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## Couple pleads to selling pills

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The old saying that the family that plays together stays together is partially true for a Garrett couple who pleaded guilty to several drug possession and trafficking

charges Wednesday.

Barbara Hicks, 42, and Jasper Hicks, 47, were both caught trafficking numerous kinds of pills out of their home, but they no longer will have the option of staying together for a few years when they are sentenced Nov. 17. The Hickses pleaded guilty to first-

and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance and will each be given 12-year sentences, of which they will each serve six. The remaining six years of their sentences will be spent on supervised probation.

Agents from the Operation UNITE drug task force conducted three undercover drug buys at the couple's home during a two-week span in January.

The first buy took place Jan. 4 when Jasper Hicks sold 17 methodone pills

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### FINAL PREPARATIONS



Louisville Junior, of Louisville, and Everett Gribbins, of Clarksville, Ind., were busy stocking a tent where they will sell inflatable toys and hats during the 44th annual Kentucky Apple Festival in Paintsville. Junior said he has been working the festival every year of its existence.

photo by Alex Smith

## Apple Festival gets underway in Paintsville

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — It's sure to be a big weekend for the Johnson County Apple Festival with numerous contests, entertainment events and amusement rides for people of all ages.

Arts and crafts vendors will be located in the First Baptist Church parking lot, Paintsville Grade School lot and along College Street today and

Saturday. The Apple Festival Turtle Race will take place at Our Lady of the Mountains school at 1 p.m. and a karaoke contest will be held in Paint Creek Park from 1 to 5 p.m. Later tonight, a free rock concert will take at the courthouse stage at 8 p.m.

Saturday will feature several gospel music groups, including Salvation Rain, Steppin' Out on Faith, Spiritual Connection and many others, in Paint Creek

Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gwen Wells and Gone Country will be at the courthouse stage from 8 to 9 p.m. for a free country music show Saturday night.

Amusement rides and entertainment including train rides, a motion simulator, climbing wall and mechanical bull will be up and running both days.

The Apple Festival Parade will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

## Fiscal court approves grant applications

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court got the ball rolling on economic development projects by helping make funds available to the Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Harold "Pride on the River" wastewater project.

approved a resolution Wednesday, stating the county will propose that \$250,000 of the Local Government Economic Development Funds that are available to the county under certain obligations placed upon it by the Kentucky General Assembly will be used for

Court members

(See GRANTS, page seven)

## Tip leads UNITE to marijuana find

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

DRIFT — A tip received by the Floyd County Drug Task Force Oct. 2 turned out to be a good one after agents went to a Drift residence and found six large marijuana plants growing on the property Wednesday.

An informant told members of the task force that there were between eight and 12 tall marijuana plants growing at a man's residence in Drift. Agents found the six plants growing in a wooded area near the home, some of them

growing in pots while others were found growing next to trees.

The man who lives at the residence was not arrested during the raid because he was already lodged in Floyd County Detention Center on separate charges. Charges are pending in the case and the man's name was not released because agents found more than five plants, a felony.

Det. Steve Little of Prestonsburg Police said the plants are valued at \$12,000, and that the mans case will be referred to a Floyd County grand jury.

## Report: MSHA hotline often slow to respond

by VICKI SMITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — The federal agency charged with keeping U.S. coal mines safe often took two or more days to respond to complaints of hazardous conditions, but it has refused to accept two of 13 recommended improvements from the Office of Inspector General.

The U.S. Department of Labor report, which examined the Mine Safety and Health Administration's hot line responses over three months, recommends MSHA define a timely response in a measurable way, rather than adhering to the current standard of "immediately" or "as soon as possible."

But the 77-page report says MSHA balked, insisting that a

focus on timeliness could lead to an incomplete evaluation of the complaint, an insufficient response and "a premature and uninformed decision"

The OIG remained undeterred in its report.

"We are not convinced that a standard of 'as soon as possible' is sufficient to drive evaluation and inspection performance," the authors said. "These benchmarks are not quantified in terms of a number of hours or days."

MSHA spokesman Dirk Fillpot said the agency's goal is to "help ensure the safety of America's miners."

"MSHA responds immediately to any report of hazards that pose imminent danger to miners," he

(See HOTLINE, page seven)



Paul Hicks cleans up glass at the old courthouse in Prestonsburg after what could have turned into a serious accident. County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson says someone shot three times into one of the top front windows of the courthouse but they aren't sure when the vandalism took place or who is responsible. Thompson says that if one of the doors below had been shut hard enough, the damaged glass could have come down and hurt anyone standing below. Workers removed the damaged glass Thursday and replaced it with a temporary sheet of metal. Thompson also plans to cover all upper windows with sheets of metal to prevent any other similar occurrences.

photo by Jessica Hale

### FRIDAY PREVIEW

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### briefs

### Ethics Commission probes Transportation Cabinet

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Executive Branch Ethics Commission, investigating allegations of impropriety in the Transportation Cabinet, has charged two former state officials with improperly trying to get a selection committee to pick particular engineering firms for highway construction projects.

One of the them, former deputy state highway engineer William David Jones, has admitted to two ethics violations and paid a \$500 fine. Identical charges are pending against former state highway engineer Sam Beverage.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Doug Hogan said there was no evidence any engineering firm was improperly selected.

The ethics commission filed documents this week that reveal details of its investigation. The documents include an original investigative report by Transportation Cabinet Inspector General David Ray and transcripts of interviews by commission

(See ETHICS, page seven)

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# For the Record

### Marriage Licenses

Pauline Akers, 51, of Paintsville, to Randall Hannah, 50, of Staffordsville.  
 Holly Nicole Calhoun, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Drew Randall Petry, 24, of Prestonsburg.  
 Tina Renee Gray, 29, of Martin, to Ronald Jeffery Rohrbach, 28, of Martin.  
 Nina Kim, 55, of Pikeville, to Chun-Ming Lin, 49, of Pikeville.  
 Jessica Lynn Hall, 18, of Martin, to Jeremy Paul Shepherd, 20, of Prestonsburg.  
 Eden Nicole Bailey, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Seth Ferrell, 22, of Prestonsburg.

### Correction

Last week's "For the Record" incorrectly identified the parties involved in the marriage between Stacy Lynn Johnson, 28, of Weeksbury, and Dennis Crager II, 33, of Weeksbury.

### Civil Suits Filed

Capital One Bank vs. Paul Hall; to collect debt  
 Capital One Bank vs. Lydia Dingus; to collect debt  
 Deutsche Bank vs. Glen Knox; to collect debt  
 John Barnett vs. Dennis Crisp; compensatory and punitive damages  
 Angela Hall vs. Michael Wolfe; compensatory and punitive damages  
 Jonathon Bailey vs. Stanley Little; petition for health care insurance  
 Brandy Little vs. Lee Little; petition for health care insurance  
 Stacy Hunter vs. Jason Hunter; petition for health care insurance

Household Finance vs. Jeffery McGuire; to collect debt  
 Crown Asset Management vs. John D. Hall; to collect debt  
 Branch Banking & Trust Company vs. Leatha Kidd; to collect debt  
 U.S. Bank vs Glenn Kidd; to collect debt  
 Kathy Waller vs. Betsy Fields; compensatory and punitive damages  
 Jessica M. Lafferty vs. Christian R. Coleman; to collect debt  
 Arrow Financial vs. Eduardo Andueza; to collect debt  
 Phyllis Conn vs. Jimmy D. Naylor; petition for child support and health care insurance  
 Anna McAllister vs. Joseph M. Yates; petition for child support and health care insurance  
 Lasalle Bank National Association vs. Kevin Clatworthy; to collect debt  
 Lendmark Financial Services vs. Timmy Castle; to collect debt  
 Lendmark Financial Services vs. Eddie Berger; to collect debt  
 Teresa Robinson vs. Rodney Robinson; petition for child support and health care insurance  
 Brian Horn vs. Tracy A. Horn; petition for child support and health care insurance

