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## ELECTION RESULTS

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### briefs

## Trucker killed in wreck with train

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

IVEL — An accident on a mine site in Floyd County has claimed the life of a 47-year-old rock truck driver.

According to Kentucky State Police, on Monday a call was received from the Black Diamond Mining Company in Ivel, regarding an accident that had occurred involving one of their rock trucks and a train at the mine site.

Kenneth Steele, of Tram, was traveling towards U.S. 23 from the mines around 6 p.m., when he apparently crossed into the path of an oncoming CSX train. Steele was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

The collision is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Wes Collins. KSP were assisted at the scene by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Betsy Layne Fire Department and First Response Ambulance Service.

# Beshear to face Fletcher

## Lunsford-Stumbo ticket loses squeaker to force runoff

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher overcame a troublesome political scandal to win the Republican nomination in his bid for re-election, accomplishing what some critics had

thought impossible.

Fletcher, who was indicted last May in an alleged scheme to reward political supporters with protected state jobs, withstood challenges by former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and millionaire businessman Billy Harper of Paducah.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, Fletcher had 94,609 votes or 51 percent, to Northup's 66,554 votes or 36 percent. Harper had 24,273 votes or 13 percent.

Fletcher's November opponent will

(See GOVERNOR, page seven)



### CASTING HIS VOTE



photo by Steve LeMaster

Attorney General and lieutenant governor candidate Greg Stumbo, center, was among the voters casting ballots at Prestonsburg High School Tuesday morning. Although Stumbo helped millionaire businessman Bruce Lunsford run well locally in his bid for governor, the Lunsford-Stumbo ticket finished a distant second to Steve Beshear and Daniel Mongiardo statewide. Despite the disappointing finish, Lunsford and Stumbo were in a tight race to force a runoff contest. With over 99 percent of the vote counted at press time, Beshear held on to a 41 percent vote tally. To prevent a runoff, he needed to get at least 40 percent.

## Stumbo pulls Lunsford to top of local ticket

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Election results came through fairly quickly in Floyd County and it looks as if the Lunsford/Stumbo campaign was a local success.

As of approximately 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh released results placing Lunsford/Stumbo in the local lead with 67 percent. Beshear/Mongiardo followed in second on the democratic side with 28 percent.

On the Republican side, only 408 votes were cast for the governor and lieutenant governor category, with Fletcher leading at 70 per-

cent and Anne Northup trailing at 18 percent.

Democrat candidate for attorney general Jack Conway received a leading percentage of 68 percent. Republican candidate Tim Coleman checked in at 51 percent.

Democrat candidate for state treasurer L.J. "Todd" Hollenbach led a close race locally with Democratic candidate Mike Weaver. Results listed Hollenbach at 37 percent with Weaver close behind at 34 percent.

Dick Robinson, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, was in the lead with 40 percent of votes

(See RESULTS, page seven)

## Seat belts now saving lives and filling bellies

Prestonsburg police officers stationed at the Prestonsburg McDonald's handed out food coupons Monday to drivers who were buckled up in cooperation with a tri-state campaign to encourage seat belt usage.

photo by Jessica Hale



by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Governor's Highway Safety Program, McDonald's and local Law enforcement agencies have teamed up to kick off a campaign to promote seat belt usage throughout the region.

During the month of May, the National Highway Safety Administration promotes seat belt usage through its "Click it or Ticket" campaign. Locally, Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and local sheriff's departments have teamed up with one of America's most popular fast food restau-

rants to help promote their own campaign, "Buckle-Up Kentucky." Portions of Ohio and West Virginia are also participating.

On Monday, law enforcement officials, medical personnel and other highway safety volunteers stationed themselves at local McDonald's restaurants and passed out food coupons to people who were buckled up, while people who were not wearing their seat belt received a card providing them with startling fatality statistics from accidents that involved people who did not wear a seat belt.

The current seat belt usage rate in

(See SEAT BELTS, page seven)

## Relay for Life event raises thousands for cancer research

by JESS STAGGS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Hundreds of smiling people, scores of tents, funny costumes and purple shirts proudly proclaiming "Survivor," set the scene on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Friday.

"This event brings people together from all walks of life to raise money for cancer research and awareness," said Della Pack, the event coordinator.

The Relay for Life is an event by the American Cancer Society that has raised millions of dollars for cancer research and has been a tradition in Floyd County for nearly 13 years.

Pack explained that organizations and individuals formed sponsored teams to

walk in the relay and every team was encouraged to raise at least \$100 per person. Organizations that participated included rescue squads, banks, hospitals, fire departments, schools, churches and others.

Many cancer survivors attended the event and walked the ceremonial first lap after announcing their name and how long they have survived cancer. Spectators cheered as a wave of purple shirts began to walk along the walking track.

Mary Sloan, a teacher who had a group of students at the relay, explained, "An event like this gives us a chance not only to remember our fallen loved ones, but to honor those who have battled cancer per-

(See RELAY, page seven)



photo by Jess Staggs

Cancer survivors walked the ceremonial first lap during Friday's Relay for Life event.

### DAY FORECAST

#### Today



High: 87 • Low: 59

#### Tomorrow



High: 87 • Low: 60

#### Friday



High: 88 • Low: 60

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	(2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice
	(3) Country Gravy





# Obituaries

## Jobie Click Jr.

Jobie Click Jr., 69, passed away Sunday, May 20th, at his home on Main Street in Martin.

He was born May 20th, 1938, at home, the son of the late Jobie Click Sr., and the late Rhoda Salisbury Click.

Jobie graduated from Martin High School in 1956, where he was active in golf, baseball, and was co-captain of the Purple Flash Basketball team. He was awarded a plaque for points scored as one of the top 25 ballplayers at the 2004 Homecoming celebration.

Jobie was a graduate of the Louisville Barber School in 1957, and worked with his father in the family business for several years. He played in both the Independent baseball league and basketball league during this time.

He started working for the old C&O Railroad, now CSX, in 1960, and was a member of the UTU and the American Legion in Ashland, and he was a Kentucky Colonel. He retired from CSX with 35 years of service.

Left to mourn his passing are his two sons: Jobie Michael Click and Brian Keith Click, both of Martin; two daughters: Mary Elizabeth Reynolds of Lexington, and Belinda Michelle Jarrell of Dana; eight grandchildren: Christopher Jordan Jarrell, Kayla Madison Jarrell, Cody Jared Jarrell, Justin Kane Jarrell, Megan Click, Holly Click, Kelsey Click, and Prestan Reynolds; a great-grandson, Christopher Sean Jarrell; three sisters: Mary Lou Poulos of Huntington, New York, Billie Sue Roberts of Elizabethtown, and Sandra Gay Dotson of Palm City, Florida; two nephews and seven nieces; and many cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, Jobie was preceded in death by

two baby brothers, Jimmie Donald and Ronald Click.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, May 26, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Arthur Smith Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in the Click Cemetery, in Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Henry Kidd

Henry Kidd, 72, of Harold, died Friday, May 18, 2007, at his residence.

Born June 18, 1934, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Charlie Kidd and Pauline Fannin Kidd. He was a Navy Korean Conflict veteran, and a member of Betsy Layne DAV. He was a retired auto mechanic, and a Toler Creek Fire Department board member; a Kentucky Colonel; and had many friends at Mud Creek Senior Citizens Center.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret J. "Peggy" Kidd on April 25, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters: Mellissa Anne Hampton of Jonancy, and Margaret Roberts (Paul) of Clay City; a brother, Elmer Kidd of Wakeman, Ohio; two sisters: Patty Sue Schultdt of Sebring, Florida, and Jeanette Chandler of Lorain, Ohio; four grandchildren: Justin Blake Collins of Jonancy, Shellie Roberts of Stanton, and Matt Campbell and Mindy Thornsberry, both of Clay City; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Charles "Buster" Kidd, Hubert Kidd, and Wilson Gene Kidd; and two sisters: Oma Hall and Verdine Kidd.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21, at 1 p.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home

Chapel, with Tommy Bush officiating.

Burial was in the Kidd Family Cemetery, Deadeney Fork, Harold.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Melissa Ann Lewis

Melissa Ann Lewis, age 27, of Allen, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2007, at the King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

She was born April 6, 1980, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of Earnest Joseph Lewis and the late Legotha Endicott Lewis. She was a member of the Fellowship Church of God, in Daniels Creek.

Survivors include her father, Earnest; two brothers: Anthony Conley of Banner, and Hershell Conley of Prestonsburg; and a sister, Nancy Boyd of Stanville.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Jarvis.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, May 23, at 1:00 p.m., at the Fellowship Church of God, in Daniels Creek, with Clergymen Jack Hunt, Mark Hunt, and Jim Smith officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jarvis and Lewis Cemetery, in Daniels Creek, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Esta Hamilton Mitchell

Esta Hamilton Mitchell, age 81, of Teaberry, widow of Christopher Columbus Mitchell, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born October 10, 1925, in Teaberry, the daughter of the late Joe Hamilton and Milley H. Hamilton.

Survivors include two sons: Harold Dean Mitchell and Donnie Ray Mitchell, both of Teaberry; two sisters: Tessie Bryant of Justell, and Jeaniva Myers of Dayton, Ohio; 17 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Chris Dean Mitchell; and two daughters: Wanda May Thompson and Ruby Jean McKee.

Funeral services for Esta Hamilton Mitchell were conducted Saturday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Malen Mitchell, Gary Mitchell, Jeff Mitchell, Jason Mitchell, Justin Mitchell, Roger Brown, Chris Burch, and Timmy Hayton. (Paid obituary)

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## Gary H. Osborne

Gary H. Osborne, age 68, of Louisville, formerly of Prestonsburg, returned to his Heavenly Father on Saturday, May 19, 2007.

He was a retired quality control supervisor for the Ford Motor Company Louisville Assembly Plant; a former barber at Bittersweet Barber Shop; a member of Maryville Baptist Church; Okolona Lodge No. 853 F&AM; the Scottish Rite, and Kosair Shrine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Margie Osborne; a sister, Noma Crisp; and a granddaughter, Olivia Grace.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his dear wife, Lavena Newman Osborne; a daughter, Debbie Dawson (Baron); a brother, Don Osborne (Dollie); grandchildren: Katherine, Brent, and Emily Dawson; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation was held at Schoppenhorst, Underwood & Brooks, Preston Hwy. at Brooks Rd., where a Masonic service was held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 22; and a funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 23. (Paid obituary)

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## Marie Salyers

Marie Salyers, 88, of Ashland, died Sunday, May 20, 2007, at Woodland Oaks Healthcare Facility.

She was born January 8, 1919, in Minnie, the daughter of the late Elbert S. and Susie Young Salyers. She was a mail clerk for R. L. Polk & Co.; a member of the Ashland Senior Center; and attended the First Church of God.

She was preceded in death by two sisters: Aileen Loftis and Braskia Koppel; and two brothers: Hudson Salyers and Luther Salyers.

She is survived by two sisters: Dora Barber of Ashland, and Ella Maxwell of Flat Rock, Alabama; and several

nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, at Miller Funeral Home, in Ashland, with Rev. Mabel Johnson officiating.

Burial was in Ashland Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ashland Senior Center, P.O. Box 324, Ashland, KY 41105-0324. (Paid obituary)

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## Clarence (Pete) Slone

Clarence (Pete) Slone, 52, of Mooresville, Indiana, formerly of Blue River, died Monday, May 14, 2007, at the residence of a nephew.

Born August 3, 1954, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Sanford Slone and Artie Goble Epley. He was a maintenance worker for Kendricks Hospital in Mooresville, Indiana.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Morrison Slone.

Other survivors include a son, Clarence Edward McKenzie of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Charity Bryant of Prestonsburg; a step-daughter, Dana Lynn Thompson of Mooresville, Indiana; two brothers: Wornald Slone of Prestonsburg, and Lonnie Slone of Battle Ground, Indiana; a grandson and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 19, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcolm Slone and Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

## Registered sex offender arrested in Pike County

by RACHEL DOVE  
WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS

PIKEVILLE — An Eastern Kentucky woman says she was only protecting her children, but she may have protected more than just her own kids when she ultimately led police to a man wanted for failing to register as a sex offender.

The mother, who wishes to remain anonymous, says she received information from another member of her community that a rumor claiming a convicted sex offender was living in their neighborhood had begun to surface.

"We just happened to run across this information and acted on it. It turned out to be the truth, and now thankfully, our kids are safe for the time being," she said.

The female had made the acquaintance of the perpetrator several weeks earlier, and had her children with her during the meeting. After hearing the rumor of his alleged past, she entered his name and information on the national registry for sex offenders web site, and sure enough, she said there he was.

"It enraged me, absolutely just enraged me, knowing this guy was here in our community pretending to be a fine upstanding guy, knowing what he had done," the upset mother said.

"He had preyed on kids ages 5 to 9, all little girls. To me, this is a dangerous man who didn't deserve to even be out of jail, let alone traveling the country."

She alerted police to her findings concerning 44-year-old Matthew John Schreiber, of Oregon. Police say after some investigating, they found Schreiber had not notified the proper authorities in Oregon he was leaving town and had failed to register as a sex offender once he was in Kentucky.

"We were told he was supposed to be in the Pikeville City Park on Saturday, for a wedding. The tip led to his arrest," said Officer Tony Conn with the Pikeville Police Department.

Conn says by teaching your kids simple safety tips and checking the sex offender registry, their safety doesn't have to be left up to the authorities.

### Card of Thanks

The family of Marie Bradley Slone wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Clergyman Jack Howard for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF MARIE BRADLEY SLONE

### Card of Thanks

The family of Brian Keith Prater would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Jerry Manns and Jimmy Hall for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF BRIAN KEITH PRATER

### Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL DOYLE "TINKY" HALL

### Card of Thanks

The family of Ruth Patton Slone wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Bob Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF RUTH PATTON SLONE

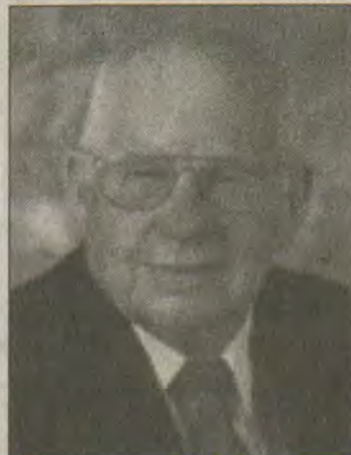
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# Community Calendar

## 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, 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.*

### Daniel Newsome reunion

The descendants of Daniel Newsome, of Teaberry, will meet for their 6th annual reunion on Sunday, May 27, at the Army Corps of Engineers, Dewey Dam Shelter No. 4.

### Garrett High School

Anyone who knows any basketball players who played for Coach (Dog) Campbell at Garrett High School who has passed away, contact or call the Hancock at 886-0223 or write P.O. Box 152, Garrett, Ky. 41630.

### PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion

10 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.

### Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Kids Summer Camps

Super Chef Cooking Camp - May 29 to June 1, 10 a.m. to

12 p.m. Age 11 and up. Kids can learn how to correctly use a knife and carve food and prepare selected recipes.

Knitting Camp - June 11-15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Quilting Camp - June 18-22, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Kids learn to craft a scrap quilt.

Sewing Camp - June 25-29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kids Healthy Cooking Camp - July 2-6 (class not held on July 4). Age 7 and up. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sewing Camp - July 16-20, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost of each camp session: \$10. Most supplies included. Camps limited to first 12 paying students. Call 886-0709 to register.

### Amateur Radio Exam Saturday, May 26

The Amateur Radio Community Services Club, Paintsville, will sponsor Amateur Radio exams of all classes on Saturday, May 26, at 2 p.m., at the Paintsville Fire Dept. #1, Main St. Volunteer examiners certified by the American Radio Relay League will conduct the exams. If interested, bring a copy of any previous license, a picture ID, and a check made payable to A.R.R.I. (\$14 to cover the exam fee). For more information, contact Ken Robinson K4KBR at 297-9941 or Curtis Meade KY4CM at 789-6339. To learn more, visit KI4OIP.org or ARRL.net.

### Tent Revival

'Old Time Camp Meeting Tent Revival' to be held at Emma United Methodist Church, Sunday - Wednesday, May 20-23. Services to be held nightly at 7 p.m. Special singing each night, bus parking available.

### FCRT Memorial Service

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will hold their annual memorial service on Thursday, June 7, at 10 a.m., in the Josie Harkins School House, located in the Jenny Wiley Campgrounds

area.

### 20th Hyden-DeLong reunion to be held, Sunday, May 27

The 20th Hyden-DeLong reunion will be held Sunday, May 27th, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Pines building at Jenny Wiley State Park. All former Johns Creek residents are urged to attend. For more information, call Amma Vaughan at 606-226-2299, or Donald Hyden at 606-789-5024.

