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briefs

BLHS to hold blood drive

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The Beta Club at Betsy Layne High School is sponsoring a blood drive today which is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school library.

Someone in Kentucky needs a blood transfusion every three seconds. According to the Kentucky Blood Center, one person's donation can help save the lives of three local patients.

In order to donate blood, you must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. The entire process takes less than an hour and you may donate every 56 days.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny
High: 85 • Low: 58

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Isolated storms
High: 88 • Low: 60

Friday
Scattered storms
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Event urges teens to stay safe

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's been 11 years since Floyd County experienced the death of a teenager on prom or graduation night and local school and health care officials are working to keep it that way.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital in conjunction with the Floyd County school system held its third Practice Prom event on Monday at the Mountain Arts Center, in hopes that maybe even one teenager would take a second look at their lives and realize

how precious they really are. The event's key note speaker, Josh Huffman, a 1999 graduate of Pikeville High School, enlightened the audience on topics not often discussed so openly. A former drug addict, Huffman shared a lot of his high school experiences, most of which were disturbing scenes from a life nearly destroyed by a life-threatening habit.

"I used to be the guy who loved to come to school because I made more money selling drugs than I did at my after school job," said Huffman. "But I

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The Big Sandy Singers entertained the audience of teenagers at this year's Practice Prom event sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Floyd County schools.

photo by Jessica Hale

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Lisa Tackett, left, a special education teacher from South Floyd High School, happily accepted a check for \$1,000 from Wal-Mart store manager Mike Huber and community involvement coordinator Lynn Hagans, at a ceremony held Tuesday morning on the SFHS football field. Keith Henry, SFHS principal, is also pictured, second from right.

South Floyd teacher honored by Wal-Mart

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

HI HAT — Prestonsburg Wal-Mart store representatives Mike Huber, manager, and Lynn Hagans, community involvement coordinator, traveled to southern Floyd County Tuesday morning to surprise South Floyd High School special education teacher Lisa Tackett with an award for being

chosen as this year's "Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year" for Floyd County.

Tackett, who also serves her school as chair of her department and extended school services coordinator, said the announcement both surprised and pleased her.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I think this is great for our school."

"The teachers in our area are

superb," said Huber. "The selection process was not an easy one, but we are happy to recognize Lisa and share this great news with our community."

The Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year recognition is part of a three-tiered program. At Wal-Mart stores, Sam's Clubs, Neighborhood Market stores

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Mountaintop mining becomes issue in governor's race

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Warning sirens blare, followed by massive explosions that shake the earth and propel broken rocks skyward. Bulldozers rumble across parched ground, pushing dirt and rock out as they go. Giant dump trucks ferry loads of car-size boulders across the desert-like terrain.

Removing mountaintops in search of coal is a noisy, jarring process.

But, until Harvard-educated lawyer Jonathan Miller entered the governor's race, politicians seeking Kentucky's top job didn't seem to notice.

"Whether or not this issue wins me votes or loses me votes, it's the right thing," said Miller, a 39-year-old Democrat. "I want us to bring people together to figure out how we can stop this practice of blowing off the tops of mountaintops, basically destroying the countryside, and still find economically viable ways to mine coal."

Miller's candidacy has forced other candidates to talk about so-called mountaintop removal coal mining leading up to the May 22 primary election.

Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is seeking a second term, said mountaintop removal has actually been good for Eastern

Kentucky because it has created flat land for building homes, factories and airports. One of his GOP challengers, Paducah businessman Billy Harper, said he supports removing mountaintops to extract coal because it's much safer than sending miners underground.

The debate over mountaintop mining in Kentucky has raged for years among coalfield residents, coal operators, environmentalists, even religious leaders. Greg Howard, an attorney for Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg, calls it "remarkable" that the politically taboo subject is finally receiving public debate in the governor's race.

"It's long past due that we have serious public discussion about what we're doing to eastern Kentucky," said Howard, whose organization provides legal services to coalfield residents.

Miller was the first to raise mountaintop removal as an issue in his gubernatorial campaign, saying in televised debates that he opposes the destructive mining method. Howard said coalfield residents are thrilled that politicians have taken notice.

"The people who are having to live with it are really upset because of the damage its doing," he said.

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Group aims to raise awareness of disease

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center's Sleep Diagnostic Lab has partnered with the National Fibromyalgia Association in a campaign to focus awareness on a disease which strikes men, women and children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds.

Fibromyalgia can be very

hard for doctors to diagnose and can be extremely debilitating and interfere with routine daily activities. Although accompanied by other symptoms, widespread pain is the primary symptom of FM. Other symptoms include, moderate to severe fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, irritable bowel syndrome and headaches or

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A student from South Floyd High School struggled to sink a basket on one of the many "fun-flatables" set up on the school's football field in celebration of the end of the state testing cycle for this year. In addition to the many inflatables, other games were available for play, as well as a barbecue lunch. SFHS principal Keith Henry promised the students that if the school received improved testing scores that the day of fun would be repeated this coming fall.

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Obituaries

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Written by your daughter,
Beverly Setser
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Family and Friends

In Memory of Faye Shepherd



I miss you.

You are gone now, mother, I miss you more than you can know. Time goes slowly by, I miss you so. No one can replace a mother, No one can take away the pain, Mother's Day is approaching, The thought makes my heart break again. It is my first year without you, First year of not talking with you on the phone. First year of not looking for a present for you, First year of feeling so alone. I know you are in a better place, A place of peace and love, A place where no one suffers, With God and the angels up above. I Love You, Mother. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! Kathy

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In a wildland fire emergency, call 9-1-1, your local Fire Department, or your local Division of Forestry district office.



Denny (Harrison) Hoover

Denny (Harrison) Hoover, 53, of Garrett, died Monday, May 7, 2007, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Health-care.

Born January 11, 1954, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Roy Kenton Hoover and Rebecca Salisbury Hoover Conley. He was a disabled general laborer for Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company.

Survivors include three brothers: James Hoover and Jeff Conley, both of Eastern, and John Conley of Martin; a sister, Joann Gahm of Griffin, Georgia; and his girlfriend, Mary Patton Allen of Eastern; and special friend, Chalmer Allen.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Danny Hoover (his twin), Roger Keith Hoover, and Willie Conley Jr.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 10, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Dolvin Ratliff and Mitchell Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

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Thomas Lee May

Thomas Lee May of Lago Vista, Texas, passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at the age of 66.

He was born on November 7, 1940, in Prestonsburg, the second of three sons of Martin Lee and Douglas Hopson May.

After his graduation from Prestonsburg High School in 1958, Tom attended the University of Kentucky, and later continued his engineering education in Tennessee and Florida, where he worked in military missile development and manufacturing.

In 1963, he began a 30-year career with IBM at Lexington, KY, and moved to Austin in 1967, to help open IBM's new manufacturing plant. He held a variety of positions in IBM's manufacturing and education organizations, until his retirement in 1994.

He is especially remembered in the hearts of his wife and best friend, Sylvia Guajardo May; his brother, Fred May and wife,

Darlene of Austin; his daughter, Katharyn Peavler of Burgin, and her husband, Eric; and his grandsons: Lynnwood and Bowman.

He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and by his extended "Guajardo" family in Del Rio, Texas.

He is also survived by his beloved shelties: Missy and Brandy. He and Sylvia have long been supporters of Austin Sheltie Rescue, and have fostered and helped place shelties in loving homes.

A man of many skills and an industrious nature, Tom designed and personally built the golf course home he and Sylvia shared in Lago Vista. Following his retirement, Tom was always ready to help a friend or neighbor with projects, and enjoyed golfing regularly with his brother, Fred, and numerous other friends.

He enjoyed research of his May Family history, and was an active supporter of both his high school and May Family reunions in Prestonsburg. In recent years, he worked to help preserve the historic brick home there, where generations of the May family had lived since 1817. He spoke often of his enjoyment in attending these events, and was looking forward to his 50th high school class reunion next year.

He was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, Martin May. The reunion he is now having is the most glorious of all.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to Austin Sheltie Rescue (www.sheltierescuex.org); the Samuel May House (www.may-house.org); or to the American Heart Association.

A gathering of Tom's family and friends was held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 20, with a celebration of his life following at 1:30 p.m., at Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home, 9700 Anderson Mill Road, Austin.

Please join our family in honoring Tom and sharing your memories of him with our family, by visiting our memorial at www.mem.com.

Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funerals & Cremations, was in charge of arrangements.
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I hear your tender voice, I see your loving smile, The memory of your helping hand has made my life worthwhile.

We knew so much happiness, we had our cup of joy; Your memory is a gift from God, that death cannot destroy. Since you've gone first and I remain, one thing I'll have to do; Walk slowly down that long, long path, for soon I'll follow you. I want to know each step you make, so I may take the same; For some day down that long, long road, you'll hear me call your name.

Together Forever
Your Lo-Lo



Brenda Lou Salyers Newman

Brenda Lou Salyers Newman, passed away May 21, 2006, at Nottingham City Hospital in England, following an extended illness.

She was born and raised at Eastern, and graduated from Maytown High School. She graduated from Berea College in 1963, with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics, and went on to the U.S. Army, where she achieved the rank of Captain. After leaving the army, she continued her education at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she received her Masters Degree.

This is where she met her future husband, Dr. Geoffrey Newman.

She was a long-time resident of Derby, England, and was a member of the Women's Institute (a voluntary organization which provides support for many community issues in the UK).

She will be greatly missed by many people who loved her.

Brenda and her husband Geoffrey came back often to the Kentucky and Tennessee areas to visit family, friends and the Appalachian hills they loved so well.

Her generosity, support and humor were great gifts she shared with everyone.

Even though it has been almost a year since we lost

her, we will continue to keep her memory strong in our hearts.

She was preceded in death by her father, Hudson Salyers, and mother, Goldia Martin Salyers; and a brother, Delbert Glen Salyers.

She is survived by her husband of more than 37 years, Dr. Geoffrey Newman; two sisters: Reba (Glenn) McClanan of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Velinda Salyers of Houston, Texas; three brothers: Keith Salyers, Bruce Salyers, and Colby Salyers, all of Eastern; two nephews: Martin (Liz) McClanan of San Francisco, California, and Glenn McClanan Jr., of Los Angeles, California; and a niece, Anne McClanan of

Portland, Oregon. She is also survived by two grand-nephews, and one grandniece.

Her funeral in England, last year, was attended by many of her friends and family.

Her ashes have been brought home to Kentucky by her husband Geoff.

The family will have a graveside ceremony at the Martin Cemetery at Eastern, on Saturday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m., to inter her ashes. We would welcome all friends, and family to attend.

Arrangements, by Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Linda B. Adams would like to thank all the friends, relatives, and neighbors, who expressed their sympathy upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke kind words. We also express our gratitude to the members of Lighthouse Baptist Church for their faithful support; to those who sang and provided inspirational music; to Pastors Ernie Justice and Don Crisp for their comforting words; and to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF LINDA B. ADAMS

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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.

PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion

Ten year class reunion to be held Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Cost will be \$50 per couple/\$25 for individuals. This will cover food, taxes, gratuity, and entertainment. Money needs to be in no later than June 14. Payment will not be able to be accepted at the door — deposits must be made and head count verified. Make your check or money order out to "Prestonsburg High Class of 1997" and mail to: Prestonsburg High School Reunion, 464 Newbury Way Lexington, KY 40514.

The June Buchanan School in Hold Graduation

The June Buchanan School will hold their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 11th, at 7 p.m., in the Estelle Campbell Center for the Arts Auditorium on the campus in Pippa Passes. Please make plans to attend in honor of the IRS graduating class of 2007. For further information, call 606-368-6008.

Alice Lloyd College to hold commencement

Alice Lloyd College located in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, will hold their baccalaureate and commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 12, in the Grady Nutt Athletic Center. Alice Lloyd College baccalaureate begins at 10:30 a.m., and commencement at 12:15 p.m. Please make plans to attend Alice Lloyd College will be honoring the first four-year graduating class—the class of 19823—during commencement.

Prestonsburg Elementary Kindergarten Registration

Prestonsburg Elementary kindergarten registration for the school year 2007-2008 will be held May 8 and May 9, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Spring recital

Piano students of David Leslie will present their 27th Annual Spring Recital on May 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg. The public is invited to attend. (Please note time change from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center,

in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room. David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

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.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the

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Guest View

Repairs to law needed

Congress gave the credit card industry a big gift in 2005: a law requiring debtors to jump through more hoops to declare bankruptcy. In a new analysis, the Government Accountability Office, a congressional watchdog agency, says one of those hoops - a requirement that consumers get credit counseling before filing for bankruptcy - may not be working as the law, or the industry, intended.

The idea was to head off bankruptcy, but, as the GAO notes: "Anecdotal evidence suggests that by the time most consumers receive the pre-filing counseling, their financial situations are dire, leaving them with no viable alternative to bankruptcy."

That finding tends to vindicate critics of the bankruptcy law, us among them, who disputed the premise that many consumers filed for bankruptcy frivolously. In fact, consumers nearly always seek refuge in bankruptcy because of crushing debt, often brought on by huge medical bills, the loss of a job, a divorce or some other catastrophe.

The finding should give Congress impetus to review the bankruptcy law and make changes to ensure it's not overly burdensome for honest, hard-working people who find themselves in dire financial straits.

The GAO report does find that another new requirement - that filers take a two-hour financial-management course before being discharged of their debts - did fulfill its purpose of improving financial literacy.

The law triggered a run on bankruptcies just before it took effect in October 2005. Afterward, bankruptcy filings slowed drastically. But they have since picked up, though not to previous levels. The law pushed many debtors who were considering bankruptcy to file earlier than they would have. It's unclear whether the new law will keep filings from rebounding to the old levels.

There was concern that credit counselors affiliated with lenders would put borrowers on unfavorable repayment plans, but that doesn't appear to have happened, the GAO says, probably because of precautions written into the law.

Still, credit counselors, bankruptcy lawyers and others close to the situation believe that counseling stops only a minute fraction of clients from going on to file for bankruptcy. The GAO wants to check out that belief against hard data by having the Justice Department track and analyze the results of credit counseling - a good idea.

Eventually, Congress should probably discard the requirement for credit counseling as part of an overall fix of the bankruptcy law, as determined by future analysis.

The now Democratic-controlled Congress should also look at a related matter: the role the credit card companies themselves play in burgeoning consumer debt - particularly their practice of giving cards to people who can't afford them and charging super-high interest rates.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

Letters

Preserve Archer's legacy

I am heartbroken. The devastating news that Archer Park could soon close saddens me. My father, Dr. George P. Archer, saw a need in our community for a public recreational facility and spent endless hours planning and encouraging groups and individuals to make this dream a reality. The thought that this tangible proof of his hard work and dedication could soon be a memory is something that I cannot allow to happen without voicing my concerns.

I understand that Archer Park's possible closing is due to financial considerations. However, to make this park a reality, my father and city council members donated their salaries and combined those funds with the untiring work of city manager Curtis Clark to build a \$250,000 facility for \$5,200. This was accomplished through all different kinds of donations as well as by recycling building materials. For example, materials from the old courthouse and jail were used to build the two main park buildings, and the park's gym floor is from the original David community school. History is literally right under your feet at Archer Park.

Community clubs and organizations like the Junior Women's Club, Zebulon Masonic Lodge, Jaycees, Kiwanis and veterans, along with countless individuals, raised money and provided physical labor to accomplish the goal of creating Archer Park. Even student groups like Prestonsburg Grade School's Co-Ed-Y had events such as talent shows to be able to contribute. One elderly shut-in believed so strongly in Dr. Archer's vision that she sent \$5 to help the children have a place to play. This was truly a community effort. The majority of the labor for construction was done by the Work Experience and Training participants who were funded by the federal government.

