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briefs

Education chief search narrows

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state Board of Education has narrowed its search for a new commissioner to three.

The finalists for the job are Mitchell Chester, an official with the Ohio Department of Education; Barbara Erwin, a superintendent in Illinois; and Richard Le Pointe, a deputy assistant secretary from the U.S. Department of Education.

"Each of these three finalists has outstanding leadership qualities and each will bring many strengths to the position," Kentucky Board of Education Chairman Keith Travis said Tuesday.

The board plans to meet April 24 to continue discussions of the candidates, he said.

Former Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit left after six years to become executive director of the Council of Chief State School Officers, a Washington, D.C.-based membership and advocacy organization for state education leaders.

Fire damages office

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A fire SUNDAY forced the fire department to be called out two times.

The Redd, Brown and Williams Real Estate office on University Drive fell victim to what officials are saying was an electrical fire. Prestonsburg Fire

Chief Gary Dotson said that the first call was received sometime in the early afternoon. Firefighters responded and thought they had extinguished all of the flames, but just a short time later, they were forced to return to the scene.

Fire Chief Dotson says the loose type of blown insulation that was used in the

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Firefighters spent the better part of Sunday fighting a fire at the Redd, Brown and Williams office on University Drive in Prestonsburg. After putting the fire out, firefighters were called back two hours later when flames reignited.

photo by Ralph B. Davis

HIGH WATER



photo courtesy of Lon May

This bridge in Left Beaver known as the Jake Cooley Bridge suffered significant damage from floodwaters over the weekend. Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall says the trash and debris which were trapped on one side of the bridge were nearly eight feet deep and stretched approximately 200 feet upstream. The extreme force of the debris and water actually pushed the bridge off of its foundation. Road crews were able to clear the debris and reposition the bridge.

County seeks emergency declaration for flooding

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Weekend rains throughout Eastern Kentucky have prompted local officials to ask the state to declare a state of emergency.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said after surveying parts of the county on Monday, he has asked the state to declare the county in a state of emergency. Marshall said Floyd County will be working in conjunction with Pike County, which also received damage over the weekend, to obtain help from the Federal

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photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg's Archer Park was still under several feet of water on Monday following the heavy rains that fell across the area over the weekend.

Hale-Frazier named principal of new school

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — This coming fall a new school will open its doors to Prestonsburg area children. A new building, new corridors, and new routines will await but, for current students of the old Prestonsburg Elementary, a familiar principal will reside.

Gwen Hale-Frazier, who has served as principal of the old Prestonsburg school for the past 17 years, will return this coming fall to serve as principal of the new school.

Frazier comes to the position with over 30 years experience in the field of education and with a track

record of surpassing state achievement standards during her years at Prestonsburg.

In a meeting held last week at Prestonsburg High School, Frazier said that she believes in creating "stable environments" in which children can maximize learning and in assisting children in order to meet their needs, whatever those needs may be, in order for them to be successful learners.

Frazier, a member of the first graduating class of Clark Elementary School, will return to that school's former location as she takes on her new role of principalship of the new Prestonsburg school.

Combs to be honored Friday

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County has made plans to unveil a new statue honoring former Gov. Bert T. Combs at the courthouse square this Friday.

Local officials, including Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, will participate in the ceremony.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department will provide the presentation of colors and the Big Sandy Singers will be singing "My Old Kentucky Home."

The unveiling is set to take place at 3 p.m. in the



Former Gov. Bert Combs

courthouse square, with a reception to follow at the Prestonsburg Tourism Office.

Earlier in the day, a similar reception will be held in Stanton, where another statue of Combs will be erected near exit 22 on the Mountain Parkway that Combs was instrumental in building.

Native's Florida home to be featured on HGTV tonight

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County residents may recognize a familiar name on Home and Garden Television, as a former Prestonsburg resident's home in Florida is featured on the channel's show titled "ReZoned."

Crystal Collins Spencer is the daughter of Rose Collins, for-

merly of Prestonsburg, and the late Scott Collins. Spencer graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1978 then went on to further her education at the University of Kentucky and graduated with a degree in journalism and political science in 1982. Spencer was awarded her law degree from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1985.

Her husband, Brian Spencer, a native of Gulf Breeze, Fla., graduated with honors from Duke University and earned his master's degree from Tulane School of Architecture. While sharing her life with an architect, Spencer was bound to have stumbled upon an old piece of history which the couple could turn into a beautiful home.

At 6:30 p.m. tonight,

Spencer's modern urban loft home in Pensacola, Fla., a former 1860 grocery store, will be featured on HGTV.

Among her numerous accomplishments, Spencer was named "Florida Super Lawyer - Securities Litigation" in 2006, and was voted best local attorney in her area the same year. She has



Crystal Collins Spencer

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Showers

High: 63 • Low: 43

Tomorrow

Showers

High: 60 • Low: 40

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Obituaries

Harold C. Castle

Harold C. Castle, 80, of Weeksbury, died Friday, April 13, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 17, 1927, in Red Jacket, West Virginia, he was the son of the late George and Pearl Daniels Castle. He was a retired welder for R&S Body; and a U.S. Army Korean War veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lizzie Isaac Castle.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Tommy and Kim Castle of Hi Hat; a daughter and son-in-law: Rita and Phil Jones of Melvin; six grandchildren: Austin Castle, Ashley Castle, Megan Castle, Brittany Staggs, Reachel Jones, and Julie Jones; and a stepgrandchild, Courtney Blocker.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruthie Hiatt; a sister, Eloise Cline; and a grandchild, Amy Castle.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 16, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with John Coleman officiating.

Military services were conducted by Garrett Chapter 128, D.A.V.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

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Nellie Adell Curry Deaton

Nellie Adell Curry Deaton, age 83, of Hueysville, wife of the late Julian Alexander Deaton Sr., passed away Friday, April 13, 2007, in High Point Regional Hospital, High Point, North Carolina.

She was born April 13, 1924, in Greensboro, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Mary Elizabeth Curry. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garrett and Wheelwright.

Survivors include two sons, Julian Alexander Deaton Jr., "Jad" (Alberta) of Hueysville, and Darrell Lee (Bonnie) Deaton of Vincennes, Indiana; and a daughter, Sherri Lynn Deaton (Glen) Dusina, of Lexington, North Carolina.

She was grandmother to Leigh Erica (Rob) Farnsworth of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Jamie Kristen (John) Melton of Charlotte, North Carolina, Krystal Dawn Deaton, Heather Danielle Deaton and Jarrid Deaton all of Hueysville, and Brandon Lee Deaton, of Bevinsville. She was also the great-grandmother to Logan Dylan and Isabella Adele Farnsworth.

Funeral services for Nellie Adell Curry Deaton were conducted Tuesday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Randy Osborne and Larry Adams officiating.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of

the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jarrid Deaton, Brandon Deaton, John Melton, Casey Allen, Brandon Allen and Wade Martin. (Paid obituary)

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Charles Philip Dingus

Charles Philip Dingus, age 91, of Martin, husband of Sue Ratliff Dingus, died Sunday, April 15, 2007, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

He was born May 6, 1915, in Martin, a son of the late William and Flora Mae Reynolds Dingus. He was a longtime educator in Floyd County, serving as both teacher and principal. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a former president of EKEA.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Philip Arthur Dingus of Martin; two daughters: Vivian L. McGarey and Phyllis Grace Scott, both of Martin; a stepdaughter, Lynn Woo of Charleston, South Carolina; six grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Virginia Campbell Dingus; five brothers: Furman, Perk, Lewis, Reynolds, and Arthur Dingus; and three sisters: Blanche Dingus, Girdell Breeding, and Rhoda Crawford.

Funeral services for Charles Philip Dingus will be conducted, Wednesday, April 18, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Elders of the church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Dingus Family Cemetery, in Martin, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Mabel Gibson

Mabel Gibson, 80, of Marion, Ohio, passed away Monday, April 16, 2007, at Marion General Hospital.

She was born May 16, 1926, in Wayland, Kentucky, the

daughter of the late Robert and Alga Martin. She had been a resident of Marion, since 1952, and was retired from Rink's Department Store.

On June 16, 1946, she married Clarence Gibson, who preceded her in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Bourque; two sons: Kenneth (Beverly) Gibson and David Gibson, all of Marion; two granddaughters: Lisa Bourque of Sanford, Florida, and Heather Gibson of Marion; three grandsons: Michael and Matthew Bourque, both of Marion, and Christopher (JoAnn) Gibson of Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania; two great-grandsons: Brandon Minturn of Orlando, Florida, and Austin Craycraft of Marion; four sisters: Delia (Robert) Piatt of Waldo, Edna (James) Harless of Marion, Avonelle Daliessio of Crum Lynn, Pennsylvania, and Jean Christianson of Phoenix, Arizona; two brothers: Ed (Holly) Martin of Dema, Kentucky, and Ray (Kim) Martin of Tacoma, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Michelle Gibson; two sisters; and four brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at Boyd Funeral Home, Marion, Ohio, with Rev. Bobby Layne officiating.

She will be laid to rest at Grand Prairie Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday, April 18, from 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice. (Paid obituary)

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Inette Hamilton

Inette Hamilton, 63, of Harold, died Sunday, April 15, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 1, 1944, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Kenis and Goldie Newsome. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price.

She is survived by her husband, Sie B. Hamilton.

Other survivors include a son, Kevin Ray Hamilton of Harold; two daughters: Rachelle Wilson of Pikeville, and Goldie Hamilton of Harold; two brothers: Harrison Newsome and Preston Newsome, both of Huntington, West Virginia; five sisters: Rosetta Coleman, Maxi Rice, Annie Smith, Victoria Akers, and Brenda King, all of Pikeville; five grandchildren: Bradley, Bethany, Blake, Kevin Jr., and Inetta.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Sie Bennette Hamilton; and a daughter, Roxanna Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 18, at noon, at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newsome Branch Cemetery, in Virgie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation, after 6 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home, and after noon on Tuesday, at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

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Jonah (Teet) Isaacs Jr.

Jonah (Teet) Isaacs Jr., age 75, of Teaberry, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2007, in Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard.

He was born February 8, 1932, in Teaberry, the son of the late Ruben Isaacs and Josephine Hamilton Isaacs. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving in Korea, and was retired from EKCEP as a job trainer.

Survivors include two brothers: Herman Isaacs of

Teaberry, and Ruben Isaacs Jr., of Mt. Sterling; three sisters: Dorene Hutchinson of Woodhaven, Michigan, Charlotte Hamilton of Teaberry, and Charlene Nelson of Banner; several nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were two sisters: Lorene Newsome and Jo Ann Isaacs; and two brothers: Danny and Don Isaacs.

Funeral services for Jonah (Teet) Isaacs were conducted

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The family of John P. Wells would like to say

"Thank You" to everyone who helped in the loss of our loved one. For the prayers that everyone prayed, or the lovely flowers and food. A special thanks to Mayor Jerry Fannin, the City of Prestonsburg, John and Patsy Goble, Diane Fish, Dave Kretzer, Mary Kidd, Jennifer and Rodney Gardner, Jacob Gardner, Opal and Bob Joseph, Yvette, Steve and Madonna Rose, Faith Independent Pastor, Donnie Patrick, Asst. Pastor Clinton Buddy Jones, the third floor support care at Highlands Regional Hospital, Floyd County Sheriff's Dept., Edsel Moore, Rev. Clarence Combs. Also to Hall Funeral Home. Thanks also to Glenna Endicott, and the Floyd-Johnson Pilots Assoc.

Words can never express my thanks and how much I appreciate how much was done. I ask that you continue to pray for Paul and myself. I have lost my best friend, but I have the most wonderful memories that John P. and I have spent together, and these can never be erased.

Donna Blackburn Wells, and Paul Wells



Card of Thanks

The family of Irene Hayes wishes to thank everyone who helped comfort us in our sorrow at the passing of our loved one. We thank all those who attended the services, sent food and flowers, and expressed their love and respect for her. We appreciate the beautiful services provided by special singers, James Slone, Kim Slone, Shirley Boyd, Karen Bentley, and Billie O'Quin; the choir; soloist Barry Combs; accompanists Melanie Turner and Barry Combs; Elders James A. Duff, James Slone, and Ralph Crisp; speakers Jimmy Turner, Jerry Rice, Joyce Watson, Barbara Conley, Becky Cales, Jennifer Cales, and Shelia Williams; Brother Chester A. Varney of the Hueysville Church of Christ, and Bro. John Russell of Lakeside Christian Church, Lakeside Park, Ky. Our grateful thanks go to the Hall Funeral Home for their excellent service, exceptional caring and kindness, and to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. We thank each of you for your prayers and the abundant love you gave to our beloved one.

THE FAMILY OF IRENE HAYES

Southeast Floyd Co. Vol. Fire Dept. An Important Notice

This is to the Southeast Floyd County Volunteer Fire Department area.

We are in the process of trying to get our fire dept. put in the tax district, so that the ranking of our fire dept. will change. If we can get a better ranking, the insurance on our homes will go down. There are insurance companies now that charge so much that we can't afford it, or they won't even insure us when they find out we are in the Southeast District. They give the reason why, is because our fire dept. is ranked as almost non-existent.

We have gotten enough names on the petition that has been circulated to call a special meeting for the citizens of the Southeast Fire Dept. area. We will announce the time, date and place after this letter has circulated in the paper for three consecutive times. It will be for the citizens that are in the Southeast Floyd Co. Vol. Fire Dept. area. This should also help in getting funds for our fire dept. to buy trucks and equipment that we would need to further help the citizens of our area.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP life-saving DVD features local cancer survivors

A very important, potentially life-saving DVD, "Preventable, Beatable, and Treatable," produced by the Floyd County Extension Office of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, and featuring success stories of local cancer survivors, will be viewed at the April meeting of the Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528, AARP. The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17th, at 6:00 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Spring recital

Piano students of David Leslie will present their 27th Annual Spring Recital on May 22, in the auditorium of the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg. The public is invited to attend.

