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Kidnapping suspect appears in court

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who allegedly abducted his estranged wife at gunpoint Sunday night while she was working at a gas station at Auxier was in Floyd District Court Wednesday morning to be arraigned on multiple charges.

Charles Lemaster, 49, was arrested shortly after 2 p.m. Tuesday at a Leander residence in Johnson County. His bond was set at \$250,000 cash and a preliminary

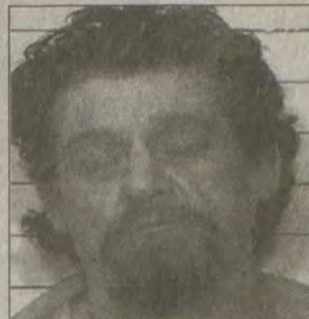
hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 5.

A hold has been placed on his release because of prior assault and unlawful imprisonment charges filed against him in Lawrence County.

According to state police, 39-year-old Nancy Lemaster was abducted by Charles Lemaster at Meade's BP station on Route 321 at Auxier before 10 p.m. Lemaster allegedly entered the store armed with a semiautomatic handgun and forced his wife into his late 1990s model white Chevrolet truck and fled the scene.

State Police Det. Mike Goble witnessed Lemaster drive by in Johnson County at 11:25 p.m. and attempted to perform a traffic stop but was forced to give chase when the driver refused to pull over.

Goble followed the vehicle on Hannah Branch and attempted to continue the pursuit but was forced to call off the chase when the dirt roads became too dangerous to allow him to continue. The truck sped away, but minutes later stalled out just a



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Charles Lemaster

REBELS WIN IN ROUT

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briefs

Pike man charged in stabbing

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Sibling rivalry between two brothers in Pike County allegedly landed one in the hospital and the other in jail.

At approximately 4:24 a.m. Tuesday, Kentucky State Police received a call from Pikeville Medical Center advising them that they were treating a stabbing victim who had been involved in an altercation on Island Creek Road.

The victim, Charles Worrix, had been taken to the hospital by a neighbor following the altercation at his residence. According to KSP, Charles' brother Timothy Worrix, 28, allegedly stabbed Charles during the altercation.

After responding to the hospital, troopers and detectives went to the residence and arrested two suspects, Timothy Worrix and Jill Roberts.

Worrix is charged with first-degree assault and tampering with evidence. Roberts, 26, is charged with tampering with evidence. Both suspects are lodged in the Pike County Detention Center.

This incident remains under investigation by Det. Eddie Crum.

HISTORY LESSON



Dr. Thomas Matijasic, Professor of History at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College - Prestonsburg Campus was on hand Friday evening talking to members and guest about the new exhibit "Earthworks - Virtual Explorations of the Ancient Ohio Valley." This exhibit looks at the cultures of the Adena, Hopewell, and Fort Ancient peoples whose civilizations populated the Ohio Valley and adjacent areas beginning approximately 3,000 years ago.

Home incarceration drug arrest case sent to grand jury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A McDowell man arrested last Wednesday for allegedly selling drugs out of his home while he was on home incarceration had his case referred to a Floyd County grand jury Tuesday.

Anthony Salisbury, 52, was arrested last week after the sheriff's department received several complaints that he had been selling drugs out of his residence. He has been charged

with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in addition to a charge of possessing controlled substances and not having them in their original containers.

Sgt. Terry Chaffins, of the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, testified at Salisbury's preliminary hearing and said that upon entering his residence there was a strong presence of marijuana. A search of the home turned up several marijuana roaches in an ashtray and seeds located on a coffee table, in

addition to numerous bottles of prescription pills that did not have his name on them. Chaffins said test results have not yet identified many of the drugs, but he said he believes that some of the pills found were Valium, which can only be obtained through a prescription, which he said Salisbury did not have. Rolling papers traditionally used for rolling marijuana and \$546 were found on Salisbury at the time of his

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School plan makes kids get active

Well ahead of many others, Floyd County Schools appointed a committee in March 2001 to begin formulating a wellness policy for their district. In 2005, Senate Bill 172 came into existence and by June of that year, all Kentucky school districts had been required to create health and wellness policies for their schools.

"By then, we were well ahead of things since we had started in 2001 to write our own policy," said Floyd County Asst. Supt. Pete Grigsby.

Last week, Grigsby presented a report to the local board of education detailing the results of last year's

wellness policy implementation and informing on ways in which improvements to the policy would be implemented this coming school year.

"We have some new things to unveil, some progressive things we're going to be doing," he said. "We're working toward bringing physical education back into the schools. We feel that it's a needed thing."

On Jan. 22, a public forum was held at May Valley Elementary School, in Martin, to gather public input into the district's health and wellness policy.

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Stumbo, Fletcher team on drug bill

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — They've been political enemies for nearly two years, but on Thursday Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Attorney General Greg Stumbo put their differences aside to push an anti-drug bill.

They even shook hands over it.

"We must put policy and the people of Kentucky

above any politics," Fletcher said at a Capitol press conference.

Stumbo's office investigated Fletcher and other administration officials for more than a year on allegations that the governor's political supporters were being rewarded with protected state jobs.

A grand jury eventually

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Health department receives \$48,750 grant

FRANKFORT — Governor Ernie Fletcher recently announced that Floyd County Health Department, received \$48,750 in grant funding to improve its facilities.

The local health department was one of 24 around Kentucky selected to receive grant funding for infrastructure improvements. The funding comes from \$10 million set aside by the 2006 General Assembly to create the Local Health Department Infrastructure Development Pool.

"These funds were set aside to address a pressing issue facing the commonwealth - the needs of our health departments," said Governor Fletcher. "Our local health departments play a crucial role in the delivery of public health services in Kentucky. For decades, they have delivered programs that have been absolutely vital to lives of

Kentuckians."

The awards were made possible with the support of the Kentucky legislature, which approved the \$10 million for the Department for Public Health in the 2006-2008 budget. Funding for the grants will come from the sale of bonds.

"This funding will be of great assistance to our local health departments as they work to meet the growing demands of public health in Kentucky," said Health and Family Services Secretary Mark D. Birdwhistell. "We're extremely grateful to Governor Fletcher and the Kentucky General Assembly for making such a significant contribution to our local health departments."

The General Assembly created the Local

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Gov. Ernie Fletcher and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner presented the Floyd County Health Department with a \$48,750 grant.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Snow showers
High: 36 • Low: 18

Tomorrow
Flurries
High: 31 • Low: 12

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Obituaries

Michael A. Fitzpatrick

Michael A. Fitzpatrick, 67, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

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Billy Joe Harrington

Billy Joe Harrington, age 72, of Somerset, formerly of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at his residence.

Born February 13, 1934, in Drift, he was the son of the late Homer Harrington and the late Maudie Bell Parker Harris. He was the step-son of the late Willie Harris.

Survivors include three sons: Ray Harrington (Paula) and Rodney Harrington, both of Somerset, and Roger Ray Harrington of Wheelwright; three daughters: Dinah Gibson and Joann Harrington, both of Prestonsburg, and Billie Lou Gilliam (Ernie) of McDowell; a brother, James Harris of Lenoir, North Carolina; four sisters: Hazel McCown and Justine Isaac, both of Detroit, Michigan, Norma From of Louisville, and Pauline Martin of Wheelwright; 25 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and step-father, he was preceded in death by two sons: Terry Dean Harrington and Ronnie Harrington; two brothers: Earnest Ray Harrington and Eddie Harris; two sisters: Peggy Meyers and Betty Jean Newman; and a grandson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 3, at 11

a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and John Allen officiating.

Burial will be in the Harris Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Glenn "Archie" Harris

Glenn "Archie" Harris, 73, of Grove City, Ohio, passed away, Wednesday, January 24, 2007, at Grant Medical Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Flora (Patton) Harris; his brothers: George Harris Jr., Bill Harris, and Troy Harris; and a sister, Virginia Harris Cravello.

Archie is survived by his wife, Barbara Gee Harris.

Other survivors include a brother, Roy Gene (Dreama) Harris of Paris; a sister, Anna Joyce Harris Moore of Price; many nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He retired from Kinetics Noise Control, after 32 years of service.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 27, at the Newcomer Funeral Home, Southwest Chapel, in Grove City, with pastor Ed Linville, and special speaker, Brian Davis, officiating.

Interment was held at 2 p.m., at Memorial Burial Park, in Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, January 26, at the funeral home.

Messages of condolence may be left at:

www.Newcomerfamily.com

(Paid obituary)

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Leon J. Perkins

Leon J. Perkins, age 94, of Greenwich, Ohio, died Tuesday night, January 30, 2007, at his home.

He was born January 1, 1913, in Pike County, son of the late Walter J. and Ethel Perkins. He had lived in Martin, for about 30 years before moving to Greenwich in 1969. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for several mining companies in Kentucky, and also had worked at Mid-West Industries in Willard, and Akron Standard Mold in Greenwich. He was a member of the United Mine Workers.

He is survived by Edna (Reed) Perkins, his wife of 61 years.

Other survivors include five sons: Terry Perkins of Warsaw, Indiana, Steve Perkins of Willard, Carl Perkins of Milan, John Perkins of Greenwich, and Jerry Perkins of New London; three daughters: Ruth Perkins, Pat Sexton, and Mary Poll, all of Greenwich, 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters: Ethel Duff and Shirley Perkins.

Friends may call from 6-9 p.m., Friday, February 2, at the First Baptist Church, 96 Townsend St., Greenwich, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 3, with Pastor Gary Adkins officiating.

Burial, with military rites, will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven, Ohio.

Eastman Funeral Home, 49 West Main St., Greenwich, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

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Jaylin Slone

Jaylin Slone, age 9 months, the daughter of Kelly Slone and Tina Woods, of Louisa, died Saturday, January 27, 2007, at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

She was born April 10, 2006, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her paternal grandparents: Joe and Viola Slone of Louisa; and her maternal grandparents, Darrell Conley of Prestonsburg; and Sandy and Larry Coffey of Stearns.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jasmine Woods.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 2, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Larry Adams officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Family Cemetery at Blaine, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Malvary Stumbo

Malvary Stumbo, age 61, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born February 27, 1945, in Bevensville, she was the daughter of Dina Collins Mullins of McDowell, and the late Duaval Mullins. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, John M. Stumbo.

Other survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Lorraine and Shannon Hall of McDowell; five brothers: Chester Mullins of Indiana, Egory Mullins of Martin County, Gregory Mullins and Eddie Mullins, both of McDowell, and Curtis Mullins of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Christine Frasure and Norene

Hall, both of McDowell, and Geneva Whitt of Hopkinsville; and a granddaughter, Katelyn Amelia Faith Stumbo Hall of McDowell.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Mullins.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 3, at 1 p.m., at the Little Rosa Old

Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

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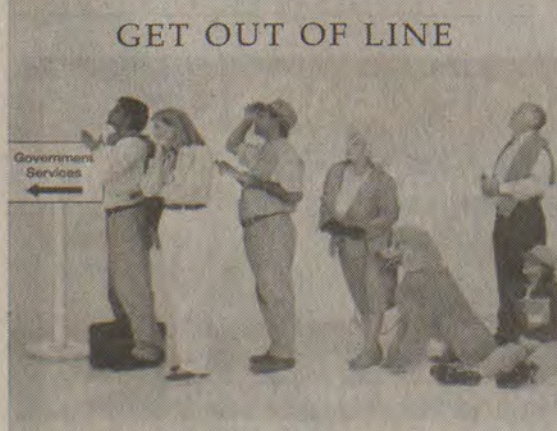
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Marriage Licenses

Kristie Anna Craft, 31, of Estill, to Ricky Ashland Thomas, 29, of Estill.

