heard of him.

C — That's not surprising. I can understand people, you know, not knowing Whizzer. He hasn't been, you know, one of those publicity hounds, like Barney, my dog. He's been somebody who just quietly does his job.

Q — And what job is that, O Most Generous of Supreme Rulers?

C — Basically, he pulls my chariot. My, but you fellows are dull. Let's hear from the foreign press. You there, in back, Novak the Barbarian.

Q — When will his chariot-pulling records be made available to us?

C — Still trying to stir up trouble, eh Novak? The day after never is when. I'm invoking executive privilege. I can't tell you how important it is for the Emperor to guard executive privilege in order for there to be crisp decision-making in the Palace. In other words, what happens in the Emperor's chariot, stays in the Emperor's chariot.

Q — What's his position on abortion?

C — To tell you the truth I haven't asked him. I don't have a litmus test for this job. All I ask is that he interprets the law as his Emperor intended. And when I asked him whether he would do that, he tapped his right forefoot once. That's good enough for me.

Q — There have been rumors that your horse has been seen frequenting gay stables in the company of horses thought to be a little light in the horse-shoes. Is there any truth to that?

C — Rumors again. Sappho, if we believed every rumor that floats around this town we'd think you were gay.

(Much laughter and rolling of eyes among the scribes.)

Q — What religion does Whizzer Boy follow?

C — I believe he's a born-again Dionysian with a minor in Emperor worship. Let me assure you, however, that

his religion played no part in his selection. This administration respects all gods equally. I was merely trying to choose the best horse for the job.

Q — Dearest Sire, Most Eloquent Leader, the chairman of the Reserve Bank of Rome is retiring soon. Have you given any thought to a replacement?

C — Of course I have. What am I, a potted plant? I've narrowed the list down to two names.

Q — Can you tell us the names?

C — One is my Siamese cat, Andromeda, and the other is Marcus Agronimus Ridiculus.

Q — Who's Marcus Agronimus Ridiculus?

C — He's my imaginary playmate.

Q — Sire, with all respect, how can you be thinking of putting an imaginary person in charge of Rome's most important bank?

C — I can do anything I please. It's good to be Emperor.

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## This Town, That World

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

Out of sorts and feeling grouchy? Just remember that the crustier the pie, the less the filling.

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The latest going the rounds at the Long Branch is the one about the fellow who bought a new boomerang, and drove himself crazy trying to throw his old one away.

### A POT ON THE CRITICS!

Think I'll stop reading Time magazines reviews of television shows. It doesn't do me any good to learn that most of the programs I like, are to these high-brow boys

"trite," "too pat," or plain on their way to limbo. They're the guys who call a good, old-fashioned hymn "sirupy" and would trade off "Guns n' smoke" in a minute for one of these revue things, which to me, make as much sense as Madame Nhu did on Meet the Press.



Norman Allen

### NO FIRES—YET

I have many things to be thankful for. One of these is, I haven't seen a wisp of smoke rising from any of the hills hereabouts, marking the dropping of a careless match.

### A BIRTHDAY COMING UP

Next week, if we survive till then, the newspaper will wind up its 35th year.

We shall, God willing, celebrate by getting another paper to bed and out on to the streets, and into the mails. Perhaps it would be good for us, and our readers, too, for us to get away from the old routine, do the flamboyant, crow a little and carry on, but we have had sad experiences preening, especially before a mirror. What we saw wasn't very satisfying.

But a birthday does pull one up a bit short, if he happens to be aware of it. You just can't help looking backward and reminiscing a bit...of that first press we had, the indestructible "Old Dave"...those who have worked here and moved on, some with the cryptic "30" written after their names... "Printer" Goble...the smell of ink which no longer registers so strongly...Our first edition handwritten (I have a knot inside my right middle finger to this day which came from using a pencil...mistakes, ludicrous mistakes...highlights and shadows.

Tell me—where have all the years gone, and why must they be in such a hurry about it?



Pictured, front row, from left to right, are: Dr. Albin Whitworth (honoree); Ms. Billie Jean Osborne (honoree); Mrs. Vivian Landrum (honoree); and Ms. Glenda Creech, president/CEO of Wesley Village. Back row, left to right: Mr. Tim Layton, vice-president, Wesley Village; Bishop Al Gwinn, North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church; and Dr. Jim Stratton, chair, Board of Directors, Wesley Village, and former pastor of the Betsy Layne United Methodist Church and Pikeville First United Methodist Church.

## Osborne honored with 'Heroes, Saints and Legends' Award

Wesley Village Senior Living Community of Wilmore, Ky., has once again honored three Kentuckians whose vigorous and inspiring lives continue to enrich our world. The Ninth Annual Heroes, Saints and Legends Awards Banquet was held on Tuesday, October 4, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, in Lexington.

Honorees at this year's banquet were Vivian V. Landrum, Billie Jean Osborne and Albin C. Whitworth.

Vivian V. Landrum earned a bachelor's degree from Newcomb College in New Orleans and embarked on a life of serving others. As an educator she taught at three Kentucky high schools: Lynch, Harlan and Harrodsburg. Since she and her husband joined Harrodsburg United Methodist Church in 1952, she has faithfully sung in the choir and has served as WSCS president and Administrative Board member. Her extensive involvement in civic affairs has included elected positions in the Mercer County Health Department, the Mercer County Library, the Harrodsburg Historical Society, and the Kentucky Historical Society. Mrs. Landrum is one of the founders of the Christian Life Center in Harrodsburg and remains active as a board member of the Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville.

Billie Jean Osborne officially retired in 1985 after thirty years of teaching music in Floyd County schools and serving as the award-winning director of Betsy Layne High School's band. Upon retirement, she put her energies and talents

back to work providing musical educational opportunities for the children of Eastern Kentucky. Her dream was to found a center where children could develop their artistic gifts passed from generations of Appalachian musical heritage. In fall 1996, her dream came true with the opening of the Mountain Arts Center, which to date has offered more than 20,000 area children instruction in music, drama and audio/video production and which features a state-of-the-art auditorium for performance. Ms. Osborne is a past inductee into Eastern Kentucky University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

Albin C. Whitworth has been the Director of Music and Organist at Lexington First United Methodist Church for 28 years. He serves concurrently as Seminary Organist at Asbury Theological Seminary where he was the Lily Mae Jarvis Professor of Church Music for 19 years. After graduating from Asbury College, he was organist at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville for 17 years, during which time he taught choral music at Butler High School and earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Louisville. He subsequently was Professor of Music at Asbury College for seven years. Dr. Whitworth has received an award for "Outstanding Contributions to American Music" by the American Association of Composers and Publishers for the last 20 years. He has published more than 200 compositions.

This year's keynote speaker was Bishop Alfred W. Gwinn, who is

now serving the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he received the Master of Divinity Degree at Asbury Theological Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Union College. During Dr. Gwinn's forty-year ministry, he has pastored a number of Kentucky congregations, including Red House, Mt. Zion in Clark Co., Covington First, Corbin First, Winchester First, Lexington Centenary and Lexington First. A former Lexington District Superintendent, he has been a delegate to General Conference five times and led the delegation in 2004. He has served on numerous boards, including that of Wesley Village Senior Living Community. Dr. Gwinn is only the seventh Kentucky minister elected to the episcopacy.

### Wesley Village

Opened in 1995, Wesley Village is an independent not-for-profit senior living community affiliated with the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church. It is owned and overseen by a Board of Directors and managed by an on-campus executive staff.

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### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'Larva'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Nature runs amok, again, in this creepfest which is straight out of the "never mess with nature for a profit" canon of fright flicks.

Welcome to Host, Mo., where cattle farms and a meat processing plant are struggling to keep their small town viable. Host is one of those quaint "family values" enriched places, as evidenced in the first scene where two teen couples head out for a rocking Saturday night of cow tipping. Turns out that tipping a cow over is even easier after its become a meal for thousands of mutated liver flukes. When the teens realize they just tipped a dead cow their reaction is to run like heck which saves them from the sight of all those fat worms oozing out of the cow's belly.



Tom Doty  
Staff Writer

The plot quickly shapes up as one of those corporate greed melodramas wherein a big business bully boy, named Fletcher, is responsible for developing a genetically manipulated feed which is supposed to yield more tender meat from cows. Problem is he has had to cover his tracks since he raided the company's retirement fund to develop the feed. He is already responsible for buying off the sheriff and silencing the town veterinarian — permanently — when the film opens, but he has no control over the new vet who has just arrived.

Dr. Eli Rudkus has a reputation as a panic button pusher after being kicked out of two states for trying to impose quarantines on what could have been mad cow disease cases. He quickly figures out that there is a problem in Host, but his plans for a quarantine get shut down by Fletcher, who makes him out to be a "chicken little" type.

The cover-up goes well till everyone in town who ate a hamburger drops like a stone. Things only get worse as the larva mutate inside their human victims and pop out of their bellies in a new shape which resembles a hefty bag with fangs. While the whole town comes apart in one evening, the vet must team up with a shifty lawyer, a gun-toting farmer and the recently converted sheriff to take out the larva by using manure to lead them, and a few innocent flies, into an explosive trap. The only question that remains is how many people stopped in town for a burger on their way to someplace else?

This is an old-fashioned "don't mess with the ecosystem" flick but it scores points for a breakneck pace as well as having the temerity to resist clichés. The acting honors go to Vincent Ventresca ("The Invisible Man") as the vet. He handles the part of reluctant hero well and gets able support from David Selby ("Dark Shadows") as Fletcher. Selby man-

(See LAGOON, page six)

## Ministry of life

by KARYN BUXMAN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S SOUL"

Working in the surgery department of a small rural hospital, I was startled to learn we were going to work with a transplant team to remove organs from an accident victim. Organ transplants were something I had only read about in nursing school or seen on television. It wasn't the kind of thing we experienced in this quiet little community. The entire surgery department was excited about this learning experience, yet at the same time, we felt a sense of loss for the

donor and her family.

The transplant team came in and explained all the technical details of the organ harvest — the equipment needed, the forms, the timing of the event. So much information, so many strangers to our department — it gave a surreal feeling to the whole event.

Reality kicked in, however, when the donor was wheeled into the operating room. She was an actual person: 34 years old and married with two young kids. She looked perfect. The accident that had caused a blood clot in her brain had left no visible marks. As we lifted her limp, warm body onto the operating table, I noticed that her toenails were painted red. I stopped and stared. Never in her wildest dreams would she have thought that someone would be gazing

at her toes in surgery. We are never really prepared for that final moment of death. And yet, this woman had been prepared enough to mention to her family that, should the unthinkable happen, she wanted to help others live by donating her organs.