East KY Women in Leadership

East Kentucky Women in Leadership will hold their 10th annual event on Thursday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville. The theme of this year's event is "Your Invitation to the World of Wellness." Registration and coffee will take place at 9 a.m.;

sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. A light luncheon will be served. There is no fee required to attend this event.

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-9 p.m. \$25 single, \$40.00 couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

Motorcycle ride to benefit American Cancer Society

When: Saturday, May 5. Rain Date: Saturday, May 12.

Location: Community Trust Bank Operations Center. (Old Pikeville Wal-Mart Parking Lot).

Registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ride begins: 11:05 a.m.

Cost: \$20 per driver; \$10 per passenger

Poker Run \$5 per person. All street legal motorcycles welcome!

Poker Run 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes.

Door prizes and lunch! All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For more information, or to pre-register, contact Amanda Collins, at 606-433-4884, or 1-800-422-1090.

Orders for sketches now being taken

The Artisan Center Relay for Life team is now taking orders for sketches. Just bring in several photographs of the person you want drawn, and our volunteer artists will create an 8x10 sketch in black and white for \$25. These make great gifts as well as a memorial for a loved one lost to cancer. Matting is also available for \$5 (thanks to Foget-Me-Not Floral for providing them). All proceeds will go directly to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call 785-9855.

PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion

The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently planning their 20th reunion. Please e-mail your contact information to phsclass87@bellsouth.net.

Learn about Diabetes

Attend the free 3-week Diabetes Self Management Education course at the Floyd County Health Department. The course will begin on Wednesday, April 11, and will be held at the health department, 283 Goble Street, from 9 to 11 a.m. Register now by calling Cheryl Younce at 886-2788, ext. 214 or email to: cheryll.younce@ky.gov.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

Spring Fling

Paintsville Main Street Association will present their "Arts in Action" Spring Fling on Saturday, April 28, from 1 to 6 p.m., in downtown Paintsville. Live music, antique road show, children's court, featuring petting zoo, inflatables and games, author's corner, art and craft show, plant sale, food booths and much more. Bring a chair and come on down! More info., call Carole Logsdon at 789-6487 or email to: downtown_main@bellsouth.net

MCA Class of '87

to hold class reunion Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, at MCA in Martin. Any student who attended MCA from 1983 to 1987 is also invited to attend. Anyone interested can visit our group site at http://groups.msn.com/mcareunion or email mca87reunion@hotmail.com. Emails can be directed to Clarizza Singayao or Tammy Bailey.

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion

The Betsy Layne High School reunion committee is planning an event for the classes of the 1930s, 40s, 50s, and 60s, in June, 2007. For more information contact Marvin Williamson at 478-3310; Betty Conn at 478-5987; Sue Reynolds at 874-2574; or Joe Hinchman at (859)-373-0518.

WHS Classes of '87 and '88

The Wheelwright High School Classes of 1987 and 1988 will have a combined class reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007. A family picnic will be held at Dewey Lake Dam, Shelter #2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. An evening event is

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Cinema Two • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 4/20  IN THE LAND OF WOMEN Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4-15), 6:55-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55-9:15	Cinema Seven • R STARTS FRI., 4/20  FRACTURE Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20
Cinema Three • PG-13 HELD OVER  BLADES OF GLORY Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4-25), 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25), 7:10-9:25	Cinema Eight • R STARTS FRI., 4/20  VACANCY Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4-15), 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15), 7:00-9:15
Cinema Four THE REAPING—Held Over R—Mon.-Sun. 7:15; Fri. 7:15; Sat.-Sun. 7:15 REDLINE—Held Over PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 9:30; Fri. 9:30; Sat.-Sun. 9:30 FIREHOUSE DOG—Held Over PG—Fri. (4:30); Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30)	Cinema Nine • PG-13 HELD OVER  DISTURBIA Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20
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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Our View

Surprises are not good government

We're not engineers, so we can't tell you whether or not the extension of a barrier wall on U.S. 23 at Katy Friend Mountain is the best way to minimize the number of wrecks on that deadly stretch of road.

However, being in the communications business, we can say we're pretty sure the state bungled its job of informing those most directly affected by the project just about as badly as possible.

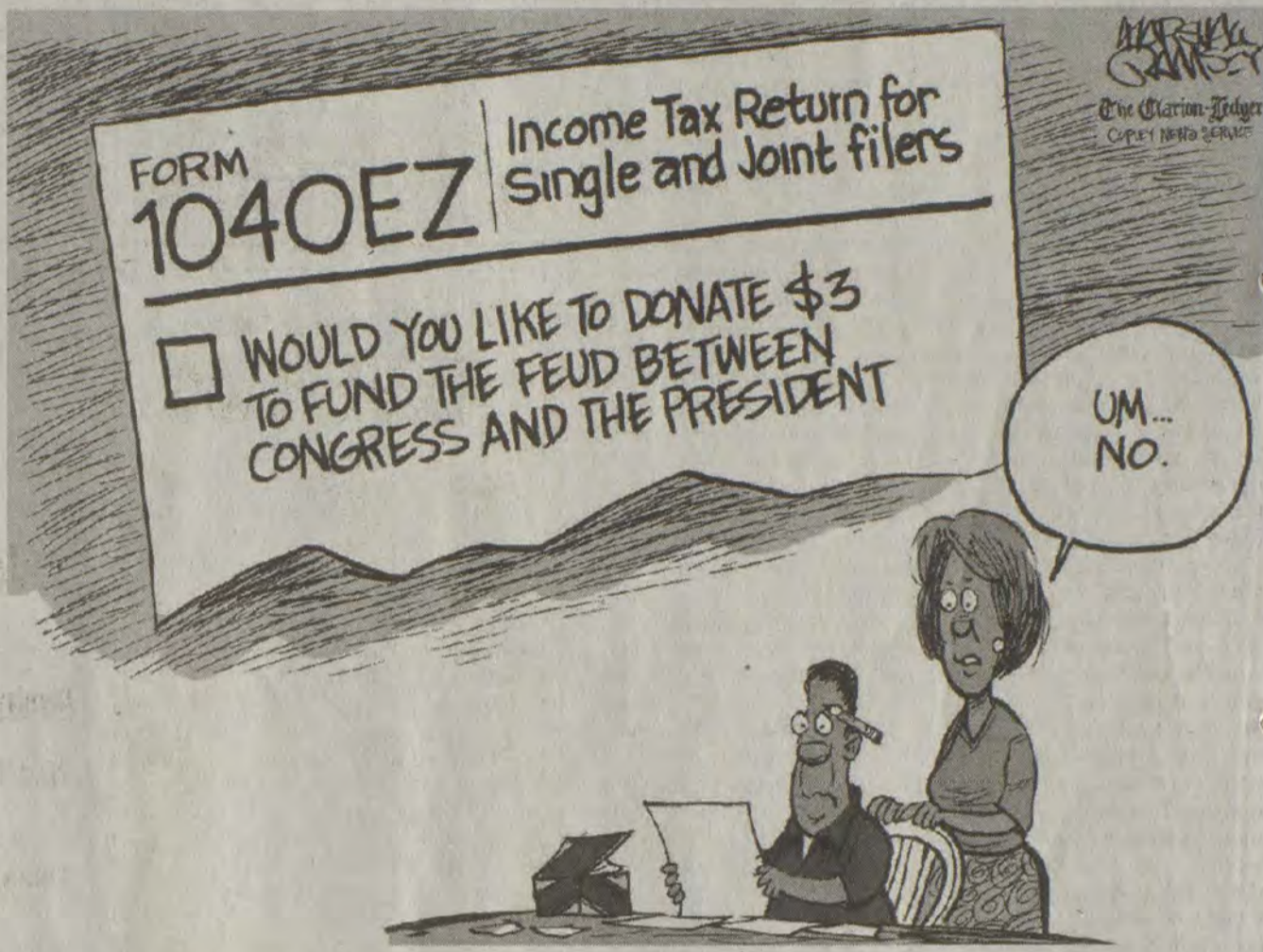
It is obvious that this project will have a very real impact on the families who live alongside the highway and now no longer have the option of simply turning left when they leave their driveways. It should also be evident that the wall has a negative effect on the future commercial viability of the corridor, rendering quite a bit of land near one of Floyd County's busiest intersections useless for economic development.

Certainly, these considerations rank fairly low when compared to the goal of saving lives, but they still should be considered. The problem is that residents and landowners affected by the project are left with the impression that those concerns weren't given much thought, because their notice of the impending project consisted of little more than an, "Oh, by the way . . ." as construction equipment bore down.

Had the public been given ample notice of the project, had the state bothered to get public input before drawing up its plans, maybe an alternative fix would have been discovered. At the very least, there would have been less anger and resentment had it been determined publicly and transparently that the barrier wall was the best way to fix the problem.

The way it was handled, we're left wondering whether the state was planning a highway safety improvement or a surprise party.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Still not ready to make nice over Confederate flag

by NED PILLERSDORF

Every Kentucky high school basketball game begins with a meeting of the team captains and coaches at center court, during which a referee reads a sportsmanship warning card. Over the last five years, I have heard this warning at every game played by the team I coach for the David School. The sportsmanship card simply reads that there will be no taunting during the games and that there will be no warning as to the consequences of taunting.

I recently read in the Lexington Herald-Leader that my attempt to cancel this year's game against Allen Central led to a "furor." It did. Why did I do it? The various press accounts indicate there is confusion about my reasoning. I write to explain the events that led to the decision that I still believe was correct.

So that there is no misunderstanding, my recommendation to my team and my attempts to cancel the game were based upon my belief that displaying a Confederate flag constitutes a form of taunting. I believe this is especially true when one of the teams involved in the game is racially mixed.

I am not alone in this view. In 2000, the NCAA stated that the presence of the Confederate flag at sporting events created an "intolerable environment" and issued economic sanctions against the state of South Carolina for their continued use of the Confederate flag

above their State Capitol. In an interesting side note, the NCAA press release announcing this position was issued by Charles Wethington, former president of the University of Kentucky.

In reflecting on the tumultuous events that have surrounded the controversy, I believe there are several misconceptions that need to be addressed. First, I have been criticized for scheduling game against Allen Central in the first place, knowing of their past use of the Confederate flag. I also obviously knew that I had the only racially mixed team in Floyd County.

Several events occurred during December 2006, after the game was scheduled, that led to my decision. During this time I read with great concern press accounts of the response of certain Allen Central officials and students when Floyd County school board member Mickey McGuire publicly challenged the use of the Confederate flag at Allen Central sporting events. The defiant response by those associated with the school generated national news coverage prior to the David School becoming embroiled in the controversy.

During this same time period, Rev. Lewis Coleman, of Louisville, traveled to Floyd County to publicly criticize Allen Central's use of the Confederate flag. From reading his comments, he appeared to be given the incorrect impression that people within Floyd County were not conflicted by the use of the Confederate flag at Allen Central. Make no mistake about it, there are people within our county who strongly support the Confederate symbol, and plenty of folks like me within the county who find it to be offensive.

Also, during the same time period, we played a game in which we lost by a very large margin. While the players and school officials with the opposing team displayed great sportsmanship throughout this mismatch, I was concerned that a handful of fans may have taunted my players during the later stages of the game.

At our next practice, I discussed my concerns about the recent incident with the players. As the coach of a team that often loses games by large margins, I am especially sensitive to taunting. During the team discussion, I expressed my strong concerns to my team about the recent comments those at Allen Central had made over the flag controversy. We specifically discussed the fact that one of our former players had actually participated in displaying a large Confederate flag near the opponent's bench at a game at Allen Central last season.

As the conversation continued, I recommended to my team that we cancel the game against Allen Central. They all agreed. The conversation immediately turned to their desire to play a game against another Floyd County team. I then advised the team that I would try to contact South Floyd and schedule a game there. We agreed we would cancel the game against Allen Central due to my concerns about the atmosphere. I held up making the final decision to cancel the game until I had the opportunity to discuss it with the principal of the David School. I advised her of our tentative decision and I further advised her that I would attempt to contact officials at Allen Central about somehow avoiding the

(See COLUMN, page three)

Letters

Wall will cost more lives

There is a section of roadway two-and-a-half miles long, from the intersection of the Mountain Parkway and U.S. 23 to the intersection of Route 80 and U.S. 23. This two-and-a-half-mile stretch of roadway has seen death after death to our families, especially since 2001, when the commonwealth put down what has been referred to as experimental blacktopping that has created hydroplaning and black ice.

Town Branch Road, Bull Creek Trade Center, Skeans Marathon and many other businesses are along this two-and-a-half-mile stretch of road, which is a death trap with this faulty blacktop, no red light, and 60-to-70 mile an hour traffic through a business area.

The wall shows a strong will from the commonwealth to do something about this problem. In fact, this wall will cause U-turns in the middle of a four-lane highway that will cause more death. Approximately 30 households and their friends, neighbors, etc. will to do U-turns to get to their homes. Fire trucks, ambulance services, etc. will be affected.

What I believe would be a good proposal at this time would be to let the political leaders of our government take a better look at this two-and-a-half-mile section of road, and just maybe they will come up with a better decision that will satisfy all concerns. Together, we are all winners.

On a personal basis, I have never put any political influence on this road, except to ask for a red light at the mouth of Town Branch Road after

a whole family was killed there.

I have received many business offers during the past two years, one from Holiday Express to build a \$4. million motel, another from Toyota and recently from Pilot Air Freight Company.

Personally, I would not lift one finger to influence the decision on the wall. The decision must come from our government leaders and the commonwealth to save lives.

Notice of building this wall was sudden and very short. Notice on Thursday and construction actually started on the following Friday.

A stone wall from the Mountain Parkway exit to the Route 80 exit would put Floyd County back into the Stone Age, as far as economic development.

Floyd Skeans, Prestonsburg

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Column

tentative decision to cancel the game. I left repeated messages with the Allen Central athletic director. To date, I have never had a single phone call returned from the Allen Central athletic director.

Instead, I have read various quotes from the Allen Central athletic director in which he defended the use of the Confederate flag, and went so far as to defend the use of the word "colored" in referring to black people. I personally view the use of the word "colored" to be reminiscent of the awful days of "separate but equal," when the word was used to designate separate but not equal bathrooms, water fountains and other public facilities.

