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City fined \$2K over sewer system

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A settlement between the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet and the City of Prestonsburg has been reached regarding the city's use of combined sewer

overflow systems. According to the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, orders agreed to by the state and 15 communities will substantially reduce public health dangers from the discharge of untreated sewage into Kentucky's rivers. The orders themselves require

elimination of the systems. Combined sewer overflow (CSO) systems collect runoff, domestic sewage and industrial wastewater in the same pipe. During periods of heavy rainfall, the volume in a CSO system may exceed capacity, directly discharging untreated wastewater into creeks,

streams and rivers. According to Mark York, chief of staff at the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, the issue itself was brought forth over three years ago when the state began to force Northern

(See FINE, page eleven)

Wrong problem, wrong solution

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briefs

Pa. resident named OSM director

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The former director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pittsburgh office will run the entire agency.

Brent Wahlquist, 65, the agency's acting director since 2005, was confirmed to be its director on Friday by the Senate. Before becoming acting director, Wahlquist served as OSM's Pittsburgh-based Appalachian regional director, overseeing the agency's program in a seven-state area for three years.

Wahlquist, who was born in Utah and raised in Idaho, has been with the agency for 24 years. The agency has an annual budget of about \$298 million. Its mission is to balance coal production with protection of the environment.

He lives in Pennsylvania's Washington County.

SURVEYING THE DAMAGE



Floyd County Constable Mike Hall evaluated the damage his cruiser sustained Saturday night during transportation of a suspect he arrested several hours earlier. The suspect, Mary Fletcher of Inez, also allegedly assaulted Hall, two EMS personnel and an emergency room physician.

photo by Jessica Hale

Constable's cruiser damaged after arrest

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — A Floyd County constable who stopped to refuel at a local gas station Saturday night got a little more than he bargained for after an allegedly intoxicated woman caused significant damage to his cruiser.

Constable Mike Hall told The Times that he stopped at

Hillbilly Market near Auxier on Saturday night to refuel his cruiser when employees notified him that an allegedly intoxicated woman was hanging around the business and refused to leave when asked.

Hall approached the subject, 54-year-old Mary Fletcher, of Inez, and asked that she leave the premises, at which time she ran into the store and locked herself in the restroom. Hall

once again advised the subject to call someone who would give her a ride home. Initially Fletcher complied and said she was going to call someone when she exited the building and ran into the middle of the road.

Hall immediately arrested Fletcher and took her to the Floyd County Detention

(See CRUISER, page eleven)

Stumbo takes shot at McConnell at Fancy Farm picnic

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FANCY FARM — Attorney General Greg Stumbo wants to turn the tables on Mitch McConnell. Stumbo, a Democrat who is considering a run for McConnell's U.S. Senate seat next year, brought his dog to the Fancy Farm picnic on Saturday to make his point that the Republican is out of touch with Kentuckians.

Stumbo was wearing a shirt emblazoned with the phrase "Hunting for a real U.S. senator."

Stumbo's ploy had some political irony. McConnell used a television commercial of a bloodhound

searching for then-Sen. Walter "Dee" Huddleston when McConnell upset the Democratic incumbent in 1984.

Stumbo, a former state lawmaker who ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in the May primary election, said recently that he was forming an exploratory committee and would begin raising money. He said Saturday that he won't make a final decision on whether to enter next year's Senate race until after the Nov. 6 gubernatorial election.

McConnell will start out with a huge fundraising advantage against any

(See STUMBO, page eleven)

Feds indict three on drug charges

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Former Floyd County deputy jailer and sheriff candidate Damon Newsome and two others have now been indicted on drug charges.

Newsome along with three others, Timothy Wayne Hall, Alfred King and Mark King, were named in a federal criminal complaint filed last month in U.S. District Court,

alleging their involvement in the distribution of schedule two controlled substances.

An indictment handed down on Thursday names Damon Newsome, Alfred King and Mark King, and claims that each of the three conspired together to both possess and distribute the drugs from October 2006 through June 18 this year. Timothy Wayne Hall was

(See DRUGS, page eleven)

Pike County coal operators indicted for safety violations

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Operators of one Pike County coal mine are facing some serious allegations after an indictment filed on Thursday charged five individuals with violations of the Mine Safety Act.

The indictment filed in U.S. District Court names operators of the James H. Taylor Mine number 1, including Ireland Williams, Monroe Maynard, Mitch Lester, Dean Francis and agent Bill Vanover.

According to the indictment, each

has been charged with varying counts which relate back to incidents as far back as January 2004. The six counts range from violating roof control plans, allowing excessive amounts of coal dust to accumulate, lack of fire detection sensors within the mine and allowing employees to smoke cigarettes inside the mine. Several counts of aiding and abetting are currently pending.

Each will be arraigned in U.S. District Court next Tuesday.

If convicted, the maximum penalties are up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years probation.



photo by Jessica Hale

The games have begun and city employees now have a goal to work towards in order to lose weight and become more healthy. During the last Prestonsburg City Council meeting, council member Morris Copley announced a joint collaboration between the city and the Floyd County Health Department to encourage city employees to lose weight. The program will be similar to the national television show "The Biggest Loser," in which employees will be divided into groups with their total percentage of weight loss being monitored on a bi-weekly basis. Cash incentives and are expected to encourage the rate of success. Mayor Fannin is pictured participating in the first weigh-in.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny
 High: 96 • Low: 72

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Obituaries

Elsie Burchett

Elsie Burchett, age 93, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 4, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born February 6, 1914, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Willie and Rosie Kendrick Goble.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Burchett.

Survivors include three sons: John K. Burchett, William E. Burchett and Freddie Burchett, all of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Lydia McGlone of Prestonsburg and Martha Marsh of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers: Howard Goble of Elizabethtown, Richard Scotty Goble of Albion, Michigan and Argie Goble of Warsaw, Indiana; a sister, Emogene Ward of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Estill Goble, E. J. Goble, Leon Goble and Joe Frank Goble; and two sisters: Clady Spears and Junie Mae Goble.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 6, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett and Mark Hunt officiating.

Burial was in the Burchett Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)



Thelma H. Frazier

Thelma H. Frazier, age 83, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, August 2, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 17, 1924, in Wheelwright, she was the daughter of the late Nick and Melvina Little Hall. She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Nancy Old Regular

Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John C. Frazier.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: John Gregory and Debbie Frazier of Lexington, North Carolina, Jeffrey Lynn and Yvonne Frazier of Roanoke, Virginia; two brothers: Edward (Buck) Nelson Hall of Dayton, Ohio and Billy (Bill) Shannon Hall, of Lexington, North Carolina; five grandchildren: Lohrn Glenn Frazier, Rebecca Frazier, Bethany Frazier, Jodi Frazier and Lesli Frazier.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Luther Glenn Frazier; two brothers: Larry Douglas Hall and Eugene Hall; four sisters: Maureen Parks, Helen Hall, Virginia Hall Smith and Georgia Hall Bowman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 5, at 10 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Frazier Family Cemetery, in Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)



Lurlie Mae Roberts 1915 - 2007

Lurlie Mae Roberts, age 91, of Toler Creek, Harold, died at 3:35 a.m., Saturday, August 4, 2007, while in her home with family at The Forks of Toler.

She was born Lurlie Mae Salisbury in Floyd County, on November 5, 1915, a daughter of the late Sid Salisbury and Margaret Hall Salisbury.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Wayne Salisbury, Sid Salisbury, and Marvin Salisbury; and two sisters: Marie Salisbury and Lafern Ratliff.

Surviving are three brothers: Oliver Salisbury of Florida, Tennis Salisbury of Toler Creek, and James M. Salisbury

of California.

She was preceded in death, also, by her husband, Harmel Charley Roberts, who died April 29, 1982; by one daughter, Sylvia Jean Roberts (1937); one son, Leo Roberts (2002); one grandson, Mark Sherdian Roberts (1968); and two great-grandchildren: Tynan Spears (2004); and Brian Roberts (2006).

She is survived by nine children: Four sons, Charley Roberts (Phyllis) of Lincoln Park, Michigan; James Roberts (Dora) of Grethel; Jerry Roberts (Delilah) of Toler Creek and Larry Roberts (Sandra) of Dana; five daughters: Lydia Steele (Orvill) of Harold; Thelma Spears (Tommy) and Patricia Layne (Kenny), both of Betsy Layne; Scarlet Stumbo (Jeff) and Tammy Jarrell (Danny), both of Toler Creek; 29 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

She was a retired merchant and bookkeeper.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 6, at the Betsy Layne Church of Christ with Evangelist Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home Martin.
(Paid obituary)



Clara Irene Slone

Clara Irene Slone, age 73, of Blue River, died Sunday, August 5, 2007, at Kings Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born December 7, 1933, in Cow Creek, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Beulah Jane Sexton Goble. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lancer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Slone.

Survivors include three sons: Roger Slone of Buckeye, William Slone of Banner and Steve Slone of Prestonsburg;

four daughters: Rebecca Irene Clark, Patricia Ann Burke, Patty Sue Carpenter, all of Prestonsburg and Mary Jane McCoy of Buckeye; two brothers: Don Goble of Warsaw, Indiana and Darvin Eddie Goble of Indiana; two sisters: Avo Burkhardt of Indiana and Burdell Morgan of Warsaw, Indiana; 22 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Henry Slone Jr., and Stonie Lee Slone; a daughter, Norma Blair; a brother, Delmon Goble; a sister, Artie Epley and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 9, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcolm Slone and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Cemetery, at Buckeye, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)



Jennie Wallen

Jennie Wallen, age 84, of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 4, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born December 17, 1922, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Ella Stephens Miller. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Less Wallen.

Survivors include three sons: Lester Wallen of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Jessie Roger Wallen and Larry Dean Wallen, both of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg; a daughter, Sue Wallen English of Bull Creek; a brother, Henry Miller of Abbott, in Prestonsburg; a sister, Delilah Calhoun of Prestonsburg; seven grandchildren: Darrell Wallen, Steven Wallen, Roger Wallen, Bryan Keith Whitten, Amy Wallen, Judy Wallen, and Easter Dean Wallen; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jim Henry Wallen; three brothers: Bill

Miller, Jim Miller and Don Miller; two sisters: Nora Miller and Ruby Hyden.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 6, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Steven Wallen, Bryan Whitten, Jody Wallen, Darrell Wallen, Charles Wright and Roger Wallen.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Floyd County Humane Society.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Card of Thanks

The family of Ruth Ilene Light 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, and spoke words of comfort to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Louie Ferrari, Bill Slone, and Larry Tackett for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF RUTH ILENE LIGHT

Card of Thanks

The family of Loraine Slade Halbert would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Arnold Turner 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 LORAIN SLADE HALBERT

Card of Thanks

The family of James Gregory Ratliff 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 Clergyman Jerry Manns for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES GREGORY RATLIFF

Card of Thanks

The family of Burton Allen wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors, and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Donnie Harris, Frankie Bryant, and Billy Ray Compton for their comforting words, the Island Creek Freewill Baptist 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.

THE FAMILY OF BURTON ALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of Stonie Lee Watson would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow.

Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Sam Crawford, and special singers.

From Family and Friends

Turner requests state withhold his paycheck

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, has refused to accept pay for days that the Senate does not convene in Frankfort during the 2007 Extraordinary Legislative Session.

"Legislators are no different than coal miners or nurses. When you work, you should

be paid. If you don't work, you shouldn't be paid," Turner said. "The House was in for one day and should be paid for one day. The Senate was in for five days and should be paid for five days."

Sen. Turner has sent a letter to the Legislative Research Commission instructing them

to withhold his pay for the days in which the Senate was not convened during the 2007 Extraordinary Legislative Session.

"I can not in good conscience accept legislative pay during the period that this General Assembly is adjourned," Turner said.

Turner requested to be paid in accordance with interim policies for those interim meetings which he attended July 10 through July 29, 2007. He said that if they cannot stop the session payments during that time, he would like for his pay to be separated for the days which the Senate convenes in Frankfort and those which the Senate does not convene.

Turner represents the 29th Senatorial District which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.

Spargur named publisher of The Middlesboro Daily News

The Associated Press

MIDDLESBORO — Tom Spargur has been named publisher of The (Middlesboro) Daily News.

Spargur succeeds Gary Lawrence, who remains chief operating officer of Heartland Publications LLC's southern division. Spargur also has been named publisher of the weekly Claiborne Progress in nearby Tazewell, Tenn.

Spargur was previously publisher for five Womack Publishing Co. weeklies in North Carolina, and served as corporate advertising director for Womack properties.

He became publisher at Middlesboro on July 23. Besides Middlesboro, Heartland Publications also owns the Harlan Daily Enterprise and The Floyd County Times in Kentucky, other non-dailies in Kentucky,

and newspapers in other states. "Coming to The Daily News is an excellent opportunity to help our newspaper be the one the community continues to enjoy to read and rely on for their local and national news, along with being the source for advertisers to reach their potential customers," Spargur said.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Dates to remember
 Thursday, October 18—Family Night Dinner, beginning at 7 p.m.; Saturday, November 17—Friend or Friend Dinner, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2007 Miss and Master Labor Day Pageant
 September 9, at the London National Guard Armory. For more information, call Sherry or Tonya at (606) 526-6842.

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.

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., Huesville, 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 community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
 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.

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Cinema Two • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 8/10  STARDUST Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20	Cinema Seven • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 8/10  RUSH HOUR 3 Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25
Cinema Three • PG HELD OVER  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 Eight • PG-13 HELD OVER  BOURNE ULTIMATUM Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 6:55-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:25), 6:55-9:25
Cinema Four • PG-13 HELD OVER  THE SIMPSONS MOVIE Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15), 7:00-9:15	Cinema Nine • R STARTS FRI., 8/10  SKIN WALKERS Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:10-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:30), 7:10-9:30
Cinema Five HELD OVER  HAIR SPRAY PG—Mon.-Sun. 6:50; Fri. (4:20), 6:50; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50	Cinema Ten HELD OVER  HOT ROD R—Mon.-Sun. 7:30-9:30; Fri. 7:30-9:30; Sat.-Sun. 7:30-9:30
STARTS FRI., 8/10  I KNOW WHO KILLED ME R—Mon.-Sun. 9:20 ONLY	HELD OVER  HARRY POTTER PG-13—Fri. (5:00); Sat.-Sun. (1:45-5:00)

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Our View

Wrong issue, wrong solution

The laundry list of problems requiring attention from the city of Prestonsburg isn't a short one. Off the top of our heads, we can think of several items on that list.

- Pikeville and Paintsville are winning the battle of the trities, doing a better job of attracting new businesses and jobs.
- Drug abuse remains rampant, contributing to increases in crime.
- The city has just been fined by the state because its antiquated sewer system dumps untreated wastewater into local waterways.
- And on a hot day, the entire town smells like something we cannot print in the newspaper.

So, with all these problems and more facing the city council, what burning issue have our local leaders decided to tackle?

Skateboarders. Talk about misplaced priorities. This is like deciding what to watch on TV when the kitchen is on fire.

But even if there is a problem warranting city attention, rather than just a convenient and underrepresented minority to attack when this wholly divided council is unable to agree on much of anything else, this "solution" is one which defies logic.

The proposal to ban skateboarding on city streets and sidewalks throughout the downtown area punishes all those who engage in the activity, due to the actions of a few troublemakers. That is hardly fair.

