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Pike, Perry sites on plant list

FRANKFORT — The Governor's Office of Energy Policy yesterday released a list of potential sites for projects to convert coal to liquid or gaseous fuels.

The "site bank" is intended to attract potential project developers and educate local and state officials about Kentucky sites capable of accommodating coal conversion facilities. GOEP initiated the site bank process in August 2006.

The sites included are: Purchase Regional Industrial Park (Graves County); Lewisport - Hancock County River Front; American Electric Power property west of Henderson; Brier Creek, Breman (Muhlenberg County); Paradise Mine, Central City (Muhlenberg County); River View Coal (Union County); Hopkins County Coal (Webster County); Hopkins County Coal (Hopkins County); Steamport (Webster County); Skillman Bottom (Hancock County); D.B. Wilson Power Station (Ohio County); property adjacent to Reid-Green Power Station (Webster County); Chisholm Mine, Phelps (Pike County); Premier Elkhorn, Myra (Pike County); Clay County Industrial Park; Perry County Coal, Hazard; J.K. Smith Power Station (Clark

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2 DAY FORECAST

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Former deputy jailer facing federal charges

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A former Floyd County deputy jailer and three others face federal criminal charges related to drug trafficking, according to documents filed in federal court Monday.

Damon Newsome, a former Floyd County deputy jailer and an unsuccessful

candidate for sheriff in last year's local elections, and with three other Floyd Countians were named in a federal criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court on Monday. According to the complaint, Newsome, Timothy Wayne Hall, Alfred King and Mark King, each conspired to possess a Schedule II controlled substance with the intent to distribute.

Newsome was current Sheriff John K Blackburn's closest competitor in the May 2006 race. However, Newsome fell well short of winning, receiving only 21 percent of the total votes compared to Blackburn's 69 percent.

The alleged illegal activity occurred several months after Newsome had been eliminated from the race, from

about October 2006 through June 18.

Each of the defendants are being charged with a violation of Title 21 of the United States Code, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and conspiracy to distribute Schedule II controlled substances.

Newsome waived his right to a preliminary hearing on Tuesday and was released on bond.

GRAND FINALE



The City of Prestonsburg's Fourth of July celebration ended with a bang on Wednesday as the fireworks show barely missed the nearing storms which passed through the area shortly after. This photo was taken during the grand finale portion of the show.

photo by Jessica Hale

Local police get a quiet Fourth of July

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Fourth of July is widely known as one of the most dangerous times times to travel on our state's highways, but locally things were fairly calm and little disturbance was noted by law enforcement.

According to Kentucky

State Police, impaired driving tends to increase during holiday periods. Lt. Col. Dean Hayes, director of the KSP Operations Division, said in a press release, "Unfortunately, too many people don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving just don't mix. Impaired driving is no ac-

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UK researcher tries using coal ash to make fertilizer safer

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A University of Kentucky researcher is trying to find a way to stop fertilizer from being used for bombs while keeping it safe for farmers to use on crops.

Though experiments, Darrell Taulbee has found that a mix of 20 percent coal ash to 80 percent ammonium nitrate would keep an explosion from burning through all its fuel and make the blast much

weaker. Two advantages of coal ash over other dilution substances are that it's nontoxic and cheap, Taulbee said. Keeping the cost down is important because Taulbee wants the fertilizer to remain affordable and still be beneficial to crops.

"It doesn't do any good to stop the explosion if it hurts the agriculture," he said. "That's its purpose."

Shortly after the

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Lawmakers return to Frankfort for start of special session

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lawmakers returned to Frankfort on Thursday for what could be a politically charged special legislative session.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a first-term Republican, has included potentially volatile issues on the agenda, including a measure that could prohibit public universities from providing health insurance benefits to domestic partners.

Democrats have charged that Fletcher, who is in the midst of running for a second term, is pushing initiatives aimed at bolstering his political favor. House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said lawmakers are considering sparing taxpayers the \$60,000-a-day cost of a special session by adjourning without

taking action.

Fletcher said he called lawmakers to the Capitol primarily to pass a package of incentives for companies looking to build high-tech fuel plants in Kentucky. So far, Peabody Energy Corp. is the only company to have publicly expressed an interest.

Peabody executive Rick Bowen has said the company is considering building a \$3 billion plant to transform coal into liquid fuels in either Illinois, Indiana or Kentucky. Bowen said Kentucky needs to offer incentives to stay in the running.

Fletcher signed an executive order on Monday calling lawmakers back to Frankfort at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday. The agenda was extensive, including a proposal to authorize \$427.6 million in construction projects and

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Despite overnight and early morning rains that caused the Fourth to go out with a fizzle rather than a sizzle, campers and boaters were still pursuing favorite pastimes at Dewey Lake by mid-morning the next day.

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Sites

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County); South Shore (Greenup County); CH Development Corbin (Knox/Whitley County).

This list does not include additional sites which might also be in consideration by potential companies.

"Kentucky is in intense competition with other states to attract these multi-billion dollar projects that will convert Kentucky's resources into high-value liquid and gaseous fuels," Governor Fletcher said.

"The site bank, along with enactment this year of Senate Bill 196, which authorizes the

state to facilitate the permitting of industrial energy facilities, and our ongoing support of research initiatives, demonstrate that Kentucky is eager to work with project developers. We continue to work for legislation to enable Kentucky to offer financial incentives competitive with those offered by other states," the Governor said.

Cabinet for Economic Development Secretary John Hindman said Kentucky is competing with several surrounding states, noting that the state does not currently have

financial incentives available to attract these industries.

"The site bank process, in which GOEP was able to evaluate key elements necessary to support large-scale energy facilities and then identify several areas of the state that have these characteristics, is one thing Kentucky can do to help project developers and local officials," Hindman said.

A number of potential properties across Kentucky have the necessary infrastructure and geologic characteristics to attract project developers. Features considered included

sufficient acreage (500 hundred or more acres), adequate water supply, strong transportation and electric transmission infrastructure, and available work force. In addition, sites which do not appear ideal at this time may become better suited as technologies develop and knowledge is gained in the construction and operation of these facilities.

Coal conversion technology is available, and in use today. South Africa and China are world leaders in production of transportation fuels from coal. Pipeline quality synthetic nat-

ural gas has been produced economically at the Great Plains Gasification Plant in North Dakota. Interest in the United States is growing rapidly because of escalating gasoline prices, combined with unceasing dependence on imported oil.

"In a large coal-producing state like Kentucky, it is important that we maintain markets for coal, especially with unpredictable future regulations," said Rodney Andrews, acting director of the University of Kentucky's Center for Applied

Energy Research. "Supporting facilities that can produce clean diesel or synthetic natural gas using our indigenous resources ensures that the market remains viable. At the same time, this can help reduce national dependence on imported oil.

"Our lab has conducted research on liquid fuels from coal for 30 years. The research has been successful and we know how to do it, it is even being carried out in some places. Now we need to start producing these fuels commercially here," Andrews said.

Ash

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Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, Taulbee thought of adding coal ash, a byproduct of coal-burning electric plants, to dilute the explosive chemical. He has been testing his theory over the past two years.

Although coal ash could contain some heavy metals that could damage crops, a 20 percent mix of it would be something to monitor rather than worry about, said Wilbur Frye, executive director of the office of consumer and environmental protection in the Kentucky Department of

Agriculture.

Ammonium nitrate supplies crops with nitrogen, an essential chemical in farming.

Lexington farmer Bob James estimated that nearly half the fertilizer used in the region contains ammonium nitrate. He said he used about 50 tons of ammonium nitrate this year.

Fewer manufacturers make ammonium nitrate now because of liability reasons, Taulbee and James said. Safer fertilizer could mean more manufacturers might make it

again.

"If they can get the ash mixed, it could be a cost effective thing to do because it would not be a high risk commodity to handle," James said.

Some farmers didn't see a benefit to adding coal ash to the mix.

Lexington farmer Jim Barton said the ash would mean an extra step in the fertilizer's production, increasing

the cost.

"The big problem I see is that it's going to be another process," Barton said. "Every time you handle something, it adds to the cost."

Besides the possibility of more manufacturers, Frye said he could see "no economic advantage to the farmers."

If new regulation is necessary, Barton said he favored requiring a license to purchase

and transport the fertilizer, similar to what's done with pesticides and insecticides.

"A licensing thing probably would be better initially," he said. "I think it'd be less expensive."

There's still a long way to go before the technology could leap to the public.

Taulbee is looking for additional funding for further research. He'll follow up on

testing the agricultural side, making sure the fertilizer will still benefit crops and turn

more extensive blast testing over to federal agencies like the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. He is confident his findings will hold up.

"We'll just hand it over to those guys and say 'Here, see if you can make it blow up,'" he said.

Holiday

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dent, nor is it a victimless crime."

On the Fourth, Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn says his department saw little illegal activity. He reports that the department arrested five individuals, four who were arrested for alcohol intoxication and one who was arrested for driving under the influence.

Prestonsburg City Police Chief Mike Omerod reported six arrests, five of which were for AI, while the sixth was for DUI.

Chief Omerod also said the department arrested a couple of juveniles for being involved in an altercation. Those individuals were released into their parent's custody shortly afterwards.

Obituaries

Eugene Hall

Eugene Hall, age 88, of Harold, the husband of Addie Bea Boyd Hall, passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born September 11, 1918, in Honaker, he was the son of the late Walker Hall and Nannie Stumbo Hall. He was a retired self-employed heavy equipment operator. He attended the Vogel Day United Methodist Church, at Harold.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by: a son, Michael Stephen Hall, of Harold; four sisters, Emogene Hall, of Louisville, Phyllis Keathley, of Harold, Helen Martin, of Clyde, Ohio, and Jerry Ann Fulton, of Louisville; a granddaughter, Anneita Hall; and a great-grandson, Chase Helvey.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 7, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Chapel, in Martin. Clergyman Dennis Love will officiate.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Daugherty; and one great-grandchild, Davin Daugherty.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 5, at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, Indian Bottom Association, in McDowell. Regular Baptist ministers officiated.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, where nightly services were held.

Pallbearers: Shannon Newsome, Barry Tackett, Neil Stumbo, Todd Coleman, Brad Daugherty, Jeff Isaac, and Todd Hamilton. (Paid obituary)

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You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide; And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same; But as God calls us one by one, The Chain will link again.

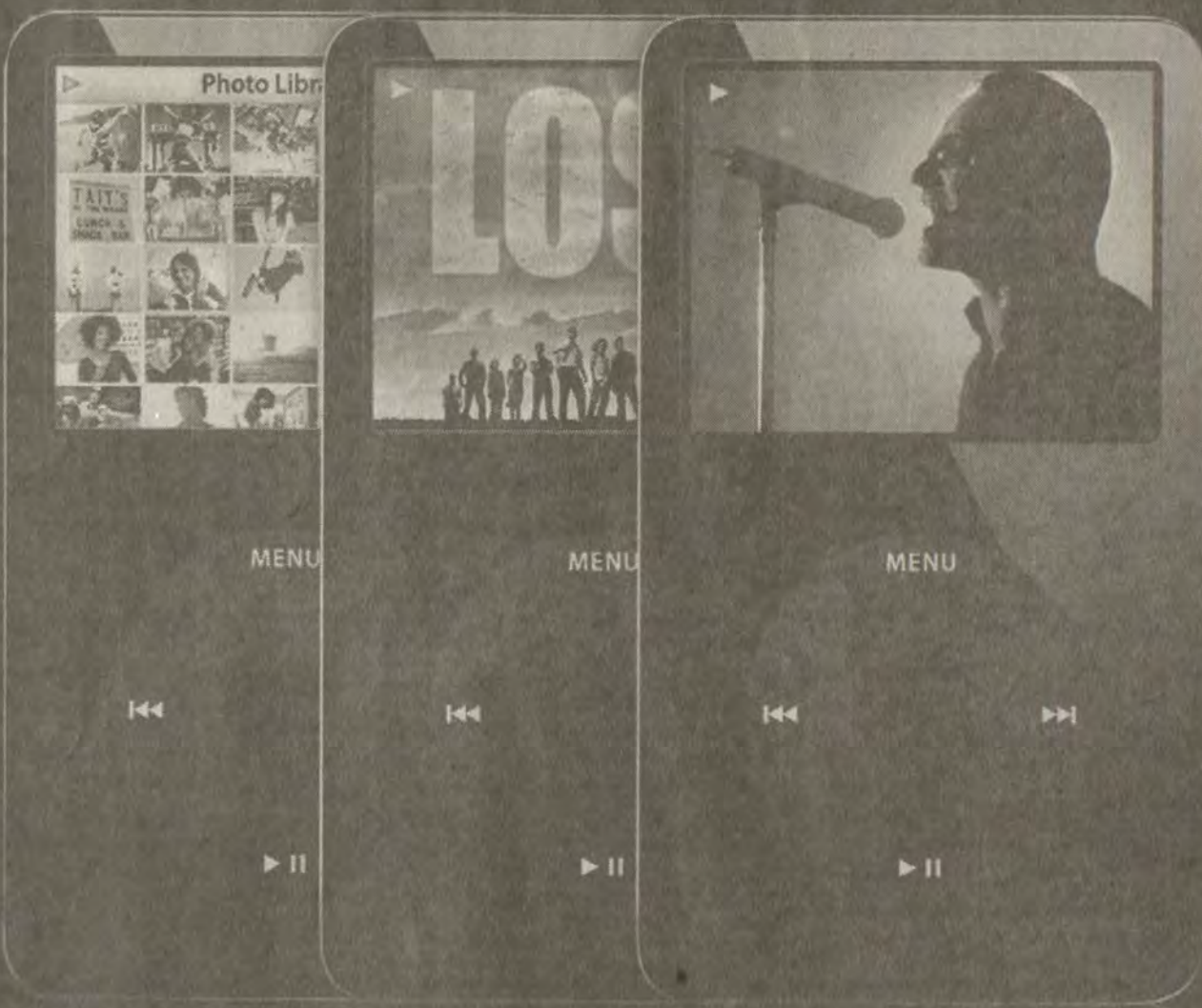
Julinia R. Hamilton

Julinia R. Hamilton, age 60, of Teaberry, the wife of Eugene Hamilton, passed away Sunday, July 1, 2007, at the Kentucky River Medical Center, in Jackson.