After not hearing back from anyone from Allen Central, I simultaneously scheduled a game at the South Floyd gym and notified Allen Central that we were canceling the game based on my belief that their use of the Confederate flag violated the taunting rule. We eventually played Riverside Christian at South Floyd High School on Jan. 26.

A few days later, in an interview with the Associated Press, I allowed the use of the word "boycott" to become associated with the decision to cancel the game. In fact, when I discussed the matter with my players, I don't believe the word "boycott" was ever used. As a lawyer, I should have been more careful in choosing my words. I am still unsure if a decision by one team to cancel a game constitutes a boycott or not, but it is clear to me that the use of the word "boycott" contributed to the publicity. A "furo" did erupt.

What I have found most distressing about the publicity concerning the decision to cancel the game is the pattern of misinformation that has been engaged in by some, but not all, of the officials at Allen Central High School. The most misleading misinformation has to do with whether or not Confederate flags are in fact waved at Allen Central games. On several occasions, I have had to convince skeptical members of the media and others that such flag waving actually

occurs. My response for anyone who has any doubts is to go to the WYMT news website and look at the video footage that WYMT captured at a past Allen Central game. The news footage in question aired on WYMT on the 6 o'clock edition of the Feb. 8 news. It confirms the fact that a very large Confederate flag is clearly visibly displayed at Allen Central High School basketball games.

Much of the misinformation can also be traced to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, who have exploited this controversy to promote their obsession with the Confederate flag. They have been in continuous contact with the media. What has not been reported is their bizarre political agenda. This agenda includes not only their continuous promotion of the Confederate flag, but their curious view of history which includes portraying Abraham Lincoln as some type of war criminal. Recently, one of their leaders spoke in opposition to a commemoration of President Lincoln at a Virginia legislative hearing, by declaring that Lincoln had attempted to "lay waste" to the state of Virginia.

There was also an erroneous report on WSAZ television that either myself or my wife and assistant coach, Janet Stumbo, claimed that racial slurs caused the attempted cancellation of the game. We never heard any slurs, racial or otherwise. We did see the Confederate flag.

The reality of the David School basketball team is that we are not as big and fast as other teams. There are approximately 35 students who attend the David School, of which 25 percent are the basketball team. We have never won a varsity game. However, I don't believe there is a coach in Kentucky who is prouder of his team than I am. While my players are often on the wrong side of lopsided scores, I am proud of their dedication, and the fact that no team tries harder than the David School players.

The David School is a wonderful school and has helped countless students in this region. It is a tuition-free school. Many, but not all, of the students are from low-income

families. One of the reasons I have dedicated my time, money and efforts to the David School is simply to repay them the invaluable education my middle daughter received at the David School, which in my opinion helped her to achieve the academic success she is currently experiencing at Hollins University. My other reason for coaching and funding the David School team is that I simply enjoy being with the players and I hope I can make a positive

contribution to the future of these fine young men. The greatest threat to our basketball program at the David School is the presence of taunting, which can discourage players in a way losing games does not. The vast majority of teams we play do not engage in taunting and generally display outstanding sportsmanship. A shining example is our last regular season game against Pikeville High School, in which Pikeville defeated us by the score of 98-

46. With approximately a minute to go, Pikeville had the opportunity to score 100 points. Instead, the Pikeville players merely held the ball. After the game, I congratulated Coach Bart Williams and their players for outstanding sportsmanship. As I left the game, I thought about what a valuable lesson in sportsmanship and discipline the Pikeville players had exhibited not only for themselves and their fans, but for our team as well.

There are countless other examples I can give of other high school teams engaging in similar sportsmanship. Returning to the Allen Central situation, I do not believe waving of a Confederate flag at a racially mixed team is good sportsmanship. I continue to believe it constitutes a form of taunting. In the recent words of the Dixie Chicks, I am "Still Not Ready to Make Nice" about their use of the Confederate flag.

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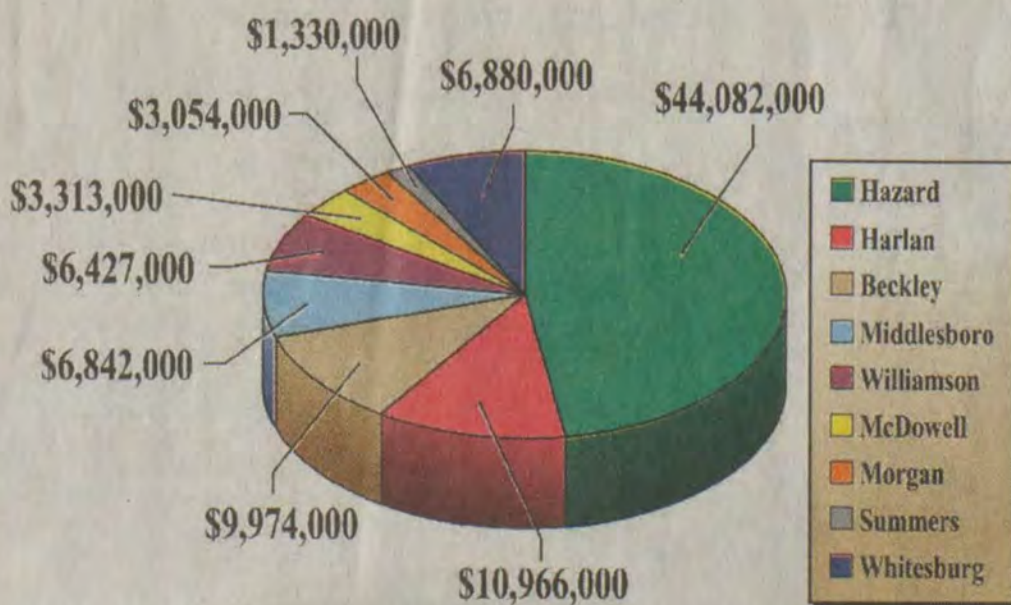
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planned at 7 p.m., at the Best Western, in Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

ACHS Class of '96
The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

PHS Class of '97
Members of the PHS Class of 1997 are planning their 10-year reunion. The reunion will be held on July 14, 2007, at Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Those wishing to attend, please send personal information, including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 also welcome to attend. Send all information to: phs97@bellsouth.net, or mail to: Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41649.

Please visit us at www.myspace.com/phsblackcats97 for further information.

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet, beginning in March, on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

'Earn While You Learn'
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Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
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Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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Looking for a Support Group?

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red

light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about

you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you

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can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club recently held their meeting and lunch at the newly constructed Prestonsburg SportsPark to inspect the finished ballfields and facilities. They are pictured with their back to the new indoor pitching facility for year-round training. The club also mentioned that they would help the new SportsPark with a possible walking trail for visitors. To learn more about the Kiwanis Club in Prestonsburg and how they help the children in our community, call Josh Byers at (606) 886-8506.

Stumbo discusses second Internet sex sting

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Eleven men from three states were arrested during an Internet sex sting. Attorney General Greg Stumbo said Monday.

The Kentucky Bureau of Investigation worked with local police in Campbell County, in northern Kentucky, and the Internet watchdog group Perverted Justice, to conduct the operation from last Thursday through Sunday. Suspects, all men, ranged in age from 24 to 59.

It was the second time the attorney general's office has worked with the group during the past year. In October, seven men were arrested during a similar operation in Louisville, and state prosecutors sent more than 30 to fed-

eral officials for review, Stumbo said.

Each of the suspects was charged with attempted unlawful transaction with a minor, which is a felony and punishable by up to 20 years in prison. They were all being held on \$100,000 cash bond, Stumbo said.

Four of the men arrested were from Kentucky, while five were from Ohio and two from Indiana.

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by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — A task force of government and business leaders have a huge task in finding solutions to the financial problems facing government retirement systems in Kentucky, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Monday.

"I think it's probably one of the most significant fiscal endeavors that we will have in the commonwealth of Kentucky for several decades," Fletcher told members of the task force at their first meeting.

Fletcher appointed the panel to study ways to solve the financial troubles facing the systems that provide pension and health care benefits for retired teachers and state employees.

Task force chairman John Farris, secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, said the charge is twofold: How to fulfill obligations to current retirees and

employees and to determine the appropriate retirement benefits for future employees.

A failed legislative proposal supported by Fletcher would have sold more than \$800 million in pension bonds to give the systems a cash infusion. Pension benefits for current employees and retirees would have remained intact, while future employees' retirement plans would have changed. Teachers would not have seen a change under the plan.

Fletcher said Monday that he still is considering calling a special legislative session, but he doesn't expect state pensions and health care to be on the agenda because lawmakers haven't yet agreed on how to proceed.

"The health care is the most complicated and difficult portion of it," Fletcher said, "and that's the portion that this commission is really going to have to tackle." Fletcher said other issues could be

tackled in a special session, including financial appropriations to make improvements at the Kentucky Horse Park in preparation for the World Equestrian Games in 2010 and funding to cover the cost of a possible runoff election following the May 22 primary.

Some lawmakers have warned that state's retirement system could face a financial collapse within 15 years unless something is done to shore it up.

The task force has been asked to complete its work and present a plan to the governor by Dec. 1, which would allow time for the legislature to tackle the issue when it convenes in January.

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Obituaries

Tuesday April 17, at 1:00 p.m., Belmont Johnson, James at the Hall Funeral Home Branham, and Elisha Branham Chapel, in Martin, with officiating.

Card of Thanks

The family of Robert Scott Hall wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Little Nancy Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF ROBERT SCOTT HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Wanda Lee Symon would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Lori Vanucci for his comforting words; the Class of 1967 for all their love and support; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF WANDA LEE SYMON

Card of Thanks

The family of Mattie Gibson would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Rev. Doug Lewis for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF MATTIE GIBSON

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The family of James Edward Donta wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Randy Orsborne and Phillip Bartley for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES EDWARD DONTA

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Donnie Nelson, Brian Nelson, Jamey Fields, Joey Isaacs, Coy Samons and Tommy Nelson.

(Paid obituary)

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Alford (Al) Lackey

Alford (Al) Lackey, 77, of 5240 N. 325 E., Howe, Indiana, died Sunday, April 15, 2007, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie (Louise) Johnson Lackey, whom he married May 15, 1953, in Melvin, Kentucky.

Born in Weeksbury, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Hansford T. Lackey and Exer Branham Lackey.

He was a machine operator at Ross Laboratories (a division of Abbott Laboratories) in Sturgis, Michigan, for 23 years, before retiring in 1991. Along with his wife and sons, he also operated a bait & tackle shop known as 'Lackey & Sons Sales and Service', located at his home in Howe, and was an authorized sales representative, repairman, and dealer, for Eagle Claw fishing equipment.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and received the Korean Service Award. He was a member of American Legion Post No. 215, LaGrange, Indiana. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include five sons: Craig Lackey of Mobile, Alabama, John and (Linda) Lackey, David Lackey, and Randy and (Sherri) Lackey, all of LaGrange, Indiana, and Willard (Ray) Lackey of Goshen, Indiana; three daughters: Exer and (Roscoe) Johnson of Bevinsville, Kentucky, Monica Lackey of Pompano Beach, Florida, and Deb and (Scott) Chapman of

LaGrange, Indiana; four sisters: Jeanie of West Virginia, Evelyn of Maryland, Freda of Ohio, and Jean of Kentucky; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Roy, Paul, and Harold; and four sisters: Hattie, Dorothy, Iva Jane, and Carol.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 20, at 10 a.m., at the Little Flossie Church, Lisbon, Indiana, with Elder Morris Wicker and Elder Elbert Hagerman officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, in LaGrange, Indiana, under the direction of Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Indiana.

Visitation will be at the church on Wednesday, April 18, beginning at 4 p.m., and will continue until the funeral service at 10 a.m., on Friday.

A church service will be held Thursday, at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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Donald Clark Nunnery

Donald Clark Nunnery, 60, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, passed away Saturday night, April 14, 2007.

He was the son of Lucille Nunnery and the late Byron D. Nunnery. He was a graduate of the University of Kentucky, with post-graduate degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He was a former teacher and assistant football coach at Prestonsburg High

School, and also served on the City Council, and was personnel director at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife, Darnell Bowen Nunnery of Lexington.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Rick Nunnery of Lexington; a daughter, Traci McMillen of Morehead; a brother, B. Dixon Nunnery of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Barbara Graves (Steve) of Lexington, Mary Castle (Mike) of Prestonsburg; and Leigh Stanley (Ron) of Lexington; nieces: Kristi Slone and Kimi Nunnery, both of Prestonsburg; and Lindsey Sutton, Cate Stanley, and Taylor Stanley, all of Lexington; nephews: B.D. Nunnery of Prestonsburg; and Michael Castle, Grant Castle, Matt Graves, David Graves, and Drew Stanley, all of Lexington; three beautiful grandchildren: Kelsey Damron, Calbie McMillen, and Dakota McMillen; and eight great-nieces and nephews.

Burial was Tuesday, April 17th, at Lexington Cemetery, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Road. (Paid obituary)

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Flood

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Emergency Management Agency for numerous repairs.

Nearly the entire county saw high waters over the weekend, but most of the damage was seen in southern portions of Floyd. Wayland, McDowell and Maytown were some of the hardest hit areas, with some roads having been covered with four or more feet of raging floodwaters.

Families in an estimated 50 to 60 homes were displaced due to the floodwaters. The Floyd County Rescue Squad evacuated 25 people from their homes over the weekend.

One man was rescued from a tree after he attempted to save three of his horses from drowning. The rescue squad's recent training in swift water rescue proved to be critical in their rescue missions. They were able to save both the man from the tree and his three horses. Thirteen dogs were also saved.

Marshall says that he has been working closely with the county road department to get roads reopened. He says his office is making bridge repairs a priority for the time being, because many people are still unable to leave their homes.

Since there are likely numerous people who have not reported their damages, Marshall said he is encouraging residents throughout the county to contact the correct individuals.

To report damages to personal property, people are



Floodwaters flowed through the streets of Maytown and into some homes, although only minor damage has been reported so far.

directed to either call the Red Cross at 886-8330 or Lon May's office at 886-0498. Road damages should be reported to the road department at 886-9193.