### Christ United Methodist Vacation Bible School

"Vacation Bible School" "Lift Off" "Scaring to New Heights with God" kick-off cook-out Sunday, June 3. Out back of church and Wesley Christian School, 6-8 p.m., with "Fun Time Inflatables" Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 6-8 p.m. We will be giving away a Bike, with a drawing on Friday night. It is important that the children attend each night to enter their name in drawing for the bike.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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

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<b>Cinema Two • PG-13</b> HELD OVER  <b>DELTA FARCE</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:20), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30	<b>Cinema Seven • PG</b> HELD OVER  <b>SHREK THE THIRD</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20), 7:00-9:20
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<b>Cinema Four • R</b> HELD OVER  <b>GEORGIA RULE</b> Mon.-Sun. 8:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20	<b>Cinema Nine • R</b> STARTS FRI. 5/25  <b>BUG</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30
<b>Cinema Five</b> HELD OVER  <b>DISTURBIA</b> PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 6:55; Fri. (4:25), 6:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:25), 6:55	<b>Cinema Ten</b> HELD OVER  <b>INVISIBLE</b> PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 7:00; Fri. (4:15), 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (4:15), 7:00

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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.

**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.

**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.

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External Diploma Program

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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 center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center

holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

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

•Domestic Violence Hotline

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

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

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•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).

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•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly

meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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# KSP list top highway hazards during holiday weekend

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Police report that aggressive driving, failure to use seat belts and driving while impaired by drugs or alcohol are the top three dangers faced by motorists on Kentucky highways during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Accordingly, the law enforcement agency plans to intensify its traffic safety and patrol efforts beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 25 through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 28.

"The Memorial Day weekend is traditionally the beginning of the summer driving season," says Kentucky State Police Commissioner Jack Adams. "Traffic on the state's roadways is expected to increase significantly during this time period."

"Last year, there were 851 crashes in Kentucky during the Memorial Day weekend," notes Adams. "Sixteen people lost their lives and 324 were injured. Many of these fatalities and injuries might have been avoided if the drivers had slowed down, buckled up and avoided the use of drugs and alcohol."

"As of May 20, a total of 340 people have lost their lives on Kentucky's roadways in 2007," says KSP Capt. Tim Lucas, commander of the Governor's Highway Safety Program. "Of the 264 motor vehicle fatalities, 156 were not wearing seat belts and 78 were the result of crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol."

Lucas points out that, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), using a seat belt is the single most effective action you can

take to protect yourself in a vehicle crash. Seat belt use reduces the risk of sustaining a fatal injury by 45 percent in a car and 60 percent in a light truck. It also reports that 60 percent of passengers killed in traffic crashes are not wearing seat belts.

Lucas also reminds motorists that Kentucky has a zero tolerance policy regarding driving while impaired by alcohol. "Although driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 is illegal, you can also be arrested for lower levels if you are under 21 years of age or operating a commercial vehicle," he explains. "If you are going to drive, it's best not to consume any alcohol at all."

"Even first time violators face immediate arrest, which can result in court costs, legal fees, higher auto insurance rates, fines, loss of license and even imprisonment," he adds.

As part of the "Buckle Up Kentucky. It's The Law and It's Enforced" campaign, which started May 21 and continues through June 3, and Operation

C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), state troopers will be working overtime during the Memorial Day holiday. KSP will also be participating in All American Buckle Up Week, which runs from May 21 through May 28.

Operations will include increased saturation patrols and traffic safety checkpoints in high crash, high traffic locations, radar and laser details and coordinated enforcement activities with local police and sheriff's departments for maximum coverage.

"These various campaigns and programs help give KSP

added resources to boost our enforcement efforts and save lives," explains Adams.

KSP reminds motorists that Kentucky law requires them to slow down and use caution when they see a law enforcement or emergency vehicle stopped alongside the road with its lights flashing. They must move over to the lane farthest away from the vehicle if they are on a four-lane road with two lanes proceeding in the same direction and can do so safely.

Motorists should also be aware that the back seat is the safest place for children to sit, especially in vehicles equipped with passenger-side air bags. Infants and toddlers should never ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. Parents should always be sure that their child's safety seat has been properly installed in the vehicle according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Kentucky law requires all children 40 inches in height or less to be buckled into a child safety restraint seat that meets federal standards. Children over 40 inches tall must wear a seat belt. Violation of this law will result in a \$50.00 fine with an additional \$10.00 fine donated to the Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund.

According to NHTSA, properly installed child safety seats reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers in passenger cars.

Kentucky law makes the driver responsible for assuring that all occupants of the vehicle are properly restrained. Violation of this law will result in a fine not to exceed \$25.

Other tips recommended by KSP for safe road travel include:

- Obey speed limits. Excessive speed reduces your ability to avoid a crash, extends your vehicle's stopping distance and increases the severity of a crash when it occurs.

- Slow down in roadway construction zones. Watch for lane closures and merge well before the actual closure. Look for orange warning signs, follow posted speed limits, leave adequate space between vehicles, watch for workers and sudden stops and be prepared for changing road surfaces and traffic patterns.

- Don't tailgate. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. If you find yourself being tailgated, don't hit the brakes. Slow down gradually and let the other vehicle pass you.

- Avoid aggressive driving behaviors such as passing on the shoulder of the road, changing lanes without signaling, violating traffic signals and weaving in and out of traffic.

- Expect the unexpected. Watch traffic around you and be prepared to react. Scan the road ahead for potential hazards.

- Watch for road debris such as tire treads, garbage, lumber, gravel, tree limbs, mufflers and exhaust parts.

- Take extra care on rural roads with 55 mile per hour speed limits.

- Avoid or minimize in-car distractions such as cell phone use, changing tapes or CDs, eating or other activities that can remove your attention from the road.

- Get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation and fatigue can cause lapses in attention, slowed awareness and impaired judgement.

- Take frequent breaks to keep alert during long distance trips.

- Be extra cautious around large trucks. They have large "blind spots" and much longer stopping distances than passenger cars.

"Please do your part to be safe," says Adams. "Remember, three out of four crashes happen within 25 miles of home at speeds of 45 miles per hour or less. About 40 percent of all fatal crashes occur on roads where the speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less."

Citizens can further contribute to highway safety during the holiday period by reporting erratic drivers to the KSP toll-free hotline at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.



Christopher Robert Caudill, 17, was inadvertently omitted from Friday's special graduation section. Caudill is a graduate of South Floyd High School and the son of Glennis and Charlene Caudill, of Melvin.

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# Hospital relies heavily on volunteers

PRESTONSBURG — Since its inception over 30 years ago, Highlands Regional Medical Center has strived to provide quality care to its patients. Although the facility is staffed with highly skilled physicians and medical specialists, a diverse group of volunteers ranging from age 16 to 85 have been a valuable resource to Highlands, providing both assistance with patient care and funds to help the hospital purchase medical equipment.

"We have grown accustomed to seeing our volunteers daily throughout the hospital providing support to our patients, their families, and staff. I think they are the backbone of the hospital," said Melissa Vance, director of community development and volunteer services.

The duties of a volunteer vary throughout the facility. Some work in the hospital's gift shop while others assist with the transport of patients from one building to another. When a patient walks into the facility, it is likely the first person they will meet is a part of the volunteer program who assists at the front desk.

Garnett Fairchild, a lady who has been volunteering since 1973, says her job as a volunteer, as well as all of the others, is very important.

"They don't have to hire



Volunteers are critical to Highlands Regional Medical Center's ability to serve its patients.

someone to do all of the things we do," says Fairchild.

Fairchild summed up the reason she volunteers: "I just like doing for others."

Fairchild provided counseling to patients for years following an encounter with breast cancer herself and says, for patients, it's really nice to have someone by your side who has been through the same thing they're going through.

The Auxiliary Volunteers

alone raised nearly \$92,000 during the most recent nine-month period. From the usual gift shop sales to raffle tickets and book fairs, Highlands gift shop has put those funds back into the hospital by purchasing critical equipment the hospital requires to provide quality care to all of its patients. Using the funds raised during the last nine-month period, the program spent \$60,157 on equipment such as, fetal monitors,

warmers, birthing beds, nightstands, and over bed tables. According to calculations, it took 7,768 volunteers hours to raise the money used to purchase these items.

The hospital is constantly looking to recruit more volunteers. Anyone interested in participating in the volunteer program should contact Melissa Vance at Highlands Regional Medical Center 886-7468 for more information.

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## Guest View

### Reducing emissions

President Bush said last week he is directing the Environmental Protection Agency and other departments to develop steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2008. He said that proposals should be ready for the fall and that fuel efficiency will be part of his plan.

Good. The president is finally taking a step that he has balked at since he took office. But he is taking it now only because of an April Supreme Court decision.

And even now, the president declines to call for specific increases in fuel efficiency standards for vehicles, saying only that the EPA plan should center on his proposal to replace 20 percent of the nation's use of gasoline with alternative fuels over the next 10 years.

There exists, however, a more serious approach. A bipartisan Senate bill would raise the fuel standard for passenger vehicles to an average 35 miles per gallon by 2020 from the current 25 mpg. The bill also would require auto manufacturers to improve mileage for medium- and heavy-duty trucks by 4 percent each year. If it becomes law, the measure would be the first action in 20 years that Congress has taken to tighten fuel efficiency standards for passenger vehicles and the first time it has ever done so for trucks weighing more than 10,000 pounds.

Some automakers say the bill is too strict and would hurt their companies and consumers. Some environmentalists argue that the bill doesn't do enough. And there's truth in both positions. But drivers who have to fill their tanks with ever more expensive gasoline — thanks largely to rising global demand — want cars that will go farther on a gallon. They also want cars that contribute less to global warming.

The Senate bill isn't perfect. But it would be a significant step forward and probably has a better chance of passage than anything else on the table. Bush — and both houses of Congress — should get behind it.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



## Letters

### Put city ahead of petty gripes

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to two different articles in your paper lately. One, the letter from Mrs. Marthan Archer Damron concerning Archer Park. I read her letter with great interest, as I well remember how Archer Park came about. My husband, Sonny Ford, served six rounds on the city council with Dr. George Archer as mayor.

Everything Marthan Damron said about the park and how it came about is so true. The persons serving the city at that time gave of their time and money to see the completion of the park so our children would have somewhere to go.

Then someone had a vision of using the mountaintop for a golf course. And believe it or not there has been a fair amount of criticism of that

progress. I can tell you that if you have not been on top of the mountain on Easter morning when the sun comes up, you have missed one of God's most beautiful blessings.

I recently read the article on the front page about the disagreement and/or confusion of "bill paying" for services rendered by engineering companies. To be honest with you, I thought, "Wonder who on the council is an engineer or wants the service for a friend who owns a company?"

Today I read Our View in the Viewpoint section and I feel you hit the nail on the head. I certainly did not vote for all persons elected. However, eight persons were elected by a majority of the voters to represent and make decisions for the good of Prestonsburg and her people, just as it was done many years ago with Dr. George and the council.

You are so right. It is time those representing the people grow up. Leave petty gripes home or sit back and watch our town that others

worked so hard to improve fall along the wayside.

I can hardly wait until I read the paper and see where our city fathers met to make decisions for our town without this kind of behavior — behavior that at home I believe and certainly hope they would not tolerate from their children.

Carolyn Ford  
Prestonsburg

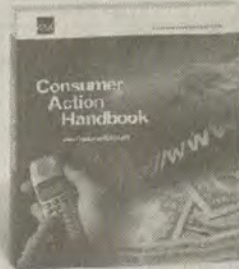
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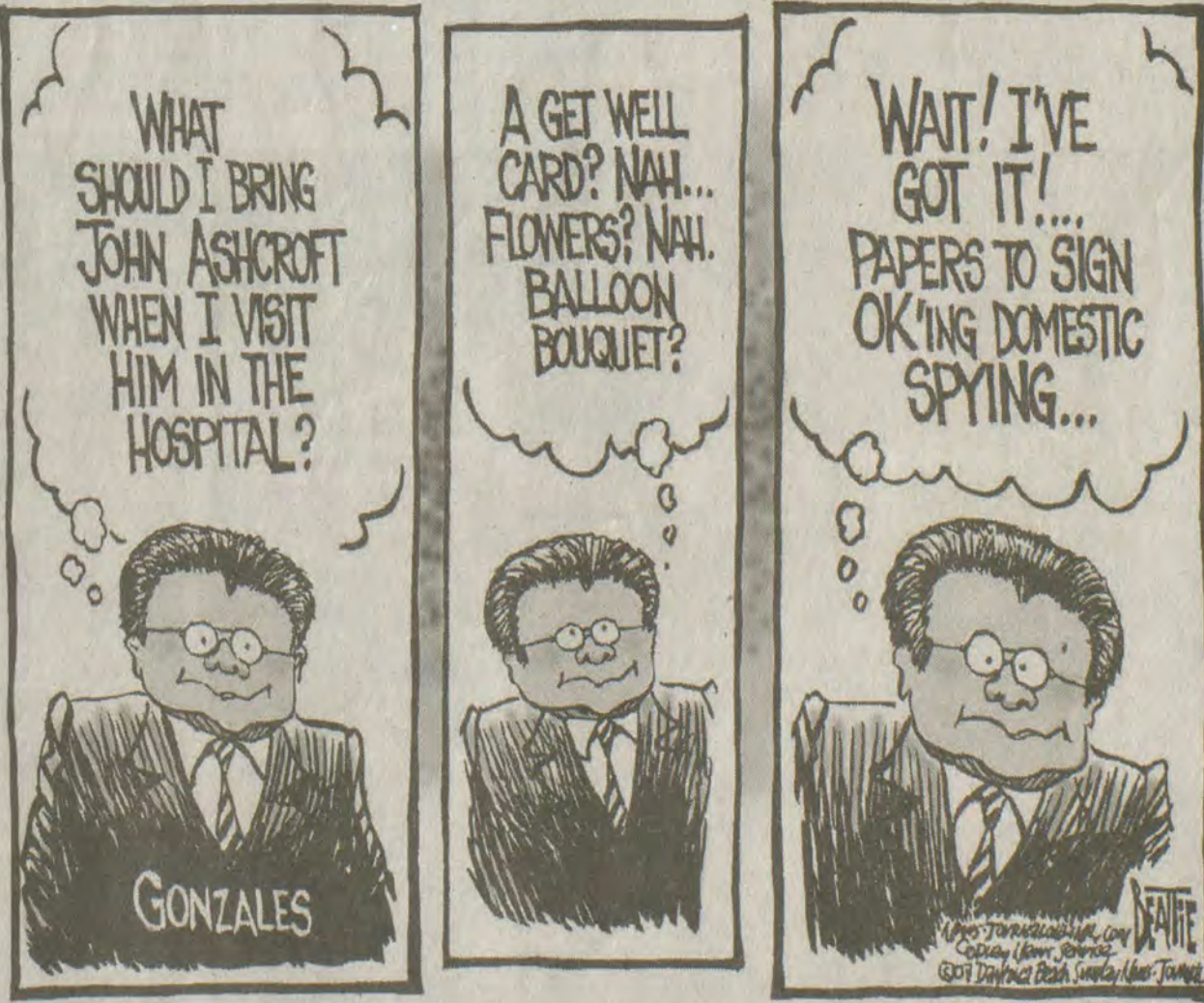
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# Jack Conway, Stan Lee win primaries for attorney general

by JOE BIESK  
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FRANKFORT — Republican State Rep. Stan Lee will face Democrat Jack Conway this fall in the race for state attorney general.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, Conway had 199,620, or 71.9 percent of the vote, to Assistant Attorney General Robert Bullock's 78,080, or 28.1 percent.

Lee, a conservative legislator from Lexington, received 64,916 votes, or 42.2 percent with 96 percent of precincts reporting. State prosecutor

Tim Coleman had 47,926 votes, or 31.1 percent; Louisville lawyer Philip Kimball had 20,734 votes, or 13.5 percent, and Lexington attorney Jon Larson had 20,335 votes, or 13.2 percent.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's decision to opt out of a second term as the state's top law official and enter the Kentucky governor's race created a wide-open primary.

Both nominees were critical of each other after their races were decided Tuesday night.

Lee described Conway as a "big-city liberal," and Conway said the attorney

general's office is "no place for a zealot."

Conway, a Louisville lawyer who ran unsuccessfully in 2002 for a seat in Congress, said he was "humbled" by the margin of victory in his race.

"We didn't take anything for granted in this race," he said.