Born May 31, 1947, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Sterling Hamilton and Olga Helen Tackett Hamilton. She was a retired business owner and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, Indian Bottom Association, in McDowell.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Bonetta Daugherty, of Destin, Florida, Gwanetta Williams, of Stanville, and Jenna Hamilton, of Teaberry; one brother, Scotty Hamilton, of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Wanda Rex, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Scarlet Hamilton King, of Teaberry; one grandchild, Brad

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Marriage Licenses

Esta May Howell, 28, of Hi Hat to Paul Anthony Grubbs, 35, of Hi Hat.
 Jennifer Lynn Sublett, 26, of Pikeville to Joshua Alan Hubbard, 28, of Prestonsburg.
 Tiffany Renee Wesley, 21, of Stanville to Eddie Dean Tibbs, 25, of Stanville.
 Melinda N. Lafferty, 18, of East Point to Owen W. Wright IV, 19, of Prestonsburg.
 Santana Jean Holt, 17, of Virgie to Joshua Ray Tackett, 23, of Virgie.
 Pamela Jay Sammons, 30, of Prestonsburg to Justin Leo Endicott, 25, of Prestonsburg.
 Tracie Lynn Johnson, 24, of Ivel to Billy Ray Craft, 23, of Tram.
 Kristy Lynn Adkins, 28, of Prestonsburg to James Edward Stiltner III, 28, of Kimper.

Civil Suits Filed

Ricky Ferrell vs. Regina Gay Ferrell
 Community Trust Bank vs. Creed Gilliam, et al
 Rush Stone Jr. vs. Slone Trucking, et al
 Midland Funding vs. Billy J. Hall
 Ginger Jarrell vs. James Jarrell
 Debora Branham vs. Roderick G. Spradlin
 Jonathan D. Tackett vs. Valerie Tackett
 Donnie M. Johnson vs. Shawn D. Johnson
 Discover Bank vs. Tracie K. Mitchell
 Sandra Kaye Rogers vs. Earl Rogers
 Jessica Patrick vs. Justin Patrick
 Freddy Lee Hall vs. Emily Hall
 Cheryl Fields vs. Joey D. Fields
 Leonard Smith vs. Nisa Smith
 Ellery T. Owens vs. Loretta Lynn Owens
 James Hall, et al vs. Phillip Moore, et al
 Matreva Hill vs. Ginalisa Johnson
 Stacey Slone vs. Katrina Slone
 Jessica Hall vs. Shane E. Hall
 Norma Tackett vs. Ella L. Vance
 Shela Maynard vs. Jeffery Maynard
 Wright Lumber Co. vs. Community Contracting of KY, Inc.
 Citibank South Dakota vs. Steven A. Thompson
 Pamela Hoague vs. DHP, Inc., et al
 Mary Wright vs. KSK Land Development, Inc., et al
 Florence Hall vs. Gary Lynn Hall
 Beneficial Kentucky, Inc. vs. Arthur D. Adams
 California Casualty Indemnity Exchange vs. Jody Puckett
 KY Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. April Isaac, et al
 Wanda Caudill, et al vs. Barbara P. Martin

Small Claims Filings

Erin Capital Management vs. Comellia Martin, et al
 Capital One Bank vs. Chester D. Turner
 Midland Funding vs. Jeffrey Hunt, et al
 Capital One Bank vs. Kenneth H. Johnson
 Community Trust Bank vs. Christopher Lumpkins, et al
 Citibank vs. Bryan A. Bates
 Bluegrass Credit Corp. vs. Charles Moore, et al
 Pioneer Credit Corp. vs. Jimmy G. Blanton
 Pioneer Credit Corp. vs. Tim Ryan
 Pioneer Credit Corp. vs. Keith E. Tackett
 Elite Recovery Services vs. Clotine Shepherd
 Capital One Bank vs. Robert Hall
 Elite Recovery Services vs. Jena Crisp
 Capital One Bank vs. Sharon S. Lewis
 MRC Receivables Corp. vs. Lisa Gibson
 Capital One Bank vs. Ruby Johnson
 Community Trust Bank vs. Dicky L. Johnson
 Community Trust Bank vs. Jennifer Williams
 Community Trust Bank vs. Eric Vanderpool

Charges Filed

Millard R. Conn, 57, of Martin, possession marijuana; use/possession of drug para-

phernalia.

Jimmie W. Farmer, 51, of Wheelwright, resisting arrest.
 Brian Lee Boyd, 30, of Dana, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Stella N. Mullett, 19, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.
 Michael S. Brooks, 31, of Bypro, public intoxication, controlled substance.
 Brent Campbell, 18, of Prestonsburg, unlawful transaction with minor.
 Franklin D. Ross, 24, of Salyersville, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Martin Lee Hayden, 49, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Charlie Stewart, 65, of Hi Hat, assault, domestic violence.
 Kevin Hamby, age not listed, Wheelwright, harassment.
 Nancy K. Northrop, 51, of Martin, menacing; criminal trespass; criminal mischief.
 Shirley King, 57, of Harold, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.
 Eddie R. Dmitruk, 39, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place; theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.
 Charles E. Hughes, 77, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Joseph J. Hunt, 44, of Ivel, alcohol intoxication, public place; resisting arrest.
 Ray Isaac, 57, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, public intoxication, controlled substance; possession marijuana.
 Ricky Joe Hall, 30, of Beaver, criminal trespassing; alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.
 Kenneth Stewart, 46, of Tram, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Amanda Lee Hall, 31, of McDowell, terroristic threatening.
 Anthony Ray Hall, 32, of McDowell, terroristic threatening.
 Billy Stumbo, age not listed, of McDowell, wanton endangerment; criminal trespassing.
 Melinda K. Collins, 36, of Prestonsburg, harassing communications.
 David Johnson Jr., 22, of Martin, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Delmas R. Hall, 45, of Wayland, harassment.
 Jeremiah Clay Chafins, 22, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.
 Aaron Allan Williamson, 45, of Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.
 Jason B. Wackett, 33, of Didsbury, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Sherri Stevenson, 35, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 John M. Poe, 31, of Blue River, alcohol intoxication, public place; failure to maintain required insurance.
 Jerry Ray Dorton, 57, of Pippa Passes, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Newton Moore, 41, of Saint Joe, Indiana, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Paul Dorton, 23, of Wayland, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Ellis Paul Garrett, 36, of Martin, public intoxication, controlled substance;
 Teddy Ryan Spears, 19, of Melvin, resisting arrest; fleeing or evading police; disorderly conduct.

Property Transfers

34 Blossom Lane Properties LLC to Hyden Lane #137 Properties LLC, property location undisclosed.
 Anna F. Akers to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Anna F. Akers to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Carl E. Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Carolyn Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property

located at Middle Creek.

Clyde B. Allen Jr. to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Hubert G. Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Kim Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Lacinda Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Rudolph D. Allen to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Audra Bevins to William Ferrell, property location undisclosed.
 William Bevins to William Ferrell, property location undisclosed.
 Christian Blackburn to Misty Evans, property location undisclosed.
 Christopher Blackburn to Misty Evans, property location undisclosed.
 Katie Boyd to Warren Yates, property location undisclosed.
 Wade M. Boyd to Warren Yates, property location undisclosed.
 BP Prestonsburg LLC to Prestonsburg Village LLC, property location undisclosed.
 Elizabeth Little Burton Jennifer Little, property location undisclosed.
 Thomas W. Burton to Jennifer Little, property location undisclosed.
 Teddy Ray Click to Patty C. Jones, property located at Prater Creek.
 Tony Randall Click to Patty C. Jones, property located at Prater Creek.
 Anna Rose Collins to Patty C. Jones, property located at Prater Creek.
 Charles David Crum to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Charles David Crum to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Marie Crum to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Marie Crum to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Brandalyn Carol Elkins to Judy Carol Mullins, property location undisclosed.
 Misty Evans to Scottie Evans, property location undisclosed.
 Dennis Fields to Freddy Conn Jr., property location undisclosed.
 First Guaranty Bank to Ronald and Tammy Reynolds, property location undisclosed.
 Johnny D. Fitch to Dencil and Sandra Dotson, property located at Betsy Layne.
 Ray E. Gayheart to Fletcher Gayheart Jr. and Linda Sue Gayheart, property location undisclosed.
 Palestine Gibson to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Palestine Gibson to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Bill Goble to Delcie Endicott, property located at John's Creek.
 Frances Kay Gray to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Jim Gray to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Pauline N. Green to Ladonna P. McKinney, prop-

erty located at Ivy Creek.

Pauline N. Green to Ladonna P. McKinney, property located at Ivy Creek.
 Anthony Greer to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Anthony W. Greer to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Belinda Greer to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Belinda K. Greer to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Amanda Hall to Misty Evans, property location undisclosed.
 David Hall to Anthonea and Michael Halfhill, property location undisclosed.
 Earl D. Hall to Anna L. Hall, property location undisclosed.
 Mary Hall to Anthonea and Michael Halfhill, property location undisclosed.
 Stacy Hall to Anna L. Hall, property location undisclosed.
 Beverly A. Hinkle Estate to James Edward Williams, property location undisclosed.
 Steward Horne to Stacy Butcher, property location undisclosed.
 Vickie Horne to Stacy Butcher, property location undisclosed.
 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. to Benny D. and Ruth C. Bryant, property location undisclosed.
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 Rhodella Hughes to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property to Middle Creek.
 Kenneth Hunter to Corrine and Mark Bolt, property location undisclosed.
 Michelle Hunter to Corrine and Mark Bolt, property location undisclosed.
 Gloriana Layne to Patty C. Jones, property located at Prater Creek.
 Meadow Lane #228C Properties LLC to Hyden Lane #137 Properties LLC, property location undisclosed.
 June S. Newsome to Timothy N. Newsome, property located at Toler's Creek.
 Prestonsburg Pavilion LLC to Prestonsburg Village LLC, property location undisclosed.
 John Wayne Potter to Charles E. Amburgey, property located at Right Beaver Creek.
 Kimberly D. Potter to Charles E. Amburgey, property located at Right Beaver Creek.
 Becky Riley to Elizabeth A. Riley, property location undisclosed.
 Jeffrey L. Riley to Elizabeth A. Riley, property location undisclosed.
 Teresa Louise Risner to James L. Risner, property location undisclosed.
 Rachel Ratliff Scoville to Charles E. Scoville, property location undisclosed.
 Hank Edward Skeens to William Timothy Boyd and Brigitte Renee Music, property located at Little Paint Creek.
 Phaedra Spradlin Trustee to James Edward Williams, property location undisclosed.
 Misty D. Tackett to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.

Misty D. Tackett to Audrey Stanley, property location

undisclosed.
 Orville Tackett Jr. to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Orville Tackett Jr. to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Steven Vargo to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Yvonne A. Vargo to Fayla and Teddy D. Allen, property located at Middle Creek.
 Michael S. Walker to Timothy L. Branham, property located at Dewey Lake.
 Judy Ward to Walter E. Zimmerman Jr., property located at Little Paint.
 Eddie Whited to Walter E. Zimmerman Jr., property located at Little Paint.
 Judy Whited to Walter E. Zimmerman Jr., property located at Little Paint.
 Carlotta Williams to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Carlotta Williams to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Clinton Williams to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
 Edgar Williams to Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
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 Lorain Williams Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
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 Tracy Williams Audrey Stanley, property location undisclosed.
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Session

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another to give active duty military reserve families an income tax break.
 The domestic partner initiative is aimed primarily at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Both universities have already opted to provide health insurance to domestic partners.
 Fletcher has called the General Assembly into special session twice previously since he took office — once in October 2004 to improve health insurance benefits for teachers and state employees and again in June 2006 to provide tax relief for small businesses.
 Steve Beshear, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate, is among those questioning Fletcher's motives for calling the session. Beshear said paying the salaries and expenses for lawmakers could potentially cost millions of dollars, depending on how long the session lasts.

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

— Albert Einstein

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Our View

Make every effort

As negotiations between union workers and Prestonsburg Health Care Center continue, we hope the two sides will not forget those stuck in the middle — the residents of the nursing home.

A work stoppage would benefit no one. Not the workers, who would do without their paychecks. Not management, which would face additional costs related to finding interim staffing and security. But most of all, not the residents, who rely on both sides for their survival during their often fragile golden years.