People in the community understood how proud my father was of this marvelous accomplishment that had been made possible through the generosity and dedication of such a large and diverse group of people. As proof, many of those people graciously gave memorials at the deaths of both of my parents to further the improvements of

Archer Park's facilities.

Today — two or more generations later — Archer Park still serves both the children and adults of this area. Even though there are athletic facilities at Stonecrest, it does not offer the many experiences that this park can. Archer Park is still a place where you can sit and watch little children play, take a swim on a hot summer day, hold a family reunion, celebrate birthdays whether outside or in the skating rink, or simply have a picnic. Presently, our children see in the news our troops fighting in foreign lands. Where else in our area can you better teach your children about the sacrifices made by generations of veterans? The War Memorial stands central in the park and honors individuals from all over our county. There simply is not another place in this town that allows you to do all of those things.

If tourism dollars are the issue, how do you measure the financial impact of school buses from neighboring counties enjoying school field trips, people gather for family reunions and parties at either the shelters or the skating rink? "Kids Day in the Park" is an event that brings people from all over our county. The park doesn't charge individual admission and reserving space is paid for by groups, so you can't point to revenue from individual gate receipts to track tourists. However, where do those people who come to the park pick up the supplies and food that they need? Where do they eat when they are finished with their day at the park? "Local businesses" is your most likely answer, and I would think that it would be difficult to track those dollars.

I served on the Archer Park Board as its treasurer for 10 years. I know that operating a facility like this is not easy. City parks are a service to the citizens of the community and historically do not make money. The city councils during my father's several terms showed that they were elected to improve the way of life for all the citizens of Prestonsburg. It is my hope that the present council can and will do the same.

My father was a visionary. His dream for the park has evolved over the many years that have passed since its creation. There were once shelters at the park for the county fair, a camping ground and a stage for bands to

play on so that teenagers could gather and dance. Archer Park needs to continue to evolve to serve the needs of the community that so lovingly built it so many years ago. Some of its purposes may need to be redefined for this day and age, such as the addition of biking or walking trails like in other cities. No matter what the path of evolution holds in this community, there is and will always be a need for Archer Park.

"Doc George" was always in favor of progress and he loved this area. He served the common man through his profession as a doctor, his office of mayor and his leadership in health care through the Floyd County Health Department and Highlands Regional Medical Center. He did so much for everyone that he knew and even more, quite possibly, for those he never had the opportunity to meet. His untimely death left us all with the many "what ifs" about what else he might have accomplished in the name of this area he called home and the people that he cared for so deeply. He put his heart and soul into this park and what it represented both to him and to the community.

Dare we erase his legacy?

Marthan Archer Damron
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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.

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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."

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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 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.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

This Mother's Day, show someone you love how much you care

by **KIMBERLY THOMPSON**
SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL EXPERT

Did you know that Social Security is committed to making sure that everyone potentially eligible for Extra Help files an application? So on this Mother's Day, there are a number of ways you can show someone you love how much you care. Consider doing something for them that can really make a difference. Show them how to get Extra Help with their Medicare prescription drug costs.

The high cost of medicine can be a burden on your loved ones who have limited income and resources. Extra Help — available through Social Security — can pay part of their monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The Extra Help could be worth an average of \$3,700 per year.

To figure out if they're eli-



Kimberly Thompson, Social Security Technical Expert

gible, Social Security needs to know your loved one's income and the value of their savings, investments and real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the Extra Help, your loved one must be receiving Medicare and have:

Income limited to \$15,315 for an individual or

\$20,535 for a married couple living together. Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. Some examples where income may be higher include if they or their spouse:

- Support other family members who live with them;
- Have earnings from work;

or

- Live in Alaska or Hawaii;

and Resources limited to \$11,710 for an individual or \$23,410 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an application that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. Contact your local Social Security office in Prestonsburg

for more information. Our representatives are available to answer questions and to assist you in filing for the Extra Help.

You may visit your local office at Social Security Administration, 1897 KY RT 321, Prestonsburg, KY. Our telephone number is 606-886-8525. Our office hours are 8:45 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

So remember on this Mother's Day, give someone you love something special: the piece of mind that comes with knowing extra help is available with Medicare prescription drug costs. Then go one step further — help them apply. There is no better way to show how much you care.

Obituaries

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Donna Mae Stepp
Donna Mae Stepp, age 60, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away Monday, May 7, 2007.

She was retired from the shipping department at Avon in Suwanee, and was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by her children: Tina Stepp and Cy Jenkins, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Roy F. McGregor Jr., of Lawrenceville, Ga.; brothers: Bobby Ray Reynolds of Hindman, Ky., Tommy D. Reynolds, Randy W. Reynolds, Rex Reynolds, Ronnie Reynolds, and C. V. Reynolds, all of Prestonsburg, Ky.; Danny Reynolds of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Billy J. Yonts of Prestonsburg, Ky.; a half-sister, Shirley Clemons of Leburn, Ky.; grandchildren: Jeremy A. Stepp and Brandi N. Stepp; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at noon, Thursday, May 10, in the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, with Rev. Jim Moore officiating.

Flowers accepted, or memorials to: American Cancer Society, Gwinnett County Unit, 6500 Sugarloaf Parkway, Ste. 260, Duluth, Georgia 30097.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m., and 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 9, at Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045, 770-962-3100.

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Card of Thanks

The family of Lloyd Harold Allen of David, Kentucky, would like to offer our deepest gratitude to those who helped in any way during our loss. We appreciate the beautiful flowers, the kind words, the food, and especially your prayers. We appreciate the wonderful message provided by Rev. Bill Parker, and we want to thank the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for the traffic control. And thank you, Hall Funeral Home and staff, for the dignified service. To everyone who helped in any way, Thanks, and God Bless.

THE FAMILY OF LLOYD HAROLD ALLEN

In Appreciation

The family of Charles Philip Dingus would like to send a heartfelt thank-you to the many people who provided so much love and support during the passing of our loved one. To the people who visited at the funeral home, sent flowers, food, or just offered prayers on our behalf. Thank you, Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, for the spiritual guidance, as well as the entire church family. We acknowledge and are truly grateful for the support of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for the escorts; and to the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their efficient and kind service. We are grateful to everyone who assisted in any way.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES PHILIP DINGUS

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Jonah "Teet" Isaacs Jr., of Teaberry, Kentucky, thank all those people who helped in any way at the passing of our loved one. We thank all who prepared food, sent flowers, or did any kind deed. Especially for the prayers. Thanks to Brothers Elisha Branham and James Branham for their consoling words at the funeral. Thanks to our Sheriff Blackburn for sending escorts to guide us safely to the final resting place. And thanks to the Hall Funeral Home, for making things a little easier for our family. God Bless.

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Northup offers sharpest criticism yet of governor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Republican gubernatorial candidate Anne Northup unleashed her sharpest criticism yet of Gov. Ernie Fletcher, charging that he didn't keep his promise to return strong ethics to state government and that he has embellished his administration's accomplishments.

"This administration has not been without scandal, because of that the Democrats are lined up to run against us," Northup said during a televised debate on Monday.

Six Democrats, including two former lieutenant governors and the speaker of the House, are in their party's primary election race.

The governor was indicted last year on charges that he illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs. That indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but a special grand jury

later issued its findings in the case, saying Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

Fletcher said the investigation and resulting indictment were politically motivated.

Northup, a former U.S. representative from Louisville, and Billy Harper, a wealthy Paducah businessman, said when they entered the race that the governor has been damaged politically beyond repair and would be a weak candidate to put up against Democrats in the November election.

"They're not going to trust the current administration to lead again," Northup said.

In the final and most testy of Kentucky Educational Television's Republican gubernatorial debates, Northup also criticized Fletcher for using a state airplane to travel to campaign fundraisers and for not releasing names of donors to a legal defense fund set up to cover

his attorney fees related to the special grand jury investigation.

Fletcher said he is reimbursing the state for many of those campaign trips. His campaign announced last week that it would pay the state \$19,359.21, a prorated share of travel expenses that totaled more than \$50,000 from July 2006 through April 2007.

Fletcher said he hasn't released names of donors to his legal defense fund because he fears retribution from Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office assisted the special grand jury that brought the indictment against the governor.

Stumbo, who is the running mate of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford, leaves the attorney general's office at the end of the year.

"As soon as this attorney general is out of office, we'll release those names," Fletcher

said.

Northup said there is "a bright line" between official and campaign expenses. She charged that until Fletcher got caught, he didn't offer to pay the money back.

Fletcher also defended his accomplishments, claiming he inherited and erased a projected budget deficit in excess of \$1 billion after he took office, that he has built more roads than any previous administration and that he reformed the state Medicaid program to ensure that the poor and elderly will continue to receive medical services.

The governor listed other accomplishments, from increasing teacher pay to creating new jobs, to initiating a newborn health screening program that is saving the lives of babies.

"That was a long list of accomplishments, and I must say I wish it was true," Northup said. "The fact of the

matter is it is an embellished record."

Harper stayed out of the fray between Northup and Fletcher, presenting himself as a businessman who will bring business principles to state government. "I'm not a politician," he said. "I'm not a legislator. I'm an executive."

Northup, who began her political career in the state House, served 10 years in Congress, representing Kentucky's largest city. She held onto the seat against a series of challengers, gaining a reputation as a prolific campaign fundraiser and bare-knuckled political fighter. Her winning streak ended in November when she lost the seat to Democratic challenger John Yarmuth, a Louisville publisher.

In Monday's debate, Northup said she is offering voters a fresh start after Fletcher's marred administration.

"It does not have to be this way," she said. "We can elect somebody who gives us a fresh start and a new opportunity."

The Democratic candidates are scheduled to take part in a debate next week at the public television studio in Lexington.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller withdrew from the race on Monday and endorsed former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear in the Democratic primary race. That leaves Beshear in the race with Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, House Speaker Jody Richards and Harlan demolition contractor Otis Hensley.

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Miller leaves governor's race, endorses Beshear

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — By withdrawing from the Kentucky governor's race, state Treasurer Jonathan Miller narrowed the political field and may have improved his new ally's chances at forcing at least a runoff, political experts said.

Miller, a two-time state treasurer, endorsed former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear on Monday, citing sagging poll numbers and dwindling campaign money. Miller also said he was hoping to prevent an "unelectable" Democrat from advancing to the fall election.

"Steve is not only an electable candidate but someone who will do an outstanding job for Kentucky," Miller said at a news conference alongside Beshear.

Miller shrank the crowded seven-way Democratic primary on May 22 at least a little, down to six candidates heading into the campaign's final two weeks. Miller's withdrawal, however, comes too late to have his name removed from the ballot and voters will instead be notified at each polling place of his absence.

A two-time state treasurer, Miller had been struggling to overcome low name recognition among voters. A poll by The Courier-Journal in February found that barely more than a quarter of those polled knew who he was.

Still, Miller said he thought he could have won, but that his continued presence in the race increased the odds that an "unelectable" nominee might get on the fall ballot, he said. Sagging poll numbers and dwindling campaign cash also contributed to his decision, Miller said.

"The odds are if I stayed in the race that there was a real possibility that the Democratic primary could produce a nominee who was unelectable in the fall — a nominee whose baggage would be picked apart and exploited," Miller said.

Seven Democrats are on the ballot for the May 22 primary as the party tries to unseat the first Republican governor in three decades. The others are Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, former Lt. Gov.

Steve Henry, demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr., Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford and House Speaker Jody Richards.

Considering the number of candidates involved, many have considered it virtually a lock that there would be a runoff election five weeks after the primary. State election law triggers a primary if one candidate in the race doesn't collect at least 40 percent of the vote.

Scott Lasley, a political scientist at Western Kentucky University, said it was uncertain which candidate would benefit with Miller now out of the race. It would probably serve as a "small boost" for Beshear, Lasley said.

It could solidify Beshear finishing in the top two spots, Lasley said. Whether Miller's supporters make the jump to Beshear is not automatic, but the two politicians share some approaches to government, Lasley said.

"I don't see it as an enthusiastic transfer of support but a practical one," Lasley said.

However, the move could ensure Beshear finishes with enough votes to make it into a runoff, Michael Baranowski, a political science professor at Northern Kentucky University, said.

"It's not like all of his support goes to Beshear just because he endorses him, but that sure puts him (Beshear) right up there even if half of his supporters go there," Baranowski said of Miller's supporters.

Meanwhile, Gov. Ernie Fletcher faces western Kentucky businessman Billy Harper and former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup in the Republican primary.

Fletcher drew the opponents from his own party after he was indicted on charges that he improperly awarded protected civil service jobs to political supporters. The charges were eventually dropped in a settlement with prosecutors.

While Fletcher maintained there was no wrongdoing, a grand jury's report determined Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated

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MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital employees Samantha Stratton, RD, Renee Chandler-Hall, R.Ph., Neva Francis, RN, MA, and Melinda Stumbo, RN, BSN, teamed up with Sharon Collins, Allen Central High School Youth Services Center coordinator to conduct senior interviews for those interested in the healthcare field.

"We began conducting senior interviews in 2005 as part of the transition phase from high school to 'adulthood,'" said Sharon Collins. "Our community is very supportive of this endeavor and actually conducts the interviews — making it a very realistic situation for the student."

Transition planning has been defined as a process that should help ensure a child's happiness, success and satisfaction after high school and onto further work and future education.

"It is a pleasure to be part of this program," said Melinda Stumbo, OLW's director of emergency services. "I have conducted interviews for ACHS the past

three years and have met some wonderful students. As a nurse and a 'baby boomer,' I am well aware of the nursing shortage that is upon us and I am overjoyed to talk with young people who are interested in the nursing field."

"I was very impressed with the determination that was evident in the young ladies I interviewed," said Renee Chandler-Hall, OLW's director of pharmacy. "I appreciated how serious and well prepared they came for the interview."

High school is the final transition into adulthood. Students are deciding who they are, what they do well, and what they will do after high school. It is a time when they begin to separate from their parents and define their independence.

"This was my first year working with Allen Central and I was pleased with the organization of the program," said Samantha Stratton, OLW's director of nutrition services. "The students are very fortunate to experience a real life situation such as this while in high school."

"It is wonderful to interview high school seniors and sense their excitement about the future," said Neva Francis, OLW's director of community outreach. "There is a Chinese proverb that says, 'I hear, and I forget. I see, and I remember. I do, and I understand.' I think it applies to the interviews — an invaluable experience for the students."

Our Lady of the Way is a member of Catholic Health Initiatives, a national non-profit corporation based in Denver, Colorado. The Catholic Health Initiatives health system, which is comprised of affiliated non-profit corporations located in 19 states, includes 68 hospitals; 44 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities; and five community-based health organizations. Catholic Health Initiatives represents more than 67,000 employees and consolidated annual operating revenues of \$6.1 billion. It is the second largest Catholic health system in the United States.



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Feds to unveil conclusions on Sago Mine disaster

by VICKI SMITH
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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Federal investigators will issue their report Wednesday on the Sago Mine disaster, which killed 12 West Virginia coal miners in a January 2006 explosion and prolonged entrapment underground.

Mine Safety and Health Administration chief Richard E. Stickler and lead investigator Richard Gates will brief the victims' families and surviving miner Randal McCloy Jr. privately at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon, then make the findings public.