### Small Claims Filings

Victor M. Goble vs. Joe Mattingly; to collect debt

### Charges Filed

Shannon D. Blackburn, 32; custodial interference  
 Robert Darrell Bryant, 45;

failure to register with sex offender registration  
 Amos R. Johnson, 46; theft by unlawful taking  
 Sam Bradley, 51; theft by failure to make required disposition of property  
 Randy Henaire, 38; second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia  
 John Lee Smith, 41; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia  
 Goldie Jane Meade, 42; second-degree assault  
 Franklin D. Boyd Jr., 31; second-degree assault  
 Bufford Keathley, 69; theft by failure to make required disposition of property

### Property Transfers

Freda Gayle Bentley to Freda Gayle Newsome Bentley and Nora Katherine Newsome McNear, property located at Frasure's Creek.  
 Demart Bowling to Kathy Gazaway, property located at John's Creek.  
 Jordan S. Burke to Anna and Garland Thornsby, property located at Weeksbury.  
 Verliisa R. Burke to Anna and Garland Thornsby, property located at Weeksbury.  
 Glen Gayheart to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Ann Gearheart to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Dalia Gearheart to Quintin

Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Douglas Gearheart to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Anna Mae Gearheart to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Given Properties LLC to Doug Keathley, property located at Buffalo Creek.  
 Joan Hayton to Velma Hayton, property located at Left Fork of Abbott Creek.  
 Darrell Howell to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Deborah Howell to Quintin Gearheart, property location undisclosed.  
 Nora Newsome McNear to Freda Gayle Newsome Bentley and Nora Katherine McNear, property located at Frasure's Creek.  
 Shyla Deal Meece to Michael McKinney, property located at Maple Avenue.  
 MTGLQ Investors LP to Betty and Gold Slone, property located at Mayo Subdivision at Lancer.  
 Joseph J. Osborne to Anna and Garland Thornsby, property located at Weeksbury.

Debra Lee and Jimmy Paul Ousley to Floyd Skeans, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Jimmy Paul Ousley PVT to Floyd Skeans, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Larry Lewis, Debra Lee Ousley and Jimmy Paul Ousley to Floyd Skeans, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Virginia A., Debra Lee and Jimmy Paul Ousley to Floyd Skeans, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Christopher Reid to Jeff Buchanan and Nichole Walz, property located at Rice Branch.  
 Joanna Reid to Jeff Buchanan and Nichole Walz, property located at Rice

Branch.  
 Sean K. Robinson to Doris and Edward F. Robinson, property located at Riverside Avenue in Prestonsburg.  
 Alex Spencer to Elizabeth Ann Moore, property located at Jobe Turner Subdivision.  
 Carolyn Spencer to Elizabeth Ann Moore, property located at Jobe Turner Subdivision.  
 Mary Sue Varney to Floyd Skeans, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Butler Williams to Phillip and Tammy Hall, property located at Mud Creek.  
 Leslie Keith Williams to Phillip and Tammy Hall, property located at Mud Creek.

**ASHLEE MAREE BELLAMY** celebrated her 2nd birthday Sept. 17, at Archer Park  
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**Monday, October 9**

- Riverview Manor Luncheon (11am, Call Pam @ 606-886-9178)

**Tuesday, October 10**

- Old Fashion Chili & Pie Social (6pm, Call Al @ 606-886-8855)

**Wednesday, October 11**

- Local Variety Talent (6pm, Downtown City Stage)
- Dance etc. Dance Performance (6pm, Josh Francis Field)
- Family Academy of Martial Arts (7pm, Downtown City Stage)
- Domestic Violence Candle Vigil (8pm, Downtown City Stage)

**Thursday, October 12**

- Local Arts and Crafts (starts at 8am, Downtown)
- Downtown Carnival (starts at 6pm, downtown)
- Local Variety Talent (12pm, Local Gospel)
- (6pm, Gospel Variety Show)
- CORNHOLE tourney, 5pm d'town

**Friday, October 13**

- Luncheon Entertainment (12pm, Downtown City Stage)
- Bluegrass Bonanza (4pm, Downtown City Stage)
- CORNHOLE tourney, 5pm d'town

**Saturday, October 14**

- Jenny Wiley Fest Car Show (8am Register, Mountain Arts Ctr)
- Pro Fitness 5K Run (9am, Call 606-886-8504)
- Jenny Wiley Wacky Duck Race (10am, Starts at Town Branch Br)
- Jenny Wiley Variety Show (12pm, local talent)
- (5:30pm, Lil Bit of Country Dancers)
- (7pm, The Barna Band)
- (9pm, Amazing Rhythm Aces)

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, on aging Americans:

Despite the creature comforts of iPods, cell phones and TiVo, the future does not bode well for America's baby boomers. The intrusion of age will mark a difficult transition for baby boomers scattered across a majority of communities not prepared to deal with the needs of the elderly. A recent survey of more than 1,790 towns, counties and cities indicates that only 46 percent are looking at strategies to deal with aging America.

It's an ominous forecast for Florida, where the elderly are expected to reach 27.1 percent of the state's population in 2030 — a rise from 17.6 percent in 2000 — based on Census Bureau projections. The national average will be 20 percent.

Those numbers should give Central Florida a sense of urgency to begin implementing practical solutions. ...

... Time is critical because baby boomers — those born from 1946 to 1964 — began turning 60 this year and are rapidly approaching retirement age.

Communities — particularly those in Central Florida — need to work quickly to allow baby boomers to grow old gracefully.

The Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester, N.Y., on Rep. Foley and teenage pages:

It's hard to find a member of Congress who hasn't issued a statement of outrage and disgust over former Rep. Mark Foley's despicable communications with teenage pages. But in all the furor in the past two days, there has been little call for the kind of independent investigation that should begin immediately and be concluded before Election Day.

That is especially important for voters of this region, as Rep. Thomas Reynolds, whose district includes part of Monroe County, N.Y. and who is seeking re-election, says he was told about some of Foley's e-mails. Reynolds has defended his actions, saying he passed on the information to House Speaker Rep. Dennis Hastert.

The public needs to know to what extent Republican congressional leadership acted to protect Foley, whose questionable behavior had been talked about on Capitol Hill for years. And Congress must fill the oversight gaps in the page program that let Foley, and others, escape scrutiny.

... If Republican leaders were in the dark about Foley's more scandalous messages to pages, as they claim, it could be because there had been no adequate investigation to uncover them.

An independent investigation should determine whether there was wrongdoing, and both parties should work to overhaul the page program. Delay is unacceptable.

The Hutchinson (Kan.) News, on family time:

When we have to create a special day to eat dinner as a family, we have to wonder what we have become.

Maybe we are late to take notice, but some family advocacy groups now have an annual day when they say we should have dinner with our children. As if we don't the rest of time — or at least not often.

They might be right about that. If so, we do have problems as a society.

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University in New York has marked the fourth Monday in September as "Family Day." That means you should have had dinner with your kids.

CASA's research has found that the more often children eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use drugs.

... We should not think of this as prevention of youth substance abuse nor of having it be just one day in the year. Every day should be family day in a healthy family.

That should go without saying, but as long as we have a need formally to designate a Family Day in this country, we better keep reminding ourselves. Today might not be Family Day, but every night is a good night to sit down at the table together as a family.



## Letters

### Fannin a good man

Please understand that this is not intended to be nor should it be received as a political ad of any kind. This is simply my feelings of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Many yesterdays ago, 34 to be exact, my father passed away. Now I knew what a great man he was. He and my mother raised five girls, giving each and every one of us an opportunity to as much education as we would accept, with three of us receiving college degrees. When my father passed away, I was amazed at the number of people who seemed to know my father like I did, telling me what a hard-working, kind-hearted, humble gentleman my father was.

Moving on, a few years ago, I told my mother-in-law, Vera Ford, of a lady in our town and my church who had made such an impression on me and she said, "Tell this person while they are still here. Don't wait until they are gone." That was wonderful guidance to me as this lady, Mrs. Martha Leeke, was soon after diagnosed with terminal cancer and, while I hated to lose her, I felt good that she knew how she had impacted

my life.