Conway said as attorney general he would reorganize the office to create an Internet crimes division to go after sexual predators and online pharmacies that illegally deal prescription drugs.

Lee, who as a legislator has taken conservative

stances against abortion and domestic partner benefits, said voters want a conservative in the office.

"I'm pleased that obviously a majority of the voters identify with the message that I try to carry," he said. "I think the voters want a solid conservative who stands up for the ideas and ideals that they believe in, and they've seen me fight for these types of issues time and time again."

Under Stumbo, the attorney general's office was at the forefront of an investigation into allegations that Fletcher and other administration offi-

cialists devised a scheme to steer protected state jobs to the governor's political supporters.

Stumbo's office led the investigation, which resulted in Fletcher's indictment on three misdemeanor charges. Those charges were eventually dropped, though Fletcher

acknowledged that mistakes were made by his administration.

By that time Fletcher had already pardoned his entire administration, maintaining that Stumbo pursued the investigation because of political reasons.

## Governor

be former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, who emerged from a crowded Democratic field and avoided a June 26 runoff that would have been triggered if no candidate got at least 40 percent.

"Well I guess we've answered the electability question," a beaming Fletcher said at his victory party, referring to statements made by both GOP challengers that he couldn't win re-election.

Northup called him shortly before 9 p.m. to congratulate him on the victory.

"He'll go into the election with broad support across the state," Northup said of Fletcher.

The fractious GOP primary brightened Democrats' hopes of recapturing the governor's office.

Most observers predicted the crowded race would go to a June 26 runoff, but Beshear narrowly avoided it.

Besides Beshear, the primary involved three major Democratic candidates: millionaire businessman Bruce Lunsford,

House Speaker Jody Richards and former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry. Two other Democrats, Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith and Harlan County demolition contractor Otis Hensley, ran limited campaigns.

With 96 percent of precincts reporting, Beshear had 135,046 votes or 41 percent to Lunsford's 70,188 votes or 21 percent. Henry had 55,146 votes or 17 percent and Richards had 42,938 votes or 13 percent.

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# Statewide election results

**Governor Dem - Primary**  
3,392 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
Steven Beshear 135,391 - 41 percent  
William Lunsford 70,346 - 21 percent  
Stephen Henry 55,276 - 17 percent  
Jody Richards 43,034 - 13 percent  
Gatewood Galbraith 19,861 - 6 percent  
Otis Hensley 3,902 - 1 percent

**Governor GOP - Primary**  
3,392 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
x-Ernie Fletcher (i) 96,166 - 51 percent  
Anne Northup 68,773 - 36 percent  
Billy Harper 24,604 - 13 percent

**Secretary of State Dem - Primary**  
3,392 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
Bruce Hendrickson 96,916 - 37 percent  
Dick Robinson 89,595 - 34 percent  
MaDonna White 75,595 - 29 percent

**Attorney General Dem - Primary**  
3,392 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
x-Jack Conway 200,454 - 72 percent  
Robert Bullock 78,496 - 28 percent

**Attorney General GOP - Primary**  
3,378 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent

x-Stan Lee 65,870 - 42 percent  
Tim Coleman 48,538 - 31 percent  
Philip Kimball 20,968 - 13 percent  
Jon Larson 20,538 - 13 percent

**Treasurer Dem - Primary**  
3,362 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
x-Todd Hollenbach 120,544 - 44 percent  
Mike Weaver 88,818 - 32 percent  
Jack Wood 44,975 - 16 percent  
Patrick Dunmire 20,875 - 8 percent

**Treasurer GOP - Primary**  
3,362 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
Melinda Wheeler 50,138 -

32 percent  
Lonnie Napier 49,948 - 32 percent  
Ken Upchurch 32,789 - 21 percent  
Brandon Smith 23,128 - 15 percent

**Agriculture Commissioner Dem - Primary**  
3,361 of 3,519 precincts - 96 percent  
x-David Williams 150,380 - 59 percent  
David Neville 106,573 - 41 percent

**Agriculture Commissioner GOP - Primary**  
3,351 of 3,519 precincts - 95 percent  
x-Richie Farmer (i) 142,879 - 85 percent  
Don Stosberg 24,729 - 15 percent

## Seat belts

Kentucky is 67 percent, while Ohio is at 81 percent and West Virginia is at 89 percent. A primary seat belt law which went into effect throughout Kentucky in January now allows law enforcement officials to make traffic stops based solely on a motorist not wearing a seat belt and issue them a \$25 fine.

A press event held at Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville wrapped up the day's activities with comments from both state officials and advocates for seat belt usage.

State Rep. Hubert Collins shared his own story of an experience he had several years ago. Collins was not wearing a seat belt when he crashed into an earth embankment and sustained injuries that required him to receive over 100 stitches. Now, he says he is a strong advocate for seat belt usage.

Pikeville resident Jantanna Hall, also shared her survival story. Over 20 years ago, Hall was traveling to a friend's house when she crashed head-on into another vehicle. Her injuries were very severe and doctors told her they wouldn't

have been half as bad had she been wearing a seat belt.

"My head crashed through the windshield and I received over 75 stitches in my face and severed two arteries," Hall said. "Since that time, I have become a seat belt advocate and encourage everyone to wear their seat belts."

With tears in her eyes, Hall reflected on the accident and how her life could have been drastically different had she

died as a result of her injuries.

"I have three children at home and they almost didn't exist," Hall said as she struggled to hold back her tears.

McDonald's franchise owner Bob Hutchinson also attended the press event and expressed his continued support of the Buckle Up program.

"McDonald's has been and

continues to be a community and family oriented business," Hutchinson said. "We are excited to partner up with the Kentucky State Police, the Governor's Highway Safety Program and other local law enforcement agencies. This program which McDonald's is proud to be part of will enhance the safety of children and their families."

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## Results

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cast with S. Bruce Hendrickson trailing behind at 33 percent.

Democrat candidate for the commissioner of agriculture David Lynn Williams received 59 percent of the votes on the democratic side while Republican candidate Richie Farmer received 93 percent of votes on the Republican side.

As predicted, the state experienced a low voter turnout for state elections. In Floyd County, only 24.7 percent of the 31,815 registered voters actually cast their votes on Tuesday, which still topped a statewide figure of under 20 percent.

## Relay

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sonally. It is hard not to be moved by an experience like this."

The relay lasted overnight and well into the next morning.

Pack, who was dressed in "hillbilly" attire for the occasion, mentioned that \$60,000 had already been raised and that thousands more were expected.

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# 4 widows, survivor of mine explosion sue over blast

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A Kentucky mine supervisor and a coal company put production over safety prior to an underground explosion last year that killed five miners, relatives and the sole survivor alleged in a lawsuit Monday.

The lawsuit, filed in Harlan County, alleges numerous safety violations against Kentucky Darby L.L.C., coal boss Ralph Napier, and Jericol Mining, which provided management, mine planning, engineering, safety training, and other services to Darby Mine No. 1.

It seeks unspecified damages for expenses incurred by four of the five widows upon the loss of their hus-

bands, and damages for the physical pain, mental suffering and emotional distress suffered by the miners, including survivor Paul Ledford.

The complaint also seeks damages against the manufacturer of the emergency air packs used by the victims.

The widows and Ledford live mainly on worker's compensation benefits, said their attorney Tony Oppgaard.

"The purpose of filing the lawsuit is solely to take care of the miners families," Oppgaard said. "They can't survive on worker's comp benefits."

The suit was filed a year and a day after the May 20, 2006 blast, ignited by two of the miners — Jimmy Lee and shift foreman Amon "Cotton" Brock — using an open torch near a

methane leak.

Brock's widow, Imogene, is the only widow not named as a plaintiff.

The complaint alleges, in part, that Napier hired Brock as a foreman "although he knew — and had been warned — that Brock was an unsafe foreman who regularly and flagrantly violated mine safety laws and placed coal production before the safety of the miners who worked under his supervision."

Brock, 51, and Lee, 33, died at the scene of the blast. The other three victims — Roy Middleton, 35, Paris Thomas Jr., 53, and Bill Petra, 49 — died from carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation while trying to escape.

Ledford survived the blast, though he suffered permanent damage to his

lungs from smoke inhalation.

Brock also was one of two foremen who supervised the construction of the underground seals that were supposed to isolate methane, a naturally occurring gas in coal mines, according to the complaint.

The protective seal, which should have blocked out naturally occurring methane, was poorly constructed and failed to meet federal guidelines, according to investigators.

The torch ignited the leaking methane as Lee and Brock were cutting away metal straps that intersected the top of the seal and were used as underground roof supports.

"Brock ordered that a roof strap ... be removed by cutting it with a torch, in direct violation of health and safety laws and regulations," the com-

plaint says.

Federal and state investigators have not determined who told Brock that the repair was necessary.

The named defendants include the unknown manufacturer and distributors of the roof straps; CSE Corporation, which manufactured the emergency air packs Middleton, Thomas, Petra and Ledford used as they tried to escape; and the unknown distributor of the air packs.

The lawsuit claims that the air packs were "defectively designed" and "unreasonably dangerous," though investigators with the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration concluded that the devices worked properly in the Darby disaster.

# Emergency rules expected to fix problems found following Sago

by TIM HUBER  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Underground coal mines will be required to take far stronger action to prevent future explosions like the one that killed 12 men at the Sago Mine last year under emergency rules issued Friday by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

The rules, which take effect Tuesday, follow MSHA's conclusion that lightning sparked methane gas in a sealed section of the West Virginia mine.

Mine operators will be required to give up the long-standing practice of sealing and forgetting abandoned sections of underground mines. Companies will now be required to monitor such areas for explosive gases and in some cases evacuate miners.

MSHA described the rules as an attempt to fix problems that led to the Jan. 2, 2006, Sago explosion and a second blast that killed five men at the

Darby Mine No. 1 in Harlan County, Ky., last May 20. Both methane-gas explosions occurred in sealed areas that had been abandoned.

The agency determined that lightning was the most likely cause of the Sago explosion, while it blamed the use of a cutting torch for the Darby blast.

"We have concluded that immediate action is necessary to provide additional protections for our nation's underground coal miners," said MSHA director Richard Stickler.

Friday's action marks only the fourth time in its 29-year-history that MSHA has invoked its emergency authority to make immediate changes to how the nation's mining industry operates. MSHA last issued emergency rules in March 2006 to require mines to store additional emergency air packs underground and to make other changes. Those changes were also prompted by the Sago explosion.

The emergency rule is based on the Sago and Darby investigations, an evaluation of mine seals and a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study, Stickler said. NIOSH reported in February that methane gas explosions could generate explosive forces up to 640 pounds per square inch. MSHA concluded the Sago explosion generated at least 93 psi.

New seals must be capable of withstanding blast pressures of at least 50 pounds per square inch, if mine operators monitor the atmosphere behind those seals and make sure it remains nonexplosive.

If mine operators choose not to monitor sealed areas, they'd be required to build seals capable of withstanding 120 psi. Mines that pose the potential of even more powerful explosions would need seals stronger than 120 psi.

Mine operators also will be required to monitor behind existing seals and evacuate

miners if oxygen and methane reach dangerous levels. Mines also must remove insulated cables from sealed areas and are barred from welding, cutting or soldering within 150 feet of a seal.

MSHA's report on Sago said a pump cable left inside the sealed area of the mine acted like an antennae which attracted the lightning.

Additionally, mines must get design and installation plans approved and those designs must be certified by a professional engineer, MSHA said.

The rules are expected to have a big effect on the nation's 600 or so underground coal mines. NIOSH estimates there are 14,000 seals in U.S. mines, including 8,000 to 9,000 so-called alternative seals made of lighter

weight block like those used at Sago. Until last year, alternative seals had to withstand 20 psi, while traditional concrete seals typically are built to withstand 100 or more psi.

While the industry has not yet estimated how much the new seal requirements might cost, expenses for other safety mandates approved after Sago are adding up.

The Congressional Budget Office estimated the federal Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act would cost the industry \$128 million when it was passed last June, though the figure didn't include lost production during training and other expenses. That law called for additional mine rescue teams, extra emergency packs and other materials.

Since then, costs have

accelerated. The West Virginia Coal Association, for instance, has suggested that a state requirement that mines install airtight shelter chambers will cost the operators perhaps \$50 million.

Pittsburgh-based Consol Energy, for instance, is billing customers for higher safety costs, which it estimates will range between \$25 million and \$37 million from 2006 through 2009.

MSHA plans to hold public hearings on the emergency rules in July in Morgantown, Lexington, Denver and Birmingham, Ala.

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# Forest pest prompts ban on bringing wood into some parks

by DAVID DISHNEAU  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — Tent? Check. Sleeping bags? Check. Firewood? Leave it home.

That's the word from a rising number of state and federal officials battling the emerald ash borer, a half-inch, green insect responsible for the death and decline of more than 25 million ash trees in the United States.

Maryland will urge campers this summer to obtain their firewood on site instead of bringing it with them to state parks and forests, Maryland State Forester Steven W. Koehn said.

Eight other states — Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin — also have announced voluntary or mandatory restrictions on imported campfire wood. A number of national parks and forests within those states have followed suit, according to the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

The Forest Service "is talking about a regional policy, but hasn't gotten there yet," said Steven Katovich, a Forest Service entomologist in St. Paul, Minn.

The "buy it where you burn it" policies are aimed at curbing the spread of the ash borer, an exotic beetle that was discovered in the summer of 2002 near Detroit and has spread to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Prince George's County, Md.

The larvae feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The insects can travel in infested wood that hasn't been properly stripped of its bark, cured or treated to eliminate the pest. It came to Maryland in a shipment of live trees from Michigan, state officials say.

Federal and state quarantines bar commercial shipments of trees and wood products from infested areas, but don't prevent people in those areas from carting firewood to distant campgrounds.

"The guy with the pickup

truck and a chain saw keeps me up at night," Koehn said. He said firewood gatherers pilfered wood from some of the 24,000 ash trees that were felled in Prince George's County last fall and winter in what state officials hope was a successful eradication effort.

No one knows how many campers pack firewood from home, but rangers at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which straddles the Tennessee-North Carolina border, found visitors last summer from quarantined areas of Michigan and Ohio arriving with firewood, Ranger Bob Wightman said. The park is asking campers to leave firewood at home, he said.

Officials in Maryland are especially worried about visitors from Ohio, just 70 miles from the state's western border, bringing infested wood into the heavily forested panhandle that includes the Deep Creek Lake resort area and a half-dozen state campgrounds. The state Agriculture Department has identified hundreds of Ohio and Michigan residents who own land in western Maryland, and has sent letters urging them to leave their wood at home, said Carol Holko, the agency's plant-protection chief.

"We're trying to do a lot of outreach, that moving firewood is just a bad idea," she said.

Koehn said Maryland's firewood policy will be modeled after a voluntary ban announced last month by Catoctin Mountain Park, a national park in north-central Maryland.

"We're not going to throw anybody in jail," he said. But "we could revoke camping permits if we have repeat offenders."

He said campers will be asked to buy firewood in the park — it costs \$4.74 a bundle at Deep Creek Lake State Park — or from nearby private vendors. The firewood offered for sale at Deep Creek and nearby Herrington Manor State Park is locally harvested, said William Aspinall, executive director of Appalachian

Crossroads, the supplier.

Wisconsin, the first state to crack down on firewood imports, implemented an emergency rule last year prohibiting out-of-state firewood in state camping areas. A permanent rule adopted in December allows campers to use firewood from within 50 miles of any state park or forest. A certification process for firewood producers is in the works.

"With everybody working together, hopefully we can keep firewood from moving around, which is in everybody's best interest," said Robert Manwell, a spokesman for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

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 Seeking f/t & p/t drivers for 7 passenger mini-vans in Shelby and Martin. Drug screen, clean MVR, and 7 years valid DL 1-800-471-2440, reference # 28 EOE

**JOB OPENING**  
 CDL Drivers needed H.T. Hackney, 100 year old company \$10.00 per hour, 401K Plan, Health Insurance, local runs, home every night! Call 606-478-9591

**JOB OPENING**  
 Welder needed! Must have Surface Safety Card, be drug free, and dependable. Call 791-0740. Pay Negotiable.

**JOB OPENING**  
 World-Renowned real estate company looking for new agents! Century 21 American Way Realty of Prestonsburg is currently seeking Realtors to join our team. Flexible hours, top pay, and prestige are just a few benefits we offer. Call 606-886-9100 or stop by our office located at 412 N. Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg and ask for Pam Kidd, Dorothy Harris, Broker.

### JOB OPENING

**Driver/Greeter** needed for Veteran's Outreach Program. Must have a car and be willing to travel. Must also enjoy the public. Toll free 888-283-8638 or 866-212-5592.