Using the same rationale, the council would seemingly be justified in banning all cars and trucks from city limits. After all, they cause far more property damage and injury.

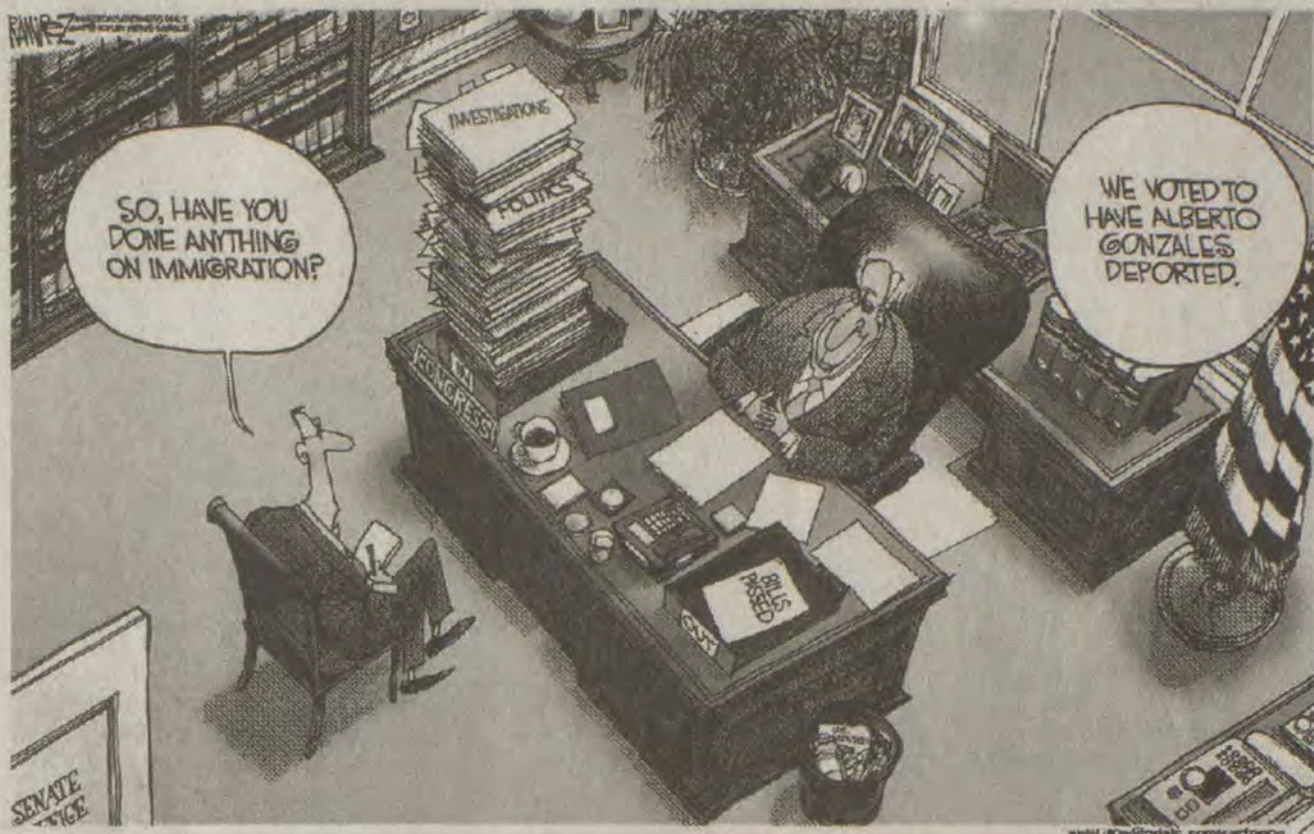
But that would be ridiculous, of course, and so is a skateboard ban. Skateboarding is not a crime; vandalism is. Therefore, punish those who break the law and allow the blameless majority to retain their freedom.

It would make much more sense for the city to open a dialogue with skateboarders, perhaps using more activities such as the planned Skatecore concert to let them know what sort of behavior is OK and what to avoid. Those who refuse to comply can be punished according to the laws that are already on the books.

Besides, in this age when obesity is epidemic among our youth, do we really want to discourage them from engaging in physical activity?

The city should not criminalize our kids. Can the skateboard ban and let the police handle the troublemakers.

— The Floyd County Times



Letters

OLW committee offers thanks

The Mission Committee at Our Lady of the Way Hospital extends a very grateful thanks to all those who recently shared our effort to remodel a family room at the homeless shelter, WestCare Kentucky, in Pikeville. Providing temporary shelter and community involvement to families and individuals in need, the facility's service area includes Floyd County.

On hand for much of the "back-breaking" work for the renovation was the Knights of Columbus from St. Martha's parish, with painting done by volunteers from St. Wendelin Catholic Church of Fostoria, OH. Donations to the project were provided by the Administration and employ-

ees of Our Lady of the Way, Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church Teen Group; Dr. Chandra Varia; Nelson Frazier Funeral Home; Curt Stamper, Dairy Queen of Martin; Bill Carroll, Jr., Add-a-Touch Florist; Missy Samons, Downtown Drug, Martin; Freda Calhoun, Blossom Basket; Thomasina Robinson, Jan's Florist; Wiley Elliott, Triangle Market; and Dale McKinney, WMDJ.

The project is now completed. We walk away with a hope that, as families have need of "our" room, they will feel warmly welcomed by the fact that lots of folks cared enough to put time, energy and resources together — simply to make life a little better for them.

At last word, WestCare KY still had need for organizations that might similarly "adopt" a room.

The Mission Committee of OLW

Judy Parsons, Pam Anderson, Dolly Carroll, Linda Caudill, Vickie Fry, Judy Salyer, Von Stacy, Billie Turner

Casinos cause problems

During a recent debate, Steve Beshear, Democratic candidate for governor, said he would give some of the casino gambling revenue to local governments to use.

Thanks, Mr. Beshear, because if casinos come to our state, local governments will need additional funds to help pay for more police officers to patrol the streets and extra jail cells to house criminals.

Don J Jeffrey London

Guest Column

Coal-to-liquid conversion plants: A bad idea

by JOHN G. SHIBER, PhD

Kentucky legislators have a very important decision to make, and unless Kentuckians make a serious effort to understand the issue and enter the debate, they may be led down a corporate path of environmental disaster.

A number of state representatives and senators are meeting out of session ('in secret' some say), to secure public subsidies for Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company and one of three major companies with their eye on Kentucky, to open coal liquefaction plants here. The idea is to get it through our legislature before Kentuckians can have anything to say about it.

Although it might be a boon to coal mining and bring more revenue and jobs to our Commonwealth, the coal liquefaction process (converting coal to liquid) is immensely harmful to the environment. Is Kentucky to be another guinea pig for corporate gluttony?

The damage that our waterways, air and personal health would suffer from coal liquefaction plants should not be underestimated. Often touted as a modern, innovative process, converting coal to liquid was first done in World War II by the Germans and later in apartheid South Africa, both of which had been economically cut off from the rest of the world. It is an extremely dirty process and very expensive. It involves first converting coal to gas and then into a synthetic, liquid fuel. 8-15 barrels of fresh

water are wasted for every 2 barrels produced. Twice the amount of carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere from this process than from making fuel out of petroleum, and a coal-to-liquid plant is four times more costly to run than a petroleum refinery.

So, not only would the plants' wastewater eventually pollute our ground water and public waterways and inevitably cause health problems, the additional carbon dioxide that coal liquefaction generates would significantly contribute to global warming, which we all know now affects climate change. Right now, petroleum processing is responsible for 50% of our global warming gases, but coal liquefaction would double that. What more evidence do Kentuckians need to conclude that this is a bad idea?

Needless to say, with coal conversion plants operating here coal mining would increase, especially on the mountaintops. Mountain top removal is already destroying much of Kentucky's beautiful highlands and burying our precious streams where the mountain tops are dumped. So, we can expect thousands more acres of land and miles of water to be ruined if this proposal goes through.

Contrary to what Senator Bunning has said, opening coal liquefaction plants in Kentucky is not in the interest of 'Homeland Security'. A secure homeland, Mr. Bunning, also means having clean water to drink, clean air to breathe, and healthy land on which to grow food, live on and enjoy. Governor Fletcher would like us to believe that bringing in and subsidizing these plants is in our best economic interests, but environmentalists know that coal liquefaction is not cost-efficient and that repairing the damage it will do to the environment — and us — will be immensely expensive.

The only entity that serves to bene-

fit from coal liquefaction is the coal industry itself. Even though coal has played a significant economic role in our state, it cannot be said that it has really improved the standard of the average person's living and health over the years. The coal companies are the chief benefactors, and they are run by out-of-state CEOs, so why should they care about the costly, long term consequences that making synthetic fuel will bring Kentucky?

The synthetic fuel these plants will produce, by the way, is not for gasoline engines. It is like diesel fuel, so unless you are among the few who drive a diesel-run vehicle, you'll never buy it. It will be produced primarily for tanks, jets, etc... for the military, which will pay a very high price for it (with our tax money). Some Kentucky legislators (those meeting behind closed doors) regard this as a good investment, but we must make them look further down the road and realize the ultimate price our Commonwealth will have to pay for this short-term gain.

Essentially, we have to choose between making money and keeping Kentucky's air and water clean and our 'hills' intact. If we allow our legislators to approve this coal-to-liquid subsidization proposal, Kentucky will be moving backward, while the rest of the world moves forward to reduce global warming and increase environmental health. It would be a tragic mistake that we'll be paying for royalty for decades to come. We must speak up before it's too late.

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Democrats differ on how casino issue will play in rural areas

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRINCETON — Bobby Lewis' support for Democrat Steve Beshear is unwavering, but he has a tactical concern about how the gubernatorial candidate's support for limited casino gambling will play in places like his hometown.

"We're in the Bible Belt," said Lewis, a Caldwell County magistrate, before a rally last week for the state's Democratic ticket in the Nov. 6 election. "It might need to be one of those items that you didn't jump up on the bandstand and talk about so much."

Not everyone at the rally last Friday in this western Kentucky town shared Lewis' reservations.

Ron Morgan, a fellow Democrat from Paducah, said he thinks Beshear's position on casinos will win votes in the Ohio River city, where residents watch people cross into

Illinois to gamble at a casino in Metropolis.

"That casino lives off of west Kentucky and Tennessee," he said, calling it a financial boon for Metropolis. He said he'd like to see a rival casino start up in Paducah to keep Kentuckians' money in the bluegrass state.

The expanded gambling issue has become an enduring flash point in the governor's race.

Beshear says if elected he would push for a constitutional amendment opening Kentucky to casinos. He says he wants to limit casino gambling to racetracks and two to four freestanding facilities placed strategically along the state's border.

He estimates the venture would generate at least \$500 million a year in state revenue that he wants to use to improve education, health care and other government programs. He has said he'd support a

local option for communities.

Beshear's opponent, incumbent Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher, has come out strongly against casino gambling.

Fletcher took the stronger stand in recent weeks, altering his long position of personally opposing casino gambling but saying he'd leave the issue up to the voters if a gambling referendum made it on the ballot.

Republicans took the offensive against casino gaming during the Fancy Farm picnic weekend in western Kentucky, a bastion of socially conservative voters. GOP activists handed out Fletcher bumper stickers and T-shirts that read "No Casinos." Fletcher derisively dubbed his opponent as "Easy Money Steve" in his speech at the picnic, and kept up his attack message that casinos would strap Kentucky with greater social ills, including more crime, divorce and bankruptcy.

"I think it's the wedge issue," Larry Forgy, a former Republican gubernatorial candidate and a strong Fletcher supporter, said in an interview. He predicted that "it's going to win the election for Fletcher."

Beshear has accused Fletcher and other Republicans of using "bogus figures" as a scare tactic. The Democrat says his proposal reflects a reality — that many Kentuckians already cross the border to try their luck in casinos. That money ought to stay in Kentucky, he says, but instead is going to improve health care, education and roads in some neighboring states.

Bobby Smith, a Beshear supporter from Munfordville in south-central Kentucky, said he doesn't see casino gambling as a moral issue but simply as a form of entertainment. Smith is a regular at his Baptist church every Sunday, and he visits a riverboat casino just across the border in Indiana a few times a year. Each time, he sees lots of vehicles with Kentucky tags.

"I contribute to the church, and I guess I contribute some to the casino," he said while sitting with a group of Beshear supporters before the political speeches at the Fancy Farm picnic on Saturday.

Smith said he thinks Beshear's position on casino gambling will cut both ways. He said it could cost Beshear

more votes in rural areas but gain him support in metropolitan areas.

Lewis said he thinks Beshear will carry Caldwell County, but the casino issue could complicate things. He said he wouldn't be surprised if some pastors come out strongly against casinos before the election, and their voices carry weight.

Harold Cummins, a former Caldwell County magistrate, said he'd be for expanded gambling as a way to ease the burden on taxpayers. "We need something or property taxes are going to get so high you can't pay them," he said.

But even Beshear's host at the Princeton rally, Democratic state Rep. Mike Cherry, isn't on board with Beshear on the casino gaming issue — reflecting what Cherry sees as deep reservations among his constituents.

"Quite frankly, that is the only issue that I hear much about in my district that causes people to pause in their full-out support of Beshear," he said, adding that he thinks the Democrat will outpace Fletcher in his district.

Cherry, a Beshear supporter, noted that the counties in his district opposed creation of the state lottery years ago, and he said there appears to be similar doubts among his constituents about casino gaming this year.

In past years, efforts to get

a casino gambling referendum through the General Assembly and onto the ballot made little or no headway with lawmakers. If Beshear is elected and pushes for such a referendum next year, he can't count on Cherry's support.

"I will listen to arguments, but right now I would be against it," Cherry said.

Fletcher, Beshear spar at Fancy Farm picnic

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FANCY FARM — Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Democrat Steve Beshear lit into each other on a steaming hot Saturday at Kentucky's premier political event, kicking off the fall campaign with an exchange focusing on the incumbent's past legal turmoil and the challenger's support for opening the state to casino gambling.

Before a boisterous crowd at the 127th annual Fancy Farm picnic in far western Kentucky, Fletcher derisively dubbed his opponent "Easy Money Steve" in pounding away at Beshear's ambitious plans to fund his education and health care initiatives by amending Kentucky's

Constitution to allow limited casino gaming.

"Easy Money Steve" offers you nothing but a grand scheme to fund all of his false promises," said Fletcher, who is seeking a second term as Kentucky's first Republican governor in a generation.

Beshear, a former lieutenant governor and attorney general, fired back by bringing up a special grand jury investigation that led to Fletcher's indictment last year as part of a probe into the Republican administration's hiring practices.

The Democratic challenger said that Kentucky has slipped further behind most of the nation in several categories of economic performance but said Fletcher's administration was at the top in one dubious

category.

"It has had more indictments, more pardons, more times that the governor has taken the Fifth Amendment and refused to testify before a grand jury than any other state in this country," Beshear said.

The grand jury returned 29 indictments, one of which charged Fletcher with criminal conspiracy, official misconduct and political discrimination. The charges against Fletcher were dropped in an agreement with prosecutors.

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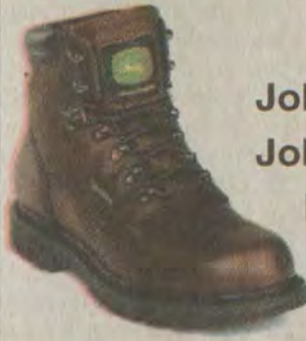
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Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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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.