Oct. 18 will be eight months since my husband, Winston "Sonny" Ford, passed away and I am so thankful our children were there to hear wonderful things about their father. Don't get me wrong, they already knew what a "hard-working, kind-hearted, humble man" their father was. Our daughter Leslie summed it all up when she said, "Mother, the rest of us work to live. My Daddy lived to work." All who knew him knew this to be true.

Now for today, I cannot sit back and see a person I have known for some 30 years ridiculed and crucified by the public. Mr. Eugene Fannin is one of the kindest, hard-working, humble persons one could ever hope to meet. I'm just sorry people like Alice Grey Buchanan are not still here to tell others what a nice person Mr. Fannin is, bringing garden vegetables to her at Francis Store, knowing she had a family to feed. I was talking to two complete strangers the other day in a grocery store and their feelings were the same. They have known Mr. Fannin for some time and they felt it was political, and for that I am very sorry.

You see, I was running for city council a second time when a busi-

ness person was upset with the fact that the local church women had taken issue with the "wet t-shirt" contest being held and I as president had taken the issue to where it belonged to get our voice heard, the newspaper. I was running on a slate with seven other persons and this person put out a slate the evening before the election, eliminating my name and adding another name (which is illegal to add a person's name without his or her permission and the permission of the others on the slate) and quickly had to gather up these papers he had people handing out, thanks to a judge's opinion.

Throughout my life, my parents taught me it is very important to always take a stand for right, and that is what I am doing in taking a stand for Mr. Fannin.

And now for tomorrow, my only hope is that when my turn comes to enter Heaven's gates, I can leave the same legacy as the people I mentioned above.

"A good name is rather to be favoured than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." Proverbs 22:1.

Carolyn Ford Prestonsburg



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# Fletcher campaign fundraising surpasses \$1 million

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A deal with state prosecutors that extinguished Gov. Ernie Fletcher's legal troubles may have fueled his fundraising efforts for a second term.

Fletcher, a Republican, filed a campaign finance report with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance Wednesday showing he and running mate Robbie Rudolph so far have raised just more than \$1 million in his re-election campaign.

Of the \$722,815 that Fletcher raised since July 1, more than half came after misdemeanor charges against the governor for alleged official misconduct, political discrimination and conspiracy were dropped. The charges were part of an investigation into allegations that his administration illegally doled out jobs to political supporters.

"I think things are going well," Fletcher said Wednesday. "We've been more out doing official events, fundraising. The report will be out. It speaks for itself."

During the reporting period, Fletcher held nine fundraisers across the state — including two in Lexington, two in Louisville and two in western Kentucky. On at least two occasions, Fletcher held fundraisers the same day he had official events scheduled outside of Frankfort.

For example, an Aug. 22 fundraiser in Bowling Green for the governor hauled in \$36,575, according to his report. Fletcher's public schedule that day had him at Bowling Green's city hall for a ceremonial check presentation.

Last Wednesday, Fletcher was in Owensboro to announce next month's removal of tolls from the William Natcher and Audubon parkways, the last of Kentucky's parkway system toll roads. That day, the governor had a fundraiser that took in \$20,550, according to his finance report.

Fletcher also held a fundraiser the same day a special judge signed off on his agreement with prosecutors that dropped the charges against him. That event brought Fletcher \$16,675, according to the report.

Other contributions to Fletcher ranged from a \$2 cash donation to \$8,000 from political action committees.

Initially, Fletcher began raising money in mid-2005 for re-election on a ticket that included Lt. Gov. Steve Pence. After Pence dropped out in May, Fletcher was joined by Rudolph, a western Kentucky businessman who serves as executive cabinet secretary, to run with him.

Scott Lasley, assistant professor of political science at Western Kentucky University, said Fletcher's \$1 million head start could make it tough on any potential challengers. The figures also show that campaign donors are willing to invest in him.

"It's not just who you like, nobody likes to throw money away," Lasley said. "I think it solidifies him as the front-runner in the primary, which he

already was. The thing that would have hurt him would have been if he had shown an inability to raise funds."

State Democratic Party Chairman Jerry Lundergan said Fletcher's financial figures should be encouraging.

"It makes no difference how much money he raises, he will not have enough money to win re-election as the governor of Kentucky," Lundergan said.

Meanwhile, Paducah businessman Billy Harper lent \$105,000 to his gubernatorial campaign, according to a report filed Wednesday with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance. He received no other contributions, according to the report.

Harper, who served as Fletcher's campaign finance

chairman in the last gubernatorial election, spent \$78,086.62 between Aug. 4 and September 30. Of that, \$50,000 went to a New York company for a political survey and \$28,000 to a California advertising company.

On the campaign finance report, Harper reported total debts and obligations of \$161,770.55.

Joe Gershtenson, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University, said Fletcher was in a "very strong" position to win the GOP nomination for governor in next year's race, despite public concerns raised previously by prominent Republicans.

"We see a lot of signs of life from Governor Fletcher and

from his campaign to this point. This signals that this is somebody that is very much a part of the picture," Gershtenson said.

Still, Fletcher's ability to raise money for his campaign coffers does not necessarily reflect his chances to win re-election, said Michael Baranowski, a political scientist at Northern Kentucky University. The hiring investigation that plagued Fletcher's administration for 15 months is likely to have lingering effects, Baranowski said.

"I can't imagine the amount of money that Governor Fletcher would have to raise and spend for this issue to be put behind him in the minds of voters," Baranowski said.

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**Hotline**

said Wednesday. "MSHA is always striving to improve its processes, and the IGs report will help us target those areas deserving additional attention."

The report was driven partly by a recent spike in coal mining deaths. While 22 U.S. coal miners died on the job last year, 38 have died so far this year, including 12 at West Virginia's Sago Mine and five at a mine in eastern Kentucky.

Overall, West Virginia has recorded 20 of this year's deaths.

The auditors examined the handling of 410 complaints to MSHA headquarters between Jan. 1 and March 30, concluding it took the agency two or

more days to respond in 14 percent of the cases.

"These delays may have subjected miners to prolonged hazardous conditions," the report said.

Fillpot said the 410 complaints are a small portion of the problems MSHA addressed, accounting for just 7 percent of total inspections and 1.9 percent of total citations and orders.

Sixty percent of the 410 complaints were handled the same day, the report said, while 27 percent were addressed the next day.

Ten percent of the complaints were delayed because the call came on a Friday, weekend or holiday, the report

said. The Sago Mine disaster, for example, occurred Jan. 2 — a Monday that was a state and federal New Year's holiday for many workers. At a public hearing in May, mine employees complained of difficulties reaching the right people.

The report found that another 11 evaluations were delayed because of a temporary but undetected problem in MSHA's e-mail system, which prevented messages from going to MSHA's contracted answering service or MSHA staff.

"This is an outrage, but not surprising," said Tony Oppgard, former general counsel for the Kentucky

Department of Mines and Minerals.

Oppgard said he called the hot line in May at a miner's request and hung up on an operator he considered incompetent, "which, I'm sure, most miners would have done," he wrote in an e-mail Wednesday.

U.S. Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., urged MSHA to be more responsive.

"Waiting two days before investigating a complaint could literally mean the difference between life and death," Miller, the senior Democrat on the House Education and the

Workforce Committee, said Wednesday.

The report also implies MSHA is understaffed, Miller said. Congress approved money to beef up the agency earlier this year, and it must commit to providing the resources MSHA needs to do the job right, he said.

The OIG report also found that miners are generally aware of the MSHA reporting system, even though it has some deficiencies that may have discouraged them from using it.

MSHA districts are incon-

sistent in promoting the reporting system, the report said, with some mines posting no notices, and some MSHA district Web sites using outdated phone numbers.

The auditors also found some promotional materials confusing, including posters that gave two phone numbers — one for reporting a hazardous condition and one for reporting emergencies and accidents.