At least one family hopes the report, 16 months in the making, provides answers that others have not.

But John Groves, whose brother Jerry died inside the mine, doesn't expect revelations. He believes the report will again blame a lightning strike for igniting a pocket of methane gas, but fail to explain the path the electricity traveled underground into the sealed chamber.

"I don't think they can

unequivocally tell us how it got there. There is no way they can say this is it, this is the spot it entered into the mine," he said Tuesday. "I don't think there's any proof inside the mine for them to tell us that."

McCloy family spokeswoman Aly Goodwin Gregg said her clients are also interested in hearing what federal investigators have to say. McCloy was carried out of the mine more than 41 hours after the explosion.

"They're hoping for answers, but they're just not sure they're going to get them," she said. "They're glad that this is the last report that they will receive, and they'll form their opinion afterward."

Two previous reports — one by the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety and Training, one by mine owner International Coal Group Inc. — identified lightning as the most likely cause. A third, by a former MSHA chief and special adviser to Gov. Joe Manchin, said lightning could not be ruled out.

The United Mine Workers union, which participated in the state and federal investiga-

tion, then issued its own report, offered a dissenting viewpoint: Its experts believe the spark came from friction in the mine's deteriorating rock roof and the metal support system used to hold it up.

The company idled the Sago Mine in March because of high production costs and low coal prices.

In December, Stickler told The Associated Press that if lightning did play a part in the blast, he wanted his investigators to explain how.

"If it was lightning, how did it get in the mine? If you don't know that, you don't know how to keep it out, do you?" he said at the time. "There's questions there we need the answers to."

Atmospheric alarms in the mine sounded at nearly the same instant as a documented lightning strike, at 6:26 a.m. on Jan. 2, 2006. But the United

Mine Workers — which was allowed to legally represent some workers at the nonunion mine — dismissed the lightning theory as "so remote as to be practically impossible."

The UMW argued that unlike other coal mine blasts linked to lightning, there was no metal conduit at Sago that could have carried the charge for two miles.

Groves said circumstantial evidence is not good enough.

"Undoubtedly, everything does point to lightning," he said. "But there are people who have been in prison for 20 years and everything pointed to the fact that they did the crime, and then it turns out they're innocent."

Groves said he will be "surprised and ecstatic" if MSHA could pinpoint the specifics of the disaster "because they'd know a way to prevent it from happening again."

"That's what this is all

about to me," he said. "This report has nothing to do with anything but prevention. ... And the prevention should start tomorrow, immediately after the meeting."

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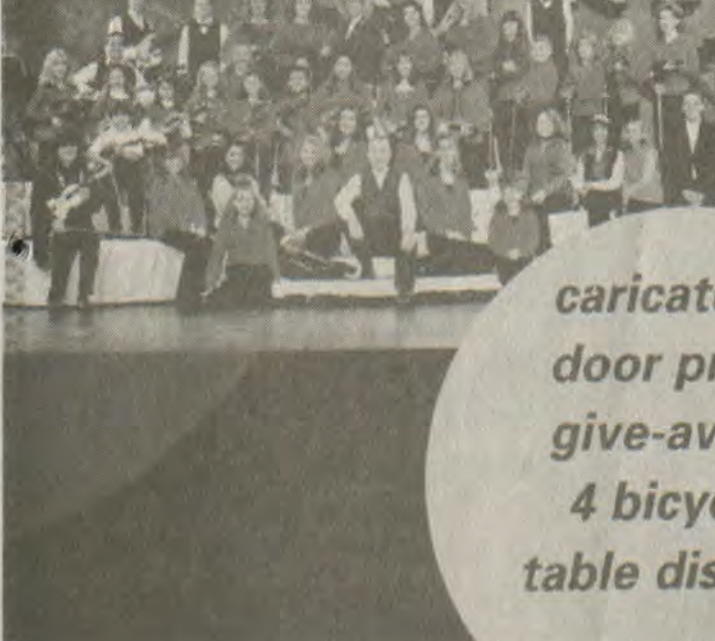
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13 Appalachian states collaborate in bid to fight heart disease

by TOM BREEN
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CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Doctors, lawmakers and specialists hope to launch a public health network in 13 states to change one of the stark facts of Appalachian life: Residents are 20 percent more likely to die from heart disease than the rest of the country.

The task won't be easy. States in Appalachia lead the country in heart disease risk

factors such as smoking, obesity and lack of exercise, and those factors could partly come from long-held cultural practices and beliefs.

That's why the two-day conference that began Thursday includes historians, who can explain the unique characteristics of the region that stretches from Mississippi into upstate New York, including parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North

Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and all of West Virginia.

Four of the five states with the highest rates of common heart conditions are in Appalachia, according to the CDC. West Virginia is the highest in the country, with about 10.4 percent of adults reporting a common heart condition such as coronary heart disease, compared to a national average of about 6.5 percent.

Four Appalachian states also rank in the top five for the highest rate of cardiovascular disease-related deaths, according to the American Heart Association, which also sponsored the conference. While researchers have known that for years, they still don't have a good explanation for it.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention sees an Appalachian effort as a way to improve the overall cardiovascular disease rate in America.

The CDC estimates heart disease will cost the United States roughly \$248 billion this year, according to Dr. Darwin Labarthe, the head of the agency's Division of Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention.

"The drop in the bucket is what's being invested now in prevention," he said.

Dr. Tom Pearson, chairman of the Department of Community and Prevention Medicine at the University of Rochester in New York, says likely factors include the region's lower economic status and a lack of access to health care.

But Pearson also said the traditional rural diet — high in fat and calories — has persist-

ed, even as rural labor has become less strenuous because of mechanization.

It can be misleading to look for a single cause in the culture of such a large region, though, according to John Williams, a historian at Appalachian State University in North Carolina. Even though there are similarities in rural living, he said, the culture in New York state is much different than in Mississippi.

What's more, some of the common risk factors in Appalachia may have less to do with traditional culture than with trends that can be seen nationwide, he said.

"Does the higher incidence of obesity come from the traditional Appalachian Sunday dinner, or is it from the spread of convenience stores and fast food in the last 25 years?" he asked.

Miller

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plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

It was Beshear — who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for governor in 1987 — who most closely matched his stance on political issues, Miller said.

"I voted for him 20 years ago, I'll vote for him two weeks from now," Miller said.

Whether Miller's support translates into more votes for Beshear is uncertain.

Former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., whose son is Richards' running mate, said he didn't think Miller's endorsement would affect the race.

"It's sort of like getting your children and family excited to support your second wife," Brown said.

In his campaign, Miller has said Democratic voters need to choose a nominee who can beat Fletcher in November and billed himself as "the candidate without the baggage."

Miller acknowledged Monday he was referring to Henry and Lunsford when he said the eventual nominee might have "baggage" that would be exploited by Republicans.

Henry has long denied any wrongdoing but in 2003 agreed to pay the government \$162,000 to settle allegations that he defrauded Medicare and Medicaid.

Lunsford founded the Fortune 500 company Vencor, which operated nursing homes and long-term-care hospitals before falling into bankruptcy in 1999. The company is now called Kindred Health Care, and is also a Fortune 500 company. In 2003, he sought the Democratic nomination for governor before dropping out late in the race and throwing his support to Fletcher, the GOP nominee.

Lunsford said Monday he was sorry to see Miller drop

out.

"As the campaign enters the last two weeks of the primary, we are focused on winning the governor's office back for the Democrats," Lunsford said.

Henry put out a statement that said he was confident he'd be successful on election day.

Miller used the post to be a vocal consumer advocate and has testified before the Senate banking committee about financial literacy and the threat credit card debt poses to college students. He was prohibited by term limits from running for re-election.

Miller's campaign contributions for his gubernatorial bid were in the ballpark with other candidates. He had raised a little more than \$1 million but had only about \$186,000 cash on hand at the end of the last campaign finance reporting period, according to records filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

His withdrawal Monday left other Democrats hoping to win over Miller's voters.

House Speaker Jody Richards thought that some of Miller's supporters might now get behind his campaign, spokeswoman Jennifer Brislin said.

"We expect a lot of the people who endorsed Miller to now endorse us," Brislin said.

But Galbraith said he thought he'd be picking up votes, too. Galbraith said he and Miller shared a platform aimed at government reform.

"We're going to get the majority of his supporters into our camp," Galbraith said.

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■ **ALAPAHA, Ga.** — Hogzilla, a near-mythical monster hog that roamed south Georgia, is about to get a little bigger.

An independent filmmaker is producing a horror movie about the super swine called "The Legend of Hogzilla," and has even enlisted the beast's killer on the set as an adviser.

"He's our hog expert," producer Rick Trimm said of guide Chris Griffin, who shot the huge porker in 2004 at a hunting preserve.

Photographs of the hog hanging from a backhoe were sent around the world, and the town of Alapaha 180 miles south of Atlanta quickly adopted Hogzilla as its own, even launching a parade in the pig's honor.

A National Geographic team confirmed the pig's existence in 2005 after exhuming the behemoth's remains. While the experts said the hog didn't exactly live up to the hype — local hunters said the pig was 12 feet long and weighed 1,000 pounds — they still discovered a mighty big hog. They estimated it weighed around 800 pounds and was probably about 8 feet long.

Lithium Productions says the production will need 200 locals for extras and is hosting tryouts next month.

"We don't need professional actors," Trimm said. "We need real people who are interested in the movie."

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — When Gregory Pike was told he had to have a busker's license for his strolling act consisting of a rat riding on the back of a cat riding on the back of a dog, he figured it would be no big deal to get the \$35 license.

But Pike said that when he came out of city hall with the itinerant vendor license, he walked into city animal control officers. They gave him citations for \$500 because Booger, his Rottweiler-Labrador mix, and Kitty, the gray-and-black cat, had no tags proving they had their rabies shots and had been spayed or neutered.

Pike also was not carrying the required poop bags.

Pike contends he is being harassed. But Carla Lopez, a spokeswoman for the city, said buskers who make their living with animals have to have the tags and have to pick up after themselves.

"That makes it so it works for everyone," she said.

Pike had moved from Santa Fe to St. Johns, Ariz., for the warmer weather, but said he came back to Santa Fe to make a little money.

However, he may not be walking around the Santa Fe Plaza for long with Booger, Kitty and Mousie if he has to come up with \$500 in fines, he said.

"I have a court date coming

up, and we'll see," he said.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Whenever Antonio Moreno wanted to see his girlfriend, police say, he'd jump in a car and drive right over.

But there was a problem. The 26 cars Moreno jumped into all belonged to someone else, according to authorities who arrested the 31-year-old near his Inglewood home on Wednesday. They said he was behind the wheel of a 1987 Toyota Camry when they found him.

Since January, police said, Moreno had been stealing Toyota Camrys and Nissan Sentras by using a simple device that starts Japanese cars of a certain age. Acting on a tip, members of a regional auto-theft task force took him into custody.

Some cars were stolen in Inglewood and abandoned in Santa Barbara, police said, while others were taken from Santa Barbara.

He was "stealing vehicles as transportation to pursue their relationship," according to a statement from Lt. Paul McCaffrey, a Santa Barbara Police Department spokesman.

He didn't have a driver's license or car of his own, police said.

Moreno was jailed in Los Angeles for investigation of auto theft and was to be transferred to Santa Barbara to face charges, police said. It wasn't immediately clear whether Moreno had an attorney.

His girlfriend, who was not arrested, told authorities she had been trying to dump him.

■ **WOLFEBORO, N.H.** — A shoplifter would have to run pretty far to get away from this 70-year-old clerk.

Judy Brenner sprinted about 100 feet to catch a teen she thought stole liquor Thursday from the store where she works in Wolfeboro.

Brenner, who ran the Boston Marathon this month, discovered the teen had a half-gallon of whiskey under his jacket. She and others who joined the chase helped detain him until police arrived.

"He didn't run, but he walked faster, so I picked up my pace," Brenner said. "I wasn't going to let him go."

Brenner, of Brookfield, said she ran 14 marathons decades ago and finished the Boston Marathon this month in just over five hours, placing sixth among the women in her age bracket.

The suspect was charged with theft and unlawful pos-

session of alcohol by a minor.

■ **EVANSVILLE, Ind.** — A 57-year-old man is accused of passing out sexually explicit fliers that included images of two ex-wives.

Gordon Wayne Wright was arrested Thursday and faces preliminary charges of distributing obscene matter and invasion of privacy, both misdemeanors, Evansville police said.

Police believe Wright distributed at least 1,000 copies of the fliers, which show two nude women in sexually explicit poses. Both women were identified as ex-wives of Wright.

Wright, contacted before his release through a jail representative, declined to comment to the Evansville Courier and Press newspaper.

He told police he was having a nervous breakdown and wanted to get back at one of

the ex-wives pictured, according to a police affidavit. He also stated that he only placed a box of the fliers in a roadside ditch.

Vanderburgh County 911 dispatchers received about 30 complaints from people who found the fliers, while dispatchers in Posey County received at least a dozen calls. According to the affidavit, complaints were so numerous that police began advising people to destroy the fliers rather than sending an officer to retrieve them.

■ **NEW OXFORD, Pa.** — A pair of deer took a quick tour of a retirement home after one accidentally triggered an automatic door.

The animals were wandering near the home Wednesday when one stepped on a mat that triggered a clear sliding door, according to staff members and surveillance tapes.

"The joke afterward was that they were trying to get in because it was taco day," said Frank Buhrman, spokesman for Cross Keys Village/The Brethren Home Community.

The deer ran down a hallway where two staff members were waiting for an elevator. The shocked staffers went into a cafeteria service area and closed the door, Buhrman said.

One deer walked into the elevator, but left before the door could close and take it to another floor, Buhrman said.

The deer then split up. One made it to a loading dock area and escaped through another automatic door. The other jumped through a window, Buhrman said.

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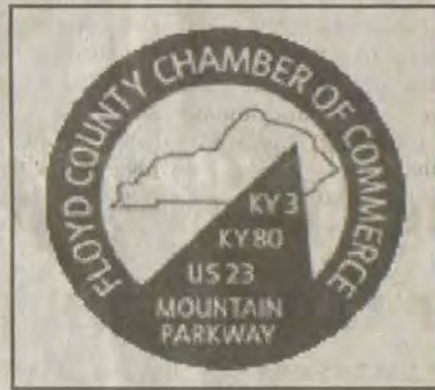
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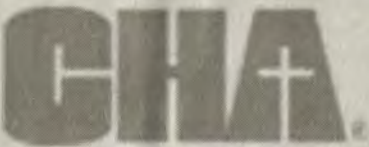


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Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar and Highlands Foundation create breast cancer detection trust fund

PRESTONSBURG — Almost everyone knows someone, a family member or a friend, that has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, other than skin cancer, and is the second leading cause of death in women, after lung cancer. The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer some time in her life is now 1 in 8 and the chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 33.

However, among all the bad news, there is also good news. Breast cancer death rates are going down. With modern detection methods, breast cancers are being identified in earlier stages when appropriate treatment can be done to prevent the spread of the cancer.

For women covered by private insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid, yearly mammography screening is usually a part of their routine annual health care exam. However, for women that work but have no insurance coverage through either their place of work or their spouse's work, finding the money to pay for screening mammography is difficult at best and often impossible because of income constraints. Women, when faced with a choice, usually put family needs ahead of their own, even their own health care needs.