Victoria Leigh Rice, 35, of Melvin, to Harold Glen Thornsberry, 50, of Melvin.

Ashley Michelle Brown, 19, of Langley, to Rodney Daniel Mosley, 20, of Langley.
Phyllis Ann Conn, 40, of Tram, to Gregory Allen Little, 51, of Tram.

Civil Suits Filed

Cash In Hand vs. Alvin Noble; to collect debt

Cash In Hand vs. Dusty Scott; to collect debt

Cash In Hand vs. Landon Frazier; to collect debt

Cash In Hand vs. Melissa Hall; to collect debt

Cash In Hand vs. Ervin Osbourne; to collect debt

DH Capital Management, Inc. vs. Jennifer Martin; to collect debt

Hawker Financial Corporation vs. Gregory K. Mullins; to collect debt

FAN Distributing LLC vs. Danny Jarrell; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Doris Dingus; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Helen S. Hatcher; to collect debt

Jimmy Boyd vs. Tyra Boyd; dissolution of marriage

Harold Newsome vs. Susan Newsome; dissolution of marriage

Jerry Randall Gibson vs. Bonnie Ward Gibson; dissolution of marriage

Seabreeze Security Distributors vs. Wes Hamilton; to collect debt

Brandon Boling vs. Angie Boling; dissolution of marriage

Rochine Sabo vs. John David Sabo; dissolution of marriage

Christy Newsome vs. James Newsome; dissolution of marriage

Progressive Insurance Company vs. Claude Adams; to collect debt

Melissa Weaver vs. Donald Bradley; petition for child support and health care insurance

Charles Hall vs. Towayna Hall; petition for child support and health care insurance

Jack Hill vs. Crystal Hill; petition for child support and health care insurance

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improper storage of single service articles, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 96

Food City #471, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Commercially canned or packaged products improperly labeled, food not protected during storage. Score: Food, 99, Retail, 98.

Wayland Quick Mart Inc., Wayland, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, improper storage of single service articles, sanitary towel or other hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in goof repair. Score: Food, 93, Retail, 98.

Daniel's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not systematically numbered, drive ways in need of resurfacing, gravel or blacktop, lot size not of compliance standards. Score: 94

Pizza Den, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, lack of effective hair restraints, food contact surfaces not properly maintained, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes. Score: 93

Younce Septic Service, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Company not properly bonded. Score: 97

Alpik Motel, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chewing gum embedded into the carpet in room 210, bedside lamp not operable in room 215. Score: 96

Cardinal Mart, Stanville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, toilet room doors not self closing, attached equipment not constructed properly on walls and ceiling. Score: Food, 97, Retail, 97.

Property Transfers

J.M. Bailey to Matthew Castle, property located at Beaver Creek.

Jonna Faye Bailey to Matthew Castle, property located at Beaver Creek.

Lou Edith Bailey to Matthew Castle, property located at Beaver Creek.

Betty L. Bays to Gail and Ricky Powers, property location undisclosed.

John Bays Jr. to Gail and Ricky Powers, property location undisclosed.

Kellie O. Billiter to Coleman Transport Inc., property located at Mare Creek.

Samuel T. Billiter to Coleman Transport Inc., property located at Mare Creek.

Citibank Trustee to Ernie and Vanessa S. Gillispie, property located at Dewey Lake View Inc.

Ernestine J. Collins to Sherri Compton Allen, Angela Compton and Frederick Compton, property located at Lancer.

Oscar Collins to Sherri Compton Allen, Angela Compton and Frederick Compton, property located at Lancer.

Chrystal Combs to Jason and Misty Jarvis, property located at Middle Creek.

James Combs to Jason and Misty Jarvis, property located at Middle Creek.

Marshall Davidson to Sherri Compton Allen, Angela Compton and Frederick Compton, property located at Lancer.

Patricia D. Dillon to Bank of New York Trust Company, property located at Levisa Fork.

Joe David Dillon to Bank of New York Trust Company, property located at Levisa Fork.

Bucky Ellis to Charles Ellis, property location undisclosed.

Bucky Ellis to Patricia Leonard, property location

undisclosed.

Clara Ellis to Charles Ellis, property location undisclosed.

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Larry Goble to William Powell, property located at Brandy Keg.

Thelma Irene Hayes to Mark and Robin Shepherd, property located at Hueysville.

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Ruby Kinzer to Ronald Mullins, property location undisclosed.

Betty Litsey to Allen and Sheila Rose, property located at Prestonsburg.

Charles Litsey to Allen and Sheila Rose, property located at Prestonsburg.

W. Porter Mayo Estate to Mayo Cemeteries, property located at Mayo Family Cemetery.

P. Walker Mayo III Executor to Mayo Cemeteries, property located at Mayo Family Cemetery.

Robert Moore to Scott Porter and Tonya Moore Porter, property located at Stephen's Branch Road.

Craig Ousley to Allen and Sheila Rose, property located at City of Prestonsburg.

Gordon Ousley to Allen and Sheila Rose, property located at City of Prestonsburg.

Molly Owens to Ina Faye Owens Robinson, property location undisclosed.

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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

The Times Tribune, Corbin, on school accountability:

A basic tenet that keeps capitalism going in this country is the belief that competition breeds innovation, and the consumer is the one who benefits.

So it would follow that Kentucky schoolchildren would be the beneficiaries of the current state education system touting "school choice." When county and independent districts are competing for schoolchildren (and the state dollars that come with them) districts should be working even harder to attract good teachers, build better facilities and come up with innovative ways to educate children.

But school choice in Kentucky is being undermined by an outdated formula for school funding.

Take for example, the case in Breathitt County.

By 2004, the growing Jackson Independent School District had attracted more than 300 students from Breathitt County schools.

According to an opinion piece by the Bluegrass Institute, Jackson Independent was named one of the top 10 most improved school districts in Kentucky and met all 10 of its target goals in 2003.

Breathitt County High School, however, was among the state's 20 lowest-ranking high schools in 2003 and met only six of its 12 target goals for 2003.

In this case, the school choice seemed obvious.

Jackson Independent was doing the better job of educating children — and yet, a funding loophole threatened the district's growth.

Public schools receive state funds based on the number of students assigned to the district. If a student chooses another public school, many districts have reciprocal agreements whereby the state money is forwarded to the student's new transfer school. ...

When Breathitt County saw too many of its students (and their money) draining into Jackson Independent, it called off the reciprocal agreement and kept funds for students it didn't even teach.

That's not a competitive marketplace.

When competition happens in the workplace, businesses succeed or they close down — and when it happens in the school system, the same method should apply. A district that fails to attract students with curriculum or high standards should be forced to improve or consolidate.

The nature of a "choice" implies that one option is better than the other. If we want a real choice in our schools, we must demand accountability — and we can't demand accountability until the funding formula changes.

The solution seems simple — to the victor should go the spoils.

Districts that are actually teaching the students should receive the money to do so.

The Kentucky Enquirer, Fort Mitchell, school bus drivers:

Arrests of three school bus drivers in Kentucky and Ohio have shaken comfortable assumptions that our kids are safely in the hands of thoroughly vetted, responsible employees.

Two of the three were arrested on illegal drug possession charges, including Angelynna Young, 28, who drove her bus off a Grant County road Jan. 17, crashed into a utility pole and sent 17 middle school students to hospitals — including two in critical condition. After Columbus school bus driver Lawrence Battle, 53, was pulled over a week ago and found with a cocaine syringe, it was discovered that his employer — First Student Inc. — had not submitted all drivers' fingerprints to Ohio authorities for background checks. Buses were parked, forcing Columbus public school classes to be canceled Thursday. First Student also contracts with Cincinnati Public Schools. Boone County school bus driver Andrew Grabow, 40, was arrested on charges of having sex with a Ryle High School sophomore numerous times off school property and videotaping her in sexual performances.

Obviously more rigorous background checks, frequent oversight and perhaps new legislation are needed. But school districts at the very least need to carefully screen drivers, whether schools do their own hiring or outsource transportation. School officials also should be quick to follow up on complaints from parents or children.

The vast majority of school bus drivers are conscientious, responsible employees. But districts should be every bit as rigorous in running background checks on bus drivers as on classroom instructors and other school building employees. National criminal background checks generally cost more than twice those of state tests, but for border state regions such as ours, national checks may be the only way to discover offenses committed just across a state line. And even then, national checks may not catch old criminal records.

Battle had three convictions for operating a vehicle under the influence in the 1980s. Would a forgiveness policy have excused Battle anyway for long-ago violations? Young drove for Grant County for four years. She is charged with possessing cocaine, hydrocodone and marijuana. Should districts require periodic rechecks on all drivers?



Guest Column

Let's simplify the process for disenfranchised voters

by R. DAVID STENGEL

Over 100,000 Kentuckians were not able to vote in the last election.

These are people who may very well be interested in voting, but are barred because they have a previous felony conviction. The Kentucky League of Women Voters' recent report on felon disenfranchisement has brought this to everyone's attention.

According to the report, laws that disenfranchise people with felony convictions exist in 48 states, but Kentucky maintains the distinction of being one of only three states that permanently ban all felons for life unless the governor specifically restores their civil rights.

Consider this: An 18-year-old with a first-time felony drug possession, who is sentenced to a drug treatment program which she successfully completes, can never vote again, no matter how law abiding a life she subsequently leads. Only Florida and Virginia maintain policies as restrictive.

Because of the broad sweep of Kentucky laws, the impact on the Kentucky electorate is among the most severe in the country. One of every 17 adults in the state is ineligible to vote, double the national aver-

age. Among African Americans, the disenfranchisement rate is the nation's highest, with nearly one in four (23.7 percent) adults barred from the voting booth.

Felons in Kentucky who have completed their sentence can apply to the governor to restore their voting rights. In practice, the current process is finding far fewer persons having their rights restored than in the recent past. Part of this is because in 2004, Governor Fletcher made this process far more burdensome and time consuming than it had previously been. He started requiring that all applicants submit a statement detailing why their rights should be restored along with three letters of recommendation. The stated reason for this when it was presented to the commonwealth's attorneys was that the Governor wanted it to be "harder, so they'll appreciate it more." At the time I joked that it sounded like an essay contest for the right to vote.

Since then, one enterprising individual who was screened by my office, and knew the audience to whom he was playing actually wrote that he wanted his rights back so he could vote Republican!

Not surprisingly, both the number of applicants and the approval rate have plummeted. Only 464 people had their rights restored in fiscal year 2004, a decline of more than 60 percent from two years previous.

Why should we care about the rights of people who have committed crimes in the past? These people have completed all the obligations of the sentence imposed on them. They are living in the community, hopefully working, paying taxes, and being

expected to take on all the responsibilities of citizenship. Annually we spend millions to rehabilitate offenders and bring them back into society only to let an outdated system push back with one hand while we pull with the other.

Research shows that former offenders who vote are less likely to be re-arrested than nonvoters. This is related to the reality that a key element of a successful transition home after prison is a positive relationship with community institutions. Voting shows a commitment to the future of the community.

As a veteran of 23 years as a prosecutor, two primaries and five general elections I believe I know what I'm talking about. I also know it's easy to win votes talking tough about crime. It's time we looked at the reality of the situation and do something positive for our fellow Kentuckians and ourselves. Governor Fletcher should at least immediately revert to the previous method of restoring rights where applicants don't have to supply an essay and three recommendations. Previous governors were able to appropriately review applications without taking this step.

It is time for a change though and we should seriously consider allowing those previously convicted of a felony to vote upon completion of their sentences. They've done the crime, but they've also done their time.