Both reached the same answering service, and both services used the same call script.

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**Guilty**

to an undercover agent, followed by another buy Jan. 9, this time by Barbara Hicks, who sold 11 pills. The third buy took place Jan. 17, the same day that UNITE agents executed a search warrant for

the Hickses' residence.

During the search agents found nearly 500 methodone pills, along with over 100 other pills including hydrocodone and Valium. Agents also found \$80 in

Barbara Hicks' purse that was identified as money that had been used to purchase the drugs from the Hickses during the task force's undercover buys.

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**Grants**

the "Pride on the River" wastewater project at Harold. This application must be submitted to the Governor's Office for Local Development before the money may be used.

The county will also be submitting an application to GOLD for the Jenny Wiley Outdoor Theater Project to receive \$25,000 which will likely be used to update some

of the equipment the theater uses.

Also Wednesday, magistrates approved special taxing district rates.

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**Ethics**

investigators of Jones, Beverage and others.

Jones told ethics commission investigators that he contacted a member of a selection committee and told that member to give the preference to particular firms on contracts to design a bridge in Harrison County and for three small projects in northern Kentucky.

Jones said Beverage told him to do so because he wanted to spread the engineering

work more evenly among firms that submit proposals. But Jones said his actions did not alter the outcome of any committee selection.

In one case, he said, the company Beverage wanted was favored by a majority of the committee and would have gotten the contract anyway. In the other, he said that the member swayed to support the firm Beverage wanted was out voted by other committee members who

gave the work to a different firm.

Beverage did not return calls seeking comment. Jones' lawyer, Richard Guarnieri, said Jones had no comment. "His position is that he was simply following directions of superiors and didn't believe he was violating any ethical rules at the time," Guarnieri said.

Guarnieri said Jones is cooperating with the investigation.

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**BSCTC professor presents self-defense workshop for seniors**

On Friday, September 29, Big Sandy Community & Technical College presented a Self Defense Workshop for seniors at the Paintsville Recreation Center. Forty-nine seniors attended the 90-minute self-defense workshop conducted by Toufic Saad, professor of information technology and instructor of self-defense, at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Saad, with the assistance of Thomas Adams of Pike County, is a student of Kyushu International and is a certified practitioner in the art of using the body's pressure points for both self-defense and healing. The workshop was hosted by the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program. The seniors are participants in the (BSACAP) that helps members retrain and retool their skills in order to secure continued employment.

While Saad emphasized that "awareness and avoidance are the primary tools of self-defense," he demonstrated techniques to use when conflict is unavoidable. Saad and Adams demonstrated a variety of techniques using pressure points to easily escape from grabs, holds and chokes. They also demonstrated defensive techniques that can be



Toufic Saad, professor of information technology and instructor of self-defense at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, held a workshop for senior citizens at the college Sept. 29

used against edged weapons and firearms.

The program participants also received hands-on participation in the techniques, working with partners under the supervision of Saad and Adams. The participants practiced the demonstrated techniques. The workshop was very popular as evidenced by participant comments such as, "I now feel more confident in protecting myself", "I would love for him to come to my church and show the kids how they can protect themselves from bullies", and "I

like to think I am now safer by learning more of this stuff."

Saad will be conducting another workshop entitled Pressure Points for Healing and Personal Protection from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19th on the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. This workshop is free and open to the public. Participants can register by contacting David Pelphrey at 789-5321, extension 82844 or via e-mail at david.pelphrey@kctcs.edu.

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## 'Emo' me

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Oh me, oh my, how I can be so prone to cry. Well, on the inside, anyway. It takes quite a bit to get me to shed actual tears that anyone can see, but here lately, I've been feeling quite weepy on the inside, quite a lot.



I'm a creature of habit and change can be very hard for me. So, as I watch my children move toward adulthood, I find myself wondering all of the time - "When did this happen?"

I like to be in control and as my children grow older, I find myself struggling with the fact that I can now only control so much of what they do, think, feel. A far cry from the way things were only a short time ago when I was pretty much in charge of their social schedules, eating sched-

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### DINNER DIVA

## No spinach? How about some greens?

by Leanne Ely



While we all are mourning the loss of our beloved spinach and anticipating the day when it becomes available again, there are other greens out there that are just as healthy, just as delicious and that deserve a turn in the spotlight.

Take greens for example. Kale, Swiss chard and collard greens, to name a few, are some of the healthiest foods you can eat. Throw some broccoli into the equation and you have some serious cancer fighting power. All of these veggies contain liberal amounts of phytonutrients called lutein and zeaxanthin, known for their cancer fighting prowess.

Broccoli is easy to identify, fix and love. It's the greens that get you—they look like piles of weeds sitting in the produce department! Let's remedy that and get cooking with greens.

First up, there are many to choose from—chards, collards, a variety of kales, mustard greens, turnip greens and even dandelion greens. Here are five tips for

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Some young men from a few of the local high schools were interested in BSCTC's diesel technology program and paused for awhile at this display set up on the Prestonsburg campus.



Tina Peters, a second-year respiratory therapy student, Mayo campus, offers a brief explanation on how a ventilator works to Micca Ratliff, an event attendee. Amy Mask, left, also a second-year student in the respiratory therapy program, looks on.



Huimin Fang, a participant in the Chinese Visiting Scholar Program at BSCTC, speaks with campus visitors about the currency in her homeland as she invites them to select a coin to keep.



Sherri Kinzer, left, a BSCTC employee, was interested in learning more about the Chinese culture from a display set up by visiting scholars from Beijing, Li Yali, center, and Huimin Fang, right, who are both teaching courses in the Chinese language during the fall and spring semesters on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus.

## College Career Day informative event for local community

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Big Sandy Community and Technical College hosted College Career Day on their Prestonsburg campus Wednesday morning, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. BSCTC instructors, staff and students welcomed visitors to their campus as various program coordinators manned informational booths and set up attention grabbing displays detailing the many positive aspects of their educational programs. Many colleges and universities from around the state, such as Western Kentucky University, Campbellsville University, the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, and others, were invited to participate in the event and the many representatives were on hand to answer questions about their programs, financial aid, and

admission requirements from the many local high school students and community members visiting the campus to participate in the event.

"We have lots of people here eager to answer questions and show off their schools and programs," said Sherri Kinzer, a BSCTC office assistant who was busily attending to the crowd. "It's just a really great way for our local kids to learn about all the educational opportunities available to them."

Li Yali, Huimin Fang and Drs. Tom and Chenzhao Vierheller manned a booth containing a wide array of Chinese artifacts such as handcrafted decorations, books on Chinese culture and Chinese coins. "The (look of the) coins are now changing," said Fang, "the symbol now on the back is being replaced by (a picture) of flowers...peonies. The peony is China's national

emblem...very well liked flower in China," she said.

Yali and Fang, who arrived in eastern Kentucky in early August, are participating in the Chinese Visiting Scholar program on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus. The two women are currently teaching beginning Chinese (language) and offering presentations on Chinese culture and geography.

Drs. Tom and Chenzhao Vierheller are both biology professors at BSCTC. The Vierhellers recently traveled to China to meet the visiting teachers and aid them in preparing for their trip to the U.S.

Kathy Chitti, instructor, BSCTC dental hygiene program, was eager to talk about the positive

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## Key Ingredients: America By Food

What exactly are kolaces, spaetzle and pierogie? Most of us eat day in and day out without giving a second thought to the wealth of history and culture that shapes our dining habits and taste preferences.

Our recipes, menus, ceremonies, and etiquette are directly shaped by our country's rich immigrant experience, the history and innovations of food preparation technology, and the ever-changing availability of key ingredients.

Curated by Charles Camp, Key Ingredients: America

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Reflecting on the past

The traveling exhibit, Key Ingredients, looks beyond the home to restaurants, diners, and celebrations that help build a sense of community through food. Key Ingredients will open at Hazard Community & Technical College in the Stephens Library on Saturday, Oct 21 with a reception at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Holiday perfectionism sinks the ship

by Marla Cilley

Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. In a few weeks will be Halloween, then Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. We love to decorate but most of the time we wear ourselves out doing it. Did you know that you don't have to decorate your home in one single day? It seems that none of us have that kind of time anyway, so why don't we enjoy the process and do a little every day?