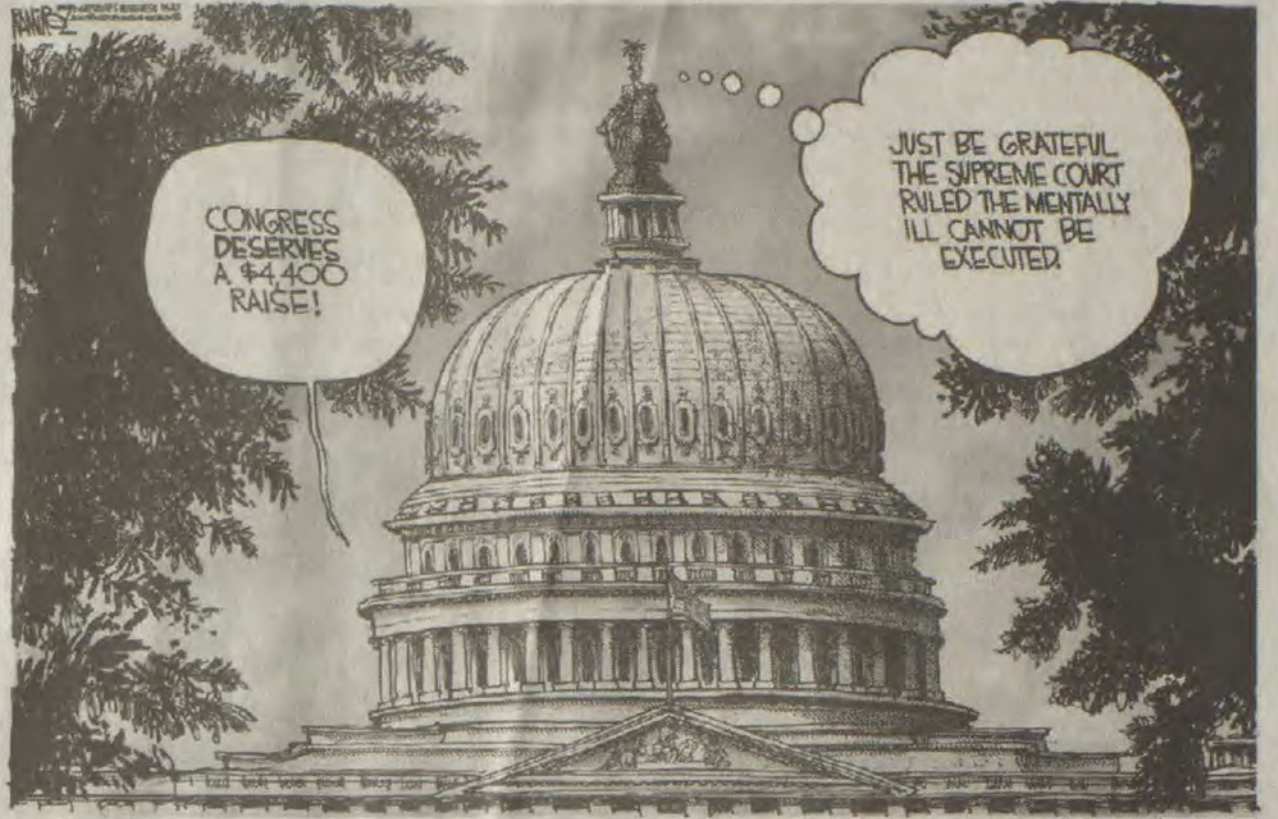
Only two days are slated for negotiations this month. Beyond that, what is now an uncomfortable stalemate could turn into an unwanted conflict.

For that reason, we certainly hope that every effort is made by both sides to reach some sort of agreement.

We are confident that no one wants to see a strike, which we believe would place undue stress on the residents, if not put them at risk. However, it can sometimes be human nature to get swept away by conflict and forget those on the sidelines.

Let us hope that doesn't happen here.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest View

Editorial roundup

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, on poison ivy and global warming:

Got an itch to do something about global warming? You may soon.

Recent studies suggest that rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere are promoting leafier, more prolific, faster-growing - and itchier - poison ivy than ever before. And that could be killing off more trees in the forest, and causing more itches for more of us, than ever before. ...

Last year, a six-year experiment at Duke University that involved piping CO2 levels predicted for the middle of this century into a forest test bed yielded 149 percent faster-growing poison ivy. The leafy toxin grew four times faster than trees exposed to the higher carbon dioxide level - so fast that scientists think the woody vine could alter the composition of forests around the globe by choking off trees. Worst of all, this poison ivy of the future was suffused with far more potent urushiol, the oily substance that makes four out of five of us itch.

Now, there's a rash of bad news.

Northeast (Tupelo) Mississippi Daily Journal, on immigration impasse:

Illegal immigrants continue pouring northward across the U.S.-Mexico border, and the congressional impasse on an immigration reform bill supported by President Bush does nothing to remedy the problem. ...

The problem is bipartisan, decades in the making, and only a bipartisan solution will begin the steps necessary to bring it under control. ...

Critics who say immigration law enforcement has been broken for a long time are right. How else would a total of 12 million illegals come to live in our country? ...

The best honest outcome would be for bipartisan leadership in the White House and on Capitol Hill to agree before the 2008 election on a workable plan, honestly admitting past failures stretching over four administrations since the last major reform: Presidents Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush. Shared failure, not shared success across the past 21 years.

Much can happen if political will develops and sets itself to make it happen.

For now, there are no winners.

Guest column

Can you hear rural America now?

by THOMAS D. ROWLEY
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

You've seen the ads. The guy with the cell phone repeating ad nauseam "Can you hear me now?" Well, it's time for rural America to ask that question of our elected representatives. "Can you hear us now?"

For decades, the answer to that question has ranged from a tepid "not really" to a resounding "no." Understandably. In the past, rural interests diverse as they are—have spoken with disjointed, and at times competing, voices. They have also been dominated by agriculture with a capital A—not the small family farms that most of us care about and yet which receive little help, but the big commodity growers that grab the lion's share of federal farm assistance.

Fortunately, change is afoot.

For starters, big agriculture's domination is waning. Thanks to the current round of international trade discussions and ongoing media coverage, we now know just how broken U.S. agricultural policy is. It violates our international agreements. It jeopardizes trade in other sectors. It fails many who need assistance in favor of those who don't. (I think former NBA star Scottie Pippen can get by without his U.S. Department of Agriculture check; don't you?) However, loosening Big Ag's grip on

all things rural will not, by itself, result in better policies or more money for rural America. If you think nature abhors a vacuum, watch Washington. Groups are lining up left and right, salivating at the thought of funds being freed up when Congress rewrites the Farm Bill this fall. (Even though most of the funds will likely go toward deficit reduction.) Therefore, it's crucial for Americans who want rural communities to prosper to all sing from the same page.

Enter, the Campaign for a Renewed Rural Development. Unveiled at an April press conference, the campaign brings together 28 national organizations to, as campaign sparkplug and National Association of Counties President Colleen Landkamer put it, "raise one united rural voice..."

Specifically, the campaign (rural-campaign.org) seeks a Farm Bill that reverses the long trend of declining federal dollars to rural communities. It calls for a bill that invests in the basics needed to survive and thrive in today's world—infrastructure; entrepreneurship; health care and broadband Internet. To get it, the campaign is mobilizing the networks of its 28 member organizations. They represent both urban and rural interests; state and local officials; community and economic development practitioners; health care professionals; educational institutions; energy cooperatives; entrepreneurs; sustainable agriculture producers and others.

Members of Congress on hand for the event offered their support.

"Your cause is my cause," said Senator Tom Harkin. "You have my pledge that I intend to do everything

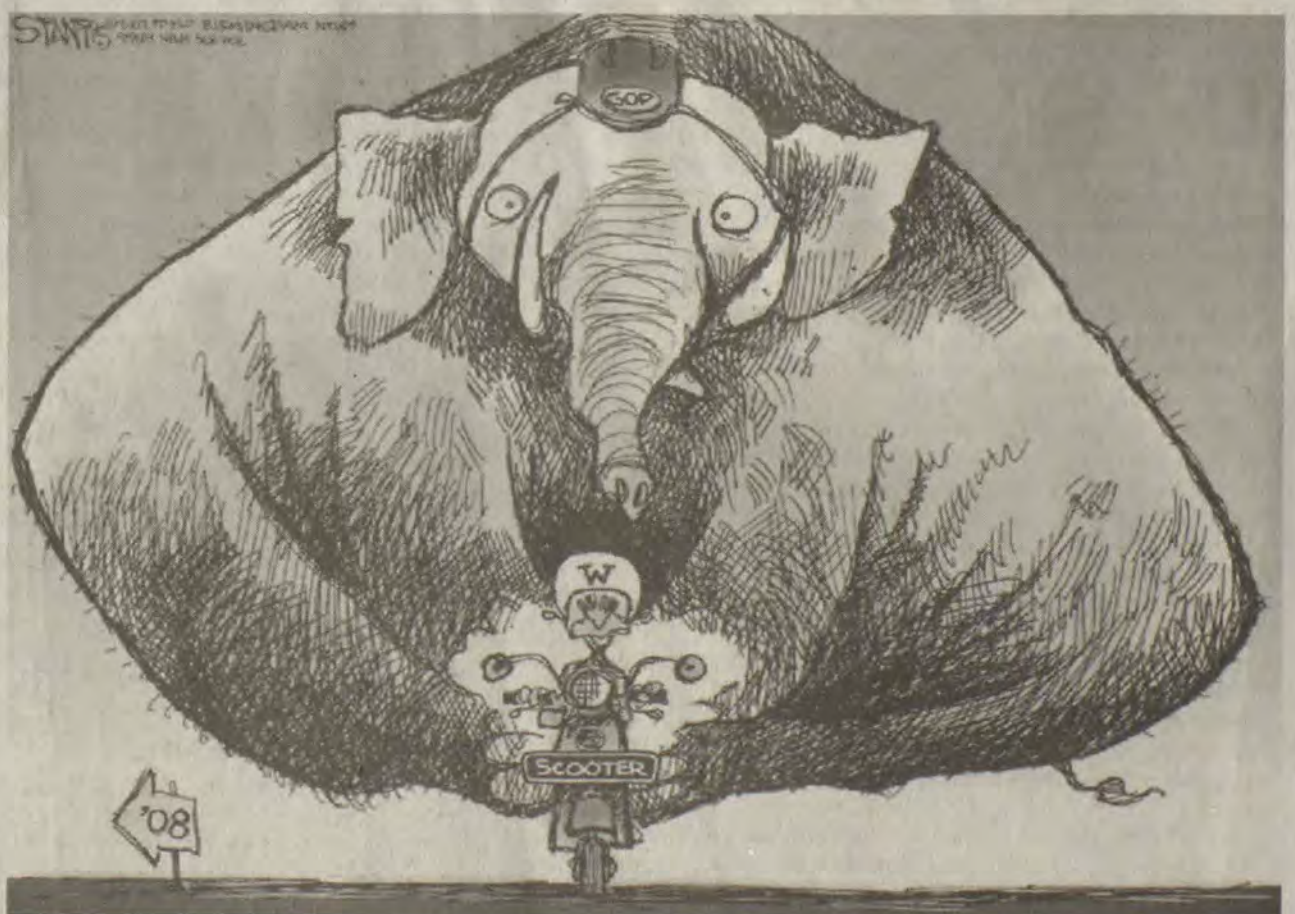
in my power as Ag Chairman to get a new farm bill with the strongest possible boost to rural development."

Senator and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton called for "real progress" in rural development and talked about the rural investment bill she authored. Such words are nice; but money is better. Referring to the last Farm Bill when much of the rural title was never funded, Landkamer said, "We're hoping this time that it's not just put in, but that it's appropriated." That of course, raises the big ugly question: where will the money come from? A question the campaign wisely dodges to avoid the inevitable fights it creates. If it suggests getting money from the commodity title, Big Ag erupts. Never mind House Ag Committee member John Barrow's astute observation that, "If we don't invest in educational opportunities, in health care initiatives for rural communities, we're going to be starving the rural communities that literally grow the farmers that grow our food." If it hints at adjusting community development block grant formulas, which favor urban areas, the cities bolt. So for now, the campaign focuses on the importance of investment and leaves the money question for another time, another place. Unify first; find the money later.

As Landkamer said, "We're all in this together. Understanding that, working together and speaking with one voice makes all the difference in the world."

Congress, can you hear us now? If you can, then, to borrow another rural phrase, "git-r-done."

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

July got off to a considerably slow start for renters, with distributors opting to hold off on major releases during the holiday weekend.

■ "Cherry Crush" — This teen-noir flick had a limited theatrical run and doesn't appear poised to do any better on home screens. Jonathan Tucker ("Pulse") stars as a young photographer who soon regrets his self-imposed policy of not getting involved with his models. A teen beauty puts him in a bind and ensnares him in two murders which should make for high drama but fails miserably.

■ "Neverwas" — This drama benefits from an amazing cast, which includes Aaron Eckhart, Nick Nolte, Ian McKellan, Michael Moriarty and William Hurt. Eckhart stars as a psychiatrist who leaves

the safety of his academic post to toil in the institution where his father was treated. There he bonds with a patient who knew his father and sets out to help him understand the popular children's novel that father wrote while in treatment. Arresting performances carry this all the way through to a lame ending that probably kept this from ever getting a theatrical run of any note.

■ "Raid on Entebbe" — True account of the hostage crisis at a Uganda airport that was not benefited from the intervention of President Idi Amin. This docudrama (directed by Irvin Kershner of "The Empire Strikes Back" fame) focuses on the effort of a rescue attempt by Israeli troops desperate to save the Jewish passengers from the Palestinian-backed terrorists who have hijacked their plane and set down in Uganda. A fine cast includes Peter Finch, Charles Bronson, Martin

Balsam and a great turn by Yaphet Kotto, as Amin.

■ "Dead Man's Hand" — Full Moon Entertainment strikes again with this horror effort that, thankfully, doesn't depend on their staple tactic of pitting humans against possessed toys. Here a guy inherits a Las Vegas casino from his unpopular uncle, only to find that his good fortune is not the start of a streak. The casino apparently comes fully equipped with the ghosts of two gangsters who are determined to exact revenge on the family of the casino's owner. What could have been a standard yarn gets ample mileage from horror veterans Sid Haig ("The Devil's Rejects") and Michael Berryman ("The Hills Have Eyes") as the deceased mobsters.

Next week things should perk up with the release of "The Astronaut Farmer" alongside the children's movie "The Last Mimzy."