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Commentary: Cameras, knives, Skoal, umbrellas and other favorites

by JESSICA RUNYON
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After every concert held at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center I'm always amazed at the countless trash cans, barrels and envelopes that are filled with umbrellas, Skoal, knives and yes, even cameras. Some of these digital cameras are way nicer than any model I've ever owned. Why people leave these items behind is beyond me. I know if it were me, I certainly wouldn't be leaving it for a stranger to keep track of.

While we've printed our policy on the side of the building and we have announcements that run upon entry at both our Huffman Avenue and Main Street Entrance, we still have a number of guests who attempt to enter with these items and are upset when they are asked to not bring them inside the building.

This being said, I feel we are not doing the best we can to notify the public of our safety policies. I've talked to other facilities and I've been to concerts in other venues and seen first hand their policies are black and white. You do not bring prohibited items in and if you do, they are taken. There are no envelopes with your name where they accept responsibility for the item and you come claim it the next day. I know people like this policy, but I beg of you to take a moment and look at the situation from our side and I believe you will understand why we do not allow certain items, especially during concerts and why we can not accept responsibility for items from our patrons.

The following items are not permitted in the Expo Center by guests:

- Outside food or beverage upon entry

- Cans, bottles, coolers or other similar containers
- Video cameras or audio recorders
- Laser pens or laser products
- Air horns or noise makers
- Weapons of any kind (this includes pocket knives)

■ Professional Cameras (Please note: Some shows do not allow cameras of any kind.)

■ Any other item deemed unacceptable by Expo Center management.

■ No pets or animals are allowed in the Expo Center with the exception of service animals.

■ No large bags or boxes are allowed in the building.

In the event that items are revealed during a search, the guest(s) will be permitted to return to their vehicle with the item or they can dispose of the item. The Expo Center will not safeguard any personal belongings or items of any type. Expo Center management has the sole right to determine the type of pre-event screening.

In addition, the following behavior or activities are grounds for eviction from the Expo Center:

■ Use of profanity or unacceptable language of any type.

■ Possession of illegal or unauthorized items inside the Expo Center.

■ Unacceptable or indecent dress.

■ Failure to obey or follow Expo Center tobacco policies. The Expo Center is a Tobacco Free Facility.

■ Use of illegal substances or drugs; Public drunkenness.

■ Entering or attempting to enter any "off limits" areas such as playing surface, stage area, backstage or restroom of the opposite sex.

- Participating in a fight.
- Verbally abusing, threatening or intimidating other guests or arena employees.

■ The throwing of any objects or projectiles in seating areas, from balconies, ramps, stairwells or any other areas.

Another issue I've received e-mails on is our lost and found policy. The Expo Center provides lost and found services for guests at the Guest Services Desk located in the Main Street Lobby. Any items that are not claimed at the end of an event will be turned in at the Guest Services Desk. Items turned into Lost and Found can be claimed during regular business hours Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM. The Expo Center is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Finally, a very hot topic has been the entry policy for events. We have received some e-mails expressing concern about this policy. Typically doors open for most events an hour before show time, however, the door times vary depending on the event. If you are concerned about the door time, please feel free to contact the building in advance to see what time doors for a particular event will be.

All jackets and bags may be searched upon entry. Purses, diaper bags and other small personal bags are allowed, but will be inspected at all gate entrances.

Exiting and re-entering the building with the same ticket is not permitted. Exceptions are only made in the case of medical situations and emergencies. Guests with medical emergencies or other guests who want to leave and then return to the building should be directed to the Guest Services Desk in the Main Street

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

offers PG-13 rated chills.

■ "Flyboys" — James Franco (Spiderman's tortured nemesis Harry Osborne) stars in this effective aerial thriller which examines the exploits of American fighter pilots who joined the French air force before America entered World War I. This is a well rendered account of a war that hasn't been the subject of enough films and offers some well executed dog fight sequences as well as a gruff supporting turn by Jean Reno as a seasoned commander.

■ "Catch a Fire" — Apartheid era Africa is the setting for this offbeat thriller that casts Tim Robbins as a policeman who accidentally creates a terrorist when he imprisons an innocent man. Though it often drags a bit and is hampered by yet another PG-13 rating, this is a reasonable time passer.

■ "Dirty" — Cuba Gooding Jr. and Clifton Collins star as two LAPD cops who are ex-gang members in this grungy account of greed and brutality. Though this one has a similar framing device to

"Training Day," it surpasses that effort by offering a more realistic and nihilistic story. The film includes a Russian roulette scene that will leave you hissing at Gooding but astonished that a film can still surprise and repel you.

■ "Warner Brothers" — The folks at WB studios came up with a great idea to choose which of their films debut on DVD by letting film fans vote on what films get the treatment. Last year film fans went to Amazon.com and voted on their favorites from a list compiled at the WB headquarters and two of this column's picks made the grade and are available now. "There Was a Crooked Man" is a comedy/western with an excellent cast and a 1970s vibe in which anything can happen. Kirk Douglas stars as a bandit who butts heads with warden Henry Fonda at a remote prison. A great supporting cast includes Warren Oates and Burgess Meredith. "The Illustrated Man" stars Rod Steiger and is faithful to the Ray Bradbury novel that inspired it. The film consists of

three creepy tales that come to life from the tattoos on a man's body, which are themselves a curse visited upon him by a vengeful witch.

Next week look for Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers" and the Oscar-buzz spoof "For Your Consideration."

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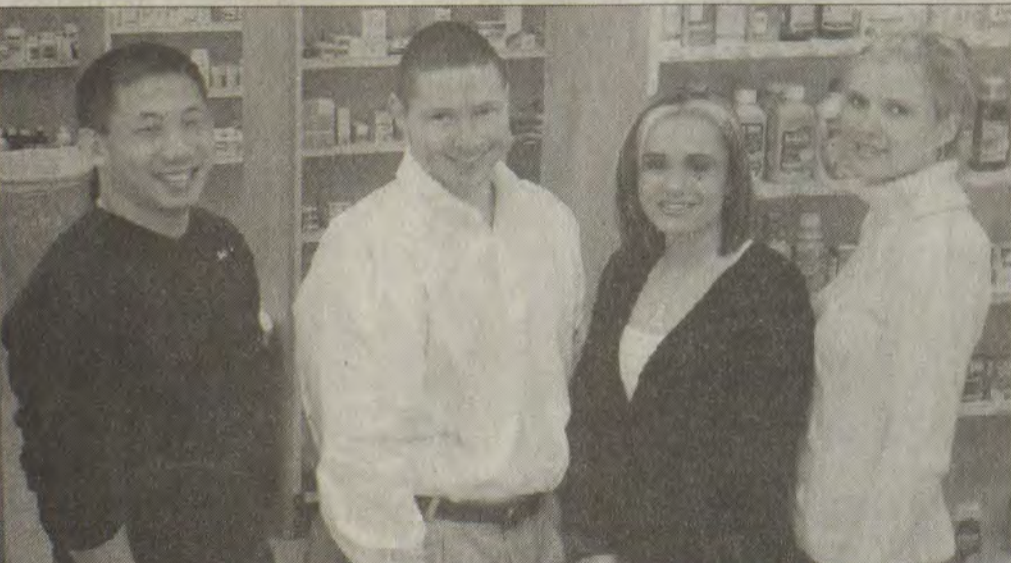


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Teen boys accused of firing on herd of park horses

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Two Eastern Kentucky teenagers were in jail Wednesday, accused of killing three horses, and wounding several more of the animals, which are used for trail rides at a park on the Kentucky-Virginia state line.

Police told the Lexington Herald-Leader on Wednesday that one of the horses was shot more than 50 times and that the suspects chased the horses for about seven miles after the shooting began.

The horses were grazing on a strip mine when the 17-year-old boys started shooting at them on the afternoon of Jan. 25, Pike County Chief Deputy Sheriff Melvin Sayers said. One of the boys turned 18 three days later.

Trish Hayes of Virginia owns the animals and Breaks Stable in Breaks, Va. They are used for rides at Breaks Interstate Park. She said she hoped the boys would be prosecuted as adults.

The boys were charged with criminal mischief and cruelty to animals and were being held in the Breathitt

County Juvenile Detention Center. A hearing was scheduled for Thursday in Pike County.

The teens told Sayers and Detective Richard Ray that they drove to the site to shoot rabbits. "But one of the juveniles jumped out and said, 'I don't like these horses,'" Sayers told the newspaper, "and they just went to shooting horses."

The other horses fled, but the boys apparently went back to their truck and chased the horses for about seven miles on the strip mine, officials said. Drugs might have been involved,

Sayers said. "They said they took a couple pills, but didn't know what kind," he said. "But one of these kids had a 3.4 grade-point average, so you're not dealing with little dummies."

Area residents identified both the suspects and the truck, Sayers said.

Ray said one suspect was once injured by a horse and dislikes the animals.

The boys told police they had two .22-caliber rifles and a .22-caliber pistol.

One of the horses was shot six

times but survived, Hayes said.

She said she released most of the horses on the mountaintop strip mine next to her father's home in October after the riding season ended. The horses rarely strayed from the strip mine even though there are no fences, Hayes said.

"You've got miles and miles of flat land where these horses graze and just stay," she said.

"When they're up there, they look like a band of wild horses, but when you drive up, they'll come right up to your window," Hayes said.

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little farther down the road out of Det. Goble's sight. After the vehicle stalled Nancy Lemaster was able to escape from the vehicle and flee on foot back to Goble's cruiser.

Nancy Lemaster was admitted to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center for treatment and was released.

Lemaster is facing five felonies, including assault, burglary and kidnapping charges. He also has been charged with violating an emergency protective order filed by his wife.

Lemaster was convicted of misdemeanor carrying a concealed deadly weapon last October in Johnson County.

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charged Fletcher with three misdemeanors stemming from the probe, but Stumbo subsequently signed off on a deal dismissing those charges.

Fletcher and Stumbo may yet find themselves adversaries again. The governor is running for a second term, and Stumbo is running for the spot of lieutenant governor in the May 22 Democratic primary on a ticket with millionaire

candidate Bruce Lunsford.

Still, the drug addiction problems facing Kentucky is pervasive enough to bring them together, both men said.

They are asking the General Assembly to pass a plan this session that includes, among other things, tougher restrictions on Internet pharmacies, limits on secret vehicle compartments and electronic monitoring of certain drug purchases.

Plan

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Those attending learned that the county's wellness policy now includes requirements for increasing daily student physical activity as well as partnerships with local health agencies to bring health and nutrition related programs into the schools. Online food and nutrition information as well as online software that allows parents to monitor student meal choices is also available.

"Many of our schools have already established exercise clubs," Grigsby said.

Walking clubs, intramural sports and physical activities incorporating community involvement are planned, or currently being implemented, to introduce students to the importance of regular physical activity.

Additionally, many of the wellness policy requirements that were previously implemented in the district's elementary schools have now

been extended to the county's middle and high schools, as well.

"We've extended everything to K-12 ... with Dr. Fanning's (Floyd Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning) permission," Grigsby said.

Grigsby also reported that teachers will begin to play a more active role in the implementation of the district's wellness policy and that each school will be equipped with the tools necessary to adequately assess the progress that their individual programs are making. The health and wellness committee, of which Grigsby is the chair, will gather this information throughout the year and report back annually to local and state boards.

"We're proud of the efforts and progress we have made thus far and are committed to incorporating further improvements toward the health of our children," said Grigsby.

Grant

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Health Department Infrastructure Pool to address some of the construction and renovation needs of local and district health departments. Rules established for infrastructure grants require that no more than \$500,000 can be spent on a local health capital project. There is a minimum matching requirement of \$125,000.