One member put up a naked tree for Thanksgiving Day with just the lights on it and as each guest arrived they were given their choice of ornaments to place on its branches. Then each night after that she made a big deal out of putting on a few more decorations; they would light a candle and carefully pick out the ornament to put on the tree. Then they would turn on the lights and admire it as it blossomed before their eyes.

Now isn't that much more fun than trying to do it all at once and letting your perfectionism take over and ruin it for everyone? Our mother made Christmas torture for us because of her perfectionism. Every icicle had to be hung

just so-so and this crazy tree she wanted us to help construct had no room for us in the house. We felt like it was this big monster in the living room that was about to devour us. It is probably because when we were making the tree it was her perfectionism that was the hateful part. I know you are trying to figure out what kind of tree this was; it is really hard to explain, but I will try.

Imagine a plain tree without any leaves; not an evergreen tree, either: Just branches and no leaves. Then she would cut one-inch strips of cotton quilt batting for us to wrap around each and every single branch; there could be no bark showing at all. This tree took over our living room. You had to turn

side ways to go to the bedrooms. Then she would buy only one color of glass ball ornaments. We had to put them on the tree spaced perfectly. Then there were the icicles. This just sends me into spasms to think of this. Each one had to hang evenly over the branch and they had to be spaced one inch a part all over this tree. Do you hear the perfectionism? This was just the inside of the house and I am not even going to talk about all the lights on the outside of the house.

So, don't allow your perfectionism to ruin the holidays for everyone in the family, including you! It is not fun to

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# New Arrivals

## HRMC New Arrivals



- Sept. 19, 2006 A daughter, Arianna Shea Lynn Mar, to Stacy & William Mar, of Hager Hill
- Sept. 20, 2006 A son, Ayden Connor Allen, to Kristy Daryl Dorton, of Meally
- Sept. 20, 2006 A son, Billy Joe Akers, to Stacy Lynn Carroll, of Betsy Layne
- Sept. 20, 2006 A daughter, Macie Shanae Ray, to Dena Combs, of Shelby Gap
- Sept. 21, 2006 A son, Jaydon Riley Bailey, to Kizzie & Timothy Bailey, of Prestonsburg
- Sept. 21, 2006 A son, Preston Reed Martin, to Marsha Ann Amburgey, of Leburn
- Sept. 21, 2006 A daughter, Makayla Nicolè Tuttle, to Tammy & Jamie Tuttle, of Kite
- Sept. 22, 2006 A son, Paul Lucas Eversole, to Rosalene & Stacey Eversole, of Manchester
- Sept. 22, 2006 A daughter, Hannah Alexis Sparkman, to Heather Nicole Rollins, of Viper
- Sept. 22, 2006 A son, Colton Shawn Tomas Jent, to Barbara Jean Wicker, of Hindman
- Sept. 22, 2006 A daughter, Brittany Nichole Mosley, to Clarissa & Martin Mosley, Sr., of Neon
- Sept. 23, 2006 A son, Landon David Kennard, to Jennifer Lynn Ray, of Allen
- Sept. 23, 2006 A daughter, Haley Ann Grace Hyden, to Shauna & Clayton Hyden, of Chavies
- Sept. 25, 2006 A daughter, Skyler Brook Tackett, to Roberta & Willis Tackett, of Hi-Hat
- Sept. 26, 2006 A son, Tannor O'Neal Young, to Lana & Kenneth Young, of Inez
- Sept. 26, 2006 A daughter, Emmalee Alyssa Caroline Marie LeMaster, to Mary Jo Marie & Alfred Shaun LeMaster, of Salyersville
- Sept. 26, 2006 A son, Austin Drake Hall, to Lana Lackey, of Melvin
- Sept. 26, 2006 A son, Logan Riley Preston, to Pamela & Michael Preston, of Grethel
- Sept. 27, 2006 A daughter, Haylee Nicole Marsillett, to Devin & Jeffery Marsillett, of Blaine
- Sept. 27, 2006 A daughter, Jerri Lynn Hatfield, to Brandy & Brandon Hatfield, of Martin
- Sept. 28, 2006 A daughter, Abigail Lynn Goble, to Amanda & Nathan Goble, of Allen
- Sept. 28, 2006 A daughter, Joshlyn Rae Deaton, to Stacey Lee Johnson, of Jackson
- Sept. 28, 2006 A son, Caleb Dwayne Watkins, to Lezlie & Carl Watkins, of Wayland
- Sept. 28, 2006 A daughter, Emily Alexis Varey, to Miranda Martin, of Wayland
- Sept. 28, 2006 A son, Landen Chance Campbell, to Michelle & Jimmy Campbell, of Hazard
- Sept. 28, 2006 A daughter, Lindsey Nicole Brown, to Samantha & Ronald Brown, of Salyersville
- Sept. 29, 2006 A son, Benjamin Ray Jones, to Angel Dawn Branham, of Langley
- Sept. 29, 2006 A son, Bryson Chase Spence, to Amy & Sammy Spence, of Flat Gap
- Sept. 29, 2006 A daughter, Emily Paige Pelfrey, to April Puckett, of Jackson
- Sept. 29, 2006 A son, Timothy Curtis Dawyne Quillon, to Elizabeth & Mark Quillon, of Hazard
- Sept. 29, 2006 A son, Caden Matthew Couch, to Amy & Carl Couch, of Hazard
- Sept. 29, 2006 A daughter, Hannah Louise Vanhoose, to Stephanie & Clarence Vanhoose, of Dwale
- Sept. 29, 2006 A daughter, Ava Claire Allen, to Myra & James Allen, of Thelma
- Sept. 30, 2006 A daughter, Morgan LeAnn Stamper, to Heather Renee Stamper, of Hazard

# Weddings



## Ryan-Chaney

Kendall and Mackenzie Ryan are happy to announce the marriage of their father, Tommy A. Ryan, to Brooke A. Chaney, the daughter of Randy and Lisa Chaney, of Caney. Tommy is the son of Tommy and Julia Ryan, of Banner. The couple were wed in a ceremony that took place on Sunday, September 24, 2006, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Pikeville City Park, in Pikeville. The Honorable Kelsey E. Friend, Jr. officiated. The couple were joined by a host of family and friends who celebrated with them at a reception held in their honor at the home of Tommie Jo and Gilbert Bartley. The newlyweds are currently residing in Banner.



## New Watch Makes Child Safety Timely

(NAPSA)-There's good news for parents who are concerned about their child's safety. There's a new product for children that combines a cool-looking digital watch with fun accessories, a piercing 110-decibel emergency alarm and an educational DVD that teaches your child how to use the watch to stay safe in the event of an emergency-such as being lost or approached by a stranger. The product, called OnGuard Kids Personal Safety Alert, allows your child to activate a very loud, high-decibel alarm that instantly lets everyone in the area know that he or she needs help. The accompanying DVD features empowering safety tips for your child by renowned child safety expert Bob Stuber. To learn more, visit the Web site at [www.onguardkids.com](http://www.onguardkids.com).

## Invitation

The First Presbyterian Church cordially invites one and all to a service of worship for the installation of Rev. Vicki Poole as Pastor. The service will take place on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at 4:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. A reception will follow in the church Fellowship Hall.

# HALLOWEEN HINTS



## Ideas For A Haunting Halloween

(NAPSA)-Think twice before throwing out those dead flowers of yours. Instead, arrange them in a vase with a black ribbon and a little decorative spider's webbing, and you've created a spooky centerpiece for a terrifying Halloween table. Of course, your "dead" bouquet is just one way to add a creative twist to this year's Halloween celebrations. You can also throw a Halloween breakfast, complete with orange and black table settings and pumpkin pancakes; make your own spooky decorations with the kids; or turn your happy home into a haunted house. The pros at Party City offer this closer look:

**A Spooky Note**  
Add an extra chill to the air for trick-or-treaters by playing CDs featuring spooky Halloween music and sound effects. Just set your stereo speakers in the windows or on the porch and let the haunting begin.