**JOB OPENINGS**  
 First Commonwealth Bank seeks an experienced bank employee for the position of Head Teller. The Head Teller performs all teller duties while also serving in a supervisory capacity to enforce policies, oversee operations and schedule employees. A minimum of two years teller experience required and experience as a Head Teller preferred. Resumes are being reviewed now to fill the positions so, if interested, please send your resume by May 25, 2007 to Staffing, c/o First Commonwealth Bank, 311 N Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**LOOKING FOR WORK** Will do baby sitting in home or in your home. 8:00-5:00 childcare certified call 226-8495 anytime. Have references CPR Certified.  
**JOB OPENING**  
 Dental office receptionist/secretary needed must have computer skills, be able to work with the public. Send resume to box 1381. Martin KY 41649.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Mountain After Hours Clinic has an immediate opening for a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant. We offer competitive salary and excellent benefit package. Please Fax resume to 606-439-0575 Attn Kenny Holbrook or email kenny@mmic1.com or phone 606-439-2662 ext. 36

**JOB OPENING**  
 One underground Mine Mechanic for Shops Work: Component Rebuilding, Gear Boxes, Wheel Units, Posts, ect. May inquire at 606-874-6441.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Receptionist needed for physicians office. Fax resume to 606-789-9445 or mail resume to 822 S. Mayo Trail Painstville, KY 41240.

**JOB OPENING**  
 100 Workers needed. Assemble crafts, wood items. To \$480/wk. Materials provided. Free information Pkg 24 Hr. 801-428-4649.

**JOB OPENING**  
 The Prestonsburg Park Commission is seeking to fill a part time position for the Prestonsburg Equine Center as Facility Manager. The successful candidate will have equestrian experience, be people oriented and be able to work with minimal supervision. This position requires a hard working individual who will be responsible for keeping the facility secure and in good working order. Please send a resume to P O Box 911, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Immediate opening available for EXPERIENCED TECHNICIANS. Experience in alarm installation, access control, and closed circuit TV needed. Will consider inexperienced person, but must pass rigorous background check and drug testing. Company will provide uniforms, paid Holidays, paid vacations, and health insurance after trail period. Salary based on experience. Please come by and pick up an application or fax resume to 606-886-8449. ABCO Security Systems, Inc., 1006 South Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 4165. 606-886-6586.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Construction Superintendents needed for major building projects in Eastern KY. Project supervisory experience required. Send resume to Harbour, Inc. Construction Managers, PO Box 22444, Lexington, KY 40522

**JOB OPENING**  
 Staff Accountant: Pikeville, KY based mining company is seeking a full-time Staff Accountant.

**CNA's**  
 We are currently hiring for open CNA positions for all shifts. We offer an excellent benefits package and competitive wages.  
 If you are interested in joining our caring team, please apply to:  
**Salyersville Health Care**  
 571 Parkway Drive  
 (606) 349-6181  
 E.O.E./A.A.P.

**PART-TIME DRIVER NEEDED**  
 Earn at least \$10 per hour driving for the Floyd County Times.  
 Must have clean driving record and criminal background check.  
 Apply at  
**THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES**  
 263 South Central Avenue  
 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
**886-8506**  
 E.O.E.

**CPA Preferred.** 3-5 years Coal Mine Accounting experience desired. Excellent benefits, salary based on experience. Interested parties, submit resume to HR Manager, P. O. Box 1169, Pikeville, KY 41502. or E-Mail: job-opportunities@rhinoenergyllc.com

**JOB OPENING**  
 Prestonsburg Health Care Center has an opening for LPN'S or RN'S; full time and part time positions are available. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. If interested please stop by or send resume to 14 North Highland Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Beside of Prestonsburg Elementary) or call 886-2378.

**Employment at the Eric C. Conn Law Complex**  
**Job openings for General Clerk**  
**Call (606) 478-5100**



**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
 Across from MAC 1st. Brick house on Rt. in Sprulock Crk. (.5 mi) 3 BR 2 bath 1900 sq. ft. Fenced yard carport. New heat pump- Great location! \$178,000 call 889-0544 after 6pm.



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**JOB OPENING**  
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts-Day and Night. Apply in person only

**COMPUTER REPAIR! \$35.00 FLAT FEE! 1/2 price of competitors price.** Call 226-1654.

### MERCHANDISE

Kays Wallpaper 205 Depot Rd. Painstville, KY. -Quality wall covering all under \$10.00. New hours M-F 3-6. Sat 12-4. Call 789-4127. You may call after 10am for service other than regular hours

**FOR SALE**  
 8 Horse power

wood chipper, Lows 42 inch 14.5 riding mower, Ariens tiller, 1985 TRX 200 4 wheel-er. 1978 Buick Park Avenue. \$28,000. Original miles, excellent condition. Call 226-5791.

**FOR SALE**  
 Feed for sale and flea market items for sale. Call 452-9651. Located near Wheelwright off 122 on Buckingham.

### Furniture

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 Prestonsburg

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**APARTMENTS FOR RENT**  
 1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms

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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER

Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

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 61 Regency Park Dr., Box 17  
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**PHONE:**  
 606-886-8318  
 or 1-800-686-4447

(TDD for speech & hearing impaired 711)



adult, some plus size. Toys, quilts, comforters, dishes, some furniture, tools, muzzle loader gun, compound bow (serious hunters) and much more! Dealers and flea marketers welcome! If rains will be June 9th and 10th.

**YARD SALE**  
Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church will be having a HUGE RUMMAGE SALE! from 9AM to 6PM on June 2. Rain or shine on Abbott Creek Rt. 1427 off of US 23 follow signs. There will be hot dogs, chips and pop as well

**YARD SALE**  
Estate yard sale. Personal household and jewel tea collectible dishes, furniture, tools-4851 KY Rt. 321 across from Highlands regional Hospital. Wednesday 23, Thursday, 24 and Friday, 25. 8-5

**Miscellaneous**

**FOR SALE**  
Appraised Mans ring. 5 diamond cluster, 10KT. \$495 firm. Call 859-351-4408.

**Want To Buy**

**WANT TO BUY**  
Pre-Owned 2-3 BR doublewide or single wide mobile home. The need for minor repair is okay. Call anytime 791-7381

**REAL ESTATE**

**House**

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
3 BR 1 1/2 bath located in Daniels Creek subdivision. Excellent neighborhood, very child friendly. Call 874-3094.

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
Located on Front Street at Wayland. Third house above Castels store on right on Front Street. Central heat and air. 5 BR 2 bath LR 30x18 and dining room & sunroom. Huge cobble stone chimney, carport. 2 lots, fenced in. Asking \$65,000 call 606-358-4137 for appointment

**HOUSE FOR SALE**  
1 1/2 Story 3 BR 2 bath home. 2700 sq. foot with red metal roof on house, and detached 28x32 garage. 13 acres in Allen area. 844 Allen Banner Road. call 606-285-4425

**Sale or Lease**

**FOR LEASE**  
Extra nice home with 3000 sq. foot walk in basement area. Ideal for small business and residential combination. Located at Junctions of Rt. 80 and 680 at Eastern, KY. Call 606-377-6607.

**FOR SALE**  
Morgan County Farm and home. 127 acres fenced, four ponds, two barns. Call 606-743-1509.

**FOR SALE**  
Restaurant for sale, land building and equipment stock. Located at Garrett, KY. Asking \$90,000. For more info call 606-358-9311 or 606-358-0072.

**FOR SALE**  
150 acres of land for sale, excellent timber and hunting. \$120,000. Serious inquires only. Call 205-367-8087.

**FARM FOR SALE**  
Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch.

Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber.

**RENTALS**

**APARTMENT**

**FOR RENT**  
2 BR Bath and 1/2 townhouse. Also, 1 BR apt located in Prestonsburg. No pets! Call 886-8991.

**FOR RENT**  
Apt. on 23 at level above Unisign. 2 BR 1 bath. Call for pricing. 606-478-8100.

**FOR RENT**  
2 BR 1 bath 2 1/2 car garage W/D hook up. Conveniently located off 23 at Allen KY. \$625 per month & gas. Call 606-477-2783 or 606-522-4126.

**FOR RENT**  
Large 1 BR apt, second floor with deck. 5 min. from hospital, appliances, water and heat included, electric extra. \$400 monthly with 1 month deposit. Call 886-8224.

**Miscellaneous**

**FOR RENT**  
2 BR, 1 Bath, newly renovated apt. W/D hook up, above Safe Light Auto Glass in Prestonsburg. Please call for pricing. 606-478-8100

**FOR RENT**  
3 BR 2 Bath apt. For rent \$600 per month w/ \$300 deposit. No utilities furnished. References required. Call 285-1000.

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of MAC. Call 886-2288

**MobileHomes**

**FOR RENT**  
MH in Emma, Quiet clean setting. \$350 per month, \$150 deposit, plus utilities. Call after 5pm only. 606-874-3285 NO HUD. Suitable for couple.

**FOR RENT**  
Newly remodeled MH. 3 BR 2 Bath. Central heat and air, 2 inch metal top for insulation. Water, sewage, and garbage furnished. Located 2 miles from the new Food City. No pets, no HUD. Must have 2 years of good rental records. \$475 per month, \$350 deposit. 874-2162

**FOR RENT**  
14x16 2 BR MH for rent. Call 285-3980.

**FOR RENT**  
3 BR, 2 Bath 564 West Minister St. Prestonsburg. \$550 per month. 606-226-0669.

**FOR RENT**  
2 BR MH minutes from Prestonsburg. Call 874-1991.

**FOR RENT**  
Nice 2 BR Mobile Home with Deck on private lot at end of street located between Allen and Prestonsburg. Suitable for couple/ One child. No HUD. \$450 per month includes water and sewer. \$200 deposit. Serious inquires only. Call 859-402-2756

**LOTS FOR RENT**  
New Mobile home park at Allen/Dwale area in Floyd Co. Restrictions apply. Paved streets, lighted area and all sizes available. City utilities. Call 606-377-2357

**FOR RENT**  
Nice 2 BR MH in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

RE: Public Service Commission of Kentucky Case No. 2007-001188

Notice is hereby given that East Kentucky Network, LLC, dba Appalachian Wireless has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to construct a tower near Auxier in Floyd County, Kentucky. (37-43-0010 N/82-46-50.0 W). The proposed tower will be a 300-foot self-supporting tower.

If you would like to respond to this notice, please contact the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 212 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please refer to Case No. 2007-001188.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0779, Renewal**

In accordance with KAR 350-055, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and reclamation mining operation affecting 227.35 acres located 1.1 miles northwest of McCombs in Pike County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.06 miles southwest from

Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194 and located on Bevins Branch.

The operation is located on Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the auger, area and contour methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ross Harris estate, Cliff Blackburn, Denzil Allen, Bluebird Collieries, Inc., Ray Taylor, Unit Coal Corporation, Bill Burchett, Martin Collinsworth, Nick Cooley, Bobby Thompson, and William & Sue Wilkerson. The operation will underlie land owned by Ross Harris estate, Cliff Blackburn, Denzil Allen, Ray Taylor, Unit Coal Corporation, Nick Cooley, and William & Sue Wilkerson. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Rd., Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**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 Huesville in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 242.1 acres of surface disturbance and add and 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.

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0721, Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350.055 notice is hereby given that CAM - Kentucky LLC, P.O. Box 901, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502 has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation. The operation disturbs 879.37 surface acres located 1.1 miles northwest of McCombs in Pike County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.06 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with State Route 194 and located on Bevins Branch.

The operation is located on Thomas U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DFM, Inc., Alma Land Company, Cliff Blackburn, M&M Enterprises, Appalachian Land Company, Denzil & Janice Allen, Hatton-Allen Insurance Agency, Inc. & David P. Allen. The surface area overlying auger works is owned by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and Alma Land Company.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. 1 Case No. 06-CI-1023**

**Ersal Ray Wilcox and Peggy Ann Lantz Petitioners vs. Carl Thomas Wilcox and Shelly Wilcox, his wife; Bobby Dean Wilcox and Stephanie Wilcox, his wife; Teva Pattison and Brett Pattison, her husband; Jackie Vernon Wilcox and Jane Wilcox, his wife; Connie S. Kindle, single; Carl Douglas Wilcox, and Marcia Wilcox, his wife; William (Bill) Wilcox, single; Billie Jean Bolen and Ricky Bolen, her husband; Cindy L. Leham, single; Tommie Frances Thompson and Edward Thompson, her husband; Charles G. McKinney, single; Connie Lynn Bays and William Bays, her husband; and Lorena Guyton, single Respondents**

**NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and**

Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st of February, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

**CITY OF PRESTONSBURG BID PROPOSAL FOR MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2007, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008**

The City of Prestonsburg is accepting bids for materials and/or supplies, that will be purchased during fiscal year 2007-2008, for use in the operation of City Government during that time. The general type of materials/supplies for bid:

- Heavy Equipment with Operators
- Hourly Rates
- Double Walled Plastic
- Gravel
- Custodial/Cleaning Supplies
- Heating & Cooling Hourly Rates
- The Grade and Placement of Concrete Slabs and Footers
- Per Yard
- Pipe and Gabion Baskets
- Supply Only, and Supply & Placement of Bituminous Asphalt

Bid proposal forms can be picked up in the City Clerk's Office, located at 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, or can be mailed or faxed by contacting Sharon Schoolcraft at (606) 886-2335, ext. 16. **BID PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 12 p.m., JUNE 25, 2007.** The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Big Sandy Area Development District has three positions available as follows:

- Water Management Coordinator** — This person is responsible for meeting the responsibilities of our state contract, which includes but not limited to maintaining a water management database, and coordinating regional meetings.
- Projects Developer** — This position includes coordination, development, and submission of regional projects throughout the Big Sandy, and working closely with local elected leaders and constituents on the progress of those projects.
- Aging Programs Assistant** — Entry-level position, which requires a person who is proficient with database entry.

The deadline for resumé submission on the above positions is June 1, 2007. For more information, regarding specifics on each position, go to [www.bigsandy.org](http://www.bigsandy.org). Send letter of intent and resumé to Terry Trimble, 110 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Big Sandy ADD is an EOE.

E10 poles to a beech N 32 1/2 E7 poles to the corner of Big Sandy Railway company and with the same N 44°W23 poles 10 links to the beginning containing twenty three and three eights (23-3/8) acres.

There is excepted from the above Tract No. 1, a lot conveyed to Peggy Ann Lantz by Goldie Wilcox, widow; Erma Wilcox, widow; and Carl T. Horne, single, heirs of E. I. Horne by deed dated the 15th day of October, 1990, and recorded in Deed Book 342, Page 605, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements, and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchas-

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er shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale

and for the master commissioner.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel:  
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2nd Floor  
Prestonsburg, KY  
41653  
William S.  
Kendrick  
Master  
Commissioner  
P.O. Box 268  
Prestonsburg, KY  
41653

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting deci-

sions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Miller Bros. Coal LLC  
836-0319  
04/17/2007  
FCDC Coal Inc.  
836-5509  
04/18/2007  
FCDC Coal Inc.  
836-5518  
04/09/2007  
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# Odds & Ends

■ **NORTH CANTON, Ohio** — Kristina Schneider tried to persuade a customer at the BP station where she works to buy the last ticket on a roll of the Magnificent Millions lottery game.

"I always joke that the last ticket is the winning one, but he said he only had enough money for three tickets," Schneider said.

This time, her advice was no joke.

The single mother — with nine maxed out credit cards and \$8,500 in debt for her associate's degree — bought what turned out to be a \$1 million winning ticket with a \$10 bill she found in the store Friday.

"I thought someone was playing a trick on me" when she found the sawbuck, she said.

After showing a customer that she did indeed have a winning ticket, she locked the store while she took a moment to be sick in the bathroom.

"I was numb. I still am," she said.

Schneider, 32, opted to take 20 yearly payments of, \$50,000, or \$34,500 after taxes.

"If I'd have taken a lump sum, I'd be broke again within five years," she said.

■ **GILLETTE, Wyo.** — Talk about desperate for a date.

Apparently unable to steal anyone's heart the usual ways, someone stole a woman's credit card and charged \$1,400 for a computer and for various dating services.

Police Sgt. Dirk Blackmer said the charges were made between May 1 and Friday.

He said the thief's identity was unknown.

■ **PHOENIX** — A state official claimed on his MySpace page that he volunteers to help children only to indoctrinate them in the "splendors of lawlessness," but says it was a joke intended only for his friends, not the public.

"It's exactly the opposite of me as a person," said Dennis Seavers, executive director of the state fingerprinting board, of his profile on the popular networking site. "If I had known that the public would see it, I never would have done it."