Submissions were judged based on: the age of the facility, particularly if a facility was 50 years old or older; how well the health department clinic can serve its clients; whether the facility is meeting the

needs of the community; and the health department's capacity to fulfill environmental operations, such as restaurant inspections.

Applicants also received higher scores if their communities have a higher percentage of residents served by the health department and a higher percentage of poverty. If residents have a low level of access to other local health care providers and a lower capacity to provide funding through the existing local public health tax, additional points were given.

Expo

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Lobby.

Due to the fact that these additional security measures may cause slight delays, fans are encouraged to arrive early to allow adequate time to enter the building.

In advance, I would like to thank you for your cooperation with the enforcement of these necessary procedures. Please realize that any rules and regulations we have are for the safety of all our guests and our staff at the Expo Center. These policies are in place to ensure you have the best possible experience when visiting us.

I encourage you to e-mail any concerns or questions to

Jessica@EastKyExpo.com. As always, these will be brought to the attention of our full time staff in our weekly staff meeting for discussion.

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Whitehead receives certification



Hollis Whitehead

Hollis Whitehead, RN, Clinical Manager of Highlands Regional Medical Center emergency department, received certification in emergency nursing. Certification is a mechanism in which the public and employers are able to identify practitioners who have met certain standards in their particular nursing specialty. The CEN(r) certification is the certification specific to emergency nursing and measures the attainment of a defined body of nursing knowledge pertinent to that particular specialty. The CEN exam is based on emergency nursing practice in the United States and the examination evaluates knowledge of current emergency nursing practice.

Whitehead has been employed at Highlands for approximately two years; first as a staff nurse in the ED, then

as manager. He has experience in medical surgical intensive care units, pediatrics, telemetry, and has worked as a flight nurse. When asked about obtaining his CEN, Hollis said, "I feel fortunate and excited to obtain the certification for my professional growth and for my organization. I think a basic element to all personalities is

the need to feel good about one's self and their professional efficiency. Having a National Board certification in Emergency Nursing helps that person to achieve this need. For me having the certification means that I have been fortunate enough to learn nursing skills related to Obstetrics, Oncology, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, General Medicine, and Trauma care. It ensures that I can manage patients that are non-emergent, and emergent with confidence in the skills that I have learned."

The Certification is also good for the hospital. It helps build a reputation that nurses are committed to educational excellence, in order to provide the highest quality of care to their community. Certification provides the consumer and/or patient the knowledge that their health care professional is competent and responsible.

This translates to a stronger belief in the ability of the nurse, and the credibility of the institution.

Highlands Regional Medical Center is a 184-bed (154 acute care, 18 skilled nursing, and 12 geriatric psychiatric) not-for profit, community owned and operated healthcare facility that is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. As a full-service facility with an active medical staff of more than 100 physicians, Highlands Regional Medical Center features 24-hour emergency care, same-day surgery and outpatient care, advanced pulmonary care, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, broad-based diagnostic services including on-site CT and MRI, cardiac services, pediatric care, senior wellness programs and an on-site clinical laboratory.

Drugs

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When Chaffins was asked why Salisbury's home had been searched, he said Sheriff John K Blackburn had received several credible complaints that Salisbury may be dealing drugs, and because he had agreed to allow warrantless searches in exchange for home incarceration, Blackburn felt a search of his home was warranted.

The warrantless search agreement

came about Jan. 12 in a hearing in circuit court in a separate drug case, Salisbury had been indicted in December 2005 on three drug trafficking offenses. He posted a \$20,000 surety bond last February and had been out of jail on the bond until he was arrested Jan. 10 and charged with several additional drug charges.

At a Jan. 12 hearing Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner requested a higher bond in the case as the new charges were

merged together with the older ones. Instead of his bond being raised he was allowed to go free if he agreed to allow any law officer to search him or his residence at any time if they saw fit.

A hold has been placed on Salisbury in both circuit and district court pending the outcome of any potential indictment handed down by the grand jury.

Local officials worry about cost of runoff election

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Local officials in Kentucky are urging state lawmakers to revoke a provision that could lead to a runoff election following the May 22 primary.

Most view the \$5 million cost of a runoff election as an avoidable expense, Boyd County Clerk Debbie Jones said. And the \$3 million share of the cost that will have to be paid by county governments makes it unaffordable.

"That's money that could be used to pave roads," Jones said.

Key lawmakers haven't dismissed the possibility of changing the state law that could trig-

ger the runoff election. The provision has been on the books since 1992 but so far never used. It says if no one gets at least 40 percent of the vote, the top two candidates go into the runoff.

With seven candidates running in the Democratic primary for governor, the chances that a runoff will be needed are high. Secretary of State Trey Grayson said he opposes the runoff, but he said he doesn't favor changing the law in the midst of the gubernatorial primary.

However, Grayson said he is aware that local officials are concerned about the cost and would rather see the runoff eliminated.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who has two opponents in the Republican primary, hasn't taken a position on the issue. He said he would support whatever lawmakers decide to do.

House Speaker Jody Richards, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, has said he favors eliminating the runoff.

Senate President David Williams said he has "never been a fan of the runoff" but that he has heard sentiment among lawmakers not to change the provision in an election year. Williams said he has no position on the issue.

"I could live with it either way," he said.

Jones said if the runoff elec-

tion is necessary, it will cost Boyd County about \$75,000. That pays for such expenses as setting up machines, printing ballots and paying poll workers.

"It's a big expense to the state and to the county that is unnecessary," Jones said. "It's just a strain on the counties to subsidize the cost of an election."

Trigg County Clerk Wanda Thomas said the runoff 35 days after the primary could cause logistical problems. She said it would also create an unexpected expense of about \$20,000 for Trigg County taxpayers.

"I've already started worrying about it," Thomas said.



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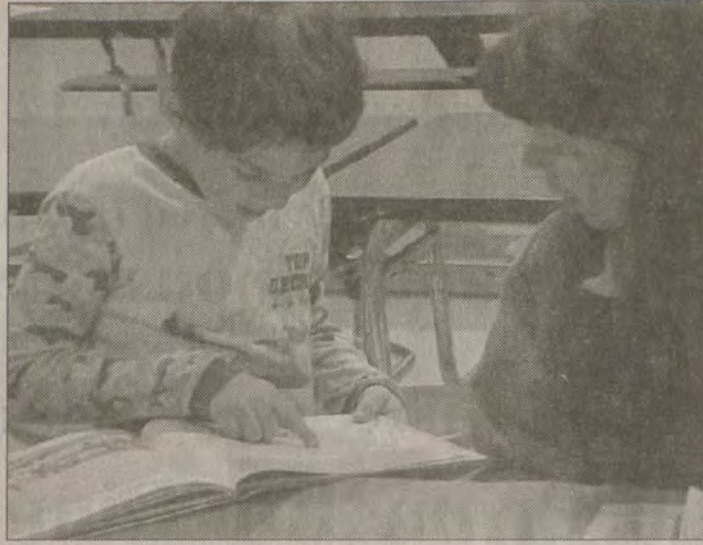
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FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



Duff students studying nature in new lab

Mrs. Martin's class worked on classifying rocks during a science activity in the newly constructed Nature/Drama Lab at Duff Elementary School.



OES Literacy program

Once a month, the Family Resource Center at Osborne Elementary School sponsors a Family Read/Activity program. Parents/guardians, grandparents or other adult's within the community are welcome to bring their children and attend. We host a variety of events throughout the evening; we have a guest reader, parents and children take time to read to one another, a craft/activity is offered (based on the evening's theme), refreshments are served and we draw for door prizes. Why not come out and join us next time?



"OES" Homemaker's

The Osborne Elementary School Homemaker's club held a meeting before Christmas that consisted of sharing baked breads and homemade candies. The Homemakers had lunch together and exchanged recipes of the homemade items that were brought to the meeting. The OES Homemakers meet at Osborne Elementary School on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pictured, from left to right, are the OES Homemakers: (Standing) Cissy Williams, Virginia Davis, Brenda Hall, and Barbara Carroll. (Seated) Pam Johnson, Kasey Ramirez, Brenda Newsome and Pat Johnson.



Pet Rocks inspire writing activity

Fourth grade students in Mrs. Martin's class at Duff Elementary School enjoy a fun experience of creating pet rocks for each other. The rocks will be used as inspiration to write short stories.



Mystery guest at OES

Osborne Elementary's primary classes received a visit from a very unique character. He had red hair and BIG red shoes, you guessed it - it was Ronald McDonald! Through his program, "Go Active," Ronald got the students involved in several fun activities designed to help them lead a more balanced, active lifestyle. At the end of the program, students and faculty were given coupons for free yogurt parfaits and/or muffins. The students hope Ronald comes back to visit again.



Melvina Newman, pictured here with her family, was one of the first graduates of McDowell High School. Melvina graduated from McDowell High School in 1934

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Ladycats post back-to-back wins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne Ladycats claimed their second straight victory on Tuesday with a 48-31 win over East Ridge at the Dome.

After only leading 6-5 at the end of the opening quarter, Betsy Layne put some distance between itself and East Ridge before the half, leading 20-11 when the second quarter concluded.

East Ridge failed to score more

than six points in any of the first three quarters.

Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 24 points, four steals and two blocks. Lindsey Martin followed with five points, four assists and four steals for the Ladycats. Krista Flanery chipped in four points and pulled down a game-high nine rebounds for Betsy Layne. Rachel Hamilton added four points to the Betsy Layne scoring total. Taylor Hott and Kaitlin Lawson added three points

apiece for the winning team. Hott dished off four assists and recorded three steals while Lawson had three steals and three blocks.

Betsy Layne (11-8), behind 12 points from Megan Hamilton, outscored East Ridge 16-4 in the third quarter.

The Ladycats hit 16 field goals and finished seven-for-12 from the free throw line. Betsy Layne hit three three-point field goals.

Caitlin Conley led East Ridge with

a team-best 10 points. Hollie McCarty added nine points for the Lady Warriors. East Ridge struggled from the free throw line, finishing eight-for-18. Betsy Layne held East Ridge (4-14) to just six field goals and a trio of three-pointers.

The loss was East Ridge's fourth straight.

Betsy Layne is slated to host Allen Central tonight in an all-important 58th District matchup. The Ladycats remain undefeated in the district.

Betsy Layne 76, Phelps 53

PHELPS – Playing on the road last Friday didn't phase the Betsy Layne Ladycats. The visiting Ladycats made themselves at home in Pike County, beating host Phelps 76-53.

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Shedding light on Super Bowl XLI

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

In my office at the Bentley estate on the Left Fork of Rockhouse, a framed jersey hangs on a wall. It's blue, dark blue, with orange and white trim.

It belonged to my friend Brad Lockard, the former sports editor of the News-Express. Brad was a huge football fan, and of all the teams in the league, his favorite was the Chicago Bears.

This made Lockard the source of more than a few jokes in those many years in which the Bears were, shall we say, mediocre. Sadly enough, there weren't many years he had bragging rights, and as is usually the case, he didn't have to look far for ridicule.

Brad's cousin, David Gross, is a huge fan of the Redskins. You'd think Cousin David wouldn't have a lot of room to boast, what with the state of the Skins the last, say, quarter century. But those two had a friendly banter going most all the time, and on years when the schedule caused the two to meet, it was a loud, vocal time wherever they would be.

On at least one occasion they actually traveled to Washington, I believe, to see the Skins and Bears play. I can only wish I'd been along on that ride to listen to the sparring on the way up and the boasting on the way back.

Sadly, Brad won't be around to watch Super Bowl XLI this Sunday. We lost him nearly four years ago, taken too early by a cancer he had once beaten. But I believe in heaven, and I believe Brad is there awaiting me. And I believe heaven is a real place where they can see us and watch over us, so I believe – I honestly hold this – that Brad Lockard won't need a hi-def big screen television on Sunday to follow his beloved Bears.