Now there is even more good news related to breast cancer detection for women in our area. In an effort to help detect breast cancers in their early stages, Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar have made a \$25,000 donation to Highlands Foundation Inc., the philanthropic arm of Highlands Regional Medical Center, to establish a breast cancer detection trust fund to provide free screening mammograms.



Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar presented Highlands Foundation, Inc. with a \$25,000 donation to provide free screening mammograms for women who work but have no insurance coverage. In the photo, from left to right, are Dr. Philip Zambos, Highlands Radiologist, Dr. Gopal Majmundar, Dr. Mina Majmundar, Kathy Rubado, Executive Director of Highlands Foundation, and Greg Wilson, Chairman of the Board of Highlands Foundation.

The trust fund, known as the Majmundar Breast Cancer Detection Trust Fund, will be administered by Highlands Foundation and the screening mammograms will be performed in the Breast Center at HRMC.

The Majmundars are from Martin, where Dr. Gopal Majmundar has operated a successful pediatric and family practice for over 25 years. Dr. Mina Majmundar is an anesthesiologist and has practiced at HRMC for over 25 years. As physicians who have dedicated their lives to healing the sick and improving health care in the area, the Majmundars wanted to do something to make a positive difference in the communities where they have practiced. In addition to the contribution establishing the breast cancer detection

fund, the Majmundars also fund a scholarship program for area high school seniors.

The Majmundar Breast Cancer Detection Trust Fund does have specific guidelines. It is designated exclusively for women who work but have no insurance coverage through their or their spouse's workplace. It is limited to women who live in Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Martin or Magoffin counties. To qualify for a screening mammogram through the trust fund, an applicant must have a household income of \$25,000 or less.

In order to make the trust funds last for a minimum of five years, only 10 screening mammograms per month will be performed though the trust fund.

To join in the community

effort addressed by the trust fund, HRMC and Dr. Philip Zambos, HRMC radiologist, reduced their costs for services according to the trust fund guidelines.

For more information or to schedule an appointment for a screening mammogram through the Majmundar Breast Cancer Detection Trust Fund at HRMC, call the HRMC Central Registration Office at 889-6234 or toll free at 1-877-889-6254.

Highlands Foundation, Inc. is a not for profit, 501 c 3, organization whose sole purpose is to increase philanthropic support of Highlands Regional Medical Center and its efforts to bring continued improvements in healthcare

services to the community, and to assist other charitable tax-exempt entities within eastern Kentucky for the purposes of the promotion of health, establishing programs of community education and involvement, and development of community services. The Majmundar Breast Cancer Detection Trust Fund is the first Foundation endeavor and will be a great health benefit for women in the area. In the event a screening mammogram should result

in the need for further diagnosis, HRMC's financial counseling services will assist in making arrangements through the appropriate agency for women to receive further care.

Contributions to Highlands Foundation are charitable tax deductions and can be made by contacting the Foundation office at 889-6271. All contributions will be used locally to improve healthcare services for people in our area.



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Drug maker to pay \$19.5 million over OxyContin promotion

by PAT EATON-ROBB
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HARTFORD, Conn. — Drug maker Purdue Pharma L.P. has agreed to pay \$19.5 million to 26 states and the District of Columbia to settle complaints over its promotion of the powerful painkiller OxyContin, the company said Tuesday.

Kentucky and several other states complained that Purdue encouraged physicians to prescribe OxyContin for use every eight hours, rather than the 12-hour dose approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"We're raising the bar on off-label marketing and other promotion tactics that lead to abuse and diversion of pre-

scription drugs," Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said. "Our combined state legal campaign will stop this manufacturer from promoting a powerful drug for inappropriate uses."

OxyContin is a time-release painkiller that can be highly addictive. Designed to be swallowed whole and digested over 12 hours, the pills can produce a heroin-like high if crushed and then swallowed, snorted or injected.

Among other things, the settlement requires Purdue to abide by warnings on a packaging insert, stop marketing the drug for use in ways other than approved by the FDA, and improve internal controls.

"It has always been

Purdue's written policy that promotion of its products must adhere to FDA-approved prescribing information for those products as well as applicable laws," the Stamford-based company said in a statement.

The settlement also resolves allegations that Purdue Pharma failed to fully disclose the abuse risks of Oxycontin, Blumenthal said.

The other states taking part in the settlement are Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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Scott presents keynote address for 2007 Law Day ceremony at Capitol

FRANKFORT — Supreme Court Deputy Chief Justice Will T. Scott encouraged 149

new attorneys to carry out their work with courage at the annual Law Day ceremony

May 1 at the Capitol.

"It's not the number of times you fall down in life that

counts — it's the number of times you get up!" said Justice Scott, who gave the keynote address for Law Day. "In my lifetime I've seen a lot of young lawyers who were so afraid of making mistakes they were afraid to try. If you're going to be successful in life you have to try and at times you will fail, but if you're not afraid of falling down, you will be successful and that's living. It falls to you now to help define our world's ever-changing shape, speed and boundaries. You will do this with your skills, with your humanity, at times with your courage, but always with your integrity."

The full text of Scott's speech is at www.courts.ky.gov under News of Interest.

The Kentucky Court of Justice celebrates the legal profession each year during Law Day by installing new attorneys and presenting the Law Related Education Award of Achievement to individuals



Justice Will T. Scott

who have made outstanding contributions to educating youth about the law, the legal process and the principles of our constitutional democracy.

Justice Scott was elected in 2004 to represent the 7th Supreme Court District, which consists of 22 counties in Eastern Kentucky. In July 2006, he was appointed Deputy Chief Justice by Chief Justice Joseph E. Lambert. Justice Scott's home chambers are in Pikeville. He is a Pike

County native who graduated from Pikeville College and then earned a law degree and a master's degree in taxation law from the University of Miami in Florida. Before joining the Supreme Court of Kentucky, he had practiced law for more than 30 years as a circuit judge, trial attorney and assistant commonwealth's attorney. He is a decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

The Supreme Court is the state court of last resort and the final interpreter of Kentucky law. Seven justices sit on the Supreme Court and all seven rule on appeals that come before the court. The justices are elected from seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Supreme Court may order a ruling or opinion to be published, which means that the ruling becomes the case law governing all similar cases in the future in Kentucky.

Teacher

and Wal-Mart distribution centers across the country, local teachers have been named as winners of the coveted award.

Teachers were nominated by their local community members in February and selected by a committee of store or club associates. Nationwide, more than 4,000 teachers were honored by the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year program this May 8 in honor of National Teachers Day. Winners received a check for \$1,000 for their respective schools, a \$100 gift card to be used for classroom supplies, a

Teacher of the Year polo shirt, and a personalized certificate.

All local winning teachers will have the opportunity to apply for state Teacher of the Year honors. The teacher chosen as winner on the state level will receive a \$10,000 grant for their school. State winners are automatically entered into the national competition, with the opportunity to receive a \$25,000 education grant for a total of \$36,000 being awarded to the national winner's school.

The Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year program began in

1995, and since its inception, Wal-Mart has honored more than 25,000 teachers nationwide and donated more than \$18.5 million to local schools. Wal-Mart is one of the largest corporate supporters of teachers and education — last year alone giving more than \$57 million in support of educational initiatives.

"Lisa does a great job for our school and she deserves this honor," said South Floyd High School Principal Keith Henry. "This is a great honor and a privilege for her and for our school."

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Group

migraines. Other neurological symptoms such as vision problems, dizziness and impaired coordination may also accompany FM.

Experts estimate that 10 million Americans and approximately 5 percent of the population worldwide suffer from FM. While most common in women, the disease can affect anyone.

The cause of FM remains a mystery, but it has been found to follow physical trauma such as an acute illness or injury which acts as a trigger in the development of the disorder. Research has also suggested a

genetic component.

"I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia in 2005 after years of pain and searching for what was wrong with my body and mind. I was told by many physicians that the pain was all in my head," said Marcia Thompson, RN and manager of the PBH Sleep Diagnostic Lab. "After working at the sleep lab for several months and watching the number of people being diagnosed with sleep disorders that were linked to fibromyalgia pain, I knew we somehow needed to raise community awareness about this disorder. I checked

for support groups and sadly there were none listed in our area. I thought how appropriate it would be if we held our first meeting the same week the NFA names May 12 as National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day."

The first Fibromyalgia Support Group meeting will take place at the Sleep Diagnostic Lab, Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 7:30 pm. The lab is located at 824 South Mayo Trail in Paintsville. The meeting is open to the public. For more information call (606) 789-2805, or 297-1945.

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Safety

had some serious problems."

Huffman brought along with him the mug shots of himself several years ago, a time in his life he says that he was on the brink of death.

"There ain't nothing cool about it," Huffman says. "It was one of the hardest things I went through in my life."

Huffman described crushing up his pills in his high school textbooks while sitting in class and not one teacher or one of his friends ever attempted to help him with his drug problem.

"Nobody cared enough about me to be a snitch or a narc," he said. "It was only by the grace of God that I made it through prom and graduation. I hope that somebody says today that they're not going to let one of their friends go down the wrong path."

The Big Sandy Singers and winners of the Big Sandy Idol competition entertained the

crowd of high school students following Huffman's speech.

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Gov. Ernie Fletcher, joined by Kentucky Education Cabinet Secretary Laura E. Owens and members of the General Assembly, signed a proclamation declaring March 8, 2007, as National Board Certified Teacher Day in the commonwealth. The event also served to honor the 218 teachers who earned certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in 2006. Attending the proclamation signings in the Capitol rotunda and declaration readings in both the House and Senate chambers were Floyd County teachers Susan Cooley Greene, Amy Mayo Halbert, and Wendy Reed Poe, all National Board Certified Teachers for 2006. They were accompanied by Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier, Assistant Principal Terri Hall, Instructional Supervisor Roy Johnson, and Wes Halbert. The teachers were special guests of Senator Johnny Ray Turner and introduced on the Senate floor.

Mining

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, one of seven Democratic contenders in the governor's race, agrees with Miller that the time has come to give mountaintop removal a serious review.

"I don't know that you want to one day come and see every mountain in eastern Kentucky leveled off," Henry said. "That doesn't make much sense."

Tourism is too important in mountain communities, Henry said, to permit widespread destruction by mining companies.

"We need to protect the area, the streams, the environment as much as possible," he said.

Former Gov. Paul Patton, a coal operator from Pikeville and a Democrat, said he believes the politically correct stand for candidates to take is to support mountaintop removal, which he said has been grossly misrepresented by the popular media.

Besides providing needed jobs for miners, Patton said mountaintop removal also has created needed flat land in an area that is so steep and mountainous that there would be precious little space for economic development.

"I think the candidates pretty well know that people in the region support mountaintop mining, not just for economic benefit but for the value of the land after you get through," Patton said.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, said he opposes a ban on mountaintop removal. He, like House Speaker Jody Richards, another of the

Democratic gubernatorial candidates, said he prefers enforcing existing laws governing the practice.

Another Democrat, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, said if he's elected he would call for a meeting of industry leaders, local officials and environmentalists to determine what changes are needed.

"Mining is an important part of our economy, and we need to strike a balance between the economic benefits

of coal mining and protecting the environment, he said.

Miller said he agrees with that approach.

"I'm not calling for an immediate ban or moratorium because we don't need to do anything that would completely disrupt coal mining," Miller said. "But what we have to do immediately is bring together the interested parties to figure out ways to mine coal that are less destructive to the environment. That dialogue needs to start immediately."

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Card of Thanks

Strangers became friends, friends became family, and family became closer during the sudden illness and passing into Heaven of our loved one, Edward Caudill

Many of his church family and friends came while he was in the hospital; each of you lifted his spirits with prayer and love. Others of you came to comfort us; whispering words of sorrow and sympathy, reminiscing of times when he made an impact on you and your families' lives that only you, him and GOD knew about, sent flowers, food, cards and donations to his church. Everything you did comforted us, as we were realizing just how much we are going to miss him; as a husband, daddy, Pa, brother, uncle, church deacon and friend.

During his illness, the LORD sent us some very special medical staff at HRMC. An extra special thank-you to Dr. Larry Leslie (Heaven-sent at critical times), Sherry Dings and the ICU nurses (Jennifer, Cheryl, Jonni, Becky, Stephanie, Tonya, Kim, Elizabeth, Lema); Dr. Bader, Dr. Sikder, Dr. Dilauto, Dr. Faria; Second Floor staff, Liz, Christine P., Sherry and Greg; Fourth Floor staff, Brenda H. and Donna. To those of you that we do not know your names, please know that your faces and kindness will never be forgotten. Without all of you, the entire Caudill family wouldn't have known that in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, are medical professionals with the knowledge, skills and human spirit that cared for and about Edward Caudill and his family. Every one of you fought for his earthly life while touching his soul and ours.

Thank-you to the DAV Auxiliary, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, and the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church. To everyone we say, thank you. May GOD bless each of you and your families.



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During the time she was caring for my grandparents, I was preparing for my high school and college graduations, but she still managed to be there by my side during those special times.

While away from home in Ohio, spending the last days of her grand-



mother's life by her side, she continued to support me and my preparations for my wedding, to be held within a week. She wanted to ensure that even though we were faced with grief, my special day would be a happy and memorable one. We faced saying goodbye, to my great-grandmother four days before my wedding. Even in deep sorrow, my mother stood by my side and made my wedding day the special day it was meant to be.

My mother amazes me. She has been through so much in life, but is still the best person you could ever meet. All of her friends and family thank her daily for everything she has ever done for them. She will do anything in her power to help you in your time of need. My mother has always put others in front of herself. And now she deserves a day to relax and enjoy life.

I love my mother more than anything in this world, and I want to thank her for being the best mother any-

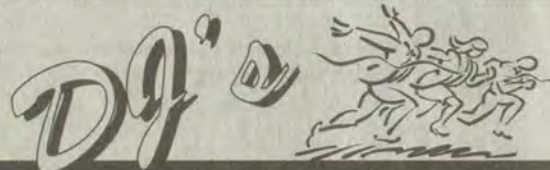
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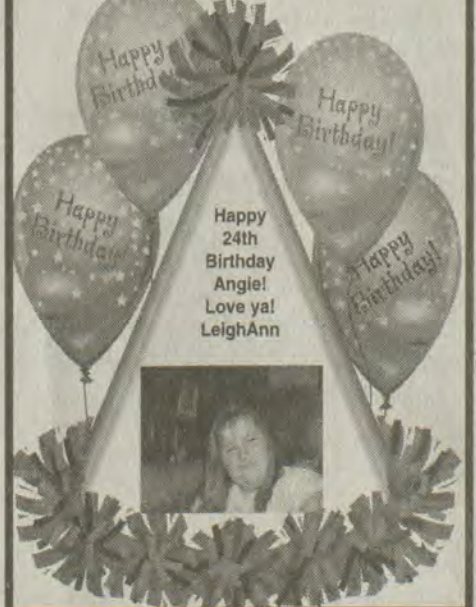
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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Stoney & Lois Newsome, 17731 Kentucky Rt. 122, Hi Hat, KY 41636, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a residential home. The side is approximately 1.0 mile southwest of the post office at Hi Hat, on the left ascending side of Left Fork of Beaver Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303, Amendment No. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 162.77 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 187.86 acres making a total area of 1162.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Evan and Audie Howell, Carmel and Marie Clark, F.W. Newsom Heirs, Blaine and Zella Slone Heirs, James McKinney, Joseph C. Akers, Glen and Willa Jean Tackett, Maggie Howell, et al., and Evan Howell.