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

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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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Wife of state trooper says other troopers retaliated against her

The Associated Press

HAZARD — An Eastern Kentucky woman who alleged that she was assaulted by her state trooper husband has filed a lawsuit against him and the officers who investigated the case.

Terri Lynn Moore claims in the suit that troopers from the state police post in Hazard attempted to protect her husband, Terry Lloyd Brewer. The suit said the troopers investigating the Aug. 5, 2006 alleged assault, David Banks and John McMahan, threatened to arrest her.

Both Banks and McMahan are named as defendants in the suit. Moore said her husband verbally abused and threatened her, hit her and would not allow her to leave his home during the alleged incident.

Brewer could not be reached for comment.

State police spokesman Lt. Phil Crumpton declined to comment about the lawsuit on Monday.

Crumpton acknowledged that officials with internal affairs are investigating a complaint against Brewer, but did not discuss specifics.

Moore said that troopers helped Brewer obtain an emergency protective order against her.

"The Protective Order was not sought in order to promote justice but to bring pressure on Terri Lynn Moore to refrain from reporting the actions of the defendant," the lawsuit said.

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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS

Blanton named MSU media relations director

MOREHEAD — Jason Blanton has been appointed Morehead State University's news media spokesperson, effective immediately.

His main duty will be serving as the University's principal contact for all news media organizations. An MSU alumnus, Blanton had served since April 2003 as a staff writer and photographer-videographer in the Office of University Communications.

"We are confident that Jason's broad experience as a

newspaper and broadcast reporter and his familiarity with this institution will be a winning combination for MSU and the press," said Keith Kappes, MSU's vice president for university relations.

Blanton, a resident of Oil Springs, has 25 years of commercial experience as a print and broadcast journalist, including work at WSIP Radio, Magoffin County Times, Mountain Chronicle, Floyd County Times, Big Sandy News, Ashland

Independent, and MSU's Eagle Sports Network.

He succeeds Pauline Young who was named University Editor in the restructuring of MSU's communications and marketing operations. Young was MSU's news media spokesperson for more than nine years.

"We appreciate Pauline's outstanding service in the press office and her willingness to take on other important duties in this new assignment," Kappes added.

HRMC welcomes Dr. Jody Johnson back to East Ky.

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center has welcomed Dr. Jody Johnson back home to Eastern Kentucky.

Dr. Johnson received his doctorate at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his General Surgery Residency at POH Medical Center in Pontiac, Michigan. He also completed a fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgery at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

Formerly of Hi Hat and a graduate of Wheelwright High School, Dr. Johnson says the area holds a special place in his heart and he always had intentions of coming back home.

"I wanted to help my people," said Dr. Johnson.

Dr. Johnson's specialty is Advanced Laparoscopic and Gastrointestinal Surgery and with this, he hopes his practice will help eliminate the need for many people to travel long distances for this type of medical care.

"They won't need to drive away," Dr. Johnson said. "I'll be able to keep a lot of patients home."

A current member of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, Dr. Johnson says his field is at the peak of technological innovation.

"This is cutting-edge technology," says Dr. Johnson. "And I love being a part of it."

Dr. Johnson's office is located in the Old Social Security building beside of Dr. Veronneau's office at 5322 KY Rt. 321 Suite 1 in Prestonsburg. For an appointment call 886-8240 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Dr. Dustin Devers received his Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University and his Doctor of Osteopathic degree from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as a family practice resident at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV, where he received the "Outstanding Resident-Physician Award". Dr. Devers is a member of the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, and has participated in several medical conferences, including the Marshall University Sports Medicine Conference. Dr. Dustin Devers will be practicing at Hometown Family Care, the practice of Dr. Chris Bailey and Jeff Potter, located at 374 University Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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.

She will be practicing with Dr. Kate Shutts at Kids Care Pediatrics, 5000 Ky Rt. 321, Suite 2162, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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Gubernatorial candidates using Internet as fall campaign tool

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Like other technologically savvy young adults her age, 23-year-old Cara Blevins turns to the Internet as a way of keeping up with friends and monitoring current events through Web sites and podcasts.

Her participation on the social networking site Facebook.com even led to her volunteering on a gubernatorial campaign during the primary election this spring. Others use the Net to tout their candidates or find a way of getting involved, Blevins said.

"It's really effective as far as engaging young people," Blevins said of campaigns' use of the Internet.

Fans of the CNN-YouTube presidential debate conducted last month so far have not seen quite the same level of high-tech flare in Kentucky's statewide races. Still, the candidates in Kentucky's Nov. 6 gubernatorial election are turning to cyberspace as a way of luring voters through their own campaign and outside social

networking Web sites. Most candidates have had at least basic campaign Web sites for years.

During this election, Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Democrat Steve Beshear also have video clips posted online and profiles on social networking sites.

Campaigns aren't just using the Internet to recruit voters, said Fletcher, a Republican. It's also a way to connect with voters and to get their feedback. "It's important to have a direct line to voters and to hear their concerns," he said.

Fletcher's campaign spokesman Jason Keller said the governor's campaign offers e-mail alerts, and uses its Web site to accept donations. New technologies, however, haven't replaced traditional television and radio advertising, Keller said.

"It is another avenue to reach more Kentuckians and to communicate your message to a wider audience," Keller said.

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people in the political process because they're able to interact with the campaigns and begin to become more invested in these races," Namey said. "There's this interactivity component."

Beshear and his running mate, state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo of Hazard, both have online profiles, spokeswoman Vicki Glass said. The campaign is using its own site and others to try to appeal to college students and young professionals as well, Glass said.

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Grayson also has profiles on Facebook.com and Myspace.com.

Such pages were useful in getting college students to turn up for campaign events held on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, Grayson said.

"We're finding a lot more people online," Grayson said. "That's different from four years ago, when we had the Web page and we had e-mail."

Blevins, a registered Republican, said she volunteered to help state Treasurer Jonathan Miller during his failed primary campaign for the Democratic nomination this past spring. Blevins said campaigns can recruit their grassroots organizations through the Internet.

"If you put it out there that you're interested" in volunteering, she said, "somebody will find you and somebody

will contact you. And that's huge."

Nick Ayers, who was Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue's campaign manager, said campaigns are tapping many young volunteers via the Internet. Technology alone, however, can't win an election, Ayers said.

"Your technology's only going to be as good as your candidate and your message," Ayers said. "In Kentucky, by having the best technology, that's not going to hand you the victory. It can be a good asset."

Still, few candidates have figured out how to use the Internet effectively, Scott Lasley, a Western Kentucky University political scientist, said. Voters have to seek out a particular Web site to get the information it contains, whereas television commercials go directly to voters.

The Internet is attractive because it is inexpensive, but it doesn't always hit voters most likely to factor into an election, Lasley said.

"Things like YouTube ... I think that they appeal to the younger voters," Lasley said. "And they're the least likely to vote."

But Mario Anderson, a 21-year-old Facebook user from Lexington, said most college students he knows are turning to the Internet for news. Anderson said he attended a rally for Democrat Bruce Lunsford during the fall campaign after learning about it online.

"A lot of politicians, they pretty much learned that the young vote does count," Anderson said. "And they're trying to capture that by getting in touch with young folks through the Internet."

Rising motorcycle

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — A spike in motorcycle fatalities this summer has prompted the Kentucky State Police to mount a campaign focusing on safety.

Patrick McCabe had his third motorcycle accident this past May, a crash in which he fractured several bones and tore tissue in his knee. He thinks he might know at least part of the problem.

"Bikes are so fast and with zero protection," McCabe said.

Out of the 1,025 motorcycle crashes reported in Kentucky through July 19, there were 57 fatalities, according to state police. In the previous full year, there were 1,776 crashes and 97 fatalities.

It's uncertain whether the increase in deaths this year is attributable to more motorcyclists on the road, because

our safety campaign

Traffic Safety Administration study showed motorcycled deaths increased by about 58 percent for the two years after the law was lifted.

There has also been an increase in the number of motorcycles during the past few years.

According to the state Transportation Cabinet, there was an increase of nearly 38,000 motorcycles on Kentucky's roadways between 2001 and 2006. There were 89,721 registered motorcycles last year, according to the agency.

James Pate, president of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, said the organization is trying to teach other drivers how to share the road with motorcycles.

"If we can educate the average motorist we can possibly cut down on the number of accidents and save lives," Pate said.

Picnic

Even though the grand jury concluded he had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws so political supporters could be rewarded with jobs, Fletcher issued pardons for anyone else who had been charged or could be charged.

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On Saturday, thousands thronged to the grounds of St. Jerome Catholic Church for the annual picnic, which serves up thousands of pounds of barbecue along with fresh vegetables and homemade pies. Politicians served up plenty of zingers for the crowd of partisans who cheered their candidates and booed the opposition during a round of speeches.

Republicans offered some gimmicks in trying to score political points. Near the speakers' stage, Fletcher's campaign debuted a float dubbed "Beshearville" that included a casino, a payday lending store, massage parlor and a boarded-up family business. The GOP also brought out someone portraying Moses. It was a dig at Beshear for his role years ago as attorney general in enforcing a U.S. Supreme Court ruling ordering the removal of the Ten Commandments from Kentucky public classrooms.

Beshear, the son and grandson of Baptist preachers in western Kentucky, was ready for that attack.

"I obeyed the law," he responded when it was his turn at the podium. "And let me tell you this, as governor I'll obey the law, too. And wouldn't that be a great change if we had a governor who would obey the law for a change."

The hiring scandal and Fletcher's job performance were fodder for other Democrats leading up to the picnic. Earlier Saturday, at a Democratic gathering in near-

Kentucky, state police reported fatalities passed 14 per cent. There were 89,721 registered motorcycles last year, according to the agency. James Pate, president of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association, said the organization is trying to teach other drivers how to share the road with motorcycles. "If we can educate the average motorist we can possibly cut down on the number of accidents and save lives," Pate said.

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Marketing tricks tots' taste buds; anything in McDonald's wrapper is better, they say

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — Anything made by McDonald's tastes better, preschoolers said in a study that powerfully demonstrates how advertising can trick the taste buds of young children.

Even carrots, milk and apple juice tasted better to the kids when they were wrapped in the familiar packaging of the Golden Arches.

The study had youngsters sample identical McDonald's foods in name-brand and unmarked wrappers. The unmarked foods always lost the taste test.

"You see a McDonald's label and kids start salivating," said

Diane Levin, a childhood development specialist who campaigns against advertising to kids. She had no role in the research.

Levin said it was "the first study I know of that has shown so simply and clearly what's going on with (marketing to) young children."

Study author Dr. Tom Robinson said the kids' perception of taste was "physically altered by the branding." The Stanford University researcher said it was remarkable how children so young were already so influenced by advertising.

The study involved 63 low-income children ages 3 to 5 from Head Start centers in San

Mateo County, Calif. Robinson believes the results would be similar for children from wealthier families.

The research, appearing in August's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, was funded by Stanford and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The study will likely stir more debate over the movement to restrict ads to kids. It comes less than a month after 11 major food and drink companies, including McDonald's, announced new curbs on marketing to children under 12.

McDonald's says the only Happy Meals it will promote to young children will contain fruit and have fewer calories and less fat.

"This is an important subject and McDonald's has been actively addressing it for quite some time," said company spokesman Walt Riker. "We've always wanted to be part of the solution and we are providing solutions."

But Dr. Victor Strasburger,

an author of an American Academy of Pediatrics policy urging limits on marketing to children, said the study shows too little is being done.

"It's an amazing study and it's very sad," Strasburger said.

"Advertisers have tried to do exactly what this study is talking about — to brand younger and younger children, to instill in them an almost obsessional desire for a particular brand-name product," he said.

Just two of the 63 children studied said they'd never eaten at McDonald's, and about one-third ate there at least weekly. Most recognized the McDonald's logo but it was mentioned to those who didn't.

The study included three McDonald's menu items — hamburgers, chicken nuggets and french fries — and store-bought milk or juice and carrots. Children got two identical samples of each food on a tray, one in McDonald's wrappers or cups and the other in plain, unmarked packaging. The kids were asked if they tasted the

same or if one was better. (Some children didn't taste all the foods.)

McDonald's-labeled samples were the clear favorites. French fries were the biggest winner; almost 77 percent said the labeled fries tasted best while only 13 percent preferred the others.

Fifty-four percent preferred McDonald's-wrapped carrots versus 23 percent who liked the plain-wrapped sample.

The only results not statistically clear-cut involved the hamburgers, with 29 kids choosing McDonald's-wrapped

burgers and 22 choosing the unmarked ones.

Fewer than one-fourth of the children said both samples of all foods tasted the same.

Pradeep Chintagunta, a University of Chicago marketing professor, said a fairer comparison might have gauged kids' preferences for the McDonald's label versus another familiar brand, such as Mickey Mouse.

"I don't think you can necessarily hold this against McDonald's, he said, since the goal of marketing is to build familiarity and sell products.

Fine

Kentucky cities to eliminate CSOs. Following the compliance of those cities, the cabinet pursued the remaining 94 CSOs located throughout 15 other cities in the state.

The city of Prestonsburg was among those 15 cities and York says the cabinet has settled for a \$2,000 penalty from Prestonsburg. Only one CSO is to be addressed in Prestonsburg, while three will be addressed in Pikeville.

"CSOs have caused significant damage to Kentucky's most valuable resource, caused property damage and threatened the health of our communities," said Teresa J. Hill, secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. "This action marks a truly monumental step to significantly improve water quality in the state."

Under the consent decrees, 15 communities will be required to implement nine minimum controls (NMCs) contained in a policy adopted by the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency. The NMCs are minimum, short-term, technology-based controls used to address CSO problems without extensive engineering studies or significant construction costs. They precede the implementation of long term control measures. The communities are also to develop long term control plans that include public participation, cost/performance considerations, operational plans and an implementation schedule for CSO controls that will bring the cities into compliance with the federal Clean Water Act.

York said Prestonsburg has already submitted an early action plan.

"I want to applaud the leadership in each of the communities for working with us to craft solutions that are deliberate, appropriate and compliant with stringent federal water quality standards," Hill said. "Thanks to the unbridled spirit of cooperation we can now say we are moving safely and securely ahead."

Attempts to reach Mayor Jerry Fannin for reaction to the settlement were unsuccessful Tuesday.

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Stumbo

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Democrat. The senator already has raised more than \$7.6 million for next year's election, and recently reported that he still had \$5.75 million on hand.

Stumbo said Saturday that "money is not everything," and said the message and issues will be important. He was critical of President Bush's war policy in Iraq, of which McConnell has been a leading supporter.

"The fact is that the president led us into a war that was unwarranted," Stumbo said. "The fact is that the president wasn't honest with the American people about the reason for going to war."

McConnell, the Senate minority leader, has repeatedly said that the war has protected the United States from follow-up terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, 2001.

Drugs

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not named in the indictment.

If convicted, each could face a maximum of 30 years in prison, a \$2 million fine and six years probation.

Each is scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court for arraignment next Tuesday.

Cruiser

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Center, where officers refused to accept her until she was seen by a doctor.

