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No hire made after closed-door meeting

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education met in special session at May Valley Elementary School this past Monday evening to discuss

their search for a replacement for outgoing Supt. Paul W. Fanning.

Following a closed session lasting well over an hour, the board members emerged and Jeff Stumbo, chair, announced that no final determination had been made in regard to the naming

of an interim superintendent and that the board would continue working and meet again in special session tomorrow, August 2, at 6 p.m., at May Valley.

The board did announce, however, that they had agreed to contract with the Kentucky School Boards

Association for the use of their consulting services in their search for a new superintendent for the school district.

Cost of those services to the Floyd County district will be approximately \$8,000, as announced by board chair.

UK to host Pikeville

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Briefs

City lifts boil-water advisory

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

BANNER — A boil water advisory issued last week for areas of Banner has been lifted.

The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission issued the advisory after a pipeline break. The areas affected began at Justice Branch of Prater Creek off of US 23 South at Banner up to the water tank at the top of the hill in Prater Creek. Water samples have been taken and lab results say the water supply was not compromised and is safe for customers to use.

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY



photo by Jessica Hale

A joint investigation between the Prestonsburg Police Department and Operation UNITE yields both stolen property and drugs. Boonie Fletcher, 35, was arrested Tuesday afternoon when officers raided his home on Westminister Street in Prestonsburg. Found inside the home was a child's motorcycle which had allegedly been stolen from the Highland Avenue area. Another person inside the home at the time of Fletcher's arrest was Allison Layne. Layne who was caring for a juvenile at the time of the raid was not arrested, but was cited for receiving stolen property. Prestonsburg Police have charged Fletcher with two counts of receiving stolen property over \$300, possession of burglary tools and possession of a concealed deadly instrument. Officers found marijuana inside the home, but UNITE had not yet officially charged either of the two as of press time. This is an ongoing investigation by PPD detectives Steve Little, George Tussey, Brian Hall and Chief Mike Ormerod.

East Ky. Fair gets underway tomorrow

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Thursday will mark the start of the third year for the East Kentucky Fair at Thunder Ridge Raceway.

A new sign has even been added to the stadium at the raceway, declaring Thunder Ridge Raceway as the home of the East Kentucky Fair. The fair will run from Thursday through Saturday.

A vision of former Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, the fair features many exciting and fun filled activities and

events throughout.

Entertainment will include vendors from throughout the region, a bull riding competition, ATV mud bog, scholarship pageant, cornhole tournament, 4-H displays and competition, concerts by Confederate Railroad, Classic Rock All Stars, Juice Newton and much more.

Jules and Beck Combined Shows was chosen by organizers for its reputation and commitment to safety.

This year, general

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3 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 93 • Low: 67

Friday



High: 92 • Low: 67

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Pike pair charged with stealing railroad materials

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two Pike County residents have been arrested after Floyd County authorities uncovered their connection to a rash of local railroad material thefts.

Floyd County Sheriff's Deputies arrested both Robert D. Fleming, 20, of Virgie, and David A. Kiser, 20, of Pikeville,

on Thursday and charged them with receiving stolen property over \$300, a class D felony.

According to the sheriff's department, the arrests were the result of an investigation concerning several recent thefts of railroad material in Floyd County. Deputies discovered approximately 2,500 pounds of steel railroad plates in their possession that were allegedly taken from the Progress

Railroad Company in Pike County. The two were caught attempting to sell the plates in Floyd County.

If convicted, Fleming and Kiser could face anywhere from one to five years in prison.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with any further related information is asked to contact Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn.

Former Otter Creek guard pleads guilty

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A former corrections officer for Otter Creek Correctional Facility previously charged with promoting contraband inside the prison was in court on Monday.

Carlton Conn, 30, of Prestonsburg, pleaded guilty Monday in Floyd County District Court and was sentenced to 120 days of home incarceration and

one year probation.

The charges stemmed from an investigation regarding the illegal promotion of cigarette tobacco within the prison. Otter Creek banned the use of all tobacco products on the grounds and within the walls of the prison in October of last year. Conn was caught supplying cigarettes to inmates.

Otter Creek investigator Dwight Crowell told The

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Diesel spill at ICG mine fouls Tug Fork tributary

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — International Coal Group downgraded Monday the size of a diesel fuel spill that fouled part of the Tug Fork River and prompted two municipal water plants to close temporarily.

Less than 142 gallons of diesel spilled into a Tug Fork tributary at Blackberry Creek surface mine in Pike County, ICG said Monday.

The state Department of Environmental Protection initially reported about 500 gallons of fuel was spilled Thursday when a hose apparently came loose as the fuel was being delivered, DEP spokeswoman Jessica Greathouse said.

Kentucky environmental officials

did not immediately return a call Monday.

Mingo County noticed diesel odor near its water treatment plant and stopped pumping for about 12 hours beginning about 9 a.m. Friday, Greathouse said. The city of Kermit likewise stopped its pumps about 2 p.m. Friday and restarted them about 12 hours later, she said.

ICG blamed the fuel supplier for the spill, which occurred during a heavy rainstorm, said spokesman Ira Gamm, who added that the spill had been cleaned up.

ICG controls approximately 1.1 billion tons of coal reserves and operates mining complexes in West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Illinois.



photo by Jessica Hale

Cafeteria workers employed by the Floyd County Board of Education spent Monday at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in training as the beginning of the 2007-08 school year nears. Workers were refreshed on the ins-and-outs of cafeteria work within the school system.

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Public forum in Pikeville to focus on impact of postsecondary education in region

Hearing what business and civic leaders, educators, and other Kentuckians think about the influence and impact of postsecondary education at the community level will be the focus of a regional forum set for August 21 in Pikeville.

The forum is being sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber's Postsecondary Education Task Force, a group of business leaders who are reviewing the state's progress toward achieving its goals in postsecondary education. The study is being conducted during the tenth anniversary year of the 1997 reforms enacted by the legislature with the objective of moving Kentucky to the national average of educational attainment by 2020.

Jean Hale, chairman, president and CEO of Community Trust Bancorp, Inc. in Pikeville, is a member of the task force, which is chaired by Victor A. Staffieri,

chairman, CEO and president of E.ON U.S. in Louisville.

In addition to gathering data about changes in enrollment, degrees granted and related statistics, the task force is seeking Kentuckians' opinions about issues related to postsecondary education at the regional level.

Such issues range from affordability to economic growth and development to the impact of Kentucky's colleges and universities on local communities. Comments on those and other topics will be solicited during the forum, set for 10 a.m. until noon EDT on Tuesday, August 21, at the East Kentucky Exposition Center, 126 Main Street, Pikeville.

"We encourage employers, educators, civic leaders, parents and students — all Kentuckians — to share their views with us about the way postsecondary education

is working in their communities," said Dave Adkisson, president and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. "Having those insights will strengthen the task force study and will help all of us better understand the impact of postsecondary education on people's lives and community vitality."

Regional meetings also will be held in Ashland, Bowling Green, Lexington, Louisville, Northern Kentucky, Owensboro, Paducah and Somerset. The task force will consider comments from the meetings, along with other information developed by consultants who are assisting with the study. Recommendations will be finalized for presentation to Kentucky's Governor and the 2008 General Assembly. The task force will release its report at an education summit slated for early December.

Highlands welcomes Dr. Leslie Allen Devers back home to Eastern Kentucky

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center has announced the addition of a new pediatrician to join Hometown Family Care, the practice of Dr. Chris Bailey and Dr. Jeff Potter.

Leslie Allen Devers grew up in Salyersville and began her career endeavors when she enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University in 1996 where she earned a bachelors degree in chemistry. While there, Devers received numerous awards and recognition including the EKU Honors Program, Dean's List and the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Her pursuit of a career in medicine led her to the Pikeville College School of

Osteopathic Medicine in 2000 where she earned her Doctor of Osteopathic degree and graduated 11th in a class of 58. Devers was also awarded the Pediatrics Award for the 2004 graduating class. Since then, she has spent her time as a categorical pediatric resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital in West Virginia and most recently made the move

back to home to Kentucky where she will join the team of skilled physicians at Hometown Family Care.

During her residency, Devers worked with West Virginia Children's Health Project, a mobile healthcare unit which provides services to rural areas.

"I chose pediatrics because children are our greatest asset," Devers said. "I feel I can have a positive impact on their future through preventative healthcare."

The opportunity to follow her patients throughout their childhood years is what Devers says she will likely enjoy the most about her job.

"I hope to develop a practice that will serve the needs of both children and parents," Devers said. "I am excited to be in a profession where I can



Dr. Leslie Allen Devers

watch my patients grow."

Devers will practice with Dr. Kate Shutts at Kids Care Pediatric located at 5000 Route 321 in the Medical Office Building at Highlands Regional Medical Center until renovations is complete on her office located at 313 West

Street in Paintsville.

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

Card of Thanks

The family of Nellie Tackett would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. Thank you to all those who sent food, flowers or spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to The Regular Baptist Ministers for their comforting words, the Samaria Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF NELLIE TACKETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Bernice Reynolds wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to the ministers of the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church. A very special thanks to Jimmy and Thelma Dye, Homer Howell, Opal Moore, Bonnie Osborne for everything you done. The Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF BERNICE REYNOLDS

Card of Thanks

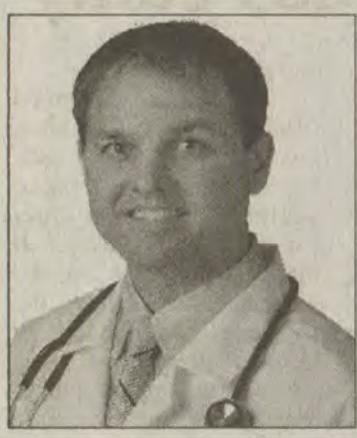
The family of Clifford Branham wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, prayers, or spoke a comforting word. We are especially grateful to Pastor Jack for his comforting words and the Bluegrass Gospel singers, the staff of Prestonsburg Health Care, the Sheriff's Dept. for traffic control, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their excellent service.

THE FAMILY OF CLIFFORD BRANHAM

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express the utmost love and gratitude that we have deep within our hearts for everyone who made the untimely accidental death of our son and brother, Steven Michael Allen, a little easier to bear. To those of you who sent food, flowers or offered words of comfort, we thank you. For those who donated money to the Children's Harvest Home in Steve-"O"'s memory, thank you. Those of you, who prayed for us, please continue to do so. We would also like to send a very special thank-you to all of our Equitable, Lowe's and Big Sandy Wings families for all of your financial support. We knew our "Little Man" was special, but didn't realize just how many hearts he had touched until his death. The love and support you've shown us during our deep time of sorrow will never be forgotten.

Thank you,
"The Allens"—Lonnie Ray, Paula and Josh

Dr. Dustin Devers

Highlands welcomes new family medicine physician

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center has hired a new family physician to join Hometown Family Care.

Originally from Brewton, Ala., Dr. Dustin Devers has planted new roots in Eastern Kentucky as a physician specializing in family medicine. Although he has an interest in sports medicine, Devers says he is looking forward to treating all sorts of illnesses in all age ranges.

"I hope to establish a prac-

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Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF BELVIE HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Bobby Lee Messer would like to extend their appreciation all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Carlos Beverly for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF BOBBY LEE MESSER

Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Anna Tackett wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thank to all who sent flowers, prayers or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Rev. Cannon Johnnie Ross for his comforting words, The St. James Episcopal Church for all the compassion shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Dates to remember

Thursday, October 18—Family Night Dinner, beginning at 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 17—Friend to Friend Dinner, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Highlands Regional Medical Center Community Calendar August 2007

Kiwanis
August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Meeting Place B
Highlands Medical Office Building
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Child Birth Classes
August 11th
Board Room
Highlands Medical Office Building
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AARP
August 13th & 15th
Meeting Place A & B
Highlands Medical Office Building
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Senior Advantage
August 14th
Meeting Place: A & B
Highlands Medical Office Building

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Diabetes Support Group
August 30th
Meeting Place A & B
Highlands Medical Office Building
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
For more information concerning the support groups, please contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

Floyd County Farmers Market
The Floyd County Farmers Market (local farmers who grow their own produce) is now open each Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. through October. The Market is located in the Citizens National Bank Parking Lot in front of the Floyd County Post Office. If you have questions, please call 886-2668.

Hicks reunion
The 9th William J. and Naomi Reffitt Hicks reunion will be held at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park on Saturday, August 11. This includes the descendants of Emery, Smith, Daniel and Jimmy Hicks, Elizabeth Oney, Polly and James Ratliff, Glathia and David Conley, Cynthia and Sam Allen, Luanna and Jack Reffitt and Sarah Jane Hicks. Luncheon buffet at noon, live entertainment 2 p.m., door prizes to be given out and lots of time for socializing and viewing old pictures. Come on over and meet your kinfolks. For further information, call Delphia Hicks at 886-3108.

Pie supper and cake walk
A pie supper and cake walk will be held at the Dwale shelter, on August 3, at 7 p.m. Live entertainment and concession at 6 p.m. Come on and enjoy the fun!!!! All proceeds go to the Dwale Homecoming Fund.

5th annual Memorial Motorcycle ride
The 5th annual Memorial

Motorcycle Ride will take place on Sunday, August 5. \$20 entry fee per driver; \$5 per passenger. The run will begin at 10 a.m., in the parking lot of MSU at Prestonsburg and go to MSU Morehead Campus. Register and join us at anyone of stops.

For more information call: MSU at Prestonsburg, 606-886-2405 or 800-648-5372.

ACHS Class of '87
Attn: Allen Central Class of 1987. 20 year class reunion scheduled for September 8, 2007, at the Heritage House Inn, Prestonsburg. \$50/couple, \$25/single. For more information and where to send money, please contact Jenny (Jenkins) Williams at rebels_1987@hotmail.com or you may call Lisa (Pratt) Parsons at 606-226-4152 or Dee Dee (Moore) Dillon at 606-237-4757.

Parsons Family Reunion
Descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons will host a reunion on Sunday, September 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Isaac Parsons Cemetery, located on Parsons Branch, off Rt. 979, in Floyd County. Potluck meal will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring a favorite covered dish to share. All family and friends welcome.

For more info., call Mrs. E.J. Parsons at (865) 426-7585 or Ray Parsons at (313) 928-6834.

SFHS Class of '97
The South Floyd High School Class of 1997 will host a 10-year reunion on Saturday, September 15, at the Heritage House Hotel, (formerly Holiday Inn), in Prestonsburg. Registration: 6:30 p.m. Dinner: 7 p.m. Dancing: 'Til Midnight Cost: \$25/person; after July 7, \$30/per person. Make checks payable to: SFHS Class of 1997, 619 Regent Rd., Versailles, KY 40383. Several classmates have not yet been located. If you have

not received your invitation, please notify Jessica Frazier Little at the above address or email to: jessicafrazier_2001@yahoo.com OR long.lora@adelphia.net.

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion
The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 p.m. \$25/single, \$40/couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

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

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

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

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

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Cinema Two • PG STARTS FRI., 8/3 UNDERDOG Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15), 7:00-9:15	Cinema Seven • PG-13 HELD OVER THE SIMPSONS MOVIE Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30
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Cinema Four • PG-13 HELD OVER HARRY POTTER Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (5:00), 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00), 8:00	Cinema Nine • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 8/3 HOT ROD Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30
Cinema Five HELD OVER RATATOUILLE G-Mon.-Sun. 7:00; Fri. (4:15), 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15), 7:00	Cinema Ten • PG-13 HELD OVER TRANSFORMERS Mon.-Sun. 8:00; Fri. (5:00), 8:00; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00), 8:00

Happy 60th Anniversary



Edford L. Clark, Sr. and Mary Margaret Hyden Clark

Tish Clark and Eddy Clark would like to acknowledge the long-enduring marriage of their parents, Edford L. Clark, Sr. and Mary Margaret Hyden Clark on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 2nd, 2007.

Ed served in WWII in Europe and Mary worked in Baltimore, MD, welding bombers during that time. They married in Auxier, KY in 1947. They lived in Louisville, KY and in Pocatello, ID while Ed attended pharmacy school at Idaho State College (now University). Upon graduation, they returned to Floyd County and have remained here since. They owned and operated the Martin Drug Store in Martin, KY for many years until they retired.