And were it not stitched into a frame, I might put on Brad's jer-

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SHIPWRECKED



South Floyd's Lyle Johnson (above) drove to the goal during Tuesday night's road game at Sheldon Clark. Wes Akers (23) led South Floyd in the scoring department.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Cards complete comeback, beat South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ – Maybe Sheldon Clark is a second-half basketball team. Trailing at the end of each of the first quarters on Tuesday night at home against visiting South Floyd, Sheldon Clark heated up after the intermission. The Cardinals saved their best basketball for last. Sheldon Clark scored 22 points in each of the last two quarters en route to a 79-65 win.

Bigman Millard Workman led Sheldon Clark with 21 points, but it was the outside shooting of Justin Porter that put the Cardinals over the top. Porter had 18 points, draining six three-pointers, including five in the second half. Steven Goble also had 18 points for the Cardinals.

Sheldon Clark won without Danny Hinkle – one of its usual starters.

South Floyd put on a three-point shooting exhibition in the first half. Guard Wes Akers hit four three-pointers in the first half on his way to 16 points for the Raiders. Akers finished with a game-high 22 points, but was held scoreless in the fourth quarter.

South Floyd led Sheldon Clark 23-19 at the end of the opening quarter. The Raiders threatened to take a double-

(See **CARDS**, page ten)

Lady Rebs upend P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The Allen Central Lady Rebels returned to the win column on Saturday in a home game against visiting Floyd County Conference/58th District rival Prestonsburg. Allen Central defeated Prestonsburg 57-54 for both its second overall and district win of the season.

The victory helped Allen Central, last season's 58th District runner-up, gain some confidence here in the second half of the regular-season.

"We're starting to play much better," said second-year Allen Central Coach Jennifer Hopkins. "Our key is to keep consistency throughout the game. I hope that we are coming around at the right time. I'm glad to see that the team is starting to execute offensively and defensively. Even with the absence of Meaghan Slone, Prestonsburg is still a very com-

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Lady Tigers fall at All 'A' state tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – Paris sprinted out to a 15-2 lead and held off more than one Paintsville charge late in the game Wednesday afternoon in a first round matchup of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena. In a second half where points were half to come by, Paris managed to hang on to beat 15th Region champion Paintsville 46-41.

Nakita Jones paced 10th Region champ Paris with 13 points and six rebounds. Paris held a sizable rebounding advantage over the Lady Tigers. The Lady Hounds outrebounded Paintsville 43-27. Lauren Forsythe was the leading rebounder for Paris, pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Western Carolina University-bound Kendra Carroll led

(See **TIGERS**, page ten)

Rebels rout East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – It was right back to business Tuesday night for the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels. Coach Johnny Martin and his Rebels returned to the hardwood following a bitter 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game loss to longtime rival Paintsville. The Rebels were able to shelve Saturday's dismal outing against Paintsville and return to their winning ways. Playing in just its fourth home game of the season, Allen Central turned back East Ridge in convincing fashion. The Rebels rolled over the visiting Warriors, winning 72-46.

"We played well – it was good to get back

home and play," said Martin. "Being at home helped us. We played hard and I thought our press got to East Ridge."

Senior guard Ryan Collins led Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. Collins was one of four different Allen Central players to hit a three-pointer in the game. Josh Prater hit a game-high eight field goals and added 16 points for the Rebels.

Defensively, Allen Central held East Ridge to just 30 points through the first three quarters.

Allen Central led 16-10 at the end of the first quarter. Collins, Tyler Slone and J.R. Robinson each hit a three-pointer in the second quarter as

(See **AC**, page ten)



BACK ON THE HARDWOOD: Following Saturday's runner-up finish in the 15th Region All "A" Classic, Allen Central returned to the win column Tuesday night with a convincing triumph over visiting East Ridge.

UK basketball, football prices get first hike in 3 years

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky is raising sports ticket prices and fees for the first time in three years — with the steepest hike for men's basketball and new incentives for football season-ticket holders.

While single-game basketball tickets for Rupp Arena are increasing just \$6 — to \$33 for lower-level and \$28 for upper-level seats — occupants of some 6,700 premium seats will be

asked to contribute an additional \$100 to a university scholarship fund for the right to buy them.

The hike in the K-Fund, approved Monday afternoon by the school's athletic board, would raise the annual fees to \$300 to \$1,350, depending on seat location. Season tickets, which are in high demand with only about 150 made available via lottery each year, will now cost \$108 more for an 18-game schedule.

Increases are more modest for Kentucky football, which last month won its first postseason game since

1984 when it beat Clemson in the Music City Bowl.

Single-game football tickets, which were \$29 for sideline and \$22 for end zone last year, will all be priced at \$30 for the 2007 season. The exception is the Louisville game, which is deemed as a premium matchup costing \$70. The Wildcats and Cardinals would play in Louisville in 2008, so no premium ticket will be on the schedule that season.

Football season tickets will increase a total of just \$5 — to \$177

for end zone and \$219 for sideline. They would climb to \$195/\$230 in 2008 and \$200/\$235 in 2009.

Athletics Director Mitch Barnhart said the bigger increases for basketball over football was an effort to encourage more football fans to fill up Commonwealth Stadium. That has never been a problem at Rupp, which has been selling out men's basketball for decades.

"We've got growth in the basketball program," Barnhart said. "We don't need to grow that demand. The demand of football is something we

want to continue to grow."

Even with the new increases, Barnhart said he expects Kentucky will remain 11th among the 12 Southeastern Conference schools in prices.

Also Monday, the athletic board completed a contract extension for football coach Rich Brooks. He would receive \$1 million, with the potential for incentives, for four years — with a university option for a fifth. Brooks has agreed in principle to the deal but still must sign it.

UK FOOTBALL: Brooks gets new four-year deal that includes fifth-year option

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky and head football coach Rich Brooks have finalized a new four-year contract, including a University option for a fifth year.

The new contract replaces Brooks' initial five-year deal, which had one year remaining, and covers the 2007-10 seasons, plus the University option to renew for 2011. Including endorsements and broadcasting services, the coach's base pay will be \$1 million per year, with additional

incentives for winning five or more Southeastern Conference games, the SEC Eastern Division or overall league championship, participation in bowl games, increases in football ticket revenues, and academic performance by the team.

Brooks arrived at UK beginning with the 2003 season, inheriting a program on major scholarship penalties because of NCAA violations committed by a previous staff. Brooks patiently rebuilt the program,

culminating in an 8-5 season in 2006 that included a win over Clemson in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

The accomplishments in 2006 were compiled against a schedule that was rated as the nation's 13th most difficult according to the Sagarin Ratings. UK played eight teams during the season that eventually advanced to bowl games.

Kentucky could return for the

2007 season as many as 15 starters (seven offense, eight defense), including five players who have been first- or second-team All-SEC during their careers — wide receiver Keenan Burton, tailback Rafael Little, tight end Jacob Tamme, quarterback Andre' Woodson, and linebacker Wesley Woodyard.

During a press conference on Tuesday, Brooks opened up with the following statement: "First I would like to thank Dr. Lee Todd and Mitch Barnhart for extending the contract, recognizing that the staff also has

done some things and given us some more money for the assistant coaches. I think their salary pool is a little higher in the league than mine is and that is always a very good sign. I think it is critically important as we move forward to have an experienced and talented staff that can not only recruit but teach and I am very pleased that basically all the coaches are under contract at this point in time. We are ready to go to work a week from tomorrow."



Rich Brooks

NAIA MEN'S BASKETBALL: Bears get revenge on longtime rival Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College men's basketball team avenged a 15-point loss earlier in the season, as they routed their rivals from Alice Lloyd College 78-63 at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center Tuesday night.

The win, the third straight for the Bears at the Expo Center, snapped a two-game losing streak for the home team.

With 13:33 to go in the first half, a layup from sophomore Bo Harris

(Winchester) put the Bears on top 12-10. From that point on, the Bears did not surrender the lead. With 3:32 to go, freshman Brad Lowe (Pikeville) connected on one of his six three-pointers, giving the Bears their largest lead of the half, 36-22.

Pikeville took a 40-26 lead into halftime and came out with the same intensity in the second half. The Bears opened the first ten minutes on a 26-16 run, capped off by a jumper from senior Will Holloman (Jacksonville, Fla.), which gave them their largest lead of the game at 66-

42. For most of the second half the Bears used tough defense to force Eagle turnovers, which helped the home team cruise to the 78-63 win.

The Bears forced 18 ALC turnovers, scoring 13 points.

"A win is a win is a win," said Pikeville Coach Kelly Wells. "We forced turnovers and pushed the ball; we played with the kind of intensity that we're going to need to

compete in our conference. With Lindsey coming up, we needed this one."

Not only was the win over their rivals a sweet one, but the Bears' victory completed the sweep for the evening, as the Lady Bears took care of the Lady Eagles 91-68. The wins marked the first time all season that Pikeville basketball swept an opponent in a given night.

The Bears' onslaught was carried by Lowe, who had a game-high 24

points. Harris threw in a double-double, scoring 18 points and bringing down 10 rebounds, while Holloman also contributed 15 points and a game-high seven assists.

Alice Lloyd (8-13) was led by Rodney Mitchell's 15 points. William Dillard and Corey Hairston added 12 points each for the Eagles in the loss.

With the win the Bears improved to 10-12. The Pikeville College men's team was hosting sixth-ranked Lindsey Wilson on Thursday night at the Expo Center. The game ended too late to make this edition.



Brad Lowe

NAIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Lady Bears run past ALC Lady Eagles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — One of the most enjoyable basketball rivalries in the mountains continued at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center when the Lady Bears of Alice Lloyd College visited the Pikeville College Lady Bears.

The Lady Bears never trailed throughout the game and coasted to a 91-68 win over their rivals from Pippa Passes

evening. The win snapped a three-game losing streak for the Lady Bears, who improved to 8-15 on the season.

Alice Lloyd cut into an early Pikeville lead when Chastity Fox hit a three with 14:42 to go, making it 11-9 in favor of the home team.

But the Lady Bears went on a ferocious 14-0 run over the next 3:08, capped off by a jumper from freshman Heather Martin (Tuesday (Kite), pushing their lead to 25-9.

The Lady Eagles responded with a layup from Kaylan Richardson, but from there the Lady Bears went on 24-8 run over the next eight minutes, increasing their lead to a game-high 28 points. Alice Lloyd attempted to cut into the Pikeville lead but still trailed 49-31 at halftime.

Once again the Lady Bears held a halftime lead, but this time it was more than secure. A pair of free throws from ALC's Whitney Lykens cut the Pikeville lead to 53-39 with 16:46 remaining, but the Lady Eagles would get no closer.

Pikeville got a career night out of

senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop), who poured in a double-double (18 points, 10 assists) and missed a triple-double by only one rebound. Martin led all scorers with 20 points, while sophomore Whitney Hogg (Whitesburg) provided 14 points and eight boards, and fellow sophomore Camille Cook (Whitesburg) had 13 points.

The Lady Eagles, who entered the game leading the KIAC, fell to 12-10 with the loss. Lykens led her squad with 16 points, while Fox added 15 points.

"With the exception of the Tech

game, that's the way we've competed since winter break," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson. "That's the way we're supposed to play, and when we play that way, we feel confident that we can win any game. We were scrappy; we were tough. It was a really good win. Anytime you beat your rival it feels good, but this was impressive."

The Lady Bears were hosting Lindsey Wilson on Thursday evening at the Expo Center. At press time, the game was being played.



Heather Martin



UP FOR TWO: Allen Central's Josh Prater lofted a shot during Tuesday night's home win over East Ridge.