Fletcher was taken by ambulance to Highlands Regional Medical Center to be evaluated. During the trip to the hospital, Fletcher allegedly assaulted two Respond EMS personnel and upon her arrival at the hospital, once again allegedly assaulted a doctor in the emergency room.

Once released from the hospital, Fletcher was placed in the back seat of Hall's cruiser, where she allegedly broke out one of the rear windows.

Upon searching the contents of Fletcher's belongings, Hall discovered over a dozen different medications and prescription containers, including hydrocodone, some of which were not prescribed to her.

Fletcher's bond was set at \$10,000 Monday morning.

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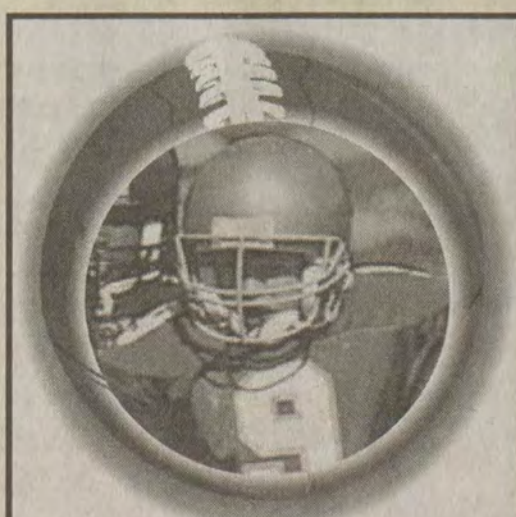
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CASE NO. 06-CI-0103 JERRY TRIMBLE and MARTHA TRIMBLE DINAH STRATTON AND DANNY STRATTON BONNIE HOLSEN, BARBARA J. BURCHETT, ROBIN JUSTICE AND JOE B. JUSTICE, TAMMY STAPLETON AND TERRY STAPLETON, JERRY TRIMBLE EXECUTOR OF THE RUBY LEWIS ESTATE PLAINTIFFS VS. JAMES TAYLOR, MARY EVELYN TAYLOR JUSTIN BOBBY TRIMBLE, SHEILA TRIMBLE, STEVE CAUDILL, JANELLE CAUDILL, JEFFERY W. TRIMBLE, JAMES T. TRIMBLE, RENEE TRIMBLE AND TAMMY HALL AND ALEX HALL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE *** BY VIRTUE OF**

Agreed Judgment of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 12th of June, 2007 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 23rd day of August, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin located near a ditch in the first small drain on the left ascending Ivy Creek, corner to Jerry Trimble; Thence, turning and running across the bottom by a gas well and with the line of Jerry Trimble North 48° 21' East, 125.24' to an iron pin near a drain; Thence, continuing to run with the line of Jerry Trimble up the hollow North 35° 07' West, 158.88' to a spike on the hillside opposite the home of Ruby Lewis;

Thence, continuing to run up the hollow North 42° 56' West, 156.20' to an iron pin on the North side opposite to a 3 inch cedar; Thence, turning and running down the hollow South 9° 00' East 140.32' to a nail in a wooden plug in a rock in the ditchline opposite the home of Ruby Lewis; Thence, turning and continuing run down the hollow South 23° 30' East, 206.04' to the beginning and containing 0.57 acres. Also conveyed herein is a 10 foot right of way over the property where the existing road is located at the present time. Being the same property conveyed by Jerry Trimble to Ruby Lewis by Deed lodged December 2, 1983 in Deed Book 200, Page 578, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. There is excepted from the above that property conveyed by Ruby Lewis to Justin Bobby Trimble lodged May 20, 1997 in deed book 406, page 213, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, provided however there is reserved over the Justin Bobby Trimble property as adjudged in Floyd Circuit Court Action 06-CI-00561, a vehicular right of way for ingress and egress which shall be a permanent right of way easement running with the land to the Ruby Lewis property, and specifically the residential garage. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action (except James Taylor and Mary Taylor), he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein. PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. George K. Wells P.O. Box 1285 Paintsville, Kentucky 41240 WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CASE NO. 06-CI-00602 RON HAYES, ET AL PLAINTIFFS VS. DON MAY, ET AL DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE *** BY VIRTUE OF**

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May Hayes, his wife by deed book dated May 25, 1949) of the record in deed book 143, page 289. and by Affidavit of Descent, of the record in book 338, page 246, in the office of the clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America

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Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for August 16, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to, the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Chris McKinney. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Season's Inn. The nature of the business will be food, motel and drinks. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits, shall file with the County Clerk, no later than August 16, 2007, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application 836-5493 Renewal

(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 permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located at Craynor in Floyd County. SEQ CHAPTER 17 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

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 area to be disturbed is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company and Ballard Martin. The operation will underlie land owned by Bruce Hall Estate, Ellis Keathley, Walter and Oma Keathley, Emery & Tilda Ray, Martha & Andy Hamilton, Annie Hamilton, Wellmore Coal Corporation, Harvey Tackett, Henry & Rosie Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Milford Bryant, James Lowell Hamilton, James & Arlene Hamilton, Donna & Emma Hall, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, Robert Mitchell, Frank Hamilton, Ovel & Margaret McKinney, Chester Hamilton, The Elkhorn Coal Corporation, John Jack Adkins, Delmar Kiser, William Howell and Ballard Martin. The operation will affect an area with 100 feet of public road, Tinker Fork County Road. The operation will involve relocation of the public road during the life of the mine.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0345 Renewal No. 1

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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 17 1 Arnold Howell, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et.al., Avery or Hannah Newsome, Gustavia Howell Heirs, R. S. Newsom Heirs, Curt Hall Heirs, Viola Hall, Orvissie and Wanda Shepherd, Hall Limited Partnership, Richard P. Hall Heirs, James K. Hall, Dorothy or Everett Blanton, Frank and Ivalee McKinney, William L. Hall Heirs, and Barbara Hall. The operation will underlie land owned by SEQ CHAPTER 17 1 Curt Hall Heirs, Orvissie and Wanda Shepherd, Hall Limited Partnership, James K. Hall, Octavia Hall, Walker Tackett et.al., Avery or Hannah Newsome, Gustavia Howell Heirs, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Arnold Howell, and William L. Hall Heirs. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger methods of surface mining.

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 Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0182

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 permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles northeast of Gunlock and is situated in both Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 570.41 surface acres and 22.53 acres of auger area of which 22.53 acres underlie proposed surface area, making a total permit area of 570.41 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River. The proposed operation is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Abe Shepherd Heirs, Abe Shepherd, Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Gladys Shepherd, Clyde Allen Estate, Rule Reagan, Ruth Ousley, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepherd and Clyde Allen Estate. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger/highwall methods of mining.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0329, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 intends to revise permit number 836-0329 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642. The new operator will be Millers Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601.

SEQ CHAPTER 17 1 The operation is located 0.67 miles northeast of David and is situated in both Floyd and Magoffin County. The operation is approximately 0.19 miles northwest from KY Route 404's junction with Rough and Tough Creek County Road and is located within Rough and Tough Creek and Buckeye Branch of the Left Fork of Middle Creek and Mill Branch of Middle Creek. The operation is located on the Ivyton, David, and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3410 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

IN RE: SIGMA GAS CORPORATION, CASE NO. 04-71003

NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF NATURAL GAS COMPANY ASSETS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on August 30, 2007 at 9:30 a.m., prevailing Lexington, KY time, a hearing will be held in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court

for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 100 E. Vine St., 3rd Floor, Lexington, KY, to consider the Debtor's request to privately sell substantially all of its assets located in Magoffin, Floyd and Johnson Counties, KY and assign certain contracts relating thereto.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0331 Amend. #3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, (606) 889-8440 has applied for an amendment to an existing road only permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles southeast of Marshallville in Floyd and Magoffin County. The amendment will add 2.45 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie 0.0 acres making a total area of 55.35 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.1 miles East from State Route 1766's junction with Jake Fork County Road and located 0.0 miles Southeast of Jake Fork. The latitude 37°39'29". The longitude 82°05'14".

The operation is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Fork Farm Inc. C/O Della W. Burke. The operation will be a haul road only permit.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3410 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow; US 127 South; Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5465 Amendment 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Mason Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2854, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation located 2.2 miles East of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment operation will add approximately 200.45 acres of underground coal mining area making a total area of 334.46 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.2 miles southeast from Ky. Route 164's junction with

Ky. Route 1428 and located on Cow Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer/Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2-minute quadrangle map. The amended, underground mining area will underlie land owned by the

Hansford Spears Heirs, David and Ollie Collins, William H. Goble, and Helen Walls. The operation will use the room-and-pillar method of mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments, objections and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2

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Miners hold inaugural free agent camp

Former UK, UofL, WKU, EKU players among participants

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Aspiring professional basketball players from as far away as Texas journeyed to Eastern Kentucky on Saturday for a highly-anticipated free agent camp. The East Kentucky Miners, an expansion team in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), held their inaugural free agent camp at the Pikeville College Gym. Twenty-one different players took part in the free agent

camp, performing in front of East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley and other members of the Miners organization. Among the participants were former NCAA Division I players from Kentucky, Louisville, Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky.

“A lot of times, you never know what you’ll get with a camp,” Keathley commented at the end of the camp’s second and final session. “With this camp, the talent was consistent. There were seven to 10 quality players. With the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University and Eastern Kentucky University represented, you know you are getting a

quality talent pool.” The camp was split into two sessions. In the evening session, four teams scrimmaged.

Several local players, including Pikeville College and Alice Lloyd College products, competed in hopes of catching the attention of the East Kentucky head coach.

“On the local side, Pikeville College and Alice Lloyd College representatives held their own,” Keathley said.

Former University of Louisville standout Bryant Northern, and Brandon Stockton, a former Kentucky Mr. Basketball who



East Kentucky Miners Coach Kevin Keathley put 21 free agent camp participants through an intense couple of sessions Saturday. The Pikeville College Gym played host to the free agent camp.

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McGuire claims Pops 40 Late Model feature victory

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SITKA – In front of a large crowd of excited 201 Speedway icefans, Ashland driver Josh McGuire (41) claimed the 5,000 top prize in the first-ever Walker Prater Pops 40 Late Model feature. McGuire started in the poll and led all 40 laps of the Late Model feature named in honor of track owner Chuckie Prater’s late grandfather.

In Late Model qualifying, Jerry Hicks (64) posted a fast lap of 14.65. For his quick time effort, Hicks earned \$600. Joe Meadows (33) was the second fastest around the red clay oval, turning a lap in 14.73.

McGuire held off Tim Dohm for the Late Model feature victory. Dohm finished second, followed by Eddie Carrier Jr. in third-place. Hicks and Brandon Kinzer rounded out the top-five, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Jason Perry (Open Wheel Modified), Scott Lemaster (Mr. Metal Bomber) and Shawn Musley (Four-Cylinder) also claimed feature wins Saturday night.

A complete breakdown of the latest 201 Speedway racenight follows.

First Late Model Heat: 41, Josh McGuire; 64, Terry Hicks; 1, Anthony Adams; 10 Paul Harris; 33, Aaron Hatton; 18, Brandon Kinzer; 47, Chris Combs; 77, Robert “Taco” Fletcher; 9, Michael Butcher.

Second Late Model Heat: 25, Zach Dohm; 24, Michael P. Howard; 6T, Tim Dohm; B17, Brandon Johnson; 33, Joe Meadows; 10, Raymond Nichols; 12D, Daniel Williams; 81, Benny Butcher; 3, Ritchie Edwards.

Third Late Model Heat: 28, Eddie Carrier Jr.; 17, Shannon Thornsberry; 18, Eric Wells; 51, Randy Boggs; 13, Jamie Ferguson; 81, Brandon Fouts; 15, Brian Pennington; 43K, Kevin Hall.

Fourth Late Model Heat: 4B, Jackie Boggs; 46, Doug Horton; 87, David Smith; R1, Rod

(See MCGUIRE, page two)



The Prestonsburg High School football program met members of the media and fans during the annual media day held Saturday at Blackcat Stadium. Prestonsburg is listed in the Top 10 of most all preseason Class 2A polls. Many starters are back on both sides of the football for the Blackcats. Above: PHS football players and cheerleaders gathered for a group photo.

Blackcats to visit Clay County for first preseason scrimmage

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg High School football program hosted its annual media day Saturday at Blackcat Stadium. Prestonsburg High football players, coaches, players and coaches from middle school and grade school feeder teams, cheerleaders, Dance Cats, fans and members of the media mingled on Josh Francis Field. Now, it’s time for football. This week, Saturday, Prestonsburg will visit Clay County for the first of two preseason scrimmages. In its first preseason scrimmage, Prestonsburg will take on Clay County in an all-important tuneup. Former Blackcat Aaron Stepp leads the Clay County football program as its head coach.

Senior tight end/linebacker Matthew Dobbs and junior quarterback Zach Lewis are the top returnees for the Tigers.

“Coach Aaron Stepp has the Clay County High School football program headed in the right direction,” said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. “Clay County has a great quarterback returning in Zach Lewis. Another player Clay County has returning is Matthew Dobbs, a bigtime tight end. We expect Clay County to pass the football a lot as they’ve done under Coach Stepp. Our kids are excited about the scrimmage and ready to get after it.”

As a sophomore, Lewis passed for 3,547 yards and 30 touchdowns, helping to lead Clay County to a 7-4 record. During his junior campaign, Lewis will have Dobbs and senior wide receiver Phillip Dunn as key targets.

Clay County is picked to win Class 5A, District 8. The Tigers are picked ahead of Whitley County (2-8), North Laurel (3-7), Letcher County Central (5-5) and Perry County Central (1-9).

After visiting Clay County, Prestonsburg will return home one week later to host longtime rival Sheldon Clark for a final preseason scrimmage.



The Prestonsburg High School football program features a solid mix of veteran and young, promising players. The Blackcats will travel to Clay County on Saturday for a preseason scrimmage.

Auditions scheduled for Diamond Girls Dance Team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Auditions for the Diamond Girls, the dance team of the East Kentucky Miners, an expansion team in the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), have been announced. A pre-audition clinic for the Diamond Girls Dance Team will be held Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Auditions for the dance team will get underway at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26. Dance Etc. Studio of Dance – located on 93 Dewey Street in Prestonsburg – will host both the pre-audition clinic and auditions. The phone number for the studio is 606/886-3111.

The pre-audition clinic and audition will be under the direction of Diamond Girls Dance Team Coordinator/Choreographer Jilley Brown Vickery.

All candidates must be 18 years or older by Sept. 1, 2007. The eligible participants must submit a copy of their driver’s license with their application. Each candidate must understand the time obligation the Diamond

(See DANCE, page two)

Busy August underway for StoneCrest

by RICK FRYE
STONECREST
GOLF COURSE PRO

PRESTONSBURG – Another busy month is already in progress for StoneCrest Golf Course in what has been a very active and successful season. July wrapped up with the club once again hosting the Kentucky State Police’s Trooper Island Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the kids’ summer camp that the KSP hosts for underprivileged children. With 30 teams signed up, the event was a huge success, generating those much needed funds to keep the camp going. StoneCrest is proud to do its part in helping the KSP and their efforts, and looks forward to next year’s event.

(See STONECREST, page two)



photo courtesy of UK Athletics

Belfry High School graduate David Jones has helped the University of Kentucky football program on offense, defense and special teams. Jones made the switch from wide receiver back to cornerback over the weekend. The former Belfry standout, a West Virginia native, hopes to earn a starting spot in the Kentucky defensive backfield this season.