**Haunted Hunt**  
Organize a neighborhood Halloween scavenger hunt. Give little ghosts and goblins a list of items to find-think spider rings, Halloween tattoos and candy-and turn them loose. Gather kids back at the house afterward for hot chocolate and Halloween cookies.

You can also get creative when it comes to costumes. For instance, a black turtleneck, black pants and some eyeliner can be the beginning of a creepy black cat costume. Just add a pair of cat ears and a tail from the costume store and throw on some black gloves or some black fake fingernails. If you really want to be comfy and warm while making your Halloween rounds, trade in the turtleneck and pants for a black sweat suit.

But regardless of how creative this year's Halloween gets, it's always important to remember some tried-and-true trick-or-treating safety rules:

- Be sure kids know to carry a small flashlight while they're out on Halloween night. (Check the batteries before they leave the house.)
- Never let the kids go it alone. Trick-or-treaters should always travel in groups and have an established meeting spot to go to, should they become separated.

For more tips and information, visit [www.partycity.com](http://www.partycity.com).

## Career

aspects of the college's dental program and clinic. "It's a very good program," said Chitti. "I've had students who have completed the program, moved away, or remained in the local area, who have all been very successful in their careers."

Chitti explained that each BSCTC dental hygiene program student spends time in the offices of local dentists observing and working alongside the dentist and office staff to learn practical experience and enhance their education in the field.

"I would encourage anyone with an interest to check into our program to explore a career in this field," she said.

To learn more about the programs offered at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, contact the school at 886-3863 or visit their website at [www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu](http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu).

## Key

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by Food explores the connections between Americans and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve, and present at the table—a provocative and thoughtful look at the historical, regional, and social traditions that merge in everyday meals and celebrations.

The exhibition and web site are developed by Museum on Main Street, a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils in service to museums and citizens of rural America.

Through a selection of artifacts, photographs, and illustrations, Key Ingredients examines the evolution of the American kitchen and how food industries have responded to the technological innovations that have enabled Americans to choose an ever-wider variety of frozen, prepared, and fresh foods. Key Ingredients also looks beyond the home to restaurants, diners, and celebrations that help build a sense of community through food.

Key Ingredients stimulates comparisons of "back then" and "right now," "over there" and "right here." The exhibition will engage audiences everywhere, creating conversations and inspiring community recollection and celebration.

Hazard Community and Technical College Stephens Library is one of 150 venues that is hosting this exhibition. Events, programs and other exhibitions have been planned to link our own regional food traditions and specialties to the national story told in the exhibition.

Key Ingredients will open in Hazard on Saturday, Oct 21 with a reception at 6 p.m.

## Eyes

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ules, sleeping schedules and such. Now, I find, more and more, that we are meeting briefly in passing and they are often out of my sight and hearing range, as well.

Ah, well, what's a poor mama to do? Hope and pray that they've been listening to all the things I've been trying to teach for so many years, all's I know.

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China. Don't know a great deal about it and most of what I do know, I've probably learned from television and movies and, according to my new friends, Li and Fang, a lot of that is steeped in stereotypes and not at all quite true.

Li and Fang are both visiting our little town this year as participants in PCC's (oops, BSCTC's!) Visiting Scholar Program. As participants, they are teaching classes in Chinese language and culture on the Prestonsburg campus. When they aren't working, they are staying busy exploring Appalachia and its fringes (Fang is embarking on a trip to the "Windy City" (aka Chicago) this week).

Full of questions and eager to learn, the duo are a delight to be around. How interesting it is to see our town and all the different aspects of our culture through the eyes of visitors from China!

I am honored to have become one of their newfound friends and look forward to sharing more of their experiences with you readers as the months unfold. As for now, look for pictures in today's feature story. I'll provide updates later.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to that little dinner party featuring Chinese cuisine that is currently being planned by the diminutive pair. After all, who doesn't like Chinese? Maybe, even, they can even show me how to make those little aluminum foil swans...

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Update from last week: Yep! You all were right! I got a good punch in the arm once my daughter had discovered that I had written about her penchant for locating potholes. Ouch! Man, alive, where does she come off being so darned sensitive, anyway? (And yes, I probably just earned myself another jab...)

Well, folks, I'm all talked out for the moment. Be back next week, though. Same time, same place, different topic (or maybe just more of the same "me, me, me"). In the meantime, keep sending those emails and dig out some pet pictures for Critter Corner - my folder is almost empty! Ta-ta!!

## The grass is blue at Maytown this October!

If you like Blue Grass music, the folks at the Maytown Center have a special treat lined up for you during the month of October. On Saturday, Oct. 7, the center will kick off a series of concert events beginning with a performance by Mountain Melody; on Saturday, Oct. 14, the Tommy Webb Band will take the stage; and on Saturday, Oct. 21, Wolf Creek Grass will perform. All shows will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. Admission is a mere \$5/person, so come on out and kick up your heels with the Maytown Center gang!

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# FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



Karen Johnson, transportation director, Floyd County Schools, and Jeff Stumbo, chair, Floyd County Board of Education, presented a recognition plaque on behalf of the board to Alexandra Sisco, a second grader from Stumbo Elementary School. Alexandra's poster was the District I winning entry.



Elizabeth Allen, principal, Duff Elementary School, Dr. Chandra Varia, Floyd County Board of Education member, Jeff Stumbo, board chair, and Karen Johnson, director of transportation, Floyd County Schools, congratulate Josh Bailey, a fifth grader from Duff Elementary, on his award winning poster at the September 25 board meeting held at Allen Elementary.



Karen Johnson, director of transportation, Floyd County Schools, was recognized by board chair, Jeff Stumbo, at the September meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, held at Allen Elementary School, for her achievement as being recognized as "Kentucky Transportation Director of the Year."

## Floyd County Schools selected for state award honors

Floyd County School personnel and students were the recipients of numerous awards at the state Kentucky Association of Pupil Transportation Conference held in Lexington on September 19. Karen Johnson, director of transportation, Floyd County Schools, was honored with the selection of "Kentucky Transportation Director of the Year." Ricky Hancock, school bus training coordinator, was recognized as the "Kentucky Driver Trainer of the Year." Additionally, two Floyd County students were awarded top honors as 1st place in their division in the state School Bus Safety Poster Contest. Alexandra Sisco, a 2nd grader from Stumbo Elementary, had her poster drawing selected from among Division 1, representing grades K-2. Josh Bailey, 5th grader from James A. Duff Elementary, will represent Division 2, Grades 3-5. This year's poster theme was "Be Aware! Cross with Care." These are top honors awards and the student's posters will go on to the national competition to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.



## Perfect students

Wesley Christian School students, Dylan Meade, Raye Campbell, and Lexi Goble were honored at the Perfect Attendance ceremony held at the Floyd County Justice Center in September. The trio had perfect attendance for the entire 2005-2006 school year.



## McDowell Grandparents are Great!

The McDowell Family Resource Center held a celebration at the school in September in honor of Grandparents Day. An outstanding turnout of 165 grandparents visiting their grandchildren at the school was reported. McDowell Elementary School and its students love "Our Grandparents"!



## Grandparents are honored at Wesley Christian School

Grandparents of Wesley Christian School students were recently honored with a special luncheon followed by a very special performance by their WCS grandchildren. Enjoy this look back at the festive, and heartwarming, celebration.



Third-grader Olivia Davis read a poem honoring grandparents.



Grandmother Nell Rice was one of many whose name was chosen as a door prize winner.



The Kindergarten class performed a special "rap" song about grandparents.



The student body performed several songs for their grandparents.