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Because our day is of time, of hours—and the clock-hand turns, closes the circle upon us: and black timeless night sucks us in like quicksand, receives us totally—without a raincheck or a parachute, a key to heaven or the last long look

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Walter Benton from "This Is My Beloved"

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Viewpoint

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Guest View

Fuel efficiency bills have one clear winner

Multiple pieces of fuel efficiency legislation are making their way through Congress, but only one is realistic and worthy of consideration. The Hill-Terry bill sets reasonable standards for increased gas mileage and is best positioned to protect jobs and the American auto industry.

By contrast, a Senate bill that passed earlier this year that would increase fuel economy standards to 35 miles per gallon by 2020 and a House bill sponsored by Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., don't fairly deal with the challenges facing the domestic auto industry. Nor are they attainable without significant costs to consumers.

Markey's bill in particular is a disaster. It's unrealistic in its expectations of the Big Three automakers and is based entirely on the expansion of the failed Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards.

Estimates are that Markey's forced increases in fuel efficiency of 40 percent will add up to \$5,000 to the price of every new car or truck. Even after the congressman revised his proposed legislation Thursday, it still would require carmakers to achieve average fuel economy of 35 miles per gallon by 2019.

Even the automakers are no longer arguing that no changes in fuel economy rules be made. Executives of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., the Chrysler Group and the United Auto Workers have all promised to work with Congress on attainable standards.

The closest bill to getting there is the one sponsored by Reps. Baron Hill, D-Ind., and Lee Terry, R-Neb. It sets separate standards for passenger cars and trucks but requires the increases be between 32 mpg and 35 mpg by 2022. As of Thursday, 117 House members have signed on as co-sponsors of the bill, including all of Michigan's delegation except Rep. Vernon Ehlers, R-Mich.

"The congressman hasn't taken a position on either bill yet," says Kevin Chapman, Ehlers' communications director.

He needs to get on board with his colleagues and support the Hill-Terry bill, which also is supported by the National Automobile Dealers Association, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and National Association of Manufacturers, among others.

The Hill-Terry bill gives Congress a way out of this increasingly divisive fuel economy battle.

Automakers get far stricter mandates than they have now, but they say they can live with the requirements. Congress gets something to show those who are demanding it do something about greenhouse gases.

The Hill-Terry bill is a reasonable compromise and the best course of action for Congress. Lawmakers should pass the legislation and then leave the domestic automakers alone for a while so they can figure out how to make money and keep workers employed in a new regulatory environment.

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Letters

Dogs disappearing

During the last month or so, a total of three black lab pups, now around eight or nine months old, have gone missing from Auxier. In June, my daughter's black lab pup Lizzie wandered off or was taken from her home on Second Street in Auxier. Around July 12, my two black labs, Bear Bear and Curly, wandered off or were taken.

Lizzie and Bear Bear were sisters and Lizzie often came to my house on Spradlin Street. All three pups went to the government cemetery and Mary Luck to play. While Lizzie was taken from Second Street, the government cemetery or Mary Luck were the most probable places Bear Bear and Curly may have wandered away from or could have been taken from. I can only speculate that someone took them because it seems highly unlikely that all three pups would just wander off.

We have talked to several people in Auxier and no one has said anything about having a dog missing, therefore, it appears that these black lab pups were targets. I just hate to think that someone would steal another person's dog, for whatever reason.

If anyone knows anything about the disappearance of these three black lab pups, please call 886-9234.

By writing this letter, I would love to think that it will result in us getting our puppies back, but that is not likely. But I wanted to make everyone aware that this sort of thing is happening in Auxier. Please keep an eye on your pets and please report any suspicious activities in and around your neighborhood to local authorities.

Zondra Woods
Auxier

Grigsby should be superintendent

The superintendent of Floyd County, Dr. Paul W. Fanning, will be leaving soon and once again it will be up to the Floyd County school board members to find Floyd Countians a new superintendent to fill Supt. Fanning's shoes.

During the 1990s, there was a stretch of years where there were nine or 10 superintendents that worked for the school board temporarily. Every time the school board hired a superintendent, they would not last long. They would quit.

Maybe the board members of the 1990s made some very bad decisions. One thing is for sure, in the 1990s, the school board wanted to go to another state to find a superintendent, somebody that would take several years to learn the system.

Carol Stumbo was part of the 1990s board and is still with the present school board.

How about now with our present school board members Carol, Jeff, Dr. Varia, Sherry and Linda? Have they made good decisions since the year 2000? Some or most people would say no.

There's a lot of most people in this county who are mad at these present school board members for trying to put a utility tax on them. They are also mad about raising property taxes.

The present school board has also made people mad by being a big proponent of the superintendent in fighting people on lawsuits, wasting taxpayers' dollars.

Supt. Fanning would take money from the contingency fund and general fund, money for teachers and students, to litigate people. And when it came time to help the school kids, he didn't have money. He tried to put a utility tax on you and raise your property taxes to get himself out of a bad situation.

We, the people of Floyd County, suggest to you school board members that you think before you leap. Try to make a good decision in selecting a superintendent. Make sure the superintendent is from Eastern Kentucky and this county of Floyd to be included.

When a superintendent resigns, the assistant superintendent should be the next in line to move up as interim superintendent and maybe superintendent. Since the assistant superintendent is Pete Grigsby Jr., he should be the number-one candidate for the interim superintendent's job. A man with 50 years experience in the school system makes his expertise hard to beat.

We, the concerned citizens of Floyd County, do wish that you, the school board members, would think before you leap and not make a bad decision this time and hire an Eastern Kentuckian and this county of Floyd to be included.

The number-one candidate for the superintendent's job is Pete Grigsby Jr., plain and simple. Hundreds of people support Pete Grigsby Jr. for superintendent of Floyd County Schools.

John Hicks
Hueysville

Guest Column

2007-08 Floyd County Schools tobacco policy update and clarification

The Floyd County Board of Education would like to provide clarification about the tobacco policy. Students, staff, and visitors entering schools during the 2007-08 school year will be interested to learn a new Policy has been adopted by the Floyd County Board of Education. The new policy is being implemented to assist in ensuring safe and healthy learning environments. Research reflects that the use of tobacco products (smoke and smokeless) has a harmful effect on users and non-users associated with environments where there is tobacco use. The student policy was adopted by the Floyd County Board of Education after months of research and a recommendation by a Committee comprised of students, principals, teachers, and community members. Under the new policy students shall not be permitted to use or possess any tobacco product, lighters,

and matches on property owned or operated by the Floyd County Board of Education to include Board-owned vehicles on the way to and from school or during school-sponsored trips and activities.

Employee/visitor policy revisions will be forthcoming pending final review by the Floyd County Board. The policy adopted on September 21, 2005 remains in effect at this time. The Board has requested the committee working with tobacco issues remain in existence to assist with the implementation of the revised tobacco policies. We are excited to share this new policy and the positive effects expected for students, staff and community. A process for students involving education awareness, disciplinary action and court action is discussed in greater detail below.

The Education Awareness Program includes: Communication of the dangers of tobacco use by students and its impact on the school district environment; The requirement of mandatory compliance with the District standards of conduct, including those that prohibit tobacco use; Provide information about available tobacco cessation information, counseling programs and available rehabilitation and student assistance programs.

Disciplinary component would be required if a student is in violation of the policy. Disciplinary actions are implemented based upon whether it is the first, second or third infraction. Violations are reported to the court by the principal/designee.

Court Action Component: Any actions taken by the court due to the first, second, and/or third infraction are determined solely by the presiding judge and communicated to the school and/or district as the court determines appropriate. The court may exercise its powers of contempt in addition to any other remedy provided by law to compel obedience of the parents, or any other person exercising custodial control or supervision of the child to the court's orders.

Family Resource Youth Service Centers will assist students and their families in identifying certified tobacco education cessation programs.

The complete tobacco policy for students is included in the student handbook. Each student will receive a copy of the handbook at the beginning of school and this information is also available online at www.floyd.k12.ky.us. If you are interested in more information or have a question about the Tobacco Policy or resource information please call 886-4557.

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Paid for idled special session, lawmakers seek to reject checks

by **JOE BIESK**
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FRANKFORT — It's not even been a month since state Sen. Damon Thayer opened his new consulting company, and already he's looking at his available personal time shrinking because of a special legislative session. Of course, that's part of being a member of the Kentucky General Assembly, he says.

"It is a challenge," Thayer said. "The second week of my company's existence, here I am in Frankfort working on legislation and, yes, I would much rather be out making pitches to prospective clients and doing work of my existing clients, but they understand I have a responsibility to the constituents I serve."

Lawmakers are due back in Kentucky's Capitol on Monday, where they're expected to do little more than make sure they don't get paid for the past three weeks and then go home.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher earlier this month called the General Assembly into a special legislative session to deal with issues from a ban on domestic partner benefits for public university employees to tax incentives aimed at enticing Peabody Energy to build a coal gasification plant in Kentucky.

There was also a proposal to give military families a state income tax break and another to authorize more than \$427 million in construction projects.

But the governor's call created high drama at the Capitol, as Democrats cried foul claiming Fletcher, a Republican, was playing politics in hopes of boosting his re-election campaign. While the GOP-led Senate passed legislation addressing each of the issues, the House adjourned and sent its members home just hours into the session.

Fletcher ordered a three-week cooling off period for lawmakers and told them to return to address the matter Monday.

Since then, the matter of legislators' pay has been spotlighted in the public debate as lawmakers have sought ways to limit or suspend their special session pay.

There are 138 state legislators, 100 in the Democrat-controlled House and 38 in the Senate. When the legislature is in session — even during the three week break this month — each rank-and-file member receives nearly \$300 per day, seven days a week.

Legislators are paid about \$109 per day for expenses and about \$180 for their pay. They also get paid mileage to the Capitol from their homes, and senators get \$500 for stationery while representatives get \$250.

When the legislature is not in session, they get monthly expenses of more than \$1,700 plus mileage and \$180 for each interim committee meeting they attend, according to the Legislative Research Commission.

Some, including House Speaker Jody Richards, have asked the LRC — the legislature's administrative arm — not to process the special session paychecks. Others have said they would either give the money back to the state or simply not cash it. A meeting of legislative leaders this month was unable to produce a solution.

Democratic leaders wanted to suspend lawmakers' pay for the days of the special session they didn't work, but Republicans said such a move was unconstitutional. Instead, Republicans pushed a proposal

that would have paid members in both chambers for at least some days they didn't work.

After intense negotiations, and a private meeting with Peabody Energy executives in downtown Louisville last week, both chambers are expected to return Monday to resolve their pay issue and then adjourn. They may return in mid-August to address only the energy incentive proposal.

Thayer said most lawmakers are more focused on safeguarding the public's interest and not their pay.

Occasionally long hours at the Capitol and time away from family and jobs goes with the territory, Thayer said.

"I don't think it's really our place to complain because when we run for these offices, we recognize the fact that we have to make sacrifices of con-

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Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

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

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

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

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

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

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•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by call-

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

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

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tice that will meet the needs of every patient, whether young or old." Devers said.

Devers earned his bachelor of science in microbiology at Auburn University in Alabama in 2000. He went on to pursue a career in medicine at the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine where he graduated in 2004. His family practice residency was served at Cabell Huntington Hospital in West Virginia, where he received the Outstanding Resident Physician Award.

Devers holds memberships in both the American Academy

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2. Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size.)
3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE—dated December, 1999).

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These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal, prior to, or on the opening day of school.

Kentucky Eye Examination form for school entry dated 8/2000.
The Early Childhood Development law, requires all children entering public preschool, public school headstart or public school for the first time this fall, to have evidence of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

6th Grade

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If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact your local health department or your private physician.

High School—Parents, check your child's immunization cert. (shot) record for expiration date.
Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

For further information, contact
Jennifer C. Martin,
District Health Coordinator/School Nurse
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Noland will continue as interim education commissioner

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Board of Education spent thousands of dollars on its search for a new education commissioner, only to have its top choice resign days before her scheduled start date.

On Saturday, the board decided at a special meeting that the current interim commissioner would continue in that capacity while the search for a permanent replacement continues.

The board hired an outside firm in its search that led to the hiring and subsequent resignation of Illinois educator Barbara Erwin. It agreed to pay Ray and Associates up to \$50,000 — a base \$32,000 plus expenses and

fees — for suggesting possible candidates to replace former commissioner Gene Wilhoit, who left in November for a job in Washington.

Erwin resigned earlier this month, just days before she was supposed to start, amid questions about her resume and an ongoing police investigation in her former suburban Chicago school district. In her resignation letter, Erwin blamed "continued noise by the media" for her decision.

Still, criticism for the failed search has been aimed at both the search firm and the board itself.

Bob Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, said

there's no shortage of instances where the search went wrong. Sexton says the responsibility for finding the best candidate ultimately lies with the board.

"The board found out all sorts of things about Erwin too late," Sexton said. "But in the end, it was the board's responsibility to make sure that the best person for the job was named commissioner, and that didn't happen."

Keith Travis, the board's chairman, said the panel may have acted differently if it had known earlier about the concerns with Erwin.

"If we had known, I think the board would have taken a different approach," Travis said.

But William Newman, an executive with Ray and Associates, said his company did its job suggested qualified candidates.

"Our reputation is on the line here," Newman said. "We feel we conducted a solid search, brought them good candidates and they made a choice."

The state board decided Saturday that interim commissioner Kevin Noland would continue in that capacity until a new commissioner is hired.

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venience to both our professional careers and our personal lives," Thayer said. "It's part of any kind of public service."

And, being a state lawmaker isn't particularly lucrative, state Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said. Some legislators, such as doctors or lawyers, have to take valuable time away from their practices to serve in Frankfort, Gray said.

Lawmakers, who come from every corner of the state, have expenses while in Frankfort particularly food,

lodging and other incidentals, Gray said. The daily pay legislators receive doesn't do much more than cover most legislators' expenses and there aren't many other personal perks other than developing possible business relationships, he said.

"There's not much other motivation for serving to be honest with you, because it's a full-time job anymore with a part-time salary," Gray said. "You have to have a real desire to serve because the monetary portion of it is just not there."

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This list of Delinquent Unmined Coal Tax Bills is also available for Public Inspection during the normal business hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the sheriff's office, located at the Old Courthouse, suite No. 3, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY.

Additionally, a listing of the Delinquent Unmined Coal Tax Bills will be posted on www.kentucky.gov/delinquentproptax website, beginning on August 6th, 2007, and continuing for a period of not less than 30 days. The listing of Delinquent Unmined Coal Tax Bills on the internet will be updated weekly.

The Sheriff's Tax Sale of the Delinquent 2006 Unmined Coal Tax Bills will be held at the sheriff's office at 10:00 a.m., on September 4, 2007.

Please note that any 2006 Property Tax Bill that is unpaid by 10:00 a.m., on September 4, 2007, will go up for public sale. This is a state law.

General Assembly adjourns special session, may return

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The General Assembly's ill-fated special session ended Monday, as the House and Senate adjourned with an agreement to spend the coming weeks crafting an energy tax incentive plan.

Lawmakers could be back as soon as mid-August to pass the legislation, if they are able to agree on how Kentucky should best pursue landing a coal gasification plant.

Legislative leaders said they've already assigned lawmakers to working groups that would begin the task of devising a plan. Key lawmakers met last week with Peabody Energy officials and said they were told Kentucky would be recommended for the plant if the state passed certain tax breaks.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher called the special session earlier this

month.

But Fletcher ordered the legislature to deal with other issues, too, including a proposal to ban domestic partner benefits at Kentucky's public universities and more than \$427 million in construction projects throughout the state. Fletcher, a Republican, also wanted legislators to pass income tax breaks for military families.

The Democratic-controlled House and GOP-led Senate were divided on the special session, which came in the middle of Fletcher's re-election campaign.

House lawmakers adjourned on July 5, the day they reported to Frankfort, saying the call was politically motivated and none of the measures was urgently needed. House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, has said the session did not warrant the nearly \$60,000 per day it cost the state to have a

special session.

Nevertheless, the Senate carried on and passed legislation addressing each part of Fletcher's agenda.

With the chambers at odds, Fletcher called for them to take a three-week break and ordered the legislature to return Monday. Lawmakers, according to state law, were paid nearly \$300 apiece per day for every day during the break.