This simple act of signing a Uniform Donor Card, which allows the donation of an organ, is an act of stewardship, ministry and serving God toward the greater good. Anyone can do it. And yet, among professionals, organ donation is frequently forgotten or misunderstood. My senior year in nursing school, a spokesperson for organ donation came to speak to our class. At the conclusion of her presentation, she handed out Uniform Donor Cards. My friend Lynn leaned over to me and

whispered, "Why would anyone want to donate their uniform?"

In 1 Timothy, Paul instructs that even if we don't have material wealth, we can be rich in good works toward others. No matter how poor we are, we have something we can share with someone. True ministry happens every day, not just on Sundays, and with planning and forethought, it can continue even after our physical death.

The machinery was pulled around, and the patient was draped for the surgery that went on for hours. Heaviness weighed on my heart as I thought about her husband, her children, her parents and her friends. How could life be so unfair?

Then, within 24 hours, we began receiving reports: A 53-year-old man was producing urine on his own with his new kidney; a 45-year-old woman had also successfully received the other kidney. The recipients of the lung and heart were reported to be in stable condition. News continued to trickle in during the next couple of days about people whose lives had been saved or enhanced by the unselfish act of this remarkable woman.

Her ministry continues!



# Jim Davidson

## Aunt Molly was quite a gal!

Here is a question I would like to invite you to ponder with me for a few minutes today. Do you like to hear or read good human-interest stories? Well, I sure do, and I've finally figured out why. The main reason is because I am a human. To be sure, I love stories about animals and other creatures, but not nearly as much as I do about other people. I especially like those stories that contain a moral or a principle that can teach me something. As a part of my core values, I love people and I love to learn new things, and to me that's a combination that is hard to beat. As my friend, Dr. Charles Jarvis from San Marcos, Texas, often says,



"If you don't love folks, you are in sad shape."

A few weeks ago I got a long handwritten letter from Jenny Frantz, a reader who lives in Waynesboro, Pa. Her letter contained a great human-interest story that I felt would be of interest and value to you. I say this for two reasons. First, her letter for the most part was about a lady whose name was Molly, a maiden aunt, who lived with their family back in the 1920s. Now this was a long time ago, but one of the things we all need to have, regardless of our age, is a link to our past. If we don't know where we have been, then we have no frame of reference for where we are now, or where

we are going in the future. The other idea that I got from Jenny's letter that I thought was very interesting is the contrast in people's lives who live in the North, especially so in the winter when it's much colder, than for those of us who live in the South or in the Southwestern part of our country where the climate is much warmer. Have you ever thought about how much difference the temperature can impact our lifestyle? Just think about the winter time, when people up in Minnesota are ice fishing while people who live in Florida and South Texas are lying on the beach getting a tan. Also, when you go back in time, you can realize that people who lived in the 1920s had virtually none of the modern conveniences that we take for granted today. In her letter, what Jenny said she was doing was adding a little folklore to one of my earlier

columns titled, "A Great Wash Room Reminder." Keep in mind, this was in the North in the winter time, and back then people had no washing machines or clothes dryers. She even gave her comments a title, "Washday In The Winter." Now if you have the picture, let me share with you what she said, which to me is a great human-interest story. She begins: "My maiden Aunt Molly lived with my family. She also said, 'Rinse the clothes.' When it was raining or snowing, my mother and Aunt Molly would carry baskets of clothes up two flights of stairs to the attic to hang them up to dry. You have to understand, when washing by hand they were very heavy with water and took days to dry. "On Tuesdays, this was ironing day. This was also an all-day job, as the material in the clothes was so stiff the clothes had to be dampened, rolled up and sit for a while until they could be ironed. You did not plug in an iron. We had several flat irons, very heavy. It was the

weight and heat and a strong-arm that pressed the clothes, no electricity for an electric iron, which we have today. Another use for the flatiron was wrapping one in newspaper when it was very hot and placing it in the bed at a spot that was just right for your feet. On a really cold night, with no heat in the bedrooms, my Aunt Molly would do this for two sisters, my brother and me. This was wonderful and the iron stayed warm for a long time. What a simple, kind and generous thing to do and it sure made me happy. "We didn't have luxuries when we were growing up, but I still remember the simple pleasures. Even though I love my nice warm bedroom, I remember like it was yesterday, beautiful windows in the morning with the sun coming in, highlighting the frosted designs of ferns. It was true art, and often when we had real cold winters, the windows stayed frosted over all winter. "With all the years of prosperity, the simple things in life

mean the most to me. Again, thank you for taking me back to my younger years. I am going to have these instructions copied for my daughter to hang in their washroom, excuse me, their laundry room. With thanks, Jenny Frantz. "P.S. Keep writing. I like your wisdom. I am going to have copies made of your personal philosophy for all six of my grandchildren." After reading this letter several times, I came to the conclusion that Aunt Molly was quite a gal. I hope Jenny's comments have taken you back to an earlier time in your life, and you have also been reminded of how blessed we are in this nation, from a drudgery standpoint, than we have ever had it before. In many parts of the world today, many people still live as they did in America, only a few short decades ago.

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## Exploding battery illustrates importance of safety glasses

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: My daughter's boyfriend bought a used car from a dealership. The dealership had a 127-point check to ensure that its used cars are safe to sell. After driving it for a month and a half, the battery needed to be jumped. A friend of mine helped the owner of the car jump the battery from another vehicle; the car wouldn't start. So, they removed the battery and set it on the ground. A while later, one of the guys bent over the battery and merely put his hands on the sides of the battery, and it blew up in his face, causing the loss of his eyesight in one eye. Why did this battery blow up? It was not dropped. It was in a Volkswagen Passat and was an Autobahn battery. — Ana

RAY: Yeesh. That's awful, Ana. It's very rare that batteries actually blow up. But obviously, it does happen occasionally.

TOM: It has nothing to do with the battery being on the ground. The reason batteries explode is that dead or dying batteries can emit hydrogen gas. And we all know — see "Hindenburg" — that mixing hydrogen gas with a spark is a bad idea.

RAY: So, the question, in your case, is where did the spark come from? Was anyone around the car smoking? A floating ember could easily have provided the spark.

TOM: Or was someone wearing polyester pants? If your friend had built up a static charge walking around and then touched the battery, a spark could have jumped from him to the battery.

RAY: So we don't know what provided the spark. But something ignited the outgassing hydrogen, and that's what caused the explosion.

TOM: Your letter is a reminder that too many of us (including me and my brother sometimes) are often guilty of neglecting to wear our safety glasses. After all, they're uncomfortable, they seem to come from the factory all scratched up, they fog up quickly and they make you look like Mr. Magoo.

RAY: Which is an improvement, in my brother's case.

TOM: But this is a good reminder that safety glasses really can save your eyesight. So wear 'em.



My wife's superb purchase of a 1996 Toyota Camry, which has been a workhorse for almost 10 years and 110,000 miles, apparently now has a head-gasket leak. I have never had to add oil between oil changes. So, I guess I can spend \$2,500 now to fix it, or take my chances and maybe need a new engine one day. How long can I get away with just watching the oil-pressure gauge and dipstick? Weeks, months, a year or two? Thanks. — Steven

RAY: Well, I've been watching this dipstick next to me for years, and all he does every day is roll under a car and fall asleep.

TOM: Well, our creeper is too comfortable.

RAY: Yeah. We need one with spikes on it. Anyway, it depends on what kind of leak the head gasket is causing. Steven. A cracked head gasket can create several kinds of leaks.

TOM: It can allow oil to leak from the oil passages to the outside of the engine. You'd be able to see that. You'd see oil seeping out where the cylinder head meets the block.

RAY: If it's leaking oil at such a slow rate that you never have to add any between oil changes, it might leak for years like that and be just fine. So, that's the best-case scenario.

TOM: However, if it's letting oil mix with your coolant inside the engine, then you've got to fix it. The problem isn't so much the oil that gets into the coolant, as the coolant that gets into the oil. Coolant is a lousy lubricant, compared with motor oil. Trying to lubricate an engine with a mixture that's half antifreeze is going to make you sound prophetic, Steven. Because you WILL need a new engine one day — one day soon.

RAY: The same can be said if a broken head gasket is allowing coolant to get into the cylinders. That means you're burning up your coolant and it's coming out your tailpipe. At some point, the leak will get a lot worse, and you won't notice until you run out of coolant and turn the

engine into a solid, single-piece, 600-pound paperweight.

TOM: So unless it's only leaking oil externally, and slowly, I'd recommend that you go ahead and fix it. If properly cared for, this engine could easily go another 110,000 miles.

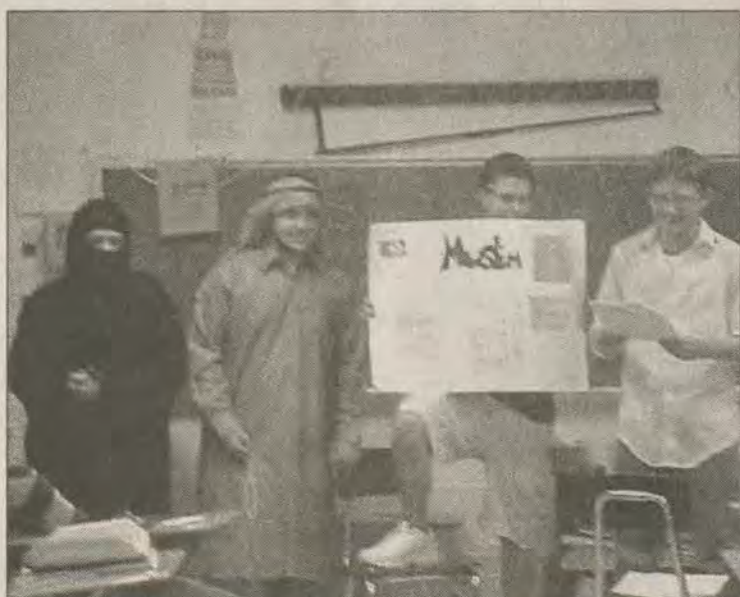
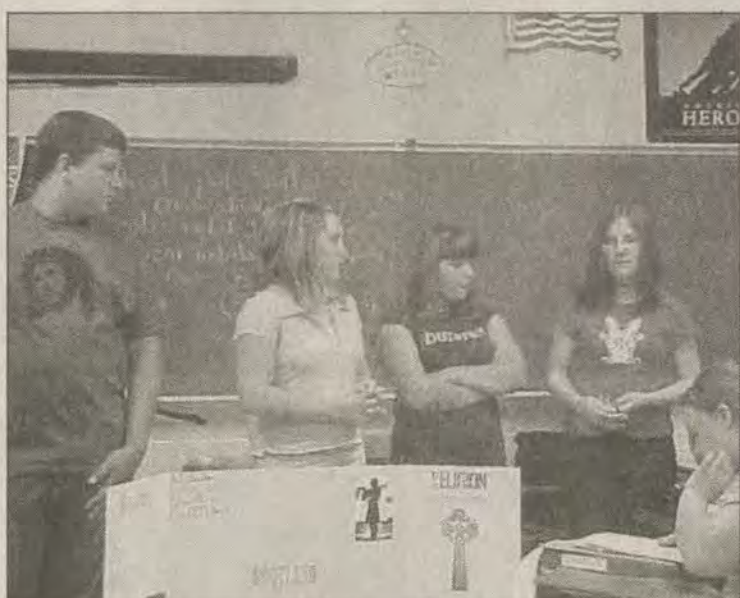
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## 'Sociologists' convene at BLHS

Recently sociologists, in the form of students from Denny Layne's sociology class, converged for a convention at Betsy Layne High School. The sociologists represented cultures from various parts of the world and, according to convention organizer Denny Layne, eight different cultures were highlighted with 25 representatives present.