FROM ‘O’ BACK TO ‘D’: David Jones returns to cornerback for Wildcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky junior David Jones has returned to the cornerback position after a year at wide receiver. Coach Rich Brooks announced following Saturday afternoon’s practice at the Nutter Training Center.

“David has returned to cornerback, at his request, and practiced there today,” Brooks said. “He felt that he had a better chance of being a starter this year (at cornerback) and I concur. He’s ready to contribute. We don’t plan on playing him both ways, but it is something we could do if we had an emergency because of injuries.”

Jones is a Belfry High School graduate who helped lead the Pirates to back-to-back Class 2A state championships. He was a reserve cornerback and played on special teams as a freshman in 2005. He

made 20 tackles, had three pass breakups, and was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team by the league coaches. At his request, Jones moved to wide receiver for the 2006 season. He played in 12 games, starting twice. He caught seven passes for 101 yards and also made 12 tackles in kickoff and punt coverage.

The Wildcats practiced in two groups on Saturday. Each group practiced two hours, with 30 minutes overlap so the entire squad could do special teams work together.

“I’m very happy with our overall conditioning,” said Brooks. “There’s a lot of competition out here. Nobody has a spot locked up at this stage. We’re trying to get everybody as many reps (practice repetitions) as possible. I’m very happy with our newcomers. We have a lot of talent at the new back spot in addition to our returning players.”

Several players have stepped up their

play, catching Brooks’ attention.

“(Tailback) Moncell Allen has really good feet and good vision,” said Brooks. “He’s gone through an unbelievable amount to get here (displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, two high schools in North Carolina his senior year, then prep school in 2006). I’m impressed with him as a person, his stick-to-it-iveness.”

Brooks said that sophomore Zipp Duncan, who began playing in the offensive line in the spring, has moved from left guard to right tackle, where he is competing with sophomore Justin Jeffries and freshman Brad Durham.

Brooks also noted that junior-college transfers Jess Beets and Josh Winchell have looked good the first couple of days. Both players missed extensive time in spring practice because of injuries. Beets is playing left guard and Winchell is stationed at right guard.

Palmer fully healthy, growing into role of Bengals leader

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — Carson Palmer was fed up.

With so many Cincinnati Bengals getting into trouble, the Pro Bowl quarterback decided to speak his mind about a subject that most of his teammates were sidestepping in public.

"Enough is enough," he told reporters covering the Super Bowl in Miami last January.

The candid remark showed how Palmer is embracing the role of leader as he heads into his fourth season as a starter. Receiver Chad Johnson gets attention with his look-at-me antics, but Palmer is the player who makes the biggest difference on a team that needs direction.

"We've seen Carson really mature and evolve into not only the talented player he is, but a leader wanting to know how everybody else is doing

and touching bases with other guys," coach Marvin Lewis said. "So, we've seen him grow a lot."

Palmer will have a lot to do with whether the Bengals make the playoffs this season and rehabilitate their image in the process.

The Bengals finally made the playoffs in 2005 behind Palmer, who emerged as one of the NFL's best passers during his second year as a starter. Their first playoff appearance in 15 years came to a first-round ending after Pittsburgh's Kimo von Oelhoffen crashed into his left knee, tearing ligaments and cartilage.

Palmer made an unexpectedly fast recovery, regaining his starting job for the season opener, but he wasn't the same. His timing was off, his throwing motion was out of whack and he was paying too much attention to defenders near his legs.

By midseason, Palmer was back in form and the Bengals were back in contention, only to finish 8-8. While

the season headed for its disappointing finish and the team's arrest list grew, Palmer started becoming more vocal.

"First of all, it's not my team or any individual's team," Palmer said, "but being a veteran and being a quarterback, you say things sometimes and some people listen."

Quickly, he added: "And some people don't."

Palmer has tried to mentor troubled receiver Chris Henry, who has been arrested four times, suspended twice and will sit out the first eight games. He's one of several veterans who have talked to Lewis about getting tougher with players.

Palmer never shied away from speaking his mind. Now, he's making it a priority.

"I do feel that when things need to be said, I'm one of the people that needs to be saying them," Palmer said. "And when examples need to be set, I want to set an example. But

in no way is this one individual's team, and nobody feels that way."

Increasingly, it's becoming his team in the same way the Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts are viewed as Peyton Manning's team.

"I think he wanted to put some skins on the wall, so to speak, to have some credibility in his play before he could assume that role," offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski said. "He's had some great seasons, some Pro Bowl seasons. I think he wanted to achieve a level of success before he felt comfortable asserting himself."

On the field, it's the same old Palmer. And that's exactly what the Bengals want to see.

The knee is no longer an issue; Palmer didn't even wear a brace for an intrasquad scrimmage on Friday night, when he knew he wouldn't get hit. On his first pass of 11-on-11 drills during camp, he hit Johnson

perfectly in stride down the sideline, a play so pretty that the fans gave a collective "ahh!"

A year ago, he wasn't even on the field full-time.

"No comparison," Palmer said. "No insecurities about my knee or second-guessing anything. I feel confident and comfortable and healthy and all that. So it's a lot different from last year."

There's another difference: Palmer has completed his evolution as a leader.

"His whole demeanor has gone from a pupil to a teacher," said offensive guard Bobbie Williams, who has been with him the last three seasons. "His whole confidence level has grown from getting the hang of it to being a veteran at it."

"He's what you want out there."

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Dance

Girls Dance Team will require. Mandatory attendance is necessary at practices, appearances, games, community events and any other mandatory appearances as directed by management of the East Kentucky Miners. The team may also have late night practices and games that are mandatory. A flexible schedule is a must for all dancers.

The Diamond Girls Dance Team is a one-year obligation. Team members will have to sign a contract stating they understand it is a year-long obligation.

Candidates must have previous dance or cheerleading training.

Each candidate must also have reliable transportation.

During the audition process, candidates will perform toe touch and high kicks in routine. The candidates will also have the opportunity to demonstrate any special skills they possess such as tumbling, turns, leaps and jumps for extra

points. These skills, however, are not required. During the auditions, candidates must be available for all phases of the audition process. Candidates must remain drug and alcohol free. The auditions will be closed to the public.

Mandatory attire for the auditions is as follows:

Black sports bra/white tank top.
Black hot pants, dance trunks or shorts (no full length pants or capri pants).

Dance sneakers, tennis shoes or jazz shoes.

Flesh colored tights recommended, but not required.

Performance ready hair and makeup.

The East Kentucky Miners organization reserves the right to make initial cuts based on appearance before the audition begins.

For more information on the upcoming auditions, contact Vickery via phone (606.226.9270) or email (jbvickery@ekminers.com).

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McGuire

Evans; 6H, Tom Hall; 9, Lee McKenzie; 3, Jacob Ross.

Late Model Consy Race (Top two transfer to A-Main): 18, Brandon Kinzer; 47, Chris Combs; 10, Raymond Nichols; 81, Brandon Fouts; 6H, Tom Hall; 13, Jamie Ferguson; 12D, Daniel Williams; 77, Robert "Taco" Fletcher; 81, Benny Butcher; 6, Rodney Davis; 9, Lee McKenzie.

Track Provisionals: 10, Raymond Nichols; 81, Brandon Fouts.

Walker Prater Pop's 40 Late Model Feature: 41, Josh McGuire; 6T, Tim Dohm; 28, Eddie Carrier Jr.; 64, Terry Hicks; 18, Brandon Kinzer; 17, Shannon Thornsberry; GS51, Randy Boggs; 46, Doug Horton; 47, Chris Combs; 4B, Jackie Boggs; 25, Zach Dohm; 87, David Smith; B17, Brandon Johnson; 10, Raymond Nichols; 18, Eric Wells; 24H, Michael P. Howard; 8, Anthony Adams; R1, Rod Evans; 81, Brandon Fouts; 10, Paul Harris.

First Open Wheel Modified Heat: 20, Jason Perry; 84, Walt Mayabb; 74, Beadie Blackburn; 35, Jeremy Hayes; J16, Leslie Johnson; 23, Courtney Conley; TH1, Derek Powers; 11, Pete Castle.

Second Open Wheel

Modified Heat: 33, Corey McKenzie; 911, Jason Hall; CJ1, Charlie Jude; 28M, Kevin Mayabb; 00, Michael Butcher; 32, Jimmy Adams.

Third Open Wheel Modified Heat: 55, Darren Muncy; 3, Jim Lemaster; 46, Dennis Deboard; 17S, Brian Salisbury; 7A, Glenn Patton; 22, Bobby Tackett; 30, William Hensley.

Open Wheel Modified Feature: 20, Jason Perry; 3, Jim Lemaster; 911, Jason Hall; 33, Corey McKenzie; 55, Darren Muncy; 84, Walt Mayabb; 46, Dennis Deboard; 28M, Kevin Mayabb; 11, Pete Castle; 17S, Brian Salisbury; 32, Jimmy Adams; 22, Bobby Tackett; 74, Beadie Blackburn; 7A, Glen Patton; J16, Leslie Johnson; TH1, Derek Powers; CJ1, Charlie Jude; 23, Courtney Conley; 00, Michael Butcher; 35, Jeremy Hayes.

First Bomber Heat: 3D, Darren Damron; P20, Ervin Vance; 3, Scott Lemaster; 37, Greg Hensley; 3, Shannon Richmond; 44, Ryan Jarrell; 7C, A.J. Stambaugh; 0, Eulis Combs; J5 (Driver name unavailable); 08, Kyle Tackett.

Second Bomber Heat: 45, Tim Mason; R17, Don Risner; P12, Dean Pennington; 9X, Steve Lewis; 17, Chris Stambaugh; H3, Harley Hall;

J33, (Driver name unavailable).

Mr Metal Bomber Feature: 3, Scott Lemaster; 3, Shannon Richmond; 45, Tim Mason; 20, Bo Howard; 7C, A.J. Stambaugh; P12, Dean Pennington; 73, Charlie Mullett; P20, Ervin Vance; J5 (Driver name unavailable); 37H, Greg Hensley; R17, Don Risner; J33 (Driver name unavailable); 3D, Darren Damron; 9X, Steve Lewis; H3, Harley Hall; 08, Kyle Tackett; 44, Ryan Jarrell.

First Four-Cylinder Heat: 18S, Shawn Ousley; 3D, Jamie Hamilton; A17, Alan Salisbury; D6, Darren Rogers; 63T, Shirlee Tackett; B2, Michael Blair; B70, Jason Blair.

Second Four-Cylinder Heat: RA47, Robert Hall; 18K, DI Henson; 37, Alan Osborne; 71, Ryan Litteral; 30, Estill Lawson; 99, Pat Morris.

Four-Cylinder Feature: 18S, Shawn Ousley; 3D, Jamie Hamilton; 71, Ryan Litteral; A17, Alan Salisbury; D6, Darren Rogers; B2, Michael Blair; 30, Estill Lawson; 63T, Shirlee Tackett; B70, Jason Blair; RA47, Robbie Hall; 18K, DI Henson; 99, Pat Morris.

StoneCrest

The weekend of July 21-22 saw the course host its Two-Man Invitational Tournament. The 38 teams that participated in the tournament created some outstanding competition — and from the comments received, a good time was had by all. Key to the success of the event was the financial help provided by the sponsors, which included Wal-Mart, Community Trust Bank, Bush and Burchett, Security Plus, Osborne Oil and Gas, Perry Distributors and Equitable Resources. The course extends many thanks to each of them.

In what has been StoneCrest's busiest year of golf outings, August will see the two biggest events of the season with the Logan Corporation hosting its event the 20th. The Logan Corporation event will include 144 players. Highlands Regional Medical Center will

have 240 players for its event Aug. 29. Community Trust Bank will have its annual event on Aug. 23, with between 80 and 100 players participating.

The StoneCrest Club Championship — an event that is only open to annual members — will take place the weekend of Aug. 18-19. The Prestonsburg High School Invitational, a tournament which plays host to some of the best prep teams in the state, will take place on Aug. 25 and include approximately 100 young golfers.

After what will be a busy Labor Day Weekend Sept. 1-3, greens aeration will take place beginning Sept. 4. The greens have remained in excellent condition all summer long after being aerified early in March of this year, and should rebound quickly to be in top condition for the fall season, which we hope is much better

than last year's cool and damp October and November. The course will host a first-ever Couples Invitational Tournament on Oct. 6-7. There has already been a great deal of interest shown from folks around the state to come and enjoy a fall weekend in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky.

Thanks to all of the golfers in the region who have supported the course this year. We have seen lots of new faces and received tons of accolades from first-time visitors, and hope to see the momentum continue as more and more people come to recognize StoneCrest as one of the premier facilities in the Commonwealth. It's our pledge that we will do all we can to not only keep it as such, but to have its status elevated to the best public golf course in the state.

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Chad Johnson's catch puts sparkle in Bengals intrasquad scrimmage

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGETOWN — Chad Johnson didn't want to leave.

When coach Marvin Lewis decided that his Pro Bowl receiver had done enough with three catches during the Cincinnati Bengals' intrasquad scrimmage Friday night, Johnson became animated.

He waved his arms and pleaded his case for more time. Told that he was finished, Johnson removed his helmet and dropped his head in disgust. He sidled up to teammate T.J. Houshmandzadeh and complained about the unfairness of it all.

With three plays, he did plenty.

Johnson had the most impressive play of the scrimmage — no surprise there — and showed that his timing with Carson Palmer is nearly perfect with a month left before the season opener.

"I'm very excited, man," he said.

He just wished he'd gotten a few more passes in an otherwise humdrum workout in front of 8,500 fans on a hot, muggy evening.

"I didn't play long enough," Johnson groused. "Didn't play long enough at all. I'm very upset. It's sort of

like teasing us a bit."

His three connections with Palmer amounted to a tease of what could be ahead for one of the NFL's most dangerous pass tandems, Palmer has fully recovered from reconstructive knee surgery that limited him in training camp last year and hurt their timing on pass routes heading into the season.

No such problems this year.

"He's 100 percent right now," Johnson said. "We're going to be fine. No. 9 and No. 85 equals seven."

Seven points, he meant.

They didn't hook up for any scoring plays on Friday, but they showed from the first play how it's tough to stop them when they're in sync. Palmer's first pass was a perfectly timed down-and-out to Johnson for 11 yards, with starting cornerback Deltha O'Neal covering.

Then, Palmer hit Johnson in stride for a 16-yard gain. Finally, they pulled off the play of the day.

Palmer lofted the ball down the left sideline for Johnson, who outjumped Keiwan Ratliff and came down with both feet inbounds. There was nothing that the backup cornerback could do.

"It's all natural ability," said Palmer, who was 7-for-9 for 79 yards with a touchdown

and an interception. "I can't think of another guy that has body control like he does. He contorts his body, makes great catches, and he always seems to stay inbounds."

Palmer also is having an impressive training camp. He played the first two series without a brace on his rebuilt left knee — quarterbacks couldn't be tackled — and went 5-of-5 for 69 yards. He came back for a series later in the scrimmage and threw the interception.

The Bengals also were reminded of what they'll miss.

No. 3 receiver Chris Henry played with the second-string offense and caught a 35-yard pass from Doug Johnson. Henry is suspended for the first eight games for repeatedly violating the NFL's conduct policy.