## PES receives attendance trophy

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA President Rodney Gardner is pictured presenting a trophy to Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier for attaining the highest attendance in Floyd County for the 2005-2006 school year with 94.4% attendance. Also pictured is Assistant Principal, Terri Hall, left, and Attendance Clerk, Mary Holbrook, right.



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This position requires a Bachelor's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least two years experience with not-for-profit fund accounting, including knowledge of rules and regulations governing grants from government agencies. Prefer candidate with a minimum of two years supervisory experience and knowledge of Fundware accounting software. The successful candidate must possess experience and understanding of generally accepted accounting principles, accrual systems, understanding and knowledge of indirect cost rates, budget development and analysis, and the ability to assist in financial reporting procedures to comply with funding requirements. Candidate must possess the ability to delegate and manage staff to maintain effective reporting requirements.

Qualified applicants may submit a resumé and letter of application to:

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0331**

**Amend. #2**

1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for an amendment to an existing road only permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.2 miles southeast of Marshallville in Floyd and Magoffin County. The amendment will add 13.5 acres and delete 3.4 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie 0.0 acres, making a total area of 48.1 acres within the amended permit boundary.

2) The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.1 mile east from State Route 1766's junction with Jake Fork County Road, and located 0.0 miles southeast of Jake Fork. The latitude 37°39'29". The longitude 82°57'14".

3) The operation is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Kenzie Carpenter Jr., & Ron Cooley, and Fork Farm Inc., C/O Della W. Burke. The operation will be a haul road only permit.

4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5423, Amendment No. 4**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface, refuse disposal and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 3.1 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The amendment will add 28.38 acres of surface disturbance all of which overlie/underlie permitted underground acreage and will add 55.63 of underground acres all which overlie permitted underground acreage in a lower seam, making a total area of 3,299.19 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located 0.2 miles east of Poplarlick Road's junction with State Route 929 and is located 0.20 miles east of Dial Branch's intersection with Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, SEQ CHAPTER 14 1 Pink Osborne Estate, McKinley Osborne Estate, Laura Caudill Estate, Charles T. and Janet G. Vance, Freda Bentley, Perley Howell Heirs, Emitt Blevins Estate, Levi Blankenship, Samuel Hamilton and Alvin Gayheart. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, SEQ CHAPTER 14 1 Pink Osborne Estate, McKinley Osborne Estate, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Laura Caudill Estate, Charles T. and Janet G. Vance, and Noah Vance, Sr.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041, Amendment 5**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has applied for an amendment to a permit for a coal processing facility, refuse disposal, and auger mining operation located 1.9 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The amendment will add 121.66 surface acres and 231.40 acres of underground disturbance making a total of 471.49 acres within the amended boundary.

The facility is approximately 1.4 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles Northeast of Spurlock Creek.

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Johnnie B. Stephens, Roberts Heirs, Jeff Gayheart, and Appalachian Land Company. The operation will affect an area within 100 ft of a public road, Big Branch-Honaker Road. The operation will involve the temporary closure of this road for sixty (60) days.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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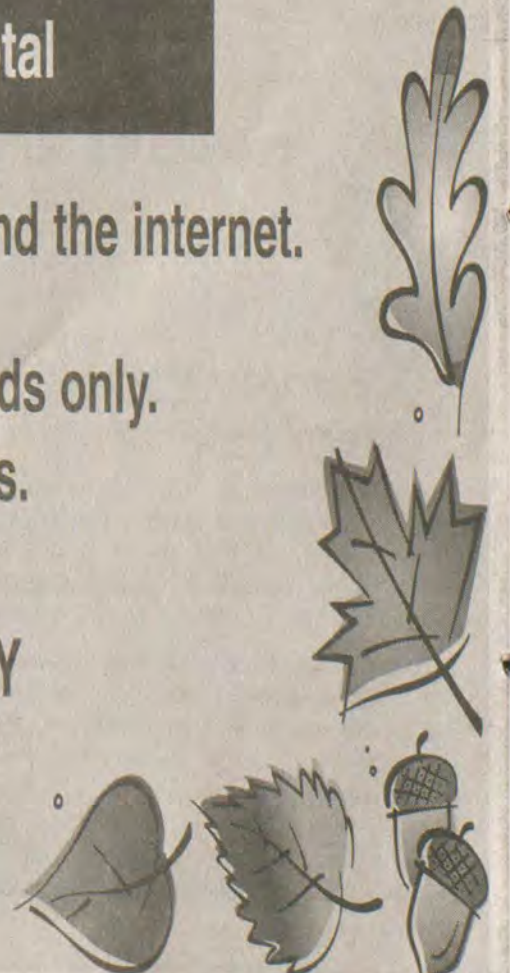
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Pig is enticed onto the device by image of voluptuous creature of the opposite sex, ① pig turns treadmill ②, which dumps soapy water onto pig ③. Treadmill also powers swing arm which pivots front to back ④. Pig odor inspires the sensitive nosed Australian field mouse ⑤ to seek auto freshener ⑥, which rotates turntable ⑦ causing sponge hand scrubbers ⑧ to whip up frothy cleaning action. Wonderfully efficient the stronger the odor the more inspired the mouse powered cleaning action.

A clean pig is a happy pig and a happy pig is a tasty pig!



EXPERIMENT 012

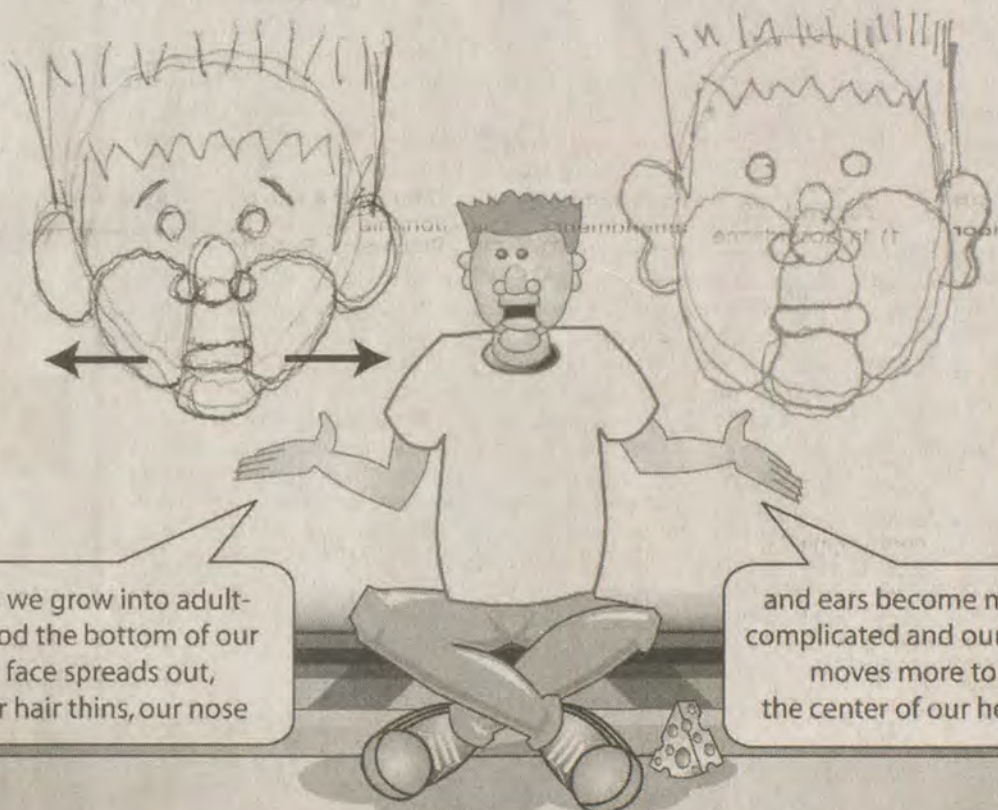
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Can you help Winky find the cheese, two flags and the baseball?