The convention included representatives from the Islamic culture (Blake Little, Andrew Murphy, Koty Newsome and Cody McKay), from Mexico (Jessica Hamilton, Jordan Hamilton, and Kayla Hamilton), from France (Rebecca Ratliff, Brandy Wallen and Jim Henson), from Africa (Andie Meade, Keturah Tackett and Taylor Wise), from Scotland (Lakeisha Lantz, Erin McMillan, Cassie Morton and A.J. Hamilton),

from Japan (Racheal Hall, Lonnie Blair and Joshua Head), from Hawaii (Julie Stevens, Carisso DiRico and Ocie Daniels) and from Norway (Danielle Hall and Kenesha Newsome).

Each of the groups discussed various aspects of their respective cultures ranging from things such as traditional dress, foods, National monuments, customs, and much more.

The French delegation brought with them samples of a French Donut baked fresh by them. The Hawaiian and the Mexican delegates each demonstrated dances to their cultures, the Hawaiian and the Mexican hat dance.

At the close of the convention, Mrs. Layne declared the convention a great success and all participants were rewarded accordingly.

## Lagoon

ages the greedy villain role with aplomb but also scores in alternate scenes that reveal him to be devoted father.

William Forsythe is also on

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squeeze in a few obvious messages about the awful consequences of wedding big business to science but doesn't let that idea get in the way of furnishing some solid scares and gross out gore.

# Moss becoming cash crop for some in Appalachia

by VICKI SMITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOOKOUT, W.Va. — Deep in the forest, miles from anything resembling a town, even logging roads and rutted four-wheeler paths dissolve. That's when J.P. Anderson gears down his battered Suzuki Samurai, crashing up the side of a mountain with bone-rattling force.

"Hang on," he says, scanning the trees for gaps and snapping the smaller ones in his way. Eventually, the engine goes silent and the vehicle comes to rest against a trunk 6 inches thick.

Anderson hops out and hikes downhill. Then he spots it: a long-fallen, rotting tree covered in a blanket of brilliant green moss some 2 inches thick and several feet long.

Quickly and gently, he rips up a long section of the living carpet and stuffs it into one of eight woven-plastic sacks he'll fill in an hour.

"They told me money don't grow on trees. They was lying to me," he says, grinning through his black beard. "I know better now. It grows on rocks, too."

Moss is the all-purpose sponge of the forest, storing water, releasing nutrients and housing tiny critters. But across Appalachia and in the Pacific Northwest, it's more than that. It's a way to make ends meet when jobs are few.

Picking is hard work on a hot day. Sweaty. Dirty. And it pays only about \$5 a sack. But for 33-year-old Anderson, who lives simply as a single father to twin boys, the solitude and independence beat the construction jobs that often pay the bills.

"I don't like dealing with people, actually. I don't deal well with being told what to do," he says, hefting another 20- to 30-pound sack over his shoulder. "I guess it's a superiority complex."

What Anderson picks could end up in a floral arrangement or a craft project, maybe even on a movie set. Along the way, it will support more than a dozen jobs, from people who sort it, dry it and package it to those who ship and sell it.

But biologists, businessmen and pickers themselves say the good stuff is getting harder to find - and the money harder to make.

Moss is not commercially grown, so buyers depend on the wilderness. Some state and national forests, though, have already banned harvesting, worried about what they are losing when moss leaves the ecosystem.

A less ethical picker will strip the logs bare, but Anderson and father James, who have witnessed the devastation of strip mining and clear-cut logging, always leave clumps behind to help the spore-driven plant regenerate. To thrive, it needs moisture, cool temperatures and shade.

"You never pick it all," James says. "Not if you want it to grow back again."

How long that takes is a question that has some scientists and U.S. Forest Service officials wrestling with the regulation of this secretive industry, where there are plenty of opinions but few facts.

North Carolina's Pisgah and Nantahala national forests expect to ban moss collection Jan. 1 after studies there indicated a growback cycle "on the order of 15 to 20 years," says botanical specialist Gary Kauffman of the Forest Service.

That's twice as long as some veteran pickers and moss buyers think it takes.

Though Kauffman agrees the science is still lacking, Pisgah and Nantahala will likely err on the side of caution. That means the forests will be off-limits to the 100-200 pickers a year who typically get permits.

Nationwide, it's hard to tell how many people make a living from moss. Most search out private land, where they go unno-

ticed and untracked by hunt clubs and logging companies.

Nor are all pickers alike. Some are chronically unemployed, living on society's fringe. Some are recreational, filling sacks while hunting or hiking. Some teenagers do it at county fair time, for pocket money.

Few pickers are eager to talk about their work. Sometimes that's because it involves trespassing and illegal picking, but mainly it's to protect their sites from competitors.

Sue Studlar, a West Virginia University biologist who has studied the business, argues that overall, moss is "mined, rather than sustainably harvested." Large-scale removal can inadvertently damage other species, from ferns to salamanders.

The Monongahela National Forest banned mossaing in 2001 until it could study the impact. Two years later, Studlar concluded that picking should be discouraged near limestone cliffs and wet areas, that no log or rock should be stripped bare, and that known "biodiversity hot spots" should be off-limits.

But "potentially, if you did it right," moss could be harvested without harming the ecosystem, Studlar says. It falls off in clumps naturally as it regenerates, and pickers could harvest those remnants.

The Monongahela, which covers nearly 1 million acres in West Virginia, may someday restore moss-picking permits. Ecologist Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy says that possibility is not a priority, but she agrees with mossers who say they and others should be allowed to take non-timber products from the forest, including ginseng root and medicinal herbs like goldenseal, before the loggers destroy them.

"We allow other uses, so the question is how to fit this in," she says.

Whether it's done sustainably or on the sly, there's little doubt mossaing will continue.

Pat Muir, a botanist at Oregon State University, figures mossaing was an \$8.4 million to \$33.7 million business in 2003, with anywhere from 4.2 million to 17 million pounds being harvested in the two dominant regions, Appalachia and the Pacific Northwest.

Data is hard to come by, and most moss dealers won't share sales figures, but Muir reached her conclusions by interviewing those who would talk, analyzing six years of export data from the U.S. Department of Commerce and making a series of assumptions.

Typically, moss pickers take their sacks to a processor, someone who dries and packages it, then sells it at a higher price to a wholesale distributor. But Muir says that's changing. In the Northwest, immigrants from Cambodia, Laos and Mexico have begun to form cooperatives, bypassing the buyer to

contract with distributors.

In the southern coalfields of West Virginia, Robert Walker is also skipping the middleman. The ex-miner from Oceana has launched Pine Hill Moss, a small online business that sells directly to the user on eBay.

"There's not that much that individuals can get into anymore, but this is a one-man operation," he says. "I pick it, dry it, clean it and ship it myself."

The "buy it now" option for a 5-pound box on eBay is \$8.50, and Walker says a woman in Missouri recently bought 75 pounds for wedding reception decorations. In May, he sold 500 pounds.

"If I had the means," he says, "I could easily ship out over a ton a month from here."

About 90 miles east, in the town of Rainelle, moss hangs bark-side-up on wires strung across a 5-acre lot, drying in the sun.

"This is hillbilly laundry," jokes Tim Thomas, owner of Appalachian Root and Herb Co.

Moss accounts for 65 percent of all sales at this family business whose first client, some 33 years ago, was Cleveland Plant and Flower of Elyria, Ohio. Thomas, now 56 and retired from the Navy, got involved when his uncle got injured and his father needed a hand.

"The first year I was here, Dad dragged me through the woods on a daily basis, teaching me about the plants," Thomas says. "We were on roads no one had been on since Daniel Boone."

Today, he says he sells "a couple hundred thousand pounds" of moss a year, for sales of \$750,000 to \$1 million.

On a busy day, his 15 workers process 300 or 400 sacks, picking out sticks, rejecting pieces that are too small or won't hold together, then hanging it to dry.

"As you can see, you get really dirty," says Carolyn Clark, who at 67 has worked here nearly half her life and has seen others quit after two days. "But you know you worked if you get dirty."

"And," says co-worker Candy Holcomb, "you don't have to pay for tanning."

But Holcomb, who has been here for eight years, says there is a downside.

"It's hard to explain where you work and what your job is," she says. "You go to the bank and ask for a loan and they say, 'You're a what?' 'You work where?'"

"They put me down as an herb taster," she says as Clark giggles. "I work in it, but I ain't tasting it."

Appalachian Root and Herb is the third-largest employer, behind Kroger and Magic Mart, in a town with 1,400 people and no industry to speak of. To the folks who work here, it's a source of pride as much as a way to pay the bills.

As she sorts through another bag, Clark ticks off the names of movies that used moss and vines she may have handled: "Jurassic Park," "Planet of the Apes," "The Haunting," "The Blair Witch Project."

She's seen her moss used on

floats in the Tournament of Roses parade, in flower deliveries that come to her neighbors, and sheathed in plastic on a rack at Wal-Mart, \$1.44 for 2 ounces.

More importantly, the prospect of all those unsorted sacks helped push her through

painful months of rehabilitation after a stroke. She called from her hospital bed to make sure she still had her job, promising Thomas she would return.

"It not only helps me," Clark says, "it helps all the people around here."