'Ratatouille' is a visually marvelous, surprisingly sophisticated dish

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

"Ratatouille" may be the first Pixar movie that is so advanced, so sophisticated, it doesn't feel like it was made for kids.

On a fundamental level, sure, children will probably enjoy watching the animated adventures of Remy, a plucky Parisian rat who leaves the colony to pursue his dream of becoming a gourmet chef. There's some slapstick physical comedy, and writer-director Brad Bird, the mastermind behind "The Incredibles," keeps things going at a lively, engaging clip.

But there's nothing silly or childlike about it. If you stop to think about it, the main character is experiencing an existential crisis: Stay with the family and safely sift through garbage, as his rodent ancestors have done for centuries, or risk loneliness, abject failure and worse — death — by chasing after a loftier goal? Heady stuff there.

"Ratatouille" is also visually wondrous in ways that are both lush and intricately detailed, in ways that seem to have been tailored more toward grown-up tastes and sensibilities. It would seem that computer-generated technology couldn't get any better, but wow — it just does. The multitude of animators clearly



"Ratatouille," a Disney Pixar release, is rated G. Running time: 110 minutes.

Three stars out of four.

paid close attention to facets of our daily lives that we take for granted: knife marks on a cutting board, the way raindrops splash when they hit the sidewalk, the glow from a street lamp. Sitting through "Ratatouille," it doesn't take long for you to forget that you're watching an animated movie and just allow yourself to become immersed in this glorious realism.

The filmmakers also have done marvelous things with perspective, often allowing us to see what it's like through Remy's small, beady eyes. We feel as if we're rushing down a sewer or scampering through walls and underneath serving carts, trying to avoid being squished, and it's thrilling.

The plot may be a bit thin, though: The furry, expressive Remy (voiced by comedian Patton Oswalt) literally manipulates gangly garbage boy Linguini (Lou Romano), Cyrano De Bergerac-style, into whipping up his culinary concoctions in the kitchen of a

once-revered restaurant. Remy hides beneath Linguini's toque, yanking his hair every which direction to prompt him to chop, flip or stir. They try not to get caught.

Maybe it just feels paltry compared to "The Incredibles," Bird's Oscar winner about a family of superheroes trying to live quietly in suburbia, which worked beautifully both as pure entertainment and as a film with something to say. (Here, Bird has taken over as director for Pixar animator Jan Pinkava, who came up with the idea and gets a story-by credit.)

Blissfully, though, "Ratatouille" is free of the kind of gratuitous pop-culture references that plague so many movies of the genre; it tells a story, it's very much of our world but it never goes for the cheap, easy gag — no jokes about Emeril or "The Iron Chef."

Even the vocal cast, which is indeed star-studded, never feels like distracting stunt cast-

ing.

Brian Denchey provides the voice of Remy's no-nonsense dad, Django, who's perfectly happy eating trash. Brad Garrett is Gusteau, the famous chef who appears to Remy as an apparition, and whose restaurant falls from five stars to three after his death. Jancanc Garofalo plays the very stern, very French Colette, the only woman in the kitchen, with whom Linguini embarks on a romance. Ian Holm is the scheming, diminutive chef Skinner, who takes over Gusteau's and wants to use the household name to pump out frozen food.

Best of all is Peter O'Toole as a powerful food critic with the fabulous name of Anton Ego, whose office is shaped like a coffin and who looks as if he may fall into one at any moment. O'Toole is ideally cast, his rich British accent making even the most benign, offhanded remark sound like condescending condemnation.

Democrats say Fletcher playing politics

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher deflected criticism from Democrats on Tuesday that he was playing election-year politics by forcing the General Assembly into a special session to deal with potentially volatile issues four months before the fall election.

Fletcher, in setting the legislature's special session agenda, shoved to the forefront the controversial question of whether public university employees should be eligible for domestic partner health insurance benefits. Rather, Fletcher said, the primary task waiting for lawmakers when they return to Frankfort on Thursday is to deal with an incentives package for energy companies looking to build high-tech alternative fuel plants involving coal.

"That is the primary purpose for the call, and I think any other year it would be a no-brainer," Fletcher said. "Obviously there are some folks that want to make politics out of this, but let me assure you, this is about jobs and opportunity."

The first-term Republican governor is fighting for a second term against Democrat Steve Beshear in the Nov. 6 election.

Fletcher signed an executive order on Monday calling lawmakers back to Frankfort at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday at a cost to taxpayers of about \$60,000 per day. His to-do list for legislators also includes a proposal to authorize \$427.6 million in capital projects — most of

which the governor has vetoed once before from the two-year state spending plan — and another that would give active duty and reserve military families a state income tax break.

This marks the third time Fletcher has called the legislature into a special session since he took office in 2003. He also called sessions in October 2004 and June 2006.

Fletcher said the most important decision before the legislature is in the proposed energy package.

Peabody Energy Corp. has said it is considering building a coal conversion plant that could cost up to \$3 billion and create up to 800 full-time jobs. Peabody executive Rick Bowen has said the company is looking at putting the plant in either Illinois, Indiana or Kentucky, but that the bluegrass state needs to offer incentives in order to stay in the running.

Lawmakers in the

Democrat-controlled House and GOP-led Senate have disagreed on the urgency of passing such incentives.

"It is 100 percent that they will not come to Kentucky if we do not have an appropriate incentive package," Fletcher said.

Nevertheless, Beshear said, none of the matters Fletcher included in the call justified the \$60,000-per-day cost to taxpayers which could tally into the millions of dollars by the time it's done. Beshear also questioned Fletcher's move to ask lawmakers to reinstate the hundreds of millions of dollars in projects he already vetoed from the budget.

Fletcher had vetoed many of the projects in 2006, saying at the time that the state couldn't afford to take on that much new debt. However, buoyed by better-than-expected state revenue, Fletcher and some lawmakers have favored reinstating the projects.

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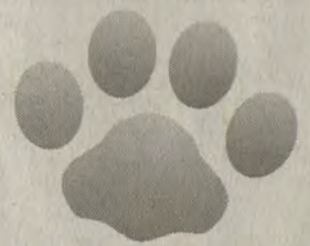
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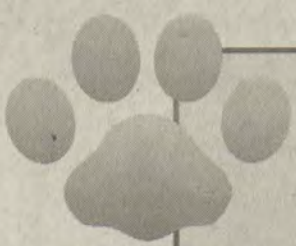
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THROUGH MY EYES

Once a parent, always a parent

By KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Wow, does life ever really slow down? Seems like, in mine, it only proves to get busier with each forthcoming year.

With summer in full swing and three active teenagers coming and going at odd hours, my household is, it seems, almost never in a state of rest.

All three now, however, have landed summer jobs, so maybe they'll start coming home in the evening a bit more weary (like mom) and a little less energetic and eager to get into mischief.

And, since I'm speaking on the topic of parenthood today, I thought I'd share a few thoughts from an email that got passed my way in recent weeks:

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking
(Written by a former child)

(See EYES, page 9)



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

NOW ON DISPLAY

Local photog's newest works in MAC art gallery



Local artist Kenny Mitchell gets a helping hand from a couple of city employees who stopped by to assist in the hanging of one of Mitchell's larger pieces at the Mountain Arts Center. Mitchell's work will be on display throughout the month in the arts center gallery.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Few actually get the opportunity to make a living doing something they really love, but local photographer Kenny Mitchell gets to do just that. "I'm up early and outside soon after," Mitchell said. Just in time to catch all the woodland creatures as they arise and go about their early morning routines, Mitchell shares that he has certainly spent his fair share of time lying low amongst brush and briar to get that perfect shot of an animal caught unaware.

"It gets uncomfortable sometimes," he said, "but it's usually well worth it." One who says that he "loves being outside," Mitchell also said that catching frozen waterfalls gleaming in the morning sun and autumn scenes of mist rising from among an artist's palette of orange, red and golden yellow hues is not quite as easy as the final photograph may make it appear. "It gets cold sometimes, but I



This photo of a gossamer butterfly taking a break to enjoy a handful of tempting flowers is Mitchell at his best.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

interested in photography while convalescing at home. "I got bored and needed something to do," he said. "I never dreamed that what I took up as a hobby would eventually become a way to make a living."

Acclaimed now as one of the region's most talented wildlife and outdoor photographers, Mitchell says he still enjoys his picture scouting excursions, as well as the time spent crafting the handmade frames that complement his photos so well. Each frame is as unique as the photos they highlight, as they are handcrafted by Mitchell on his farm.

"I'm always scouting around for old barn wood and that sort of thing," he added. "I like the rustic look of the wood."

Mitchell's latest offerings are now on display in the Mountain Arts Center Art Gallery during the month of July.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Mitchell may be contacted by telephoning (606) 377-2687.

don't mind that, I don't mind it at all," he said. Mitchell, who was injured in a mining accident several years ago, said that he became

photos by Kathy J. Prater

At left, entitled "Dogwoods Remember, Why Can't We?," this touching testimonial is one of Mitchell's newest pieces.



At right, watch out! This photo of a common black snake coiled and ready is indicative of the risks Mitchell sometimes takes to get that perfect shot.



DINNER DIVA

As the Diva about pots and pans

The Dinner Diva recently received an important question — one that will influence all of y'all as you consider decluttering your own kitchen cabinets and trying to figure out which pots and pans you actually need. Here's the question:



Dear Dinner Diva, I was just thinking I need to declutter all my pots, pans, lids, bowls for leftovers, etc. I always have a problem determining how many I will need. That may sound silly, but it would be nice to know, for example, how many pots and pans you guys keep — what a reasonable amount is for a family of three. I feel like I may have gone overboard gathering cookware since I just got married!!

Flybaby Lisa in NC

And here's the Dinner Diva's answer:
Dear Lisa,

(See DIVA, page 8)

FLY LADY

Martyred attitudes

We come from a very long line of martyrs. This is a bad habit and one that is hard for us to kick. Even when we think we have let go of our martyred attitudes, they have a way of reaching up and biting us. This can cause a whole new set of problems if we are not careful.

We don't have to play the martyr any longer. I know this seems really strange because we sometimes don't even know when we are doing it.

We have always put everyone in our homes first; believe it or not this comes naturally to us. Here is how we can tell if we have let go of our martyrdom: when you make the choice to allow someone to put their needs in front of yours and we get in a bad mood over it. We have choices in everything and this includes being pouty and short with our families.

Sometimes what we are feeling is not just martyrdom; it can be anger at ourselves for not stepping up and saying what we really want. Since we don't realize that it is anger, we can lash out at those around us. This is when we have a tendency to

transfer the anger from ourselves to others. I want us to look at why we are mad in the first place.

What are you really getting upset over? We say it is because we are always last, but the truth may be that our perfectionism has reared its ugly head once again. We don't like making mistakes that we think we should have prevented in the first place. Then the whole day begins to fall apart in our minds. We had everything planned, then the plans got changed for whatever reason. We have a hard time converting to Plan B. This is all because we did not put our needs into the equation. We are always putting everyone else

first. Let's face it; we are the event coordinator for our families. We have been juggling schedules for as long as we can remember.

Now I want you to look at this from your family's perspective. They love you! They want you to be happy, but they cannot read your mind. If you don't tell them what you want/need and share your burdens with them, how are they going to know that you feel like you are always last? A few days ago, I read an essay about being a pleaser. When are we going to wake up and realize that when you please every-

(See FLY LADY, page 9)



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Family Medicine

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Question: Last week a friend's child was diagnosed with an infection from a tick bite. She had been sick for a couple of weeks before the doctors were able to figure out what was wrong. The mother said it was ehrlichiosis. I have never heard of this. Can you tell me more about it? Will the child be OK?

Answer: Ehrlichiosis is an uncommon disease that is spread primarily by tick bites. This is why we see it in the summer when ticks are more active.

It is commonly spread by the dog tick, the deer tick or the Lone Star tick.

The latter, as the name implies, is found abundantly in Texas but also as far away from the Southwestern United States as Rhode Island. The bacterium that causes ehrlichiosis belongs to the germ family known as Rickettsiae. Other bacteria in this family cause a variety of serious diseases worldwide, including Rocky Mountain spotted fever and typhus.

The rickettsial diseases can be spread not only by tick bites, but

Ehrlichiosis - mild, easily treated tick-borne disease

sometimes by flea and mite bites as well.

Ehrlichiosis -- unlike Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which was first identified in the 1890s -- is a relatively new illness that was identified and named in 1990.

Ehrlichiosis can be difficult to diagnose as the symptoms resemble the flu -- fever, chills, headache, malaise, and muscle aches. Sometimes there is a rash that looks like heat rash and is itchy. These symptoms follow a tick bite by about seven to nine days. Oftentimes, due to the time

lapse, the tick bite is forgotten by the victim and not mentioned to the doctor. Some experts believe that many cases go undetected because the symptoms are so mild that no medical attention is sought and the person recovers without medical intervention. Frequently, though, the flu-like

symptoms continue to last for several days and the sufferer seeks a doctor's help.

When the person sees the doctor,

he or she may become suspicious of ehrlichiosis after blood tests show a depressed blood count and elevated liver function. This may prompt a more precise specific antibody test that can detect the rickettsial bacteria.

Once the diagnosis is made, the infection is easily treated with antibiotics. The patient begins to feel better almost immediately after starting antibiotics, but full recovery can take about three weeks.

Prevention is always the best treatment. You can prevent tick bites by using an insect repellent and wearing long pants and long sleeves when out in the woods. It's often a good idea to tuck the bottom of your pants into your socks so that ticks can't just crawl up your socks and onto your legs.

Regardless of the protection you take, it's always a good idea to check yourself for ticks after you have been out in dense brush and long grass.

Also, check your pets for ticks as they can carry them into the house.