Cornerback Leon Hall, the team's top draft pick, had three tackles and covered Johnson a few times when the pass went the other way. He made one nice play, catching up to receiver Reggie McNeal after a quick pass and dropping him for a 2-yard loss.

"That was fun," Hall said.

Twenty-one players, including starting tackles Levi Jones and Willie Anderson, didn't play because of injury.

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Miners

played for the University of Kentucky, were among the 21 participants. Northern played for Keathley as a member of the ABA's Kentucky Colonels.

"Bryant Northern is much more mature as a leader on the floor and he's stronger," Keathley said. "He's the type of player who would work well within my system. Brandon Stockton shot the ball extremely well and enjoyed some success when penetrating through the lane."

Prior to the free agent camp, Keathley remained busy looking for players for the first edition of East Kentucky Miners.

"This free agent camp just adds to the talent pool we've been assembling," Keathley added. "There were several players who took part in the camp that really impressed me."

According to Keathley, another free agent camp could be held in late-September or early-October.

The following is a list of individuals who participated in the East Kentucky Miners' first-ever free agent camp held Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Pikeville College Gym.

No.	Player	College	Pro Experience
9	Ramon Taylor	Eastern Illinois	IBL, ABA, Mexico
5	Brandon Stockton	Kentucky	ABA
41	Butch Joiner	Western Kentucky	
3	John White	Eastern Kentucky	
8	Robert Smith	Coppin St./Idaho St.	
80	Ben Valentine	Pikeville	
21	Tory Robertson	Evansville	
12	Bryant Northern	Louisville/NKU	
		KIBA, KBDL	ABA
7	Neil Rasnake	Western Carolina	WBA
14	Tim Gray	Spaulding	ABA, Portugal
13	Mike Newsome		
17	Willie Richard	Jarvis Christian	
60	Danny Rice	outhwestern	
18	Micah Oden	Alice Lloyd/Pikeville	
19	Jarvis Bogar	Jarvis Christian	
20	Eugene Green	Indiana Wesleyan	
40	Justin Chaffins	Alice Lloyd	
10	Ernest Jones	Florida State	USBL, ABA
42	Jeremy Daniels	Alice Lloyd	
2	Daniel Price	Pikeville	
4	Mark King	Pikeville	ABA

BLACKCAT FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY 2007



TV TIME: Fred James of LJ Productions interviewed members of the Adams Middle School football team during Saturday's Blackcat Media Day.

photo by Jamie Howell

Busch snaps winless drought; drives back into Chase contention

by DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG POND, Pa. — Kurt Busch was desperately looking for a full-time crew chief to jolt his middling season. Pat Tryson longed for a second chance to show he could still lead a team to a Nextel Cup championship.

Once they got together, Busch and Tryson have been a perfect match.

With Tryson calling the shots, Busch dominated from start-to-finish and zoomed into championship contention with his first victory in 51 races Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

Busch's resurgence started when Tryson joined Penske Racing six races ago, the third crew chief the former champion has had this season. The win lifted Busch into the 12th and final spot of the Chase for the Nextel Cup standings — one ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. — with five races left until the championship races start.

"I don't know that I'm surprised because of how talented Kurt is as a race car driver," Tryson said. "I didn't expect it to be this dominant."

Busch, who turned 29 on Saturday, hadn't been in the top 12 in points since a 100-point penalty for reckless driving in June knocked him six spots down to 17th.

Now he's back and on his biggest roll of the season. He turned a 13-point deficit behind Junior into a seven-point edge.

"You know it's going to come down to the final race in Richmond," Busch said.

Busch, who had surged to 13th in the standings entering the Pennsylvania 500, led all but 25 laps and made his second career Pocono victory look easy. The 175 laps led was a Pocono record.

Not even a lug nut problem on pit road under caution late in the race and a hard-charging Earnhardt affected him very much. His No. 2 Dodge was clearly the car to beat all day.

Busch fell to ninth on the restart on the 143rd lap, but quickly made up ground and passed the revitalized Earnhardt for the lead with 47 laps left.

The 2004 series champion needs to keep his hot streak going — three top 10s in four races — if he wants to

keep his spot for the 10-race Chase for the Nextel Cup championship.

It was Busch's first win since March 26, 2006, at Bristol, and he was second in both Pocono races last year.

"You never for one instant think you have the race in the bag," Busch said. "The only time I really thought about it was coming to the checkered, lap 199 coming to 200."

The race didn't include Robby Gordon, who was suspended by NASCAR early Sunday morning for his conduct at the Busch Series race in Montreal a day before.

Earnhardt was second and Denny Hamlin, who swept both races at Pocono last year, finished third. Points leader Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top five.

"We actually had a stronger car than the last time we were here," said Gordon, who won at Pocono in June. "If the No. 2 car didn't exist today, then maybe some of us had a chance to win this thing. But wow."

Tony Stewart had his two-race winning streak snapped and was sixth.

Busch led nearly the entire race

except for a short stretch near the end when Earnhardt shook off early trouble with the No. 8 Chevrolet and temporarily took the lead. But Earnhardt, who failed to capitalize on his first pole since 2002, couldn't press him for very long.

"I don't want to finish 12th, I want to finish eighth or seventh," Junior said. "We've got a few races, but I think we'll do fine."

Certainly the 500-mile race wasn't as wild or controversial as the Busch Series race Saturday in Montreal. Robby Gordon upstaged the debut weekend for the series in Canada with his antics on the track, including his refusal to pull off the track as ordered and celebrating the same time as race winner Kevin Harvick.

NASCAR suspended Gordon for Sunday's race, and additional disciplinary action could come this week. P.J. Jones drove Gordon's car and finished 37th.

"I'll accept my penalty and I'll accept sitting out today's race," Gordon said.

Busch knows all about the consequences of stiff penalties after he was

docked 100 points for reckless driving and endangering one of Stewart's crew members on pit road at Dover.

Busch said after qualifying second on Friday that he hoped those 100 points wouldn't be a factor in making the Chase. With the way he's driving the No. 2 Dodge, they won't matter.

"We've thrown away quite a bit of points this year," Busch said, rattling off a list of blown races. "I'm not going to look back at those 100 points and think it's a deficit. It only made us into a stronger program."

So did adding Tryson, who was available when he was let go as Greg Biffle's crew chief earlier this season. Tryson, a Malvern, Pa., native has given the Penske Racing a program a needed boost and settled the crew chief position that was filled by Troy Raker and Roy McCauley.

"I'm lucky enough to come in and work for these guys," Tryson said. "They've accepted me and done everything I've asked."

With these kind of results, why wouldn't they?

Louisville FB team ranked 11th in USA Today Coaches' Preseason Poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team earned its highest preseason national ranking ever Friday as the Cards debuted 11th in the 2007 USA Today Coaches' Preseason Poll. U of L's highest previous preseason national ranking was 12th in 2005.

The Cardinals received 836 overall points in the poll and stand 83 points behind No. 10 ranked Ohio State. The Cards are one of three BIG EAST teams ranked in the top 16 spots in the preseason poll joining No. 6 West Virginia and No. 16 Rutgers. Southern California was the overwhelming selection as the No. 1 team, earning 45 of a possible 60 first-place votes.

U of L finished the 2006 season ranked seventh in the USA Today Coaches' Poll after closing the year with a 12-1 overall record, a victory over Wake Forest in the FedEx Orange Bowl and the program's first BIG EAST Conference title.

The Cards, who opened preseason practice Thursday, resume their practice schedule Friday at 5:20 p.m. ET. U of L will host its annual Fan Day activities Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. ET at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

ONLINE:

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Webb pitches fifth career shutout

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Brandon Webb displayed his Cy Young form in a marquee matchup with two-time All-Star Brad Penny, pitching his fifth career shutout on Sunday and leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 3-0 victory that polished off a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Webb is an Ashland Paul Blazer graduate.

The NL West-leading Diamondbacks, who had lost seven of the first nine meetings this season prior to this series, increased their lead over third-place Los Angeles to four games in the NL West — the Dodgers' largest deficit this season.

Webb (11-8) gave up seven hits and struck out four in winning his third straight start. Last season's NL Cy Young winner recorded his first shutout this season and 10th complete game in 153 career starts, getting 14 of his outs on

groundballs.

He extended his scoreless streak to 24 consecutive innings, including a pair of seven-inning outings against Florida and San Diego.

Penny (13-3) allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings, striking out five and walking none. He came in 7-2 with a 1.81 ERA in 14 previous starts against the Diamondbacks, who drafted him in the fifth round of the June 1996 draft.

Conor Jackson led off Arizona's two-run second inning with a bloop single to right field that glanced off the glove of second baseman Ramon Martinez as he attempted an over-the-shoulder catch. A couple batters later, Justin Upton doubled home Jackson for his first RBI in the big leagues. Mark Reynolds then scored when Chris Snyder hit the Diamondbacks' major league-leading 47th sacrifice fly.

Undefeated Storm beats Lexington, wins third straight UIF championship

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A touchdown with seconds left helped the Sioux Falls Storm remain perfect and claim its third straight United Indoor Football championship Saturday night with a 62-59 win over Lexington.

The United Bowl III victory against the Horsemen (11-7) — a rematch of last year's championship game — extended the Storm's (18-0) winning streak to 38 games and made it the only team to capture every title from the UIF's three seasons of existence.

The record surpasses the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, whose 33 consecutive victories set the record for the longest win streak in U.S. professional sports.

The win also gave Sioux Falls its second consecutive undefeated season, though it was in doubt until very late in the game.

Lexington started off the high-scoring match when William Mulder returned the opening kickoff 50 yards for a touchdown.

After Collin Barber's extra point kick, Lexington was awarded one point when Sioux Falls failed to advance the ball out of the end zone.

The Horsemen defense held Sioux Falls to two field goals in the first quarter and led 18-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Sioux Falls came within four in the second quarter, but went into halftime down 37-27 after

Lexington's Eddie Eviston connected with Rayshawn Askew for a 21-yard touchdown pass.

Both teams scored 13 points in the third quarter and Lexington maintained its 10-point lead going into the final period.

Sioux Falls' defense put Lexington into a fourth-and-four situation with 9:16 to go in the game. A penalty took away an apparent Horsemen first down so Lexington settled for a 32-yard Barber field goal.

Sioux Falls' first lead of the game came with 3:10 remaining.

The game's Most Valuable Player, the Storm's Casey Veenhof, caught two Terrance Bryant touchdown passes in the fourth quarter for 19 and nine yards. The latter came with 0:07 to go in the game to put Sioux Falls in the lead for good.

Lexington had a chance to tie and send the game to overtime.

With 0:03 left, Barber lined up for a 49-yard field goal. Sioux Falls' Nate Fluit appeared to block the field goal, but a penalty gave Barber a chance at a 39-yard shot. The kick was wide right and Sioux Falls won the game.

Barber had connected on four previous field goals from 47, 43, 47 and 32.

Besides the win streak, Sioux Falls recorded the first interception in a United Bowl game with a grab by Justin Landis with 0:26 remaining in the first half. The next play was the second recorded interception.

photo by Steve LeMaster

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: East Kentucky Miners co-owner Jay Fiedler (middle) took time out for a picture with members of the Paintsville Junior High and Paintsville High football teams on Friday during the East Kentucky Fair at Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex. Paintsville Junior High Coach Hans Doderer is pictured on the left.



photos by Steve LeMaster

WORKING FOR A TRAINING CAMP SPOT

Betsy Layne High School product Jeremy Daniels (left) was one of the local players who participated in Saturday's East Kentucky Miners free agent camp. After having a solid prep career at Betsy Layne High School, Daniels moved on to Alice Lloyd College, where he helped lead the Eagles to several wins. The camp included players from as far away as Texas. The East Kentucky professional basketball squad is an expansion team in the CBA.



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POISON OAK

The little brown Philco

When I was growing up in the 1940s, Cincinnati and the Red Legs might just as well have been on another planet. But, thanks to a little brown Philco radio that sat next to the head of my bed, many's the night I'd drift into sleep leaving the bases loaded with two outs in the ninth.

In the days before TV, as the announcer's voice faded in and out, and with the volume already turned so low it was barely audible, I kept informed on Ewell Blackwell's strikeouts and when the Brooklyn Dodgers and Jackie Robinson were due back in town.

In those days, big league baseball was nothing less than a magical land of super heroes. I guess that's why it sort of bothers me the way the game is now perceived as a business instead of a sport. Of course, it has probably always been as it is now, but when I was a kid, it was always just about runs, hits and errors.

I doubt a summer day ever went by that the boys in Muddy Branch didn't get up a baseball game of some sort. When we'd skin the grass off the infield and really take the time to pick up the rocks, and when we could find enough scrap lumber and discarded chicken wire to build a backstop, we really had a dandy ball diamond in the schoolhouse bottom. To be sure, it was no Yankee Stadium, but it was more than sufficient for the rag-tag bunch we were. We'd gather after supper on those long summer evenings, without uniforms, without coaches, without

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KIM'S KORNER

70s reunion

On September 1, a 1970s reunion has been planned for graduates of Wheelwright High School - from 1970 through 1979.

To those of you reading this week, please pass along this information to the graduates you know from the 70's that may be interested in attending.

Charlotte Holbrook Armor, Kenny Armor, and Debbie Hall Ferguson have been busy preparing and planning for the reunion.

However, contacting everybody from the 70's can be an enormous task to conquer. So, please, help them out and spread the word.

A basketball game for former players is scheduled to take place at 5 p.m., in the old Wheelwright High School gymnasium. Afterwards, a dance will take place at 8 p.m. Kenny Armor has designed an awesome web page where you can sign up to attend the reunion and more. Go to www.wheelwrightreunion.com and check it out.

There's no cost to attend - just bring a couple liters of cola, some chips or whatever your favorite dish may be and come join us at the Wheelwright High 70's reunion. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Carl Layne, poet, and wife Violet, surrounded by many of Layne's handcrafted wood items, on their farm in the Stephens Branch area.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Poet, writer, craftsman

Floyd County native is artist of many talents

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

From busy days spent earning a living as a machinist, Carl Layne, of Stephens Branch, now spends days of relative leisure enjoying favorite pursuits such as woodcrafting and writing.

"I've always written," Layne said. "From the time I was a little boy, I would put my thoughts down, pen to paper. It's my greatest pleasure in life."

Layne, who writes under the pseudonym of "Lance Greenlay," ("if you look closely, you'll see that each letter of my name actually appears in my pen name," he said) shares that he is not looking for fame or fortune from his writings, but merely for personal satisfaction and appreciation from those who enjoy what they read.

"One letter, or one phone call, from someone who can tell me that what I wrote touched them or made them smile, is enough for me," Layne said.

Layne, even during his years of

working as a machines designer, was formally recognized as a poet and philosopher when his works were featured in several literary publications and when he was presented with the Worldwide Golden Poet Award.

"I don't do it for recognition," the Floyd County native said, "but it's nice to receive it just the same."

Among the publications that Layne's work - some under his pseudonym, others under his given name - have appeared include: "A Celebration of Poets" and "America at the Millennium - The Last Poems & Poets of the 20th Century."

Layne is currently engaged in writing a series of stories, "A Molly's Cabin Series," based on his childhood in Floyd County. "The main character, Locus Krumb, is mainly me," the writer said.