For a short period of time, flood debris may be taken to the transfer station at Garth to be dumped free of charge, Marshall said. If residents are unable to drive there, they may set out any flood debris beside the roadway for pickup.

photo courtesy of Daniel Chauncy

Fire

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building was partly to blame for the second call they received, citing that fire sort of "snakes in and out" of this insulation without detection.

Redd, Brown and Williams the real estate agents are currently

working out of their Paintsville location until a temporary trailer can be set up in the parking lot at the Prestonsburg location. Repairs are already underway on the office building.

Home

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argued before the Florida Supreme Court on two occasions and has appeared on the ABC show "20/20."

Spencer has also committed herself to community service and has received recognition on local and statewide levels from many organizations, including the American Heart

Association and the American Cancer Society.

Spencer now works for Emmanuel, Sheppard & Condon Law Offices in Florida, where she concentrates her work on mediation, arbitration, worker's compensation and securities litigation.

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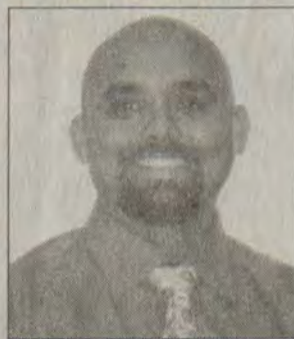
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May 2, 2007

Magoffin bomb suspect among drug roundup arrests

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A man arrested several weeks ago after an explosive device was found in his vehicle parked near the Magoffin County Courthouse has been arrested once again as part of an Operation UNITE drug roundup.

Randy Back, 33, of Wolfe County, was charged prior to Thursday's roundup. He is facing first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance, and being a persistent/felony offender.

According to UNITE, most of the cases involve the illegal sale of Oxycontin and hydrocodone pills. Twenty-three individuals were targeted for arrest following an eight-month undercover drug investigation by UNITE. Nine suspects were charged prior to the roundup and police attempted to locate 14 of the suspected drug dealers on Thursday.

A 7:30 a.m. briefing was held at the Magoffin County Courthouse before teams of officers armed with arrest warrants headed out in search of the suspects. As of Thursday, 17 people had been arrested.

Charged prior to

Thursday's roundup were:

■ Randy Back, 33, of Wolfe County: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance, persistent felony offender.

■ David Connelley, 31, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Shawn Dunn, 28, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ Johnny Howard, 43, of Salyersville: persistent felony offender. Howard is currently awaiting trial on previous drug trafficking charges.

■ Brian L. Meade, 25, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Jeremy Puckett, 31, of Salyersville: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug

paraphernalia.

■ Marcus E. Sparks, 20, of West Liberty: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Dale Stephens, 47, of Salyersville: two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, one count each of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Sandra Stephens, 45, of Salyersville: two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Arrested on Thursday were:

■ Rebecca Bailey, 29, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Eddie Caldwell Jr., 33, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Tanya Cole, 26, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, conspiracy to traffic in

a controlled substance, endangering the welfare of a minor.

■ Randy Cole, 42, of Salyersville: three counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and three counts of conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance.

■ Amanda L. Lethco, 25, of Salyersville: second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

■ Mikel Porter, 51, of Salyersville: cultivating marijuana more than five plants, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, persistent felony offender.

■ Willis Porter, 60, of Salyersville: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana

more than five plants, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

■ Jackie L. Watkins, 51, of Salyersville: five counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Detectives from Operation UNITE were assisted by law enforcement officers from the Magoffin County Sheriff's Office, Salyersville Police Department, Kentucky State Police, and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement.

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The Irene Cole Baptist Learning Center, in conjunction with St Jude Children's Research Hospital, just recently completed its annual Trike-A-Thon, a fun, week-long activity that helps teach children the concepts of riding-toy safety while raising money for St Jude. Donations are still being accepted for St Jude's children's research. If you would like to donate, simply stop by or call the Irene Cole center at (606) 886-2194. Pictured are children from the daycare showing what they have learned this past week with correct riding safety. They were later issued an "official" trike driver license for their efforts.

Main road from Eastern Ky. to SW Va. collapses

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A main route between eastern Kentucky and southwestern Virginia has been closed indefinitely after at least 3 inches of rain washed out a 75-to-80-foot section of roadway, authorities said Monday.

The rain also caused the ground to crack along another 350 feet of U.S. 460, said Sara George, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Pikeville.

"The ground and dirt underneath the road washed out, causing the pavement to collapse," George said.

The highway is about 30 miles from the Virginia border and runs from Pike County to Grundy, Va.

The road collapse, reported to officials at about noon Sunday, was the worst of the damage in a seven county area of eastern Kentucky, George said. Five counties reported mudslides and more than a dozen roads were closed at different times, but U.S. 460 sustained the most damage, George said.

No injuries or vehicles were involved in the incident, George said.

For now, traffic from Pike County to Virginia will be rerouted onto the old, two-lane U.S. 460, George said.

Multiple roads in Pike, Floyd, Martin, Knott and Letcher counties were flooded and some remained closed Monday.

Mountain Homeplace to host Native American festival

STAFFORDSVILLE — The Mountain Homeplace will host the 2007 Native American Spring Festival on April 20-22, at the Paintsville Lake State Park in Staffordsville.

The event will feature native food, music, dance, arts, crafts and demonstrations.

POW's, veterans, and active military will be honored at the event. The grand entry begins at noon and closes at 6

p.m.

Schools and educators are encouraged to attend the festivities, specifically on Friday. There will be an abundance of tribes from different states attending the festival.

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Democratic gubernatorial candidates split on cigarette tax

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for governor in May's primary election were split Monday night on whether the state should impose steeper taxes on cigarettes.

The cigarette tax issue was on a short list of areas in which the candidates — appearing on a statewide stage — had widely different positions. Candidates, however, found more agreement on whether Kentucky should allow casino-style gambling to raise state government revenues.

Only Otis Hensley Jr., a demolition contractor from Wallins Creek in Harlan County, said he opposed both raising the cigarette tax and allowing casino gambling in Kentucky.

"We pay enough taxes and we ought to back off and leave the smokers alone," Hensley said.

The two-hour debate on Kentucky Educational Television marked the first opportunity for all seven candidates involved in the May 22 Democratic primary election to appear together on live television.

Other candidates are former Lt. Govs. Steve Beshear and Steve Henry, Lexington, attorney Gatewood Galbraith, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, state Treasurer Jonathan Miller and House Speaker Jody Richards.

The nominee would head to the November general election, one of three governor's races in the country this year.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is seeking a second term, is facing former U.S. Rep. Anne

Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper in the Republican primary.

Beyond Hensley, Henry, Richards and Galbraith said they did not support raising the cigarette tax. Miller and Lunsford said they would consider an increase. Beshear said he would consider a cigarette tax hike but said it would not be necessary if casino gambling — which he supports — was legalized.

Richards said as governor he would support leaving the gambling issue to Kentucky voters. Galbraith, Henry and Lunsford also said they supported gambling in Kentucky.

Galbraith said he wants the state to own the casinos, rather than license them.

Miller said his first priority would be for the state to allow expanded gambling, but his second priority would be to "put everything on the table" for discussion.

"Certainly the cigarette tax would be on the table," Miller said.

Similarly, Beshear said he supports legalized casino gambling — a prospect he thought could bring in about \$500 million per year. With that in place, the state would not need to raise other taxes, he said.

"We're not going to need any more revenue from the cigarette tax or anything else," he said.

But raising the tax should be a consideration, considering Kentucky's health record,

and its high number of smokers and smoking-related deaths, Lunsford said.

"I will consider it," he said. During Monday's debate, candidates took some mild verbal jabs at their fellow Democratic opponents but did not seem to get personal.

Instead, they saved their most pointed criticism for Fletcher.

The governor's administration was embroiled in a lengthy investigation into his administration's hiring practices. Fletcher, who campaigned in 2003 on a promise to "clean up the mess" in state

government, pardoned his entire administration before being indicted on three misdemeanors stemming from the probe. Charges against Fletcher, who maintained it was a "political witch hunt," were eventually dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Miller compared his opponents' positions to the governor, calling some of them "another version of Fletcher light."

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Some popular uses for Section 504 home repair loan funds are new septic systems, roofs, windows, doors, gutters, plumbing systems, electrical, heating/cooling systems and water lines. The maximum loan assistance allowable is \$20,000. The interest rate on all 504 home repair loans is 1% and the loan term cannot exceed 20 years.

For very-low income homeowners 62 years of age and older who cannot not afford to borrow the full amount required to make necessary repairs, grant funds may be available. Grants may be used to remove health or safety hazards or to remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities. Grants are limited to \$7,500, lifetime, and are often combined with loans to increase the amount available for repairs.

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ARC announces renewable energy and energy efficiency grants competition

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Appalachian Regional Commission has announced a grants competition to assist communities in leveraging renewable energy and energy efficiency resources to revitalize their economies. ARC expects to provide eight to ten awards of up to \$75,000 each, for a total of \$400,000 in awards, to help communities implement these strategies.

Eligible projects should result in the creation of new jobs or businesses in the target communities. Outcomes could include:

- Production and use of renewable energy products, such as biofuels, biomass, solar, or wind energy, including siting of these facilities and net metering applications.

- Distribution of renewable energy products, including customer purchasing commitments.

- Expansion or start-up of 'clean energy' businesses, including support for business incubation programs and targeted business financing programs.

- New construction or facilities renovations that follow 'green building' and LEED certified guidelines.

- Installation of energy efficiency equipment in public or non-profit facilities that is 2005 Energy Policy Act Tax Credit eligible, directly results in cost savings, and leads to increased delivery of services

to local communities.

This grants program will not provide support for projects that propose to study or plan for future activities. Energy audits will not be supported unless they include implementation of energy efficiency programs.

Non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and public educational institutions located within the ARC Region are eligible to apply. Private for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

An independent review panel will be convened to evaluate submissions. This panel will include leading energy efficiency and renewable energy organizations, federal, state and local partners. The review panel will forward recommendations to ARC for final approval.

Applications will be evaluated on several criteria, including:

- Feasibility of proposal and likelihood of achieving proposed outcomes.

- Capability of applicant, including expertise in relevant program areas, grants management, and community development.

- Level of community support, including overall level of match and private sector match.

- Articulation of clear, measurable outcomes.

- Sustainability of effort, including ability to continue

the activity at the conclusion of grant period.

Additional consideration will be provided for projects focusing on ARC designated distressed counties and areas and for projects involving multi-state collaboration.

Deadline for receipt of responses is June 30, 2007. Selections will be announced on July 31, 2007. For information on submitting an application please go to www.arc.gov/energy.

The Appalachian Regional Commission will also be holding regional workshops on energy efficiency and renewable energy. Updated information on dates and location of these workshops will be posted to the ARC website at www.arc.gov/energy.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8061 Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that DFM Processing, LLC, P.O. Box 726, 173 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to transfer permit number 836-8055 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541. The new permit number will be 836-8062. The operation disturbs 52.0 surface acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is located 1.5 mile east of Goodloe, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.6 mile west from KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 850, and located along Lick Fork of Middle Creek. The operation is located on

the David & 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Bobby Caudill, P.O. Box 856, McDowell, KY, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to build a single wide mobile home. The property is located at Frasure Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0338 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 84.1 acres of surface disturbance and will add an additional 14.8 underground acres making the total area within the permit boundary 149.4 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 0.1 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland, David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., Delphia M. Hale and Carol S. Wireman, Betty Reed, Virgil Shepherd - Heirs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Bobby & Lenore Slone, Clinton Handshoe, Marigold Warrick, Clayton Ramey, Craig Hicks, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, CONSOL of Kentucky, LLC, Clinton Handshoe, Marigold Warrick,

Clayton Ramey, and Craig Hicks. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Parsons Branch Development, 43 Village Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III bond release on Increments 1, 2, and 3 of permit number 836-0302 which was last issued on July 7, 2004. The application covers an area of approximately 1.68 acres located 3.0 miles southwest of Harold in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.7 miles west from KY Route 979's junction with Parsons Branch Road. The latitude is 37° 30' 07". The longitude is 82° 39' 35".

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a Letter of Credit for \$6,100. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$6,100 is included in the application for release.

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The bond now in effect for Increment #3 is a Letter of Credit for \$3,100. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$3,100 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling and grading as per approved permit which were completed 2004.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 27, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 28, 2007, at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 27, 2007.

This is the final advertisement of the application.

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to notify the Defendant, Helen Knox, previously of 388 Ward

Branch, Prestonsburg, KY., the wife or former wife of Glen Knox, of the nature and pendency of a certain Complaint filed on or about December 11, 2006. Said lawsuit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and is styled as Civil Action Number 06-CI-00939, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee of Amerique Mortgage Securities, et al. vs. Glen Knox, Helen M. Knox. The suit is an action to foreclose a mortgage filed by Hon. Christopher M. Hill, P.O. Box 4989, Frankfort, KY 40604-4989. Telephone (502) 226-6100. The Plaintiff is seeking a monetary judgment against the defendants and an in rem judgment against the property which secures the loan.

The Defendant Helen Knox should take immediate action to appear and defend this matter if she intends to do so. The Defendant had fifty days from the date of the filing of the Complaint to respond to the action. That time has expired. If the Defendant does not appear in the lawsuit and present a defense immediately, a Judgment may be entered against her, allowing the Plaintiff to sell the property and recover from her a possible deficiency judgment, including

interest, costs, and attorneys fees, at the Court's discretion. Sue Ellen Prater Warning Order Attorney Appalachian Research & Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. 120 North Front Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

- PUBLIC NOTICE**
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.
- Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-0295 03/13/2007 Noble Coal LLC 836-0311 03/23/2007
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Wildcats show promise in second major scrimmage

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky football team had its second major scrimmage Saturday morning, with the offense and defense each having time to shine.

Chased inside to the Nutter Field House by steady rain, the Wildcats had a one-hour, 35-minute practice, with the last 70 minutes comprised of scrimmage.