Use tick repellent on your animals. If you get bitten by a tick, remove it promptly. It takes 24 hours of the tick being attached to your body for the infection to pass from the tick to you -- so prompt removal is

very helpful. If you do remove a tick, make a note of the time and date in case you become ill with flu like symptoms within two weeks of the bite.

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School Happenings

Back to School Health Fair

July 18 - 9th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Duff-Allen Central Middle School (please enter through gym). Physicals (initial and 6th grade), drawings for free haircuts, child ID's (K, 2nd and 4th grades), school supplies, and more!

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•July 12 - Free athletic physicals for PHS students and their feeder schools; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Seaton 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

•July 11 - Athletic physicals at Our Lady of the Way Hospital's clinic (beside US Bank), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE to Floyd County students.

•July 18 - Clothing Give-Away at Graceway Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

•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

•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. WIC call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

**McDowell FRC will once again provide two weeks of FREE summer activities for McDowell Elementary students. All activities will be from 9-11 a.m. You may call 377-2678 to register your child for the following sessions:

•July 16, 17 - Melissa Perry (Southeast AHEC, McDowell ARH) will conduct sessions.

•July 19, 20 - 4-H Extension program, "Jump into Foods & Fun."

•July 23-27 - Neva Francis, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will conduct sessions on nutrition.

•Also, the school will be sponsoring open-gym activities for students and community members throughout the summer months. The weekly schedule will change, however, due to other pre-scheduled activities. A schedule will be posted each week on the gym door. Students under 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

•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 checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

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

Mountain Christian Academy

•Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available.

For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

•SFMS parents with concerns about your

child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://fiod.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 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

**The following camps will be held on the campus of Osborne Elementary School. Camps will be held in conjunction with several community organizations. The Rainbow Junction FRC is currently taking sign-ups for those wishing to participate. For more info., stop by the center or call 452-4553.

•July 23, 24 - 4-H Day Camp; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Big Sandy Community & Technical College

Adult Education and GED
Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

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

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

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

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

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - 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 Halé Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

Diva

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This is a great question and one that is easily answered. Unless you're doing huge amounts of cooking, it's unnecessary to have an entire cupboard dedicated to pots and pans. For me, I have three pots of varying sizes (1, 2 and 3 quart pots, with lids), 2 saute/frying pans (8" and 10", plus lids fit from the larger pots), plus a 3 1/2 quart sauté pan (I use this for making Garlic Lime Chicken, for example). I also have an 8 quart stock pot that I make soups in and any other large amount of food for cooking for a crowd. This pot also has a lid.

The essentials for choosing good cookware has some cooks debating over stainless or non-aluminum cookware. Aluminum has been linked to all kinds of health problems, and rather than debate the issue, why not just get some decent stainless steel pots and pans and forget about it? My faves are the Calphalon stainless (Calphalon skillets I especially like), but there are other brands to be had. I bought a terrific set (Italian made) at Costco that I love that had all the necessary criteria—top grade stainless pots and pans with heavy bottoms so the food won't burn easily, well built handles (plus a secondary handle on the other side of the larger pans for easy handling) and pots and pans that would clean up easily—no foolish nooks and crannies or weird angles (you can tell by the basic construction if it will clean up well). Make sure too, that the entire pan is made out of stainless-no goofy plastic handles that will melt if your recipe calls for you sticking the skillet under the broiler to melt some cheese or something. The deal is to not get hung up on name brands as much as you need to look for the clues for real quality. I have no idea who made my pots and pans, but it's a private label and I bet it is a top notch manufacturer.

And for the record, I used to love a good nonstick pan, but there have been way too many health issues coming out lately that make me more than a little wary of using a nonstick pan. It's hard enough staying healthy doing the right things, when your pan may make your food toxic, in my mind, you gotta steer clear.

Speaking of Garlic Lime Chicken, you NEED that recipe!

Garlic Lime Chicken

Serves 6

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 6 boneless skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 4 tablespoons lime juice

On a dinner plate, mix together first 7 ingredients. Sprinkle mixture on both sides of chicken breasts. In a skillet, heat butter and olive oil together over medium high heat. Saute chicken until golden brown on each side, about 5 minutes on either side. Remove chicken and add lime juice and chicken broth to the pan, whisking up the browned bits off the bottom of the pan. Keep cooking until sauce has reduced slightly. Add chicken back to the pan to thoroughly coat and serve.

Per Serving : 343 Calories; 11g Fat (31.1% calories from fat); 55g Protein; 2g Carbohydrate; trace Dietary Fiber; 147mg Cholesterol; 612mg Sodium. Exchanges: 0 Grain(Starch); 7 1/2 Lean Meat; 0 Fruit; 1 1/2 Fat.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Serve with garlic mashed potatoes (make mashed potatoes; add garlic powder to taste), steamed broccoli and you're good to go!

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

Engagement



Combs-May

Maranda Combs, of Martin, and Ryan May, formerly of Magoffin County, are pleased to announce their recent engagement that took place in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The happy couple plan to hold a private wedding ceremony on Virginia Beach, date to be announced later. Maranda is a recent graduate of Morehead State University. Ryan is employed as a System Administrator for the National Board of Examiners in Optometry, located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Engagement



Hughes-Bersaglia

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hughes, of West Van Lear, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynne, to Glen Scott Bersaglia, the son of Nick and Debbie Bersaglia of Hazard.

Ms. Hughes, a magna cum laude graduate of Indiana University, holds the position of Assistant Professor of Music at Pikeville College. Dr. Bersaglia graduated summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Austin and is currently Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Michigan.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on July 14, 2007, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon at the Allen Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

A reception is to follow at the Paintsville Country Club. The couple will honeymoon in St. John, Virgin Islands and will reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Eyes

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(A message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.)

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there was a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of one another.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible in the very same manner when I grew up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

Remember, little eyes and ears see and hear a lot! Example, always.

See you next week!

Disney musical most physically demanding

by MARTIN CHILDERS
JWT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Disney's High School Musical is undoubtedly the most physically demanding show we're doing this year, but that doesn't bother its two young stars.

Anabel Franklin, as Gabriella, and Dan Scott as Troy, not only play a little basketball, they perform in 15 choreographed musical numbers - more even than were seen in the critically acclaimed movie.

In fact, Anabel's favorite song from the show, "I Can't Take My Eyes Off You," wasn't seen in the movie. One of six love ballads, it was cut before release but was included on the DVD.

"It's so romantic," Anabel told me.

Dan's favorite tune is "Breaking Free." He loves playing Troy, the high school jock who decides to try out for the school musical and ends up falling for the smart but nerdy Gabriella. The two end up making beautiful music together.

Dan said he first saw the movie last year and loved it. He is thrilled to be starring as Troy in our production.

The thing both actors like about this show is that it's for all members of the family and everyone can relate to it.

"We've all known characters like this in high school,"



The cast of Jenny Wiley Theatre's production of Disney's High School Musical. Tickets are available by calling 1-877-CALL-JWT or online at jwtheatre.com.

Dan said. People of all ages will recognize them and love the show."

For both performers, this is their first trip to Eastern Kentucky, and they are really enjoying the experience.

Anabel, a music graduate of NYU who now lives in New York, grew up on Cape Cod and says it was a lot like this region - "where you can go downtown for ice cream cones."

Dan attends Syracuse (NY) University and will

graduate next year. Both of them will be pursuing careers in the theatre, and would definitely be interested in returning to JWT in future years.

Performance dates and ticket information about High School Musical and our other summer productions can be found on our web site: jwtheatre.com or call us at 1-877-CALL-JWT, or locally, at 606-886-9274.

Childers is executive

director of Jenny Wiley Theatre. His column about theatre happenings and backstage activities appears weekly.)

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

School news



USAA All-American Scholar

Robert Stacy, an Allen Central Middle School student, has been named an All-American Scholar At-Large Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy. He will appear in the Academy's official yearbook, a national publication.

The criteria for selection for an All-American Scholar include: student grade point average, student achievements, and student schedule of academics and extracurricular activities.

Robert is the son of Marcus and Mary Stacy, of Wayland. He is the grandson of Marcellous and Carolyn Stacy, of Estill, and Antha Jean and the late Charles Watkins, of Wayland.

School news



USAA All-American leader

Zach Hamilton, an Allen Central High School student from Wayland, has been named a United States National Leadership and Service Award winner by the United States Achievement Academy. He will appear in the USAA's official yearbook, a national publication.

Students receiving this honor are selected based on academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship and dependability, among other criteria.

Zach is the son of Lanny Hamilton and Sandra Stapleton. He is the grandson of Wendell and Betty Sexton, of Garrett, and Dorothy DeRossett, of Printer.

Lynn Schornak begins second tour of duty in England



Lynn Schornak, daughter of James E. and Marie Goble of Prestonsburg, has accepted a position as the Business Team Leader with the Defense Contract Management Agency International Division in Loudwater, England. Ms. Schornak will be supervising a team of 14 people, including Administrative Contracting Officers and Contract Administrators. This team will manage U.S. Department of Defense contracts awarded to British contractors. This is Ms. Schornak's 2nd three-year tour of duty in England. She was also with DCMA International from 1993-1996. She was accompanied to England by her husband, Cliff, who will remain there several weeks before returning to their home in Atlanta. At left, Lynn Schornak, shown here with Capt. Joseph F. Manna, Commander of DCMA Atlanta.

Fly Lady

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one around you but you then everyone suffers?! You know what we always say, "If momma ain't happy; ain't nobody happy." Your family wants you to be happy!

"They are willing to do whatever it takes to make you feel loved, but you have to let them love you! When you are upset and say you are feeling like you always come last then that hurts their feelings. Especially when you say it to them in anger or with that martyred attitude that we can so easily throw around. I know they may be your feelings and sharing them is good; but I want you to realize you are feeling this way and

take the necessary baby steps to stop this from becoming a full blown confrontation.

They have you up on a pedestal for all you do for them; they are willing to help, but you have to say it. This is why it is important for us to take a few minutes to take care of ourselves. Your family does not know your sacrifices unless you tell them.

Life is one Plan B after another. Our routines give us the foundation to help us adjust. We are also very creative people and when we don't use our routines and understand how they may have to adjust, then we feel like we have lost control. We don't always have to be in control; our perfectionism puts us in this place of

always needing to be the one in charge. If we don't have a routine then we don't really know what our own needs are, do we? This is why we leave our needs out the equation. We are so used to being selfless that we have forgotten about ourselves.

I will never forget when I left my son's father. The first words out of his mouth were, "but I'm happy." Of course he was because I made sure of it to keep him from blowing up over the least little thing. Don't fall into the trap of being the pleaser. Because in the long run, you are the one that is going to feel hurt even when it is your choice. It is up to you to tell your family what you need. They cannot

read minds. This cannot be done with the martyred attitude, either. You don't have to do it all; even though you feel more in control when you do. Reach out and allow your family to reach back with a hug.

Martyred attitudes keep us from FLYing!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections," published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, "Body Clutter," published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousey Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services; Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:15 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Third Sun. evening Service, 6 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, 7 p.m. Hobert Meek, Pastor, welcomes everyone.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.

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Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Vamey, Minister.

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Mare Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

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CHURCH OF GOD

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Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

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Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

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First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

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Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor.

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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PRESTONSBURG 11-12-YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS.

P'burg 11-12s fall to Fleming-Neon

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — After finishing pool play with an impressive 2-1 record, the Prestonsburg 11-12-year-old All-Stars entered Wednesday looking to advance further, with a victory over a solid Fleming-Neon team. Prestonsburg had opened the tournament with wins over East Ridge and Phelps before losing 5-4 to Morgan County in the final game of pool play. Fleming-Neon was looking to advance on the strong arm of pitcher Sam Robinson. The Fleming-Neon squad did just that en route to an 8-1 win over Prestonsburg.

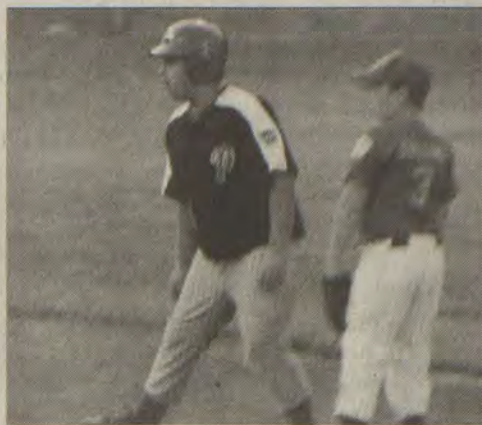
Fleming Neon got on the scoreboard in the first inning, scoring one run. The Neon

team then added to its lead in the second and third innings.

Prestonsburg trailed 6-0 after three innings and could not muster any challenge. Robinson allowed only one hit, a single to Adam Crisp in the Prestonsburg half of the fourth inning. Fleming Neon led 8-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth, before P'burg scored their lone run of the game. Brett Blankenship led off the inning with a walk and advanced to third base with two stolen bases. Blankenship scored on a passed ball with two outs in the inning. Prestonsburg finished the tournament with an overall record of 2-2.

The Prestonsburg 11-12s opened pool

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The Prestonsburg 11-12-year-olds won their first two pool play games.

Postseason youth baseball back in spotlight

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Today, we'll play the four-corner's offense. Hopefully nobody gets too offended:

- Youth leagues are having their all-star tournaments this week, with boys and girls playing all over the area in every age bracket.

While the kids are out there

having fun, we'd remind the many parents to keep the right perspective on game nights. It's about the kids having fun, competing and trying to win. It's not about if you think they should have played more.

I've covered my share of all-star tournaments, played in several and even coached in a couple. While I maintain all-stars aren't what youth sports is about — it is, or should be, about the regular season, when all kids are playing — it's important that the focus stay on them. If they enjoy themselves, that should be good enough.

There's nothing worse than a parent losing his or her cool and creating a scene. It's embarrassing for the parent, the coach and the league. It's embarrassing for the other parents.