The legislature did not address the pay matter during the brief return Monday.

However, both Richards and Senate President David Williams said they were nearing a resolution that would essentially have lawmakers work without pay until they've repaid the state what they were overpaid during the special session.

Williams said the legislature could have saved time and money by staying in session.

With cooperation from the House, Williams said, the legislation could have been passed as early as this Wednesday.

"We had reached an impasse that not even the governor's cooling-off period could take care of," Williams said.

Meanwhile, supporters of the proposed ban on domestic partner benefits at Kentucky's public universities crammed the Capitol Rotunda, urging lawmakers to pass the legislation this summer.

Kent Ostrander, executive director of the Lexington-based Family Foundation, said Kentucky voters in 2004 overwhelmingly supported a constitutional amendment that banned same-sex marriage. He said public universities would be flouting the constitution by offering domestic partner benefits.

"This is a constitutional cri-

sis," Ostrander said. Ostrander referred to the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville, which decided earlier this year to offer domestic partner benefits to employees.

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance, which opposes the proposed benefits ban, sent state lawmakers a petition with the names of people from throughout the state opposed to the proposal.

"Most Kentuckians agree healthcare discrimination is wrong," Christina Gilgor, the group's executive director, wrote in the letter.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo's office released a statement Monday saying that U of L had agreed to abide by his office's recent opinion that universities' domestic partner benefits plans violated the state constitution.

Robbie Rudolph, Fletcher's cabinet secretary and running mate, said the governor would

want agreement between the House and Senate before he added any issues beyond the energy tax incentives proposal to lawmakers' agenda. He also was not ruling it out, Rudolph said.

"We're going to see how it plays out over the next few weeks," Rudolph said.

Richards, however, said the House did not want to address other issues and would adjourn if the agenda changed.

"If he puts anything else on the call before that, we will not convene," Richards said. "If he puts something on after we get here, we will adjourn immediately and he needs not take that as an idle threat."

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McConnell getting involved in Fletcher's re-election campaign

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Ernie Fletcher didn't get Mitch McConnell's blessing in the spring primary, but he'll soon get a campaign boost from the influential Republican senator.

McConnell, the Senate minority leader, said Monday he expects to spend part of the August congressional recess campaigning in Kentucky for Fletcher, who is trying to rebound from his one-time indictment in a hiring scandal that ended with a negotiated deal with prosecutors.

The Republican governor, who is seeking a second term, is being challenged in the Nov. 6 election by Democrat Steve Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general.

McConnell, who refused to make an endorsement in the three-way GOP gubernatorial primary in the spring and late last year wouldn't comment on Fletcher's performance as governor, was upbeat Monday about the governor's prospects against Beshear.

In a conference call with Kentucky reporters, McConnell said he's had conversations with Fletcher since the May primary to discuss strategy.

"I think the governor's campaign has come along nicely, and I think he has an excellent chance of winning," said McConnell, a key strategist behind the Republican rise to power in Kentucky even though Democrats hold a clear registration advantage.

Besides the governorship, Republicans hold both of Kentucky's U.S. Senate seats and four of its six U.S. House seats as well as the state Senate.

McConnell didn't announce any campaign events for Fletcher in August.

Fletcher's campaign said Monday that McConnell is scheduled to attend three fundraisers for the governor in late August in Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro.

Fletcher campaign manager Marty Ryall said the campaign hoped to schedule other joint appearances with McConnell — during the congressional recess in August.

McConnell's support for Fletcher, which began after the primary, came after months in which the senator was tightlipped about the governor and Fletcher's political prospects.

Beshear spokeswoman Vicki Glass said Monday "it would be interesting to know what, in McConnell's mind, changed between now and one year ago when he wouldn't even utter Fletcher's name." She referred to Fletcher as "the same indicted governor" who "pleaded the Fifth and pardoned his political cronies."

Glass was referring to the hiring scandal in which

Fletcher's administration was accused of illegally rewarding political supporters with state jobs.

A special grand jury indicted Fletcher on three misdemeanors that later were dropped as part of a negotiated deal with prosecutors. Fletcher, who said the probe was politically motivated, issued a blanket pardon for everyone in his administration, other than himself, who could have faced charges stemming from the investigation. A subsequent grand jury report claimed Fletcher oversaw a "widespread and coordinated plan" to avoid state hiring laws.

Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, said McConnell's active support for Fletcher in the fall campaign was a political necessity for the senator to ensure Republicans are united behind him when he runs for re-election in 2008.

"McConnell knows that at least until November his bread is buttered on the side of Ernie Fletcher," Sabato said Monday by telephone.

The hiring scandal would give McConnell a "built-in excuse" if Fletcher loses in spite of his active support, Sabato said.

While McConnell looks to be a "considerable favorite" for re-election next year, Sabato said, "he has got to be worried at least a little bit about the possibility of a GOP bloodbath" in November 2008, due to the unpopularity of the Iraq war.

McConnell has been the lead Senate Republican in support of President Bush's war policy, including the troop buildup this year. Ryall said he wasn't concerned about an anti-war backlash hurting Fletcher because of his association with McConnell.

"This race is going to be driven by state issues," he said.

Ryall said that Fletcher and McConnell have spoken every other week or so since the primary, and he expects the frequency of those talks to increase closer to the election.

"His insights are always helpful to us," Ryall said of McConnell.

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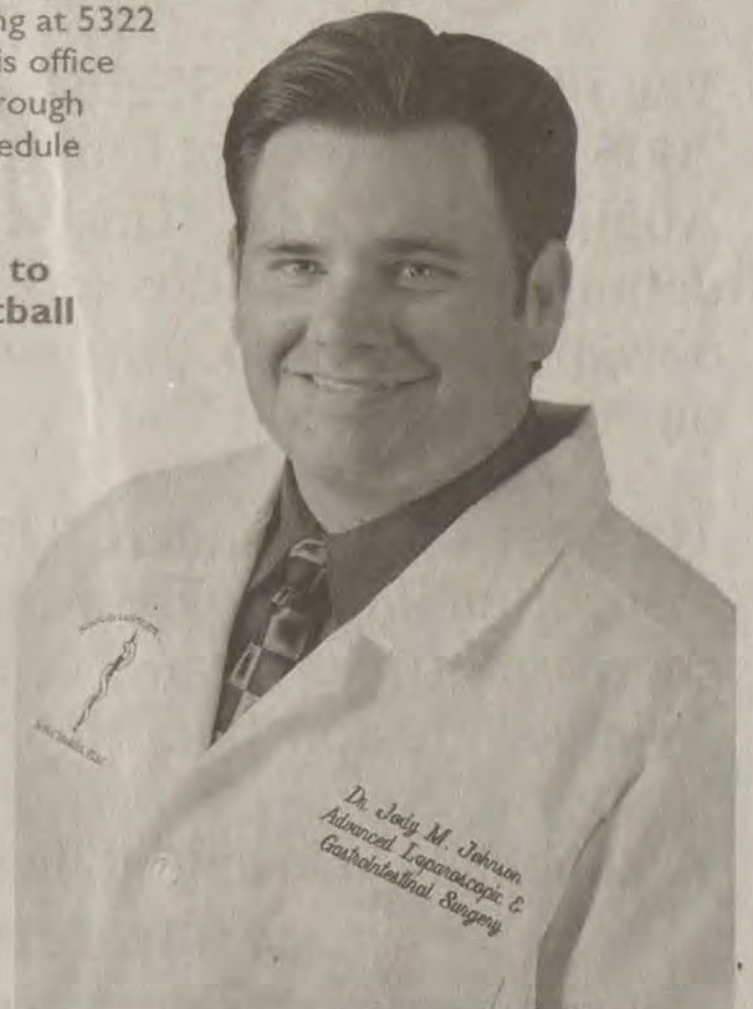
Highlands Regional Medical Center is pleased to welcome Jody Johnson, D.O. back home to eastern Kentucky. A native of Hi Hat, Kentucky, Dr. Johnson is a graduate of Wheelwright High School, and received both his Bachelor of Science degree and Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from Pikeville College. He also served both his surgical residency and internship at the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in Pontiac, MI. Dr. Johnson served his procedural fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is a member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and is certified in trauma life support and cardiovascular life support procedures. Dr. Johnson is a specialist in laparoscopic surgeries, including gallbladder surgery, hernia repair, gastrointestinal and anti-reflux surgeries, as well as other general surgical procedures.

Dr. Johnson has returned to eastern Kentucky to practice at the Kentucky Laparoscopic and Advanced Surgical Specialists, PLLC, located in the old Social Security building at 5322 KY Rt. 321, Suite 1, in Prestonsburg. His office hours are 8:00 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606.886.8240.

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Kentucky celebrates Breastfeeding Awareness Month

FRANKFORT – August is Breastfeeding Awareness Month in Kentucky, and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action has declared Aug. 1-7 as World Breastfeeding Week.

This year's theme is "Breastfeeding: The First

Hour – Welcome Baby Softly." Throughout the month, health agencies have organized many activities promoting and supporting breastfeeding in Kentucky, such as the Rock and Relax Room at the Kentucky State Fair, co-sponsored by the Kentucky

Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

"Support for breastfeeding and breastfeeding mothers is growing in Kentucky," said Becky Derifield, CHFS breastfeeding promotion coordinator. "For women who are pregnant or plan to have children

one day, it's worth the time to learn about breastfeeding and ask questions of their health care providers."

Breastfeeding a newborn provides the skin-to-skin contact and warmth that babies need most, especially premature and low birth weight

babies. New scientific evidence reveals that if all women started breastfeeding within one hour after delivery, it could prevent 1 million of the 4 million deaths of babies worldwide who die during the first month of life.

"Mothers truly can help shape the future of their children's health by choosing to breastfeed," Derifield said.

Early initiation of breastfeeding reduces high neonatal mortality worldwide, protects infants from early exposure to bacteria and viruses, increases maternal oxytocin important for milk production and attachment, and helps prevent maternal blood loss.

Preterm infants benefit from breast milk because of the greater amounts of protein, fat, sodium, iron, chloride and other nutrients than milk from mothers of term infants. Breast milk changes to meet the needs of babies as they grow.

Skin-to-skin contact is

another important component of breastfeeding. When a mother is nursing her infant, the warmth of the mother's body helps regulate the baby's temperature and heart rate. Skin-to-skin contact also serves as a pain analgesic, reduces infant crying and lowers stress levels in mothers.

At the Kentucky State Fair, CHFS, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness and Baptist East Hospital are co-sponsoring the Rock and Relax room in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center's South Wing. There, mothers can privately and comfortably nurse their babies. Health experts will be on hand to answer questions about breastfeeding and parenting. The fair is Aug. 16-26 at Louisville's Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center.

For more information about breastfeeding, log on to <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dph/ach/ns/breastfeeding.htm>.

Transportation Cabinet urges drivers to be cautious and watch for buses

With some students heading back to school next week, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is reminding drivers to use extreme caution once school buses return to our highways.

"We cannot overemphasize how important it is for motorists to watch for stopped school buses," said Secretary Bill Nighbert. "There is always an adjustment period for drivers when classes resume, as they get used to school bus routes and stops that haven't been there for the past few months. Drivers need to be extremely attentive as they share the road with school buses."

Kentucky law requires all traffic, both oncoming and following, to stop for a school bus loading or unloading passengers when the bus' stop sign is extended and its red flashers are on. The only exception is four-lane divided highways, where oncoming traffic is not required to stop. Modern school buses are also equipped with yellow flashers that serve to warn following or oncoming drivers that a stop is imminent.

"Our law enforcement officials and our judicial system take violations of this law very seriously," said Tim Hazlette, who is chairman of the Governor's Executive Committee on Highway Safety and commissioner of the Department of Transportation Safety. "By being observant, drivers can not only help keep our schoolchildren safe, but save themselves the cost and

inconvenience of an expensive traffic citation."

The sun rises later as the days get shorter and many mornings the first few weeks of school are foggy. These factors can combine to reduce visibility on the Commonwealth's school bus routes.

"The strongest piece of advice we can give drivers is to slow down and allow yourself more time to get to your destination if you are traveling while buses are running, especially in the mornings when darkness and weather conditions can make buses and students less visible," added Deputy Secretary of Transportation Crystal Ducker.

Drivers who are familiar with school bus stops along their normal routes need to be aware that the location of these stops may change from time to time. The Transportation Cabinet places signs alerting drivers to the location of school bus stops along state-maintained highways, but not all stops are marked. Parents or school officials who wish to have these signs placed on a state route near the location where children are picked up and dropped off should call District 11's Traffic Branch at 598-2145 to submit a request

for "School Bus Stop Ahead" signage.

Students who live in urban areas and walk or bike to school should use sidewalks, and cross streets only at designated crosswalks. Although pedestrians have the right of way at crosswalks, they should always look both ways before crossing a highway, even at crosswalks controlled by traffic lights.

The Transportation Cabinet administers a Federal Highway Administration grant program called "Safe Routes To School,"

which encourages children to walk or ride bicycles to school when possible; to make walking and bicycling to school safe and more appealing; and to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

For more information or to begin the application process, interested school and community leaders can visit safeschoolrouteskentucky.com.

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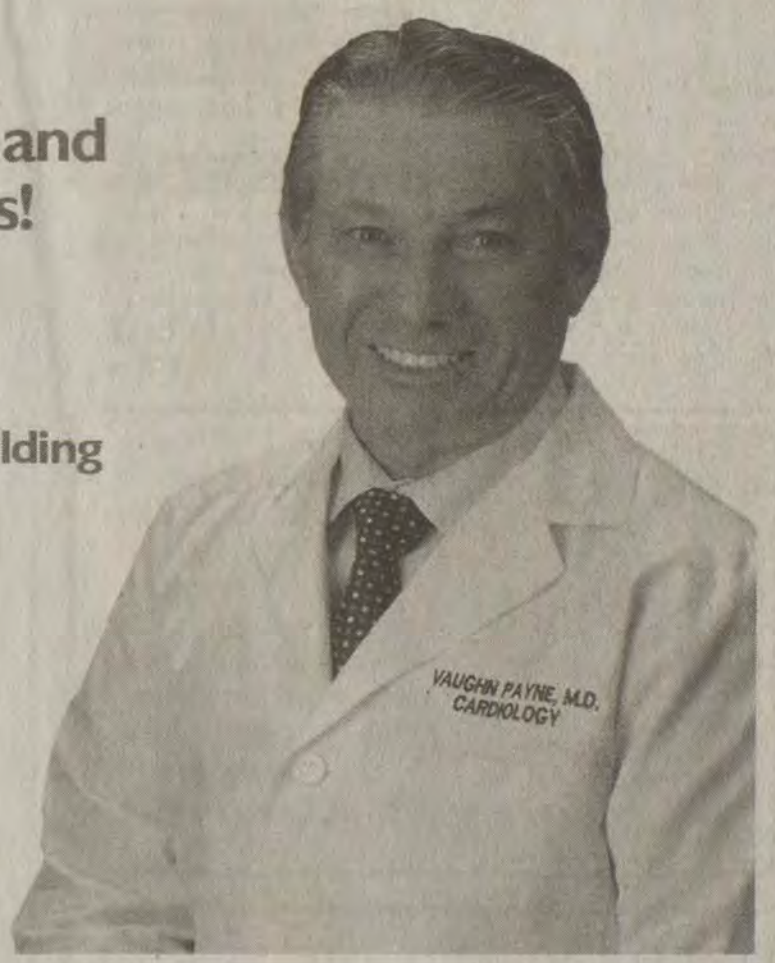
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Dr. Payne earned his medical degree from the University of Missouri - Kansas City and his Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky. Since 1992, he has also taught as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and before that taught as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Dr. Payne was recognized by the American Medical Association by receiving the Physicians Recognition Award and in 1991 received the American College of Cardiology/Syntex Education Award. An additional award came from the American Heart Association (Kentucky Affiliate), "Determination of Mechanisms of Receptor Specified Desensitization in G-Protein Coupled FMLP Receptors", 1989 - 1990. Dr. Payne is joining Cumberland Cardiology and is accepting new patients.

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Fletcher, Beshear differ on collective bargaining rights

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky's gubernatorial candidates belabored their differences Tuesday on whether public employees should be allowed collective bargaining

rights to negotiate labor contracts.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is seeking a second term in the Nov. 6 election, said he supported extending collective bargaining rights to all police and firefighters.