But Sen. Linda Gray said she was troubled by his page and still had questions after speaking with him Monday.

"To me this is a sick joke," said Gray, a Republican who works on legislative issues about law enforcement. "I have a concern about what he wrote about himself and whether there needs to be pro-

fessional evaluation of his behavior because he such a high responsibility as director of the fingerprinting board."

The small executive-branch agency considers appeals from prospective teachers and others required to submit fingerprints for criminal background checks.

Seavers' page said that he lived "a quiet daytime life as a state employee" but that his friends knew him "as wild debauchery, interested in self-promotion and enrichment. And by enrichment, I mean money. None of this self-esteem crap."

It continued, "Though afflicted by dipsomania, I stroll through crowds under the guise of sobriety. I volunteer as a Big Brother, only to indoctrinate children in the gothic splendors of lawlessness."

Gov. Janet Napolitano's spokeswoman said she was unaware of Seavers' page and had no immediate comment.

Seavers said Monday that he had canceled his MySpace.com account. Accessed late Monday, the page was up with a note: "This profile is set to private. This user must add you as a friend to see his/her profile."

■ **LIGONIER, Ind.** — A swarm of honeybees temporarily disrupted a charity fundraising event, but no one reported being stung.

Authorities evacuated the area Saturday after the swarm of about 3,000 bees emerged from the woods around the West Noble High School football field, where 700 people were participating in a fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society.

The bees landed on a large umbrella shading the campsite of one of the more than 60 teams taking part in the 24-hour event in the town, 40 miles northwest of Fort Wayne.

A local beekeeper, Matt Green, used a smoke machine to calm the bees and coax them into a beehive he brought to the field. The event was delayed about 45 minutes.

■ **SAN JOSE, Calif.** — It was a big enough bummer for Kenneth Affolter when he was sentenced to more than five years in prison for making pot-laced treats and soft drinks.

Now he faces the wrath of a candy giant.

The Hershey Co. has sued Affolter, 40, for giving his marijuana goodies names like Stony Rancher, Rasta Reese's and Keef Kat. Each came in packaging similar to Hershey's Jolly Rancher, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

and Kit Kat candies, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Hershey's suit, filed earlier this month in U.S. District Court in San Jose, accuses Affolter of trademark infringement, trademark dilution and unfair competition. The company is seeking \$100,000 in damages.

Papers were served on Affolter on Tuesday while he was in a county jail awaiting transfer to state prison.

Affolter's lawyer, David M. Michael, said he was negotiating with Hershey.

■ **BIG PINE KEY, Fla.** — Hugh Hefner may seem like he will live forever, but the Florida Keys rabbits named after him may not.

The population of rabbits on Big Pine Key has dwindled by about 50 percent in the past two years and is in danger of being wiped out. The Latin

name for the rabbit is *Sylvilagus palustris hefneri*. That's a reference to Hefner, the Playboy magazine founder who financed research that identified the species in 1980.

The medium-sized, dark brown cottontail with a grayish-white belly was put on the federal endangered species list in 1990 when the population in the Florida Keys was estimated at 200.

Wildlife officials plan to begin a program next week to trap feral and stray cats, hoping that keeping a predator away will mean that the population of Lower Keys marsh rabbits will grow. The strategy worked on another group of the animals at the Naval Air Station at Boca Chica.

Officials will begin the program to trap cats Monday near the rabbit habitat at the National Key Deer Refuge on Big Pine Key.

Not everyone is happy

about the program. Some activists dressed up in cat suits and waved signs in protest near the refuge when the program was announced a month ago. Refuge officials said the cats will be "humanely trapped alive" and then transported to animal shelters.

Officials did not know how many cats could be trapped.

■ **ANGELS CAMP, Calif.** — A rift between organizers of Calaveras County's famous frog jumping contest did not keep away thousands of frog wranglers Sunday inspired by Mark Twain's tall tale.

About 4,000 contestants entered the Calaveras County Fair's annual Jumping Frog Jubilee this year, twice as many as last year, according to the event's organizers.

The jumping frogs drew extra attention this year after a quarrel with the fair's organizers led the club that has tradi-

tionally overseen the competition to start its own jump.

"Both sides are doing everything they can to make sure that this year's frog jumps are done well and have a lot of pizzazz to them," said Anne Forrest, president of the Angels Camp Business Association.

Low attendance at last year's event was blamed in part on rainy weather, a far cry from Sunday's sunny skies.

The annual event is inspired by "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," Mark Twain's tale of a frog-jumping contest that is weighted in one gambler's favor when he secretly fills his opponent's frog with buckshot.

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## E. Ky. judge-exec. charged with abusing public trust

The Associated Press

**WEST LIBERTY** — An Eastern Kentucky judge-executive was indicted on charges of abusing public trust.

A grand jury on Monday handed down the indictment against Morgan County Judge-Executive Timothy Conley, a Republican who won a second term last year despite a pending investigation, according to a story in the Lexington Herald-Leader on Tuesday.

Two counts in the indictment allege that Conley provided a county-owned drain-pipe for use on private property. A third count alleges

Conley used the county garage for maintenance on his bulldozer.

The alleged incidents occurred in 2005.

The law involving abuse of public trust was enacted in 2003, according to special prosecutor Brent Turner, who is commonwealth's attorney in Floyd County.

Turner was assigned to help conduct the investigation last August and the special grand jury was impaneled in September.

Conley wasn't in his office Tuesday and couldn't be reached for comment.



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## Lady Blackcats mercy Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — Despite giving up a pair of first inning runs, Prestonsburg bounced back and ended the regular-season portion of the 2007 softball season on a solid note Saturday, beating host Magoffin County 12-2 in five innings via the Mercy Rule.

Eighth-grade pitcher Alexis DeRossett earned the win for the Lady Blackcats. DeRossett helped

her cause at the plate with a pair of singles and one run.

"It was one of the better all-around games we've played all season," said Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack.

The win was Prestonsburg's second in three games. The Lady Blackcats gained some momentum thanks to the win. Top-seeded Prestonsburg was facing host South Floyd Tuesday evening in the 58th District Tournament. The district tournament's championship game was set for Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

The host Lady Hornets jumped out in front first in Saturday's regular-season finale, scoring a pair of runs in their first at-bat. Magoffin County, however, was held scoreless after the opening inning.

Prestonsburg scored three runs in the second inning and added four in the third frame. After plating a lone run in the fourth inning, Prestonsburg stretched its lead out to a 10-run advantage with four runs in the fifth

(See PRESTONSBURG, page two)



Prestonsburg catcher Erica Meade stood in at the plate for the Lady Blackcats during Saturday's road game at Magoffin County.

## Evans wins 201 Late Model feature

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — West Virginia driver Rod Evans claimed the Late Model feature win Saturday night at 201 Speedway, beating Eastern Kentucky drivers Chris Combs, Paul Harris, Shannon Thornsberry and Anthony Adams in a crowded top-five field. One week earlier, Evans, who pilots the R1 car, set the fast time at the Eastern Kentucky dirt track.

(See 201, page two)

## BLACKCAT BASEBALL



### FACILITY DEDICATION AND A WIN ON SENIOR DAY

The Prestonsburg High School baseball program's indoor facility is now named after longtime head coach Russell Shepherd. The ceremony was held on Saturday morning. On Senior Day, Saturday, PHS senior Dustin Fitch (left) was honored prior to the Blackcats hosting the Magoffin County Hornets. Chris Schoolcraft pitched the host Prestonsburg to an 11-7 win over Magoffin County. With the victory over the Hornets, Prestonsburg improved to 15-15.

## State tennis tourney set to start Thursday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The 2007 Fifth Third/KHSAA State Tennis Championships are slated for next Thursday through Saturday, May 24-26. On Thursday, boys' doubles action will be held at Madison Southern High School and boys' singles, action at Berea College. Both girls' doubles and singles play will be held at the UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex in Lexington. Thursday's admission at all venues is free. Last week, Archer Park hosted a regional tennis tournament.

On Friday, all play will be held at the Boone/Downing Tennis Stadium. General admission, good for the entire day, will be \$3 each with those under six admitted free. Saturday's play will also be UK and all-day general admission will be \$6 each — those under six are free.

Sportsmanship winners: Kristina Kirk of Woodford County and Zack Wright of Trigg County were name overall statewide winners at the 2007 First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet held May 6, at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

KHSAA member schools each selected one boy and one girl as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners were then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl was selected as the state winner and received a one-time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of First

(See TENNIS, page two)

## Musselman-Dunne Junior Tour visits StoneCrest

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Musselman-Dunne Junior Tour visited Prestonsburg's StoneCrest Golf Course Sunday. Western Kentucky golfer Seth Blann captured the championship in the boys' division, firing a 150 (78-72).

The event included golfers from throughout the state. Complete results from the event follow.

Musselman-Dunne Junior Tour

(See GOLF, page two)



The Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball program took a look back at the 2006-07 on Saturday during its annual banquet.

## Betsy Layne girls' program hosts annual banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball program held its annual banquet Saturday, celebrating the success of the 2006-07 season. Betsy Layne finished the latest season 18-11, tied for the 15th Region's fifth-best record. The Ladycats reclaimed the top spot in both the Floyd County Conference and 58th District dur-

ing the most recent season.

"We do not lose anyone from this year's team, so it was truly a celebration," Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers commented following her program's annual banquet.

During the banquet, Akers, her coaching staff and players took a look back at the 2006-07 season and a look ahead to the 2007-08 campaign.

The Ladycats went back to work this past Tuesday. A busy

offseason awaits the Betsy Layne High girls' basketball program.

"We will be attending team camp at Georgetown and playing in a summer league at Pikeville College," Akers confided. "We look forward to a successful summer as we get ready for next season."

In between summer practices and games, Betsy Layne will host its annual youth basketball camp.

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# 15TH REGION SOFTBALL

(Final Regular-Season)

Team	Record	Phelps	Record
Lawrence County	20-12	Allen Central	9-7
Pikeville	19-10	Betsy Layne	9-10
East Ridge	16-9	Magoffin County	8-18
Shelby Valley	15-9	Belfry	7-20
Paintsville	14-11	Pike County Central	6-14
Johnson Central	13-10	Sheldon Clark	4-26
Prestonsburg	12-7	South Floyd	2-14

## DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S GOLF SCRAMBLE



The Floyd County Democratic Women's Club held its seventh annual golf scramble on Saturday, May 12 at Beaver Valley Golf Course. The top-three teams each won money.



## Democratic Women's Club hosts 7th annual golf scramble

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club hosted its 7th annual Golf Scramble Saturday, May 12 at the Beaver Valley Golf Course.

"We want to thank everyone that helped in any way to help make our golf scramble a success; we hope to see every-

one next year," the Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club said in a press release.

Results from the seventh annual golf scramble follow.

First-place (\$1,250): Ryan Martin, Eric Frishett; Dougie Marcum and Harold Wallace (pictured top, left).

Second-place (\$75): William

Newsome Jr., Duran Newsome, Casey Castle and Jim Rose (pictured top, right).

Third-place (\$500): Randall Mulkey, Earl Mulkey, Larry Woods and Shin Robinson (pictured bottom, left).

Closest to the Pin (\$100): Scott Stephens.

Longest Drive (\$100): Russell Lafferty.

## Tennis

Corporation. Selection criteria included: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications. Each regional winner received a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a windbreaker and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of First Corbin.

Following are the regional winners: Region 1 - Samantha Workman (Hickman County); Michael Gossum (Graves County); Region 2 - Tredene Davis (Madisonville-North Hopkins); Zack Wright (Trigg County); Region 3 - Ashley Prince (Owensboro); Brad Bilbro (Muhlenberg North); Region 4 - Erika Murphy (Cumberland County); Marcus Steele (Warren Central); Region 5 - BreAnna Milby (Green County); Troy

Meno (Ft. Knox); Region 6 - Kathleen Thompson (Bullitt East); Nicholas George (Pleasure Ridge Park); Region 7 - Haley Kilgore (Jeffersonton); Jared Stafford (Christian Academy-Louisville); Region 8 - Rachel Sipp (South Oldham); Joshua Shipp (Grant County); Region 9 - JoAnn Vrabel (Covington Latin); Nathan Dilts (Dayton); Region 10 - Katie Robertson (Bourbon County); Collin Jones (Montgomery County); Region 11 - Kristina Kirk (Woodford County); Cory Kays (Madison Central); Region 12 - Donald Walker (Mercer County); Ashley Dollins (Rockcastle County); Region 13 - Ariel Robinson (Williamsburg); A.J. Jusino (Williamsburg); Region 14 - Tabitha Crane (Estill County); Matthew Williams (Hazard); Region 15 - Olivia Harris (Pikeville); Aaron Warren (Belfry);

Region 16 - Clerrinda Walker (West Carter); Chris Harris (Raceland).

### UPCOMING KHSAA EVENTS

May 21-26 Regional Track Meets  
 May 21-26 District Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments  
 May 24-26 Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' State Tennis Tournaments, Lexington  
 May 28-June 2 Regional Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments  
 June 1-2 State Track & Field Meet, Lexington  
 June 6-8 Semi-State Baseball Series  
 June 8-9 Fast Pitch Softball, Jeffersonton  
 June 13-16 Fifth Third/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament  
 June 19 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Scramble (for 2008 Class)

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Evans took the \$1,800 first-place purse that included \$300 from both May Block and Tim Short Chrysler. In qualifying, Harris set a fast time of 13.28, earning \$300 from Eastco Supply. Combs turned in the second-fastest time at 13.36. Eric Wells (13.38) and Thornsberry (13.40) also put up a solid qualifying effort.

In Open Wheel Modified qualifying, Corey McKenzie set the fast time, turning a lap in 15.14. Brandon Mason, however, won the Open Wheel Modified feature.

Complete results from Saturday night's races follow.

First Late Model Heat: R1, Rod Evans; 10, Paul Harris; 18, Eric Wells; 11, D.J. Wells; 43K, Kevin Hall; 10, Raymond Nichols; 3, Richie Edwards; R22, Randall Caudill; 71, Donald Runyon.  
 Second Late Model Heat: 47, Chris Combs; 17, Shannon Thornsberry; 8, Anthony Adams; 18, Brandon Kinzer; 97, David Powers; 51, Randy Boggs; 81, Brandon Fouts; 81B, Albert Butcher.

Late Model Feature: R1, Rod Evans; 47, Chris Combs; 10, Paul Harris; 17, Shannon Thornsberry; 8, Anthony

Adams; 51, Randy Boggs; 43K, Kevin Hall; 10, Raymond Nichols; 18, Eric Wells; 18, Brandon Kinzer; 11, D.J. Wells; 97, David Powers; 81, Brandon Fouts; 3, Richie Edwards; 71, Donald Runyon; 22R, Randall Caudill; 81B, Albert Butcher.

First Open Wheel Heat: 33, Corey McKenzie; 15, Brandon Mason; 81, Randy Fouts; 911, Jason Hall; 46, Dennis Deboard; 0, Jimmy Collins; CJ1, Charlie Jude; 00, Chris Prater; 2T, Jack Tackett.

Second Open Wheel Heat: 55, Darren Muncy; 11, Pete Castle; 74, Beadie Blackburn; 84, Walt Mayabb; 42, James Grigsby; 22, Bobby Tackett; 8, Paul Jordan; 18, Gary Fitzpatrick; 28M, Kevin Mayabb; 35, Jeremy Hayes; 21, J.J. Brock.

Open Wheel Feature: 15, Brandon Mason; 55, Darren Muncy; 33, Corey McKenzie; 11, Pete Castle; 911, Jason Hall; 84, Walt Mayabb; 81, Randy Fouts; 28M Kevin Mayabb; 46, Dennis Deboard; 42, James Grigsby; 22, Bobby Tackett; 21, J.J. Brock; 35, Jeremy Hayes; 2T, Jack Tackett; 00, Chris Prater; 18, Gary Fitzpatrick; 0, Jimmy

Collins; CJ1, Charlie Jude; 8, Paul Jordan. DNS - B17, Brandon Johnson; 74, Beadie Blackburn.

First Mr. Bomber Heat: 24, Jimmy Johnson; 37H, Greg Hensley; J17, J.J. Terry; 3, Shannon Richmond; 411, Eddie Ratliff; J5, Jerry Wright.  
 Second Bomber Heat: H3, Harley Hall; J5, Jerry Wright; B4, Jared Blair; 73, Charlie Mollette; 20, Bo Howard; 44, Ryan Jarrell.

MR METAL Bomber Feature: 24 Jimmy Johnson (Disqualified after post-race tech); 37H, Greg Hensley; 3, Shannon Richmond (Disqualified in post-race tech); H3, Harley Hall; J17, J.J. Terry; 20, Bo Howard; J5, Jerry Wright; B4, Bannie Blair; 411, Eddie Ratliff; J11, Marvin Tackett; 73 Charlie Mollette.