When Layne is not busy writing poems and working on his Molly's Cabin stories, he finds repose in crafting birdhouses, feeders and

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The poet is also a master craftsman, as evidenced by this UK birdhouse he recently designed and built in a woodshop on his farm.

CRITTER CORNER

Understanding pet wellness

by KATHY MULLINS
 DIRECTOR, FLOYD CO. ANIMAL SHELTER

This week, we're going to examine a few key questions in regard to pet health. First off, let's begin with a brief examination on understanding pet wellness. If you're like most pet owners, you consider your pet's health to be just as important as your own. You also know that taking good care of these special members of your family requires more than just an annual examination and vaccines. Because pets age faster than humans do, potential illnesses, many of the same nature as those afflicting people such as heart disease and kidney disease, can sneak up on our pets before we're ready to expect them.

The average dog or cat reaches

"middle age" at approximately 4 years of age. Unlike most of the other members of our families, our pets cannot tell us about the symptoms they are experiencing that may be indications of oncoming illness. We often have to look past the surface to fully understand our pet's health issues.

Taking good care of our pets is as much about preventing illness as it is about treating it. Imagine having only been to the doctor four times by the time you're 40 years old, and you'll begin to understand the importance of pet wellness.

Now, what, exactly, is a "wellness exam" and what should you be looking for in regard to your own pet's

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Profiled in this week's "critter" space, we have a different sort of pet, for sure! DeLores Baldrige, of Blue River, shows off her baby nanny goat, "Precious." Precious, according to Mrs. Baldrige, more than lives up to her sweet name. "Goats aren't usually kept as pets," DeLores says, "but when they live with me, they soon become just that!" DeLores also shares that goats make much better pets when they are young because as the grow older, "you can't get too close or else they'll butt you where it hurts!"

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

■ 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

■ 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.

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

■ August 9 - Advisory Council meeting, 5 p.m., in FRC. All members urged to attend.

■ August 14 - Parent volunteer orientation and Title I meeting, 9:30 a.m.

■ August 16 - Parent volunteer orientation and Title I meeting, 6 p.m. NOTE: All parents must attend a training session each year in order to be allowed to volunteer in classrooms, attend parties at school, or accompany students on field trips. Criminal record checks required. Those completing either the Aug. 14 or Aug. 16 session will be cleared for volunteer participation from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

■ 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

■ 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

■ School Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

■ August 14 - Volunteer orientation session, 6 p.m.

■ August 15 - Volunteer orientation session, 8:15 a.m.

■ Oct. 11 - School pictures.

■ 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 information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

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://tiid.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, Stephanina 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

(August 20 & 22, 1997)

State Education officials may be projecting a greater budget deficit for the Floyd County School System, using information from the district's records that could be incomplete. Tom Willis, associate education commissioner, said Tuesday, that state officials have found what appears to be an inappropriate expenditure for mobile classroom leases which were paid from the district's capital outlay funds, which are to be used for school construction. If state officials find, that the expenditure is inappropriate, it could boost the system's deficit to over \$200,000 for the end of the 1996-97 school year.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill stopped short, Friday, of finding Floyd County school officials in contempt for "banishing" two central office employees, however, he called the actions a "disservice" to the community. Special education director Brenda Fish and director of instruction, Phil Paige, had asked that superintendent Gene Davis and board members be found in contempt for violating Caudill's earlier restraining order preventing their firings.

Two people were arraigned on felony charges, Monday and Tuesday, in Floyd District Court, including one man accused of burglarizing the home of a state trooper. Edwin Keith Collins, 38, of Mousie, was arrested, Monday, by KSP Detective David Maynard and charged with theft by unlawful taking for allegedly entering KSP trooper Mike Thorpe's residence and stealing a tent and two fishing rods and reels.

Prestonsburg High School students started classes, Monday, three days behind other students in the school system. Again this year, students are dodging construction workers and equipment as the project enters into its second year of renovations. Principal Thomas Tackett said the school's lunchroom is not expected to be completed until June.

A legal wrangle for a Floyd County woman wouldn't be termed "Show Me the Money," but more appropriately, "Where is my Money?" Arlene Osborne, of Langley, has been trying for ten years—from the local circuit court to the state Supreme Court—to collect \$6,507 seized from her purse during a drug raid at the residence where she was staying on July 3, 1997. Officers also seized Osborne's Chevy Blazer in the raid.

Members of the Floyd Fiscal Court entered into an interlocal agreement with three surrounding counties, Friday, for a newly established authority to oversee the Honey Branch Industrial Park in Martin County. Floyd County entered into the agreement with Johnson, Martin and Pike counties to assign to the authority the right to apply for funding for the industrial park site.

House Majority Floor Leader Greg

Stumbo's account of the events that led to the arrests of five young men who allegedly crashed a party at his home differs from city police records. In a published statement, Stumbo said his 15-year-old daughter had a back-to-school party before returning to Lexington Catholic. The party began Saturday night and lasted into the early hours, Sunday morning.

A tentative agreement between the Teamsters and United Parcel Service line, Monday night, may have ended a 15-day strike that has affected approximately 40 union members at the Floyd County branch in Emma and numerous county businesses and residents. Tennessee president Ron Carey announced early, Tuesday morning, that the agreement achieves all of the union members' major goals.

Action gets underway, Sunday, at 2 p.m., for the re-enactment of the Civil War Battle of Middle Creek. The battle action will be held on a field located at the junction of Routes 404 and 114, near Clark Elementary. Around 300 reenactors are expected to participate in the annual Civil War Battle of Middle Creek. Re-enactors from Illinois, Virginia, West Virginia, and Central and Western Kentucky have registered to take part in the event that begins Friday, with living history camps for school children.

Bobby Hood, 25, of Wheelwright, pleaded guilty, Monday, to trafficking in crack cocaine and could be sentenced to 20 years prison. He entered an Alford plea, Monday, the day his trial was set to begin on a charge of first degree trafficking in a controlled substance. An Alford plea means that the defendant admits no guilt, but concedes there is enough evidence to obtain a conviction.

A special meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education met Tuesday, August 26. Agenda items are a due process hearing of teacher Kitty Frazier and closed session to discuss litigation. Frazier was a guidance counselor at Duff Elementary and was demoted in May to a Title I teacher at Martin Middle School. Frazier sued the board of education, superintendent Gene Davis and members of Duff's site-based council claiming that she was demoted at an illegal board meeting, was denied a due process hearing and that school council members had created the position of school counselor.

Tom Fugate, curator for the Kentucky Historical Society's Military History Museum, and Don Johnson, a member of the 5th Kentucky CSA re-enactment unit, discussed the history of the Civil War flags on display at the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg this weekend during the re-enactment of the Civil War Battle of Middle Creek. Displayed were the 1st National flag carried by Diamonds 10th Kentucky Cavalry, a unit joined by many Floyd Countians; and a flag carried by the 38th Kentucky Mounted Infantry, a unit made up of men from the Big Sandy Valley. Its the first time the flag has been in Eastern Kentucky since it was flown during the Civil War.

A Floyd County couple, Raymond Lee Hall,

47, of Melvin, and Sherri Leigh Hall, 24, of Hi Hat, were indicted for sexually abusing a small child and arrested and arraigned on the charges. Both were named in sealed indictments issued July 29 and each were charged with three counts of first degree sodomy, three counts of incest, and one count of first degree sexual abuse.

Floyd District Court has the fourth highest caseload in the state, and the court's docket is likely to increase in the next month or so because of an "anticipated backing" due to the court not having a public defender. Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels said, Thursday, that for several weeks a public defender has not been available at court proceedings and many cases have been rescheduled for September.

As Patsy Evans turned the pages of her "Book of Treasured Memories," on July 25, members of the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center ambled over to her table and gave her hugs of farewell. It was her last official day as director of the center. Evans retired after serving as center director for 21 years.

There died: Juanita Irvin, 81, of Paintsville, Saturday, August 16, at the residence of her sister; Thelma Slone Collins, 75, of Melvin, Thursday, August 14, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington; Christopher Columbus "C.C." Rogers, 67, of Grethel, Saturday, August 16, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington; Arnold Adams, 51, of Prestonsburg, Monday, August 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Harold Bentley, 60, of Dema, Monday, August 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Annie Mae Stewart, 91, of Louisa, formerly of Betsy Layne, Friday, August 15, at the Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa; Alpha Weiss, 81, of Pikeville, Sunday, August 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Jack Eddie Conn, 68, of Harold, Friday, August 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Bart T. Meade, 83, of McDowell, Friday, August 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; William D. "Billy Dean" Parsons, 46, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, formerly of Pikeville, Thursday, August 14, in the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio; Joe Campbell, 86, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, August 20, at his residence; Drew Jarvis Jr., 70, of Salyersville, formerly of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, August 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Minnie Evelyn Allen, 64, of Prestonsburg, Monday, August 18, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington; Eleanor Little, 72, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, August 20, at the residence of Jack Little of Virgie; Esther Stumbo Salisbury, 70, of McDowell, Tuesday, August 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; James Cook, 68, of Topmost, Tuesday, August 19, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

Uncovered coal trucks continued to travel

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Thirty Years Ago

(August 17, 1977)

Yesterdays

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County roads early this week, but Magistrate Kenneth Roberts, of District 2, emphasized the point that the fiscal court was not joking when it ordered truck drivers last week to cover their loads.

As a result of heavy rains, tons of dirt and rock were washed down a gulley and onto U.S. 23 along one of the high roadcuts which flank the four-lane highway near Ivel, Saturday. The heavily-traveled route was closed for much of the day.

Governor Julian Carroll announced Monday the distribution of \$5 million in coal severance economic aid funds to 45 coal producing counties, with Floyd County receiving \$123,031.50.

Floyd County has 3,000 acres of abandoned stripmined lands which will require reclamation under the new federal stripmine act, the U.S. Soil Conservation Service announced last week.

Prestonsburg Community College will open for classwork, beginning its 13th year, August 31.

Wednesday-Friday at the Almar Drive-In theatre: Piper Laurie, in "Ruby" and "Enter the Dragon," starring Bruce Lee.

Wheelwright High School's Class of 1957 held its 20-year reunion, August 6, at the Wheelwright High Cafeteria, with 67 classmates and senior sponsor, Raymond Cook, attending.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bobby McGuire, a son, Bobby Ray McGuire II, August 7, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Married: Miss Nora Lou Wellman, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Mr. David Tate Rich, of Nashville, Tenn., July 30, at the Calvary United Methodist Church, Nashville.

There died: William B. Davidson, 80, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta; William Jasper Rogers, 49, of Weeksbury, Sunday at McDowell Appalachian Regional

Hospital; Ted Martin, 77, of West Prestonsburg, dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center, last Wednesday, after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home; Virginia Short Warner, former Floyd woman, July 29, at Ingalls Memorial Hospital; Harvey, Ill.; Mrs. Olga Ward Crider, 70, of Lancer, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Elizabeth Blackburn, 87, Friday, at the home of a son at Melvin; Hagar Thornsbury, 44, of Westland, Mich., formerly of Knott County, Saturday, in a hospital there; Mrs. Lula Bell Layne Ruth, 84, formerly of this county, Wednesday, August 3, at her home in Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Virgie M. McCown, 74, of Arcadia, Fla., formerly of Printer, last Thursday.

Forty Years Ago (August 17, 1967)

Although open since last Wednesday afternoon, the future of the damaged bridge spanning the Big Sandy at Harold remains doubtful as a service medium.

Development of an 85-acre tract of land adjacent to Old U.S. 23, near the top of Abbott Mountain, was begun this week by its owners C. R. Hatton, Henry M. Conley and Clyde Vanhose.

Bids for bituminous surfacing on the Spurlock-Buck's Branch road will be received August 25 by the Kentucky Highway Department, it was announced last week.

Married: Miss Mary Louise Sexton, of McDowell, and Robert Wadsworth Thomas, of Warsaw, O., July 8, at Warsaw.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Damron, of Galion, O., a daughter, Latta Joe, June 24.

There died: Mrs. Mattie Hall, 71, of Dema, Tuesday, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital; King

Jones, 66, Saturday, at his home at McDowell; Mrs. Hulda Wilson, 70, of Martin, last Thursday, at Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Lida S. Nelson, 58, of Dwale, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ulysses S. Collins, 54, Sunday, near his home at Eastern; Pearlle Howell, 64, of McDowell, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John D. Howell, 85, of East McDowell, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Mary Ousley, 67, of Langley, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Ellen Howell Moles, 86, of Jutell, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (August 15, 1957)

Fire which raged all Wednesday afternoon and into the night through the sheds of the VanHoose Lumber Company at West Prestonsburg caused damages estimated at \$200,000.

A promise of immediate action as a step toward road-building along Dewey Lake from the Stratton Branch recreation area to connect with an existing highway at Hager Gap was promised last week by officials of the State Department of Highways.

"Drag" racing caused concern among official circles as well as private here this week as the juvenile craze for speed spread.

Anti-liquor forces here began preparations last week for an all-out fight in the local option campaign which will be waged next month if the request for an election in county court by wets is granted by County Judge Henry Stumbo.

The Floyd County Board of Education last week named Woodrow Allen, of Prestonsburg, principal of the grade school, here.

Married: Miss Barbara Allen

Hyden, of Morehead, and Wendell Jones, of Langley, August 3, in Morehead; Miss Elsie Adams, formerly of Endicott, and Mr. Lloyd Stapleton, of Columbus, O., April 12, at Columbus.

Born: to A-2 and Mrs. James Forrest Rowe, a son, James Forest II, July 22, at Miami Beach, Fla.; to Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Olinger, of Dayton, O., a daughter, Karen Lee, August 3, at Dayton; to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Osborne, a daughter, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

There died: Sgt. John J. Bentley, Jr., 35, native Floyd Countian, August 2, at Veterans Hospital, Louisville; Martin Police Judge Kessie Akers, 59, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Izana Adams Prater, 76, Monday, at her home at Brainard; Hent Newman, 75, native of Clear Creek, Aug. 8, at McArthur, O.; Rebecca Fraley DeLong, 72, Aug. 11, at her home in Debord, Ky.; William J. Roberts, 43, of Garden City, Mich., formerly of Martin, Tuesday, at Martin; Mrs. Mona Stewart, 76, of Honaker, Tuesday, at Dayton, Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago (August 14, 1947)

There is a strong possibility county officials said this week, that the Floyd Fiscal Court will drop all negotiations toward procuring right-of-way for completion of surfacing of the David road.

The Department of Motor Transportation has approved the transfer of ownership of two bus lines in this county from the Sparks Brothers Bus Company to the Harris Bus Lines, it has been announced.

John Bascom Clarke, 29-year-old World War II veteran, was electrocuted, Saturday night, while doing electric welding for the Princess Elkhorn Coal Co. at David.

Married: Miss Melbva Frazier, for-

merly of Langley, and Mr. Robert Wilkins, of Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 10.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Lemaster, a daughter, Carolyn Kay, July 25, at the Paintsville Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Eugene Belcher, a son, James Clyde, Aug. 9, at their home, here.

There died: Mrs. Bertha Dick Moore, 74, from injuries suffered in a fall, at the Gearheart Hospital in Martin; eight-year-old Edgar Ray Sexton, of Drift, from an appendix rupture; Mrs. Susie Stephens Hale, 51, of Blue River; Sam Stephens, 81, of Seymour, Mo., and Carla Lynn Hale, of Middle Creek, in an automobile accident near Salyersville; Trolle Blackburn, 28, of Brushy Creek, after falling off a moving truck.