CHEER CHAMPS: The Adams Middle School B-team cheerleading squad won this year's Floyd County B-Team cheerleading tournament competition at Betsy Layne Elementary. The AMS squad includes Brittany Blankenship, Ashley Tackett (sponsor), Brianna Blankenship, Celeste Hall, Brittany Dingus, Laken Burke, Emily Hammonds, Megan Newsome, Kim Jarrell, Clara Potter, Brittani Hall, Hannah Hitchcock, Shelby Blackburn, Bethany Scarberry, Ashley Case, Samantha Davis, Kaitie Mullins, Amber Childers and Samantha Howard

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Kentucky's first Boone and Crockett Elk scored Soon to be on display at Jenny Wiley State Park

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — A bull elk taken by Franklin Scott of Floyd County is not only the new state record typical bull, but also Kentucky's first Boone and Crockett Club record elk. Officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources measured the bull's antlers Monday at an official scoring event at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort.

The bull's final score was 361 4/8 in the Boone and Crockett Club official scoring system, surpassing the former state record typical bull elk score of 319 6/8 held by Paul Cummins of Mt. Vernon. The Boone and Crockett Club officially recognizes trophy elk when they score at least 360.

"This is the first bull we've had that qualifies for the Boone and Crockett three-year Awards Program," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "Having Boone and Crockett-caliber animals is indicative of the overall quality of our elk resource. We have a healthy

elk herd now. It's time to grow it and manage it."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, together with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, began restoring free-ranging elk to Kentucky in 1997. The elk herd now numbers an estimated 5,700 animals in southeastern Kentucky. Scott took his state record bull in Knott County during the 2006 bull elk hunt. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing," Scott said. "I'll cherish it, that's for sure."

Seventh District Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Doug Hensley announced the official score and congratulated Scott on his successful hunt. "This is a magnificent animal," Hensley said. "I'm proud to live in Kentucky and to have an organization like the Department of Fish and Wildlife to take a chance and release elk in this state."

Knott County Judge Executive Randy Thompson is proud that the official state record elk came from his home county. "It doesn't surprise me at all," Thompson said. "We have the largest elk herd east of the Mississippi here in Kentucky. The potential for tourism for this state and

for Knott County in particular is tremendous."

Elk enthusiasts will soon be able to see Kentucky's new state record at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg. The park, known for its guided elk tours, will display the elk mount in the lobby of its May Lodge.

"We are fortunate and very honored (Scott) chose to give us the opportunity to display it here at the park," said Park Manager Scott Ringham. "It will be the first thing you see when you walk into our main building."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officials also scored the non-typical bull elk taken by Danny Waldroup of Waynesburg. The bull scored 342 3/8, larger than the former non-typical state record of 320 2/8, taken in 2005 by Matthew "Train" Hall of Middlesboro. Officials expect Hall's non-typical bull elk record to fall this year. However, a new non-typical record has not yet been declared because another large non-typical bull of similar size, which was taken during the 2006 hunt, has not yet been officially scored.

Kentucky's state record has fallen

almost every year since limited elk hunting began in 2001. With a growing herd and quality elk habitat in southeastern Kentucky, hunters may again see a new state record in future years.

"Everything that's happened until now has been exciting," said Chad Miles, Kentucky's representative for

the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. "But what happens in the next 10 years will be even better."

For your chance at hunting elk in Kentucky this year, pick up an elk lottery application before July 31 anywhere hunting licenses are sold. Lottery applications cost \$10 and winners are drawn randomly in early August.



Floyd County resident Franklin Scott has hunted his way into the record books.

Kentucky Afield TV to include novelist, record elk

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Noted Kentucky author Ron Ellis pages through his 2001 outdoor novella, *Cogan's Woods*, this weekend on Kentucky Afield television.

Cogan's Woods, a fictionalized

memoir, is a son's remembrance of journeys taken with his father in the imaginary countryside of Belden County, Kentucky. Host Tim Farmer chats with this Kenton County writer about the true story behind the story, set along the Ohio River town of Persimmon Gap.

Also on the show: Elk hunters are rewriting the record book again. Kentucky Afield cameras watch as Boone and Crockett Club certified wildlife biologists score the new state record for a typical bull elk harvested in Kentucky.

Elk hunting in the east is beginning

to rival opportunities out west. This week, the Kentucky Afield crew sits down with a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to look at efforts to restore this species in Kentucky and the Eastern U.S.

Kentucky Afield is a production of the Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources. It is the longest continuously running outdoor television show in the nation. Kentucky Afield airs Saturday at 8:30 p.m. Eastern /7:30 p.m. Central and is repeated on Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern/3 p.m. Central on KET.

ACHS set to host Basketball Homecoming

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central High School will host its 2007 Basketball Homecoming on Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. inside J.E. Campbell Arena. The ACHS boys' basketball team will play host to visiting Oneida Baptist Institute after the Homecoming festivities.

This year's ACHS Basketball Homecoming court includes the following students.

Freshman Attendant: Kaitlyn Denise Vanderpool of Hippo, the 14-year-old daughter of Cindy and Dennis

Vanderpool.

Sophomore Attendant: Elizabeth Nicole Hughes of Langley, the 16-year-old daughter of Bryon and Tamyra Hughes.

Junior Attendant: Deanna Davis of David, the 16-year-old daughter of Kathy and Mike Prater of David and Deanie and Martha Davis of Hippo.

Senior Attendant: Christina Michelle Blevins of Langley, the 18-year-old daughter of Chris and Kathy Blevins.

Senior Attendant: Stacia Nicole Crace of Martin, the 18-year-old daughter of Greg and Sherry Crace.

Senior Attendant: Brittany Lynn Frasure of Langley, the 17-year-old daughter of Keith and Pam Frasure.

Senior Attendant: Candice Marie Halbert of Eastern, the 18-year-old daughter of Jennifer Halbert and Larry Osborne.

Senior Attendant: Emily Jordan Kidd, the 18-year-old daughter of Doug and Sarah Kidd.

Senior Attendant: Tiffany Victoria Owens of Garrett, the 18-year-old daughter of Joe and Teresa Owens.

Heather Danielle Travis of Prestonsburg, the 18-year-old daughter of Sandra Travis and Tony Travis.

ATTACK



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WORKING AGAINST THE PRESS: Pikeville guard Jordan Bell worked against Phelps during this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Panthers made it into the 15th Region Tournament last season and are looking to make a return to the tournament, which will again be played at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center.

SF - SHELDON CLARK



photos by Steve LeMaster

Above: South Floyd Coach Barry Hall talked with his team during a timeout Tuesday night. Lyle Johnson worked against the Sheldon Clark defense.



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Tiffany Victoria Owens



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THROUGH MY EYES

A dose of 'Kathy'

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES
EDITOR



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Well, the pressure's on this week. One of my daughter's friends commented a week or so ago that she doesn't much like it when she buys our little paper on Friday mornings to get a dose of "Kathy" and all she gets is one of those cute little email's I've passed along. Well, I have to agree with Shea that when I find myself rushed or suffering from a bout of writer's block and I decide to pass along a "funny-cutesy" that it does feel a whole lot like "cheating." My boss would probably say it's more like flat not doing my job, however. Others of you

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DINNER DIVA

The joy of chicken

by Leanne Ely

In the world of exotic foods and flavors, inevitably someone tasting snake, frogs legs or some other so called delicacy for the first time will make the crack that it "tastes like chicken." In my economy (and I mean that figuratively and literally), why not just go for chicken in the first place?

Chicken is a wonderful thing to behold, especially those boneless, skinless breast of chicken. How easy, convenient and cheap! (Particularly when the grocery store has a buy one/get one free sale) The meat is lean, the waste nearly non-existent and the preparations are endless.

I love sautéed chicken breasts in the skillet—you can make a myriad of sauces, flavor your chicken however you like, make it ethnic, slice it up and make it fast...those little frozen "blanks" are truly amazing!

(See DIVA, page fifteen)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Jean Burke, of North Prestonsburg, recently published a book about the early history of one of the town's most loved church communities, Community United Methodist. The book contains not only historical information, but several humorous tales and many photographs as well.

Local 'first lady' pens book about Community Methodist's early years

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

One of our town's best loved ladies has recently become an author/historian, as well. Emma Jean Herald Burke, of Prestonsburg, the wife of the late Hern Burke, co-owner/operator of the old Fountain Korner Drugstore.

Jean, a woman who has shown her dedication to her church, Community United Methodist Church, located in North Prestonsburg, throughout her life and to the present day, has compiled a history detailing the hard work and many service projects of the women's guild of that church in a book entitled "First Ladies of Community Methodist: Church Memories."

From the first chapter entitled "The Beginning," to the last page which shares a poem written by R.A. Burke "three weeks before his death," according to the author, the book is one that will delight anyone with a personal history of worshipping at Community Methodist.

"I just wanted to write it all down," Jean Burke said, "I have always kept minutes, notes and scrapbooks and I just felt that detailing some of the church's history and honoring some of those women who worked so hard to help build it might be a good thing to do."

The book contains many wonderful memories and much praise for the church's first pastor, Dr. Harold Dorsey, a man who, according to Jean, was not only a pastor but a good friend as well to many in his

congregation. "I still see Pastor Dorsey when I can," Jean said. "He lives in Lexington now, but we manage to stay in close touch by phone. We all still love him as much as we ever did."

From the groundbreaking for Community Methodist in 1953, up to the late 1970s, Jean chronicles many of the highlights of those years such as women's circle fundraiser dinners ("Aunt Sally Spradlin and Miss Ollie Hill raised chickens at their homes on Abbott Creek. They supplied the chicken and dumplings. Margaret Jackson also made good dumplings, but she had to buy her chickens. We always had mashed potatoes made by Aunt Bertha (Dickerson), plenty of green beans, corn pudding by Leslie Burke, and I can't count the cherry and apple pies

I made. Viola Cooley made cakes easier than I could make cornbread. We had slaw and cornbread, always made from scratch. Our guests had to have the best!..."), weddings (Hansel and Frances Cooley's being the first, in 1955), funerals, baptisms, Easter Egg hunts and more.

She even shares a delightful tale about "Skip - the faithful dog" who was once awarded an attendance pin for his dedication in showing up each week for Sunday services.

"I hope people will enjoy my little book," Jean said. "Maybe before too long, I can get together another one about the last 35 years."

To inquire about purchasing a copy of "First Ladies of Community Methodist: Church Memories" you may contact Jean Burke at 886-2654.

Oklahoma student excels in athletics, has roots in Floyd County

By Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Courtney Baldrige, the daughter of William "Bill" Baldrige, of Prestonsburg, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Baldrige, also of Prestonsburg, was recently profiled in her hometown newspaper, The Newkirk Herald-Journal, of Newkirk, Oklahoma, for her outstanding athletic abilities.

Courtney, a 17-year old senior at Newkirk High School, excels on the basketball court, emerging as a key player on Newkirk's Lady

Tigers team in her junior year. Courtney produced a break-out season that year when she led her team in scoring (11 points per game) and rebounding (7/game). Her junior year season was highlighted by a 30-point outburst in a win over a rival school.

This exemplary season of basketball play was followed by an equally impressive season on Newkirk's track and field teams when unleashed her best-ever throw of the shot put at a regional track meet, held in Pawhuska, OK. Reaching the mark of 33'5," Courtney's throw advanced her to the Class 3A state meet

as an additional qualifier.

This season, Courtney is again instrumental in her team's success. She is averaging nine points and nine rebounds per contest, thus far, in the 2006-07 season, and has also upped her free-throw shooting efficiency to 76 percent.