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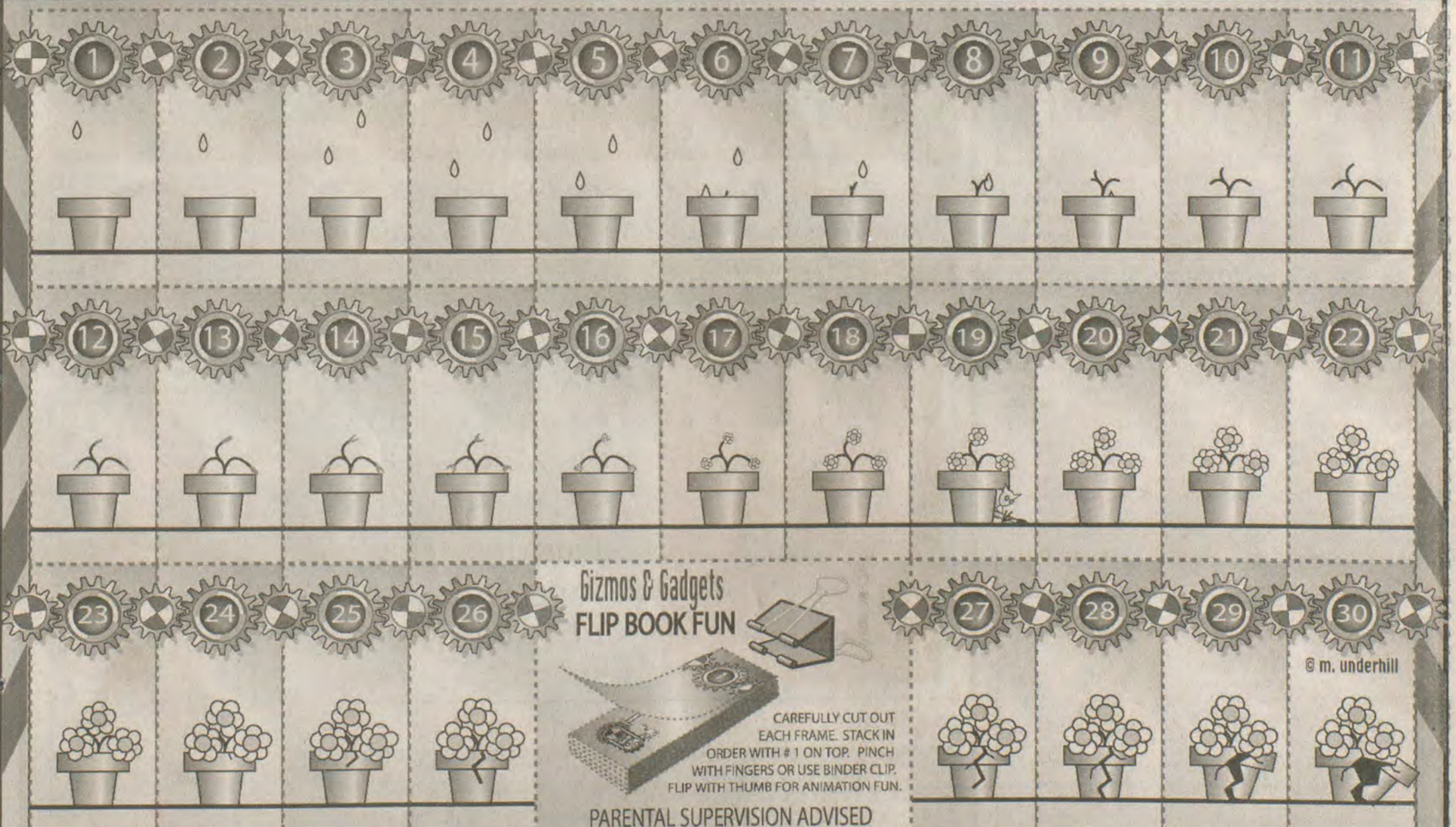
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LESSON 012  
BOY TO MAN



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DECODER MOUSE



# State Democratic Woman's Club meets in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club hosted the State Democratic Woman's Club meeting at the Prestonsburg Inn on July 21

and 22. An Appalachian theme was chosen to showcase the rich culture of Eastern Kentucky. There were displays of homemade crafts, antiques and

books depicting Appalachian culture. A variety of mountain foods, including fried apple pies, gingerbread, cornbread muffins, apple butter, homemade cakes, cookies, candy

and pies were served in the hospitality room on Friday evening.

Linda and Willie Elliott, retired Floyd County teachers, provided entertainment in the tradition of mountain folks through storytelling and folk songs.

Mayor Jerry Fannin welcomed everyone to Prestonsburg and invited visitors to take advantage of some

of the local attractions, which include, but are not limited to, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Jenny Wiley Theatre, the Mountain Arts Center and Stonecrest Golf Course.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo served as the keynote speaker for the meeting and encouraged all Democrats to pull together and vote Democratic in the upcoming election.

Other speakers included Sen. Dan Mongiardo, Rep. Hubert Collins, Court of Appeals Justice David Barber and candidates seeking public office in the November election.

Denzil Allen, a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, gave an informational report regarding financial conditions of the State Democratic Party.



Attorney General Greg Stumbo was the keynote speaker when the State Democratic Women's Club met in Prestonsburg in July.

## Tips on school bus safety

School buses are nearly eight times safer than passenger vehicles. But children must take care when boarding or leaving the bus. While an average of seven school-age passengers are killed in school bus crashes each year, 19 are killed getting on and off the bus.

Most of those killed are children, five to seven years old. They are hit in the danger zone around the bus (A), either by a passing vehicle or by the school bus itself. It is illegal for a vehicle to pass a bus with its red light flashing.

Young children are most likely to be hit because they:

hurry to get on or off the bus,

act before they think and have little experience with traffic,

assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross,

don't always stay within the bus driver's sight, or

drop something as they get off the bus and run into the path of the bus to pick it up.

Teach Your Child to Get On and Off the Bus Safely

When getting on the bus, stay away from the danger zone and wait for the driver's signal. Board the bus one at a time.

When getting off the bus, look before stepping off the bus to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road). Move away from the bus.

Before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen (A). Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross.

Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.

### Safety Steps You Can Take

Supervise children to make sure they get to the stop on time, wait far away from the road, and avoid rough play.

Teach your child to ask the driver for help if he/she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick up something, the driver cannot see him/her and the child may be hit by the bus. Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.

Make sure clothing and backpacks have no loose drawstrings or long straps, to get caught in the handrail or bus door.

Encourage safe school bus loading and unloading.

If you think a bus stop is

in a dangerous place, talk with your school office or transportation director about changing the location

### Learn and Follow School Bus Stop Laws

Laws exist to protect children getting on and off the bus and protect you from a tragedy. Check with your school or police department for more information on your state's laws. Here are some rules:

Vehicles must stop when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm (B). Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off.

Vehicles traveling in the same direction as the bus are always required to stop. In some states, vehicles moving in the opposite direction on a divided roadway are also required to stop. Check the law in your state.

Never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.

Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles.

## Skeans named chaplain of Tennessee sheriff's department

LAFOLLETTE, Tenn. — A Floyd County native has been named chaplain after the Campbell County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department reinstated its departmental chaplain program.

Sheriff Gary Perkins affirmed Johnny Skeans Jr., currently of Jacksboro, Tenn., as chaplain.

"This is a great start to our new administration," Perkins told the Lafollette Press newspaper. "We are so pleased we have dedicated people of faith who are willing to give their time and attention to our department, our employees and this community."

Perkins said department chaplains would assist families in times of despair and assist

officers in death notifications.

"These great people will build relationships with the community and give spiritual counsel to those who will voluntarily accept it," Perkins said.

Skeans, a master electronics technician at Volvo/GMC in Knoxville and a 10-year ministry veteran, has a bachelor's degree in ministry from Clear Creek Baptist Bible College in Pineville. He has taught classes on building strong marriages, directed college students on how to maintain moral stability in a college environment and provided individual counseling.

Skeans is the son of Ruby Skeans, of Martin, and the late Johnny Skeans Sr.

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