First Four Cylinder Heat: 37, Alan Osborne; 21, Pat "The Gun" Morris; 7 Gary Whitt; 20, Wayland Sparkman; 17S, Brian Salisbury; 33, Robert Hamilton; 63T, Shirlye Tackett.

Second Four Cylinder Heat: 18S, Shawn Ousley; 18K, Shawn "DI" Henson; RA47 Robert Hall; 22 Daniel

Fugate; J5 (Driver name unavailable); B2, Michael Blair; 17, Alan Salisbury.

Four Cylinder Feature: 37, Alan Osborne; 18S, Shawn Ousley; RA 47, Robert Hall; Old No. 7, Gary Whitt; 21, Pat Morris; J5 (Driver name unavailable); 22, Daniel Fugate; 63T, Shirlye Tackett; 20, Wayland Sparkman; 17, Alan Salisbury; 33, Robert Hamilton; 17S, Brian Salisbury; B2, Michael Blair.



ROY S. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP: Allen Central High School seniors Ryan Collins (left) and Josh Martin (right) are the recipients of this year's Roy S Martin Memorial Scholarship. Also pictured are Polly Martin, widow of the late Roy S. Martin and ACHS Coach John Martin, son of Polly Martin and the late Roy S. Martin.

## Banquet

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The third annual Ladycat Basketball Camp for girls entering grades K-9 in the fall will be on the hill at Betsy Layne High School June 6-8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Registration for the camp will be held at 8:30 a.m.

on June 6. Cost of the camp is \$50 per camper. Special rates for teams of eight or more and families are available. For more information, call Akers at 606/794-3106.

## Prestonsburg

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inning. Alisha Mayfield reached base and scored in all four of her plate appearances for the Lady Blackcats. Mayfield had two singles. Whitney Caudill delivered a double and a single, scoring twice for visiting Prestonsburg. Leadoff hitter Brittany Collins had two hits for the Lady Blackcats.

Katy Petry, Erica Meade and Rikki Hughes each scored once in the Lady Blackcat triumph. Prestonsburg finished regu-

lar-season play 12-7, ranked seventh in the final 15th Region regular-season softball standings.

Magoffin County concluded the regular-season 8-18.

## Golf

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at StoneCrest Golf Course, Prestonsburg.

BOYS' Championship - Seth Blann (Bowling Green) 78-72-150; 16-18-year-old - Michael Odenthal (Rockfield) 75-79-154; 14-15 - Tanner Mobley (Lexington) 75-79-154; 12-13 - Hager Collins (Lexington) 75-76-151; 11-under - Kevin Klein (Lexington) 33-38-76.

GIRLS' Championship - April Emerson (Jamestown) 87-76-163; 14-15 - Polly Whalen (Cynthiana) 95-91-186; 13-under - Katie Page (Louisville) 53-47-100.

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Johnson Central	21-11	East Ridge	12-18
Belfry	18-12	Pike County Central	8-16
Pikeville	16-15	Shelby Valley	6-14
Sheldon Clark	15-15	Betsy Layne	2-21
Prestonsburg	15-15	South Floyd	0-15



Pikeville College signed Olivia Kinney, a senior from Pikeville High School, to a softball scholarship, recently. She is flanked by her parents, Shari and Burt Kinney. Standing behind them are PHS Principal Jon Stratton, Pikeville High coaches Kenny Schmidt and Nikki Cole and Pikeville College Coach Robert Staggs.

photo courtesy of Pikeville College



GOING STRONG: Prestonsburg pitcher Chris Schoolcraft earned the win Saturday as the Blackcats defeated visiting Magoffin County 11-7 on Senior Day.

## Kinney to play at Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Coach Robert Staggs continued to bolster his softball roster on Monday when he landed a local prospect who can play multiple positions.

Olivia Kinney, a senior at

Pikeville High School, signed to continue her educational and athletics opportunities at Pikeville College.

Kinney finished the regular season with a .417 batting average, picking up 43 hits in 103 at bats. She stole 21 bases this season as well, splitting

time between the outfield and catcher.

"A player like Olivia gives us some options as far as where she plays, and as the season goes along, that can be pretty important," said Staggs. "We think she will be a nice addition to our club and we're

excited to add her to the family."

Kinney is the fifth incoming freshman to sign with the Lady Bears this spring. She joins Mariah Looney and Kaitlyn Ratliff of East Ridge and Marissa Adkins and Tiffany Little of Russell.

## Reds file grievance over Majewski trade

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Reds have filed a grievance against the Washington Nationals over the trade that brought sore-shouldered reliever Gary Majewski to Cincinnati last season.

The Reds contend that Nationals general manager Jim Bowden failed to inform them of Majewski's shoulder problems when they got the right-hander as part of an eight-player deal last July 13.

Majewski has struggled since joining the Reds, and is in the minors this season.

Major League Baseball spokesman Patrick Courtney

confirmed the grievance on Saturday. Baseball officials will gather information about the disputed deal, and could decide to let it stand or force the teams to amend it.

There is no timetable for resolving the dispute, which has been simmering since last August. Reds general manager Wayne Krivsky declined to comment on Saturday.

Bowden declined to speak with reporters before Washington's game Saturday night against Baltimore.

The Nationals received shortstop Felipe Lopez and outfielder Austin Kearns, two of the Reds' regulars.

Majewski and left-handed reliever Bill Bray were keys to

the deal for Cincinnati, which desperately needed help in its bullpen. Majewski did poorly when he arrived in Cincinnati, compiling a 12.54 ERA in 11 appearances.

Majewski went on the disabled list on Aug. 7 after telling the team that his shoulder had bothered him all season and that he got a cortisone shot before the All-Star break. Krivsky has said that the Nationals didn't mention the cortisone shot when they were negotiating the trade.

Bowden, a former Cincinnati GM, has said the Reds received all the information that they requested.

The Reds have been considering a grievance since they

learned of the cortisone shot. Majewski returned at the end of last season and had a 1.59 ERA in eight appearances.

His problems returned this spring, when weakness in the shoulder limited him to two appearances. Majewski has gone 1-1 with a 5.54 ERA in 13 appearances for Triple-A Louisville this season.

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SENIOR LADY BLACKCATS: Prestonsburg High School softball seniors Brittany Ousley, Morghan Slone and Katie LeMaster (pictured left to right) headed into their last 58th District Tournament Tuesday evening.

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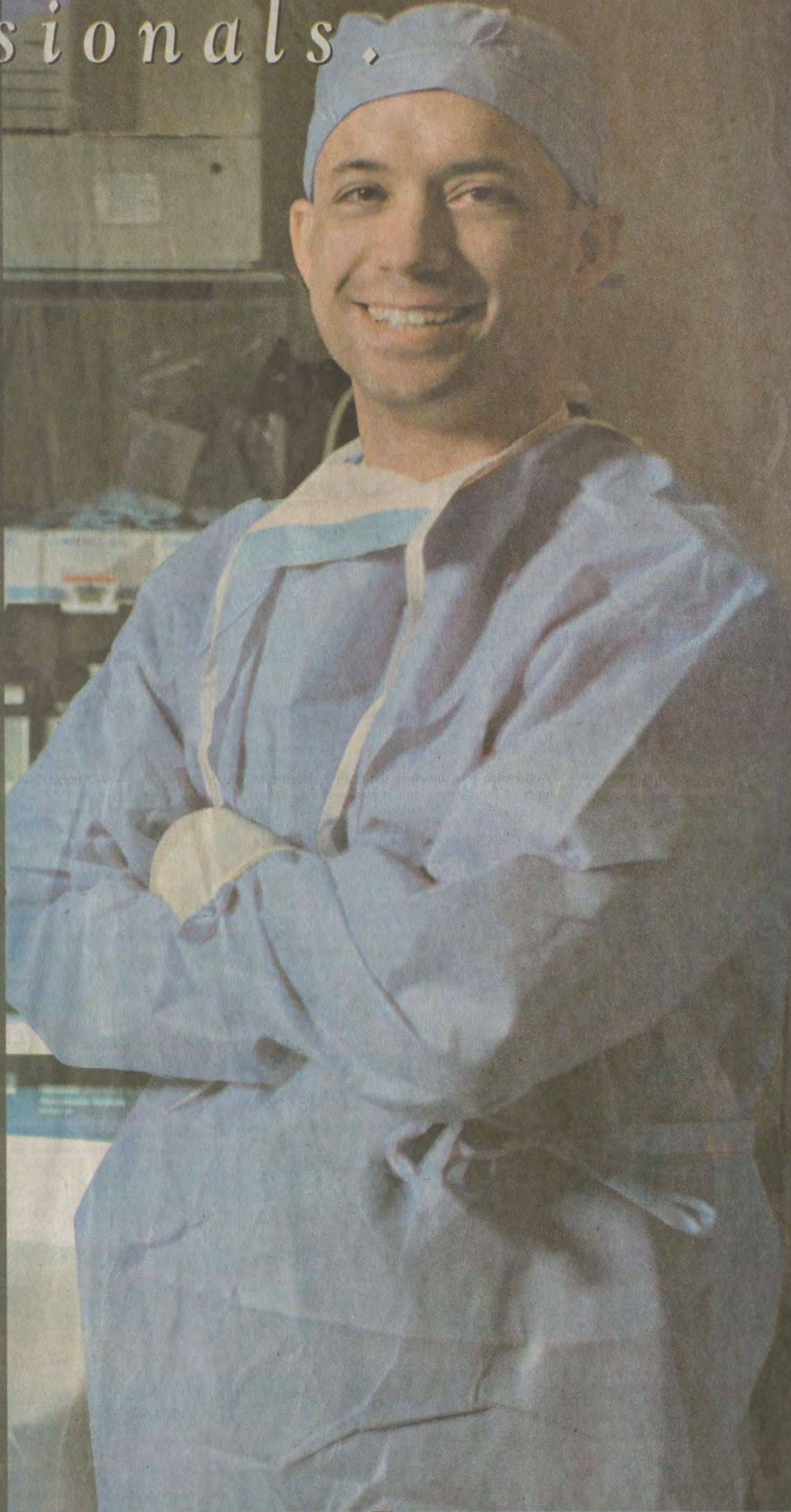
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# School Happenings

## Summer celebration

To be held, Wednesday, May 30, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Maytown Center. This is a joint event held in conjunction with the Youth Service Centers of Duff Elem., May Valley Elem., and Allen Central Middle School. The day of fun will include: "Wild Water Wars," "Design your own T-shirt," learning how to make homemade ice cream, and more. Ages will be divided in groups. Lots of prizes to be given away and, best of all, the activity is FREE to all who attend!

For grades K-8 only.

For more information and registration forms, visit [www.maytowncenter.org](http://www.maytowncenter.org) and click on "Summer Activities."

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ June 11-29 - Smarty Camp for students entering 3rd thru 9th grades; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily at Prestonsburg High School. For registration information, call 886-1297.

■ July 12 - Free athletic physicals for PHS students and their feeder schools; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seton Complex, in Martin. Students must be accompanied by parents.

■ July 18 - Back-to-School Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Duff/Allen Central Middle School. Many services will be offered free of charge including school physicals, school supplies, child ID, and drawings for free haircuts.

■ July 18 - FREE clothing giveaway at the Graceway Church, located on Rt. 80, at Maytown. Open to all Floyd County families in need.

■ Applications and information on local summer camps available at center.

■ Updated student health records may be dropped off at the center during the summer break.

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be open throughout the summer months. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services or if you need assistance during the summer.

## 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

■ 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

■ 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

■ 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

■ July 2, 3 - 4-H Day Camp for grades K-8, at Maytown Center, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Camp is FREE, but parents must provide transportation. Call 285-0321 for more info.

■ 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.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iid.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.

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

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

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

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

## Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

■ 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

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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. - Weeksbury CC.

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

6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

Also, from 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

(May 28-May 30)

At the May School Board meeting, board member Eddie Patton gave Chairman Ursal Ray Wilcox a letter asking that actions taken at three special meetings be considered void, because he was not given proper notification of the April 4, April 26 and April 28 meetings.

A special Floyd County School Board meeting should be called to address Tuesday's cancellation of a due process hearing for an employee, because a quorum of the board failed to show up and proper notice was not given to the parties involved.

A McDowell teen was accidentally shot, last week, when she gave her friend a gun and it discharged. Vernie Daniels, 18, was taken to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital by some friends, after she was shot in the side with a .22 caliber handgun around 8:45 p.m., last Wednesday. No charges were filed.

Fifth graders at Prestonsburg Elementary were given the opportunity, Friday, to ride in a hot air balloon as they say farewell and move on to the sixth grade. The balloon ride was sponsored by the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center.

Floyd County Times employees, Johnny Adams, pressroom manager; Willie Conley, composing room manager; Scott Perry, publisher; and Jody Scott, pressroom technician, moved the last piece of equipment, a camera, from the Times old pressroom, Friday, to the newly-constructed facility, just up the street. The Times rolled off the presses at the new location on Wednesday, May 21.

Dickie Martin, 58, of Somerset, formerly of Garrett, was arrested by Kentucky State Police in Putaski County, after a female relative filed a charge of first degree sexual abuse in Floyd District Court. The incident allegedly took place 23 years ago.

Brian Lee Triplett, 18, of Wheelwright, was arrested, Thursday, on a warrant taken out by Floyd County deputy Steve Little. He was arrested after an investigation into a car theft, led local authorities to the suspect who is accused of burglarizing a Floyd County school earlier this month.

Patients at the Prestonsburg Dialysis Clinic, were evacuated early Monday morning by the Prestonsburg Fire Department after smoke was detected in the building.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce named its Business Person of the Year, its Business of the Year, and Floyd Countian of the Year Thursday, May 29, during its annual awards banquet.

The body of Eddie Arnold George, 51, of East Point, who apparently committed suicide, was found floating in Dewey Lake, Wednesday, shortly before 1 p.m., at the old beach area.

The Floyd County Bar Association's Family Court committee conducted a public hearing, Thursday, to explain the function of a family court, and receive input from the community to determine the feasibility of the court.

Floyd County's Fiscal Court voted, Wednesday, to authorize Martin County officials to apply for state economic development funds to be used for an engineering study for a site for a regional industrial park.

Convicted murderer Herbert Gene Salisbury Jr., lost round one of his bid to have his conviction overturned, but the state Supreme Court ruled Salisbury to be sentenced on the charge. Salisbury was convicted of killing Meredith Conn on July 12, 1993, after an argument.

There died: Pervis E. Robinette, 88, of Harold, Saturday, May 24, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gary Lynn Slone, 44, of Garrett, Sunday, May 25, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Vennie L. Thompson Hunt Bates, 73, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, May 23, at Grant Medical Center, Columbus; Audrey L. Mullins, 74, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, May 25, at her residence; Ishmael Bailey, 79, of Greenwich, Ohio, formerly of Hippo, Saturday, May 24, in St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio; Shirley T. Hall Trimble, 52, of Ivel, Thursday, May 22, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Dr. Ted Joe Sanders, 63, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, May 27, at his residence; Troy Bryant, 79, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, May 28, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Glendon C. Ward, 62, of Chillicothe, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, May 28, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus, Ohio; Eddie Arnold George, 51, of East Point,

Wednesday, May 28, at Dewey Lake, Jenny Wiley State Park, in Prestonsburg; Bernice Sexton Meade, 73, of Pikeville, Tuesday, May 27, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington; William Forrest "Bill" Ramey, 67, of Van Lear, Wednesday, May 28, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

## Twenty Years Ago

(June 3, 1987)

Even as the unfinished shopping center is scheduled to be sold to pay off some of the developers debts, another contractor last week, joined the long line of creditors asserting claims against W&G Prestonsburg Associates, the firm that created Prestonsburg Village.

A Teamsters Union official filed suit in Floyd Circuit Court last week, in an effort to force the Floyd Board of Education to deduct employees union dues from the paychecks of those employees who ask them to.

Trustees of the Allen Volunteer Fire Department will make a new bid to draw Bull Creek into its coverage area.

Still in critical condition at U.K. Medical Center, Ricky Slone Jr., 21, of Lackey, was shot in the head Saturday at the home of Don William Hoover, who has been jailed for the shooting.

Dr. Grady Stumbo, capturing 76 percent of the county votes, and winning in all 48 precincts, was the clear choice of Floyd voters for governor in last week's primary election.

The parents of an Allen Elementary student filed suit against the parents of another student in Floyd Circuit Court, for injuries their son suffered when he was pushed down.