His Democratic opponent,

Steve Beshear, said all public employees should have such negotiating options.

Fletcher, a Republican, said firefighters and police should have bargaining rights because of the magnitude of the on-the-job risks they take.

"You're talking about negotiating life and death issues," Fletcher said.

Fletcher spoke in Louisville to about 70 active and retired firefighters seeking their endorsement heading into the fall campaign.

Beshear held a press conference later in the day outlining his plans for boosting Kentucky's economy. He criticized Fletcher, saying the governor has not focused on bringing high-paying jobs to the state.

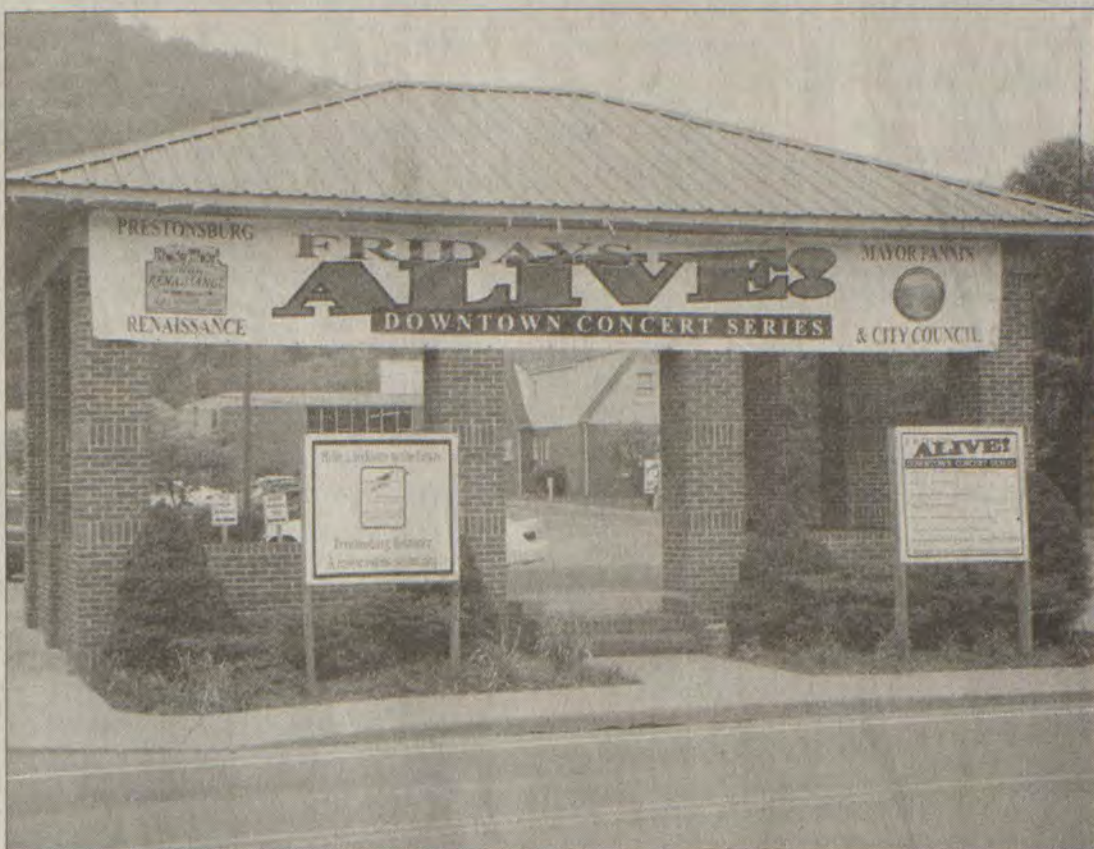


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The City of Prestonsburg's Friday's Alive Concert series is ready to begin this Friday at the municipal parking lot located across from City Hall. Friday's 6 p.m. show will consist of a concert performed by the group "Fast Lane" and barbeque will be served by Pig in a Poke throughout the day.

Johnson man killed in ATV accident

by **JESSICA HALE**
STAFF WRITER

VAN LEAR — Alcohol use is a suspected factor in an all-terrain vehicle accident on Monday in Van Lear which has left a Hager Hill man dead.

Kentucky State Police responded to a call regarding an ATV collision on Route 3 in Johnson County at approximately 8:30 p.m. Upon their arrival they found that Dwight

D. Ratliff, 49, had been operating the ATV on private property when he lost control and flipped.

Ratliff was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center by First Response Ambulance Service where he was pronounced dead by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Roger Rowe.

Alcohol is suspected as a factor in Ratliff's death although the investigation is ongoing at this time.

State trooper resigns amid investigation into beating

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — An eastern Kentucky state trooper accused of beating and biting a West Virginia National Guardsman has resigned from his post in Pikeville.

Jared Alfrey stepped down on July 25, said Lt. Phil Crumpton, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police.

Alfrey already was suspended with pay during an internal investigation into allegations by Randall McCoy, of Williamson, W.Va.

McCoy, an eight-year member of the National Guard, claims Alfrey drove him to an abandoned mine on July 3 and beat him after arresting him and his girlfriend, Benita Damron of Belfry, after a domestic incident.

Alfrey, in the citations he wrote, said McCoy asked to move his handcuffs to the front because of a back injury. While the handcuffs were off, McCoy grabbed the trooper

before being cuffed again, Alfrey wrote.

McCoy, who was also cited in January for possession of controlled substance and controlled substance not in original container, said he did not know Alfrey before the arrest.

Crumpton said Alfrey, who has been a state trooper since December 2005, did not give an official reason for his resignation.

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admission will be \$10 per day which will cover all carnival rides and entertainment. Seniors and groups of 25 or more will pay \$5 per day. Children under 3 will get in free, but will have to pay the \$10 admission fee if they choose to enjoy carnival rides.

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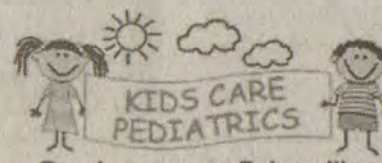
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Dr. Leslie Allen Devers is a native of Salyersville, KY. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and her Doctor of Osteopathic from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Leslie Allen Devers was a Categorical Pediatrics Resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV, and is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Osteopathic Association and served on Kentucky's Committee for Maternal and Neonatal Health. Dr. Devers has volunteered throughout her home state of Kentucky at the Ronald McDonald House and Highlands Regional Medical Center nursery.

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requested for replacement of roofs at our Pageant Hill location. The proposal needs to include all costs to replace the roof on 21 buildings. The proposal needs to include the price for material and installation of metal roofing material, references for the past 10 years, a Bid Bond, the successful bidder must furnish insurance certificates and payment and performance bonds. Wages must be paid in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local wage requirements, plus other documents as required for working in public housing. For more information please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P. O. Box 806, Martin, KY, 41649 (606) 285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority-office by 2pm, local time, August 07, 2007. The housing authority reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

BOOK FOR SALE
 A book by Donald Crisp "Growing up on Bucks Branch". In Floyd county, on sale now!!!! \$12.50 plus shipping and handling. Contact Donald at 285-3385.

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Yard Sale

ESTATE SALE Fri and Sat. Collectables, some antiques, salt and pepper shakers, glass top table and 4 chairs, odd chairs, side tables, kitchen items, coats, clothes 5 cents each., etc. 575 Mays Branch, Prestonsburg (off old Route 23, Turn at Pizza Hut) Good Prices. Starts at 10am.

YARD SALE Aug 1-2nd First Brick House on Cliff Road. Dishes, pictures, clothes, Tires, hunting supplies, much more.

4-Family Yard Sale Aug 1-4 (Wed.thru Sat.) 9-3pm. Large variety of items- Household, clothing(many sizes) toys, and so much more! Just off US

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Multi-Family Yard Sale. Saturday 8-4:07 from 8-5 pm Clothing, home interior, dishes.

CARPOR SALE Sat. Aug 4th at the home of Earl Hall. 3 miles up Prater Creek at Orchard Br. Clothes, shoes, all sizes, what nots, miscellaneous items, Follow signs and balloons.

2 Family YARD SALE 309 & 515 Middle Branch Rd. McDowell, Home interior & misc. items. AUG 1-4

YARD SALE Sat. Aug 4th 8-3pm 1.3 mi up Abbott Crk. 2 seat stroller, toddler swing, car seats, baby and toddler clothes, knitting needles, etc. Toys, Dishes, household items, adult, children clothing, DVDs

Yard Sale

3 Family yard Sale Friday Aug 3rd. at 9:00 -? Central Ave. behind Allen Citizens National Bank. Home interior, Women's clothing, small to plus, boys/girls various sizes plenty for school, toys, household items, and more, Canceled if rain.

5-Family YARD SALE besides Patches Floral turner branch at Eastern Sat.-Sun.. Aug 4-5 8-7?

BIG YARD AND CARPORT SALE Aug 3-4th at Auxier Follow railroad tracks until you get to the crossing with the lights, go across third driveway on left. Look for signs. 886-0356

Gigantic Yard Sale 2 miles up St. RT. 194 Aug 3-4 8:30 to 6:00 Follow signs. Any remain-

ing items sold will be sold for one sum on Sunday. 874-2802

YARD SALE 4 Family Garage Sale at Prestonsburg, down cliffside 1 1/2 miles cross from Tom Moore Free W.B.C starts at 9 am Aug.1st, 2nd, 3rd.

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MOVING SALE 25 years of everything. 2 miles up Left Fork of Abbott Look for Signs. Aug 3-4

BIG YARD SALE moving, multiple items, including furniture, even horses. Henry's Branch, Martin. Log House.

HUGE YARD SALE August 2,3,4 851 Cliff Road, 2nd house past Cliffside apartments on the left. Various Items.

Yard Sale

Yard Sale in Basement Aug 1-5 1.5 miles on Abbott Cr. DVDs, CDs, VCR and movies Home inter, lawn mower, boy and Girls shoes, Black Carhart jeans 28w,29w Baby things, whatnots, much more.

GARAGE SALE July, 30-31, Aug1-3 836 Riverside Drive. China, glassware, Finton glass, silverware, carnival glass and more. 886-3465

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Yard Sale 151 Cardinal Dr. Lancer. Encyclopedias Ping Pong table, Queen mattress set, misses clothing size8-10, mens clothing, XXL, movies, DVDS, CDs, Formal dresses.

CARPOR SALE Aug 1,2,3 at 83 Charby Hollow Rd. Martin across from Hall Funeral Home. Misc- Clothing, Household items,home decor and much more

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Miscellaneous

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Miscellaneous

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Nice 2 br Apartment Rt 321 between Highlands Regional Medical Center and Davis Produce. Central heat/air. Washer and Dryer hookups. \$425.00 per month. Reference and Deposit required. Seniors Welcome. Call 789-5973.

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LEGALS
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0345 Renewal No. 1
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located at Craynor in Floyd County. SEQ CHAPTER 1 The proposed operation will disturb 254.65 surface acres and will underlie 121.61 acres of auger acres of which 118.25 acres overlie auger mining in other seams or underlies surface mining area, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 258.01 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles southwest from KY 680's junction with KY 979 and located on Hamilton Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, SEQ CHAPTER 1

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application 836-5493 Renewal
(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface and underground coal mining operation located 2.0 miles Southeast of Teaberry in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.78 surface acres and underlies 685.00 acres for a total area within the permit boundary of 693.78 acres. (2) The proposed operation is approximately 1/4 mile Southeast from KY 979's junction with KY 3380 (Tinker Fork County Road) and located 2.0 miles east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 23' 32". The longitude is 82° 37' 40". (3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell/Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface

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Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5423
In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 18:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25660, (304) 204-1455, proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 88.30 acres located 3.20 miles south-east of McDowell in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed amendment area begins at the intersection of KY Route 1929's junction with Buckhorn Fork Road and is located within Buckhorn Fork of Frasure Creek and also at the head of Frasure Creek. The mine site is located at Latitude 37°24'20" and Longitude 82°41'35". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Sunday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, from August 10, 2007 to August 9, 2008.

Control of the blasting area will be maintained by blocking the access roads to the area at least ten (10) minutes prior to the blast. Post detonation access to the blasting area will be allowed only after an inspection has determined that no hazards exist.

After personnel are cleared from the area, a pre-detonation warning consisting of one minute series of long blasts of a siren will be given. The blast signal will consist of a one minute series of short blasts of a siren prior to detonation. The all clear signal will consist of a prolonged blast sounded on a siren following the inspection of the blast site. These signals will be audible over a minimum distance of one half mile.

All blasting will be scheduled from Sunday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset. If in the event that unscheduled blasting is unavoidable, then the audible signals described above will be used to notify all persons within one-half mile of the blasting site. The applicant must document the reason and conditions for the unscheduled blast with any required seismograph report. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than those scheduled, include but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational, or public safety.

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Odds & Ends

■ **SPRINGVILLE, Utah** — The cemetery headstone for a teenager who died in a car wreck was repossessed after a \$750 bill went unpaid.

"That's just business," said Linda Anderson of Memorial Art Monument. "If we give every stone to everybody, we'd be out of business. They'd repossess your car if you didn't make payments."

Brady Conger, 17, and two friends died when their car smashed into a sport utility vehicle a year ago Thursday.

Memorial Art said bills sent to one address were returned, and the business couldn't reach Brady's mother, who apparently had agreed last year to pay the balance. "The end result was that there was absolutely no one who I could talk to about this," owner Mike Anderson said.

Brady's classmates raised money to pay the bill, and the headstone will be installed again this week.

■ **YPSILANTI, Mich.** — Around here, history lives on with people's underwear.

Two artists are selling hot pink underwear screen-printed with the word "Ypsipanty" as part of an effort to keep alive the city's historical place in the underwear business.

Linette Lao and Mark Maynard have sold nearly 200 pair of Ypsipanties.

"We were just thinking about Ypsi-positive things that we could make," Maynard told The Ann Arbor News for Sunday editions. To them, he said, the idea was "fun and playful without being disrespectful."

"And it drew on Ypsi's history as an underwear capital," he said.

Ypsilanti, about 30 miles west of Detroit, was home to the Ypsilanti Underwear Co. From its factory on the banks of the Huron River, the company at one time helped link the city's name with underwear.

The company got attention for its marketing strategies, including placing a 15-foot painting of a woman dressed in Ypsilanti-made union suit to be seen by passengers on the Michigan Central Railroad.

Ypsilanti Underwear operated for more than 50 years in the late 1800s and the early 1900s, according to the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

Ypsipanties seller Jennifer Albaum said people approach her regularly and tell her they're wearing them.

"What other time can you tell people what underwear you're wearing? It's awesome," Albaum said.

■ **MANNING, S.C.** — It wasn't exactly "Mission Impossible," but three burglars managed to break into a grocery store by lowering them-

selves through a hole in the roof, then eluded the alarm system for two hours by crawling on their stomachs, police said.

The thieves used a pickax to break open the hole in the roof of the Bi-Lo around 3 a.m. Friday, and climbed down a garden hose to the store's floor, authorities said.

The men then crawled around for two hours to avoid tripping the motion detectors, Manning Police Chief Randy Garrett said.

They tried unsuccessfully to break into the store safe. An alarm eventually went off, and they ran away with cartons of cigarettes and fistfuls of lottery tickets, police said.

The burglars tried to cash some of the winning tickets at a store about 40 miles away, but the clerk had been told about the theft and refused to cash them, Garrett said.

Investigators have found more tickets thrown out along local roads, Garrett said.

The grocery store's surveillance cameras captured images of the three men, but the quality of the video was poor, authorities said.

■ **HAMLIN, Pa.** — Lightning can strike twice. Just ask Don Frick.

Frick said he survived his second lightning strike Friday — 27 years to the day of his first — and emerged a bit shaken with only a burned zipper and a hole in the back of his jeans.

"I'm lucky I'm alive," Frick told The Associated Press in a phone interview Sunday night.

Frick was attending Hamlin's Ole Tyme Daz festival on Friday afternoon when a storm came up quickly. He and six others sought refuge in a shed shortly before lightning struck the ground nearby. The strike sent a shock through Frick and four others in the shed.

"It put me up against the wall," said Frick, 68. "When I came to and realized I was alive, the first thing that came to my mind was that I'm pretty lucky."