The amendment will underlie land owned by Olivia Hamilton, Darvene Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Jr., et al., F. W. Newsom Heirs, Carmel and Marie Clark, and Joseph C. Akers and Richard Hamilton et al. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area method of surface mining.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0334 Amendment No. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, 433 Daniels Creek Road, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 242.1 acres of surface disturbance and add additional 4.9 acres of underground acres making the total area within the permit

boundary will be 858.68 acres. The amendment area is approximately 1.5 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the area mining method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Nelson Prater, John Henry Hale, and Jerry Banks.

The amendment 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, 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 INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0341, Amendment #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC., 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo in Floyd County. The amendment will add 192.92 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 320.92 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is located approximately 0.2 mile northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288 and located on Prater Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Grady Stephens, Darrell Stephens, Sherri Allen, Abe Shepherd Heirs, William May, and Mysania Moore.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Notice of Public Meeting Kentucky Blood Center
5:30 p.m., May 23, 2007 at Floyd

County Library
A public meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 at Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding a proposed new bloodmobile. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Harold E. Meade. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Coyote Den Inc. The nature of the business will be live music (bands) dancing, beer by the drink and wine coolers. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good

moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application, has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than May 17, 2007, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for May 17, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County

Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
Floyd County Attorney

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 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 836-8061. 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.

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Lindon signs with ALC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Knott County Central High School basketball standout Michael Lindon, a 6-3 guard/forward, has signed with the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program. Lindon will have the opportunity to play in-county for the Eagles. ALC head coach Gary Gibson has signed Lindon as part of a very promising recruiting class. As a member of the ALC men's basketball

program, Lindon will play in the KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference).

"Michael is a very versatile player," said Gibson. "He can play the point guard position as well as on the wing. He is very athletic and a good defensive player. He has a great attitude about the game. We are looking forward to Michael becoming a part of the Eagle basketball team."

Lindon joins Corey Dixon (6-8 center, Pulaski County) and Casey Dalton (6-0 PG, Pulaski

Southwestern) as new members of the Eagle basketball program for next season.

Lindon ranked as one of the 14th Region's most athletic players. The Knott County Central standout averaged a near double-double for the Patriots, scoring 11 points and pulling down 9.2 rebounds per game. Lindon also averaged four assists per outing for the Patriots during the 2007-08 season.



Knott County Central senior Michael Lindon has signed to play basketball at nearby Alice Lloyd College.

(See SIGNING, page two)

Beaver Junction Motocross set to open

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DWALE – Beaver Junction Motocross will hold its grand opening on Sunday, May 13. Practice will be held before the races from 9 to 11 a.m. Racing at the Dwale track will get underway at noon.

Beaver Junction has additional race dates scheduled for May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 23, Oct. 7 and Oct. 21. Practice dates are set for May 26; June 9;

(See MOTOCROSS, page three)

Route 7 Motocross Park to host races

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HUEYSVILLE – Rout 7 Motocross Park will host races on Saturday, May 12. The motocross track is on Rt. 7 at Hueysville. From Garrett, turn right on Rt. 5550, east to Rt. 7. From there, the track is located north 1.5 miles on Old Bosco Rd.

Classes will include 50cc Four Stroke/Shaft/Oil Injected 4-8 year-olds; 50cc Open; 70cc-110 cc Auto; 65 Beginner; 65; 85 Beginner; 85; 80-1500cc Four

(See RACES, page two)



Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn turned laps at Kentucky Speedway last week during a testing session that included a total of 13 ARCA RE/MAX Series drivers.

photos by Michael Stratton of Michael's Photography

Blackburn headed back to Kentucky Speedway

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Local driver Steve Blackburn will return to racing on Saturday when the ARCA RE/MAX Series visits Kentucky Speedway for the Buckle-Up Kentucky 150. Blackburn, who races out of Prestonsburg, finished 14th in an ARCA RE/MAX Series race at Kentucky Speedway in 2005 in his first race in the series. His career-best qualifying run was 11th at Kentucky Speedway in 2005. He qualified 26th at Nashville Superspeedway in 2006. Last week, Blackburn was one of 13 ARCA RE/MAX drivers to test at Kentucky Speedway. He didn't post the fastest time during the testing session, but turned in a quality time of 31.91 – 169.23 miles per hour. Blackburn's time was eighth-fastest among 13 drivers.

"We went back and changed the shocks after

(See BLACKBURN, page two)



Keaton signs to golf at Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville High School senior golf Jared Keaton has signed to continue playing golf at Georgetown College. Keaton inked with Georgetown College during a signing ceremony held last week.

During his high school career, Keaton participated in two state golf tournaments. Keaton, a three-sport standout who also played basketball for the Tigers and is currently nearing the end of another baseball season, claimed medalist honors during his junior golf campaign. The versatile Keaton served as cap-

(See GOLF, page two)

Eagles claim KIAC honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Several members of the Alice Lloyd College baseball program claimed honors last week at the KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) baseball tournament. ALC standouts Lamar Williams (OF, P) and Kyle Potter (OF, P) were named KIAC First-Team All-Conference. Williams was also runner-up for the KIAC Player of the Year award. Potter was named KIAC Rookie-of the Year following an exceptional debut season.

Alice Lloyd catcher C.J. Lynn, second baseman Justin

(See EAGLES, page two)



BEHIND THE PLATE: Eighth-grader Erica Meade has settled into the role of starting catcher for the Prestonsburg High School softball team.

P'burg track and field program competes in FCA Meet

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLIAMSBURG – The Prestonsburg High School track and field teams competed in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Meet held on Saturday at the University of The Cumberlands. The Prestonsburg girls finished 12th. In the boys' meet, Prestonsburg pulled off an 11th place finish. Model won the girls' portion of the event. On the boys' side, Covington Catholic prevailed. Other participating teams included Whitley County, Clay County, Owensboro Catholic, Lexington Christian, Pineville, Southwestern, Frankfort, Corbin, Pulaski County, Somerset and Williamsburg.

Prestonsburg High track and field athletes set several personal and invitational records during the FCA meet.

"I'm not happy with the team placement, but with this many personal records you can't complain," said Prestonsburg Coach Deway Jamerson. "We go to these bigger meets to show ourselves that we can run

faster time."

The following are personal records set. Girls' Open 200 Meter Dash: 29.83, Kelli A Burchell. Girls' Open 1600 Meter Run: 6:37.01, Elizabeth Chaffin. Girls' Open 300 Meter Hurdles: 56.92, Emily Stanley.

Girls' Open High Jump: 4-00.00, Alyssa Allen. Boys' Open 200 Meter Dash: 26.01, Clay Jamerson. Boys' Open 800 Meter Run: 2:14.76, Jordan Watkins; 2:22.48, Shane Poynter. Boys' Open 3200 Meter Run: 14:26.89, Ryan Johnson. Boys' Open 300m Hurdles: 47.11, Joseph Jamerson; 51.51, Matt Blevins. Boys' Open Triple Jump: 33-08.75, Joseph Jamerson; 29-08.75, Devin Clifton. Boys Open Shot Put: 33-05.00, Matt Blevins. Boys Open Javelin: 116-09.00, Josh Shepherd; 101-02.00, Matt Blevins.

The following are invitational records set during the FCA meet:

Amber Whitaker – 200 Meter Dash; Elizabeth Chaffin – 1600 Meter run; Emily

(See TRACK, page two)

Blackburn

the morning session and did better in the afternoon during the testing," Blackburn confided. "There were some real good teams testing. We ended up in good shape at the end of the day."

Alex Yontz, Michelle Theriault and Erik Darnell each clocked in at 31.29 seconds around the 1.5-mile oval - 172.58 miles per hour. The trio led the 13-driver contingent.

Blackburn is piloting a 2007

Dodge Charger. He previously drove a Dodge Intrepid.

"The car is quite different, but we've been able to adjust," Blackburn added. "We've got a good crew, the same guys we've had in place for a few years now."

Gary Hostettler serves as crew chief for the Steve Blackburn Motorsports Dodge Charger. The crew includes spotter Shawn Blackburn, Darrell Salisbury, Reggie

Caudill, Sharon Hostettler, Ted Austin, Greg Hall and Steve Dawson.

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Racing Series regional champion is eager to get back out on the track.

"We're looking forward to the Kentucky Speedway race," Blackburn commented. "We plan to run both races at Kentucky Speedway and do some traveling to other tracks as well."

Blackburn and his raceteam also plan to revisit Lonesome Pine Raceway during the 2007 season. LPR is scheduled to reopen during the

upcoming weekend, the same time when Blackburn will be turning laps at Kentucky Speedway. A former track champion, Blackburn could drive his Late Model at the Coeburn, Va., track later in the spring and throughout the upcoming summer.

Steve Blackburn Motorsports is currently pursuing additional sponsorship. For more information on the sponsorship opportunities, call, toll-free, 1-888-718-0091.

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Eagles fall to Spalding in KIAC's second round

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team closed out its season last week in the KIAC Tournament at Berea College. ALC started

the tournament with a first round win over Berea, winning 17-6. The Eagles led 15-0 after five innings. Matthew Toney got the Eagles off to a good start with a first inning grand slam. He finished with

two hits and five RBIs. Lamar Williams had three hits and an RBI. C.J. Lynn (two hits, one RBI), Tyler Turner (one hit, three RBIs), Adam Adkins (two hits), Robert Smith (two hits) and Kevin Slone (two RBIs) also had productive games. The Eagles banged out 16 hits in the game. Timmy Taylor was the starting and winning pitcher for Alice Lloyd.

The Eagles faced top

ranked Spalding University in the second round, losing 12-1. Trenton Vanhoose picked up two of Alice Lloyd's six hits in the game and Turner had the team's only RBI. Travis Slusher was the starting and losing pitcher for the Eagles.

The Eagles then faced Berea again in the loser's bracket of the double-elimination tournament. Berea jumped out early in the game, scoring seven runs in the sec-

ond inning. The Eagles fought back and tied the game in the ninth inning. They scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth to tie the score at 9-9. However, Berea won 11-9 with two runs in the 11th inning. Justin Woodard was the starting pitcher. Kevin Davidson pitched 8 1/3 innings and too the loss. Spalding University beat Brescia University in the conference tournament title game.

Softball: The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagle softball team ended its season last Friday in the first round of the KIAC Tournament at Midway. They lost to Indiana University-Southeast 14-0 in the single elimination tournament. Krista Hardy belted a double and Nicole Slone had a single. IUS won the tournament, beating Spalding University in the finals.

Motocross

June 23; July 7; July 21; Aug. 4; Aug. 18; Sept. 1, Sept. 15; Sept. 29; Oct. 13; Oct. 27.

Classes for the track are 50 Four-Stroke/Shaft/Oil Injection 4-8 Years; 50 Open; 65 Beginner; 65 Open; 85 Beginner; 85 Open; 70-110 Auto; 80-150 Four-Stroke; 125 A; 125 B; 125 C; 125 D; 250 A; 250 B; 250 C; 250 D; c/d Unlimited; Women's 25 Plus; Women's 30 Plus; Women's 40 Plus.

Beaver Junction Motocross sponsors are Prestonsburg Cycle Center and ATV Direct.

For more information on Beaver Junction Motocross, call 606/874-8608.

Directions to the Dwale track follow.

Traveling South from Prestonsburg on US 23, pass the US 23 and 80 Junction, go approximately one mile and turn left at Dwale sign. The turn off is at the end of the concrete dividers. Cross the railroad tracks, go left to the of the road and the track is on the right.

Traveling North from Pikeville on US 23, pass the intersection at Allen, take the first right after passing the intersection, cross the railroad tracks, go left to the end of the road and the track is on the right.

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Track

Stanley - 300 Meter Hurdles and Javelin; Jordan Watkins - 800 Meter Run and 1600 Meter Run; Chayse Martin - High Jump.

The Prestonsburg Boys' 4x800 meter relay team (Shane Poynter, Brad Stanley, Shane Williamson, Jordan Watkins) set a school record.

The Prestonsburg boys' 4x200 meter relay team ran its fastest time of the season.

Prestonsburg hosted a home meet on Tuesday, but results were unavailable at press time. The Prestonsburg track and field athletes will compete in the Area 9 Championship on Thursday at Pikeville.

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Races

Stroke; 125 B, C, D; 250 B, C, D; Unlimited C and D; 25 Plus; 30 Plus; 40 Plus.

During Saturday's races, cash prizes of \$50 will be awarded for first-place in the 50cc Four Stroke, 12C, 85 Beginner and 250 B classes. All first-, second- and third-place finishers will receive a trophy.

There is a \$15 entry fee per class. The fee is nonrefundable after practice. Admission to the track is priced at \$6 per person.

Cash prizes will be donated and distributed randomly to classes.

Rt. 7 Motocross Park is one of two area tracks set to host motocross racers during the upcoming weekend. Beaver Junction Motocross at Dwale will host racers during a grand opening event on Sunday, May 13.

For complete race dates and practice times for Rt. 7 Motocross Park, call 606/946-2648 or 606/884-2288.

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Eagles

Jacobs, third baseman Tyler Turner and designated hitter Matthew Toney were named KIAC Second Team All Conference. Potter, Lynn, Jacobs, Turner, Robert Smith, Adam Adkins, Kevin Davidson, and Jason Bowling

were named to the KIAC All Freshman Team after each turned in a great debut performance. Jacobs was also named to the KIAC Gold Glove Team. Turner and Jacobs are Allen Central High School graduates.

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Golf

tain of the Paintsville High golf team during his senior season. Keaton, who owns an outstanding 3.9 Grade Point Average, received a Presidential Scholarship in addition to the golf scholarship.

Smith inks with Pikeville baseball program: Shelby Valley senior first baseman Patrick Smith signed a letter of intent to play college baseball

at Pikeville College last week. Smith is also a left-handed pitcher for the Wildcats. The Shelby Valley senior joins a Pikeville College baseball program that finished the latest season 19-28-1. The Bears dropped 12 of their last 14 games under first-year head coach Don Ashby. Pikeville, however, showed much promise under the first-year mentor.

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Signing

The newest Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team member helped Knott County Central win the 53rd District championship during the 2006-07 season. The Patriots pulled off a 61-58 upset win over the June Buchanan School in the district championship game. Knott County Central reached the 14th

Region Tournament semifinals, falling to Hazard. The Patriots ousted Owsley County in the opening round of the regional tournament, winning convincingly.

The ALC men's basketball team will be minus just three seniors from this past season's team.

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ALL SMILES: Prestonsburg High School softball players Rikki Hughes (left), Erica Meade (middle) and Katie Lemaster (right) were all smiles during a recent game.

Eagles win series over Samford

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Matt Clark pitched a five-hit shutout Sunday afternoon as the Morehead State Baseball Eagles defeated Samford, 8-0, and took a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series, two-games-to-one.

Clark (3-3), who had picked up a save in game one of the series on Saturday, gave up four singles and a double and did not allow a base runner past second base in the nine-inning contest.

MSU, now 15-31 overall and 8-13 in the OVC, scored three runs in the second inning. Chris McCaslin had a run-scoring single, Nick Bobrowski had a sacrifice fly and Dustin Miles had an RBI double.

The Eagles added four runs in the fifth inning thanks to control problems by Samford pitchers. Three runs scored on bases-loaded walks to Marc Midden, Bobrowski and Miles, plus Christian Winstanley had an RBI single.

Kinder's double in the sixth inning scored Donald Cheney

with the final run of the game.

Samford starter Chandler Tidwell (3-5) allowed nine hits and six runs in four-plus innings and suffered the loss. Bear Burnett had three hits in four at bats.