The offense got off to a good start, as senior quarterback Andre' Woodson promptly directed a 60-yard touchdown drive against the first-team defense.

The touchdown came on an 18-yard Woodson strike across the middle to sophomore tight end T. C. Drake. It was the only score allowed by the first defense all day.

Two series later, redshirt freshman quarterback Mike Hartline got the second-team offense on the scoreboard vs. the second-team defense. Hartline connected on a 48-yard bomb to senior tight end Jacob Tamme, who used his speed to get behind the secondary, haul

in the pass, and race to the end zone. The first-, second-, and third-team defense stiffened after that, with no more scores allowed the remainder of the day.

Smith and Little shared the tailback duties with the first team, with Smith rushing six times for 21 yards and Little picking up 15 yards on four carries. The leading rusher in the scrimmage was redshirt freshman tailback Trey Bowland. Running with the second and

(See **WILDCATS**, page two)



Belfry High School graduate David Jones hauled in a pass during Saturday's spring session.

photo courtesy of UK Athletics

Amburgey claims Champions of Character Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE – Tonya Amburgey of Pikeville College has been named as the recipient of the 2007 Dr. LeRoy Walker Champions of Character Award for NAIA Region XI.

Amburgey has been a member of the Pikeville College women's basketball team for four years and was captain of the Lady Bears her junior and senior seasons. She has been named to the Dean's List every semester and has served as a Peer Mentor for the Pikeville College Academic Cultural Enrichment and Pikeville College Upward Bound Basketball. She has achieved numerous academic honors and awards and has been a part of several community service projects such as food drives, Hurricane Katrina relief and Habitat for Humanity.

Pikeville College women's basketball coach Bill Watson said that Amburgey has been active in many campus organizations and activities. "Tonya has developed into our undisputed team leader and is highly thought of by her teammates," added Watson.

"Tonya is very visible in our community," said Bradley D. Marcum, Assistant for Educational Support Services at Pikeville College. "It has been a pleasure to watch the growth of this young lady since she came to Pikeville. At Pikeville College we say we are changing the world, one graduate at a time and

(See **AMBURGEY**, page two)



Tonya Amburgey

BRINGING IT HOME



Dance Etc. students returned home from Myrtle Beach with plenty of hardware. Teams and individuals from the Prestonsburg-based dance school claimed honors.

Dance Etc. Elite teams excel at EDA Nationals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Seventy-seven talented young dancers from Dance Etc. Studio of Dance in Prestonsburg along with their coaches, families and fans traveled to South Carolina to compete in the EDA National Dance Championships held at the Alabama Theatre in Myrtle Beach. The local teams competed on Sunday, April 1 and upheld Dance Etc.'s strong tradition by bringing home five first-place national titles and four second-place titles in various categories.

Dance Etc. claimed national champion honors in the Youth Prep Jazz, Youth Jazz, Youth Pom, Junior Pom and Senior Jazz divisions. The teams brought home second place honors in the Youth Prep Pom, Youth Hip Hop, Junior Jazz and Senior Pom categories. Nine out of the 11 routines Dance Etc. took to the national competition received bids to the NLCC Final Destination Dance Worlds to be held at the Baltimore Mariner Arena in Baltimore, Md., Friday, May 4.

"This is a great honor for the teams to receive nine bids to the first ever

Dance Worlds, which will be nationally-televised on Fox Sports," said Dance Etc. owner and coach Jody Shepherd. "We are so proud of all of them."

The teams are coached by Shepherd, Jennifer Smith, Kate Lowe, Lauren Bowman and Alicyn Dyer.

Thirty-eight Dance Etc. dancers were chosen as All Americans. The dancers were judged individually during their team performances to be selected for this honor. The 38 dancers

(See **DANCE ETC.**, page two)

Sexton signs with ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Letcher County Central High School senior Ashley Sexton is the newest member of the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program. Sexton, a five-year player at Whitesburg and Letcher Central high schools, signed last week with ALC, a program flourishing under the direction of head coach David Adams. She follows Chastity Fox, Cassie Whitaker and Ashley Stidham –

(See **SIGNING**, page two)

Baseball Eagles' schedule limited

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College baseball team played only three games last week due to adverse weather conditions. On Thursday, Alice Lloyd lost to UVA-Wise 12-1. Freshman Tyler Turner – a first-year player from Allen Central High School – was the starting

(See **EAGLES**, page two)

UVA-Wise gridiron group makes big turnaround

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR



David Shaffer

WISE, Va. – The 2006 UVA-Wise football team produced the fourth-best season improvement in the NAIA and 17th-best in all of college football according to statistics compiled by the Somis Sports rating system.

The Cavs improved by four

games this past season, going from 4-7 in 2005 to 8-3 in 2006. UVA-Wise finished the 2006 season ranked 24th in the final NAIA poll.

UVA-Wise ended the season with a net rating of 22.27, which was good enough for 17th in all levels of collegiate football across the nation.

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CHAMPIONSHIP FORM: The MCA (Mountain Christian Academy) Volley Falcons took first place in the ACMS (Allen Central Middle School) VolleyFest (Silver Division) this past Saturday. MCA played matches on Saturday, alternating from ACMS to ACHS (Allen Central High School). MCA defeated Belfry, Paintsville, Hindman and Johnson County.

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Dance Etc.

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received the honor of being chosen as All-Americans and now have the opportunity to participate in the 2008 Pro Bowl Tour...

dancers are currently making plans to try to raise money to be able to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Many Dance Etc. dancers also competed individually at the competition in Myrtle Beach and were very

successful. In the Junior Solo division, Kristany Setser won the first-place title. In the Junior Duo division, Setser and Megan Towles claimed the top spot.

Group division. In the Youth Solo division, Megan Towles won second-place honors with Kaleigh Kendrick finishing fourth and Makanna Mason, fifth.

The award-winning Dance Etc. dancers will now be busy preparing for the Dance Worlds in Baltimore in May and the annual Dance Etc. Spring Recital...

Wildcats

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third teams, Bowland ran five times for 39 yards, with a 26-yard scamper being the longest rushing play of the scrimmage.

A focal point of the spring continues to be the competition between Mike Hartline and Will Fidler for the backup quarterback role behind

Woodson. Hartline and Fidler each had one series with the first team, one with the second team, and two with the third team on Saturday.

team into scoring territory on both of his possessions with the third team, only to see missed field goals end the threats.

The defense did not generate any turnovers during the scrimmage, but there were some big plays. Senior defen-

sive end J. D. Craigman, freshman linebacker Chris Cessna, and redshirt freshman defensive tackle Ricky Lumpkin each had quarterback sacks.

get a sack when he caused Hartline to fumble, but the quarterback picked up the loose ball and ran for positive yardage, negating the sack.

Cessna incurred what appeared to be the only significant injury of the scrimmage when he sustained an injured knee. He will be tested this week to determine the extent of the injury.

The Wildcats returned to practice Monday at 9 a.m. at the Nutter Training Facility. Spring practice will conclude Saturday, April 21, with the Blue/White Spring Game.

Passing (comp-att-int, yards, TDs if applicable): Woodson 8-12-0, 86 yards, 1 TD; Fidler 9-14-0, 81 yards; Hartline 4-9-0, 61 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving (rec-yds-TD if applicable): Lyons 4-60; Burton 3-19; S. Johnson 3-12; Tammie 1-48-1 TD; Drake 1-18-1 TD; Wraley 1-18; Conner 1-16; Henderson 1-9; Sexton 1-9; Murphy 1-5; Bowland 1-4; Brown 1-4; Long 1-4; T. Jones 1-2.

UK FOOTBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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Friday - 9 to 11:20 a.m. (tentative)
Saturday - Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium

Amburgey

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Tonya is a perfect example of this," he added.

Amburgey's teammates were equally supportive of her nomination for the award. "Not only do I look to Tonya as a student-athlete, but she has also influenced me because of her integrity and Christian morals," said sophomore teammate Whitney Hogg.

time for church and her family even though she has such a busy schedule." The Dr. LeRoy Walker Award is one of the most prestigious awards in the NAIA and was created as a part of the NAIA's association with the Citizenship Through Sports Alliance...

Amburgey is a Knott County Central High School graduate.

The criteria for the award are numerous, but include an overall grade point average of at least a 3.0, campus leadership, community leadership, embracing the five core values of the Champions of Character initiative, athletic achievement and future ambition.

Signing

all of whom were former players from Whitesburg to move on and play within the Lady Eagle basketball program in the past four years.

Sexton led Letcher Central in scoring, field goal shooting

and free throw shooting during her senior campaign. The ALC signee played under the guidance of Dickie Adams throughout her high school career.

The Lady Eagles won the

KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) regular-season championship and were only one win away from a trip to the National Tournament.

88-85 in the conference tournament's championship game. Alice Lloyd posted a 9-1 KIAC record and ended the season 16-12 overall.

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Eagles

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and losing pitcher. The Eagles were held to only four hits - one each by Trenton VanHoose, Kevin Stone, C.J. Lynn and Carlos Armenteros.

On Friday, Alice Lloyd traveled to Louisville for a KIAC series with Spalding University. The two teams played one doubleheader, losing 10-4 and 9-0. In the first game, Kevin Davidson was the starting and losing pitcher for the Eagles.

Oakland City (Ind.) were postponed. The Eagles are scheduled to travel to Bluefield (Va.) College today. Alice Lloyd is slated to host regional rival Pikeville College Thursday at 2 p.m.

fourth. ALC's Zach Meadows was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Eagles were participating in the Region XII Tournament at Johnson City earlier this week. Results of the regional tournament were unavailable at press time.

Wise

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Softball: The Alice Lloyd College softball team's doubleheader scheduled for last week against Brescia was postponed and rescheduled for this Saturday in conjunction with a doubleheader at Spalding University on Sunday.

The UVA-Wise football program includes numerous players from across Appalachia, including one with Floyd County ties. As a freshman, Prestonsburg High School graduate David Shaffer played in seven of 11 games for the Cavs.

The third game scheduled against Spalding on Saturday and Sunday contests versus

Golf: The Men's KIAC Conference Tournament was held last week in Richmond. Brescia University won the tournament. The Alice Lloyd College men's team finished third - 11 strokes behind second-place Spalding University. Berea finished

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Tips for more effective and safer turkey hunts

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kentucky's wild turkey population growth may have outpaced the hunter expertise necessary to take best advantage of today's hunting opportunities.

The statewide spring gobbler hunt runs from April 14 to May 6. An estimated 115,000 hunters were expected to take to the woods and fields of Kentucky in pursuit of tom turkeys from among an estimated population of some 210,000 birds, according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Because the state's generous turkey population is still a relatively new development, built largely with trap/relocation/release efforts that started only about 30 years ago, the information pool of turkey hunting is still a little shallow for some sportsmen and women. Newcomers to turkey hunting are coming into the pursuit every year, so the skills

are a work in progress.

Here is a collection of tips — how-to gleaned from longtime hunters, wildlife biologists and the National Wild Turkey Federation — that could help new hunters and veterans, too.

Listen carefully around first daylight or whenever you hunt to hear gobbling. Get as good a fix as possible on a talking tom, then try to move quickly to get within 100 yards (but no closer) before setting up. Try to move too close and the gobbler will be wise to a bogus and threatening situation before you can even begin to coax him in your direction. Don't start your day by alerting the game to your human presence.

Learn to use and carry multiple calls to make "hen talk" on a hunt. Different gobblers and different moods may react differently, if at all, to a variety of calls. If one type isn't working, try to vary the presentation with different tones. Try mouth diaphragms, slate and/or glass calls, box

calls and push-button yelps. Mix the provocations until one type of call triggers a vocal response from a gobbler.

Call enough to capture a gobbler's attention and validation, then back off. If a tom turkey gobbles at your hen call, he's acknowledging it, showing interest and may be headed your way. If you continue to call, it may provoke more gobbles — but the bird may cease to advance, stopping instead to strut. Or more calling, especially imperfect calling, could by repetition alert the gobbler that something sounds fishy.

The natural scenario is that a hen usually goes to the gobbler, so continued calling makes it even easier for the gobbler to wait in place. Instead of calling more, use patience, wait motionless and in silence to allow the attraction of the first calling to work. Further calling could talk him out of coming.

Don't set up to call in a place that's too well con-

cealed. A little cover around the hunter can be helpful, but get too well "hidden" and chances are it will be difficult to see a turkey that is approaching. Seated in thick stuff, it's too hard to see what's coming and to maneuver a shotgun if a shot should present itself.

Rely on thorough camouflage, including that for face and hands, and position against the base of a sizable tree to hide the hunter's outline. Don't imagine the turkey won't see movement, however. Remain motionless wherever there's a chance an incoming turkey could see you. The hunter should be positioned facing the expected approach of the turkey or the bird should be slightly to the left (if hunter shoots right-handed) and the shotgun in motionless waiting mode should be up and held in a pre-ready position propped on one knee.

Use a decoy to attract a gobbler and to dominate his attention. Particularly hunting in a rather open area, a gobbler will expect to see the "hen" he's heard calling. If he gets in good viewing position of the hunter's set-up and sees no hen, he may turn uneasy and

reverse. Seeing a fake hen or two or hen/jake (juvenile gobbler) combination, he'll be reassured of coming to the right place — and his attention will be drawn from the hunter, too.

Never transport a decoy, even that of a hen, however, where it could be seen and confused by another hunter. Carry a decoy collapsed and concealed, or be sure it's marked with abundant fluorescent material or flagging for self-defense.

Never try to stalk a turkey, but always set up to call against a tree at least as wide as one's shoulders and avoid unnecessary movement so as not to be seen by other hunters and mistaken for game. Always positively identify a possible target before shooting. Remember, it not only must be a turkey, but it must be a turkey with a visible beard to be legal game, the only safe target.

White wins annual ECU Spring Scrimmage, 14-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — On a rainy Saturday night at Roy Kidd Stadium, the White team defeated the Maroon squad, 14-0, in the annual Eastern Kentucky University spring football game. The contest was halted midway through the third quarter due to inclement weather.

Senior quarterback Josh Greco led the White team to two touchdowns in three possessions during the opening half. Greco tallied the first score of the evening with a nine-yard touchdown run off the right side with 2:06 remaining in the first quarter.