"It burned my zipper off, burned my pockets, but didn't burn me."

None of the others in the shed were seriously injured, Frick said.

Twenty-seven years earlier, Frick was driving a tractor-trailer in Lenox, Pa., when the antenna was struck by lightning, he said. He said that his left side was injured in that strike and that he was laid up for 3 to 4 weeks.

■ **PITTSBURGH** — Crocs, the rubbery, clog-like shoes, have been deemed inappropriate footwear for workers in patient-care areas at a hospi-

tal. Holes that ventilate the shoes pose a safety hazard, said Sharon Krystofiak, Mercy Hospital's infection control manager.

"If there's a chance you could drop something like a syringe in one of them, we want to avoid that," Krystofiak said. "Some of those holes are relatively large, almost like a dime."

Mercy nurse Kara Depasquale, 23, was wearing Crocs on Monday, when the policy went into effect. She called it ridiculous.

"I mean, I can get a needle stuck in my arm or my leg," Depasquale said. "I work 12-hour shifts, and I'm constantly on my feet."

Crocs, based in Niwot, Colo., about 30 miles north of Denver, sells shoes in at least 80 countries.

■ **NEW YORK** — The city

is selling 500 pounds of foreign coins that found their way into its parking meters this year.

"We have pretty much every denomination from every continent," said Anthony Alfano, the city's deputy chief of meter collections. The most common coins are Greek drachmas, he said.

The Department of Transportation, which makes about \$90 million from parking meters annually, has collected bids for the foreign coins and plans to announce the best offer Monday.

About a decade ago, the agency decided to sell foreign coins it collected because it was impractical to exchange them for U.S. currency. In previous years, selling the coins has netted the department between \$2 to \$4 a pound.

Last year's highest bidder for the coins was Jim Corliss, 60, of Braintree, Mass., a long-

time collector. He also bid this year.

"Every once in a while I find something of value," he said, pointing out that he once came across an 1835 British shilling worth \$5.

■ **MINOT, N.D.** — Oh, no! Don't forget the exclamation point! It could cost you \$1,000!

Kevin Taylor, 30, of Minneapolis, lost out on a \$1,000 first prize in a text messaging contest at the North Dakota State Fair because he forgot the punctuation mark at the end of a phrase that he and his sudden-death competitor had to enter.

So he settled for \$200.

Beth Brevik, 32, of Minot, ended up with the big prize at Saturday's contest, tapping out the phrase: "I hope I win the grand prize of \$1,000 so I can buy a new phone. Whoop!"

"I was very lucky," she

said.

Brevik and Taylor finished ahead of 38 competitors, many of them teenagers. Organizers said the contest was patterned after a similar event in New York, where a 13-year-old girl won \$50,000.

Phrases were posted on a screen that contestants text-messaged to the judges, who verified the answers for accuracy. The contest was sponsored by a cell phone company.

Brevik said she thought she lost when Taylor put his phone down in the final round. Seconds later, Taylor realized his mistake and exclaimed, "Oh, no!"

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Pikeville College football program set to host annual Media Day at gym

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College football program will host its annual media day on Monday at 2 p.m. All players and coaches will be available for interviews at the Pikeville College Gym.

The Bears finished the 2006 season 4-6 overall, 2-3 in the Mid-South Conference. Pikeville College played the 2006 season under first-year head coach Mac Bryan, a member of the school's

first football coaching staff.

Prestonsburg High School graduate Nick Jamerson has returned to the Pikeville College football program after taking a year off.

"Nick is a solid receiver who will make an immediate impact on our team," Bryan said. "He has already shown the ability to play on this level and we're excited about his return."

In 2005, Jamerson hauled in 15 catches for 259 yards (17.3 yards per catch) and five touchdowns for the Bears, helping Pikeville

College to a 7-3 record and the school's first playoff berth in 2005. The Prestonsburg High School graduate is a former Mr. Football Finalist. During his high school career, Jamerson also lettered in track and basketball.

Pikeville College was picked to finish fifth in the Mid-South Conference's East Division in the annual preseason poll released recently. Georgetown was picked to win the East division. Bethel was tabbed to win the West division.



photo by Jamie Howell

OLD RIVALS: Sheldon Clark and Prestonsburg hooked up on the gridiron several times over the summer as part of passing scrimmages. The two foes will scrimmage in full gear later in the month.

Harris leads in 201 Speedway Late Model division

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA — Area race fans lost out to Mother Nature on Saturday night as racing at 201 Speedway was postponed due to rain. The track will resume racing this week with the Pops 40 Memorial Race paying \$5,000 to win in the Late Model division.

Points have been updated in all four of 201 Speedway's race classes. Veteran driver Paul Harris currently leads in the Late Model division. Harris holds a close 380-375 lead over Randy Boggs, a fellow veteran driver from Carter County.

Corey McKenzie is leading the chase in 201 Speedway's Open Wheel Modified division. Currently, McKenzie enjoys a comfortable 640-495 lead over second-place J.J. Brock.

A rundown of the 201 Speedway points standings, featuring the top 20 drivers in each race class follows.

Late Model: 1. Paul Harris, 380; 2. Randy Boggs, 375; 3. Raymond Nichols, 330; 4. Anthony Adams, 325; 5. Brandon Fouts, 320; 6. Rodney Davis, 280; 7. Michael P. Howard, 275; 8. Shannon Thornsberry, 270; 9. Richie Edwards, 255; 10. Kevin Hall, 245; 11. David Powers, 240; 12. Eric Wells, 210; 13. Tandy Spurlock, 195; 14. Rod Evans, 190; 15. Jacob Ross, 175; 16. Terry Hicks, 165; 17. Gary Rager, 145; 18. Chris Meadows, 140; 19. Michael Butcher, 105; 20. Harold Redmond Jr., 100; 20. Cowan Kinney, 100.

Open Wheel Modified: 1. Corey McKenzie, 640; 2. J. J. Brock, 495; 3. Darren Muncy, 485; 3. Marty Meade, 485; 4. Jason Hall, 465; 5. Dennis Deboard, 420; 6. Brian Salisbury, 330; 7. Jeremy Hayes, 280; 7. Jason Perry, 280; 8. Beadie Blackburn, 275; 9. Pete Castle 265; 10. Glen Patton 245; 11. Courtney Conley, 185; 12. Brandon Johnson, 170; 12. Michael Butcher, 170; 13. Jimmy Adams, 150; 14. Derek Powers, 140; 14. Charlie Jude, 140; 15. Jim Lemaster, 130; 16. Walt Mayabb, 125; 17. Paul Jordan, 120; 18. William

(See HARRIS, page two)



photos by Michael Moats

Allen driver Brandon Kinzer finished third in the 2007 edition of the O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series. Kinzer has finished third or better in the series each of the last two years. Below: Kinzer was questioned during an interview held at the conclusion of Saturday's Southern Nationals Series race at Tazewell (Tenn.) Speedway.

Kinzer finishes third in O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

TAZEWELL, Tenn. — The finale of the ultra-competitive O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series happened Saturday night at Tazewell Speedway. Allen driver Brandon Kinzer finished third in his B-Main and earned the 15th starting spot for the \$5,300-to-win main event. The Floyd County native was able to get past seven cars during the A-Main feature race. Kinzer ultimately finished eighth in the feature race. After posting three top-fives and six top-10s in the latest Southern Nationals Series season, Kinzer finished third in the final points standings. Chris Madden claimed the series championship while Dennis Franklin finished runner-up.

Kinzer ranks as one of the all-time leading drivers in the Southern Nationals Series. The Allen driver ended the 2006 season runner-up behind series winner Anthony White.

The Kinzer Motorsports team ventured to Volunteer Speedway in Bulls Gap, Tenn. on Friday for the ninth of 10 O'Reilly Southern Nationals Series races as part of the 2007 schedule. After not securing the transfer spot in the B-Main by one position, Kinzer used a series provisional to gain access into the \$5,300-to-win feature event. Kinzer was able to pass nine cars during the the 53-lap A-Main. Familiar with the Bulls Gap track, Kinzer finished Friday night's feature race 14th.

Jimmy Owens won the feature race at Volunteer Speedway. Shannon Thornsberry, another Floyd County driver, missed out on making the feature.

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UK to host Pikeville in preseason

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky announced its 2007-08 men's basketball schedule Saturday. The slate includes as many as 17 games televised on CBS, ESPN or ESPN2. The schedule also features a potential trip to New York's famed Madison Square Garden, 18 regular-season games at Rupp Arena and matchups with traditional foes North Carolina, Indiana and Louisville.

But the preseason holds much interest for many local fans. Kentucky will host Kelly Wells-coached Pikeville College in its first preseason game.

The Wildcats will open the Billy Gillispie Era Nov. 6-7 by hosting two rounds of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, a 16-team tournament that also includes Connecticut, Memphis and Oklahoma. UK will host three other to-be-determined schools. The winners and losers of the first round games match up the following day, with the second round winner advancing to New York for the final two

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UK Fan Day start time changed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The annual Kentucky Football Fan Day, set for Saturday, Aug. 4 at Commonwealth Stadium, is now 15 minutes earlier and will begin at 7:15 p.m.

Stadium gates will open at 6:30 p.m., when posters and schedule cards will be given away. The first 2,000 fans will receive a coupon for a free hot dog and Coke (redeemable on Fan Day only).

UK players will report to camp Thursday. The first practice is scheduled for Friday.

Kentucky senior tight end Jacob Tammé has been named to the watch list for the John Mackey Award, given annually to the top tight end in college football. Tammé was chosen first-team All-Southeastern Conference last season by SEC Coaches and The Associated Press.



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Todd Martin is the son of former Floyd Countyans Ken and Sandy Stumbo Martin, who now reside in Cookeville, Tenn. Martin, a former standout at Middle Tennessee State University, plays leftfield for the Mahoning Valley Scrapppers of the New York-Penn League. Earlier in the summer, Martin was named the New York-Penn League's offensive player of the week. Through 34 games, Martin was hitting .389 with 8 home runs and 32 RBI. He ranks as Mahoning Valley's top hitter.

Player with Floyd County ties makes his mark in Class A baseball

by CRAIG DELK
HERALD-CITIZEN STAFF

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Two former Cookeville (Tenn.) High baseball players have played college ball and dreamed of playing at the professional level, and now they are both getting their first real taste of what minor league baseball about.

Todd Martin, who graduated from CHS in 2002, and Chad Maddox, a 2004 graduate, are both playing professional baseball and quickly learning the ropes.

Martin was signed by the Cleveland Indians late in the 2006 season and is now with the Mahoning Valley Scrapppers, while Maddox was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 13th round this year and is now with the team's Gulf Coast League in Florida.

A groin injury sidelined Martin during spring training, and now he's looking to show the Indians organization what he can do.

"I had the opportunity of making breaking with a long-season team at the end of spring training," the

left-handed outfielder said. "But the injury came along and I spent a bunch of spring training and the first part of extended spring just getting back from the injury. Once I came back from my injury, I've stayed pretty strong and pretty healthy and I've been able to show what I can do so far."

What he's done is pretty remarkable. He was recently named the New York-Penn League's offensive player of the week after batting .419 with two doubles, two home runs and eight RBI over a seven-day period. For the year, he's made his mark by batting .371 in 19 games with 18 RBI, 12 runs, five doubles and four home runs.

Coming off two surgeries following his junior season at Middle Tennessee State University, Martin said the Indians want to see him put together a full body of work in 2007.

"They just want to see me play consistently throughout the whole summer," he said. "I've started out so far playing pretty well, and the coordinators have said some good things to me, some positive com-

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Stewart scores second career win at Brickyard

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Stewart once said he'd trade all his wins and trophies for just one victory at his beloved Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Now he's got two, and they couldn't be more different.

The first gave him peace. The second was pure joy. Stewart scored his second victory in three years at the Brickyard on Sunday, beating buddy Kevin Harvick in a classic dual to the finish. Stewart showed he's now mastered the track that caused him a decade of heartache and once even threatened his career.

"I'll enjoy this one more than the first one," he said. "The first one (in 2005) was like taking the weight of the world off your shoulders. When you grow up 45 miles from here, and driving down 16th and Georgetown in a wrecker and thinking 'Man, what it would feel like to be 150 yards inside that fence running 200 mph?'"

"I got to come here in stock car and win, that was such a weight off our shoulders ... everyone knew how much. Today, it's like we're happy now. It wasn't like it was the untouchable anymore."

The kid from Columbus came to Indy with his father as a child, dreaming of someday winning an Indianapolis 500. But his shrine was also his demon, and the track taunted him with heartbreaking near-misses.

It made his 2005 breakthrough victory a tense but electric affair.

This time he made it look downright easy.

Stewart led a race-high 66 of the 160 laps, but was passed by 2003 race winner Harvick on a restart with 20 to go. But with one Indy win already on his resume, Stewart didn't feel as if his world would end if he didn't regain the lead.

"I just went down there on the restart and got real, real tight for some reason," Stewart said. "Kevin got by us and I knew after 15 laps I could get around him. So I was just trying to be patient."

He never panicked as he chased down Harvick, even taunting his friend over the radio.

"Here, kitty, kitty, kitty," he called. "Come get you some of this."

The two-time series champion closed onto Harvick's bumper and made at least two attempts to pass, only to be rebuffed as Harvick held tight. Stewart finally powered alongside of him with 10 to go, but Harvick wouldn't relent and the two Chevrolets touched as they dragged around the historic 2 1/2-mile oval.

"That's a hard guy to race there. He's a clean guy. That's one of my best friends," Stewart said, calling the contact between the two cars his mistake.

"Would I, with 10 laps to go, crash somebody just to win the Brickyard? No. It's not worth it. If I would have

done it the wrong way, it would have ruined winning."

The pass completed, Stewart held steady and cruised the final 25 miles. With six to go, his in-car camera caught him casually drinking from a water bottle with no hands on his steering wheel as he headed down the straightaway at more than 200 miles per hour.

He frantically pumped his fist through the window as he crossed the finish line, turned a brief victory lap, then stopped his car on the Yard of Bricks. He was embraced their by family and his Joe Gibbs Racing crew, which joined him for his celebratory fence climb.

Juan Pablo Montoya, who won the 2000 Indianapolis 500 in his only appearance, chased down Harvick to finish second — his best showing on an oval since leaving Formula One last summer.

"I don't think anyone had anything for Tony," Montoya said. "His car was way too fast. But second here at the Brickyard, it was awesome."

Jeff Gordon, the series points leader and four-time Brickyard winner, was third followed by Kyle Busch, pole-sitter Reed Sorenson and Mark Martin.

Harvick faded all the way to seventh after Stewart's race-winning pass.

Jeff Burton, Dave Blaney and Matt Kenseth rounded out the top 10.

The victory made Stewart the favorite to win the Nextel Cup title

this season — six of the past nine Indy winners went on to win the Cup, including the last two.

Stewart himself did it in 2005.

"It's neat knowing the last two guys who won this race won the championship," he said. "Am I going to be upset about that fact? Absolutely not. Am I going to be excited? You betcha."

"But does that mean it's a shoo-in? I wouldn't mortgage my house on it. Yet."

Stewart might be ready to rip off one of his trademark winning streaks, which would position him for a solid start to the Chase for the championship. He won five of six races during the summer of 2005, closed last year with three wins in the final eight, and now has two in a row.

It's turned around what started as a frustrating season for Stewart, who lost at least four races he should have won. He didn't reach Victory Lane until July 15 in Chicago. He took his momentum with him on an overdue vacation during NASCAR's final off weekend of the season, then reported to Indianapolis relaxed and ready.

"We got to do fun stuff (on vacation)," he said. "When you get to do fun stuff, when you come off a week like that, you are pumped up for what for me is my biggest race of the year. The moon and the stars lined up."

It's a marked change from his earlier visits to the track, when Stewart would arrive irritable and on edge in his pursuit of the elusive victory. He

had his heart broken over and over, including a 2002 near-miss that devastated him.

In his anger after exiting the car, he punched a photographer and had to beg boss Joe Gibbs not to fire him.

His desire to kiss the bricks never faded, and now he's done it twice.