Though Courtney excels in both basketball and track, she shares that the whole game, it depends on everyone on the court," she added.

Throughout her high school career, thus far, Courtney has compiled 422 points, 322 total rebounds (114 offensive boards), 76 assists, and 56 steals.

The 5' 8" senior plans to attend Oklahoma State University to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine following her graduation from NHS.

She currently spends her weekends working at North Central Veterinary Clinic under the guidance of Dr. Adam Free.

Tagged the "class clown" by her peers and teachers, Courtney is described as an intelligent, quick-witted young woman with high morals and an upbeat personality. "I always make someone laugh," she said of herself. "That's pretty much what I'm known for."

In addition to her athletic pursuits, Courtney also enjoys watching movies, going places with her friends, and spending extra time at the gym improving her basketball skills. She is also a member of several campus organizations such as "Bleacher Creatures," the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the National Honor Society, and GATS (Gifted and Talented Students).

She is the daughter of Dianne Free, of Newkirk.



Courtney Baldrige

FLY LADY

Don't poke the bear

by Marla Cilley

What is it about sleep! We hate to go to bed at night but then in the morning we can't pour ourselves out of bed! I can tell you all about this. In our perfectionism, we want to do one more thing before we go to bed and it gets later and later. When we finally do

crawl underneath the covers, our bodies are starving for the sleep we have been deprived of. No wonder we don't want to wake up when the alarm clock goes off at dawn. I can hear you now; "just a few more minutes."

Our children have/had bedtimes. We can't wait to put them down to bed so we can have our alone time. Why don't you have a bedtime too? Going to bed is not difficult if you plan for it! This is what our Before Bed Routine is all about; gearing down your body so you can sleep well when you finally do get to bed.

Sleep is a nutrient to your body just

like food and water. When you sleep, your body repairs itself. When you don't get enough rest, your body feels like you are being tortured. Why do we torture ourselves every day by not getting enough rest? I know your excuses. "There are not enough hours in a day to get everything done." This does not, however, give you the right to rob your sleep account to pay for your too busy schedule.

Let's look at what happens when you don't go to bed at a decent hour and get your rest:

The first thing that happens is we don't want to get up in the morning, so

we hit the snooze button several times. By the time we finally do get up we are running late already. Our bodies are already stressed enough since we didn't get enough sleep and then we add to that pressure cooker by being late and having to rush. Can't you just feel the adrenaline pumping through your veins? I am getting stressed out just writing this because I have lived it. Then, the next thing we do is add to our adrenaline addiction with a caffeine fix. Before you know it; you are buzzing and everyone around you is walking on eggshells because they

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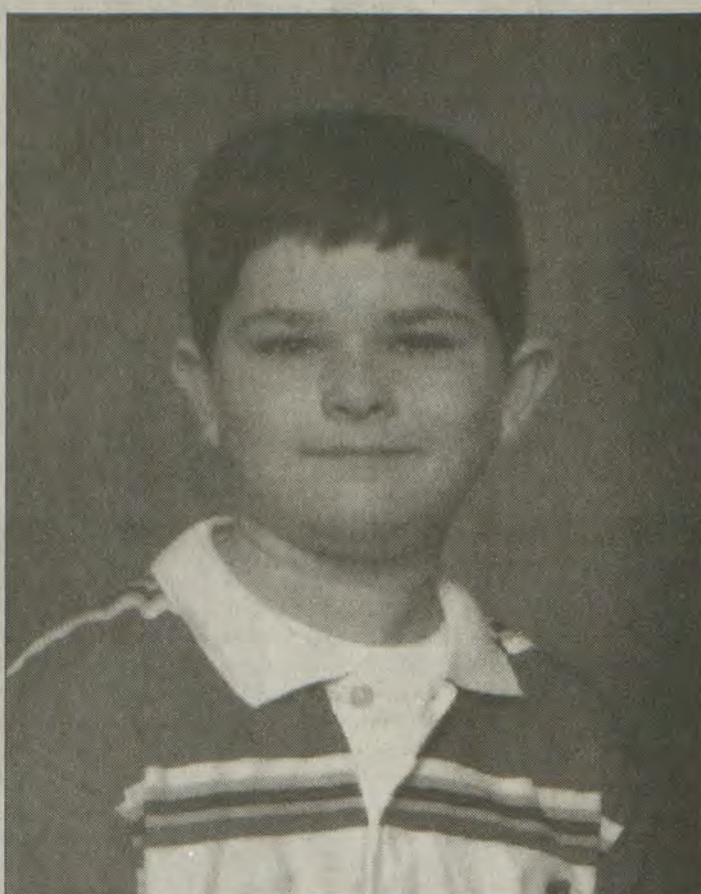
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Birthdays



Look who's 2!

Alexis NaCole Blair celebrated her second birthday on February 2, 2007, with a party held at her home on Saturday, February 3. Many family members and friends were in attendance for birthday cake and refreshments and the birthday baby received many nice gifts and cards. Alexis is the daughter of William and Jamie Blair, of Twin Branch, of Cow Creek. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Esther Blair, and A.J. and the late Rose McCoy.



Look who's 8!

Wesley Dalton Slone recently celebrated his eighth birthday with friends and family with a "Spongebob" theme swimming pool party held at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Everyone in attendance enjoyed birthday cake and refreshments and the birthday boy received many nice gifts. Wesley is the son of Virgil Jr. and Robin Slone, of Meally. He is the grandson of Joyce and the late Virgil Slone, of Hi Hat, and Charles T. and Rosetta Collins, of Prestonsburg.

Saluting History



On January 10, members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans commemorated the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Middle Creek at the Middle Creek National Battlefield near Prestonsburg. Gathered to salute the Confederate Soldiers who fought there were: Owen Wright, Jim Taylor, Owen Wright IV, Danny Taylor and David Chaitas. Also in attendance were many citizens from surrounding local communities.



On January 10, 2007 members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans fired off a salute to those who fought at the Battle of Middle Creek on January 10, 1862. The salute was given by Owen Wright, Jim Taylor, Owen Wright IV, Danny Taylor and David Chaitas.



Pictured at the BSCTC celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. are, from left to right: Marla D. King, Vera Joiner, Dr. Nancy Johnson, David Proffitt, Bernadette Tiapo, Dewanda Green, Jean Dorton and Erwin Roberts.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

On Thursday, January 11, 2006, Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) celebrated the achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of events devoted to his life and work. Vera Joiner, BSCTC director of student services, and Bernadette Tiapo, BSCTC director of cultural diversity, organized the day events on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus.

The commemoration began at 10:50 a.m. with Round Table Discussions in the BSCTC Student Center Atrium. Dr. Thomas Matijasich, BSCTC history professor, began the discussion entitled, "Economic Justice." Guest speakers included, Jessica Hayes and Reverend John Rausch. Bernadette Tiapo, BSCTC cultural diversity director, followed with a discussion entitled, "I Have a Dream."

The pinnacle ceremony entitled, "A Day of Reflection" followed in the BSCTC Gearheart Auditorium at 12:30. BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards and Provost, Dr. Nancy Johnson presided over the event. Jean Dorton, BSCTC community liaison, introduced guest speaker, Erwin Roberts of Frost, Brown and Todd, LLC. Mr. Roberts intrigued the audience with a summation of what Dr. King's work meant to him and how far society had matured toward acceptance and appreciation of all cultures, beliefs and ideas. Susan Scott of the Big Sandy Singers provided inspirational music including a beautiful rendition of "Some Where over the Rainbow." Miss Marla D. King of Spirit of the Word Ministries, Washington, D.C. displayed her talents with a powerful and intense spiritual

dance which left the audience captivated. Dewanda Green, BSCTC political science instructor, provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "A Reflection of the King's Journey," while David Proffitt, BSCTC instructor of philosophy and religion, drew the ceremony to a close with a speech entitled, "King as a Philosopher." Dr. Nancy Johnson closed the event with a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

More information about this event may be obtained by contacting Vera Joiner, BSCTC director of student services, at 606-886-3863, ext. 64789 or e-mail: vera.joiner@kctcs.edu. Information may also be obtained by contacting Bernadette Tiapo, BSCTC director of cultural diversity, at 606-886-3863, ext. 67374 or e-mail: BTIAPO0001@kctcs.edu

Eyes

out there (especially the ones struggling to maintain home, health and sanity with a teenager in the home (and I, folks, happen to have a pack of 'em) just like me) would probably offer your deepest sympathies and condolences.

That said, however, I will attempt to give Shea her weekly dose of Kathy for this Friday morning. After all, there's little worse than a danged cheater, you know?

Okay, so my focus of thought for this week is on preparing for my younger brother, Barry, and his family to visit my house this weekend. I haven't seen "Bear" in quite awhile. Maybe not since he was in for our mother's funeral last December. It's quite a drive in from Fort

Wayne and I don't much blame him for not wanting to make the trek more often. He stays busy with his job and in the summer, he's quite the gardener and lawn maintenance type man.

Lailie, his eldest daughter, is also coming this way. Her trip in is even longer than her dad's. She's coming all the way from Los Angeles. I last saw her last December, also. And none of us were exactly very happy for that reunion. So, I'm looking forward to happier moods and no forced smiles this time around. As well as meeting Lailie's boyfriend, Trevor, for the first time. Thoughts run through my mind - generated mostly by television: "Will he be one of those blonde surfer types?"

"Or a 'metrosexual'?", "Is he expecting to come in and meet the Beverly Hillbillies?," "Will he be a 'Dash Riprock'?"

Lailie assures us that Trevor will not be a stereotype, and neither is he expecting us to be. (Whew!) "His parents are from Ohio," my niece tells us, "and he's real laid back....sorta 'country'."

Okay, sounds like a pretty good fit for our family. We'll keep the old eagle eye on him, though, 'til we decide...

Along with Lailie and Trevor, I'm also looking forward to seeing my younger niece, Sarah. Her dad sent me a couple of beautiful photographs, via email, this past week and from the looks of things, I'd best be prepared to

have her greet me a little closer to my own eye level this time around. She just gets taller, and prettier, every time I see her. And talk about precious! She possesses the sweetest little personality one could ever imagine. Polite, cheerful, and full of interesting facts.

Yep, sounds like a weekend chocked full of activity. I'm looking forward to it.

Hope yours is just as much fun and, hope also, that Miz Shea gets the weekend off!

Love you, Shea girl! (And you too, "Subway Sheena"!)

See you all next week, good Lord willin'.

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Diva

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Here are two recipes I love, using those" oh, so convenient" chicken breasts:

Herbed Skillet Chicken

Serves 6

- 6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon water, divided
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chicken and cook 10 minutes or until slightly browned, turning once.

Combine thyme, garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper; sprinkle over chicken. Remove chicken, keeping warm and add 1/2 cup water to the skillet, using a wire whisk to scrape the pan and get up all the browned bits. Bring water to a boil, add chicken back in; cover, reduce heat and cook 10-20 minutes, depending on thickness of chicken, until chicken is done.

Remove chicken from skillet. Combine cornstarch and remaining 1 tablespoon water. Add to pan juices; cook until thickened and translucent, stirring or whisking constantly. Pour sauce over chicken and sprinkle with parsley.

Per Serving: 202 Calories; 13g Fat (57.9% calories from fat); 19g Protein; 3g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 40mg Cholesterol; 632mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 2 1/2 Lean Meat; 0 Vegetable; 1 Fat.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Sautéed green beans, brown rice and a big green salad.

VEGETARIANS: Use veg-

gie patties instead of the chicken. Cooking time will be less.