But most of all, it embarrasses the child of that parent, and let's face it: That's the worst thing of all.

Let's keep the focus on the children and let everybody involved have a good time. That includes the poor people with the thankless jobs of coaching in all-star events.

- And while I'm at it, let me again state my opposition to all-stars for 9- and 10-year-olds. That's just entirely too young for all-stars. Rarely does a league have more than one child that age who has pitched any at all, and when that one finishes up, we're left with kids who have no experience trying too hard to throw a ball across a plate for, arguably, the first time in their lives.

I used to say the worst thing about all-stars was having to cover 13-year-old tournaments. Then somebody got wise and combined them with the 14-year-olds and that became very tolerable.

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MEETING AT THE MOUND: Veteran Little League manager Ned Pillersdorf talked with his team of Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old All-Stars during a tournament game earlier in the week. Pillersdorf started coaching Prestonsburg Little League baseball in the early 80s. Before coaching in Prestonsburg, Pillersdorf guided Little League teams in California.

P'burg 15-16-year-olds claim district title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Prestonsburg 15-16-year-olds earned the right to play in the State Tournament at Corbin on July 14 following a hard-fought 4-3 win over Morgan County Tuesday night in the District 7 Tournament Senior League title game.

Chris Schoolcraft pitched Prestonsburg to the win. Schoolcraft, who hit out of the fifth spot in Prestonsburg's productive batting order, pitched the complete game for

the Prestonsburg team. A member of the Prestonsburg High School baseball team's pitching staff this past season, Schoolcraft held Morgan County to one run through the first three innings.

Cameron Tincher was hit by a pitch in the bottom half of the first inning and scored Prestonsburg's initial run after Travis Welch singled. Prestonsburg led 1-0 before Knott County answered with a run of its own in the second inning.

Knott County also added one run in both the fourth and fifth innings.

After enjoying an early 2-1 lead in the second inning, Prestonsburg had to

play from a run down late. D.J. Ousley, who scored Prestonsburg's second run in the second inning, scored in the bottom half of the sixth inning. Josh Blackburn doubled and drove Ousley home in the sixth inning.

More on Prestonsburg's district championship team will appear in Sunday's edition.

Members of the 15-16-year-old All-Star team are Billy Robinson, Cameron Tincher, Seth Setser, Travis Welch, Chris Schoolcraft, D.J. Ousley, Nick Johnson, Chris Bostic, Josh Blackburn and Austin Gearheart.

Beaver Creek 11-12s blank Virgie

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — The Beaver Creek 11-12-year-olds defeated Virgie convincingly Sunday in the District 7 Little League Tournament at Paul B. Hall Field. Beaver Creek, behind the strong pitching of Jordan Pinson and the potent bats of several players, blanked Virgie 10-0. With the win, Beaver Creek evened its record in the district tournament to 1-1. Paintsville defeated Beaver Creek in an opening round game.

After being held scoreless the first couple of innings, Beaver Creek livened up offensively in the third inning, breaking up a scoreless game. Pinson opened the third inning with a walk. After Pinson drew the base on balls, Austin Cook reached base on an error. Jacob Cragger was hit by a pitch in the next at-bat following Cook's plate appearance. Tyler Cole reached

base on an error, allowing Pinson to score Beaver Creek's first run. Dylan Hall aided the Beaver Creek offensive effort when he ripped a two-run single. Brett Mullins and Josh Clemons also contributed offensively in the inning for the Beaver Creek All-Star team.

Pinson fired a one-hitter. The Beaver Creek starting pitcher only walked two batters en route to the win. Pinson hit one batter and struck out eight on his way to claiming the victory.

The 9-10s: Beaver Creek 4, Virgie 1: In the 9-10-year-old division, Beaver Creek outlasted Virgie 4-1 Sunday evening at B.W. McDonald Field in the District 7 Little League Tournament.

Dustin Johnson got Beaver Creek going in the first inning when he singled. Johnson scored Beaver Creek's first run when Catlin Parsons delivered an RBI. Beaver Creek went out in front 1-0 and never trailed. The Beaver

Creek 9-10-year-old team extended its lead out to a 2-1 advantage when Hunter Johnson doubled in the third inning, scoring Joey Samons, who had reached base early following a single.

Virgie plated its lone run of the game in the fourth inning.

Leading 2-1, Beaver Creek pushed its lead back out in the bottom half of the fourth frame when Parsons and Seth Hall each scored on passed balls.

Johnson pitched and claimed the win for Beaver Creek.

The 11s: The Beaver Creek 11-year-olds came up short Wednesday against Morgan County. Hot-hitting Morgan County plated three runs in the first inning on its way to a 9-1 win.

JR Handshoe scored Beaver Creek's only run, crossing home plate in the first inning. Handshoe had two singles for the Beaver Creek team.

Blake Dean, Dalton Lawson and Dillon Lawson each doubled in Beaver Creek's loss.

Miners open up press conference to area hoops fans

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PIKEVILLE — Professional basketball has arrived in East Kentucky. The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization will hold a press conference on Thursday, July 19 at the East Kentucky Expo Center and everyone is invited. The East Kentucky Expo Center will host the Miners and serve as a home venue to the pro basketball franchise. Area basketball fans can attend the press conference as it is open to the public. Those fans who attend the press conference will have the opportunity to be the first to hear major announcements regarding the 2007-08 season, the debut campaign for the upstart East Kentucky Miners in the tradition-rich Continental Basketball Association (CBA), a league that has been home to some of the world's top basketball coaches and players. East Kentucky Miners team news,

(See MINERS, page twelve)

Morgan eliminates P'burg 9-10s

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — After opening the tournament with an impressive 21-5 win over East Ridge, the Prestonsburg 9-10-year-old All-Stars were looking for continued success on Sunday against Phelps. A slow start seemed to doom Prestonsburg as Phelps plated five runs in the first inning and went on to an easy 14-2 win.

Prestonsburg scored its only runs of the game in the bottom of the first inning after Scott Stapleton singled and moved to third base on a hit from teammate Garrett Hammonds. Stapleton and Hammonds both scored, courtesy of a fielding error following a connection off of the bat of Tyler Stumbo. Phelps added five more runs in the second inning and four in the fourth to earn the Mercy Rule win.

Morgan County 22, Prestonsburg 12: Prestonsburg ended its tournament run on Monday with a loss to Morgan County. After falling behind 11-4, Prestonsburg rallied to take a 12-11 lead after four innings. However, an 11-run fifth inning gave Morgan County a 22-12 lead and Prestonsburg could never recover.

HAP's Hamilton one-hits Knott

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Dyllon Hamilton put the Harold-Allen-Prater 11-12-year-old All-Stars in the win column Saturday, pitching the HAP unit to a 3-0 win over Knott County. Hamilton was hard to hit, allowing Knott County just one run in the opening inning of the first pool play game for both teams.

After beating Knott County in its opener, HAP struggled offensively for most of the remainder of the tournament. Letcher County teams Whitesburg and Fleming-Neon each dealt HAP tournament setbacks.

In the opener versus Knott County, HAP got on the scoreboard in the second inning when Chase Hall was hit by a pitch and later scored on a wild pitch.

Knott County made some noise in the fourth inning, but failed to score. The Knott County All-Stars left Matt Thompson, one of

the team's leading players stranded on base. Hamilton finished strong in the fourth inning, striking out the side.

Ryan Conn collected two RBIs for HAP in the fifth inning, allowing the Floyd County team to add to its lead.

Whitesburg handed the HAP 11-12-year-old team its first loss in the tournament Sunday. HAP fell behind early on and never recovered versus Whitesburg. The Whitesburg team built up a 6-0 lead before Harold-Allen-Prater scored its first and ultimately only run.

In the postseason matchup versus Whitesburg, Zach Bailey singled and scored HAP's only run in the fifth inning. Brian Watkins drove in HAP's only run in the loss.

Fleming-Neon wasted little time in going out in front Monday en route to a 15-2 win over HAP. The loss dashed any hopes HAP had of advancing out of its pool.



MAY RACING: Chuckie May is back behind the wheel of his No. 28 Late Model. May, who owns 201 Speedway, recently resumed racing in the Late Model division. The Floyd County racer made it into Saturday night's Battle of the Bluegrass Late Model feature at 201 Speedway.

NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings

1. Jeff Gordon, 2,613
2. Denny Hamlin, 2,457
3. Matt Kenseth, 2,248
4. Jimmie Johnson, 2,232
5. Jeff Burton, 2,230
6. Tony Stewart, 2,185
7. Carl Edwards, 2,148
8. Kevin Harvick, 2,106
9. Kyle Busch, 2,040
10. Martin Truex Jr., 2,033
11. Clint Bowyer, 1,986
12. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,985
13. Ryan Newman, 1,858
14. Jamie McMurray, 1,801
15. Kurt Busch, 1,749
16. J.J. Yeley, 1,701
17. Greg Biffle, 1,686
18. Bobby Labonte, 1,680
19. Juan Montoya, 1,662
- (tie) Mark Martin, 1,662

San Francisco provides fireworks: Giants 9, Reds 5

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Barry Bonds stayed in the dugout and watched his rookie fill-in make some history.

San Francisco's Fred Lewis hit another grand slam and slumping starter Matt Cain turned it into a long-awaited win on Wednesday, 9-5 over the Cincinnati Reds.

Bonds got the day off following a night game, leaving him with 751 career homers — four shy of Hank Aaron's mark. He's expected to play in the

final game of the series Thursday, then perhaps all three in St. Louis before the All-Star break.

Only 24,092 fans attended the holiday game, showing a lack of enthusiasm for Bonds' chase of a revered record. Fans booed and derided Bonds as a cheater — references to baseball's steroid scandal — while he rounded the bases after hitting No. 751 on Tuesday night.

A 26-year-old rookie took Bonds' spot in left field and measured up. Lewis had three hits, including a fourth-inning grand slam off Matt Belisle (5-

6) that helped the Giants get their sixth victory in 18 games.

Lewis didn't hit a homer during a September call-up last year. Two of his three homers this year are grand slams, making him the first rookie in San Francisco history to hit two in a season.

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CARE GIVER NEEDED FREE BOARD, FREE RENT TO TAKE CARE OF elderly woman with pay. Call 874-2512, ask for Russell only.

JOB OPENING
 We are seeking a full time driver at our Manton, KY location, to operate company vehicles to transport products to and from specified destinations. The position is responsible for operating company equipment at the job site under the direction of the Blaster in charge, performing duties of load/plant crew or shot service crew and/or assisting the plant manager. Must possess a current Class A CDL with Hazmat and Tanker endorsements and 1 year driving experience. Please forward your response information to Austin Powder Co., 152 Manton Rd, Martin, KY 41649; or fax (606)-285-5171 or email humantresources@austinpowder.com.

JOB OPENING
 General operators needed for surface mining operation. James River Coal Service Company needs dozer operators, rock truck drivers and loader operators. Experience preferred. Surface card required. Also needed is an electrician with certification. Send resume to PO Box 128 Jeff, KY 41751-0128. HR telephone 606-862-4553.

JOB OPENINGS
 Wanted: Someone to help with elderly woman, 20 hours per week, \$8.00 per hour. Every other weekend. References required, please call 285-9368. Ask for Judy.

JOB OPENING
 Outgoing and energetic Dental Assistant we need you! Must be a team player and willing to learn some office duties. Experience or college degree necessary. Submit resume to P.O. Box 172, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

JOB OPENING
 Prestonsburg Health Care Center had full and part time openings for CNA's and an opening for a part time activity assistant, and a full time opening for a 6a-6p LPN or RN. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. If interested please stop by or send resume to 147 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, Ky 41653 (Beside Prestonsburg Elementary) or call 886-2378.

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

SWIMMING LESSONS
 Does your child need swimming lessons? Get them from a trained professional. Lessons available from 9-11am, 7 days a week. Call 606-889-0036 or 606-226-9836

MERCHANDISE

Animals

LOST!!!!!!
 8 month old female black lab. Spayed, answers to Lizzie. Missing from second avenue Auxier since 6-21-07. Reward offered for safe return. Call 886-9234

FREE PUPPIES
 4 Australian Shepherd mix puppies. 2 male, 2 female, 6 weeks old. Call 886-9031.

Furniture

MOVING SALE
 Ashley Furniture, couch & matching chase, 2 chair oak dinette set, metal

The Christian Appalachian Project, Inc. seeks qualified and interested persons to fill the following position

Counselor #2713
 Johnson and surrounding counties
 Serves as a member of the Counseling team; provides counseling services primarily for participants of CAP programs; and for individuals and families who live in the communities where the Counseling Service operates.
Requirements: Master's degree in Counseling, Social Work or closely related area; successful experience in a job-related field, or the equivalent combination of education and experience; CAP offers competitive pay and benefits.
 Please respond to:
 Christian Appalachian Project
 Human Resources Dept. #2713
 322 Crab Orchard Street
 Lancaster, KY 40444
 rhinkle@chrisapp.org
 No phone calls accepted
 An Equal Opportunity Employer

bed and frame. All furniture like new. Call 226-6161 or work # 886-4530.

Yard Sale

YARD SALE
 Three family yard sale Friday 07/06 and Saturday 07/07. 127 Second Ave Auxier, Ky. Follow the signs.

YARD SALE
 4 Family yard sale 8-7 July 7 at Slick Rock of Cow Creek. Household items, appliances, whatnots, furniture, hardware, tools, baby items, to much to mention.

YARD SALE
 Rain or shine. July 12 and 13th. 8-6 at 6403 Spurlock Creek, from Prestonsburg, turn left on Rt 122/ First Road past MAC. 1.85 miles on right, gray house.