The race was not so kind to Jimmie Johnson, the defending race winner and Cup champion, or Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Johnson, who ended his own personal streak of poor performance by winning here last season, recovered from an early wreck only to slam into the wall when his tire erupted midway through the race. He had to frantically climb from his burning car as flames shot inside the cockpit.

"It's feast or famine here for us," Johnson said. "I'm OK. The impact wasn't bad. The flames had me nervous there inside the car and I lost some eyelashes and the side of my face got pretty hot."

Earnhardt led 33 laps early and appeared to be the only car capable of running with Stewart. But his handling eventually faded, and he dropped back to fifth place. That's where he was running when his motor failed, and Earnhardt wound up 34th.

It was a setback in his bid to make the Chase for the championship — he's fighting for the 12th and final qualifying spot, and is now locked into a tight battle with Kurt Busch, who finished 11th.

Preseason

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rounds Nov. 15-16. Kentucky's 2K Sports College Hoops Classic games in Lexington will be televised on ESPN2, with the New York semifinals and finals on ESPN2.

Should UK advance to New York, 17 of its 31 regular-season games will be on CBS, ESPN or ESPN2, including 10 of the Cats' 16 SEC contests. Last year, 12 of the Wildcats' 30 regular-season games, including six SEC matchups, were on CBS, ESPN or ESPN2.

Kentucky opens SEC play Saturday, Jan. 12, by hosting Vanderbilt on CBS. Senior Day in Lexington features defending national champion Florida on Mar. 9. UK also welcomes Tennessee (Jan. 22), South Carolina (Jan. 26), Alabama (Feb. 9), Georgia (Feb. 9), Arkansas (Feb. 23) and Ole Miss (Feb. 27) to Rupp Arena.

The non-conference schedule is highlighted

by traditional rivals North Carolina (Dec. 1 in Lexington), Indiana (Dec. 8 in Bloomington) and Louisville (Jan. 5 in Lexington). The Cats will once again host a team at Louisville's Freedom Hall, matching up with three-time NCAA Tournament foe UAB, led by former Indiana coach Mike Davis, on Dec. 15. UK also travels to Houston for a road non-conference game.

The rest of the non-conference schedule features home dates with Liberty (Nov. 21), Texas Southern (Nov. 24), Stony Brook (Nov. 27), Tennessee Tech (Dec. 22), San Diego (Dec. 29) and Florida International (Dec. 31).

Prior to regular-season action, Kentucky hosts a pair of exhibition games. The first will be Oct. 31 against in-state foe Pikeville College. The final exhibition is Nov. 3 against Seattle, whom UK defeated to win the 1958

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Hensley, 115; 18. Kevin Mayabb, 115; 19. Shon Flannary, 100; 19. Jack Tackett, 100; 20. Leslie Johnson, 75; 20. Brandon Mason, 75.

Mr. Metal Bomber: 1. Shannon Richmond, 570; 2. Greg Hensley, 560; 3. Darren Damron, 555; 4. J.J. Terry, 510; 5. Ervin Vance, 475; 6. Bo Howard, 435; 7. Don Risner, 420; 8. Scott Lemaster, 375; 9. Dean Pennington, 300; 10. Ryan Jarrell, 260; 11. Charlie

Mullett, 230; 12. Tim Mason, 195; 13. Justin Risner, 185; 14. Bannie Blair, 170; 14. Albert Butcher, 170; 15. Albie Howell, 155; 16. Matt Spence, 135; 17. Jarred Blair, 130; 18. Steve Lewis, 115; 19. Ryan Crabtree, 90; 20. Justin Tackett, 80.

Four-Cylinder: 1. Shawn Ousley, 605; 2. Robert Hall, 565; 2. Jamie Hamilton, 565; 3. Gary Whitt, 560; 4. DI Henson, 515; 5. Darren Rogers, 475; 6. Pat Morris, 410; 7. Alan Salisbury, 270;

8. Jason Blair, 265; 9. McCaye Sexton, 255; 10. Ryan Litteral, 230; 11. Shirlye Tackett, 225; 12. Shannon Hall, 200; 12. Alan Osborne, 200; 13. Michael Blair, 195; 14. Chuckie Mitchell, 165; 15. Nathan Martin, 160; 16. Benjamin Mayhan, 155; 17. Matt Hamilton, 100; 17. Estill Lawson, 100; 18. Henry Lawson, 90; 19. Jared Flannary, 80; 19. Jared Campbell, 80; 20. Brian Salisbury, 60.

Ties

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ments. They like what I can do, they think I'm capable of doing really well. Really, they just want to see me play consistently through the whole season and stay healthy is really the big thing.

Martin says he is extremely thankful for the simple opportunity to chase his ultimate dream.

"It's amazing. It's nothing short of a blessing from God," Martin said. "I wake up every day and pretty much just praise him and thank him for allowing me the opportunity to step on the field. A lot of people dream about it and always want to be in this position. Just the fact that I can go out here and get paid to play baseball is a dream come true."

"But the dream is far from over," he continued. "The ultimate dream is to make it all the way to a major league team, so that's what I'm working for and that's what I'm hoping for."

Maddox, meanwhile, has been slowed somewhat by an early injury but is ready to get back on the diamond and continue getting used to the professional game after playing at the University of Tennessee.

"It's a big adjustment, even

coming from Division I college ball it's tough," said Maddox, who has played in seven games, mustering just one hit in



TODD MARTIN

20 at-bats. "The transfer from metal (bats) to wood is a lot different than people think, so it's taken a couple of games to get used to the wood. But, all in all, it's going pretty well right now. I'm enjoying myself."

One big adjustment for Maddox, in addition to dealing with some brutal Florida heat at Lake Buena Vista, has been learning to cope with the demanding schedule of pro ball.

"Playing college ball, we play four games a week — one during the week and three on

the weekends and going to school — to playing six games a week, playing every day and being at the field from 7 o'clock to 3 o'clock," Maddox explained. "It's a tough adjustment mentally to keep yourself focused on baseball that long, but it also plays off that you're getting to do something you love for a living."

The realization that he is playing in the minor leagues is just starting to hit Maddox.

"It's really neat. The first week you get down here and you get to play and you don't really get a sense of what you're getting to do," he explained. "You're getting to play baseball for a living. And as you go along

and weeks go by, you get to see that it's your job now and it starts to sink in a little bit more. Every day you kind of wake up and go to the field, and even though it's really hot, you just thank God that you're getting this opportunity."

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Once top pick, Couch signs with Jaguars, hopes to revive career

by MARK LONG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Former No. 1 draft pick Tim Couch signed a two-year contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday, getting a chance to revive his career as a backup to quarterback Byron Leftwich.

Couch, the top pick by Cleveland in 1999, hasn't played a down in the NFL since the 2004 preseason.

But Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio wanted to take a look at the former Kentucky star who had shoulder surgery last year. The Jaguars needed another quarterback in training camp because third-stringer

Quinn Gray has an ankle injury and is on the physically unable to perform list.

The Jaguars also have backup David Garrard and undrafted rookie Lester Ricard.

Scott Eyster from Delta State and Sam Hollenbach from Maryland worked out alongside Couch on Friday, and the Jaguars struck a deal with Couch following a physical.

His five years in Cleveland were filled with disappointment. He was sacked often, booed regularly and plagued by elbow trouble.

After leaving the Browns, Couch signed a one-year deal with Green Bay to be Brett

Favre's backup. The Packers didn't work out Couch before signing him to a contract that included a \$625,000 bonus, and it seemed to backfire.

Couch was bothered by a sore throwing arm, struggled to grasp the West Coast offense and couldn't even unseat third-string quarterback Craig Nall.

Couch completed 11 of 34 passes for 96 yards with no touchdowns in three preseason games and was cut just before the 2004 season.

He worked out for Chicago and Cincinnati in 2005, but neither team signed him. He worked out for Tennessee, Miami, Pittsburgh and Houston last year.

Bengals sign top draft pick CB Leon Hall

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — The Cincinnati Bengals signed first-round draft pick Leon Hall to a five-year deal Saturday that guarantees him \$8.2 million and could be worth \$13.6 million overall, his agent said.

Hall, a cornerback from Michigan, was the last of the Bengals' seven draft picks to sign. He missed two practices, on Friday and on Saturday morning, but reported to camp in time for the Saturday night session at Georgetown College.

"Leon is very excited to have this finished and to get

on with camp," said agent Doug Hendrickson. "He never wanted to miss any time at all, but he knew the business part had to be handled."

Hall said he had expected to wrap up a deal quickly.

"I didn't think it was going to go past today, so I wasn't too worried too much," Hall said. "Personally, I wasn't paying too much attention to it, but sometimes people would text me or my agent would call me to let me know the updates."

Hall, who was taken 18th overall, set a Michigan record for passes defended (43) and tied for fourth in career interceptions (12).

"We're excited to have Leon here, and I compliment our management and his representatives for getting the contract finished," coach Marvin Lewis said. "Now it's time for Leon to take advantage of a great opportunity and make us a better football team."

Hall is listed as the backup to starter and two-time Pro Bowler Deltha O'Neal at one corner, with Johnathan Joseph, last year's No. 1 pick, the starter on the opposite side.

Joseph has not practiced this training camp because of a foot injury suffered during the team's June mini-camp.

Hunter education classes begin Monday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club will host hunter education classes three days next week. Hunter education classes are scheduled for Monday-Wednesday (Aug. 6-8). The classes are mandatory for young hunters looking to hunt later this fall.

The 8th Annual Youth Hunt/Squirrel Hunt Campout is scheduled for Aug. 17-18 at German Bridge Campground. The event is sponsored by the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and

Kentucky Hunter Education Association. This year's youth hunt/squirrel campout will get underway at 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17.

Each youth must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian. All campers must also bring their own hunting, fishing and camping equipment. No pets are allowed at the outdoors event.

The upcoming hunter education classes prove to be pivotal for the youth attending the 8th Annual Youth Hunt/Squirrel Hunt Campout. Youth hunting and/or fishing license is required.

This year's youth hunt/squirrel hunt campout will include a survivor skills and first aid competition,

canoeing, archery and a Turkey calling contest.

Hunting with shot guns only is permitted during the youth hunt/squirrel hunt campout. All federal, state and WMA game regulations will apply.

Fishing will be available for all participants. Each youth will receive a gift, a hat and a chance to win a shotgun.

Preregistration is required as limited spaces are available.

For additional information, call any of the following individuals: Tom Bormes, 606/285-5061; Joe R. Bolton, 606/884-8683; Tim Goble, 606/874-2490; Gerald Jones, 606/886-8656.

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Miners to host first-ever free agent camp Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Professional basketball has made its arrival in Eastern Kentucky. The East Kentucky Miners will hold their inaugural free agent camp on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Pikeville College Gym. The registration fee is \$100 for those who register now through Friday, Aug. 3. Registration is \$125 for those who register on the day of the free agent camp.



Kevin Keathley

should be sent for the early registration.

Cash or money order will be the only acceptable form of payment. No checks will be accepted during any of the registration period.

Money orders should be made payable to Trinity Sports and Entertainment Group, Inc.

Originally, separate free agent camps were scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4 and Sunday, Aug. 5. The majority of individuals who registered to perform for the Miners, however, signed up for the Saturday

session. The two sessions were combined into one free agent camp to held on Saturday, Aug. 4 due to the fact that few players were registered for the Sunday event.

"The East Kentucky Miners organization is giving every local player an opportunity to workout and compete against other players from throughout the state for one of our 18 training camp roster spots," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "We have several colleges from around the state that will be represented in this camp."

Former University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University men's basket-

ball players have registered for the free agent camp. Pikeville College is also represented in the free agent camp's registration thus far.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The session will feature a break that will run from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will not be provided as part of the break.

The one-day free agent camp is invitation-only to the general public. Only media members who contact the Miners organization before Saturday, Aug. 4 will be permitted to attend.

"This is the chance for a player to give it a shot and see if he has the

ability to play at the professional level," Keathley confided.

All players should send a resume along with their registration form. Players should also bring a second copy of their resume to the free agent camp. Game video - if available - is also encouraged.

Payment and application materials should be sent to East Kentucky Miners Basketball, LLC., c/o Coach Kevin Keathley, 237 2nd Street Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

The Miners will begin play in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA) during the 2007-08 season.

Fans invited to visit Miners booth at East Kentucky Fair

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Visitors to this year's East Kentucky Fair will have the opportunity to learn more about the East Kentucky Miners, an expansion team in the tradition-rich CBA (Continental Basketball Association). The Miners will have a booth set up at this year's East Kentucky Fair. The latest edition of the East Kentucky Fair will run Thursday-Saturday (Aug. 2-4) with the Miners booth remaining open throughout each day. The East Kentucky Fair is held annually at Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex in Prestonsburg.

When visiting the Miners booth, individuals and groups will have the opportunity to purchase season tickets for the 2007-08 campaign. Various season ticket packages featuring different payment options exist and will be offered during the fair. The booth will also offer for sale official East Kentucky Miners merchandise, including T-shirts and hats.

Former NFL quarterback Jay Fiedler, who with Demetrius Ford co-founded Trinity Sports & Entertainment Group Inc., owner of the East Kentucky Miners, will be present to meet fair-goers. Fiedler will also be available to sign autographs. During his time in the NFL,

Fiedler completed 1,717 passes for 11,844 yards and 69 touchdowns. In 2001, Fiedler started 16 regular-season games for the Miami Dolphins, passing for 3,290 yards and 20 touchdowns.

East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley will also be available to meet and greet fans during the East Kentucky Fair. In 2006, Pro Basketball News (www.probasketballnews.com) named Keathley, a Floyd County native, one of the top 10 young coaches in America. He earned an ABA coach of the year award in 2005.

The entire East Kentucky Miners organization is working diligently in preparation for the team's debut season. Keathley will conduct the Miners' first free agent camp on Saturday (Aug. 4) at the Pikeville College Gym.

The East Kentucky Fair came to life through the hard work of officials and others in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. Big Sandy Area Development District (Big Sandy ADD) is also instrumental in the organization of the annual East Kentucky Fair.

Operating times for this year's East Kentucky Fair are 11 a.m.-11 p.m. each day. More information on the East Kentucky Fair is available online at www.eastkentuckyfair.com.

Zambrano sharp in Cubs' 6-0 win over Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Carlos Zambrano says his latest run is the best one of his career. He's having a pretty good time at the plate, too.

Zambrano became the majors' first 14-game winner and finished with three hits to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-0 Sunday.

"I think this is the best stretch I've ever had," said Zambrano, who has won four straight and seven of his last eight. "I feel confident and comfortable. I've been hitting my spots and throwing more strikes. My arm slot feels good."

Derrek Lee homered for the third time in four days for Chicago, which finished a 4-2 trip and moved within a half-game of NL Central-leading Milwaukee — the Cubs' smallest deficit since opening day. Alfonso Soriano also had two hits and scored a run.

Brandon Phillips' first-inning single up the middle and Javier Vazquez's seventh-inning bloop single to center were the only hits allowed by Zambrano in 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out six and walked three.

"He's a special pitcher," Cincinnati manager Pete Mackanin said. "Everything was working for him today. You can see why he's got the record he's got. He's a solid pitcher, and what he'd have?"

Three hits? He wanted to steal a base, but we held him down there."

Will Ohman got the last two outs of the eighth and Bob Howry pitched the ninth to finish off the three-hitter.

Zambrano (14-7) tied a career high with three hits and stayed in after Ryan Freel lined a pitch off his right ankle in the sixth. The ball caromed to third baseman Aramis Ramirez, who threw Freel out.

"What can I say?" Freel said. "That's baseball. He had a good cutter today. He kept us off balance. He could throw any pitch at any time."

Zambrano left the game with cramps in his right calf after striking out pinch-hitter Norris Hopper leading off the eighth inning.

"Any time I can do anything — hitting, running the bases, kicking the ball — I've got to use my God-given ability," Zambrano said.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella wasn't that enthralled with his hitting.

"The story of the game was hit pitching, not his hitting," Piniella said. "Forget his hitting."

Lee's two-run homer off Matt Belisle in the seventh inning gave Chicago a 4-0

lead. The homer was his second in less than 24 hours and 11th of the season, and it drove Belisle from the game.

Belisle (5-8) hasn't won in 10 starts over two months since beating the Astros at Houston on May 29. He gave up four runs and nine hits, struck out four and walked one.