There died: Stella Watson, 75, of Wayland, May 23.

Johnnie Hollifield Crisp, 89, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Thursday.

Goldie Melissa Hall Clark, 84, of Grethel, last Thursday.

Fanny Blankenship, 79, of Weeksbury, last Thursday.

Margaret I. Lewis, 60, formerly of Floyd County, Friday.

Ova Jervis, 81, of Corn Fork, last Wednesday.

Cecil Henry Kidd, 72, of Honaker, Friday.

Wyatt Martin, 85, of Allen, Sunday.

and Ida Belle Hall, 74, formerly of Betsy Layne.

## Thirty Years Ago

(June 1, 1977)

Two Democratic candidates who lost nomination in the May 24 primary balloting have filed with the Floyd County Election Commission, requests for recheck of the voting machines, and a recount of absentee ballots.

Revenue bonds totalling \$212 million to finance construction of KY 80, from Water Gap to Hazard, are on sale, and the first contract on the 42-mile four-lane route is scheduled late this month or early next.

The establishing of a regional airport to serve Floyd and three surrounding counties came nearer reality over the past week, as the Big Sandy Regional Airport Board appointed a Lexington consulting firm to make formal application for funds which will provide for the formulation of a "master plan" for the airport.

The flood protection project proposed for the town of Martin would have reduced the crest of the April flood by 5.8 feet, and would have saved about \$2,900,000 in flood damages. Lt. Col. Samuel L. Britten, acting district engineer, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Huntington, W.Va., wrote County Attorney Harold J. Stumbo, last week.

One of the 160 known dead in the fire which swept the Beverly Hills Supper Club at Southgate, Ky., last Saturday night, was a native of this county.

The Memorial Day drowning of a Prestonsburg man was the second such tragedy to occur at Dewey Lake within the last 10 days.

The death at Wayland, early Monday morning, of 15-year-old Byron Keith Bentley, of Cleveland, Ohio, was adjudged by a jury empaneled by Coroner James J. Carter the result of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

Residents of the Daniels Creek section, a short distance downstream from Dewey Dam, last week, blocked KY 3 in protest of the heavy dust created by scores of coal trucks which pass their homes daily.

There died: Charlie Patton, 78, of

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)



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### KIM'S KORNER

## Blessed by a faithful reader

This week's column is dedicated to Charles McKinney. Mr. McKinney was my very first phone call last Thursday morning. It truly is a blessing when readers call, write, or send emails letting you know they have related to something you have written, liked it or even disagree with your point of view sometimes.



Kim Little Frasure

Thursday's call came because Mr. McKinney couldn't find this column in last Wednesday's edition and he wanted to know why it wasn't in the paper.

Talk about making your soul feel good, it did indeed.

When I explained to Mr. McKinney my mom had been ill and we were in Lexington at UK Medical center with her and there just wasn't time to pen a column he understood wholeheartedly and wished mom well.

I am so grateful many of you have taken the time such as Mr. McKinney to call, send cards, emails and even letters on occasion in response to this column.

I truly do appreciate each and everyone. May you enjoy the story below, shared with me by a dear friend.

Amazing how far a little change

(See KORNER, page seven)

### POISON OAK

## I don't much care for lizards

In a 1940s coal camp there were some places where lizards were thicker than the dickens. I guess there's just some things we weren't supposed to figure out, but why they were so prolific in one place, and not in others, did seem a little strange.



Clyde Pack

Anyway, if there's anything I don't care very much for, it's a lizard.

Every coal-camp kid who's ever shared real estate with them, no doubt has a story or two to tell.

Now, I don't know what a person who studies lizards scientifically is called, but whatever it is, I'll admit I'm not one. To me, and all those other non-scientific cohorts with whom I shared that time and space, 60 or so years ago, a lizard had a blue tail. We cleverly called them "bluetail lizards." Although there were in reality also lizards, those brown scaly-like ones, we called "ripsnacks." I've no clue where that name came from, but I'll guarantee there's not a coal-camp kid in eastern Kentucky, who wouldn't know exactly of what you were speaking, if you referred to a ripsnack.

Anyway, every Northeast Coal Company house had a back porch with a long wooden walk leading to the bathroom, and bluetail lizards would sun themselves by the dozen on that walk next to our porch. When a person would approach, like lightning, they'd dive out of sight through the cracks. And that all leads to why I don't particularly care for them, even to this day.

Although they were much too quick

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# Edgel, the real Durango Kid?

by RALPH HALL

This morning I find myself walking up Tackett Holler, not for papaws but for a hair cut. Uncle L.A.'s clippers tore up and mother has sent me to Cullins for a haircut. When I passed by Edgel's house, he was setting on the porch and asked me, "Where you going Wild Bill?"

"To get a haircut, Durango Kid," I answered back. Edgel lived to be the Durango Kid as much as I lived to be Wild Bill. I told myself last week that I would never play Wild Bill again but that didn't mean I couldn't talk about him!

"Why are you going to let Cullin cut your hair," Edgel asked me.

"Have to, mother said," I said.

"So you're going to look like a peeled onion after you get that haircut," Edgel teased me.

"Sure am, Durango Kid," I answered back. Then Edgel went on to tell me that everyone in the village was going to laugh at me today. "I know," I said, as I walked up the road to the village "gappers" house. Well I climbed the little bank that led to the front door of his house. I knocked very lightly, hoping no one would answer but Lacy opened the door, "Are you here for a haircut," she asked.

"Sure am," I said, "sure am."

"Come on over here and sit down, Wild Bill," Cullin said. When I sat down in the chair he said, "You are my first haircut today." I thought to myself, "not first, but worst." Well, when I sat down in the chair he took the clippers and started at the back of my neck, went across the top of my head and stopped right between the center of my eyes. I looked bald right in the middle of my head.

"Well," Cullin handed me a little mirror and said, "is that close enough Wild Bill?"

"Sure is," I said, "down to the skin! Looks just like a baby's butt!" All of a sudden he said, "All cut, looks good now." Cullin handed me the little mirror and said, "Look at your haircut." I just closed my eyes, I didn't have the heart to look. I knew if I looked I would never forgive Mother. Good thing I liked hound dogs and not girls cause no girl would look at me with this haircut, anyway. Hound dogs may run away, too! Well, even bad things end, so Cullin just stopped.

When I was walking back down the holler, the Durango Kid was still sitting on the porch. "Worst haircut I ever saw, Wild Bill!" he said.

"You had better be quiet, Durango Kid or I'll hit you in the head with a rock," I said. He got up and ran in his house crying and screaming to his mother, "Wild Bill is going to hit me with a rock!" His mother, Alice, came out on the porch and said, "You had better not hit my boy with a rock!"

"Wasn't going to," I answered. "I just said I was going to hit him so he'd stop making fun of me!"

"I sure hope Daddy didn't wear that baseball cap off to work today, I thought to myself, because I am going to need it for about three months." Well, when I got down to the low water bridge, I jumped down into the creek. Said to myself, "I'll walk down the creek bed and no one will see me." When I got down to the big hole of water behind Mrs. Tackett's house, there were some boys sitting on the big rock fishing. One of the boys said, "Been to Cullins, ain't ya, Wild Bill?"

"How do you know," I asked. He took off his baseball cap and said, "I was up there last week - cried all the way home, and ain't stopped yet," he said.

Well, about a week later, it was raining hard as it would rain. Allen said he was sitting on his front porch when he heard someone coming down the muddy road riding a horse. He said he knew it had to be a horse because he was a saying "Getty

pretending to ride a horse!

When Edgel saw Allen sitting on the porch, he cried out in a loud voice. "IT'S THE DURANGO KID!" Well, everyone in the village thought I was crazy because I thought I was Will Bill. I wonder what they thought of Edgel, he thinks he's the Durango Kid and his horse, too! Why he rode that old "horse" everywhere he went!

You could hear him everyday as he went down though the village hitting his behind and saying "getty up go, boy" and when he passed someone on the road, he would cry out "I'm the Durango Kid!" to the top of his voice. One day I saw Uncle L.A. putting a saddle on old Maude and I asked him, "What are you doing with that old horse?"

"Me and you are going to ride her up to Mommy's house, you get to stay all night with us," he said.

"Okay," I said, "let me get my cowboy straw hat and my cap buster." When I came back, L.A. lifted me up behind him on the horse and away we went.

As we were riding up the road, I asked, "Hey, L.A., do you know the Durango Kid?"

"Sure do," he said, "it's little Edgel! And he thinks he's a horse too, same as you think you're Wild Bill," he said.

Well, Ralph ain't Will Bill no more, L.A.," I said.

"Is that so," he said

Well, we were riding old Maude real good until we came to where the creek crossed the road at the beech bottom. When old Maude stopped to get a drink, she lowered her head and we both fell in the creek. My straw hat went flying into the big hole of water and my cap buster hit a big rock, knocking off one of the white handles. Old Maude took off up the holler on a run for Grandmaw's house.

As me and L.A. were getting up out of the creek, you will never believe what happened. We heard this horse coming up the road. He was saying, "getty up go, getty up, go." It was Edgel. As he passed by us he screamed out real loud, "I



AM THE DURANGO KID!"

"I don't know about that boy, sometimes," L.A. said. "I wish his horse would throw him in the creek and both of them would break a leg!" I think L.A. was just mad because of old Maude. We got up, bruises and all, and took off walking up the holler.

I turned and took off down the creek to get the part of my cap buster that broke. When I caught up with L.A. he said, "I can fix your cap buster."

"I hope you can," I said. "It's my Wild Bill gun." When we got up to Grandmaw's house, old Maude was picking grass up by the little corncrib. "Hey L.A., are you sure you can fix my gun? Daddy won't buy me another one," I said. "He says I drive him crazy shooting everyone with it."

When we walked into the house, Grandmaw said, "I heard you two got throwed in the creek at beech bottom."

"Sure did, Grandmaw," I answered back.

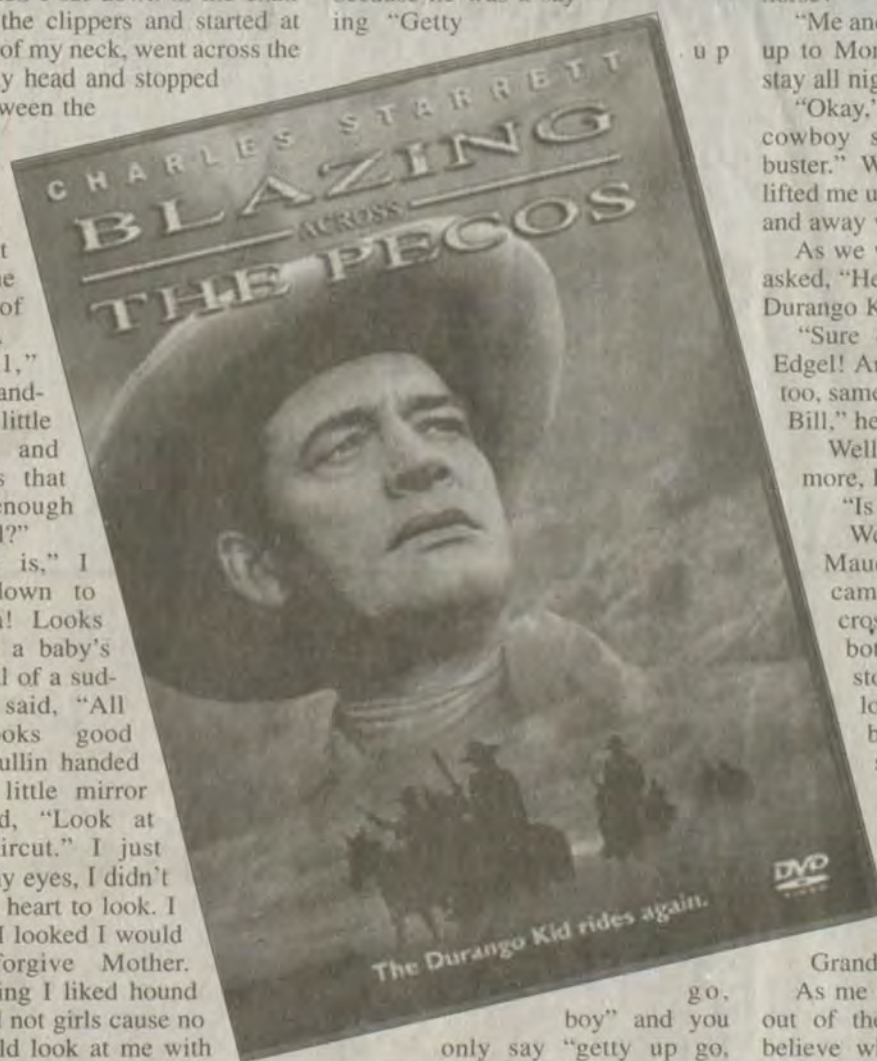
"Got your hat wet, didn't you," she said.

"Yep. Broke my gun, too," I said. A big smile came on her face but she never said a word. She didn't have to because I could read minds and I knew what she was thinking. "Ralph has broke his cap buster. Maybe he will stop thinking he is that Wild Bill man now."

Grandmaw asked, "Did you two see the Durango Kid?"

"Sure did," L.A. said, "he passed us by while we were laying in the creek down there at beech bottom." Grandmaw said, "he went by here hitting hisself on the behind saying

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go, boy" and you only say "getty up go, boy" to a horse. Well, in about a minute, he saw Edgel hitting himself on the behind and a saying "getty up go, boy, getty up go, boy." He was

### 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 prescribed Viagra!)

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This is what her mama, Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, refers to her "little girl" as "Working Brandy." Brandy, a Yorkshire Terrier, does her best to always mind her mama and when Rita asked her to fetch her the broom, the tiny titan complied. Thanks, Rita, for sharing!



## Jones graduates from UK College of Engineering

William Jefferson (Bill) Jones, age 23, of Martin, graduated summa cum laude on Sunday, May 6, 2007, from the University of



Bill Jones

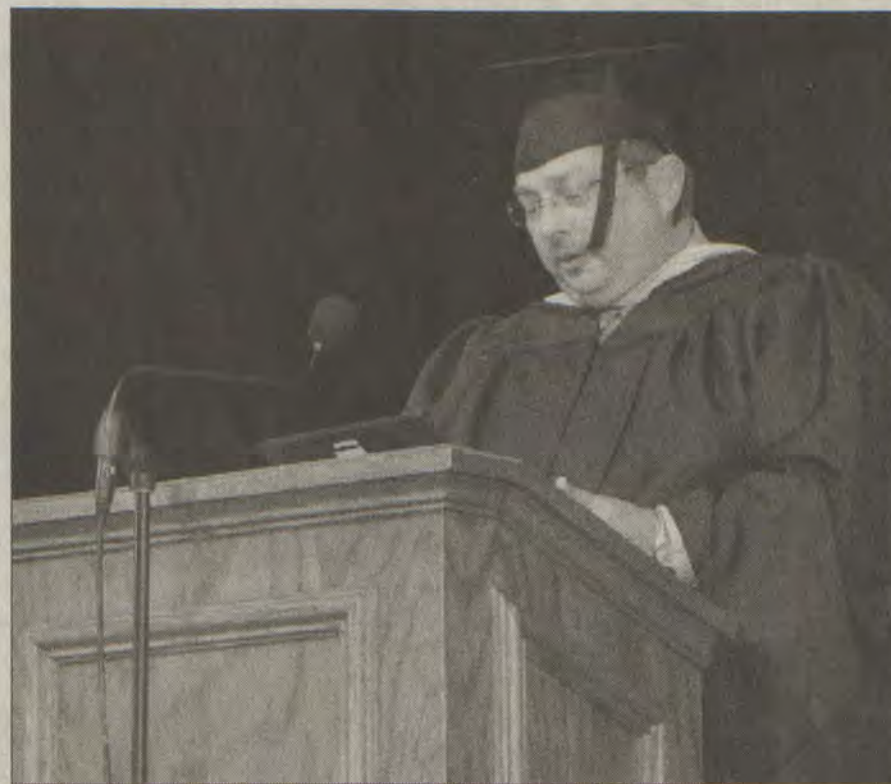
Kentucky College of Engineering with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He will be employed by Equitable Resources, at Langley (Maytown), as a mechanical engineer.

Bill is the son of Thomas Jeffrey and the late Sharon (Click) Jones.

He is the grandson of Thomas and Julia Jones, of Martin, and Bethel Click and the late Alroy Click, also of Martin. He is the great-grandson of Cora Click, of Martin.

He has two brothers, Brian Jones and Jonathan Jones, and one sister Andrea Jones, all of Martin.

He is a graduate of Mountain Christian Academy and the Piast School, of Martin.