YARD SALE
 Moving Sale June 30, July 1,3,4,7,8 1948 Abbott Creek Rd. Prestonsburg Ky. Call 886-3191. Will have furniture including hatch, arm chair and ottoman, dinette table, armior, bar stools, wood trash bins, end table, backers rack. Toys including Games, books, ping pong table, air hockey table, golf clubs. Tools including welder, weedcater, 42" riding lawn mower, box wood stove, treadmill.

YARD SALE
 July 5th, 6th, and 7th. 9 miles between Prestonsburg and Salyersville (off 114) on Adams Cemetery road. 1 bag cement mix, wood chopper, bench jlg saw, bench belt sander, 6 wooden saw horses, dishes misc. hand tools, books, magazines, assorted flower pots. Call 886-2422

YARD SALE
 Huge yard sale!

Items include: Fun home accessories, Home furnishing, Furniture, Outdoor exercise equipment, Bicycle, moped, Portable ball goal, Pictures, Serious buyers only. 8:30-? Located at 475 Wood Land Hills off 114, Look for signs!

YARD SALE
 4-6 family yard sale July 1-10 and August 1-10 at Wayland Kwik Mart parking lot.

Misc.

FOR SALE
 Recording Studio great price! We also do CD duplication + graphics + shrinkwrap the CD'S. Call Rick to set up appointments. 377-2773

REAL ESTATE

House's

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE
 income producing property 2 BR house. \$550 per month. 3 BR house rented \$650 per month. Third rental unit can also be completed. Upstairs would rent for \$500 per month. Can see four lane from house property location at Ivel, Ky. Call 437-6507 or 434-9008.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR 2 Story house, large kitchen, sunroom, utility room, office and bathroom, down stairs, 5 rooms upstairs to finish as you desire. Can see 4 lane. US 23 from

FOR SALE
 1997 OAKWOOD 16X80 MH. Three BR 2 bath, and is located at Harold Ky. currently being used at a office trailer. Reduced priced to sell at \$17,900. Call 478-4105 or 478-9500.

For Sale By Owner
 1 mile off 23 on Rt. 3244 10 miles north of Painstville on Wiley Branch, 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath, LRG KIT, Carport, Deck, Above ground pool, on 1+ acres. \$130,000 Call 297-6880.

COAL HAULERS



1,000,000 limit as low as 5,000 per unit for qualified drivers
 Call 888.333.4471

house at Ivel, KY. Call 437-6507 or 434-9008.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 lease purchase, no credit check, \$3,500 down. 4 BR 2 bath in Prestonsburg. Call 886-3848 or 791-0710.

Sale or Lease

FOR SALE
 Commercial building for rent. Approx. 17 sq ft on left Hillside Center just before Mountain Arts Center. (formerly Curves) Available immediately call 886-2163.

FOR SALE
 1998 Mobile Home price \$27,000.00 3 BR 2 bath, air sized 16x80 or take over payment \$268.52 month. Phone 606-789-6337.

FOR SALE
 3 BR ranch, 4 years old, approx. 1600 sq. ft. 8.5 acres. Secluded and private. Mousie, Ky. Call 606-946-2628.

FOR SALE
 1997 OAKWOOD 16X80 MH. Three BR 2 bath, and is located at Harold Ky. currently being used at a office trailer. Reduced priced to sell at \$17,900. Call 478-4105 or 478-9500.

FOR SALE: LOCATION! LOCATION! FIRST TIME ON MARKET EVER!
 2,100 square feet main level, 1,200 square foot basement, 336 square foot built in garage, 2 car attached carport. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath brick ranch

with in ground concrete pool. Central Heat and Air needs minor repair, pool needs re-tiled, basement should be stripped out and considered unfinished. Needs some carpet and paint and minor plumbing repairs. All appliances remain. (Built in Whirlpool brand 1990's including large double oven) I have lived in this house since 1965 and my Dad built it in 1958. GREAT LOCATION on LARGE 96 X 200+ LOT. Three blocks from High School. Fenced back yard. Whirlpool tub. Pool building, 4th of July fireworks in your face! GREAT LOCATION, GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, GREAT NEIGHBORS. Divorce forces sale. Home located at 518 North Central Avenue on hill directly behind

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Level- Sloping and timber..

RENTALS

APARTMENT

FOR SALE
 Special FHA finance program. \$0 down if you own land or use family land. We own the bank, your approved!! Call 606-474-6380.

FOR SALE
 Morgan County 7 Acre farm with home 24x24, attached garage, 24x48 metal horse barn, pond, fenced pasture, back top drive way. Very nice call 743-1509

FOR RENT
 1 BR apt for rent. Call from 9-5. 886-6061 or after 5 call 886-0480.

FOR RENT
 Two BR- One bath house in Allen area. \$350 per month plus \$350



Big Sandy

Community & Technical College

Student Affairs Assistant II—(2 positions - Prestonsburg campus)—
Example of Duties: Determine eligibility of students applying for financial aid, calculate award amounts, process verifications, recalculations, loan applications, and other documents, determine and complete the return to Title IV of students each semester, work with technical and high school counselors to inform students of various types of financial aid available; remain current and knowledgeable in financial affairs to advise and explain financial aid programs to students, instructors, counselors and colleagues and complete documents or forms for outside agencies. **Minimum Requirements:** Associate degree (Computer, Technical or related field) and one year of related work experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$2,208.00

Office Support Assistant (Prestonsburg campus)—Example of Duties: Answer telephone, serve as receptionist, process and distribute incoming and outgoing mail, assist students with scheduling in PeopleSoft, perform general clerical duties, perform budget and bookkeeping duties, maintain departmental schedule and schedule appointments for associate dean and order departmental supplies. **Minimum Requirements:** High school diploma/(GED) and one year of related experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$1,801.00

Custodial Worker II—(Prestonsburg campus)—Example of duties: Maintain grounds (weed eating, planting, watering, picking up trash and snow removal), clean restrooms, chalkboards and glass; sweep and vacuum floors, stairs and stairwells; dust, pick up trash, change light bulbs and check supplies in restrooms and classrooms; operate fork lift and lawn equipment and setup for special events. **Minimum Requirements:** High school diploma plus six months of related work experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$1,486.00

Adult Education Specialist II (Grant funded)—(Mayo campus)—
Example of duties: Provide adult basic education classroom training, workplace essential skills training, ESL, and assists participants with a variety of methodologies and practices; provide pre and post assessment services to adult education students, provide academic advising services to students and make appropriate referrals when applicable; maintain accurate and complete student participant records; assist students with academic needs focusing on students with disabilities and design curriculum for the academic year and summer component. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree (Education or related field), and two years related experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$2,735.00

Adult Education Specialist II (Grant funded)—(Prestonsburg campus)—
Example of duties: Provide instructional services to adult students in disadvantaged populations, using a variety of methodologies and educational opportunities; provide academic advising services to students and make appropriate referrals when necessary and develop curriculum for adult education. **Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's degree (Education or related field), and two years related experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$2,735.00

Food Service Worker—(Prestonsburg campus)—Example of duties: Prepare food for sales, serve food to students, faculty and staff, take food orders and collect cash, maintain a sanitary work area and monitor grill inventory. **Minimum Requirements:** High School diploma/(GED) and six months related work experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$1,355.00

Recruitment Specialist—Example of duties: Attend college fairs, health fairs, festivals, high school sporting events, register new and returning students, print schedules, enter new applicants into PeopleSoft, set up information tables and workshops at high schools, keep information folders supplied to high schools, meet with individual student groups at high school level, set up campus tours, and set up career fair for students on campus. **Minimum Requirements:** Associate degree (related field), and two years related experience or equivalent. **Minimum monthly salary:** \$2,208.00

Adjunct Electricity Instructor—Example of duties: Excellent understanding of basic electricity, must possess the ability to teach electrical safety, ohms law, trouble shooting and electrical concepts pertaining to the mining industry. **Minimum Requirements:** Associate degree in electricity; prefer at least two years of job related experience in the electrical field. Education may substitute for experience.

Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863 Ext. 67370. Review of applications will begin July 16, 2007. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applicants must submit a resume, completed application and college transcripts (if applicable) to: Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.



Big Sandy Community and Technical College is an equal opportunity employer and education institution. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

deposit. Must have references, call between 5pm and 9pm only. Call 606-874-8122.

APT FOR RENT
Good neighborhood 2 BR. Must have references. Call 358-9123.

APT FOR RENT
Newly furnished one BR apt. Near college. AC, no pets please. Lease + security deposit. House of Neeley. 886-3565.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month. + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

Houses

FOR RENT
3 BR house at Allen. \$700 per month plus deposit. 794-0249.

HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck. Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. \$980.00 month. 850-222-2226. Leave message. See pix at www.washington-publishers.com/FordRent/index.htm

Mobile Home

FOR RENT
Rent to own 6 miles from Prestonsburg on 114. 1999 16x80 MH 3 BR 2 bath. For pricing terms call 886-2842 before 7pm.

FOR RENT
Nice 3 BR MH in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

FOR RENT
THREE MOBILE HOME LOTS FOR RENT 1/2 MILE ON RIGHT FROM PRESTONSBURG ON TOWN BRANCH ROAD JUST BEFORE THE CHURCH PARKING LOT. CITY UTILITIES INCLUDING GAS, WATER, AND SEWAGE ARE AVAILABLE FOR HOOK-UP AS WELL AS AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER. CALL 874-7155 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Casey Duncon, 70 Bethany Drive, Printer, Ky 41655 had filled an application with The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill property. The property is located 4 miles from route 80/122 intersection at Martin, Kentucky. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Kentucky Director, Division of Water Resource Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort office park, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Phone (606) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Roy Duncon, 1875 Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg Ky 41653 had filled an application with The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill property. The property is located along Ky route 1427 approximately 1.5 miles West of the intersection Ky 1427 and US 23 on

the North side of Abbott Creek. Written comments or objections must be filed with The Kentucky Director, Division of Water Resource Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort office park, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Phone (606) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16/18:120 E, Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4789 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560, phone (304) 204-1455, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, Kentucky on Brushy Fork of Licking River and Prater Branch of Hale Fork of left Middle Creek. Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Monday through Friday.

The blasting schedule is for the period of July 16, 2007 through July 16, 2008. Entry to the blasting area will be regulated by signs and barriers. An authorized company representative will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten (10) minutes prior to each detonation. The warning signal, made using a siren, shall consist of one minute series of long blasts five (5) minutes prior to blasting; a series of short blasts one minute prior to blasting will then be sounded. The all clear signal will be prolonged blast lasting up to two (2) minutes following the inspection of the blast area. Events which could necessitate blasting at unscheduled times include, but are not limited to, rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or deteriorated explosives which involve personnel, operations or public safety.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5416, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, KY 41502 has applied for an Amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.9 miles West of Woods in Floyd County Kentucky. The amendment proposes to add 96.00 acres of underground acreage making the total area 951.41 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.25 mile east from KY 194's junction with KY 1428 and located adjacent to Cow Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Roy & Patsy Conn, Delmer & Irene Jervis, Burnis & Markiutta Jervis, Zenis & Janet Jervis, Maryland Jervis, George & Bridget Vanover, Glen & Mary Burchett, Greg & Pam Conn,

Thurston & Delcie Endicott, Lester Jervis, Bill & Pat Jarrell, Brad & Sally Goble, Ornes & Earl Spears, Reed Heirs and Issaac and Lillian Blackburn.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 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 836-0317

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.6 miles northeast of Lancer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 454.15 surface acres and 165.26 acres of underground area, making a total permit area of 619.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.9 miles east from Corn Fork Road's junction with KY 3 and is located on Corn Fork of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Floyd Harris Heirs, Bill Monroe Thompson, and Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Floyd Harris Heirs, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, Steven Todd and Bonnie Harris, Bill Monroe Thompson, Bill Monroe Thompson Heirs, Holly Rose, Mike and Teresa Stratton, Evan and Mary Rose, John Hunt, Lewis and Emma Hunt, Mary Lucille Willis, Jewel Crider, Donald L. and Joyce Goble, Rhonda Gail Goble Ousley, Ransom Hunt, and Lewis Hunt. The operation will use the area, contour, underground, and auger/highwall methods of mining.

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

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objec-

tions, 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 836-0292, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 97.94 acres of surface disturbance will underlie an additional 215.58 acres of which 119.73 acres underlies surface or auger area and is not included in the total making a total area of 641.35 within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers. The operation will underlie land owned by Ballard and Magdalene Ray, Curtis Wilburn, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Paul and Edna Conn, Zachery D. and Bonita A. Akers, and Jake and Melvina N. Akers.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, 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 BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 836-0333 Increment Nos. 2-5, 7-12, and 14-18

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for Phase 2 bond release on permit number 836-0333, Increment Nos. 2-5, 8-12, 14-18, and for a Phase 1 and 2 bond release on Increment No. 7, which was last issued on 12/14/06.

The application covers an area of approximately 442.41 acres, located 1.38 mile east of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.60 mile southwest from State Route 7's junction with Salyers Branch Road on Sallick Creek, and located 0.13 mile southeast of Coolwater Creek's confluence with Sallick Creek. The latitude is 37°29'16". The longitude is 82°51'46".

For Increment No. 2, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$45,300.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 3, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$25,900.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 4, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$37,300.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 5, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$63,200.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 7, approximately 85 percent of the original bond amount of \$130,300.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 8, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$96,600.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 9, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$46,100.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 10, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$87,000.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 11, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$118,400.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 12, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$104,900.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 14, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$117,200.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 15, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$103,500.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 16, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$146,600.00 is included in the application for release.

For Increment No. 17, approximately 25 percent of the original bond amount of \$82,500.00 is included in the application for release.

application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading and seeding, to achieve the approved post mining land use, which was completed in March 2004. Results thus far achieved are: area is stable and the post mining land use has been established.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by August 16, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 16, 2007.