Seventy Years Ago (August 13, 1937)

In one of the closest county judge's races ever held in Floyd County, Edward P. Hill won the Democratic nomination over Henry Stephens by the narrow margin of 58 votes.

In Civil War reminiscences, "Uncle" Jeff Sizemore, 94, tells of Prestonsburg being deserted by all but eight citizens in 1862, when the town heard of the approach of General Garfield.

In a special match in the Inter Golf League, the two sons of F. L. Heinze, Johnny and Frank, will play the two sons of Dr. Hall of Paintsville.

A new building will be constructed on Court St. to serve as a store to be operated by Paul Francis.

Murder is suspected in the death of Ballard Stratton, 30.

There died: Frank W. Gentry, 54, of Ligon, of injuries from a slate fall while working in the mines.

Korner

It's not because of WHO you are, but WHOSE you are...

With the new school year starting this week, I wanted to share something that made such an impact on me there was no way I could let this week go by and not write about it. The title above makes such a powerful statement.

Sometimes our last names or "who" we belong to can make a major difference in life. Like it or not, it's a cold hard fact. Favoritism can go from a wide range of areas depending on who you are. It can get you in a particular class, a particular teacher, a particular position on a team and sometimes even in a job. "No way," you say - ah, but

"oh, yes," it can.

Take my last name for example: Frasure - better known as the "REPUBLICAN" clan or bunch of "only Republican's" in this Democratic county. At any rate, no matter how many times the Little-Frasure has appeared in my byline, still I will get asked to this day how my dad, "Ron," is. And, also, where is he living now.

Ron, however, is my father-in-law. My dad is Alvin Little - a hard-core Democrat, by the way. Yes, I can relate to Maria and Arnold tremendously! Even though I'm no relation whatsoever to the Kennedy's, she did the same as I and married outside the family party affiliation. I can only imagine

the conversations around their Thanksgiving dinner table.

Favoritism, you see, is ours no matter who we are as long as we belong to Jesus Christ. That my friend is the "WHO" that counts and His Word tells us, "Goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life." You see, as long as we expect it, believe it, speak it, and claim it - Favor is ours!

No matter what your last name is, if you are God's child, then darlin,' favor is yours.

Take Isaiah (30:18) Amplified version - "And therefore the Lord waits (expecting) looking and longing to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who (earnestly) wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him (for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His

joy and His matchless, unbroken companionship!"

Yes, we have to believe far and beyond what our minds can imagine. We have to believe His favor is all over us - His children. We must walk in it, and when our feet hit the floor every morning, thank Him for His favor coming our way this day.

Declare His unprecedented favor in your life.

Whatever your hearts desire may be, God's blessings for it

are here for the manifestation.

"So brace your minds; be sober, set your hope wholly and unchangeable on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ is revealed." 1 Peter (1:19) Amplified

For it's not because of "who" you are, but "whose" you are. And I hope you are His!

Til Next Week Expect God's Favor in your life...

Artist

Other whimsicals in a wood shop on his farm. "I don't make the birdhouses for profit," he said. "If I did, I'd have to charge way more than people would be willing to pay because of the great amount of time I put into each one," he said.

Layne says his birdhouses and other wood crafted items are "labors of love" and "something I do to help me relax while I ponder and reflect."

A recently crafted birdhouse reflecting a University of Kentucky motif, complete with the UK Wildcat mascot handpainted by the artist, incorporated "over 40 hours of labor," according to Layne.

"I put a lot of time and detail into all of my birdhouses," he said. "If I'm going to do something, I'm going to do it right."

A few of Layne's Molly's Cabin stories will appear in later editions of The Times, but for today, we share some of his acclaimed poetry:

Moments

By Lance Greenlay

I have flown on the breast of mighty wings

To the heights and the lows of the earth's offerings

Gliding to the rush of haughty winds, I have soared

To places most unimaginable

I have seen giant shadows cast to infinity with

Colors beyond the eyes comprehension....

To I know not where

The brightest stars in the universe have watched

Over me and at times, thrown themselves across the earth

Like a flaming rainbow to, I know not where

I have seen the Great Eagle leave her nest to spread her

Power across the sky - I have heard the dove sing her Mournful song to all who might listen - I have heard the

Whip-poor-will's cry, so sad and lonely...

Drifting off to, I know not where

I have stood atop high mountains and rested upon floors of

The deepest valleys and waved my arms thru countless wild

Flowers that seemed to be happy with my Presence

'Tis not my youth that fares me these most precious moments

Only my mind could give such serene opulence that none could

Ever touch

All in all, it is gone to, I know not where

Within my thoughts, I will bring it all back when and if ever I be

Lonely, add another hour at any given moment to my peace of

Mind - oh to see another great creation from God

Oak

umpires, and most important, without some parent calling us names because we let a grounder skip between our legs.

It was almost impossible for us to wear out a baseball. We could lose it easily enough, however, especially if it were hit to deep left field, since no one ever bothered to mow the

chest-high horse weeds that grew there.

If the ball got wet in the creek that in some places ran swift and deep no more than 15 feet behind home plate, one of us would take it home at the end of the day and bake it in the oven. If the cover came off, we'd take a roll of that black

Critter

wellness? Know, first off, that you are one of the most important sources of information regarding your pet's health and well-being. Because you are with your pet every day, you are the first to notice when his routine changes. Your visit to the vet's office for a wellness exam will first include a consultation, during which you may report anything new or unusual in regard to your pet's behavior or habits.

Next, your veterinarian will conduct a physical exam. They will check your pet's body systems, including heart, lungs, skin, and teeth for potential problems. They will discuss options for preventative care which can include parasite control, routine dental cleanings, and nutrition. Finally, your vet will screen for hidden issues with a wellness profile; tests of your pet's blood, stool, and urine that will let them know if there are any problems that are yet to be evidenced by symptoms.

Why does wellness screening work? A wellness exam when your pet is young will provide a health baseline that can be used to measure any changes that may occur throughout the pet's life.

Studies show that between 10 and 15 percent of pets that seem outwardly healthy by physical exam alone have

underlying problems that the veterinarian can detect with routine testing. When your pet receives regular wellness exams over his lifetime, it helps your pet health care provider to find and intercept potential health problems before they have a chance to

threaten your pet's life/well being.

Many common diseases in pets, including obesity, diabetes, and kidney disease, are easily treatable/manageable if they are caught early enough. These simple preventive measures can considerably

increase your pet's quality of life, along with the amount of time the two of you get to spend together.

So, please be aware that your pet needs, and deserves, routine wellness exams.

See you next week, and until then, God bless.

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Floyd residents recognized by ALC

Several Floyd Countians earned a high level of academic distinction at Alice Lloyd College for the 2007 spring semester.

Named to the President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 (based on a 4.0 scale) were: Jeremy Daniels of Beaver; Mara

Biliterm of Grethel; Ashley Gunnell of Martin; and Justin Jacobs of Martin.

Named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point of average of 3.75-3.99 (based on a 4.0 scale) were: Eva Duncan of Eastern; Justin Frasure of Martin; and Heather Johnson of Ivel.

Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.74 (based on a 4.0 grading scale) were: Belinda Boyd of Martin; Heather Deaton of Hueysville; Elisha Hall of Kite; Meka Hall of Bevinville; Terry Hall of Bevinville; Logan Johnson of Hi Hat; Whitney Lykens of Betsy Layne; Danny Newsome of Banner; Shawna Peters of Langley; Casey Price of Harold; Bridget Stumbo of McDowell; Misty Tackett of Beaver; Justin Triplett of Bevinville; and Leigh Ann Tuttle of McDowell.



Reed-Rose

Kelli Suzanne Reed and Matthew Thomas Rose, both of Talbott, were married at four o'clock in the afternoon, on June 16, 2007, at Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in Talbott.

The Reverend Tammy Greene and the Reverend Don Alexander, both of Greeneville, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jack K. and Betsy Peters Reed, of Afton.

The groom is the son of Bobby and Sheila Kidd and the late Eugene Rose of Harold.

The church sanctuary was decorated with candelabras, ferns, and ivy for the special occasion. The family pews were marked with white tulle bows.

A candle in the sanctuary was lit in memory of the groom's deceased father, deceased grandparents, Joy Peters, Thomas Cecil Jr., and Sherman Brown, and honored grandmothers unable to attend the wedding, Billie Jo Reed and Thelma Brown.

The unity candle was used and was decorated with Casa Blanca lilies and ivy. One candle was lit by the groom's mother and one candle was lit by the bride's mother symbolizing the two individuals. The bride and groom lit one candle symbolizing the joining of their two lives by marriage.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a white, full-length, organza gown. The strapless, A-line gown featured a side drape with beaded metallic embroidery and a chapel train.

Her fingertip veil featured scattered crystal beads and was worn with a silver tiara containing flowers with pearl centers.

She carried a tear-drop shaped bouquet of "Bridal White" roses, Casa Blanca lilies, "Victorian Lilac" Caspian, Rosemary "Arp", and, "Ming" fern.

She wore a diamond pendant given to her mother by her father on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary and carried a 1907 wheat penny given to her by her grandfather.

The maid of honor was Mandy Hagie of Jefferson City. The bridesmaids were Alison Ashe of Knoxville and Alison Gaut of Charlotte, North Carolina. Both are cousins of the bride.

The attendants wore full-length, Victorian lilac, satin dresses with embroidered detail and carried bouquets similar to the bride's bouquet.

The flower girl was Amie Hankins and the ring bearer was Jeremy Hankins, both of Afton and both cousins of the bride.

The best man was Mike Rose, the groom's brother, of Talbott.

Groomsmen included Andrew Reed, brother of the bride, of Great Falls, Montana and Michael Rose, nephew of the groom, of Talbott. Ushers were Byron Rose, nephew of the groom of Talbott, and Adam Greene of Morristown.

The bride's mother wore a full-length champagne dress and the groom's mother wore a full-length sage green dress. Both wore corsages of "Bridal White" roses.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Lonnie Knight, pianist, of Talbott and Richard Breeden, soloist, of Talbott who sang "Keeper of the Stars" during the lighting of the unity candle.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church and an adjoining tent. The tables were covered in white tablecloths. Table centerpieces were glass vases filled with "Bridal White" roses and colored rocks. These were mirrors and surrounded with candles.

The three-tiered wedding cake was white and decorated with "Bridal White" roses and Casa Blanca lilies. The groom's cake was chocolate and decorated with a hunting scene.

Servers were Joy Smith and Marlena Sigler, both of Talbott, Amy Broadfoot of Afton, and Ann Gaut of Charlotte, NC.

The bridal book attendant and greeter was Susan Lamb of Talbott. The wedding and reception directors were Marsha Poore and Imy Dobson.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, Mr. and Mrs. Rose are living in Talbott.

She is a 2003 graduate of the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and is an occupational therapist at Lakeway Regional Hospital in Morristown.

He is a supervisor at Tuff Torq and a student at Walter's State Community College in Morristown.

Out of town guests attended from California, Florida, Kentucky, Montana, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Prenuptial parties included a shower hosted by Alison Gaut, Mandy Hagie, and Ashley Ashe in Greeneville, a shower at Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church hosted by the women of the church, a shower at Talbot Cumberland Presbyterian Church hosted by the women of the church, a shower at Lakeway Regional Hospital hosted by the bride's co-workers, the rehearsal dinner at Angelo's On the Point in Dandridge, hosted by the groom's parents, and the bridesmaid brunch at the Designer Tea Room in Morristown.



It's a Girl!

Alexandria Jade Hamilton was born on June 18, 2007, to proud parents Jimmy and LeAnn Hamilton, of Stanville. She weighed 7 lbs., 9.5 ounces.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Eric and Vanessa Hamilton, of Teaberry. Her paternal grandparents are Jimmy R. Hamilton, of Stanville, and Michele Hamilton, of Dayton, Ohio.

Her great-grandparents are Ovel and Margaret McKinney, of Teaberry, Hamey Hamilton, of Prestonsburg, the late Ira Hamilton, and the late Tolvie and Annie Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Rosa and Buddy Stringer, formerly of Dayton.

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

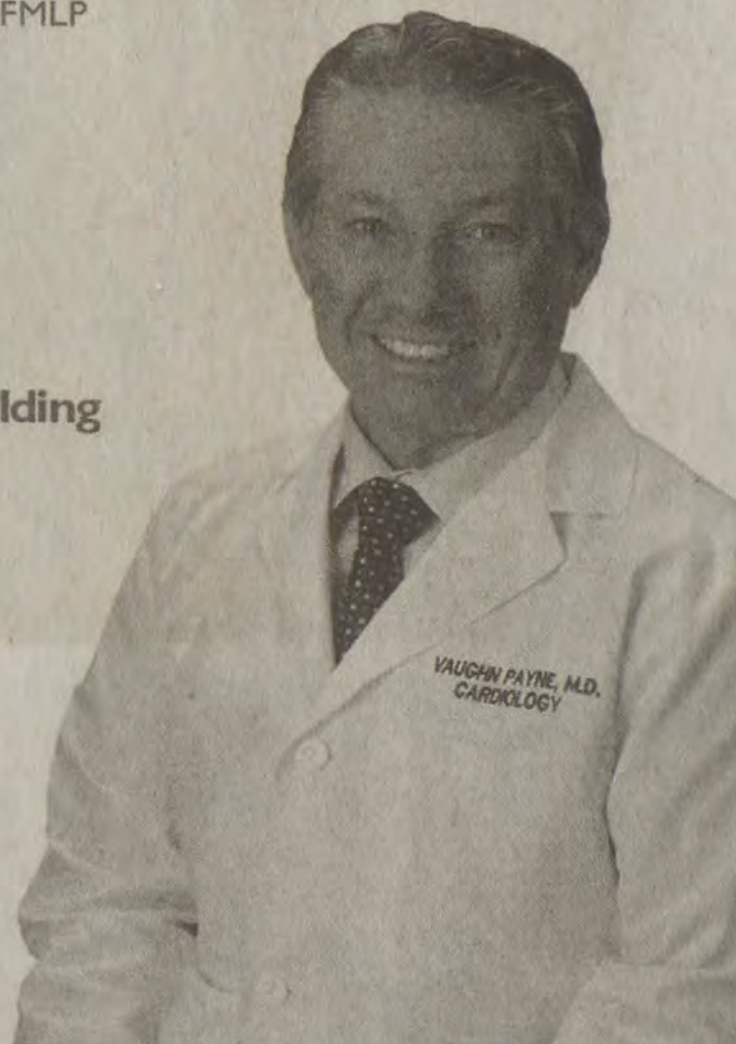
Dr. Vaughn Payne Cardiologist

Highlands Regional Medical Center is proud to welcome Dr. Vaughn Payne, Cardiologist, to our community. 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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Dr. Densler completed his residency in neurosurgery at the University of Louisville, School of Medicine, Neurosurgery Program, where he served as Chief Resident in Neurological Surgery.

Dr. Densler is a member of the American Medical Association and Kentucky Medical Association. He is also a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons: Sections on Tumors, Neurotrauma and Critical Care.

"I have enjoyed meeting with the people at Pikeville Medical Center. I love the area and look forward to being an active member of this community."

Dr. Duane Densler