The winners of the 2005 Domestic Violence Essay Contest were recognized during the Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil held on the mainstage of the 2005 Jenny Wiley Festival. Stephanie Howard, of Magoffin County High School, won first place in the essay contest and received a \$100 U.S. savings bond provided by First Commonwealth Bank. Kayla Lambert, of Betsy Layne High School, won second place and a \$75 savings bond provided by U.S. Bank. Rebecca Ratliff won third place and a \$50 savings bond provided by Citizens National Bank.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lundie Estep, 90, of Thealka, died Wednesday, October 5, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Farrell C. Ferguson, 85, of Keaton, died Tuesday, October 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Bernice McKenzie Ferguson. Funeral services were held Friday, October 14, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Charles Red Holbrook, 80, of Van Lear, died Sunday, October 9, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Burial was in the family cemetery, at Butcher Hollow, Van Lear, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Quentin R. Justice, 83, of Paintsville, died Sunday, October 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Annette Donaldson Justice. A memorial service will be held Sunday, October 16, 2

p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, Paintsville, under direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Joe Garland Penix, 83, of Wittensville, died Tuesday, October 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Swannee Mollette Penix. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 8, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Phillip Wells, 50, of Van Lear, died Monday, October 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, October 7, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mary Pauline Williams, 84, of Paintsville, died at her residence, on Tuesday, October 11. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Williams. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 14, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

**MAGOFFIN COUNTY**  
■ Eula Hoskins, 87, of Salyersville, died Thursday, October 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, October 9, under the

direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Coachie Joseph, 40, of Royalton, died Tuesday, October 4. He is survived by his wife, Garliena Joseph. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 8, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Mabel Layne, 79, of Salyersville, died Friday, October 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Alice Rowe, 80, of Catlettsburg, a Royalton native, died Saturday, October 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 12, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Neva Lucille Rudd, 43, of Salyersville, died Thursday, October 6, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted October 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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# Odds and Ends

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — Sarah Sevick says her ferret is more than just a pet — the animal is a medical necessity.

Sevick, 19, has filed an Americans With Disabilities Act complaint against her school because it won't let her keep the animal in her dormitory.

She said she needs the ferret, named Lilly, at Our Lady of the Lake University to calm her during panic attacks.

"I'm not suing the school, and I'm not asking for money," she said. I'm just trying to get her here."

Sevick said she has post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from a physical disorder and depression. She said her problems are related, legally, to a physical disability.

"It's something inside my body that I can't control," she said.

Susan Schleicher, spokeswoman at Our Lady of the Lake, said the university could not comment.

■ **LONDON** — JBS wanted a divorce, and didn't care who knew.

Drivers on southern England road last week saw a banner hung from a bridge that declared: "Wendy, I want a divorce. JBS."

On Wednesday, a new banner appeared at the same place: "No way. You are the cheat! Wendy."

Tsk tsk, said a marriage adviser.

"They must be very angry to do this in such a public way. It is certainly very immature and we would urge them to seek counseling," said Christine Northam, a senior counselor for Relate, a marriage guidance service.

■ **KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii** — Some 100 runners wearing nothing but their skivvies turned out for the Underpants Run, an annual event in the days leading up to Saturday's Ironman World Championship.

"It's pretty much 'the' event now," joked founder and former professional triathlete Paul Huddle.

Not all triathletes would agree. More than 1,800 competitors are in Kona for the grueling Ironman, a 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike leg through the lava fields and a full 26.2-mile marathon run.

Some of the international athletes who come to Hawaii to train in and around the village for the race in the week before the event sparked the idea for the fun run, which began in 1997.

"It was a reaction to the abhorrent and unbelievable practice of wearing Speedos around town, in the post office, the grocery store, even restaurants," Huddle said.

■ **AIKEN, S.C.** — Not even the sheriff is immune to crime in this community.

Someone broke into Sheriff Michael Hunt's personal truck and took his .40-caliber Glock handgun and a hunting knife, some keys, four quarters and a pack of AA batteries, deputies said.

The gun was secured in the truck and not visible from the outside, Hunt said, declining to elaborate.

He noticed the items were missing Wednesday morning as he got ready to leave for a meeting.

The sheriff said he locked the truck the night before, but it was unlocked when he went to get in it the next morning.

There has been a rash of car break-ins in Aiken County in the past few weeks, deputies said.

■ **MIAMI** — Once again, a python has been done in by its dinner.

After one python exploded after trying to eat an alligator, a 10-foot African rock python was apparently trapped by the turkey it ate at a nursery. The snake couldn't slither back through a fence to digest the bird.

Nursery owner Felix Azquz, 77, noticed one turkey was missing early Monday. Then he saw the bulging snake.

"It scared me," Azquz said. "I ran outside to call the police."

The snake will be taken to a

zoo, said Capt. Al Cruz of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue antivenin unit.

Last month, a 13-foot python burst as it tried to swallow a 6-foot American alligator in Everglades National Park. Neither animal survived.

On Sunday, a bulging 12-foot Burmese python was captured near the backyard of a Miami Gardens home. A snake expert said the python had eaten the homeowner's year-old Siamese cat named Frances.

■ **VENTURA, Calif.** — Snoozing in public places could soon land sleepyheads in jail.

Instead of a citation, people caught illegally sleeping in city parks, beaches and other public places may soon face arrest and a jailhouse cot.

The City Council voted 5-1 on Monday to support making illegal sleeping in public a misdemeanor. Police want the penalty

hiked from an infraction to give them a tool to curb illegal camping, particularly in city parks.

The council will formally consider the change next week.

Currently, those caught "passed out" in city parks or public streets can only be cited and fined, City Attorney Bob Boehm said. Often, the infraction is ignored and the pattern of illegal camping continues, he said.

Since police began making river bottom sweeps to clear out homeless people, many migrated to downtown and other neighborhoods.

Brian Lee Rencher, who is homeless and running again for the City Council on Nov. 8, said it was immoral to not allow someone to sleep. Rencher said the real problem is a lack of housing, which forces people to sleep in the river bottom and other places.

■ **COLUMBIA, S.C.** — If

you're walking under the chair lift at the South Carolina State Fair — watch out for spit!

About 80 mostly middle school-aged kids were caught spitting on people from the ride Monday, according to the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

Spitting from rides has always been a problem, and students observing the Columbus Day holiday didn't help. Saturday will be bad, too, police said.

Those caught spitting are taken to a sheriff's substation until their parents come for them, and they are not allowed to return to the fair this year.

Most of the time, victims don't press charges, but police said people spitting could be charged with assault and battery.

Signs at the ride warn of consequences, but worker Lillie Williams thinks the wording should be stronger, suggesting: "If you can't hold your spit in

your mouth, don't get on this ride."

The annual 11-day event ends Sunday.

■ **BRIDGEPORT, Conn.** — A man who police say was caught downloading porn on a school computer with a bucket of urine beside him is facing burglary charges.

William Hoskins, 31, was being held in lieu of \$500 bond.

Police say they were responding to an alarm the Bridge Academy charter school when they found Hoskins in his underwear, apparently downloading pornography on an office computer.

A duffel bag, clothing and a wallet containing Hoskins' ID, were found on the floor nearby, along with a bucket of urine, police said.

Police said Hoskins told them he went into the school to use the bathroom.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2005. There are 76 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Oct. 16, 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

On this date:

■ In 1793, during the French Revolution, Queen Marie Antoinette was beheaded.

■ In 1846, dentist William T. Morton demonstrated the effectiveness of ether as an anesthetic by administering it to a patient undergoing jaw surgery before an audience of doctors in Boston.

■ In 1859, abolitionist John Brown led a group of about 20 men in a raid on Harper's Ferry.

■ In 1916, Margaret Sanger opened the first birth control clinic, in New York City.

■ In 1946, 10 Nazi war criminals condemned during the Nuremberg trials were hanged.

■ In 1962, the Cuban missile crisis began as President Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

■ In 1964, Harold Wilson of the Labor Party assumed office as prime minister of Britain, succeeding Conservative Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

■ In 1970, Anwar Sadat was elected president of Egypt, succeeding the late Gamal Abdel Nasser.

■ In 1984, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of non-violent struggle for racial equality in South Africa.

■ In 1987, a 58-and-a-half-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

**Ten years ago:** A vast throng of black men gathered in Washington, D.C., for the Million Man March led by Nation of Islam leader Louis

Farrakhan.

**Five years ago:** President Clinton launched a fresh effort to try to cool Middle East tensions at an emergency summit in Egypt that included Israeli and Palestinian leaders, as well as the leaders of Egypt and Jordan and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan and his son were killed in a plane crash south of St. Louis while en route to a rally for Carnahan's U.S. Senate campaign. The New York Mets beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-0 to win the National League championship series, 4-1.

**One year ago:** The Soyuz spacecraft was forced to manually dock with the international space station after it closed in on the station at a dangerously high speed. Pierre Salinger, a journalist who served as press secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, died in Le Thon, France, at age 79.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Angela Lansbury is 80. Former presidential adviser Charles W. Colson is 74. Actor-producer Tony Anthony is 68. Actor Barry Corbin is 65. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 62. Actress Suzanne Somers is 59. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir (The Dead) is 58. Producer-director David Zucker is 58. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 57. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 54. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 47. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 46. Singer-musician Bob Mould is 45. Actor Randy Vasquez is 44. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 43. Jazz musician Roy Hargrove is 36. Actress Terri J. Vaughn is 36. Singer Wendy Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 36. Rapper B-Rock (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 34. Actress Kellie Martin is 30. Singer John Mayer is 28. Actor Jeremy Jackson is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Religion without joy — it is no religion." — Theodore Parker, American religious leader (1810-1860).

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## Raiders hold off Allen Central, 48-42

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central found itself in a shootout for a second straight game Friday night. Unfortunately for the Rebels and their faithful football fans, 40-plus points wasn't good enough for a second consecutive time. In the Red, White & Blue Bowl, the Raiders prevailed in one of the best games in the history of the South Floyd-Allen Central football series, winning 48-42.

After having traded scores with

Allen Central early on in the first quarter, South Floyd head coach Donny Daniels witnessed his team put some distance between itself and its Floyd County rival in the second period. South Floyd took a 40-16 lead into halftime. The lead, however, proved to be far from comfortable.

"We moved the football so well in the first half and then got stalemated in the second half," Daniels said following his team's victory. "But you can't take anything away from Allen Central. They did a good job of hanging in there and

played hard."

Daniels mentioned some defensive letdowns as the cause of Allen Central battling back and nearly pulling off the win.

"We have to get some things done defensively," Daniels noted. "We've got about 12 kids playing right now that always makes it tougher. Even though we weren't able to move the football as much in the second half, our kids stepped up and held on and we are proud of that effort."

South Floyd came into the in-

(See RAIDERS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster  
South Floyd Coach Donny Daniels addressed his team Friday night following its win over rival Allen Central.

## Blackcats roll past Pike Central

Peters' 255 yards, four TDs lead P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Picking up a district win on the road over Pike Central may have been just what the doctor ordered for a Blackcat team that had struggled to find wins this season. Prestonsburg came into Friday's matchup with Pike Central at 1-6 on the season, with their playoff life at stake, but came away with a convincing 35-12 win over the Hawks. Pike Central won the toss and elected to take the football to open the game.