Two big pass plays highlighted the second touchdown drive. Greco first found senior Kyle Barber streaking down the left sideline for a 39-yard gain into Maroon territory.

Later in the drive following a fourth-down conversion, Greco and Barber hooked up again for a 22-yard touchdown pitch-and-catch. Greco finished the game six-of-12 passing for 91 yards.

Perry County Central High School graduate Allan Holland and Cody Watts split time as quarterback for the Maroon team. In the third quarter, Holland connected with senior wide out Quinton Williams for a 36-yard completion. Meanwhile, Watts ran for 21 yards on four carries while completing 1-of-3 pass attempts for seven yards.

"I wish we could have run the ball a little more tonight, but we have some competition at the quarterback spot and we wanted to see what they could do," ECU Coach Danny Hope said. "It wasn't the best conditions, but we've got to be able

to catch some more balls. On the other hand, I was pleased with the offensive line holding off all the blitzes our defensive unit utilized tonight."

Running backs Mark Dunn and Bobby Washington combined for 61 yards on the ground. Defensively, senior linebacker Cody Hamlin registered four tackles, a sack and the lone interception. Ryan Viana and Jules Montinar each chipped in with four tackles as well.

Eastern Kentucky will complete its spring schedule next week with three more practices. The Colonels finished the 2006 campaign with four straight wins to finish 6-5 overall and tied for fourth in the OVC with a 5-3 record. This fall, ECU will be in search of its 30th consecutive winning season and first league title since 1997.

Kentucky Classic set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLAY CITY — The second stop on the Drag News All-Star Tour, held in conjunction with the third points-paying event of the 2007 Mountain Park Dragway season on Saturday will give racers the chance to compete for extra prize money and special awards at Mountain Park Dragway.

Upon arrival racers will receive a registration card from Drag News. To be eligible for the special prizes and awards, drivers must return the completed cards to the Drag News Magazine display area. Competition Cams will give each racer a goody bag when they register.

Among the events scheduled to take place is the Comp Cams/TCI Bounty Hunter Shootout. Drag News will place a bounty on the racer with the best reaction time in the final run of time trials in

the Top ET and Mod. classes. During the event, any driver that can defeat the racer will take home \$50 from TCI Automotive and Comp Cams. If no bounty hunter can claim victory, the "bountied" driver will win the \$50 prize.

After time trials, drivers may register their dial-in at the Drag News trailer. The driver closest to his, or her dial-in during eliminations will receive \$50 from Mickey Thompson Tires.

In addition, any driver that wins an elimination round will receive a Dart Machinery Kill Sticker at the E.T. booth. Racers who accumulate at

least four stickers at Drag News events during 2007 are eligible to compete for a Las Vegas trip for two during the Super Bowl of Bracket Racing to be held in Indianapolis this fall.

At the end of the day, winners will receive a custom embroidered champion's jacket and champion decals from Edelbrock. In addition, these drivers will be entered to race for an Edelbrock Power Engine at the Super Bowl of Bracket Racing. The Junior Dragster champions will win custom champion watches from Rislone.

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KIM'S KORNER

God is like the GPS

Kim's Korner

BY: KIM LITTLE FRASURE

Early Sunday morning, listening to the television in the background while trying to pick up the nights gatherings of couch cushions, socks, and shoes all piled in the middle of the living room floor from Jorgi (my little maltipoo), I heard "God is like the GPS."



Kim Little Frasure

"Do what?" I said aloud. Okay, my attention was spiked and what an analogy, too.

We all know how today's vehicles are equipped with these little GPS navigation gadgets that guide us along our way and help to keep us on track.

Spouse has one of these little trinkets or so that's what I call it, on the Ranger just in case he gets lost along the way in the hills.

Anyway, the story goes that these turn by turn navigation systems will direct us along the way even if we just so happen to take another route than what the GPS suggests. Yes, this little unique device just refigures the best route no matter what wrong turn you've made and will continue to get you to your destination. Ummmm, sound familiar?

(See KORNER, page seven)

POISON OAK

Almost gone, but not forgotten

by Clyde Pack

During a conversation at the office the other day about the town's new drive-in restaurant, as conversations are wont to do, this one branched out a bit and led to talks about another type of drive-in: the nearly-extinct drive-in theatre.



Clyde Pack

The discussion piqued my curiosity, and a bit of research revealed there are now less than 20 drive-in theatres in the whole state, the nearest being the Mountain View in Stanton, its giant screen visible from the Mountain Parkway.

The Sky-Vue in Paintsville went dim for the last time in the early 1980s. Don't know when the Al Mar in Allen, the New Drive-in in Pikeville, and the Prestonsburg Drive-in went out of business, but I suspect it was around that same time.

Anyway, in the late 1950s, there were approximately 3,000 drive-in theatres in the United States. Now, there are only about 500.

Of course, the reason for their demise was modern technology. Since one of the most appealing aspects for a family was the opportunity to see a movie without having to hire a babysitter, or having to get all dressed up, multi-channel TV, VCRs and cable, pretty much took care of that problem. And, since daylight saving time adds another hour of daylight, and the drive-in movie couldn't start until dusk, that was yet another problem. But probably the biggest reason

(See OAK, page six)

My First Train Ride

By Ralph Hall

It is the big day! So we get up early and put on our best clothes. We are getting ready for the biggest day of my young six years of living. Mother dressed little Mutt up and he was the best looking little boy in the whole valley. It is the day I have talked about, thought about, dreamed about, and waited for, all the days of my life. When we were all dressed up Daddy said, "Ok, it's time to go if we want to catch the train." I am going to ride the train today. I am going to get on the good old train and ride it down to the town of Martin.

I ran down through the yard out the gate into the dusty road and the little bank that leads up to the tracks. I ran down the tracks with Daddy hollering to the top of his voice, "RALPH! RALPH! DON'T RUN! YOU WILL FALL AND GET HURT!" I paid no attention, though. I had train ride on my mind. So down the tracks I went toward the station platform to wait for the train. When Daddy, Mother and little Mutt made it to the platform, Daddy reached out and wrung my ear a little bit as he said, "TOLD YOU NOT TO RUN!" There were other people on the platform waiting to catch the train. I started running up and down the platform saying "I'M GOING TO RIDE THE TRAIN DOWN TO MARTIN TODAY!" Mother never tried to stop me because she understood that as excited as I was if she said anything it would only make matters worse.

After awhile the train came slowly down the tracks. I didn't say anything out loud, BUT MY MIND KEPT SAYING "I'M GOING TO RIDE THE TRAIN DOWN TO MARTIN TODAY." When the train came to a stop and the conductor said, "Let's load up," I was the first person up the steps. Once inside the coach I kept saying "I am on the train." Daddy spoke up and said, "Ralph, find a seat." I found an empty seat. "HEY! DADDY! I WANT TO SIT BY THE WINDOW!" I cried out. Daddy said, "You sure are going to sit by the window so I can pin you in and stop you from running up and down the aisles!"

Once we were all seated, the conductor stepped inside the coach and called, "ALL ABOARD!" as he closed the door. Then turning to us he said, "Enjoy your train ride today, and remember the train leaves Martin at 3 pm today." Then the train began to move slowly away from the platform. At the moment, I was on my way for my first train ride. I thought my heart would melt, I had waited so long for this day and now it was here. As the train picked up a little speed, the engineer blew the whistle for the railroad crossing, and the bridge that crossed the creek that flowed down from Abner Mountain. Once it crossed the bridge, it picked up speed. We passed by the village church and I began to notice the hillside with the pasture land where the cows and horses picked grass. Me, I always noticed everything. We passed by the baseball field at Melvin. I knew the train would soon make it's first stop. No sooner had I thought about it, the train pulled up to a stop. The conductor cried out, "WHEELWRIGHT JUNCTION!" A few people were picked up for the trip, I didn't know any of them. Then a few bags were thrown into the coach. When the train left the station we traveled alongside Beaver Creek, as we made our way on down to Martin. It was my first trip and I wanted to see everything along the way.

I heard the conductor as he said, "TUNNEL AHEAD!" The coach became dark for just a moment of time as we went through the tunnel. I

had never been through a tunnel before, it was all new to me. Once through, the conductor called again, "We are going to stop at Clear Creek Junction to take on water." A large water tank stood on top of a cement platform so the train stopped for water here. The water was used to be converted to steam which caused the train to run. Both coal and water were needed to keep the train running. Once the train took on water, we passed by villages called Boyd, Gayheart, and Spewing Camp. The next stop would be McDowell. We didn't see too many houses going down the railroad to Martin, not too many people lived beside the tracks in 1942. Most of the people lived in the coal camps, like Weeksbury, Wheelwright, and Drift.

I didn't talk too much on the way to Martin,



The train that our author writes of today, stopped here in Weeksbury many years back.

which was good because Daddy wouldn't put up with my big mouth, anyway. At last we pulled into the train station at Martin. Martin station was the hub for Left and Right Beaver. It brought people together from all areas to shop in Martin. Once we left the station we walked across the bridge that took us over into the town of Martin. It was a new town in those days. We had come here today to shop at the five and dime store. Mother would be buying me some new clothes at the store. The same type of clothes they had in the coal company stores but they would cost less at the five and dime. I would start school in the three-room schoolhouse at Melvin, the day after Labor Day, and mother wanted me to look real good on my first day of school. Martin had just about everything in town, the Beaver Valley Hospital was in Martin and so was the bank, lots of stores and a high school.

When we walked into the five and dime, Mother went to the racks that said "Children's Clothes." Daddy just looked at things in general, and me, I took off for the toys. I looked at the cars and trucks, but it was the cap busters and holsters that really caught my eye. It was a Wild Bill cap buster and I knew I had to have it. I ran down the aisle to where Daddy was saying, "Hey, Daddy! Buy me a Wild Bill cap buster. It's only 35 cents!" Daddy said, "Ok, Ralph. Here's 35 cents." He would give me the moon he said, if I would just be quiet. I think he went to work everyday not for money, but just to get away from me. He just wasn't smart enough to answer my questions. Questions like "How high is up," "Where does the wind come from," and "What makes it get dark," just to name a few. He would just say "Why do you ask all that stuff, Ralph?" "Just want to know," I would answer.

Well, Mother paid for the clothes, Daddy bought a baseball cap, and me, I paid my 35 cents for the cap buster. Up the street we went, Mother

carrying Mutt, Daddy with the two bags of clothes and me with my holster on my side pulling the gun in and out of the holster, shooting at everything that moved. Daddy said, "Ralph, if you don't put that gun in the holster and leave it there I will break it". So I put it up real fast not taking it out again on the ride home. Mother said she was hungry so we stopped at a small place that sold hot dogs and burgers. Daddy ordered for us. He said, "Four burgers, two cups of coffee and milk for the baby. What do you want to drink, Ralph," he asked. "A big old root beer," I answered. We all enjoyed our lunch. Mutt didn't eat too much of his burger, him being a baby and all but he sure drank all his milk. Mother wrapped the rest of Mutt's burger up and said, "He may eat some of it on the way home."

After we ate Daddy said, "We need to get on over to the station if we're going to catch the train home at three today." The two-thirty sun was beaming down hot on our heads, so Daddy put on his new ball cap, and me, I just wanted to get out my new cap buster but knew better because if Daddy said he would do something, as a rule, he would. We saw the train as it moved into the station for our trip back up Left Beaver. We walked out to the loading platform waiting to board the train for home. The conductor stepped down on the platform and said, "Everyone going up Left Beaver load here." I didn't care if I sat by the window or not on my way home, but Daddy said, "Get in there boy, by the window." I just had my mind on the cap buster. Daddies are funny. It seems like everything they say, is "Do this," or "Don't do that," so I never really knew what he was talking about in the first place. That's why I got whipped so much, I guess, because I never knew what he was telling me to do or not do.

After what seemed like forever the train pulled up to the platform at Melvin and the conductor called out, "MELLEN!" Mother made me go right on into the house to try on my new clothes as soon as we got home. All I wanted to do was show Billy Joe my new gun. Well, I put on them new clothes - three pairs of pants and three shirts. I never saw so many new clothes in all my life before. I usually wore Uncle Virgil's clothes after he just about wore them out. Didn't care too much for new clothes anyway, just liked trains, railroad tracks, old lazy hound dogs and new cap busters. When I put on them new clothes, Mother told me how good I looked in them. Daddy, he just wanted to know how much they cost and me, I just wanted to show Billy Joe my new cap buster. As soon as I got out of the new clothes, I put my overalls back on and said, "Mother, can I go show Billy Joe my new gun?"

Daddy said, "Goldia, how long before supper?"

Mother said, "Ralph, before you call Billy Joe, go to the wood box and get some wood for the cook stove." "Do I have to," I asked.

"Get on out there now and bring the wood," Mother answered. So I ran out to the back porch, got my arms full of wood, laid it on top of the stove, and said, "Can I go now?"

"Go on," Mother said. So out the door I took to the fence between my and Billy Joe's yard. "Hey! Billy Joe!" I called. "Come on out here!" When he came out of his house he said, "What's going on, Ralph?" "Got me a Wild Bill cap buster," I said. "Can I be Wild Bill when we play cowboy and crooks over in the graveyard tomorrow?" I asked him.

"Don't matter to me," he said.

(See TRAIN, page seven)

CRITTER CORNER

Take the Earth Day 2007 Backyard Wildlife Challenge

The Humane Society of the United States urges people to commit to 10 Earth Day resolutions

The Humane Society of the United States wants Earth Day 2007 (April 22) to kick-off a backyard wildlife awareness campaign that will encourage people to make a few simple commitments that can greatly benefit the earth's wildlife. According to Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for The HSUS, "People can take some very easy steps with

wildlife in mind — that cost little time and no money — which will make a significant difference for our planet."

1.) Clean it up: Think about streams and ponds. Every stream is connected to something else — another stream, a pond, a lake. Trash finds its way from one to the other, and an array of wildlife along the way can be injured or sickened by it. Visit your local stream or pond and pick up trash that you find. The results will be felt far downstream.