The Bulldogs are 23-26 overall and 8-13 in the league.

Winstanley had four hits in five at bats on Sunday. Kinder had two hits in five at bats in Sunday's game and was eight-of-13 in the three-game series.

Archer Park to host softball meeting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The popular men's softball league will return to Archer Park for the 2007 season. A coaches meeting for the league will be held at Archer Park on Tuesday, May 15. The meeting is scheduled to get underway at 6 p.m. During the meeting, league rules will be covered and Park Director David Baldrige will be present to answer any questions coaches may have. Any team that is planning to participate in the

league during the 2007 season should send a team representative or contact Baldrige via phone at 606/886-6390. This is necessary to ensure that each team is put on the league's schedule.

In addition to the men's league, the park will host a coed/church league and women's league if enough teams are interested. Baldrige is also the contact person for the coed/church and women's leagues. The Archer Park Director can also be reached via phone at 791-3537.

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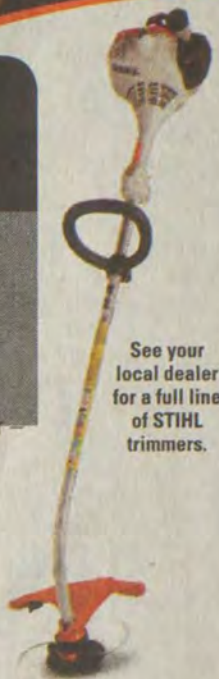
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Street Sense wins Kentucky Derby with stunning dash from far back

by BETH HARRIS
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LOUISVILLE — A mile into the Kentucky Derby, all the other horses were motoring along in fourth gear when Street Sense kicked it into fifth. Then he zeroed in on his last challenger, Hard Spun, went wide, and burned up the final quarter-mile like a dragster.

"After that," jockey Calvin Borel said, "it was just a matter of how far he'd win."

Street Sense showed plenty of that Saturday by smartly picking his way through traffic, roaring from next-to-last in a 20-horse field to win by 2 1/4 lengths. His final move was so powerful, it looked as though he might knock rival Any Given Saturday into the grandstand.

"Street Sense came blowing through there and it was like a big old wave," jockey Garrett Gomez said. "He knocked my horse out from under me and knocked him off his feet again."

"But that's the Kentucky Derby."

The dark bay colt was so commanding that he broke two Derby jinxes and put a couple of guys in the winner's circle late in their careers.

"I can't believe it. I can't believe it. This is the toughest race in the world to win," trainer Carl Nafzger said.

While it was the 65-year-old Nafzger's second Derby win in three tries, trainer Todd Pletcher, who had a record-tying five horses, was skunked again. He is now 0-for-19 in the Derby. Hard Spun finished second and Curlin, the 5-1 second choice, lost for the first time in his four-race career.

Imawildandcrazyguy was another half-length back in fourth and Sedgefield was fifth. Circular Quay, coming off an eight-week layoff, was sixth for Pletcher's best finish.

Tiago was seventh, followed by Any Given Saturday, Sam P. and Nobiz Like Shobiz.

Dominican was 11th, then came Zanjero, Great Hunter, Liquidity and Bwana Bull. Storm in May, who is blind in his right eye, was 16th, trailed by Teuflesberg, Scat Daddy, Stormello and Cowtown Cat in last.

Nafzger, who is nearly retired, wasn't as emotional as he was in 1990, when Unbridled won for 92-year-old Frances Genter. Because of her faltering eyesight, Nafzger called the race in her ear so she could follow her colt to the finish line.

Then he gave her a big kiss when Unbridled crossed the finish line.

This time, Nafzger's words to the 83-year-old Tafel were few and to the point.

"Mr. Tafel, we're clear, we're clear. It's up to him now," Nafzger said.

Nafzger and Tafel were taking a second shot at the Derby together. In 1999, Vicar finished 18th for the duo.

Nafzger works for just two owners now, having turned the day-to-day grind of his Churchill Downs stable over to an assistant. Besides Tafel, his other client is Genter's son-in-law.

Pletcher, meanwhile, had five less-than-happy owners to answer to Saturday.

"I am disappointed that the horses didn't run better," he said. "It isn't the end of the world if you don't win the Kentucky Derby. I'm not going to go home tonight and cry. That's just not the way."

Street Sense became the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to return in the spring and win on the first Saturday in May, snapping an 0-for-23 skid. He did so on the same track where he won the Juvenile by 10 lengths six months ago. He was also the first 2-year-old champion to win the Derby since Spectacular Bid in 1979, and the first colt to win with two or fewer prep races since Sunny's

Halo in 1983.

Street Sense, sent off as the 9-2 favorite on his home track, ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:02.17 and paid \$11.80, \$6.40 and \$4.60 as the highest-priced winning favorite in Derby history. Smarty Jones paid \$10.20 to win in 2004.

Hard Spun returned \$9.80 and \$7, while Curlin was another 5 3/4 lengths back in third and paid \$5.60 to show.

Queen Elizabeth II and her husband, Prince Philip, were among the 156,635 racing fans on hand, the third-largest crowd in the Derby's 133 years. They watched from the fourth-floor clubhouse balcony overlooking the finish line. With the sun finally emerging before post time, they had a picturesque view of the famous Twin Spires.

Asked what it was like to win in front of royalty, Borel said jokingly, "It meant everything in the world."

Street Sense left from the same No. 7 post as Unbridled

17 years ago.

Borel is the master of saving ground and demonstrated that skill as Street Sense dropped back at the start and headed for the rail. While Hard Spun shot to the lead, Street Sense tucked in 19th along the fence.

Borel still had a snug hold on the reins as Street Sense turned for home. A quarter of a mile from the finish, Borel finally moved Street Sense to the outside and they accelerated away from the pack. They quickly reeled in Hard Spun, catching him in the final eighth

of a mile as Borel sneaked a peek over his right shoulder approaching the finish line.

Once they crossed it, Borel thrust his whip in the air in celebration, getting his first Derby win in five tries.

"He'll do anything for you. He's very push-button," Borel said, referring to the winning colt. "I really don't know how good he is because he always gives me something when I ask."

At the finish, Nafzger wrapped his arm around Tafel, shook his hand and pumped his

left fist.

By the time the two made their way to the crowded winner's circle, the white-haired Tafel was beaming.

"This is the aspiration of anybody and everybody in the horse business. It's just overwhelming," said Tafel, retired from a technical publishing company and living in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Street Sense has finished in the money in all eight of his career races.

"This horse has never run a bad race," Nafzger said.

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Jones 'tickled' with Hard Spun's second in the Derby

by MIKE FARRELL
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LOUISVILLE — Second in the Kentucky Derby was just fine for trainer Larry Jones.

"We are just tickled," Jones said Saturday after Hard Spun ran the race of his life.

Hard Spun was the lone speed in the Kentucky Derby. The colt embraced the challenge, shooting right to the front while setting a demanding pace for more than a mile.

"It was about what we had to do," Jones said. "The horse was running easy and we tried to get away from them. I could only see one horse coming but he came with authority."

That late runner was Street Sense, the Derby winner who had the advantage of a perfect ground-saving trip. The Pennsylvania-bred gamely pressed on for second, finishing well clear of third-place finisher Curlin by 5 3/4 lengths.

Some handicappers expressed concern when Hard Spun turned in a blazingly fast workout on Monday. He drilled five furlongs in 57.60 seconds with jockey Mario Pino aboard. It was the fastest Derby Week workout at the distance since General Assembly, second in the 1979 Derby, was clocked in 57.40.

Fears the workout would sap the colt's energy were unfounded.

"We got beat by a really nice horse who loves Churchill Downs," said Jones, who saddled his first Derby starter. "Our horse ran huge. They both kicked away from the crowd pretty good. He did just great."

Hard Spun also handled the class hike with style. The Derby was his first Grade 1

appearance. His biggest prior victory was the Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park.

Jones is looking for a rematch in two weeks in the Preakness at Pimlico.

"This horse is fresh," Jones said. "We were hoping this was the first of a three-race series."

UNBEATEN NO MORE: Curlin suffered his first defeat when he ran third in the Derby.

He was the second choice in the betting at 5-1 following three dominant victories, including a 10 1/2-length romp in the Arkansas Derby.

The Kentucky Derby was another ballgame.

For the first time, Curlin did not have things all his own way.

Breaking from post No. 2, Curlin steadied slightly in traffic shortly after the start. He was 13th for most of the race before launching a five-wide challenge in the lane.

"He shuffled back and checked himself a few times," jockey Robbie Albarado said. "He's never had that experience before, to be behind like that. Turning for home, he came running."

A ROYAL CROWD: Queen Elizabeth II was part of a huge throng at Kentucky Derby. The attendance was 156,635, third highest.

The improving weather in the Louisville area helped swell the crowd. After several days of rain, the sun finally peaked through in the afternoon.

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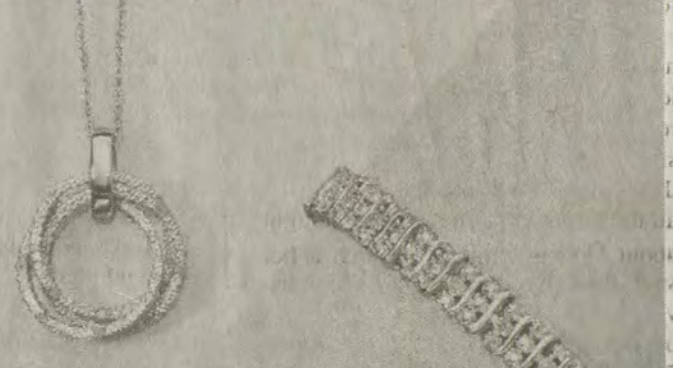
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Refining Silver

By Kim Little Frasure

The story goes: There was a group of women studying the book of Malachi in the Bible, and as they were studying Chapter 3, they came across Verse 3 which says, "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out about the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible study.

That week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She

didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest in silver beyond her curiosity about the process of refining it.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, to burn away all the impurities. The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse - "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."

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Kim Little Frasure

POISON OAK

Mothers I have known and loved

by Clyde Pack

Julia Baldrige Pack had seven children. I was her sixth.

She grew up in a time when girls worked next to the men at whatever chores were required for the family of a poor dirt farmer trying to make a living in early 1900s Eastern Kentucky.

Many's the time I've heard her tell of hoeing corn in the mid-day sun on a steep hillside alongside her daddy and brothers, when she was just a little girl. She knew hard work.

By the time I got here in the spring of 1939, she was well oriented into the chores of a coal miner's wife...and motherhood. And although she never again picked up a hoe intended for the corn patch, as I look back, I marvel at the continuing work ethic she displayed as I was growing up. The first one up in the morning, the last one to bed at night, and I never once heard her complain about having too much to do.

Furthermore, I never went to school a day in my life, that I didn't have a hot breakfast, and wasn't wearing clean clothes. They may have had a few patches here and there, but they were clean.

Mom died in 1976. This coming Nov. 2 will be 42 years since Wilma Jean became the mother of our son Todd. And what a mother she's been.

From the time we brought him home from the Paintsville Hospital,

(See OAK, page ten)



Clyde Pack

My Mother and the 'Funny Books'

By Ralph Hall

I woke up this morning to the sound of pots and pans as my mother made breakfast on the coal stove. My mother was a beautiful Irish lady. A strong willed old fashion woman who worked her fingers to the bone taking care of her family. I never called her "Mommy" (I always called my grandmaw, "mommy") but this wonderful lady, I called her "Mother." She was the one person who was always there for me. I jumped out of bed, put on my bib overalls, and walked into the kitchen each morning to hear my mother say, "Good morning, Ralph."

"Wash up, it's time to eat breakfast," she said. As I was washing my hands and face, Mother asked, "Did you see all the birds out in the yard?" "What birds," I asked. "Why, all the little yellow birds with the black wings," she said. I ran out the door real fast, looked out into the back yard and saw that little yellow birds with black wings were every place I looked - on top of the chicken house, over in the cow pasture, and all over the hillside. Mother walked out on the porch and said, "Ain't they beautiful!" "Sure are!" I answered. "Where did they come from, Mother?"

"Up there on the hill," she answered. "Just flew down here to brighten our day," she said.

We almost forgot about the food because we got caught up in the sight of all them little birds. The birds began to fly away so Mother and I walked back into the house. Mutt was sitting at the table, fork in his hand. "When do we eat," he asked. "Don't we get to eat? I'm hungry!" Mother said, "Mutt, hold your horses. I'll set the table." "Ain't got me no horses," he said, "just hungry me." This made mother laugh. Mutt never had a lot to say but when he did speak, we listened. The three of us sat down and ate our fill of gravy and biscuits. Daddy had eaten earlier that morning and was already off working in the coal camp over in Weeksbury.

Life is filled with chore when you live off the land. After breakfast, Mother said, "Ralph, get a pan and go down to the garden and pick some lettuce and onions for dinner today." "Do I have to," I whined. "You get that pan and head down to the garden right now," Mother said. "Okay," I said. "I'm on the way." "And don't get a lot of dirt in the pan like you did last time," Mother said. "I'll try not to," I answered back.

I thought to myself then, "Them grown up people like mother, they talk funny, always say funny things." How can a seven-year-old boy know what to think. How in the world am I going to pull lettuce up out of the ground and not get any dirt in the pan when that old ground is full of dirt. I thought to myself. And them old onions ain't nothing but dirt and roots full of dirt. Well, I tried to pull them little leaves of lettuce off and every one of them had dirt on them. So after a while I got tired and I just pulled it up by the hands full - grabbed me some onions and took off for home. When I got back to the house, I set the pan on the banisters on the back porch. "Gotten picked, Mother," I said. "Didn't take you very long," she said. "Mother, you know I've got fast hands," I said. "Pan better not be full of dirt!," she called back.

I heard the screen door slam as Mother walled out to the back porch. Then I heard a loud scream, "RALPH, YOU GET OUT HERE!" I thought Mother had fallen off the porch or dropped off the end of the earth. I ran out to the back porch, "MOTHER! MOTHER!, WHATS WRONG?," I cried. "Look in that pan," she said. "What do you see?" "Why, lettuce and onions," I said. "Anything else?," she asked. "Well I do see a fish worm on some of them onion roots," I said. "You draw some water from the well and help me clean this food right now," Mother told me. "Okay, I will," I said. I had to draw four buckets of water to clean that lettuce and them old green onions. Took most of the morning, too. The train went by - smoke streaking the sky. Mother said, "Go over to

the post office and wait on the mail. That way I'll get a little break," she said.

As I walked up on the tracks, I met Levi, a farmer from over in Hen Pen Holler. He was the only person I knew who could ask more questions than me. He struck right in, too: "Where you going, Ralph?" "Post office," I said. "What for," he asked. "That's a crazy question, Levi," I said. "I'm going



to get the mail." "What if you don't get any mail today," he asked. "Then I'll go home empty handed," I said. "How's little Mutt," he asked, and "Did your daddy work today?" and "What's Goldia making for dinner?" One thing old Levi sure did that day was make me take a long look at myself. No wonder Daddy went to work, he would never live through the summer with me being home from school.

Well, I made it over to the post office and hung around until the mail was put up. Walked up to the window and said, "Got any mail today, Gracie?" I asked.