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.

INVITATION TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE

The Finance and Administration Cabinet of Kentucky desires to lease approximately 5,516 square feet of office space with 50 reserved parking spaces to be located in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Proposals for existing property must designate the type of building and street address of the property; the name, address and phone number of the property owner; the date of availability; and a scaled or dimensioned floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, columns and any other structural considerations that may affect design of the interior or space.

Proposals for new construction must include the name, address and phone number of the property owner; the date of availability; verification that the property is properly zoned for the proposed use; a scaled plot of the site identifying the location of the proposed building and parking area(s) with a vicinity map indicating the location of the site; and a scaled or dimensioned floor plan showing the exterior layout of the proposed building to include walls, doors, windows, columns and any other structural considerations that may affect design of the interior or space.

Responses may be made by any person in writing on or before 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, 2007 and must be sent to: Division of Real Properties, RE: PR-1679, ATTN: Leasing Branch, Bush Building, 3rd Floor, 403 Wapping Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-2607. (FAX responses will not be accepted.)

All responses received will be publicly opened and read at the above-designated time. Note: If you plan to attend the bid opening and have a disability that requires

accommodation by the Division of Real Properties, please contact our office by July 16, 2007 to permit us to make reasonable arrangements.

Any property selected for lease must meet OSHA specifications, as well as ADA guidelines and all applicable building codes as enforced by the Division of Building Codes Enforcement.

Arrangements will be made to view all properties meeting the general specifications of this lease project. A representative of the Leasing Branch will contact you so that an appointment may be made to inspect the proposed facility. For any additional information, contact at 502.564.2205, ext. 237.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0292, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Raven Co., Inc., P.O. Box 547, Bluff City, Tennessee 37618 has applied for renewal of an existing permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 262.16 acres of surface and 478.76 acres overlying auger of which 293.77 acres underlie surface acres for a total of 447.15 acres located at Grethel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.15 miles south from KY 979's junction with KY 1426 and located on Big Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eula H. Scott and Peggy A. Steele, Danny and Tammy Jarrell, John W. Sturgill, Combs Brothers Investments Company and David Betscher, Zachary and Bonita Akers, Oscar Newman Heirs, William Newsome, Jr. and Josephine K. Newsome, J & N Land Company, Inc., Dwayne and Julie Kidd, Gerald, Kathy, and Andy Newsome, Curtis Marvin and Marie Tackett, Charles, Sola, and Palestene Akers, Richie and Bonita Newsom, Pauline Green, Ocie Alley, Wesley Boyd, and Jake and Melvina Akers.

The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of KY Route 979. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Harold D. Salisbury, 2342 Wilson Creek Road, Langley, Ky. 41645, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill property. The property is located 1 mile from Langley (Maytown), 1123 Brothers (Turkey Creek), Langley, Ky. 41645. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Highlands Home Health is recruiting for:

HOME HEALTH AIDES

Highlands Home Health is a good place to work; offers a competitive salary and a generous benefits package, including:

- Seven (7) Paid Holidays
- Life Insurance
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Is NASCAR taking creativity away from teams?

by MIKE HARRIS
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NASCAR has made it clear that its boxy new Car of Tomorrow is practically untouchable when it comes to attempts at creativity by the teams.

With imbedded sensors, lasers to check on them, a new set of templates connected like a jigsaw puzzle and a steely determination by the sanctioning organization to keep the playing field level for all competitors, the big question is whether the arrival of the COT means the end to imagination in a sport known for its ingenuity.

Racing teams, particularly in NASCAR, always have taken pride in the fact that designers, mechanics and engineers have found ways to use the so-called gray areas on the cars to be creative and find at least a temporary advantage over other teams.

But the gray areas keep getting smaller and NASCAR is cracking down on even the smallest thing its inspectors see as a violation on its new car, seven years in development and intended to be safer, more competitive and less expensive to produce.

The new car, which will race 16 times this season, was scheduled to be blended into the schedule over a three-year period. But NASCAR has pushed it forward and the COT will run all 36 races in 2008.

Meanwhile, Chad Knaus and Steve Letarte, crew chiefs for reigning Nextel Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and four-time champion and current points leader Jeff Gordon, are serving the second week of a six-week suspension as the Cup teams head for Daytona Beach and Saturday night's Pepsi 400.

Two weeks ago at Sonoma, Calif., inspectors found illegal modifications to the front fenders of the two Chevrolets and NASCAR came down hard. Despite protests from Hendrick officials that the area modified was between the points where the template for that area is supposed to fit snugly, the two cars were held out of practice and qualifying on Friday at Sonoma and had to start from the rear of the field on Sunday.

The other shoe fell several days later when Knaus and Letarte were suspended and fined \$100,000 each. The drivers also lost 100 points apiece.

These were the same penalties handed down several weeks earlier to Dale Earnhardt Jr. and crew chief Tony Eury Jr. after their COT was found to have illegal brackets on the rear wing of their No. 8 Chevrolet.

After NASCAR flagged Johnson and Gordon at Sonoma, Doug Duchardt, vice president of development for Hendrick, said, "We felt we understood fully the rules around the

template. We felt that we could work between the points on the template, and it is now clear to us, and I think to everyone, that that is not acceptable."

So where does that leave all the clever folks who work on these cars?

"They have taken almost all the creativity out of the bodies, which in my prior life was one of the biggest benefits. So that hurts a little bit," said Ford NASCAR field manager Ben Leslie, a former crew chief.

"The bodies are locked down pretty tight, almost locked down completely," he added. "The chassis is fairly tight. But there's still a little bit of latitude here and there. I think there's just been a shift. The creativity has to go into shocks, springs, bars, bump stops, pivot points and all of that stuff."

But does that mean the excitement is gone for the people who work on these cars?

"I had a lot of enjoyment when I felt like I had thought of something that somebody else hadn't, meaning other crew chiefs and the rules makers," Leslie said.

"That's the job I was given. My car owner gave me the task of making the (No.) 6 car as fast as possible, and NASCAR gives their inspectors the task of making sure everybody's on a level playing field. Yeah, it takes some of the fun out of it. But some of

it might have been getting out of hand."

Team owner and former driver Richard Childress agrees that things might have been getting out of hand in manipulating the bodies of the cars in recent years.

"If you look at the current car, it had gotten so far out of the box - it's twisted and looked like it had been wrecked before the race started," Childress said.

"This (COT) is the car that NASCAR has given us and these are the set of rules and, even though I'm not in that job, it's still our job as competitors to beat everybody else in the garage area," he added. "You take pride in other areas now."

John Darby, NASCAR's garage boss, doesn't believe the changes NASCAR is making should stifle creativity at all.

"I haven't seen the toolboxes get any smaller, which tells me there's still plenty of stuff to work on," Darby said. "The real fact of the matter is the ingenuity and the things like the car body, which is what we're talking about specifically, it's still there."

"The (rear) wing has got over 16 degrees of travel in it to tailor your rear downforce to whatever you need to do to balance the car. Your front splitter is adjustable. They have a pretty full selection of what wing end

plates they can put on the car. Changing all of those things represents the same result as when you used to go home and cut a whole body off and change something."

"It's just a whole lot less work and a whole lot less expensive," Darby said.

Robbie Loomis, a former championship crew chief with Gordon and now a vice president at Petty Enterprises, said he believes the penalties to Knaus and Letarte were too harsh and that the key to the situation is more communication.

"We're going through a tough time because it's a transitional period," Loomis said. "Mainly, the communications from the teams to NASCAR has got to really get a lot stronger so that it's defined very clearly what a gray area is and what it isn't."

Childress agreed with that, saying, "We all have to be on the same page and, sometimes, that just doesn't seem to be the way it is. We all, NASCAR and the teams, need to work on that."

"I still enjoy (the sport) but, today, the competition, the responsibility, the microscope we're under, it's so much greater than it was. It never gets easier."

photos by Steve LeMaster

ON THE RED CLAY AT 201 SPEEDWAY: Floyd County drivers Shannon Thornsberry (17) and Brandon Kinzer (18) were both in action Saturday night at 201 Speedway when the Battle of the Bluegrass Series visited.

Other Floyd County drivers joining Thornsberry and Kinzer on the 201 Speedway red clay were track owner Chuckie May and Paul Harris, who claimed a runner-up finish. Campbellsville driver Justin Rattliff (not pictured) won the Battle of the Bluegrass feature race.



Truex's star rises at DEI

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The perception was DEI would fall apart without Dale Earnhardt Jr. The reality is Martin Truex Jr. appears ready, willing and able to step into a starring role with the team.

Truex finished third in New Hampshire to continue a strong string of runs that began shortly after Earnhardt's May 10 announcement that he will leave DEI at the end of this season. In the seven races since, Truex scored his first career Nextel Cup victory, notched four finishes of third or better, and has only been lower than 16th once.

Truex has been on such a roll, he had to couch his disappointment Sunday after failing to win at New Hampshire. He led 46 laps, was beat out of the pits by eventual winner Denny Hamlin on the final stop, and gave up second-place to Jeff Gordon in the closing laps.

"Hey, we'll take third," Truex said after. "Six months ago, I would've begged you for a third-place finish."

So true. Six months ago, Truex was a bit player at Dale Earnhardt Inc. despite consecutive Busch Series titles in 2004 and 2005. Earnhardt was the star, and nothing Truex did was good enough to take the shine off his teammate.

Even his January run-in with Daytona Beach, Fla., police failed to generate much buzz. Truex was charged with disorderly intoxication after he was caught urinating on his car in a parking garage, then allegedly tried to pay the \$100 fine in cash when confronted by police.

The incident might have earned bold headlines for most drivers, but Truex flew way under the radar because the police report came out on the same day Earnhardt gave an update on his contract negotiations with stepmother, Teresa.

Asked that day if he disliked being stuck in Earnhardt's shadow, Truex explained that attention is earned through performance. If he could pick it up on the race track, the spotlight would find its way toward him.

That's exactly what's happened, said Max Siegel, president of DEI's global operations.

"I think that probably the most difficult thing for all of us is trying to battle public perception ... and if you look at the focus of what people talked about at DEI, it was always Dale Jr. vs. Teresa," Siegel said. "When you perform on the track, it pushes away all the personal issues."

Truex stayed out of Earnhardt's contract squabble, and learned at the same time as everyone else that Junior was leaving when he watched the announcement on live TV.

As DEI's demise was instantly predicted, Truex buckled down and reconfirmed his commitment to the organization. His contract runs through 2008, and sponsor Bass Pro Shops last week extended its deal with DEI.

"People think I'm crazy when I say this, but I really don't think it's a big deal," Truex said a day after Earnhardt's announcement. "Just 'cause Junior isn't driving for us, I don't see it making that big of an impact. Maybe long-term, but not in the next couple years."

"I've got to give it a fair shake. They gave me my opportunity, and I've decided I'm going to finish out the year and honor my contract because of all the things they've done for me."

There's been speculation that this sudden surge is related to Earnhardt's decision. After all, Junior said the inability to win a championship at DEI was one of the reasons he's leaving.

But in the seven weeks since, Truex has emerged as a legitimate title contender and is currently ranked 10th in the race to make the Chase

for the championship. He's 48 points ahead of Earnhardt, who is holding down the 12th and final Chase spot and giving DEI the credit that might have two drivers racing for the Nextel Cup title this season.

Siegel said the timing - particularly as it pertains to Truex - is coincidental.

"Martin's equipment has been good all year," Siegel said. "His team had good momentum at the end of last year, and the chemistry is gelling for that whole crew. And we've been focusing on performance for some time now."

"So it makes sense that things are clicking. If there's any relation at all, it's that there might be an added determination to validate what we've known all along: We are a good company."

Although Truex is showing he can carry DEI into the future, team officials don't want to burden him with that. They learned through Earnhardt's parting that it's never healthy to have one superstar surrounded by a supporting cast.

"Not that Martin is even trying to step into Dale Jr.'s shoes, but he's almost been pushed into it and has accepted it an eager and mature way," Siegel said. "And can he be our marquee driver? Absolutely. But we want to be stronger as an entire company, we want to have four strong teams, not just one. And I don't think we want to put the pressure on him that he's responsible for the future of DEI."

Either way, Truex's success has made it easier for Earnhardt to walk away from his late father's company.

"It takes a lot of pressure and worry off of me for what everybody's plans were with DEI and what everybody assumed would happen," Earnhardt said. "He's going to be able to provide that company the success it needs to garner the sponsorship dollars it needs to compete."

Earnhardt to drive JRM Busch car tonight at Daytona

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. will drive his own race car tonight when he replaces Shane Huffman in the Busch Series race at Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt, a two-time Busch champion, will drive the No. 88 Chevrolet he fields for JRM Motorsports. He said Tuesday he is searching for a permanent replacement for Huffman.

"Upon a midseason evaluation of the performance of this race team, we decided we needed to make a change, and

right now we have a window to do that," Earnhardt said Tuesday. "Because of the short notice, I am going to drive the Navy car Friday night at Daytona."

The race is a big event for the Navy, which sponsors the No. 88 and will use a special Navy SEALs paint scheme this weekend in honor of the Fourth of July. Because of the added importance, Earnhardt wanted to pilot the car himself.

He is the defending race winner, and lead 88 of 103 laps last year driving a car owned by DEI. This weekend will mark the first time

NASCAR's most popular driver pilots a car fielded by his own race team.

"I have always wanted to drive my

Earnhardt, who won back-to-back Busch titles in 1998 and 1999, has 22 career wins in the series and is tied for seventh on the career wins list. Five of those wins are at Daytona.

He's raced in three Busch events this season, all for DEI.

Huffman, who took over the car last August, had six top-10s in 28 races.

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