2.) Let it grow: No matter how small a patch you dedicate, letting your lawn grow into a meadow not only cuts down on pollution and the use of fossil fuels, but it also greatly increases habitat for birds and butterflies and other interesting critters. This could be one of the most important commitments you will ever make to planet earth.

(See CRITTER, page six)



This is "Snowflake." Snowflake will turn nine years old this coming July. She belongs to London native, Beth Thompson, a Transylvania University student majoring in sociology. Snowflake, Beth shares, enjoys taking "kitty naps" and "playing with her critter toys." She's adorable, Beth, thanks for sharing!

School Happenings

****April 23 thru May 4 - CATS testing. Please have your children attend school daily, be on time and well rested.**

*****Floyd County Schools 2007-2008 Kindergarten registration packets are available at local schools. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their schools and pick up a packet.****

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ April 24 - Magic Me, 3:30-4:30 p.m., weather permitting.

■ Exercise class for adults now in session. Classes conducted by Floyd County Health Dept. staff. Those interested may contact the center for more information.

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

Allen Central High School

■ Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

■ April 18 - Progress reports.

■ April 21 - ROTC Field Day, Lawrence County.

■ April 27 - Money due from seniors for graduation packages.

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers

services to all families, regardless of income.

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen coupon cards for sale - \$10 each. Contact any Clark student or call Family Resource Center for information.

■ F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.) Focus on physical exercise and nutrition.

****Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!**

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

■ April 18 - K-2 CTBS testing.

■ April 23 thru May 4 - 3-5 CATS

testing.

■ Tips for Parents: Encourage your child to take their time and do their very best during testing. Make sure children receive plenty of rest each night. Have your child eat breakfast each morning. Assure prompt arrival. Schedule outside appointments in the afternoon hours or beyond testing window.

■ May 10, 11 - Kindergarten registration. Requirements: physical, original immunization certificate, eye exam, birth certificate, social security card. May begin registration process without having all items completed but items need to be complete before student's entry into school. Call 285-0883 to schedule a registration appointment if the above dates are not convenient.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri.,

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to

all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksberry Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC, Weeksberry Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

■ Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephanina Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

■ Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334).

YESTERDAYS

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Ten Years Ago

(April 23, and April 25, 1997)

U.S. Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, and Colonel Richard W. Jemiola with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, signed the deeds, Tuesday, turning over Corps-owned property to the city, for the construction of a multi-use recreational center near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park...Preliminary hearings for four adults, charged with the murder of the Lillelid family in Tennessee, earlier this month, were continued—which gives the attorney for one of the defendants a little time to comply with state laws...Tourism development in Kentucky, particularly eastern Kentucky, drew considerable attention, Tuesday, from a group that has both the method and the means to make it happen. The General Assembly's Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Natural Resources and Tourism, heard updates on a variety of issues relating to tourism, including some new ideas that could directly impact the Big Sandy region...Sherry Leigh Hall, 23, of Hi Hat, and Raymond Hall, of Knott County, were arrested, last week, and charged with two counts of first degree sodomy, for allegedly sexually abusing a four-year-old child. Sodomy charges against the woman, and her ex-husband, were handed up to a grand jury, after graphic testimony was presented, Tuesday, by the investigating detective...Prestonsburg City Attorney Paul Burchett will recommend to Mayor Jerry Fannin, that County Attorney Keith Bartley and District Judge James Allen, be notified that they are requesting that theft charges against Debra Scutchfield of Prestonsburg, accused of picking two tulips at the intersection at the end of Combs bridge, be dismissed...A court-ordered lien was placed on all Floyd County school buses, Thursday, until a court judgment is paid by the school board, to Paul Hoffman, a Lexington architect, despite the fact that the debt will be addressed at a special board meeting, Saturday

morning. But that lien does not prohibit the district from using its buses...Larry D. Anderson, 25, and Chad McIntyre, 18, both of Hi Hat, and Jamie L. Garrett, 19, of Ligon, were arrested, Thursday morning, after a high-speed chase, and charged with attempted burglary, for allegedly trying to break into a Harold bar...Harmon Leedy, 55, of David, who is visually impaired, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehead State University during the 1996 Winter Commencement, but is unemployed, and he says potential employers can't see past his resume. He hopes to obtain employment, helping people overcome problems with alcohol or drugs...Floyd County District Court has the fourth highest caseload in the state, which has prompted the Floyd County Bar Association to seek relief for Judge James R. Allen. Floyd County currently has two circuit judges and one district judge...Linda D. Polli, 47, of Cumberland, was injured, Thursday, afternoon, after pulling out in front of a vehicle at the intersection of Rt. 1428 and U.S. 23...Stanville attorney Eric Conn, the former attorney for one of six suspects charged with the murder of the Lillelid family, earlier this month, said a complaint would be filed against the state of Tennessee in a federal court, for allegedly depriving his client of fundamental rights. Conn was prohibited from representing Natasha Wallen Cornett, 18, of Betsy Layne, for allegedly failing to meet the requirements to practice in Tennessee. Since Conn's removal from the case, Cornett appointed two Tennessee attorneys...There died: Thomas R. Flanery, 64, of Langley, Monday, April 21, at home; Rebecca Ann McCoy Yates, 59, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, April 20, at Freemont Memorial Hospital (Ohio); Albert C. Nunnery, 69, of Hawthorne, Florida, formerly of Ironton, Ohio, Sunday, April 20, in Gainesville, Florida; Sarah Ashley Hopkins, infant daughter of Robert Keith Hopkins and Anna Spradlin Vanhouse, both of McDowell, was stillborn, Friday, April 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Era Hall Ratliff, 88, of Stanville, Sunday, April 20; Mae Vella Yates Manuel, 77, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County,

Tuesday, April 15, at KCH Hospital; Howard Winford Yates, 69, of Honaker, Friday, April 18, at his residence; Ellis C. Bailey, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hippo, and Salt Lick, April 12, in Columbus; Marvin Hassel "Moe" Justice, 60, of Pikeville, Friday, April 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Italy Ratliff Mullins, 94, of Garrett, Friday, April 18, at her residence; Fred A. Martin, 83, of Frankfort, Tuesday, April 22, at the Hospice Care Center, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Homer Johnson, 74, of Auxier, Wednesday, April 23, at his residence; Goldia E. Horn Wilcox, 85, of East Point, Friday, April 18; Fannie Mae Hall Frady, 101, of Bowling Green, formerly of Wayland, Monday, April 21, at Greenview Hospital, in Bowling Green.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 29, 1987)

A jury in Floyd Small Claims Court awarded Curtis Lovins \$300 for the partial amount he paid for a Volkswagen, which turned out to be a lemon...The song of the 17-year locusts, or cicadas, will be heard in 76, out of the state's 120 counties, during May and June...As if unseasonable snow and high water were not enough, April had yet another surprise in store for Floyd Countians, Monday, when a short, sharp storm passed over the county, scattering blossom and branch, and, in a few places, plunging households in darkness...Two magazines, produced this year, by Floyd County High School students, are quite different, but both have a similar purpose—to give students an incentive to do their best work for public consumption—and both make a similar point: that eastern Kentucky schools can turn out good writers and artists, when students are given a little motivation...Criticism was aimed at the Prestonsburg Police Department, Monday's meeting of the city council, but some gave the department praise, and said the criticism is because patrolmen are doing their jobs...A Floyd County Grand Jury will review charges of wanton endangerment that stems from a

Wheelwright poker game...There died: Thelma Hale Ousley, 74, of Middle Creek, Saturday...Delphia Stephens, 74, of Martin, Monday...George Lee Shannon, well-known Prestonsburg architect/engineer, Monday, at the age of 63...Alex Ell Adkins, 79, of Allen, Friday...Gilva Collins Spurlin, 81, of West Prestonsburg, April 15...Jeff Pat Bentley, 71, formerly of Lackey, Friday...Tom Hamilton, 61, Prestonsburg native, Saturday...Lewis Edward Moore, 54, formerly of Price, Friday...Ada Osborne, 78, of Eastern, last Wednesday...Kenis Ray Mitchell, 26, of Dvale, April 21...David Harold Symon, 35, of Martin, Saturday...Joseph D. Johnson, 6, of Kite, Friday...Monroe Ousley, 77, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday...and Mary Ann Yoak, 92, formerly of Hi Hat, Tuesday.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 27, 1977)

When the Betsy Layne and Harold schools reopened Monday morning for the first time since they were ravaged by flood waters, all schools of the county were back in session, but nobody is certain when their off-interrupted terms will end...Congressman Carl D. Perkins, last week, asked the Corps of Engineers to make early recommendations to improve flood protection on both the Tug and Levisa forks of the Big Sandy River...A new salary schedule, adopted by the fiscal court, Monday, provided pay increase for all county officials...The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund filed Saturday, in the Franklin Circuit Court, a suit seeking to set aside the Kentucky Public Service Commission order dismissing the complaint filed Feb. 2 last year, against the Mud Creek Water District...Two Floyd County women, widows of coal miners, last week, filed suit in U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., against the Health and

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Yesterdays

Retirement Funds of the United Mine Workers, to collect survivors' benefits which, they say, have been denied them...Fire, early Monday morning, destroyed the U.S. postoffice at Ivel and the Stumbo CB and TV Center, which occupied a portion of the state building...Candidates, in Floyd and other Kentucky counties, for district judge in the current primary election campaign, may have been spending time and money on the race that never was, if Monday's ruling by Jefferson Circuit Judge George B. Ryan is upheld by the state Supreme Court...There died: Oscar Lee Vicars, 67, of Weeksbury, April 20, at McDowell Regional Hospital; James Shelton Gibson, 78, of Langley, April 24, at McDowell Regional Hospital; Mitchell Shawn Hall, day-old son of Mitchell and Monica Jones Hall, of Bevinsville, April 24, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Challie Mayo, 64, April 19, at the home of a niece, Betty Carr, in Russell; Maxie Click Kincaid, 76, of Langley, April 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Imogene Wallen Landgraf, 65, formerly of this county, April 8, in Salem, Ore.; Susan Goble Spears, 72, of Emma, April 20, after an apparent heart attack at her home; Fannie M. Archer, 86, of Paintsville, April 18, at Paintsville Hospital; Sue Sammons, 83, April 23, at the Martin home of her daughter, Mrs. Harley Sammons.

Forty Years Ago (April 27, 1967)

Bert T. Combs, former governor of Kentucky, predicted in New York, today (Thursday), that the war against poverty "will be America's longest war," and he defined the Appalachian

mountain region as a major battleground...Staffing of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, here, which will serve five counties in a mental health-mental retardation service program, has been begun by the Region 20 Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board Inc...A decision in the suit filed by Wet forces, contesting results of the local option election, held last July, has moved a step nearer, with the filing by contestants' attorneys of their brief...Half a million rock-fish fry are being released in Dewey Lake this afternoon (Thursday); Bernard Carter, director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife Resources, announced...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale Rainer, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Judith Lea, April 20, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Jarrell, of Dana, a son, Darvin Duran, April 10, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin...There died: Paul G. Cooley, 46, Sunday, at his home at Hippo; James Thomas Gillespie, 76, of Ivel, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Lizzie Hamilton, 64, last Thursday, at her home in Teaberry; Mrs. Elafair Chaffins, 70, of Garrett, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; F. Scott Compton, 66, Tuesday, at his home at Martin; Mrs. Amanda Burchwell Conley, 77, of Water Gap, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Henry Porter, 91, of Cow Creek, Saturday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here.

Fifty Years Ago (April 25, 1957)

The reported figure of \$38,600,000

total damage created in the Big Sandy River area of Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, by the January flood, is "pretty near correct," a U.S. Corps of Engineers spokesman told The Times, this week...Auxier High School was again accredited on an emergency basis for the coming school year, it was announced, last week, by the State Board of Education...Devon Scalf, 13-year-old sixth grade pupil of the Prestonsburg grade school, won the hotly contested, Floyd County marble tournament, Saturday afternoon...Two Floyd County projects are listed in plans released at Frankfort, Monday, to build more than 600 miles of federal aid roads, and spend \$85,000,000 on Kentucky highways within the next 14 months...Married: Miss Garnett Ann Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Vanidan Ferrell Jr., April 13, at the home of Rev. Isaac Stratton, of Banner; Miss Doris Sexton, of Wheelwright, and Mr. Klein D. Stumbo, of McDowell, March 30, at Wheelwright...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hyden, a daughter, Judy Ann, April 18, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: J. C. (Jake) Hamilton, 74, Sunday, at his home at Beaver; Rev. Thomas F. Meade, 85, of Amba, last Wednesday, at home. His wife, Mrs. Ella Iricks Meade, 82, followed him in death the following Monday; John M. Weddington, 80, of Coal Run, Monday, at the home of a daughter at Garrett; John Maynard Whitaker, 79, of Hueysville, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Cordie Lewis, 67, of Mare Creek, Monday, at Huntington, W.Va.; E. L. Hicks, 83, of Maytown, Friday, at the home of a son at Langley; Miss Maude Patton, 70, of Langley, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Sixty Years Ago (April 24, 1947)

Three Floyd residents, killed in a car-track collision on the highway near Hunter, Sunday afternoon, were: Timothy P. Henson, 87, and his wife, Mrs. Abbie Catherine Henson, both of Beaver, and Bill Bryan Salisbury, 49, of Hunter...The Kentucky Department of Welfare extended the 642 residents of the county during March, aid totaling \$14,593, statistics released, this week, by the Department show...Roy Wills, son of Ex-Magistrate and Mrs. W. A. Wills, Prestonsburg, is believed to have been the only person inside the Monsanto Chemical Company plant at Texas City, Texas, to escape alive, when last week's explosion of an explosive-laden French steamer in the Texas City harbor, touched off chemicals in the plant and converted the city into a shambles...Anthony Newsome was wounded by a shotgun blast Friday, near his home at Grethel...The Floyd Fiscal Court, Wednesday, voted the \$600 appropriation necessary to continue for the fiscal year, the work, of Home Demonstration Agent Requa Kincer...J. M. Hall, Prestonsburg, and Johnny Hall of McDowell, Saturday, purchased from Circuit Judge E. P. Hill the Bus Station Cafe here...Married: Miss Betty Joyce Crowell, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Wade Hampton Hodges, of Bluefield, W.Va., April 7, at Bluefield...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Hill, of Hillsboro, Ky., a daughter—Linda Carol—April 21, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Tilden Howard, 70, at home on Little Paint, Wednesday; Mrs. Anna Neeley Meade, 82, Monday, at home on

Abbott Creek; Mrs. Julia Spradlin, 77, of Town Branch, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Seventy Years Ago (April 23, 1937)

A shooting melee, in which the women fired the guns, was reported by officers this week...Commonwealth Attorney John L. Harrington stated today, "No doubt in my mind but what it was jealousy," in indicating a possible motive for the alleged murder of James Watterson on the morning of May 31, 1913...Odd Fellows throughout the state have been invited to attend the 118th anniversary celebration at Pikeville, April 24, in tribute to the founding of first lodge in America, by John Wiley at Baltimore, Md., April 26, 1819...Mr. R. E. Hodges, district manager of the Ky. and West Va. Power Company Inc., at Pikeville, announces the completion and formal opening of their new office building, to take place May 1, from 8:30 a.m., to 8:30 p.m. The county-wide graduation exercises, to be held in the Prestonsburg school gymnasium, June 1, will see about 189 graduates from 10 Floyd County high schools...Flora Jeanette Bentley, age two years, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Epp Bentley of Maytown, died at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital at Lackey, a victim of spinal meningitis...The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Slone are saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Sarah Lamb, age 79 years, mother of Mrs. Slone, here, at their home, Tuesday afternoon, following a stroke.