## Thomas receives service award from Big Sandy CTC

Eric Thomas, Executive Director of the East Kentucky Science Center was presented with the Faculty Service Award at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Spring 2007 Graduation ceremony. The Faculty Service Award is given annually to individuals for outstanding public service to the college and the community. The individual(s) must be nominated and voted on by faculty and staff of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Thomas, a graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College holds an A.A. in Political Science, B.S. degrees in Law Enforcement and Secondary Science Education, a M.A. in Secondary Education, and a Rank I in Secondary Science Education. He has thirteen years experience in education at the secondary and post secondary levels, including three years as a regional science consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education and one year as a full time instructor at Morehead State University.

## Durango Kid

'getty up go, boy, getty up go, boy' and when he saw me he screamed out real loud "I AM THE DURANGO KID!"

Well, the next day when we went home, L.A. took old Maude down to the barn and gave her some corn. Mother said, "I heard the Durango Kid passed you boys by when you got thrown in the creek yesterday."

"Yes, Mother, he went by us like a speeding bullet saying he was the Durango Kid."

Mother said, "Hey, Wild Bill, I don't know who is the craziest, you or that Durango Kid!"

"Hey, Mother, can the Durango Kid draw his gun faster than Wild Bill," I asked.

"Ain't no one who can draw a gun faster than you, Wild Bill," Mother said.

"Mother, I broke my cap buster when we fell off the horses up there in the creek," I said.

"We're going to ride the train over to Martin in a few days and I'll give you thirty-five cents to buy a new gun," Mother said.

"Then I will give my old gun to Mutt so he can learn to draw and shoot, too," I said.

"Hey, Mother, is the Durango Kid better looking than Wild Bill?" I wanted to know.

"Ain't nobody better looking than you, Wild Bill," she said. That mother, she sure knew how to make a boy feel good most of the time. The next day, I walked over to the post office met

Uncle Lawrence on the tracks. I hated to meet people on the tracks; tracks were made for walking, not for talking. He let right out on me, though. "Where are you going?" "How's Mutt?" "Did your Daddy go to work today?" Everyone I ever met on the tracks asked the same dumb questions over and over, it was an everyday thing.

When I got over to the post office, I looked out the door and saw the Durango Kid coming down the road on his horse. When he came into the post office, I was the first person he spoke to. He looked at me and said, "Hello, Wild Bill!"

I asked him, "Hey Edgel, are you the real Durango Kid?"

"Sure am, Wild Bill, sure am," he said.

I guess me and Edgel were the two happiest boys in the village. After all, he was the Durango Kid and I was the real Wild Bill.

After that day, it always made me feel so good to pass him on the dusty road and see him hitting his "horse" on the behind and screaming to the top of his voice, "I AM THE DURANGO KID!"

Edgel went to be with Jesus about four years ago now and I sure miss him. When we were boys, we were good friends. How could we have not been? For, as everyone knew, I was Wild Bill and Edgel WAS the real Durango Kid!

## Critter

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.

For more information on both books, visit [www.hcibooks.com](http://www.hcibooks.com).

If your pets are puzzling, these two new books may offer just the pointers you need.

## Oak

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to catch, I suppose, simply for our own amusement, we young coal-camp males never gave up trying. On one particular day, I got lucky, and actually managed to grab one, had him right in my hand...until the somehow escaped, leaving me holding only his tail.

Now what would a 10-year-old boy do with a three-inch long bluetail lizard's tail? Can't speak for every 10-year-old, but his one—perhaps to prove he'd actually come close to capturing one—decided to keep it a while. I found a recently discarded Prince Albert can in which to carry it around, and set off to show the world what this future big-game hunter had done.

Mom was the first (and last) to be so honored.

She was sitting at the kitchen table, looking a pan of soup beans, and dropping the tiny rocks onto a back issue of Grit. I went in and told her I wanted to show her something, but when I flipped the lid to open the PA can, the lizard's tail popped out onto her lap. I guess she must have thought it was a baby snake, because she sort of screamed and jumped up, scattering a large bowl of pintos from one end of the kitchen floor to the other.

She probably thought I'd scared her on purpose, and it's pretty much understood what happened, next.

From that time on, I've hated lizards. And just between us, I don't care much for ripshacks, either.

## Korner

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can go!

A little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded."

"I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kindhearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements. As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which seemed to have been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish handwriting, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School." For two years she had saved for this offering of love.

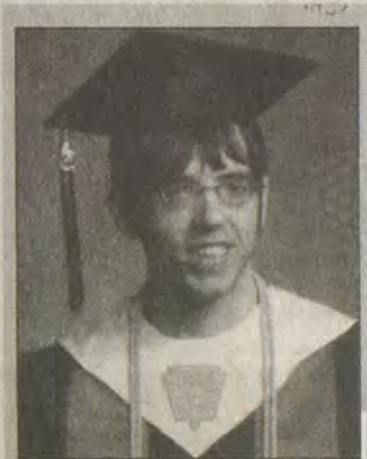
When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. Carrying this note and the cracked, red pocketbook to the pulpit, he told the story of her unselfish love and devotion. He challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there... A newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered them a parcel of land worth many thousands.

When told that the church could not pay so much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents. Church members made large donations. Checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250,000—a huge sum for that time (near the turn of the century). Her unselfish love

had paid large dividends. When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church, with a seating capacity of 3,300. And be sure to visit Temple University, where thousands of students are educated. Have a look, too, at the Good Samaritan Hospital and at a Sunday School building which houses hundreds of beautiful children, built so that no child in the area will ever need to be left outside during Sunday school time. In one of the rooms of this building may be seen the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds."

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Til Next Week...



## Music named 'Best of Class' PHS - 2007

Shane Music was named "Best of the Class" by WSAZ-TV for all four years of his high school career. Shane is a 2007 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. His family wishes him the best in his future endeavors and is very proud of all of his outstanding achievements.

## Yesterdays

Prestonsburg, May 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Sally Wright, 86, of Allen, May 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Stella Baisden, 66, of Water Gap, May 31, at Paintsville Hospital; Clinton Ray Griffith, 9, of East McDowell, May 27, at his home; Betty Jean See Johnson, 53, of Ligon, May 24, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Henry R. Adkins, 69, formerly of Auxier, May 25, at Beyer Memorial Hospital in Michigan; Debra Kay Hutchinson, six-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee Hutchinson, of Fairborn, Ohio, May 22, at Children's Medical Center; Woodrow Hayes, 64, formerly of Drift, May 24, at his home in Plymouth, Ohio; Lace Hunt, 96, of Ivel, May 29, at his home; Anna Katherine Trusley Hurd, 63, of Prestonsburg, May 26, at her home; Dena Jo Joseph, infant daughter of Herman and Jo Ann Prater Joseph, of Prestonsburg, May 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joseph Joshua Collins, infant son of Bill David and Martha Ann Collins, of Prestonsburg, May 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

## Forty Years Ago

(June 1, 1967)

A Massachusetts prison escapee who held a young Tennessee couple hostage on an all-night ride into three states, climaxed his performance with the holdup, at Jenny Wiley State Park, early Tuesday morning, of three

campers. He was arrested at Naugatuck, W.Va., later in the day.

Dead on arrival at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell, was Mrs. Edna Brown, 45, of East McDowell, after she and five other persons were involved in the near head-on collision of two automobiles at Salisbury, on KY 122, late Wednesday night.

The recanvas of all voting machines in the state, which was asked by Marlow W. Cook, Robert Mathews, and Wendel Ford, reached Floyd County, Monday, with Ford benefitting most.

A Pike County deputy sheriff was arrested, Saturday, in the death of Charles Bryant, of Melvin, which resulted from a gunshot wound suffered on May 21.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Roger King, a daughter, Lori Lee, May 23, at Columbus, Ohio.

There died: James Michael Gibson, 24, of Langley, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Leo Lewis Lavender, 57, of Cliff, May 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Amanda Bays, 92, Tuesday, at Cliff; Mrs. Tenna Bingham Saunders, 77, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, in a Williamson W.Va. hospital; Mrs. Gamet Sue Woods Combs, 26, of Mousie, formerly of Floyd County, May 17, at her home; Lonzo C. Clark, 50, of Honaker, last Tuesday, at a Huntington, W.Va. Hospital; Merzie Brown, 81, May 16, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Sol Samons, 72, of Dana, May 24, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville;

Thomas J. Mincey, 78, last Tuesday, at his home at Hite.

## Fifty Years Ago

(May 30, 1957)

"In the five days between January 27 and February 1, 1957, over 12 inches of rain fell on parts of the mountains area of eastern Kentucky," a flood rehabilitation study by the state Department of Economic Development presented to Gov. A. B. Chandler begins.

An optimistic outlook on both national and area production in the bituminous coal field is held by B. F. Reed, secretary-treasurer of the Turner-Elkhorn Mining Company at Drift.

Motor vehicles claimed three lives in this county within the week. Dead are: Everett Hall, 39, of Garner, Prestonsburg construction worker who was fatally injured, at Warco, last Thursday night; Traber Vanhooze, 35, of Glo, whose auto overturned late Monday night on the highway at the Warco curve, within 200 feet of the Hall tragedy; George Hall, 22, of Martin, whose car overturned on the Left Beaver highway near Martin, Friday.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker has approved the Pound River flood-control dam and reservoir in Virginia for "active programming" by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Prestonsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce announced, this week, that the annual Teen-Age Road-e-o will be held Saturday, June 1, at 2

p.m., at the Prestonsburg grade school playground.

"Uncle" John Vanderpool observed his 92nd birth anniversary, Sunday, at his home at "Baptist Bottom" at Garrett.

There died: John Allyn Howell, 86, of Dana, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Dora Click Skeens, 80, Friday, at her home at West Prestonsburg; Willis Thompson, 83, of the Big Branch of Abbott Creek, Friday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital.

## Sixty Years Ago

(May 20, 1947)

Activities of cattle rustlers on the Floyd County "rangeland" were uncovered last week-end by Deputy Sheriff's Harold Conn and John Hopson, with the result that four men were jailed, here.

Allen Combs, native of Knott County, was struck and killed by a coal train, a short distance from the Cliff railway station, early Tuesday morning.

Bereneeda's News Stand was sold this week by Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Baldwin to Hardie Adams, of Paintsville.

Four buildings in the business district of Hindman were destroyed by fire late Friday afternoon, at an estimated loss of \$75,000.

Married: Miss Mary Katherine Mayo, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. William Brown Damron, of Ivel, May 17; Miss Betty Ann Goble, of Lancer, and Mr. Lacy Martin Jr., May 9, at

Banner; Miss Lillian Vass, of Stone and Mr. Raymond See, April 12, a Stone.

There died: Marion Sizemore, 72 Tuesday, at his home at McDowell and Miss Mabel Brown, 19, Saturday at the home of her parents, at Hi Hat, victim of tuberculosis; Floyd Hall, 69 Sunday, at his home at Betsy Layne.

## Seventy Years Ago

(May 28, 1937)

The budget for 1937-'38 for Floyd County was set at \$181,114.63, by the Floyd Fiscal Court, which met May 20.

Every person arrested in Floyd County, no matter for what offense, will have to be fingerprinted, Circuit Judge John W. Caudill announced, Wednesday.

Information gleaned from the files of the census report of Floyd County schools, compiled by Leonard Martin, and Stanley Combs, shows that of the report's total of 16,500 names, 685 are Halls.

Married: Miss Ruby Oppenheimer, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Arnold Clarke, also of Prestonsburg, recently at Inez; Miss Joan Banks, of Water Gap, and Mr. Beverly Burchett, of Prestonsburg, recently of Greenup.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stephens, of West Prestonsburg, a son, Donald Harold Jr., May 14; to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Music, a daughter, Phyllis Anne, recently at the Paintsville Hospital.

There died: Edgar B. Stephens, Wednesday, May 19.

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# MSU Appalachian Arts and Crafts Fair to be held June 2

MOREHEAD — On Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Kentucky Folk Art Center will sponsor the summer Appalachian Arts & Crafts Fair which will be held on First Street in Morehead.

The fair was traditionally held on the last Saturday of June on the MSU campus, but this year it has been rescheduled to coincide with the

annual Bluegrass n' More music festival and A Day in the Country folk art show.

The Appalachian Arts & Crafts Fair will feature dozens of artists and craftspeople from throughout the region. Visitors will find jewelry, antiques, quilts, woodcrafts, toys and pottery.

"This is the best weekend of the

year to be in Morehead," said KFAC director, Matt Collinsworth. "By moving the Appalachian Arts & Crafts Fair to the first Saturday in June, visitors also will get to enjoy great acoustic music and some of America's finest folk art. And our vendors get access to thousands of potential customers. There's no downside to this move. We're very excited about the event."

Also on June 2 will be A Day in the Country which will be held adjacent to the craft fair at the Morehead Conference Center. This event features many of America's finest folk artists offering their works for sale.

Bluegrass n' More: A Celebration of American Music will feature numerous performances of Bluegrass, traditional, acoustic and

other music, showcasing regional talent, as well as nationally-recognized musicians and songwriters, Friday through Sunday, June 1-3. A complete schedule of events is listed at [www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm/bnm/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm/bnm/).

Additional information about the Appalachian Arts & Crafts Fair is available by calling KFAC at (606) 783-2204.

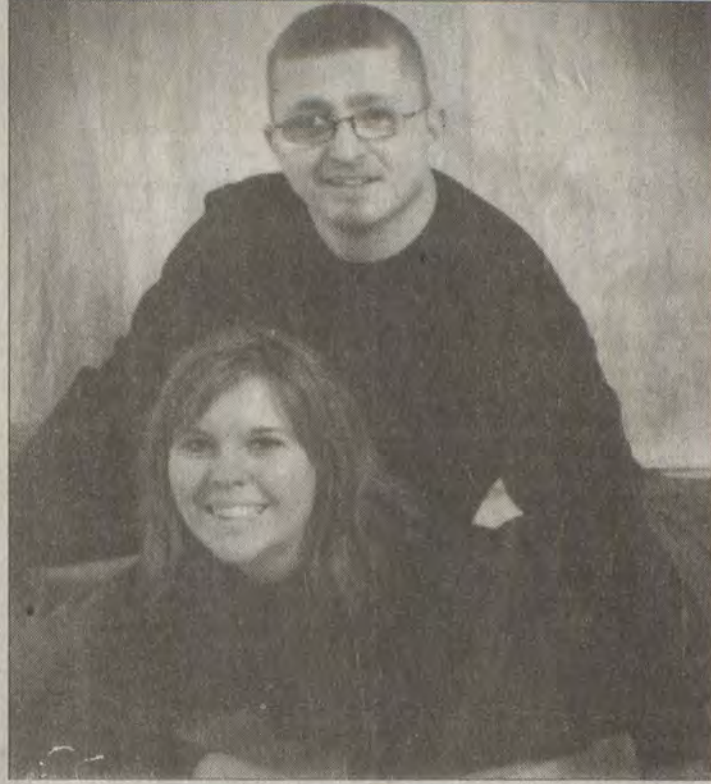
## Birthday

## Weddings



### Happy Birthday, Bonnie!

Bonnie Nelson celebrated her 60th birthday on April 27, 2007 with family and friends. Bonnie is the daughter of the late Jack and Wanda Nelson, formerly of Dwale. She works in Prestonsburg, for the state of Kentucky.



### Hall-Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Dwayne and Brenda Hall, of Harold, are pleased to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Tabitha Lynn, to Mr. Hi Carter, Jr., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hi and Lorrie Carter, of Pikeville.

Tabitha Lynn is the granddaughter of the late Dayton and Christine Hall, the late Edward and Doris Kidd, and the late Milford and Vada Newsome. She is employed at both the Pikeville Medical Center and the Harold Double Kwik.

Hi Jr. is the grandson of the late Hi and Collady Carter, the late George and Abigail Robinette, and the step-grandson of the late Bert Prater. He is employed at McCoy Elkhorn Coal Co.

The couple will wed on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in an outside garden ceremony held at the home of the bride's parents. All friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend.

Following their marriage, the couple will reside in their new home at Harold.



### Spradlin-Ramey

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Spradlin, of Denver, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melanie, to Mr. Phillip Ramey, the son of Wendell and Sue Ramey, of Sitka.

The bride-elect is a 2004 graduate of Johnson Central High School. She currently attends Morehead State University. She will graduate in December, 2007, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a member of the Fairview Freewill Baptist Church.

The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 2001 graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He is employed by Action Outdoor Faith Signs. He also serves as pastor of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

The couple will wed on Saturday, December 29, 2007, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Hager Hill Freewill Baptist Church, in Hager Hill.

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