Pike Central quarterback Justin Campbell got the Hawks off and running on the game's third play from scrimmage with a 60 yard pass completion that seemed to be fumbled, but the Hawk player was ruled down and Pike Central retained possession of the pigskin. Prestonsburg would stiffen on defense from that point and force the Hawks to turn the ball over on downs at the Prestonsburg 25 yard line.

Wes Woods led the Blackcat defense with a game high eight tackles.

Prestonsburg would get on the board first on a 45-yard scamper from senior tailback Brandon Peters at the 1:18 mark of the first quarter. Seth Moore would connect on the first of five extra points to give the Blackcats an early 7-0 lead. The first quarter would end with P'burg in front 7-0. The Hawks

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## P'burg Little League to meet

Prestonsburg Little League will meet Sunday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Rescue Squad Building. The meeting is open to the public.

# Rebels sweep South Floyd for district title



photos by Jamie Howell  
Allen Central captured the 55th District championship Thursday night. The Rebels defeated South Floyd in two straight games.

Left: Allen Central senior Elizabeth Mosley, Floyd County Conference Player of the Year.

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PRESTONSBURG — Allen Central swept South Floyd in two games Thursday evening for its first 55th District championship. The Rebels also won the Floyd County Conference title, posting a perfect 6-0 record.

The Rebels (25-6) were led by senior Elizabeth Mosley, who tallied eight kills on .667 hitting and three blocks. Senior Yumekia Hunter had a match-high .857 with six put-downs and four blocks. Junior libero Alesia Hall led all back row players with 18 digs. Christina Blevins added three kills.

"It is a great night when you hit for .500 in district play," said Allen Central Coach Larry Maynard. "Yumekia Hunter, Elizabeth (Mosley), and Christina (Blevins) had a great night for us."

Allen Central won each game by identical 25-14 scores.

Freshman Brittany Hodge and

Junior Courtney Martin added two kills and one kill respectively and Amanda Mills dished up eight assists.

"It was a team effort, we started very slowly, our passers made some early errors, but they buckled down, began to transition, got into system most of the night, and it gave us a lot of options," Maynard added. "Our intensity was consistent throughout the night."

Allen Central's district title triumph didn't come without a battle.

South Floyd jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first game. After South Floyd jumped out to the early advantage, Maynard opted to call a timeout and regroup his team.

"I told them they were not into their game; they were not transitioning, or getting into position to make good passes," Maynard recalled. "We needed to refocus and attack, not let up, and go after them, get stingy with the defense, transition to and set the offense, and take it to them."

Allen Central closed the differ-

ence in score to one, 12-11, behind solid defensive play of Hall and Hunter, the offensive sets of Mills, and the hitting of Mosley, Hodge, and Blevins. Martin started her service one point down and gave it up with an AC five point lead. Martin slapped in an ace giving the Rebels a 13-12 lead. Hunter slammed in a kill and got a decisive block for a point; Hodge slapped in a kill from the right side, and Blevins added a kill from a Mills set, put the AC girls in control. The Raiders were shaken and called a time out. After the break, Martin smacked in another ace before an unforced error gave the ball back to South Floyd. A net serve by the Raiders set up a 4-0 run by AC, with Mills getting an ace and Mosley pounding in a kill. Mills gave up service with a 21-14 lead. Another errant serve by the Raiders gave Mosley the ball with a 22-14 lead

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## Craynon's three scores lead Blackcat freshmen

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Allan Craynon rushed five times for 145 yards and three touchdowns Thursday night to lead the host Prestonsburg to a 38-6 win over Letcher County Central in a freshman football game. Three different Blackcats had touchdowns in the victory. Taylor Clark and freshman quarterback Chris Schoolcraft both added rushing touchdowns.

Seth Setser had five carries for 36 carries while Blake Meade added 32 yards on seven carries.

Passing, Schoolcraft finished five-of-nine for 49 yards. Tight end Nathaniel Stephens had two catches for 33 yards for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett likes what he's seen this season from his freshmen and junior varsity teams.

"There's a lot of good athletes in those classes; some of those kids have even helped us on the varsity level," said DeRossett. "Our future is definitely bright with the kids in those classes."

Neither team produced

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photo by Jamie Howell  
The Adams Middle School Lady Blackcats held their annual eighth grade night Thursday evening. Halee Hicks, Felicia Keathley, Stephanie Spears, Nikki Bradley and Debbie Necessary were honored during the team final home game.

## King Kelly's jersey retired



PRESTONSBURG — The number 66 jersey of Wayland Wasp King Kelly Coleman has been retired.

"Today I am announcing the retirement by the 15th Region of King Kelly Coleman's jersey in preparation for this Sunday's celebration of the Wayland star's basketball career and colorful life," State Senator Johnny Ray

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District

and an ace, a Hunter slam, and a South Floyd error gave the Rebels game one. The Raiders also had an early lead in game two that eventually quickly faded. South Floyd took a 3-1 lead to open the second game, but Allen Central broke through behind Mills' serving. Again, our serve reception defense weakened, but with some encouragement, we tightened up and gained control of the ball," Maynard said, noting one of the match's turning points. Mills served up ten without error and AC's offense was in cruise control. An ace by Mills, two kills from Mosley, a kill by Blevins, and two unforced errors gave the Rebels a 10-4 lead. The Raiders were unable to handle the constant barrage of Allen Central hits, nor could they penetrate the aggressive defense of the Rebels led by Hall. Hodge and Mills were totally controlling the AC offense and it was paying off in a big way. South Floyd managed a three point run, a couple

of service errors by the Rebels, and trading services back and forth put the game at 21 - 13 - Allen Central. Elizabeth Mosley coolly stepped in to serve and got her third ace on the night. She then placed a tough serve in that caused the defender to dig it up close to the net and Yumekia Hunter slammed it in for an over-net kill, Amanda Mills took a point and the score stood at 24 - 13, but the AC girls missed their opportunity on a kill error. South Floyd, with Allen Central leading 24-14, committed a service error, giving the Rebels the game and the match. "This team bonded in July and has worked extremely hard throughout the summer and fall to earn this championship," an emotional Maynard confided. "They all know, it does not matter whether they are on the floor or on the bench, they are the reason this team got to where it is, every member is a contributor to any success we may enjoy." Allen Central placed seven

members on the Floyd County Conference Team, with Hunter named as the Player of the Year. Other Rebels to earn all-conference honors were Mills, Mosley, Blevins, Hodge, Hall, and Martin. The Rebels also placed seven players on the All-District Team with Mosley named the Most Valuable Player. Mosley earned 16 kills on .675 hitting. Other Allen Central players named all-district were Hunter, Mills, Blevins, Hodge, Martin and Alesia Hall. "I am proud of the way this team performed, they were calm under pressure and they have a never-give-up attitude," Maynard continued. "They have given their time and talents to be the best in this district and the best volleyball team Allen Central has ever put on the floor." Maynard 139 career wins as the Rebel coach. Both Allen Central and South Floyd advance to the regional tournament. Betsy Layne will begin hosting the 15th Region Tournament Monday.

Freshmen

points in the opening quarter Thursday night, but Prestonsburg supplied came alive with offensive in the second period. The Blackcats went into halftime leading 24-0. Craynon put Prestonsburg on the scoreboard in the second quarter when he found running room and rushed for a 70-yard touchdown. Schoolcraft kept on the two-point conversion,

pushing Prestonsburg out to an 8-0 lead. Craynon scored all of Prestonsburg's second-quarter touchdowns, also hitting paydirt on 30-, and 18-yard scoring efforts. Letcher Central capitalized on a Prestonsburg fumble on the opening to start the second half, scoring its first and only touchdown. Visiting Letcher Central, however, couldn't

overcome Prestonsburg's comfortable lead. Schoolcraft and Clark each added rushing touchdowns for Prestonsburg in the second half. Clark scored his touchdown on a reverse that fooled the Cougar defense and went 35 yards. Schoolcraft capped Clark's touchdown run when he found Meade on a two-point conversion pass.

Jersey

Turner said in a press release issued earlier in the week. Coleman is the first-ever Kentucky Mr. Basketball. He reigns as one of the greatest high school basketball players in state history. To honor Coleman there will

be a celebration and a news conference today at 2:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. "I am encouraging former basketball players in the 15th Basketball Region to attend the celebration," Turner added. "I

am pleased to invite you to attend and asking for your help in spreading the word to make this event special for a true Kentucky Legend." The celebration is free and open to the public. - Times Staff Report

Blackcats

could not muster any offense throughout the remainder of the first half. Prestonsburg forced the Hawks to punt on four of the first six possessions and the Blackcat defense would also hold on downs and force a Pike Central fumble in the first half. Blackcat quarterback Bobby Hughes found the end zone midway through the second quarter on a 19-yard option keeper to give Prestonsburg a 14-0 lead at the half. Both teams would be forced to punt on their opening drives of the second half before Prestonsburg would take control of the game on a Peters 74-yard

touchdown run at the 7:21 mark of the third quarter. Prestonsburg led 21-0 before the Hawks would get on the board. Quirvon Merchant found the end zone on a 17-yard run late in the quarter to get the Hawks within 21-6, but the Blackcats would answer in a hurry. Brandon Peters would score the third of his four touchdowns on a 32-yard run and the cats led 28-6. Pike Central would add another score in the final quarter as Merchant scampered 16 yards but the cats would not be denied on this night as Peters would score again on a 10 yard run midway through the fourth quarter.

Peters finished the night with a career best 255 yards on 18 carries as Prestonsburg claimed the 35-12 win and in the process evened their district record at 2-2. Prestonsburg was led in part on defense by a host of other players in addition to Woods, including Tyler Hamilton, Sam Chaffin and Tyler Layne. Freshman backs Blake Meade and Allen Craynon continued to play well for Prestonsburg. The Blackcats will return home on Friday night for another key district matchup with Shelby Valley. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.



Brandon Peters (4) helped lead Prestonsburg to the win over Pike County Central.