"It was definitely better," Belisle said. "I threw a lot more quality off-speed pitches in fastball counts, but I gave up a bad mistake to the wrong guy."

The Cubs jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Ryan Theriot singled and Lee was hit by a pitch with one out. Theriot scored and Lee went to third on Ramirez's double to right-center field. Mark DeRosa drove in Lee with a sacrifice fly.

Notes: Zambrano also had three hits on July 20, 2003, at Florida. He has four hits in his last six at-bats. ... Reds 3B Edwin Encarnacion batted eighth for the first time in 82 starts this season. ... The game was Cincinnati's 18th in 18 days since the All-Star break, the team's longest stretch of consecutive games this season. ... Cincinnati LF Adam Dunn is 0-for-12 since his 12-game

hitting streak was snapped on Friday. ... Reds SS Jeff Keppinger's hitting streak was snapped at a career-high eight games. ... The Reds have scored one run in their last 18 innings.

Reds acquire IF, OF from Devil Rays

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds executive vice president and general manager Wayne Krivsky today announced the acquisition of IF Jorge Cantu, OF Shaun Cumberland and cash from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in exchange for RHP Calvin Medlock, LHP Brian Shacketford and future considerations.

Cantu, who is on the 40-man roster, will be optioned to Class AAA Louisville. The Bats and Tampa Bay's Durham affiliate are scheduled to play a doubleheader tonight at Louisville Slugger Field. Cumberland will be assigned to Class AA Chattanooga.

This season, Cantu appeared in 25 games for Tampa Bay and 23 games for Durham.

Cumberland, 22, was selected by the Devil Rays in the 10th round of the June 2003 first-year player draft.

Six Wildcats named Preseason All-SEC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Six University of Kentucky Wildcats — tight end Jacob Tamme, quarterback Andre' Woodson, linebacker Wesley Woodyard, wide receiver Keenan Burton, punt returner Rafael Little, and cornerback Trevard Lindley — were named to the Preseason All-Southeastern Conference Football Team selected by league media during the SEC Media Days in Birmingham, Ala.

Woodson and Tamme were chosen for the First Team. Woodson completed 63 percent of his passes last season for 3,515 yards, 31 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. Tamme hauled in 32 of the pass

receptions, accounting for 386 yards and two touchdowns.

Burton, Little, Woodyard, and Lindley were Second Team picks. Burton caught 77 passes last season for 1,036 yards and 12 touchdowns. Little was chosen as a return specialist after averaging a school-record 22.6 yards per punt return last season. Woodyard was second in the SEC last season in tackles with 122 stops, including 9.5 tackles for loss. Lindley totaled 12 pass breakups, two interceptions, and two fumble recoveries a year ago.

UK FOOTBALL 2007 EARLY SCHEDULE
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Voting for Reds HoF begins today

CINCINNATI — Starting today, Reds fans can start voting for the 2008 Reds Hall of Fame class. Fans can cast their ballot at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, at Great American Ball Park during Reds home games, online at www.reds.com, or by mailing their ballot to the Reds Hall of Fame. Ballots can also be picked up at participating hhgregg stores throughout the tri-state. hhgregg is the presenting sponsor of the 2008 Reds Hall of Fame fan vote.

Included on this year's ballot are Jeff Brantley, Norm Charlton, Rob Dibble, Dan Driessen, Tom Hume, Ray Knight, Barry Larkin, Hal Morris, Ron Oester, Joe Oliver, Paul O'Neill, Dave Parker, and Chris Sabo. The player receiving the most votes will be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in 2008. Voting concludes Aug. 31 with the winner announced in September.

Fans voting online can visit www.reds.com and vote up to 10 times per e-mail address. Ballots submitted by mail should be sent to: Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum; Attn: Hall of Fame Vote; 100 Main St.; Cincinnati, OH 45202. Ballots must be postmarked by Aug. 31.

New to the ballot this year is the opportunity to catch a Reds game with Mr. Perfect, Tom Browning. When fans submit their paper or online ballot, they can also be entered in to win two Diamond Club tickets to the Reds-Cubs game on Sept. 30, 2007, and be hosted by Browning.

Georgetown picked to win MSC volleyball title

TIMES STAFF REPORT


LOUISVILLE — The coaches of the volleyball teams in the Mid-South Conference have tabbed Georgetown College as the favorite for the upcoming season.

Georgetown received 24 total points along with four first-place votes. Campbellsville University was second in the poll with 21 points and one first-place vote. Lindsey Wilson received the other first-place vote and finished in third place with 17 points. Cumberland was picked

fourth ahead. Pikeville and West Virginia Tech rounded out the poll, listed fifth and sixth, respectively.

Campbellsville won the regular season championship in 2006, finishing with a perfect 10-0 record. Georgetown was the winner of the MSC Conference Tournament in 2006.

The 10-game, double round robin conference schedule will begin in early-September and end Nov. 1. The 2007 Conference Tournament will once again be held at the Mid-America Sports Center in Jeffersonton on Friday, Nov. 9-Saturday, Nov. 10.




41st ANNUAL RADIO AUCTION

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was organized on April 27, 1958, as a result of the tragic school bus disaster on February 28, 1958. Twenty-six children and the driver lost their lives.

We will be conducting our 41st Radio Auction on August 1, 2, & 3, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on WDOC 1310 AM and Q95 WQHY; and August 4, from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m., on WDOC 1310 AM, and Q95 WQHY.

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All personnel serve entirely as volunteer members. The squad does not receive a tax base. We rely heavily upon people like you, who realize the importance of a strong, well-equipped rescue squad. The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad would like to encourage everyone to listen in, and bid, and buy, on this 41st Annual Radio Auction. We thank you for your support.



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POISON OAK

Grade school remembered

Within a couple of weeks, all the area schools will be back in session. At about this time every year, I can't help but recall how I felt as a kid attending grade school in a coal camp. I also wonder if — say, some 60 years from now — the youngsters attending now will remember their school days as fondly as I remember mine.

When the Northeast Coal Company was in full operation, the H. S. Howes Community School, named for a Paintsville attorney who donated the land upon which it was built in 1925, swarmed with activity.

The building was used for everything from pie suppers, plays, movies and scout meetings, to a polling place on election day.

Besides all that, every Wednesday night, two men from town, probably from either the Royal or Sipp Theatres, would bring a 16mm projector, hang a bed sheet on the back wall of the auditorium, and show cowboy shows. We'd never know what was on until the show started and I can remember a lot of Johnny Mack Brown movies. It cost as each a dime but my little brother and I never missed a one.

The building had four large classrooms, the auditorium, and of course, the principal's office. One classroom and the restrooms were in the basement. It was, no doubt, state-of-the-art for that day and time. About the only thing it didn't have was a lunchroom and those who didn't walk home or eat at the company store usually brought a sausage biscuit or a fried

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KIM'S KORNER

The author & the finisher

It amazes me the tears of pure joy that can pour for days from one blessing after another. Sometimes you can even think there are no tears left to shed and the next second, before you know it, out pour even more.

At least that's been my experience from last Thursday thru Sunday. There aren't enough pages to share it all so we'll choose Sunday's blessings to tell in this week's space.

Rising early to get started cooking for dinner at church the phone rang and it was Missy. "Are you watching Creflo Dollar," she asked.

I wasn't, but I began to search channels until I found him. Being one of my confidants and knowing all my pains and sorrows Missy knew this message Creflo Dollar was sharing was one I wouldn't want to miss. Boy, was she right!

You see, trying hard to keep positive and a smile on my face and song in my heart, if you will, has been a little bit hard here lately. Regardless of whether hurt was intentional or not, hurt has come my way and seems to be coming at warp speeds day after day. Meantime, all the while I'm thinking, "What on earth have I done to cause these actions, these words, and this hurt?"

Well, I got my baked beans in the

(See KORNER, page six)

Retirement party a true show stopper



Serenading Beverly were her family, daughter Robin, son Jonathan, and husband, Fred (aka "Munroe")



photos by Kathy J. Prater
 Beverly Goble, of Prestonsburg, retired after 20 years of service from the Dewey Dam Corps of Engineers office this past Friday. Attending a celebration held in her honor at May Lodge was Lt. Col. Matthew Orenstein, deputy commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District.

'Munroe' one of many to honor his 'Fairy Belle'

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

Retirement is certainly a cause to celebrate for most, but most are not celebrated "show style" as was the one recently given in honor of Mrs. Beverly Goble, of Prestonsburg.

Beverly was honored this past Friday afternoon by co-workers, friends and family at a celebration luncheon held at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

In attendance, and threatening to steal Beverly's thunder, was none other than "Munroe," resident comedian of the Mountain Arts Center Kentucky Opry. For those unaware (if any such could possibly be present), Beverly is also known, in the entertainment circle, as "Fairy Belle," Munroe's beloved wife. Conversely, Munroe, in the "real world," is also known as Mr. Freddie Goble, Beverly's beloved husband of 40-plus years.

Munroe made merry throughout the luncheon event serenading his wife with song after song, one of which was especially written in

remembrance of their "courting days" when Fred and Beverly were made to sneak a goodnight kiss in a poison ivy patch near her parents home. "I knew I was itchin' to get that goodnight kiss, but I didn't how bad until a couple of days later," the country comedian joked.

Also honoring her with song, were Beverly's children, Robin and Jonathan, who joined their father in presenting a gospel selection for those in attendance. "This family jokes a lot," Fred told those gathered, "but Beverly is a very religious person and her influence has kept this family grounded."

Beverly was also honored by her immediate supervisor, T.C. Music, resource manager, Dewey Lake, and several co-workers who bestowed many gifts and words of praise upon her. Music had the honor of presenting her with a beautifully ornate, engraved silver platter honoring her 20 years of service to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Also in attendance was Lt. Col.

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T.C. Music, resource manager, Dewey Lake, along with office co-workers, commemorated Beverly's service to the Corps with an engraved silver platter.

CRITTER CORNER

Pets at college — not a prerequisite

by KATHY PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

College-age kids 'round the country will soon be leaving mom and dad, and life as they have previously known it, behind.

But what about "Fido"? In most cases, Fido can't tag along. Pets are not allowed in dormitory housing, but what about the student who plans to live off-campus? Is taking along a beloved pet really the best idea?

Bringing a pet dog or cat away to school with their now college-age companion may sound like an easy way to deal with the stress of homesickness, bad cafeteria food, and course overload, but there's much to consider before you plan to take your pet to campus.

Students making such plans, need to honestly assess their specific situations. They need to educate themselves about pet-care requirements and the expense of keeping a pet, including unexpected medical bills.

Nearly every university has provisions against students keeping pets on campus. Those who break the no-pets rule can face sanctions from the university, which may lead to surrendering the pet - on the spot. Even students living off-campus can have problems securing animal-friendly rental housing. They may also find that they have little time, between classes and studying, to properly care for their pet. These pets, formerly used to living in a family situation,

(See CRITTER, page six)



photo by Kathy J. Prater
 This is "Cammie." Cammie is a one year old brindle Boxer belonging to Elliott Baldrige, of Roberts Branch. Cammie was hit by a car earlier this year and lost a leg as a result of that accident, but thanks to the expertise of Dr. Rudy Ousley and his dedicated staff, as well as a loving family at home, she has made a complete recovery. Cammie enjoys playing with "Dixie," the dog next door, visiting with LaKole, and taking naps with her family members.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ August 2 - Back to School Bash, 6-8 p.m. See our school, meet our staff, ask questions and enjoy refreshments with us!

■ 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

■ August 1 - Freshman Academy, 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., in school cafeteria.

■ August 23 - School pictures.

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ August 2 - Open House, 5:30-7 p.m.

■ 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

■ 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. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

■ Call 886-7088 for additional

information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

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

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant

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

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(August 13 & 15, 1997)

Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson issued a warning Tuesday, for area residents to be aware of a credit card scam operating in Floyd County. The sheriff said his office had been advised that individuals representing themselves as bank employees had been calling area residents and indicating that a credit card scam had been discovered.

Annual publication of the names of delinquent taxpayers in Floyd County has been suspended by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson in favor of a more personalized approach. Thompson has initiated a process this week to seize the bank accounts of 255 delinquent taxpayers who owe a combined total of nearly \$220,000 in back taxes. The process, known as "distrain" is authorized by state law and it gives the sheriff the power to seize personal property to settle individual tax claims. Some certified and classified staffing has been approved by state officials for the Floyd County school system but it appears unlikely the state will approve additional central office personnel. Associate Education Commission Randy Kimbrough said Tuesday that state officials will "not approve any more positions" in the district's central office.

Although a former Prestonsburg night club was shut down earlier this month because of complaints that juveniles were drinking at the facility, the police chief says he did not see any juveniles drinking or under the influence of alcohol during an August 1 inspection. Center Stage or Legacy Inc. was shut down on August 1, by Prestonsburg police chief Darrell Conley until further notice.

When attempts to conduct illegal meetings, Thursday night, proved fruitless, the Wayland mayor became outraged at the local media and threatened a commissioner before storming out of city hall. Mayor Eugene Mullins tried to conduct illegal meetings before and after a special called meeting.

Three area residents were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center after an early morning accident, Tuesday. Darrell Yates, 49, of Honaker, was charged with DUI; operating on a suspended license; and having no insurance coverage after he drove his truck into the path of another vehicle. That vehicle was driven by Millard Meek, 60, of Van Lear. A passenger in Yates truck—Robert Yates, 61, — was also transported to the hospital. All three patients were treated and released, Tuesday, from the hospital.

A three county guide detailing points of interest in The Big Sandy area has been published by The Floyd County Times. The maga-

zine "All the Best in Eastern Kentucky," will be distributed by area motels and by regional and state tourism agencies.

Most Floyd County students will attend their first day of classes today, Wednesday, but Prestonsburg High School students will have to wait until Monday. Cleanup of school construction debris on the high school site has made it impossible for students to attend classes today, superintendent Gene Davis said Tuesday.

Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson, detective Jim Rederick and deputy coroner Glenn Frazier removed a casket, Wednesday, from a dump site in the Prater Creek area. Although Sheriff Thompson does not suspect foul play, an investigation is being conducted into the discovery of the casket. Otter Creek inmates and the sheriff searched and cleaned up the dump site Thursday.

Almost 12 years after it was adopted, an ordinance that will help make Floyd County's water a little cleaner is being put into action. On September 20, 1985, the Floyd Fiscal Court held final reading of an ordinance that stipulates homeowners must show proof that the Floyd County Health Department has approved an on-site sewage system.

A school bus accident in October 1996 that sent nearly 50 students to area hospitals is now sending two drivers and their employees into the courtroom. The accident occurred when a Floyd County school bus veered off Route 80 and struck a coal truck parked on the side of the road. A lawsuit filed in Floyd Circuit Court alleges that the negligence of the bus driver Elinda Green and the coal truck driver, James D. Stroud, caused the accident. Kentucky State Police officials confiscated more than 6,000 marijuana plants, reassuring approximately ten to 12 feet high, Wednesday, in the Mare Creek area. The Pikeville Post 9 officers located more than 15,000 in the area last week with the assistance of the KSP helicopter.

There died: Bula Patrick, 73, of Carrie, Friday, August 8, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Helen Rampp Nordenhaug, 97, of Macon, Georgia, Saturday, August 9; Pam Blackburn, 72, of Belfry, Saturday, August 9, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia; Gene D. Hayden Jr., 41, of Prestonsburg, was dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Willie "Bill" Tackett, 79, of Dorton, Sunday, August 11, at his residence; Area Bailey, 86, of Prestonsburg, Friday, August 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Loretta Thornsby Collins, 41, of Hollybush, Tuesday, August 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Joseph Eugene "Sam" Hall, 44, of Albion, Michigan, Tuesday, August 12, at his residence; Arnold Phillips, 37, of Pikeville, Wednesday, August 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Delilah Hale Click, 82, of Manton, Tuesday,

August 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Bruce Williamson, 70, of Prestonsburg, Monday, August 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Warren Meade, 51, of Harold, August 12, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(August 13 & 15, 1987)

Angry protests and calls for a recount greeted officers of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, as a forum of residents in a straw ballot voted in the affirmative for a district fire tax.

Gary Gene Stevens was bound over to the grand jury in the murder of Michael Robinette.

Prestonsburg's Police Department purchased nine previously used cruises which added to the five already in the fleet, means every officer will have their own vehicle.