"A catalog," she said. "Mother loves them catalogs," I said. "I need to hurry and get home with the mail now," I said. So I took off across the tracks for home. When I walked through the door, Mother asked, "Get any mail?" "Just a Searsrobook," I said. "Let me see it," Mother said. "I may find me a new dress in it. I ain't had a new dress in a long time." So I gave her the catalog. She sat down in the rocking chair and began to turn the pages looking for the summer dresses. "Mother, can I go over to Luther's and see if Minnie has any funny books for me?," I asked. "Okay!Ralph, but don't stay too long," Mother said. Luther and Minnie loved funny books. They loved me, too, so they saved funny books for me.

I loved them Red Ryder and Little Beaver funny books. Red Ryder was "WILD BILL" and everyone in the village knew how much I loved Wild Bill. So I took off up the dusty road to Luther's house. As I was walking, I saw this big old black car coming down from Weeksbury. There were two boys riding in the rumble seat wiping dust out of their eyes. They looked at me and said, "Hello, boy, where are you going?" I never said a word to them, I had my mind on funny books, they were the only thing in the world that mattered to me at the time. Had funny books on the brain, my mind kept saying "Wild Bill, Wild Bill," over and over.

Luther and his wife lived in what we called a "shotgun house." It was a little long house, straight as a stick. I walked up on the porch, knocked real loud and soon Minnie came to the door. "Hi, Ralph," she said. "Have you come for funny books?" "Yes," I answered. "Got any Wild Bill

ones?" "I saw two, she said. "Well, I don't want none of them old love story ones," I said. "Well, I save them for Jenett," she said. Before long, I had got my books and took off for home.

Minnie gave me ten funny books of Wild Bill, Gene, and Roy Rogers. I met Billy Joe on my way home, "What you got, Ralph," he asked. "Funny books," I said. "Can I come over to your house and help you read them," he asked. "If you'll wash your hands, you can," I said. I didn't care about how much dirt I got in the lettuce and onions but I wanted to keep my funny books clean. When I walked into the house, Mother said, "Did Luther leave you any funny books today?" "About ten," I answered.

Mutt said, "Let me look at some of them books." "You can't read," I said. "I can look at the pictures, can't I," he pleaded. So I threw down two books at him and he pushed aside the little glass train he was playing with and picked up a funny book. When he picked up a book he said, "Hey, Ralph, look! Wild Bill!" Old Mutt may not have been able to read but he sure could read pictures. I took off for the front porch and the swing so I could swing and read my funny books for the rest of the afternoon.

As I sat down in the swing to read, I noticed Billy Joe as he came crawling through the hole in the fence. He came over, sat down beside me in the swing and said, "Give me a funny book to read. I washed my hands." I handed him a Roy Rogers funny book. "I like Roy," he said. Then me and Billy Joe read them funny books until the sun went down. Billy Joe asked, "Hey, Ralph, can I take two of them funny books home with me" and I told him okay. "But don't get them dirty," I said. Before he left for home, I asked him, "Hey, Billy Joe, why do you call your mother "Mommy"?" "I don't know," he said, "I always called her mommy cause that's her name - Mommy." "Grandmaw is my mommy," I said, "I always call her mommy," "Well, I call mine Granny," Billy Joe said, "always called her Granny."

As he was crawling through the fence and headed back for home, I called out "Hey, Billy Joe! Anyone can have a mommy but I've got me a mother!"

"Yes," I said, "I've got me the best mother in all the world!" If there is anything in the world a boy likes better than his dog, it's got to be his mother. Before I went to bed that night I went and hugged my mother, as I said, "I love you, Mother."

Years later, I sat down and wrote this poem:

My Mother

By Ralph Hall

My mother worked for \$1.25 a week
So seven small brothers and sisters could eat
She hung out clothes until her hands would bleed
And ice often froze on the shoes on her feet
She wore holes in her knees
From scrubbing floors,
Then came home and did her chores.

She hoed corn all day for a bag of meal
Or a peck of potatoes
She helped raise on the hill
Her father got killed by the passenger train
This left Grandma with eight kids
And very few things...

So my mother worked in the homes of others
To help make ends meet
At the close of each day
She was always beat
Mother has worked hard since
She was a girl
In this world of women
My mother is a jewel.

CRITTER CORNER

Canine Conundrums And Feline Unfathomables

Pets can delight, amuse, befuddle and confuse their owners with their quirky, amusing and often annoying behavior.

Fortunately, two new books may help pet owners decipher the strange and fascinating actions of their furry friends.

"Why Do Dogs Drink Out of the Toilet? 101 of the Most Perplexing Questions Answered About Canine Conundrums, Medical Mysteries & Befuddling Behaviors" (HCI Books, \$12.95) takes an irreverent and informative look at the curious habits of canine companions. The book answers dozens of questions, including "Can dogs get sunburned?" (yes) and "Are some dogs on Botox?" (yes).

In this entertaining book, Marty Becker, DVM, the "Good Morning America" vet, and syndicated pet-care columnist Gina Spadafori give pet owners the skinny on things they may think about dogs but never dare to ask. (Yes, some are pre-



This little cutie was found at Warco on Tuesday, April 24, by Crystal Howard, of David. Crystal would like to find the little dog's owner because she's sure that someone is missing their little pet and "wanting their little girl back." Before Crystal rescued the little cutie, she had been spotted wandering around the parking lots of McDonald's and Long John Silver's in Martin. She was found wearing a "new purple collar" and Crystal says that she is "very sweet" and "very friendly." Though Crystal says that she will be happy to keep her if no one claims her, she would like very much to see the little cutie reunited with her original family. If you are the owner of this little dog, call 886-3503 or 285-3833 and ask to speak to Crystal.

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May 6 - 12

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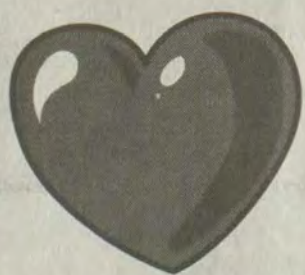
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A Nurse's Prayer

Give to my heart, Oh Lord...
Compassion and understanding.
Give to my hands skill and tenderness.
Give to my ears the ability to listen.
Give to my lips words of comfort.

Give to me, Lord...
Strength for this selfless service.
And enable me to give hope
To those I am called to serve.

Amen



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School Happenings

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

■ 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

■ May 9 - 8th grade Cap & Gown pictures.

■ May 15 - 4-H Project Day, in library.

■ May 16 - 8th grade summer job availability presentation.

■ May 18 - 8th grade Graduation, 6 p.m.; Dance afterwards.

■ Sign ups for Parent SBDM Council now going on.

■ 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

SBDM Council parent representative nominations will be accepted beginning Monday, May 7, at 8 a.m. until Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. Those interested in running should pick up a nomination form.

■ 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.

Prestonsburg High School

■ May 17 - Awards Night, 6 p.m., gymnasium.

■ May 20 - Baccalaureate (optional), 6 p.m., Community Methodist Church (Blackbottom).

■ May 21 - Senior Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., gymnasium. (Students only)

■ May 21 - Graduation, 7 p.m., gymnasium.

■ Note: All fees must be paid in full before a student can graduate/receive diploma!

**Principal Ted George invites everyone and looks forward to seeing all at our special senior activities!

■ May 29 - Summer School begins at 8:15 a.m.! Applications available in the counselor's office. Space is limited and placement is "first come, first served"! Students

should report to the cafeteria by 8 a.m., on Tuesday, May 29. Transportation not provided on first day, but will be available thereafter. First summer school session: May 29 thru June 11; second session: June 12 thru June 25.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ May 10 - Deadline to have nominations in for parent representative for SBDM Council. One parent position for a one year term is available at SFHS; two parent positions for a one year term are available at SFMS.

■ Turn SFHS nominations in to Linda Stumbo; SFMS nominations should be turned in to Carol Johnson.

■ May 17 - SBDM Council election, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ 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://iidod.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

■ May 15 - Deadline to turn in nominations for 2007-2008 school year SBDM Council parent members. All nominations must be turned in to Anita Tackett, in the Family Resource Center, by 4 p.m.

■ May 22 - Election for parent SBDM members, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Family Resource Center. For questions in regard to the SBDM parent member election, call 587-2212.

■ 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.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Adult Education and GED

■ Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

■ 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.

■ 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.

■ 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksby CC.

■ 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.

■ 6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

■ 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.

■ Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

■ Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant

■ Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,

10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(Ten Years Ago (May 14 and May 16, 1997)

An apparent domestic dispute between a Floyd County man and woman took a bizarre turn, Friday, when the man filed an action in small claims court, claiming the woman reneged on a sexual contract...An eleventh-hour flurry of questionable activity by the Floyd County Board of Education involving special meetings and personnel issues to avert a year-end budget deficit could all be for naught. Floyd School Board member Eddie Patton is expected to contest all actions taken by the board during special meetings on April 4, April 26 and April 28, claiming he was not properly notified of those meetings...Floyd County residents should not be alarmed if they find a white four-wheel drive Ford Explorer near their homes at odd hours; it's just Drew Cassidy with Network Design Engineering, who is working throughout the county, mapping for the county's E-911 emergency service system...The Kentucky State Police opened a second armed robbery investigation in Floyd County, after an Auxier liquor store was robbed early Tuesday morning. Top Cat Liquors was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday, at 12:01 a.m., by two white males...Floyd County school technology director Harold Burchell was assured by the board of education, Saturday, that he would be eligible to get his job back, if the district's retirement incentive package is not approved by the state...Two juveniles, Karen

Howell, 17, of Toler, and Jason Bryant, 14, of Marrowbone, were transported to the Northeast Tennessee Juvenile Detention Center in Johnson City, Monday, after a Friday extradition hearing in Arizona...Karen Renea Howell, one of the Floyd County youths charged with the Lillid family murders reportedly admitted to an Arizona detention officer, that she was present when the murders occurred. Howell said she witnessed the murders, but "didn't do anything"...Over 100 teacher aides in the Floyd County school system were notified, last week, their jobs were terminated at the end of the school year...A 21-year-old Floyd County man was indicted Wednesday, for allegedly having sex with an underage female, and two alleged accomplices were indicted for obtaining alcohol and drugs for the teen...Floyd County School Board attorney Jerry Patton announced, at Tuesday's meeting, he will no longer offer public legal advice to the board, a decision, which apparently conflicts with his contract with the board...Former Floyd schools operations chief Jim Osborne filed a federal lawsuit against the school board and its superintendent, Thursday, claiming he was fired from his job for refusing to hide, from state officials, an alleged illegal contract between the board and Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson...Joseph Johnson, 26, of Virgie, was seriously injured in an accident Monday morning, near Ivel, after he drove his car into the back of a coal truck driven by Bradley Montgomery, 27, of Salyersville...There died: Earl York, 79, of Martin, Tuesday, May 13, at his residence; Geromedean "Roma" Hunter, 48, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday,

May 8, in an automobile accident; Evelean Reynolds Conn Akers, May 10; Lawrence Hunter, 78, of Dwale, Friday, May 9, at his residence; Morgan Rose, 74, of Wabash, Indiana, Sunday, May 11; C. Sheridan Mayo, 51, of Winchester, Thursday, May 8, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Bertha Compton Isaacs Black, 88, of Ashland, formerly of Pike County, Thursday, May 8; Charles C. "Buddy" Turner, 82, of Mount Dora, Florida, formerly of Middletown, Ohio, Monday, April 28, at Middletown Regional Hospital; Judy Dale Love, 55, of Kingston, Tennessee, formerly of Harold, Sunday, May 11, at her residence; Kenneth L. Conley, 60, of Seminole, Florida, April 26, at his home; Hazel Stephens Rorrer, 86, of Prestonsburg, Friday, May 9; Anna L. Meadows, 93, of Tram, Saturday, May 10, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Stacey Trimble Dotson, 22, of Nippa, Tuesday, May 13, at Cabel Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia; Draxie Kidd, 77, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, May 14, at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(May 20, 1987)

A bloodhound was brought in to help state police investigate an armed robbery at First Commonwealth Bank in Martin...Three Floyd County men were injured, one critically in an accident involving a school bus. No children were on the bus at the time...A county-wide

cleanup was set to begin, May 27...The fiscal court studied a budget that would give a three-percent cost of living increase to county employees...Prestonsburg City Council agreed to settle its suit against Consolidated Communications Group Two Inc...There died: Joshua Allen Hicks, 6-year-old son of Rickey and Kathleen Fromm Hicks of Liberty Mill, Indiana, May 13; Kelly Clemons, 73, of Bevinsville, May 18, in Louisa; Judith Davidson Roberts, 96, May 19, at her home; Ritchie Dean Bentley, 21, of Grethel, May 17, from injuries received in a motorcycle accident at Grethel; Eugene Lewis, 53, of Banner, May 16, in Lexington; Mary B. May, 86, of Prestonsburg, at her residence, May 12; Walker Thomas Coleman, 48, of Galveston, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Veneda O. Watson Sanders, 56, of Ivel, May 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Thurman Joe Harvel, 75, of Tram, Sunday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Green B. Hall, 73, of Galveston, May 14, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; and Eugene McBurney, 72, of Florida in the Lucille Parker Markey Cancer Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(May 18, 1977)

The fate of upwards of 100 candidates for county and district office will be decided by the voters at next Tuesday's primary election...The Floyd Fiscal Court awarded, Monday, to the Hershel Owens Construction Co., Wes

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Yesterdays

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Prestonsburg, a contract for repair of 27 flood-damaged roads, on its bid of \$108,142...Citizens of Auxier are protesting the proposed construction of an ammonium nitrate loading ramp in their community, and are asking that the state close down one, which has operated there since 1971...Quick action on the part of Prestonsburg and Auxier fire fighters, Thursday afternoon, prevented what could have developed into a disastrous blaze, as flames swept through a section of the structure, in Auxier, which formerly served as a storage building for the now-defunct Princess Manufacturing Company...First contracts on new four-lane KY 80, between Water Gap and Hazard, are expected next month, it was said in Frankfort, last week, after the Kentucky Turnpike Authority had authorized a \$212 million bond issue to finance construction of the road...The Kentucky Hydrocarbon Company plant, near Maytown, remained closed today, for the 18th day, as a result of a strike, called at midnight, April 30, by Local Union 3-744, Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers...Lou Ponzetto, chief of the Oil and Natural Gas Division, Kentucky Geologic Survey, was quoted, this week, as saying the "explosion" in energy prices is stimulating exploration for new gas reserves in Kentucky...U. S. Corps of Engineers representatives had their first public meeting on the Dewey Lake situation, when they met with members of the Highlands Bass Club at Jenny Wiley State Park, last Monday evening, to inquire about the thinking of the club on problems at the lake, and they left with an earfull...There died: Monnie Hicks, 69, of Wayland, May 13, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Eli P. Lalich, 82, formerly of

Floyd County, May 5, at Orange County Hospital, Paoli, Ind.; Norris Hopson Blackburn, 81, of Prestonsburg, May 16, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Monroe Caudill, 75, of Wheelwright, May 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Rhoda Little, 72, of Bevinville, May 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elzie Hicks, 56, of Hueysville, May 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mitchell Brown, 34, formerly of Langley, May 14, in an automobile accident in Franklin, O.; Marsha Scarberry, 76, of Martin, May 16, at her home; William McKenzie, 72, of Cliff, May 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jayne Ann Ferrell, 18, Prestonsburg native, May 9, in Louisville, following a motorcycle accident; Charlie Boyd, 53, of Dana, May 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Verlie Fitzpatrick Davis, 70, of Meally, May 6, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Josephine Gary Frazier, 84, of Allen, May 15, at Clark County Hospital, Winchester; Taylor Calhoun, 47, of Abbott Road, May 14, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Lucy A. Woods, 65, Bevinville native, May 11, at her residence in Willis, Mich.; James Wesley Sanders, 84, of Wheelwright, May 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Peter Joseph Capelli, Sr., 80, of David, May 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Frank Parsons, 61, of Betsy Layne, May 14, at his home, following an apparent heart attack.