Oak

the drive-ins shut down was the rising property values. It was estimated that the average drive-in during the 1950s used up eight acres. Nowadays, eight acres of good flat land, suited for a drive-in, would be worth a flat fortune. Matter of fact, there's a nursing home sitting where the Sky-Vue once sat, and a large grocery chain now occupies the space once used by the one in Prestonsburg. I have no documentation to back it up, but I think the Prestonsburg Drive-in was built before the one in

Paintsville. I base that on the fact that the first drive-in I ever attended, was the one in Prestonsburg.

It was in the early 1950s, and as we arrived just before dark, I could see the tall screen as I sat in the back seat of older brother Ernest's car, as it wound its way down the south side of Abbott Mountain.

Don't ask where the next bit of information has been stored, but playing the first time I ever went to the drive-in more than a half century ago, was the only episode I ever saw

of the serial "Ghost of Zorro," and a Woody Woodpecker cartoon.

Although I'd never heard of him until I began research for this column, I guess I owe one Richard M. Hollingshead, thanks for the memory. It was he who, back in 1933, in Camden, N.J., came up with the idea, and opened the very first drive-in theatre.

Guess I own him, too, for one of life's most important lessons: "Please remember to place the speaker on the pole when you leave the theatre."

Critter

- 3.) Leave them wild: Make a commitment never to buy a "novelty" wild animal as a pet — it is very difficult to satisfy their needs in captivity, and that often means an unhappy outcome for all concerned. As cute as a baby turtle may be, it is far better off in the wild. Take your kids for a walk to the local pond where they can see these and other wildlife where they should be — in the wild.
- 4) Go native: Use plants that are native to your area. Not only will they thrive better, resist disease and often injury or attack from plant eating insects and mammals, but they will also require less maintenance, freeing you up to do nothing but enjoy them.
- 5.) Keep cats indoors: Even the gentlest, well-fed house cat will prey on wildlife instinctively when given the chance. Outdoor-roaming cats are at risk for accidents and diseases that can drastically limit their own lifespan as well. Do wildlife and your cat a favor by keeping cats indoors.
- 6) Save trees: Spring cleaning is in the air, but this is the worst time to

cut down hollow trees because squirrels, raccoons, woodpeckers, flying squirrels, and others are nesting in them. "Dead" trees are anything but; they are thriving habitats for insects and animals who can benefit people and other wildlife. Keep them standing if possible.

7) Scrap the trap: If you capture and relocate a "nuisance" wild animal this time of year, it is likely to be a mom, which means helpless young will be left behind to starve. Instead use eviction strategies (tips at www.wildneighbors.org <<http://www.wildneighbors.org>>) to solve wildlife conflicts.

8) Cut them up: Disarm (cut) plastic 6-pack holders before disposal so that wild animals cannot get tangled up, injured or die in them.

9.) Rinse it out: Thoroughly rinse and safely discard food jars. Hungry raccoons and skunks can get their heads stuck in peanut butter, jelly, yogurt or other containers. If you clean the containers before disposing of them, you will literally be saving lives.

10.) Check it out: Walk your yard and look carefully for rabbit nests before mowing in the spring — the nests can be hard to see, the mother rabbit digs a shallow hole in the grass and puts her babies in it where they stay for 3 weeks until weaned and self-sufficient.

The HSUS Wild Neighbors Program promotes non-lethal means for resolving conflicts between people and wildlife and cultivates understanding and appreciation for wild animals commonly found in cities and towns. On the web at www.wildneighbors.org.

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization — backed by 10 million Americans, or one of every 30. For more than a half-century, The HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education, and hands-on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty — On the web at www.humanesociety.org.

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Granddaughter's 'Welcome Home'
Duane and Brenda Youmans, of McDowell, are pleased to announce, after a wait of two long years, the arrival of their granddaughter, Josephine ("Josie") Elizabeth, the daughter of Brett and Angela Traver, of Frankfort. A celebration will be held for family and friends at the First Baptist Church Life Center, in McDowell, on Saturday, April 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. Please, do not feel obligated to bring gifts; the family is simply taking this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and words of encouragement in regard to Josie's arrival. Again, please join us and come out and meet Josie.

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Weddings

Births



Martin-Loza

Mr. Wade Martin, of Minnie, and Ms. Carla Smith, of Boonesville, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tia Faye Martin, of Lexington, to Omar Renzo Loza Burgos, of Acari, Peru, the son of Saturnina Burgos, of Lima, Peru.

Ms. Martin graduated cum laude from the University of Kentucky and is currently serving as a missionary. Mr. Loza is a missionary pastor.

The date and location of the wedding have not yet been decided and the couple respectfully ask that all will keep them and their work in their prayers.



Cook-Florence

Thomas and Brenda Cook, of East Point, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kandi Lynn Cook, to Brad Dean Florence, the son of Billy and Willa Florence, of Sharpsburg.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 2006 graduate of Morehead State University. The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Bourbon County High School.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the East Point Church of Christ.



New Arrival

Alyssa Marie Goodman was born February 15, 2007, at St. Joseph East, in Lexington, to proud parents Shawn and Heather Goodman, of Prestonsburg. She weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz., and was 19 inches in length.

She is the granddaughter of Linda and Taulbee Goodman, of Prestonsburg, and Judy and Rabon Flanery, of Martin. Alyssa Marie was welcomed home by excited family members, friends, and very proud "Big Sis" Kristian Renee Goodman.



Couch-Cannon

Greg Couch, Sabrina Hall, Laurie Slugg and Torin Cannon are all pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their parents, Linda H. Couch, of Bypro, and Hugh L. Cannon, of Fairfax, Virginia.

The couple will wed on April 28, 2007, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, in a ceremony that will take place at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Wheelwright.

A reception will immediately follow in the church fellowship hall.

The gracious custom of an open invitation wedding will be observed.

No gifts, please, allow your presence on this joyous occasion to be your gift to the happy couple.



Gray-Murdock

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Jr. and Tammy Gray, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Heather Nicole Gray, to Joshua Aaron Murdock, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Billie Tucker, also of Prestonsburg.

Heather is currently attending Big Sandy Community and Technical College where she is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing. She is the maternal granddaughter of Winston and Draxie Dillon, of Prestonsburg, and the paternal granddaughter of Roland Gray and Emma Lou Gray, also of Prestonsburg.

Joshua is currently attending Morehead State University, where he is pursuing a degree in education. He is the maternal grandson of the late Bill and Eunice Lafferty, formerly of Prestonsburg, and the paternal grandson of Charles and Betty Murdock, of Marshall, Michigan, and the late Bulah Crisp Murdock, formerly of Dwale.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, in Prestonsburg.

A reception will follow at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

Following a honeymoon vacation to Disney World, the newlyweds will reside in Prestonsburg.

Need pet pics ASAP!

Critter lovers take notice! Our Critter Corner pics file has become dangerously near empty. Please, send your pet's favorite photo ASAP to: features@floydcountytimes.com, or to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Attn: Kathy Prater, or just swing by and drop a couple off the next time you're in town! Along with photos, please leave pet's name, owner's name, place of residence and "fun facts" about your pet's favorite habits/activities. We're eager to share, so send those photos in ASAP!

Stage Talk

by Martin Childers

(Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre at Prestonsburg. His column about theatre happenings and backstage activities appears weekly.)

It's all about youth this summer at the Theatre, with our productions of Disney's High School Musical, West Side Story, The Princess and The Pea, and our opening night show, Forever Plaid.

Music critics loved Forever Plaid when the show first opened Off-Broadway in 1990. The tale of four young men, singing some of the greatest hits of the 50's, drew rave reviews and audiences who left the theatre singing.

Whether you remember the decade or not, you're probably familiar with the songs that were its biggest hits like "Catch a Falling Star," "Three Coins in the Fountain," and "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing."

We've assembled a great cast to bring you this story of these singing group, who were killed in a car crash on the way to their first big concert...and are miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was.

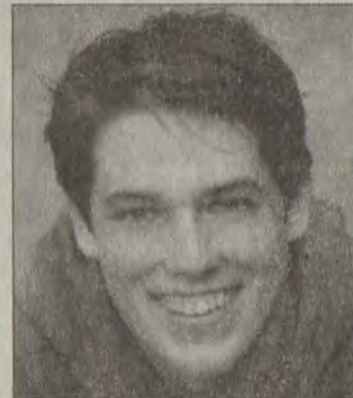
Starring are: Adam Thomas Hartsock, a Pikeville native and senior music major at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.; John



Adam Hartsock



Patrick Joel Martin



John Hobson



Bronson Murphy

William Hobson, a graduate of the America Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, returning for a second season on our stage; Bronson N. Murphy, another returnee who may be remembered for his roles in Footloose, Oklahoma!, and others; and Patrick Joel Martin, a sophomore voice major at the University of Kentucky, originally from Louisville, where he attended the Youth Performing Arts School.

A few other names involved in the production will be familiar to Jenny Wiley fans: Helen Wicker, Hazard, costumes; David Gardner, Salyersville, Lighting; Paul Denayer, Morehead, set design; Corey Harrison, Louisville, sound design and Billy Thrash, Oklahoma, Director, both back for return seasons here; and our own Scott Bradley, beginning his 15th year of involvement with us, as Musical Director.

I'll tell you more about our opening night gala later, but tickets for that as well as other performances are available now through our web site: jwtheatre.com.

**Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.*

Train

"I told him I got the cap busster over at the five and dime over in Martin. Billy Joe said, 'I have to go back in the house now. Mother has supper ready and I want to eat. See you in the morning.'"

I spent the rest of the after-

noon swinging on our front porch swing. I watched the train as it came back from Weeksbury on it's way back to Martin. It stopped on the platform and the conductor picked up the mail from the post office. As the train moved

slowly away out of sight. I thought back over my day, my first trip on the train. A visit to the five and dime over in Martin; got to eat out; got a new Wild Bill cap buster. Yes, life was almost too good to be true. I sat there until the sun

went down behind the hill. And then I prayed a little prayer, "God thank you for being so good to me."

I road the train many times after that day but your first train ride is like first love, you never forget it.

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Korner

Well, it should!

The GPS is like God - for no matter what wrong turns we may take along our way He is right there waiting with open arms to engulf our entire beings, wipe our nasty wrongs white and clean as snow, and guide us to our eternal destination. How awesome is that!

God knew each and every

one of us and had a plan for our lives long before we ever began trying our own hands at our destinations. He has given us each a calling and though it takes some of us longer than others to grasp just exactly what that calling is, His grace and mercy waits ever so patiently as we struggle to find our way. Yet, once we submit

our hearts and lives to Him, just like those remarkable, unique GPS trinkets, God directs our paths and is always there to help us along our way. And oh yeah, many of us are going to get off track at times and yet, His mercy graciously helps to get us right back on track.

It is amazing how we can

see God in absolutely anything and everything if only we open our eyes and look.

Til Next Week

As my brother has said, your GPS may get you to Myrtle Beach - But only God can get you to Heaven!

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UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

Know what is one of the leading causes of alcohol-related deaths for teenagers? Suicide.

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Hopefully Your Bill From ARH Is More Accurate Than Its Advertising.

ARH is paying big bucks for slick advertising that claims the hospital giant offered a "comprehensive" contract to its employees, the USW members who care for patients at ARH's facilities in our community.

But ARH's claims are anything but accurate. Like ARH's half truth about its offer on health insurance.

ARH's advertising fails to mention it would virtually create a company store for health care by only covering us if we get health care at CHA or ARH - even though ARH doesn't know if its facilities can serve all our health care needs.

ARH also claims it offered a decent wage increase. That's worse than half true. The hospital giant wants to charge employees so much for health insurance and disability premiums that, in the end, many workers would end up with less than they earn right now!

In fact, the lowest paid employees would earn \$323 less in the first year of the deal that ARH is offering. The great labor leaders would roll over in their graves if they knew the hospitals they built to serve working families are paying their CEO nearly half a million dollars while asking workers to take a \$300-a-year pay cut.

And if that's not deception enough, ARH says it's not out to break the union. Yet it's paying big bucks to out-of-town replacement workers, not to mention the fortune it's spending on replacement workers' housing and travel costs.

We've served our community for decades at ARH, and we look forward to serving your needs again.

But our record of service deserves better than second class treatment. And all of us deserve better than ARH's half truths aimed at covering up its failure to bargain in good faith.

You can help.

Call ARH's CEO Jerry Haynes 859-226-2440 and tell him:

Stop the Double Talk and Start Bargaining in Good Faith



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