Raiders

county battle against Allen Central following a shutout loss to Hazard, Allen Central had traveled to Phelps and suffered a loss in a high-scoring game before taking on the rival Raiders. Both South Floyd and Allen Central found the endzone early during Friday's game. The Raiders got the football first and went right to work. Senior quarterback Ryan Johnson put South Floyd on the scoreboard with 9:32 remaining the first period when he dashed to the endzone on a 70-yard scoring run. Justin Slone carried in the two-point conversion for the Raiders, putting South Floyd ahead 8-0. But it didn't take Allen Central long to answer. Corey Click answered for Allen Central, scoring on an eight-yard run with 6:48 left in the opening period. Freshman quarterback Josh Prater kept on the two-point conversion, tying the game at 8-8. The Rebels answered the early call, but never grabbed a lead at any point during the Class A, District 8 game. Junior running back Ethan Johnson pushed the South Floyd

lead out to a touchdown when he scored on a 66-yard run. Senior Robbie Vanderpool, a player who would breathe life back into Allen Central in the second half, scored Allen Central's second touchdown on a seven-yard run with 1:37 remaining in the first quarter. South Floyd, after a 13-yard touchdown run from Slone, led 24-16 at the end of the first quarter. Slone and Ethan Johnson each had touchdown runs in the second quarter. Slone added an 11-yard scoring run and Ethan Johnson returned to the endzone on a 42-yard score. Vanderpool and Raymon Spurlock each had touchdown runs in the third period. South Floyd exited the third period with a 40-28 lead with Allen Central closing the gap. Vanderpool got his team within a touchdown in the fourth period when he scored on a 54-yard punt return. The Raiders, clinging to a 40-34 lead, got some breathing room when Ryan Johnson kept the football and scored on a 54-yard keeper. Johnson hit Brock Slone in the back of the endzone to push the Raider lead out to 46-34.

Vanderpool scored on a 17-yard run with 3:28 remaining and Matt Crabtree added the two-point conversion, allowing Allen Central to cut the South Floyd advantage down to a lone touchdown. After holding the South Floyd offense, Allen Central took its turn back on defense in the game's final two minutes. The Rebels came up short in their final offensive possession as South Floyd took over on downs in the game's final seconds. Both South Floyd and Allen Central return to the gridiron this week. South Floyd travels to Paintsville for its final regular-season game while Allen Central hosts Jenkins. RED, WHITE & BLUE HONORS SOUTH FLOYD: Offensive Player of the Game - Ryan Johnson Defensive Player of the Game - Justin Slone ALLEN CENTRAL: Offensive Player of the Game - Robbie Vanderpool Defensive Player of the Game - Matt Crabtree

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Table listing high school football scores for various counties including Ashland, Belfry, Bell, East Carter, Evarts, Fairview, Fleming, Leslie, Lynn Camp, Madison Central, Middlesboro, Morgan, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Rockcastle, Russell, Somerset, and South Floyd.

Kentucky's Madness event draws 23,000

By MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS LEXINGTON - More than 23,000 fans filled Rupp Arena on Friday night for Kentucky's Big Blue Madness, the party that signals the start of college basketball practice. The turnout by Kentucky fans meant the university set an attendance record for one of these events. The previous record was held by North Carolina, which drew more than 21,700 fans to the Smith Center in Chapel Hill, N.C., in October 2003 for the Tar Heels' first practice under coach Roy Williams. "If we would build a bigger building, we would get more people, and I think we would sell it out, even if it was 50,000," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We have a great audience, we have a great product and we have a great tradition here at Kentucky." That opinion was seconded by one of Smith's predecessors, Joe B. Hall, who proposed using an even larger venue - the Wildcats' football field. "This is fantastic," Hall told the crowd. "Next year, I suggest we go to Commonwealth Stadium." Since the inception of Big Blue Madness in 1982, it had been held in on-campus Memorial Coliseum, where the Wildcats played their home games during the tenure of legendary coach Adolph Rupp. That facility has about 8,700 seats, but its capacity now is limited to 5,600 because of ongoing construction of an adjacent practice facility. The move to Rupp Arena - where Kentucky plays its home games - coincides with the 30th anniversary of the downtown facility. Kentucky began distributing the free tickets for Big Blue Madness on Oct. 1, and about 20,000 tickets were claimed during the first 35 minutes of availability. It took a little more

than 48 hours to distribute the rest of the tickets, athletic department spokesman Scott Stricklin said. Kentucky has drawn as many as 24,459 fans to Rupp Arena for a game, but Stricklin said the university wanted to limit the number of tickets distributed to the arena's official capacity, which is 23,000. "It really is madness," Kentucky women's coach Mickie DeMoss said. "This is the standard everyone measures their opening practice by." A number of Division I programs held similar events, although they all had a head start. The NCAA passed a rule this year that allowed the festivities to get under way a few hours earlier than the traditional midnight start for the sake of fans. Kentucky, which spends the vast majority of its men's basketball marketing budget on the event, included touches like a propane torch that shot fireballs 30 feet into the air during player introductions. The school also brought in Jon Mason, the public address announcer for the NBA's Detroit Pistons, to handle the introductions. (Former Kentucky standout Tayshaun Prince plays for the Pistons.) Smith called it more of an "opening ceremony" than a practice but acknowledged a little bit of anxiousness. Asked if his new players were ready for the event, Smith quipped, "I don't know if I'm ready." Stricklin said it hasn't been decided whether to keep the event at Rupp Arena, but "it's being talked about. We'll probably do whatever the fans want. It's the ultimate fan event. You don't charge for tickets and there's not a whole lot accomplished other than showing the fans a good time." - Louisville, which reached the Final Four last season didn't have lights or pyrotechnics for its first practice. The Cardinals held their first work-

out in Cardinal Arena, the team's 850-seat practice facility. Coach Rick Pitino warned those in attendance that the event was a practice, not a show, and that he might use some words that might not be suitable for young children. Tickets to the practice were \$50 and proceeds went to the Derek Smith Fund. Smith, a member of Louisville's 1980 NCAA championship team, died in 1996. - Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun was working right away as well since he'll be without a veteran backcourt because of off-court troubles. "We've got an awful lot of stuff to cram in," Calhoun said although the 7,000 fans at Gampel Pavilion were still treated to a dunking contest and 3-point shootout. - There were 10,000 people in Assembly Hall for Indiana's opening practice and Marco Killingsworth, now eligible after sitting a season after transferring from Auburn, got them going with a one-handed dunk during a scrimmage. - Kansas fans came to see their Jayhawks and renovated Allen Fieldhouse in the 21st annual "Late Night at the Phog." The players drew a standing ovation when they entered the court dressed in tuxedos and tennis shoes. They treated the fans to a step routine in which seniors Christian Moody and Jeff Hawkins took the microphones and led the team. - Maryland had its usual alumni game, spotlights, laser beams, over-the-top introductions and scrimmage as part of a 2 1/2-hour program that delighted a packed house at the Comcast Center. Terrapins coach Gary Williams sounded like his usual self, too. "It's kind of a thank-you type of thing for our fans," he said. "It's all about practice tomorrow. Tonight, it's just a good time for everybody."

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# Tamme continues making transition to tight end



by MURAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It was near the end of another losing football season in Kentucky when coaches made the request of Jacob Tamme to move from wide receiver, the position at which he'd already had three games as a freshman, to tight end.

"Whatever (coaches) think is best for the team is what I'm going to do," said Tamme, who agreed to the switch.

At 6-foot-5 and 210 pounds, Tamme wasn't a prototypical tight end — and that's exactly what head coach Rich Brohm wanted to take advantage of, he believes using a player like Tamme at the position creates mismatches for opposing defenses.

The switch worked famously at first. In last year's season finale, Tamme caught two touchdown passes — the first of his career — as Kentucky nearly upset Tennessee before falling 37-31.

This season, the sophomore from Danville feels more comfortable in his new role, having added about 25 pounds and refined his blocking skills. But opposing defenses also have figured out ways to limit his productivity. Through five games, he caught 11 passes for 113

yards — both third-highest on the team — and one touchdown for the Wildcats (1-4, 0-2 Southeastern Conference).

Those aren't quite the numbers Brooks and Tamme hoped for, but coach and player both understand why.

"A guy we want to get the ball to is Jacob Tamme," Brooks said. "But people have taken notice that Jacob Tamme is a weapon as well and they're doing things to bang him around to take him away. So it's more difficult to get that done than the average person would suspect."

Brooks has raved about Tamme since the Boyle County High School product signed with the Wildcats. After redshirting in 2003, Tamme quickly broke into the rotation in 2004 and saw action in every game as Kentucky finished 2-9.

His season highlight, obviously, came against Tennessee. Then, Tamme said, the hard work of switching positions began.

"The toughest part might have been in the spring," Tamme said. "I did some good things in the spring, but that was really kind of the growing process."

Tamme said that running routes from tight end is similar to going so from receiver. But blocking responsibilities are drastically different for a tight end who usually acts as an extension of the offensive line. He had a lot to learn, and his teammates and coaches say he's been quick study.

"Out on some weight during this season, but he still has that receiver speed that helps and he's getting after it

trying to block," center Matt McCutchan said. "We call him 'Torpedo Tamme' on the o-line because on some of our outside zone plays, he just crashes down. It seems like he takes out everybody."

Jeremiah Drobney, the player who lost a starting job because of Tamme's position switch, said the move has benefited the team as well as the other tight ends.

"I think it helped with the tight end being more involved in the passing game," Drobney said. "He's come in and taught us a lot of things about the receiving game and we've taught him a lot about how to block. I think it's been good for all of us. It's added to the competition at the position and made us all work a lot harder."

Tamme doesn't foresee ever returning to receiver — "Tight end is going to be the best place for me," he said — but he does believe there will come a day during his career when the Wildcats will shed their losing image.

"Team-wise, we haven't accomplished the things that I want to accomplish during my career here, yet," Tamme said. "But I think we're laying the foundation to get that done. I think what people don't see is, when you plant a seed, you're not going to see a plant the next day. We are laying the right foundation to see that plant before I leave here, and that's what I want to do."

"I hope that before I leave here that people can look back and say that I was part of the team that turned this program into a winner."



The All-Floyd County Conference volleyball team was announced Thursday night following the championship match of the 55th District Volleyball Tournament. Allen Central led both the all-conference and all-district selections.



All-district players were also honored at the conclusion of the 55th District Volleyball Tournament.

# LWC wins Mid-South Conference Fall Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BURKESVILLE — The Lindsey Wilson College women's golf team won their third tournament this fall at the Mid-South Conference Fall Tournament on Tuesday at Dale Hollow Lake State Park.

The Blue Raiders shot a two-day total of 673 (338-335) over the 5,987 yard Dale Hollow Lake State Park golf course.

Lindsey Wilson sophomore

Jessica Robertson placed tied for second individually with a score of 161 (81-80). Campbellsville's Lauren Scholl won the individual title with a 157 (78-79).

Lindsey Wilson sophomore Beth Cooper tied for fourth with a total of 164 (87-77) while freshman Aline Decker seventh with a score of 170 (81-89).

Blue Raider junior Stacy McClain tallied 178 (89-89) for 11th place and sophomore

Lindsay Roberts finished with a 186 (92-94) for 17th place. Georgetown College had a team score of 694 (354-340) for a second place finish.