Forty Years Ago
(May 18, 1967)

Expansion and improvement of the Prestonsburg water system will be made, this year, as a result of two grants and a loan, totaling \$684,000 which were approved, last week, by the Economic Development Administration...The American Finance Corporation, at Martin, was burglarized Tuesday night, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to steal its safe...Prestonsburg Community College is not a frill, not a luxury; it is a bare necessity...Congressman Carl D. Perkins, chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, said, last Friday evening, at the graduation of the 1967 college class...Katie Hamilton, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hamilton, was named queen of the Floyd County Music Festival for 1967 here, May 6...Married: Miss Rose Lee Cavins, of David, and Mr. James Kenneth Terry, of Wayland, April 1, at the David Baptist Church...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lafferty, a daughter, Jorja Christine, May 1, at Minneapolis, Minn; to Mr. and Mrs. Don Osborne, a son, Donald Gavin, May 14, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Curtis Whitten, a daughter, Dena Elizabeth, May 12, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Martin Clemons, 55, of Lackey, last Wednesday, at the Paintsville General Hospital; Dewey Newsome, 63, of Teaberry, Saturday, at Ashland; Emma Hamilton, 79, last Wednesday, at her home at Grethel; Saul Sexton, 72, of Rome City, Ind., formerly of this county, Sunday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sam Conley, 67, of Price, last Wednesday, at Ashland; Mrs. Cora Alice Murphy Weddington, 58, of Trenton, Mich., a

native of this county, May 4, at a Trenton Hospital; Richard M. Wells, 79, of Auxier, May 5, at the Paintsville Hospital.

Bevinville, Friday; Bert Tackett, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Tackett, of McDowell, Tuesday night, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago
(file missing.)

Sixty Years Ago
(May 15, 1947)

Harold Hamilton, 29-year-old Beaver miner, died Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, of a gunshot wound received, Saturday afternoon, at Beaver...Work of a bucket brigade, and absence of wind, perhaps saved the greater part of the town of Emma from destruction, Monday afternoon, as fire swept through a residence, store, garage, and barn...Actual work on the Dewey Dam was resumed last week, after shut-down for the winter months...Plant and seed dealers are probably in for their biggest year in this section, with last week's heavy frost making replanting necessary in almost every garden...R. L. Shepherd, Prestonsburg High School agriculture teacher, was elected commander of Floyd Post, American Legion, at the Post's annual election of officers, Friday evening...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Webb Jr., a daughter, Mary Josephine, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...There died: Mrs. Walter Crum, 43, at her home on Bull Creek, Sunday; Samuel Reed, 89, at the home, at Wayland, of his daughter, Mrs. Turner Tackett, Monday; Mrs. Rebecca Hall, 71, at home, at

Seventy Years Ago
(May 14, 1937)

In a meeting at the high school, Friday, the Prestonsburg Board of Education agreed to accept tentative plans and specifications for an \$85,000 structure to house the city grade school...The Floyd Fiscal Court is considering construction of an eight-room wing to the courthouse, at an estimated cost of \$12,500...Due to a congested docket, Judge John W. Caudill, Saturday, ordered that the present term of circuit court be extended an extra two weeks. The court term began April 15...Waites E. May, county supervisor of the mine sealing project, this week reported that an underground fire in the mine of the Autocraft Coal Co., of McDowell, threatens to destroy thousands of acres of coal. A similar fire was also reported in the Maguire-Elkhorn Coal Company mine, below Martin...The Public Service Commission, in Frankfort, received Wednesday, a complaint from the City of Prestonsburg, regarding rates charged by the Prestonsburg Water Company...S. G. Rice announced, this week, that he is releasing his interests in the Banner bridge contract to Riley Hall, of Allen...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooley, of Drift, a daughter, May 8.

Oak

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until the day we helped him pack his car for college, she was 100 percent tuned-in to his needs. Guess there must really be something to this "mother's instinct" thing, for even when he was in grade school, she was acutely aware of his problems and growing pains, far quicker than I. Same thing, when he was an adolescent and young adult. She often came up with the answer even before I—and sometimes he himself—knew there was a question.

As he reached adulthood, I witnessed first hand the oft-used expression. "The power of a mother's love." And it's still present and very much in evidence as we experience our grandchildren. Both Todd and I have been blessed by the love this wonderful woman has brought to our lives...and we both know it.

And the blessings continue in the form of Marey Lynn, mother of our grandchildren, Alison and Owen. No mom could be more devoted to her children than she. Not only that, even though they've lived miles away, she has never failed to share every little advance in character and personality they've experienced. Guess you could say she's not only a great mom, but a great daughter-in-law, too. Am I lucky, or what?

I do indeed feel fortunate to have known and loved three such wonderful moms.

Anyway, when you celebrate yours, come Sunday, if you think about it, give her a big Mother's Day hug for me, too.

Korner

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She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined. The man answered "yes" and informed her that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left in the flames a moment too long, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a minute. Then she asked the silversmith how he knew when the silver was fully refined. He smiled at her and answered, "Oh that's easy — when I see my image in it."

You see, even though we may "feel" a whirlwind of emotions and lose our normal ability to think, God's eye is always on us, never to leave us nor forsake us.



Pictured are volunteers from Big Sandy Community and Technical College "Hammerin In The Hills!" project.

BSCTC employees and students "Hammerin' in the Hills" for Habitat for Humanity.

Saturday, April 28, marked the kick-off for the latest project for Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC). More than fifty students, faculty and staff from BSCTC and one little hammerer named Jonathan McKenzie (son of Keithen McKenzie), gathered on a mountain top in Pike County, on a cool spring morning, to build a house for Sue Ann Branham and her two boys. Novice and experienced, male and female, the diverse crowd faced the challenge with smiles on their faces and hammers in hand. Working shoulder to shoulder were faculty members from carpentry, math, masonry, air conditioning, and information technology departments as well as a librarian, workforce development staff and administrators. Students from Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government, information technology, nursing, carpentry, electricity, electronics, air conditioning, and masonry donated time as well. Rounding out the mix of volunteers were a few husbands and children of employees. Although the crowd of approximately 50 volunteers began the build on Saturday, in actuality there will probably be twice that number before the house is finished. Many hours have already been logged by students and teachers in the prep work for the site, foundation build, wiring and other work that has to be done before the first hammer sings it's tune. Ms. Branham and her boys labored alongside professors, students and administrators and the smile never left her face. She said, "I can not express how much this home means to me and my family and I want to thank everyone who has come out to help build this house. I am so grateful to Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Habitat for Humanity be able to have a home of my own." Dr. Nancy B. Johnson, BSCTC Provost, thanked the volunteers for donating their time and labor on the project. She said, "I am so proud to be a part of this project." She went on to say that the Habitat for Humanity project is one that the college hopes to continue to participate in and would like to be a part of in each of the counties served by BSCTC. The project is expected to conclude by May 20. A ceremonial handing over of the keys will take place when it is finished.



Jenny Wiley Theatre receives support from East Kentucky Broadcasting.

East Kentucky Broadcasting, based in Pikeville, lends their support to Jenny Wiley Theatre by becoming a sponsor for the 2007 Season. EKB has long supported JWT, but increased their participation to the \$10K level for 2007. Pictured is Cindy May Johnson, EKB Vice President, presenting a check to JWT Executive Director Martin Childers with funding designated for the 2007 season operating budget. Cindy May Johnson had this to say, "East Kentucky Broadcasting is committed to improving our community. We believe that Jenny Wiley Theatre - along with the many other arts and entertainment venues in our area - contributes to the quality of life in eastern Kentucky. By partnering with Jenny Wiley Theatre, we can help ensure that this valuable resource continues to be available for generations to come. Over the last 40 years, Jenny Wiley Theatre has been there for my parents, for me, for my children, and this year, I plan to take my new grandchild. East Kentucky Broadcasting is proud to support the theatre, and we look forward to sharing many more years of professional music theatre with our community." Tickets are on sale now for all shows including The Princess and the Pea, Forever Plaid, West Side Story and Disney's High School Musical. For more information visit www.jwtheatre.com.

Weddings

Birth



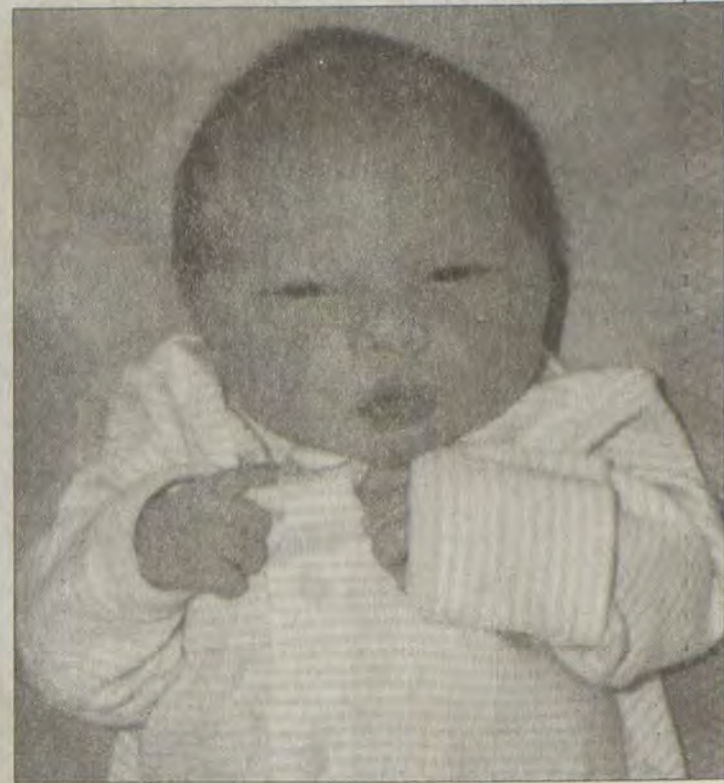
Blackburn-Hood

Tim Wesley Blackburn of Stanville and Sheree Yvonne Hood of Lexington announce the engagement of their daughter, Christen Nolena Blackburn, to Jordon Paul Moore, the son of John Shallcross and Dawn Higgins of Nicholasville. Their church wedding will take place in June, in Versailles.



Arnett-Allen

Mr. Jerry R. Allen and Ms. Linda S. Arnett will be joined in marriage on Saturday, May 19, 2007. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Johnny and Thersa Rowland and the late John T. Arnett. The prospective groom is the son of Hatcher and Kathlene Allen. The couple plan a honeymoon vacation to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.



It's a Boy!

Jon Carter Parsons was born April 19, 2007, at 10:32 p.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center to proud parents Jonathan and Ashley Parsons, of Harold. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 and one-half inches in length. He is the grandson of Scott and Kathy Williams, of Ivel, and Johnny and Janice Parsons, of Beaver.



Brown-Morton

Natoshia Lynn Brown and Justin Dale Morton are proud to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Natoshia is the daughter of Stoney Brown, of Sidney, and Deborah Chapman, of Kimper. She is the granddaughter of Junior and Francis Morris, of Sidney, and the late George and Audrey Brown, formerly of Sidney. Justin is the son of Dale and Mary Morton, of Boldman. He is the grandson of Arlene and the late James "Jim" Morton, and Melvin and the late Phyllis Eplin, all also of Boldman. The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 19, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will immediately follow in the church fellowship hall. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

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Congratulations, Taylor!

Taylor Banks was recently chosen as an All-American Dancer at the EDA National Dance Competition, held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on April 1. Taylor has been invited to attend and perform at the 2008 NFL Pro Bowl half-time show in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her family is very proud of her achievements and wish her continued luck in the future.

Critter

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scribed Viagra!)

With its mix of humor and practical information, this book makes a great gift for dog lovers and trivia enthusiasts.

If cats are your idea of a "purr-fect" pet, then you may prefer "Do Cats Always Land on Their Feet? 101 of the Most Perplexing Questions Answered About Feline Unfathomables, Medical Mysteries & Befuddling Behaviors" (HCI Books, \$12.95).

This quirky compendium reveals the answers to questions such as "Do cats purr only when they are happy?" (no, cats also purr when injured, giving birth-even when they're dying) and "Can cats see in the dark?" (not really, although they can see more than people).

Also written by Becker and Spadafori, the book offers plenty of fascinating trivia, such as where the term "cat's pajamas" comes from and what exactly is in that hair ball your cat just coughed up.

Cat lovers may just curl up to this entertaining mix of laugh-out-loud humor and practical information.



Valerie Vanleer, winner of the age group 5-8 years Easter Egg Hunt at Highland Heights.

Highland Heights community activities

The Highland Heights Community Center held their annual Easter egg hunt on April 4. Those finding the most eggs and winning prizes were: Hannah Robinson, age group 1-4 yrs.; Valerie Vanleer, age group 5-8 yrs.; and Austin Tapp, age group, 9-12 yrs. Refreshments were served and everyone who participated had an enjoyable time. Donna Collins, director, and Sherry Akers, manager, wish to thank all who helped with this fun activity. Also, the community center played host to Ms. Judy McGuire, from the Floyd County Extension Office, who visited on April 18 to present a discussion on the Food Pyramid. Pearlene Hamilton won the door prize at this special event. Again, the Highland Heights management thank Ms. McGuire for her presentation and everyone who attended.



Riverview residents enjoy busy spring

The residents at Riverview Health Care Center have been filling their days with many fun activities this spring. In March, residents received a visit from the Hillbilly Shriners who dropped by to entertain everyone on St. Patrick's Day. Students from Alice Lloyd College also visited recently to engage residents in putting together care packages to be sent to our troops in Iraq. Items for the care packages were donated by local businesses and health care center staff. On March 29, residents enjoyed an outing to the Newport Aquarium where they came face to face with some of the most exotic sea life in the world. Some even got to pet the sharks! Everyone was entertained by the playful penguins and by colorful birds called "lorikeets" that flew around and landed to be fed by hand. Following, on the return trip home, residents and chaperones enjoyed dinner at Cracker Barrel Restaurant, in Lexington, where they shopped in the restaurant's gift shop and enjoyed resting awhile on the front porch rocking chairs after they ate. On April 16, everyone was off again for a day of shopping at the Huntington Mall. In May, a trip to Lexington to see a Lexington Legends baseball game is being planned. To learn more about upcoming activities or to volunteer, contact Melissa Crider at 886-9178.

Gettin' hitched?

If you're planning a wedding and would like to announce your engagement and wedding plans, the Times would be glad to help. Just drop by the Times office, or send photo and information to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. We will be happy to run either an engagement announcement or wedding photograph, with accompanying basic information, for free as our "Best Wishes" to the happy couple.



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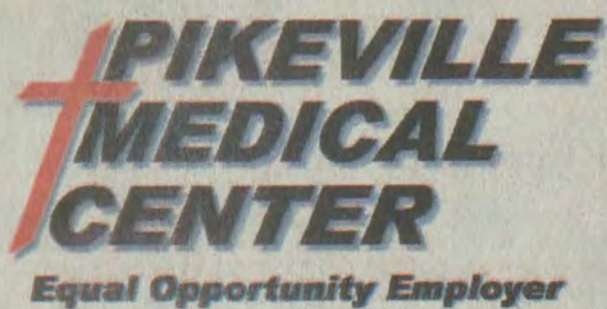
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