Harry Steven Prince, 24, was killed after being struck by a train near his home at Dwale.

There died: Cathryn Moore on her 59th birthday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George Clement Moore, 59, formerly of Harold, in Ypsilanti, Michigan; Chloe Branham Owsley, 77, at her home on Auxier Road; Walter James Roth Sr., 65, of Goble Roberts, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James T. Spillman, 81, of Wayland, in Morehead; Offie Boyd Bailey, 75, of Betsy Layne in Columbus, Ohio; Hester Lucille Ward Rowe, 78, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Henry A. Curtis Jr., 78, of Middle Creek Road, at his home; Melvin Hayes, 76, of Martin, at his home; Elder Andrew Duff, 79, of Estill, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; and Sarah Stephens-Archer, 63, of Prestonsburg at the Lucille Parker Markey Cancer Research Center, in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago

(August 10, 1977)

The Floyd Fiscal Court voted at its Monday meeting on an order requiring all coal trucks on county roads to have their coal loads covered by tarpaulins.

Circuit Judge Hollie Conley cracked down on 11 men, former employees of Elkhorn Industrial Products, of Langley, after a hearing held here, Monday, on allegations that the men were in contempt of the restraining order issued by the court on the basis of an agreement made between the company and striking workers. The total assessment of Floyd County property for this year is \$227,513,263—an increase over the 1976 evaluation of approximately 24 percent—

figures released this week by Lovel Hall, county tax commissioner, shows.

Ira Doug Osborne, 31, of McDowell, drowned, Sunday night, while swimming alone in the sludge pond of an abandoned strip-mine on Sugar Loaf, about six miles south of here.

Leo F. Weddle, associate professor of social sciences at Prestonsburg Community College, recently attended a conference in Cincinnati, O., at which noted heart surgeon Dr. Christian Barnard was keynote speaker and one of the conference leaders.

Continuing tonite (Wednesday) and Thursday at the Strand "Star Wars." Beginning Friday, "Final Chapter: Walking Tall".

The Maloney's discount department store here is giving away 15 pairs of tickets to the upcoming Elvis Presley concert at Lexington's Rupp Arena.

Edgar Craft, veteran Floyd County educator, has been elected president of Post F. Travelers Protective Association of America.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Carter, of Punkin Center, Wayland, a daughter, Selina Danae, August 4, at the June Buchanan Primary Care Center, Hindman.

Married: Miss Glenda Tackett, of Wheelwright, and Mr. Beecher D. Shepherd, of David, May 28, at the Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, here.

There died: Dr. J. H. Allen, 89, dean of Floyd County physician and former board of education member, Monday night, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Charley Samons, 72, of Martin, August 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dee Howell, 77, of McDowell, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Arlin Moore, 73, of Topmost, last Wednesday, at a cemetery on Salt Lick Creek in Knott County, where he was placing a monument; Nannie Howell, 62, of Eastern, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ivan Chaffins, 54, of Lima, O., formerly of this county, last Thursday, in Lima; Lumie Hamilton, 50, Tuesday, at his home in Teaberry.

Forty Years Ago

(August 10, 1967)

Southern Floyd County and the adjoining section of Pike, suffered severe curtailment of traffic this week after the collapse, Tuesday, of a part of the floor of the bridge which spans the Big Sandy at Harold.

Golf under the lights will be a reality at the Jenny Wiley State Park course, possibly by the end of the week.

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources personnel made the fourth application of fertil-

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Yesterdays

izer the length of Dewey Lake about 10 days ago.

Married: Miss Wanda Kaye Milligan, and Mr. Fran McGuire, Jr., both of Prestonsburg, June 4, at the First Methodist Church, here.

There died: Fred Castle, 55, of Price, Monday; Clyde Prater, 54, of Water Gap, Saturday; Mrs. Lydette Conn, 17, of Martin, last Thursday, at a Harlan hospital; Miss Polly Martin, 82, of Hunter, Tuesday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Edna Boyd, 58, Wednesday, at her home at Dana; Mrs. Mary Reed, 86, of Wayland, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Henry A. Howard, 55, Saturday, at his home, here; Rev. George Rickman, 83, of Betsy Layne, last Wednesday, at Wabash, Ind.; Mrs. Nancy Waddell Caudill, 75, of Pikeville, formerly of this county, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Benton Qualls, 70, of Martin, last Thursday, at the C & O Hospital, Huntington, W. Va.; Kelse Moore, 93, formerly of McDowell, July 28, at Columbus, Ohio.

say how strongly they want a community swimming pool.

Bonnie Joyce Birchfield, 20, and Beulah Frances Crisp, 21, both of Dwale, were killed early last Saturday morning, when the car in which they were passengers ran off a hillside and crashed onto the railroad tracks near Dwale.

The city council enacted a resolution, Monday evening, authorizing Mayor Harry Sandige to employ legal counsel to procure easements on all lands adjacent or pertaining to the flood protection installation planned by the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

At least one of four deer found in this county within the last six weeks died of rabies, laboratory tests have revealed.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Arms, of El Paso, Texas, a son, Edward Dean, July 22; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henry Stephens, a daughter, Valerie, August 5, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

There died: Elizabeth Conley Smith, 67, Tuesday, at her home at Abbott Creek; Mrs. Elvina Hall, 70, July 31, at her home at Hunter; Blucher Allen, 69, Saturday, at his home at Hueysville; Mrs. Anna Woods Harris, 84, of Emma, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Helen Hall, 52, of Blue Moon, last Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Floyd "Dump" Laferty, 74, former Prestonsburg man, July 27, at Cambridge, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago

(August 7, 1947)

The gubernatorial line-up for the November election, as dictated by the voters of Kentucky at last Saturday's primary will be Earlie C. Clements and Eldon S. Dummit.

Floyd county's 380 teachers will receive approximately \$50,000 more pay this year than last as a result of the salary schedule adopted, Tuesday, by the Floyd County Board of Education.

Thirty-two players reported for physical examinations, Monday morning, and the subsequent chalk talk given by Prestonsburg High School's new football coach, John R. Eibener.

Married: Miss Lorraine Smith, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. John L. Martin, of Allen, recently at Georgetown.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Walters, of Ingleside, Ill., a son, Wayne Leslie, July 25; to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Johnson, a son, Robert Stanley, July 30, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Laferty, Jr., a son, Jerry Bryan, July 22, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

There died: Mrs. Josephine Moore Stepp, 45, of Bypro, last Thursday, at the Gearheart

Hospital, Martin; Harvey Hall Craven, 59, of Huntington, W. Va., Monday, at the home near Emma of his mother-in-law, E. C. Johnson, 86, Monday, at Melvin; William Rose, 30, Saturday, at his home at Grethel.

Seventy Years Ago

(August 6, 1937)

The race for magistrate and constable in Floyd County, was thrown into turmoil, Saturday, as Judge Gus Thomas of the Court of Appeals granted an injunction to restrain County Clerk A. B. Meade for printing ballots for candidates in the recently created eight magisterial districts of the county.

All Spanish War Veterans will start their annual pilgrimage, August 22, to Columbus, O. where the National Convention of the United Spanish War will convene for four days.

Composing for prizes in two golf tournaments held in this county over the weekend, one of the Beaver Valley course, and one at the Abbott Heights course, Claude Adkins and Emery Clarke won first prizes at the respective tournaments. There died: Mrs. Alice Freeman, 47, July 31, at Mossy Bottom; Keene Martin, 61, of Minnie, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

Fifty Years Ago

(August 8, 1957)

Voters of Prestonsburg will be given an opportunity at the regular November election to



Girl Scouts show off their hard work.

Girl Scout troop adopts library garden

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1074 has adopted the Johnson County Library Garden throughout the warm weather months in an effort to both beautify the downtown area and assist library staff in beautifying their Main Street grounds.

Cadettes Amber Daniels and Jerrie Helton, along with Jr. Girl Scouts Savannah

Helton and Lakyn Ratliff, from Troop #42, have been hard at work this summer pruning and planting the garden which they have adopted for one full year.

The girls attend Johnson County schools and hope that everyone in the downtown community enjoy their gardening efforts.



Pictured are the children who participated in BSCTC's Summer Children's Music and Drama Workshop: Front row, from left: Sarah Morton, Marlana VanHoose, Laura Grace Maynard, Katie Ratliff, Wesley Hager, and Mason Griffith. Second row, from left: Andrew Wright, Katherine Stiles, Amanda Arts, Rebekah Tackett, Brooke Goble, Nicholas Hites, Allissa Moe, Tori Stepp, and Kerrigan McPeck. Back row, from left: Nicole Pennington, Kaitlyn Coleman, Autumn Hall, Summer Hall, Alex Meade, Kayla Nelson, and Makayla Maynard. Not pictured: Lacy May, Blake Riley, Angel Riley, Hope Lafferty, Lauren McCoart, and Lizzie Wilson.

BSCTC presents children's musical

Big Sandy Community and Technical College was pleased to present the 2007 BSCTC Children's Music and Drama Production of Stories and Songs on Friday, July 27, in Gearheart Auditorium, on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The performance was presented by children participating in BSCTC's annual summer Children's Music and Drama Camp under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, BSCTC communication faculty and music and drama director, along with assistant directors, Michelle Fields, BSCTC faculty; Ashley Hall, Candace Preece, volunteers; and Louanna Calhoun, music and drama workstudy, with Tim Cooley, technical director, and Clayton Case.

"This group of children is very talented," Hall said. "They are good at both singing

and acting. They are very sweet and have been one of the best groups I have ever worked with. I expected their production to be very good and I am so proud of them for all that they have accomplished."

Twenty-seven children participated in the program this summer where they learned basic concepts of drama, acting, and vocal music. The students applied all of the concepts they have learned during the live production that included choral music "Angels Among Us," "Mountain Music," "Hair," and more, as well as monologues, duos, and short plays.

"We are excited about this program and plan to offer it year after year," said Hall. "We are pleased to bring arts education opportunities not only to our college students, but also to the children in our area."

Party

Matthew Orenstein, deputy commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, who presented Beverly with a framed certificate and medal of service. In addition, he also presented her with a Commander's Coin, exemplifying the moral code

and high standards upheld by the Corps.

A beautiful slideshow presentation of Beverly's life with the Corps as well as her life with her family, was also shown at the celebration, bringing tears to the eyes of the many assembled. The

slideshow was created by Bonnie Howell, LRH, Staffordsville Lake, one of Beverly's longtime co-workers.

"I love all of you, each and every one of you," Beverly said. "The years I've spent with the Corps have been good

ones and I thank each of you for coming and for honoring me as you have."

Beverly says that her retirement plans include spending time with family and "coaxing Munroe from off his pouting bench...or maybe not."

Korner

oven and sat down to watch Creflo, and what did I hear? "Hurt is to direct you away from the blessings of God," he said.

You talk about sitting straight up and at attention - I was! Then I heard, "Murmuring and complaining keeps you from the blessings of God. Hurt tries to rob you from everything God has for you. Because, you see, we can't build anything on a foundation of hurt." Ah, Creflo, speak it to me!

And what was quoted next but Proverbs (12:18): "There are those who speak rashly, like the piercing of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing." (Amplified)

You see, when we find ourselves wallowing in hurt and self-pity we're doing NOTHING but keeping God from using us, blessing us, and, we're definitely not letting His light shine through us. God gives us authority in His Word. And it's us not being obedient allowing hurt feelings to bring suggestions to emotions that keep us from the Word. Hurt

amplifies and magnifies our emotions if we allow it. "Pain is a highly concentrated thought that can produce physical manifestation," said Dollar. Anybody ever felt those ramifications? I, for one, have. So sick to the pit of my stomach from hurt I could toss cookies for days. Eyeballs feeling as though they're gonna pop right out of my head from shedding so many tears they're too sore to even blink. Yeah, hurt can definitely cause physical pain. And sometimes a lot worse than those I just mentioned.

Well, right after this message came one of my favorites - Joel Osteen. And lo and behold, it was like an extension of what I had just heard.

"Begin again," said Osteen's smiling, soft spoken voice over the airwaves. "It's never too late." Thank you, Jesus!

God wants us to have our hearts desires, our dreams. And no matter who or what comes against those desires and dreams IF they're ours and we believe HIM and HIS WORD then they are coming, then

nothing nor no one can STOP it! "Speak favor over your life, God is breathing favor into your dreams," Osteen said. Talk about God bumps! Children, I could have jumped a pew!

Then Osteen quoted Hebrews (12:2) KJV: "Looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Oh Lord, children, I had God bumps crawling all over my skin, my head and I was shoutin', "Thank you, Jesus!" as loud as I could.

I could not wait to get to church.

We had a special guest speaker visiting, too. Medina Allen, of Whitesburg. Some have compared Medina to Joyce Myers and here's one to tell you, Mrs. Allen is flat out AWESOME! What a blessing she was, what a testimony this woman has! She is something else. The love of God oozes out of her every fiber. At the end of

the service, during the alter call, Medina pointed to me and motioned with her finger for me to come up.

When she began to share with me there was such confirmation. Confirmation of what I had heard hours before watching Creflo Dollar and Joel Osteen.

Medina placed both hands on each side of my face and began to tell me, "Kim, God said to tell you HE is the Author and the finisher of our faith; and this is not the only book you will write, my child, but the first." To say I lost it and was blubbering like no other would be an understatement.

As she continued, I could feel my knees weaken and my heart fill with such joy. Yes, God is so Good!

I am so thankful and so blessed and I pray each of us fill our minds, hearts and souls with His Word and when those battles of hurt try and come against us, well, we will be ready!

May God's Blessings be yours,
Til Next Week...

Critter

may find themselves isolated and lonely within a very short period of time.

Even if students think they should remain in their role of primary guardian for their pet, they need to adequately address the following questions: Why do they want to keep their pet near, or in the case of new adoptions, why do they want a pet? Do they have time for a pet? Can they afford a pet? Are they prepared to deal with the special problems a pet can cause? Can they have a pet where they live? Is it a good time to adopt a pet? Are their living arrangements suitable for the animal they

have in mind? Do they know who will care for their pet when they are away? And, finally, are they prepared to keep and care for the pet for his or her entire lifetime?

Pets require a lot of time, money, and a commitment to providing a lifelong home for the animal. Adopting a pet is a big decision and shouldn't be done on a whim or without planning. A pet someone gets while in college is going to be with them for 15 years or more, a big factor for consideration.

Visit any local animal shelter and you'll find many puppies and kittens that are vic-

tims of irresponsible ownership. Animals that were born due to an irresponsible owner allowing their animal to breed resulting in an unwanted pregnancy, as well as many animals a year or older in age, who were obtained by people who didn't think through the responsibilities of pet ownership.

One of the main responsibilities of having a pet is making sure it has a lifelong home. For students, this means not getting rid of the pet when the animal is no longer convenient, or when the student moves back home. End-of-semester dumping is a sad

reality.

So, what's the best option for pets and students? If a student is thinking about getting a pet while they are away at school, the consequences must be considered. Students must educate themselves and be prepared to make that lifelong commitment.

Students living on campus where no pets are allowed should not get a pet.

Those students thinking about bringing the family pet along should think again and leave the pet at home, in comfortable, familiar, safe and secure surroundings.

Oak

bologna sandwich for their midday meal.

Those who didn't bring a bottle of pop to wash everything down, would fold a sheet of notebook paper into a cup and fill it from the water fountain (the building also had indoor plumbing) that sat just outside Mr. Chandler's office.

All summer long, the schoolhouse bottom that the building overlooked was the site of baseball, softball and basketball games every night until dark. In the winter, we'd ride sleds from the building to the creek. When we couldn't

get stopped in time, sometimes we'd ride right into the water, which brought much laughter from observers, and an end of the day's fun to the driver of the sled.

H. S. Howes died in 1924, one year before the school was constructed.

There is no way the value of his donation can be measured for the coal-camp boys and girls who began their process of life-long learning on this site and went on to become everything from doctors to politicians to school teachers.

All of us who began our education in the building that bore his name owe H. S. Howes many, many thanks for

the opportunities afforded and, more importantly, for the memories.

Garrett Christian Academy
is having registration on
August 6, from noon to 5 p.m.
Limited enrollment.
Call 358-4020 for more information.