Lindenwood University participated in the tournament from Missouri tallied a team total of 703 (362-341) to finish one stroke better than Campbellsville University's 704 (348-356).

Pikeville College did not have enough scores to qualify as a team.

# High school soccer player dies after being stuck by a ball

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Francisco Valle-Victorino was known by his diving stops as goaltender of Western High School's undefeated soccer team. On Tuesday his teammates mourned the 17-year-old from Mexico after his final save turned tragic.

Valle-Victorino died early Tuesday at Kosair Children's Hospital after being struck in the neck by a ball during district play against Pleasure Ridge Park High School on Monday evening.

"He was always happy, smiling and that is the way we are going to remember him," said Francisco Delgado-Hernandez, a family friend. "Our love for him will live forever."

At Western High, a Mexican flag waved in the breeze to honor Valle-Victorino. The U.S. flag flew at half-staff and a bevy of counselors met throughout Tuesday with grieving students.

"I've been in this business for 30 years and I never thought that I would have a day like this," said Western Principal Louis Hughley. "It's something you never imagine would happen."

The fateful play occurred during the second half of Western's 5-0 victory. A PRP player dribbled the ball into the goal box and Valle-Victorino dove to defend his goal, said

Jerry Wym, director of activities and athletics for Jefferson County public schools.

"Francisco dove for it at just about the exact time this young man was kicking the ball, and kicked the ball into Francisco's neck, that area," said Wym, who did not attend the game but received account of the play from coaches and officials.

Valle-Victorino had to stand up but collapsed, Wym said. A game official administered first aid until emergency workers arrived. Valle-Victorino was taken to Caritas Medical Center and then transferred to Kosair.

His coach, teammates and principal stood vigil at the hospital along with the stricken player's family. The youngest died shortly after 8 a.m. EDT and an autopsy was planned.

"Everybody on the team really loved him," said his coach, Montrelle Irvin. "He was very outgoing and always had a smile on his face. Everybody depended on him."

Valle-Victorino, a sophomore, transferred to Western this past August after attending Iroquois High School, also in Louisville, Hughley said.

Although he spoke limited English, Valle-Victorino became a team leader, Irvin said. He remembered his goalie urging on his teammates at halftime of a 1-1 game this season.

"One thing he said was, 'We

are not going to lose,' and we ended up winning 4-1," he said.

In many games, Valle-Victorino limited opponents to one or two goals, Irvin said.

"He was always diving for the ball (to) knock it out, anything it took to not let the ball go into the goal. And that's exactly what he was doing" on the fateful play, Irvin said.

Valle-Victorino moved to Louisville for a little more than a year from Mexico, Delgado-Hernandez said. His father is a maintenance worker at a golf course, and two of his family members previously graduated from Western, the family friend said.

One brother attends Jefferson Community College, and Valle-Victorino aspired to improve his English and follow in his brother's footsteps as a college student, Delgado-Hernandez said.

Carol Montgomery, director of programs and services for the county school district, said students were asking counselors how something so tragic could happen to someone so young.

"We tell them that life is just full of a whole lot of tough stuff and a whole lot of things that don't have clean, beautiful answers," she said.

Western was to play again Tuesday but the match was postponed. The team intends to play again this season and dedicate the games to their fallen teammate, school officials said.

# UC wins conference title

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HOUGHTON, Mich. — The Union College cycling team captured the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference championship over the week, while senior Travis Mullen (West Olive, Mich.) earned MWCCC Rider of the Year honors.

"I could not be happier with the team," said Union coach Chuck Coffey. "Everyone did extremely well. This was a true team effort."

About Mullen, Coffey said, "Travis has had a tremendous year. He's been one of our top riders the past couple of years, but this year, he's been able to put everything together. And I look for him to challenge for the top individual honor as nation-

als in three weeks."

Mullen secured the Rider of the Year honors by placing second in the cross-country race.

The conference championship was Union's second in a row and third overall. However, unlike the previous two title years, this year's was the overall championship. In 2002 and 2004, the Bulldogs were the MWCCC Division II conference champion. Yet, UC is not the top team in MWCCC Division II but is also the team top in both divisions.

In addition to Mullen, Union had several others to excel over the weekend.

Junior Crissy Buerkel (Evans City, Pa.) placed second overall in Women's A Class as she won

the dual slalom and was third in cross country, short track and downhill. Autumn Hicks (Pinetop) came in third in dual slalom and was fifth in cross country. In Women's B Class, Brandy Bartarian (Pineville) finished second in the cross-country race.

Hicks, a Knott County native, enjoyed a successful season with the UC cycling team.

Freshman Jonathan Turner (Harlan) won the Men's A Class short-track race, while Justin Becker (Loveland, Ohio) and Eddie Capps (Middlesboro) was fifth and 15th, respectively, in the cross-country race.

Union will compete for the NCCA Division II National Championship on October 28-30 in Seven Springs, Pa.

# SFMS FOOTBALL



South Floyd Middle School is having its most successful season in school history. The SFMS A-team is pictured above with the B-team pictured below.



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**The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.**

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**110-Agriculture**

**FOR SALE:** 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

**130-Cars**

**Hicks Auto Sales**  
 David Road  
 1999 Buick LeSabre limited. 56,000 miles \$6300  
 2001 Impala 60,000 miles. \$6200  
 1998 Camry V6 leather, moon roof. \$6500.

**\$500! Police Impounds!** Honda, Chevy, Ford and more! Cars/Trucks/SUVs from \$500! For listings call 800-439-3998 ext. A919

**FOR SALE:** 1996 Red Camaro V6 Convertible. Automatic, loaded new paint, black leather interior, retail \$6200 asking \$4300  
 1997 Black Grand Cherokee 6 cyl Laredo, 4WD Retail \$6255 asking \$5000.  
 1993 Buick Century Call 478-2836.

**160-Motorcycles**

**For Sale** 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

**180-Trucks**

**FOR SALE:** 1975 Ford dump truck, tilt front end, 12' bed. For more info call 606-478-9150.

**EMPLOYMENT**

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

**210-Job Listing**

**MEDICAL/CLERICAL**  
 Prestonsburg Multiple openings! Great pay, start immediately! \$8 hr and up. Experience preferred but not required. Fax resume to 972-739-6067.  
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 Looking for enthusiastic, career-minded people to join a great team in the automotive field. Twenty year old

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**Oil Field Company** has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487. Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

**AVON REPS NEEDED:** \$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737, THERESA - 886-3690, WANDA - 285-9486, MELISSA - 886-2649.

**WIRELINE OIL FIELD COMPANY** with 25 years of service has opening for experienced CASED HOLE OPERATOR. Must have a least 2 years experience, class B CDLs and be willing to work out of Pikeville office. This company offers salary plus commission pay, health insurance, holiday, personal/sick days, and vacation pay. Please call 606-432-1984 for appointment interview or fax resume to 606-432-4554. All calls & resumes are kept confidential.

**220-Help Wanted**

**DENTAL RECEPTIONIST:** Needed for busy office. Must be able to answer multi-phone and handle tasks at once. Will need to be patient friendly and able to do some insurance billing and collections. Send resume with cover sheet to: Receptionist, PO BOX 60, Minnie, KY 41651 or fax to 606-377-0179. No calls please.

**RN/ LPN** competitive wages based on experience. Health & dental insurance, up to 4 weeks vacation, 9 paid holidays, no weekends. Send resume to PO BOX 2667, Pikeville, KY 41502.

**MEADE'S STOP-N-GO BP** now accepting applications. Call 886-6393.

**MERCHANDISE**

**445-Furniture**

**RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER**  
 New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

**470-Health & Beauty**

**WOLFF TANNING BEDS**  
 Financing available,

The ACS call center in Pikeville, has customer service openings. No selling, no telemarketing, no outbound calls. We provide paid training, great benefits, promotion opportunities and the best people to work with. Bring a friend and apply today! Training classes begin weekly.  
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**RISH EQUIPMENT COMPANY** currently has openings for mechanics at it's Logan, WV branch. We are looking for someone with at least three years of experience in diagnosing, servicing, and repairing mining and construction equipment. Qualified applicants, please submit resume to: Service Manager, Rish Equipment Company, PO BOX 118, Logan, WV 25601.

**LOCAL MEDICAL office** is seeking an energetic, experienced collection/billing clerk. Excellent pay depending on experience with health and dental insurance in the Prestonsburg area. Send resume with photo to PO BOX 2667, Pikeville, KY 41502.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Allen, Riley Hall Sub. 17 Cross Road, Main floor 2 BR. 1 BA. Upstairs 2 room 1/2 BA. Basement with full BA Roughed in. All appliances including Dishwasher & W/D. Ramp to rear deck. Front porch. \$67,500 or make offer. Price includes new furnace and air conditioning. Call 606-874-2775 or 734-997-7110.

**FOR SALE:** 3 BR brick home. Approximately 6 acres. Very clean, new roof. Located on RT 80. If interested, call 874-1972.

**FOR SALE OR RENT:** 3 BR house in Stanton. 1 car garage, 1 acre of land. \$70,000 or \$115 per week with \$300 deposit. Call 478-5389 or 477-1707.

**RENTALS**

**60Apartments**

**DUPLEX FOR RENT:** 2 BR CH/A total electric. Excellent condition on US 23 north 1 mile from Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

**FOR RENT:** 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

**FOR LEASE:**

30x80 building on

Free delivery & set up within 75 miles of London, KY. Bulbs, Parts, Lotions at Wholesale Prices. Call 888-554-0058

**480-Miscellaneous**

**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE:** Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

**SAW MILL** lumber and firewood for sale if interested. Call 377-2935.

**FOR SALE:** Large lift chair Call 886-6888.

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE:** Hardwood, seasoned split & delivered. Contact 886-1048.

**FOR SALE:** Firewood/ Hardwood for sale. Call 377-6055.

**REAL ESTATE**

**530-Homes**

**FOR SALE:** 2 mobile homes for sale serious inquires only. Includes land! If interested please call 886-3541 or 791-3727.

**Final clearance** 2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to get the right home at a great price. The Home Show-South William son, Inc. US 119, Belfry, Ky. 41514 606-353-6444 or toll free 877-353-6444

**All Drywall, Dutch** with 2x6 walls, and 5/12 roof pitch, ultimate kitchen package, glass block window, and many more extras. Set up for viewing. For details call 606-353-6444 or toll free 577-353-6444 the home show

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**60Storage/Office**

**OFFICE SPACE** for lease in Prestonsburg. Approximately 1850 sq feet with parking only two blocks from courthouse. Call 874-1700, 285-0900 or 874-9976.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT** in Prestonsburg 2 BR townhouse. W/D hook-up. References & deposit required. \$425 plus utilities. Call 886-9406. Leave message.