Easy Chicken Stir-Fry Serves 6

- 3 boneless skinless chicken breast halves — cut into strips
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 clove garlic — pressed
- 1/2 teaspoon dried ginger
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 16-ounce package frozen stir-fry vegetables — thawed
- 1 tablespoon water

Blend soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, garlic and ginger in shallow dish. Add chicken; soak for 10 minutes.

In a large skillet or wok, heat vegetable oil over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken strips; stir-fry for 3 minutes or until almost cooked and slightly browned. Stir fry the vegetables and water into mixture. Cover and cook 5 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender.

Per Serving: 201 Calories; 8g Fat; 25g Protein; 6g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 73mg Cholesterol; 170mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 3 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 0 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Serve with brown rice and green salad

VEGETARIANS: Use tofu in place of the chicken.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website. www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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FOR RENT
 New townhouses for lease 1500 Sq. feet with garages, 3 BR. \$700 per month. \$700 deposit. Half mile from Highlands Regional Hospital. Call 606-886-8100 or 606-434-7715

APT FOR RENT
 Newly remodeled unfurnished ground floor apartment. Located across from Floyd County Technical center on Route 122 at Martin. \$500 per month plus utilities. Must furnish references. Call 285-9112. NO HUD

FOR RENT
 1 BR apt utilities paid. No pets \$425 per month. \$175 deposit. Call 226-0999. Winchester Apartments.

FOR RENT
 2 BR 1 Bath Duplex Apt. Stove, refrigerator. US 23 and 80 City limits. \$485 + utilities. No pets 1 year lease. 606-237-4758.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent

starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717

House

FOR RENT
 House and trailer at Mcdowell, must have references. Call 377-6346.

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered-deck, Large storage area. Acres of privacy. Open Oct 31. \$1090.00 month or best offer. 850-222-2226. Leave message.

HOUSE FOR RENT At Rt. 23 Allen intersection. Less than 100 yards off 23. Carport, garage, fenced in back yard, new kitchen. Immaculate inside and out! Call 606-886-2444.

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 New MH parts. Allen/Dwale area. Restrictions apply. paved streets, lighted area. All sizes. 606-377-2357.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0230

Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Appalachian Fuels, LLC, 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, KY 41102, intends to revise permit number 836-0320 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee. The new operator will be

Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051, Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541. The operation is located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.2 mile, northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288, and located on Prater Branch. The operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. 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, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.



Happy Birthday Bertha!!!!

I know you didn't want me to put this in the newspaper, but how could I resist! I work here! I have to announce the Birthday of my sweet Grandma' who lights up my life! I love you so very much! You truly have a beautiful soul, and I wouldn't be who I am today without your love and support. You are the wind beneath my wings, the sunshine on my cloudy day, and my best friend. I love you so much Bertha Mae Ratliff! So does your daughter Debbie, and your son-in-law, my husband Brian, and of course we can't forget all the cats Sweetie, Grayson, Baldy, Pepper, Jazzy-Jeff, Berneice, Bubba, Lilly, Smokie, Jade.

We love you,
 Leigh Ann, Debbie, Brian, the cats.

CAD TECHNICIAN

Immediate position available for a CAD Technician

Job duties include, but not limited to, mapping services for property and lease maps

Applicants must have experience and knowledge of AutoCAD, version 2004 (or higher).

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Pay based upon experience. Benefit package included. Serious inquiries only.

Fax resume to: (606) 874-2203 or Mail to: Kinzer Drilling Company, LLC P. O. Box 460 Allen, KY 41601

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73 S. Circle Dr. Prestonsburg, Briarwood subdivision. \$249,000. 2,307 Sq ft. 4 BR 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, LR., Fam.R,DR completely remodeled like new. NEW heating and cooling, carpet, tile, kitchen cabinets with Corian counter tops. In ground pool/ new liner and beautiful landscaping. Red Brown and Williams Real Estate, Teresa Preston. Call 789-8119 or 205-7890 www.rbandw.com

Drift, 3 BR, 1 Bath, multi level deck and porch, paved driveway, detached garage, large fenced in yard. Includes all appliances. \$82,000. Call 377-0251.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 858-0165

Increment No. 11 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Deborn, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a Phase 1 bond release on Increment #11 on permit 858-0165, which was last issued on March 26, 2006. The application covers an area of 601.58 acres, located 1.89 mile southeast of Odds, in Martin, Johnson, and Floyd Counties. The permit area is approximately 1.89 mile southeast of County Road #129's junction with KY Route 3, and is located along the Right Fork of Daniels Creek. The bond now in effect for the Increment #11 is a surety bond for \$288,500.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$173,100.00 is included in the

application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching. The revegetation achieved is in accordance with the approved plan as outlined in the permit application. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 26, 2007. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on February 27, 2007, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 26, 2007.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5090

Single Area In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Frasure's Branch Coal Company, P.O. Box 101, Minnie, Kentucky 41651, intends to apply for a Phase II & III bond release for single area on permit number 836-5090, which was last issued on June 5, 2002. The application covers a surface area of approximately 3.28 acres, located 1.9 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.9 mile north of the junction of Ky. 979's junction with Frasure Branch Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Frasure Branch. The Latitude is 37°28'35". The longitude is 82° 40' 19". The total bond now in effect for Frasure's Branch Coal Company is as

follows: Single Area - \$6,300.00. Reclamation work performed includes, grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed April, 2001. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 5, 2007. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 5, 2007. This is the final advertisement of this application. All

comments, objections, or requests for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 days of the day of this notice. **NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5253** Single Area In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Dema Coal Company, Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III bond release for Single Area on permit number 836-5253, which was last issued February 3, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 83.15 acres, located 1.60 mile southeast of Wayland, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 899, and located 0.10 mile north of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 22

The longitude is 82 degrees, 47 minutes, 59 seconds. The bond now in effect for permit No. 836-5253 is a certificate of deposit for \$4,000.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,000.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed June, 1996. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 5, 2007. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 5, 2007. This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a conference or hearing must be received within 30 (thirty) days of the day of this notice. **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8065 Renewal** In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Martin Coal Processing Corporation, P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 12.0 acres located 0.15 miles east of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed facility is approximately 0.67 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with

KY 80 and is located adjacent to the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 33 minutes 19 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds. The facility is located on the Harold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Martin Coal Processing Corporation and CSX/Chessie System. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Ivel, Ky. 41642, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to build a personal garage, 30x50, used by family only. The property is located 151 Peach Street, Ivel, Ky. 41642, 350 feet, beside U.S. 23, 1/2 mile from Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for the construction of a concession stand to be located at Stonecrest Recreational Fields. Bid must include labor and materials. Approximate size of the two-story building will be 1250 square feet, and is to be built to match

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that Maurice and Brenda Minix at 151 Peach Street,

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation has asked the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky, for approval of an adjustment of rates to become effective March 3, 2007, for service rendered on and after March 3, 2007. The present rates charged in all territory served by Columbia are as follows:

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULES GS				
Residential (GSR) 1/				
First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	6.95	1.4269	7.0085	15.3854
Over 1 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085	10.3069
EAP Rider	0.0579			0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105
Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/				
First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	18.88	1.4269	7.0085	27.3154
Next 49 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085	10.3069
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153	1.4269	7.0085	10.2507
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296	1.4269	7.0085	10.1650
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802	1.4269	7.0085	10.0156
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service				
Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
Standby Service Demand Charge				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		6.5482		6.5482
Delivery Rate Per Mcf				
First 400 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153			1.8153
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296			1.7296
All Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802			1.5802
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IS				
Customer Charge per Mo.	116.55			116.55
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467		7.0085	7.5552
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905		7.0085	7.2990
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Standby Service Demand Charge				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		6.5482		6.5482

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service 1				
Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467			0.5467
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905			0.2905
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IUS 1/				
For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269	7.0085	8.7392
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service				
Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269		1.7307
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE				
Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858			0.0858
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the Base Rate Charge and applicable Riders only. The Base Rate Charge is also applicable to General Service Propane.

The proposed rates to be charged in all territory served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. are as follows:

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE GS - GENERAL SALES SERVICE				
Residential (GSR) 1/				
Customer charge	12.75			12.75
All volume consumed	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085	10.2595
EAP Rider	0.0579			0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105
Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/				
Customer charge	28.00			28.00
First 50 Mcf per Mo.	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085	10.2595
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.7142	1.4269	7.0085	10.1496
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.6324	1.4269	7.0085	10.0678
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.4806	1.4269	7.0085	9.9160
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IS - INTERRUPTIBLE SALES SERVICE				
Customer Charge per Mo.	200.00			200.00
First 30,000 Mcf	0.6027		7.0085	7.6112
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192		7.0085	7.3277
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Firm Service Demand Charge				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement		6.5482		6.5482

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IUS - INTRASTATE UTILITY SERVICE 1/				
Customer Charge per Mo.	255.00			255.00
For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.5905	1.4269	7.0085	9.0259
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE SS - STANDBY SERVICE				
Standby Service Demand Charge per Mcf				
Demand Charge times Standby Service Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement		6.5482		6.5482

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE DS - DELIVERY SERVICE				
Administrative Charge per billing period	55.90			55.90
Customer Charge per billing period 2/	200.00			200.00
Customer Charge - Grandfathered Service only	28.00			28.00
Customer Charge - Intrastate Utility only	255.00			255.00
Delivery Rate per Mcf 2/				
First 30,000 Mcf	0.6027			0.6027
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192			0.3192

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Rate - Grandfathered Service only				
First 400 Mcf per billing period	1.7142			1.7142
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	1.6324			1.6324
All Over 1000 Mcf per billing period	1.4806			1.4806
Delivery Rate - Intrastate Utility only				
All volumes per billing period	0.5905	1.4269		2.0174
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE MLDS - MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE				
Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
Customer Charge per billing period	200.00			200.00
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858			0.0858
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the base rate charge and all applicable riders only.
2/ Applicable to all Rate Schedule DS customers except those served under Grandfathered or Intrastate Utility provisions

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES

Miscellaneous Fees		
The Company is proposing to increase the following fees as indicated:		
	Current	Proposed
Return Check Fee	\$8.00	\$15.00
Reconnect Fee	\$15.00	\$55.00

The foregoing rates reflect an increase of approximately 7.99% to Columbia. The estimated amount of increase per customer class is as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$10,539,821	11.07%
Commercial	\$1,498,857	2.77%
Industrial	\$382,525	4.89%
Wholesale	\$12,400	5.29%
Other	\$211,920	21.57%

The average monthly bill for each customer class to which the proposed rates will apply will increase approximately as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$7.38	11.0%
Commercial	\$9.61	3.0%
Industrial	-\$16.45	-0.5%
Transportation	\$9.29	11.0%
Wholesale	\$517.00	6.5%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia; however, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

In addition to the adjustment of rates described above, Columbia is also seeking approval from the Public Service Commission for an Accelerated Main Replacement Program and a Post In-Service Carrying Charge. The Accelerated Main Replacement Program is designed to accelerate the replacement of the aging pipes and facilities on Columbia's system in order to maintain safe and reliable service for customers. The Post In-Service Carrying Charge is designed to encourage the investment in pipeline extensions and facilities for new customers to receive gas service.

Any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in this matter may, by written request, within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, request to intervene; intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Requests to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the address listed below.

Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the rate application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting Cynthia Benham at: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. 2001 Mercer Road Lexington, Kentucky 40511-1018 (859) 288-0261

Any person may examine the rate application and any other filings made by Columbia at the offices of Columbia or the Commission, as listed below: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. 2001 Mercer Road Lexington, Kentucky 40511-1018 1-800-432-9345

Public Service Commission of Kentucky 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 (502) 564-3940

the existing concession stand. For a copy of the Preliminary Plan, please contact Ronnie Rice at (606) 886-3537. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2007, attn. City Clerk. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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