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**FOR LEASE:**

30x80 building on

**A foreclosure!** 4 BR 2 BA only \$23,000. Must sell For listings, 800-429-7008, ext G522

**550-Land/Lots**

**PROPERTY FOR SALE:** 3/4 acre level lot. 5 miles from Prestonsburg on MTN PKWY. Call 886-6115.

**TWO LOTS** on StoneCrest Golf Course. Also, 5 acres near Stone Crest for sale. 3 Acres level with city utilities. Call 886-3314 or 886-3313.

**570-Mobile Homes**

**FOR SALE** with or without hook-up. 1999 16 x 80 3 BR 2 BA MH. \$12995. Call 886-2842 or after 6:00 call 886-3451.

**1-2 BR FURNISHED** Apts. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8336

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**FOR LEASE:**

30x80 building on

5173.  
**2 BR** newly remodeled ground floor apt for rent. Located across from Garth Technical School on rt 122 at Martin. Must have references. Not HUD approved. 285-9112.

**FOR RENT:** Park Place Apartments in Prestonsburg. Elderly, handicapped, and disabled. Available for immediate occupancy. Rent 1 BR/\$309, 2 BR \$345. Call 886-0039.

**APT FOR RENT:** 1 BR electric heat and air. W/D hook-up, recently renovated, located at 834 S Lake Dr. Prestonsburg, KY. Security deposit required and a list of references. Phone: Weekdays- 886-8883, evenings 889-9396

**1-2 BR FURNISHED** Apts. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8336

**1 BR APT & 2 BR** trailer. Call 886-3941.

**NICE 1 BR** furnished apt Harold utilities paid. W/D, lease and reference required. Rent \$450. Deposit \$450. Call 437-1997 or 434-0050.

**2 BR 1 1/2 bath** Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg. NO PETS call 606-886 8991

**Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

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**FOR LEASE:**

30x80 building on

MTN Parkway. Parking for large trucks. Will re-model.

**FOR RENT:** 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south of Martin on RT 122, Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

**630-Houses**

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 BR 2 BA located on street behind HRMC. \$950 plus \$300 deposit. Available October 10. Call 859-272-1511.

**FOR RENT:** 3 BR house in Prestonsburg. \$110 per week with \$300 deposit. Call 478-5389 or 477-1707.

**FOR RENT:** House located at Burke Ave, Prestonsburg. Deposit and references required. 886-7865.

**STOP RENTING:** Buy a HUD! Only \$14,900. For listings call 800-429-7008 ext B930

**640-Land/Lots**

**TRAILER LOT FOR RENT:** Safe, quiet neighborhood, 4 miles west of MTN Arts Center on 114. Contact 886-2288.

**Trailer lot for rent** on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

**PRIVATE TRAILER LOT** for rent. Two miles from Prestonsburg on the MTN Parkway. Call 606-886-4271.

**Trailer Lot For Rent.** Large Yard. Call 886-8366

**For Rent :** newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

**650-Mobile Homes**

**3 BR 1 BA** excellent condition. Located on Cow Creek. NO HUD. \$400 per month plus utilities and security deposit. 606-874-2802.

**MH FOR RENT:** \$400 monthly. \$150 deposit. Tenants pay electric & gas. We pay water and sewage. No pets inside. All appliances included. 2 BR 1 BA.

**745-Miscellaneous**

**COMMERCIAL CLEANING**

etc. Experienced, references available. Call 886-1958

**MH FOR RENT:** Large private lot. 1210. 886-8366

**PHARMACIST**

The VA Medical Center, Huntington, has an immediate opening for a full-time Pharmacist in our Prestonsburg Outpatient Clinic. This opening is Monday-Friday dayshift position. Pharmacist responsibilities include: prescription dispensing, counseling, formulary and anticoagulation management. We offer a great work environment and excellent benefits package including competitive salary; potential for recruitment/retention bonus; retirement plan; Thrift Plan (401k); paid vacation and sick days; paid holidays; health and life insurance. Part-time variable work schedule negotiable. For further information, contact Sharon Castle, Chief, Pharmacy Services at 304/429-6755, extension 2322. For application packet, contact Susan Peltrey, extension 2339. EOE

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**Employment Opportunity**  
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 Qualified candidates should submit resumé to:  
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 Carl D. Perkins Job Corps  
 478 Meadows Branch  
 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653  
 Equal Opportunity Employer  
 M/F/V/D

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 Located on Ky. Route 114, two miles west of Mountain Arts Center

**GREAT LOCATION—All brick, 3-bedroom, 2-bath home.** Fireplace in living room with large family room adjoining. Hardwood floors, ceramic tile and carpet. Large covered porch off the dining room and breakfast room leading to a private, beautifully landscaped backyard. 4-car brick carport with extra parking. Additional building used as a wood-working shop with heat and air. House is beautifully landscaped, in excellent condition on level lot with additional hillside acres. \$195,000.  
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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENDED PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF BOND RESOLUTION**

**TITLE**

A resolution of the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, authorizing the issuance of up to \$2,245,000 principal amount of County of Floyd, Kentucky, healthcare facilities revenue and revenue refunding bonds series 2005 (Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., project) (the "Bonds"), issued at the request of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., a Kentucky non-profit corporation (the "company"), for the purposes of:

(I) Financing and refinancing the costs of a facility for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its Floyd County Adult/Community Day Habilitation Program for adults with mental retardation and/or mental illness, located at 40 Greenhouse Lane, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

(II) Financing and refinancing the costs of a facility for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., providing outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric and psychological services, located 104 and 118 South Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

(III) Financing and refinancing the costs of a facility for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its children's crisis stabilization unit, providing psychological and other services to children in crisis, located at 269 South Highland Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

(IV) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its Johnson County outpatient clinic, providing outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric and psychological services, and will also house the rehabilitation program providing rehabilitation for adults with severe mental illness, located at 1110 South Mayo Trail, Ky. Route 321, Paintsville, Kentucky 41240.

(V) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities

for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., providing an assisted living facility for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, located at 325 Richmond Hill Drive, Van Lear, Kentucky 41265.

(VI) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., providing an assisted living facility for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, located at 248 Buskirk Drive, Thelma, Kentucky 41260.

(VII) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., providing an assisted living facility for individuals with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, located at 180 Buskirk Drive, Thelma, Kentucky 41260.

(VIII) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its Pike County adult/community day habilitation program, providing habilitation services to adults with mental retardation and/or mental illness, located at 160 Douglas Parkway, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501.

(IX) Financing and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its Pike County outpatient clinic, providing outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric and psychological services, and will also house the rehabilitation program, providing rehabilitation for adults with severe mental illness, located at 98 River Drive, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501; and

(X) Finance and refinancing the costs of improving facilities for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc., to house its Magoffin County outpatient clinic, providing outpatient services for mental health and substance abuse counseling, psychiatric and psychological services, and will also house the rehabilitation program, providing rehabilitation for adults with severe mental illness, located at the southwest corner of Kentucky Route 7, and Kentucky Route 1090, Salyersville, Kentucky 41465.

And approving, authorizing and acknowledging the execution and delivery of a bond purchase and loan agreement among the County of Floyd, Kentucky, the Company and Branch Banking & Trust Co. (the purchaser); and any and all other related documents necessary thereto, and designating the bonds to be "bank qualified" under Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**II. SUMMARY**  
As required by KRS 67.077, I hereby certify that a Resolution, the title of which is the foregoing and which constitutes in and of itself a summary of the Resolution, is scheduled to be introduced

and considered for enactment by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, at a regular meeting to be held on Friday, October 21, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fiscal Court Room at the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. At such time, and pursuant to federal law, I.R.C. 147(f), a public hearing will be held concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds authorized by the Bond Resolution and the approval of the project financed thereby, all as set forth in the summary below. Interested persons who wish to express their opinions on the proposed financing and the project, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to do so at the above stated time and place.

The Resolution. A. Authorizes and approves the County of Floyd, Kentucky Health Care Facilities Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 (Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc. Project), in the principal amount of up to Two Million Two Hundred Forty-Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$2,245,000.00) for the purposes of

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(collectively, the "Project"), for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Inc. a Kentucky non-profit corporation (the "Borrowers").

B. Authorizes and approves the execution of a Bond Purchase and Loan Agreement, securing the Bonds among the County, the Borrower and Branch Banking & Trust Co., Pikeville, Kentucky, as purchaser, and providing for the sale of the Bonds upon the respective terms and conditions set forth in said Bond Purchase and Loan Agreement.

C. Designates the Bonds as "bank qualified" pursuant to 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

D. Provides that the Bonds shall not constitute an indebted-

ness of the County within the meaning of the Constitution, but shall be payable only as set forth therein.

E. Authorizes the County Judge/Executive and other county officials to take any other necessary actions to effect the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The full text of the Bond Resolution will be on file in the Office of the undersigned Fiscal Court Clerk, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning October 17, 2005, in the Floyd County Courthouse in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection. Information regard-

ing the Project described in the Bond Resolution may be obtained from Mr. William L. Skees, Jr., Frost Brown Todd LLC, Bond Counsel, 400 West Market Street, 32nd Fl., Louisville, Kentucky 40202 (502) 589-5400. /s/ Peggy Compton Fiscal Court Clerk

**LEGAL NOTICE**

I have been appointed by the Clerk, Floyd Circuit Court in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Civil Action No. 05-CI-537 now pending in Floyd Circuit Court styled:

Grantees of Malcolm Brown and Heirs of Emma Webb Brown, et al. vs. Edie Faye Brown and David Slone, Floyd

Circuit Court, Division II, 05-CI-537.

The nature of this action is closure of land purchase. If you are David Slone the heir of Abe Slone who was an heir of Emma Webb Brown, you are hereby warned and notified that you need to file an answer to the complaint. If you fail to do so, the relief demanded in the complaint may be awarded to the plaintiffs. This may be a matter for which you, may want to consult an attorney.

Gerald DeRossett Warming Order Attorney 124 West Court Street Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-6090/ Fax (606) 886-6148

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Floyd County Housing Authority has decent affordable rental housing, located in the Martin, Minnie, Ivel and Mud Creek areas for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call: 285-3833, 377-2422, 478-4224, 478-4440 or 886-1235, or stop by the offices, located in the complexes at Warco on Rt. 80, Left Beaver Creek Townhouses, on Ky. Rt. 122, Ivy Creek Townhouses, Ivy Creek Road, Ivel, Ky., and Creekside Village Apartments, on Rt. 979, Harold, Ky. Warco has one, two, three and four bedroom apartments. Left Beaver

Creek Town-houses consists of 50 three bedroom apartments, Ivy Creek has two, three and four bedroom apartments, and Creekside Village has two and three bedroom apartments. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

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